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David's Devotional When is it time to Give Up?

A snake slithered its way across the floor of a blacksmith's shop. As he crawled over an iron file, he felt the sting of the instrument on his belly. Furiously the snake struck the file, but, of course, could do no damage. After an hour of fruitless strikes, he finally gave up his anger and left the room. Why keep fighting a battle that has no hope of a positive outcome? Let go of our anger and walk away! What do we need to give up today?

There is a battle that we should never give up! It is the spiritual battle that we are engaged in every day.

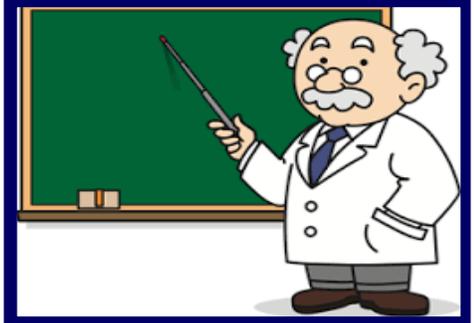
Ephesians 6:12 *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

Hebrews 11 tells us of many people who fought the good fight and didn't give up! They are our examples to "lay aside" sinful things so we can win the real battle!

Hebrews 12:1 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"*

Never Give Up!

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An Interesting Quote:

"We should not only use all the brains we have - but all that we can borrow." Woodrow Wilson

I Corinthians 8:2 (ESV)

"If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know."

God has blessed us with many people in our lives. They have been equipped with brains that may or may not be as keen as ours, but they are all certainly different!

The Bible is the ultimate truth, but we are robbing ourselves if we don't listen to others!

Did You Know?

Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.

September ushers in the FALL Season! It is known as the Harvest Month. One day we will all be "Harvested"! (Rev. 14:15)

What Happened?

Liberty Lights Trip



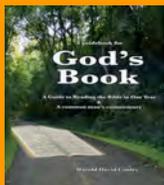
Liberty Church of Christ has a group of Senior Citizens we call "The Liberty Lights".

We enjoy getting together from time to time and go to Gospel Meetings, Singings, and take other fun trips. We went to Pigeon Forge in September!



Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."*

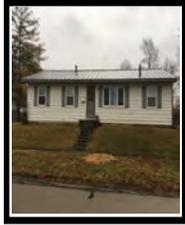
We came back a little sharper!



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



What If!

I don't know why we left Winchester, Indiana to come back to North Alabama, but we did.

Mama and Daddy didn't ask my opinion or permission.

I remember having a metal pedal car. It probably wasn't just mine ... it probably belonged to all four of us kids (*Rita was just a baby so she probably never rode it*). When we left, we must have not been able to get that metal pedal car on the trailer. We left it behind. As we pulled out of the driveway for the last time, I remember looking at it in the yard and wondering why we couldn't bring it? What would happen to it? Who would ride it? Those were the questions on my mind. Looking back, I wonder what questions were on the mind of Mama and Daddy as they drove back to North Alabama with five children?!!!

What if we had stayed up there? But we didn't

What if I had went to school there? But I didn't.

What if I had went to work there? But I didn't.

What if I had met and made friends there? But I didn't.

What if I had But I didn't.

We left all of those "What Ifs" behind! In our lives the "What Ifs" simply don't matter! We have enough to think about TODAY!!

If we make the most of "What **IS**", then our tomorrows will take care of themselves. Jesus said it this way in **Matthew 6:34** "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Still I wonder ... what if we had brought back that metal pedal car and left Rita in Winchester, Indiana?????!!!

"Beware of Their Advice"

Once upon a time a fox got his tail caught in a hunter's trap. He eventually freed himself, but he lost his beautiful tail.



At first, he was ashamed to show himself to the other foxes. Then he called a meeting and tried to convince ALL the foxes to remove their tails.

He pointed out how inconvenient their tails were while running through the woods. He said that their tails could be easily caught by the dogs during a chase. With many other words he tried to convince them to remove their tails.

One older fox replied, "*I do not think you would have recommended us to remove our chief ornament if you had not lost yours!*" - Aesop Fable

When people "lose their Christian virtues" they are (rightly so) ashamed at first. Then they try to convince others to do what they are doing. Beware of their advice! They only want to cause us to lose what they have lost! Jesus gives them this warning:

Matthew 23:13 "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

Over the last two or three generations, the people of our country seem to be losing what they used to hold dear and precious. They once were ashamed and embarrassed if they did certain things.

Today, they ridicule we Christians, who hold to the "Old Time" values. They unashamedly flaunt things in public (Television, Radio, Facebook, Town Squares, etc.)

Let's keep reminding them what they have lost so they will not be lost!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher was talking to a friend who had just thrown away an old worn-out family Bible. The friend happened to mention that Guten something-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the preacher. "Yep, that was the name!"

"You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at an auction for \$400,000!"

"Mine wouldn't have been worth a dime," retorted the friend. "Some clown named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it!"

The preacher thought to himself, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, ..." **Matthew 7:6**