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David's Devotional One Thing!

If we asked God for ONE THING what would it be?

A million dollars? World peace? Happiness?

The fact is that we can ask God for much more than one thing! God said we can *"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* **Philippians 4:6.**

However, is there ONE THING that lays the foundation for all other things? Jesus said *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* **Matthew 6:33**

Jesus said the ONE THING is God! Seeking Him and desiring to do what He says is right, not what we think is right, is the foundation for everything!

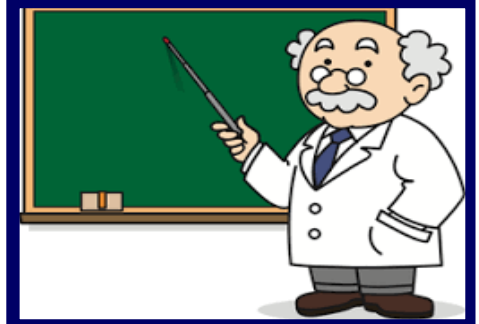
King David agrees! He said that he desired "one thing".

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." **Psalms 27:4**

May God help us to want that ONE THING; simply to know God better and be faithful to His righteous ways! Everything else will fall into its proper place!

Let's behold the beauty of the Lord every single day and be sure to go to church on Sunday!

David Conley



An Interesting Quote:

"You will be measured ultimately by your actions, not your words."

Mike Michalowicz

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

James 2:14-17

Jesus came to "do and teach" (**Acts 1:1**). Notice that the "do" came before the "teach"! The words of Jesus are the most powerful universal truths, but it is what He did for us that changed everything!

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Did You Know?

Thanksgiving Survived!

Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860 and several southern states seceded from the union. The Civil War began in 1861. On October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, but not all states complied. In 1941 Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The Civil War ended, but Thanksgiving survived! There are more things to be thankful for than things that divide us!

What Happened?



Our grandson, Jonah, celebrated his 4th Birthday! It seems like it was just the day before yesterday he came home from the hospital where he was born!

My mother, Margaret, celebrated her 85th Birthday! It seems like it was just the day before yesterday she came home from the hospital from her hip surgery!

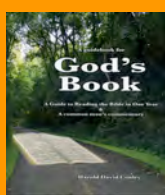


Margaret Conley
 85 Years Old!

Jonah Lewis

Four Years Old!

Mama has seen a lot of changes in this world. If Jesus doesn't come back, and Jonah reaches his 85th Birthday, I wonder what he will see? I pray for another Great Awakening for his generation!



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Cloth Diapers

We could not afford to throw much away! We re-used everything from plastic butter bowls to glass quart mayonnaise jars (*great drinking glasses*)!

Did we re-use paper towels? Of course not! Paper plates? No way! Disposable diapers? Don't be ridiculous! We simply did not have any of those things!

I was too young to remember my cloth diapers, but unfortunately I remember Rita's and Mark's all too well!

Were cloth diapers ever intended to keep the baby dry? It seemed they were just intended to keep the area around them dry, but they never did a great job of that. When we rocked the babies, there was never a question whether or not they had relieved themselves! You knew it immediately!

Fast forward to 1986. I was earning \$3.35 an hour. By the grace of God I provided a roof over the heads of myself, my wife, and my son. We had food on our table, clothes on our backs, and I had to be very cautious where the money was spent. I suggested cloth diapers, but just ONCE! I did not have to change many diapers, my wife, Debra, took good care of that. The few times I did, helped me remember cloth diapers and their shortcomings. Of all the important things I have provided for my family over the years, surely Pampers is at the top of the list!

The "*small things*" often make you appreciate even the simplest of luxuries!

Zechariah 4:10 *"For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, ..."* David Conley

P.S. I understand you can still get cloth diapers. I'm sure they are better designed, better for the environment, and maybe even better for the baby, but I will stick with Pampers!

On Our Account



"Put that on my account" he told the cashier. I knew that meant he would pay for it!

There are two columns on every account: The "*Debit*" and the "*Credit*". The Debit is what goes out and the Credit is what comes in. I often get this confused because every time I use my credit card I know I am in debt!

Think of Debit as Debt (*a negative thing*) and Credit as someone giving you credit for something you have done (*a positive thing*).

When you look at the two columns on your account, it is much better to see more Credits than Debits!

Sadly, some people think salvation works that way. They actually believe if they do more good things (*credit*) than bad things (*debit*) and have a positive number at the end of their lives they will go to heaven! NOT SO!

Our sin debt is so massive it is impossible to pay except with our lives! "*The wages of sin is death*" **Romans 6:23**.

Jesus paid that debt! He "*put it on his account*"! It is paid in full! We are not saved by works (*credits*) **Ephesians 2:9**.

However, God tells us "*That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;*" **1 Timothy 6:18**.

Everyone can't go everywhere and preach the gospel or teach the doctrine of Christ. We can, however, send men like Paul. When Paul was supported in his ministry, he recognized whose "*Account*" the "*Credit*" belonged:

"Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Philippians 4:15-17

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher was very concerned about his wife. He thought she may be going deaf! To test his theory he called from his recliner in the living room, "*Hey Rose, what's for supper?*" As he suspected there was no answer. He walked to the doorway of the kitchen and asked a second time, "*Hey Rose, what's for supper?*"

To his surprise there was no answer! This was far worse than he had thought! He walked right up behind her and yelled, "*Hey Rose, what's for supper?*" Rose whirled around and said, "*For the THIRD TIME ... we are having fried chicken!*"

The preacher thought of **John 8:43** "*Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*"

Sometimes we think the problem is with the other person when the real problem is with ourselves! If we believe someone is not listening, learning, or loyal stop and ask ourselves ... "Is it I?"