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David's Devotional One SAFE Way

There was once a fox boasting to a cat of all the clever ways he used to escape from trouble. The cat said she only had one way.

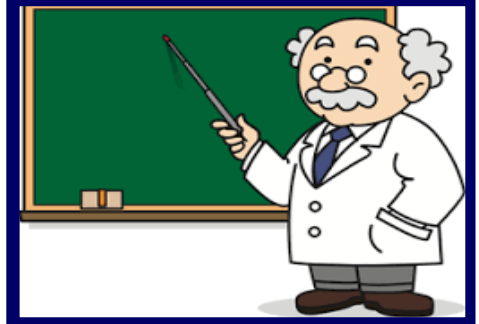
Suddenly they heard a pack of hounds coming towards them. Immediately the cat scampered up a tree and hid among the leaves. "This is my way," said the cat, "what are you going to do?"

The fox thought first of one way, then another, and while he was trying to decide what to do the hounds caught him! The cat thought to herself, "Better is one safe way than a hundred you can not decide upon!"

Jesus plainly said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." **John 14:6.** Jesus is the ONE WAY to salvation!

Man has come up with many different ways to be saved. People run from one "way" to another "way" their entire lives! If they do not find THE way (*Jesus Christ*), they will not escape certain trouble! Obey Jesus rather than man!

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An Interesting Quote:

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

Henry David Thoreau

"Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." **John 9:41**

The religious leaders of Jesus' day saw the miracles. They witnessed amazing things! They looked at them carefully.

However, they did not see!

They claimed to be "enlightened" to truth, but Jesus told them they were blind! Those that "see", recognize their blindness! When our blindness is confessed, we will see! Are we "seeing" or just looking? *David Conley*

Did You Know?

What's For Lunch on Labor Day?

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat 7 billion hot dogs.

America has 332,403,650 people. This means that we have each eaten about 21 hot dogs this summer. Is this surprising?

Though I personally have not eaten 21 hot dogs, I still am not surprised by this information.

What really surprises me is that there is a NATIONAL HOT DOG AND SAUSAGE COUNCIL!

What Happened? Happy Birthday To Me!!



In some ways it seems that 60 years has been a long time. In other ways, it has flown by!



Have you noticed how miserable times seem to last forever, while happy times race by!

So, if you want to live a LOONNGGG life, be miserable! If you choose to live a joyful life, hold on tight, it is a fast trip! I have learned that quality trumps quantity!



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



Friendly Competition

With only 13 months' difference in our ages, Dale and I might as well have been twins! We did everything together. If you saw one, you saw the other!

Yet there was plenty of *"sibling rivalry"*. We competed against each other in everything. We even made up things to challenge each other. He always defeated me in the physical battles. He was faster, stronger, and much more agile! I usually bested him in the mental arena. Not only the *"Three Rs"* of Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, but also the *"Three Ps"* of Patience, Pretend, and Playtime!

With only four rooms in the house (*not including the forbidden closet*) the back porch became valuable floor space. There was more than one appliance back there. We used the old brown refrigerator for one of our challenges. The idea was to see how long we would stay in the refrigerator before we screamed for help. The only problem was the refrigerator locked from the outside (*do you remember those?*). Each depended on the other to open the door! Dale got in first. As soon as the door clicked, I heard his muffled screams. I immediately opened the door. This would be an easy win for me! I crawled into the refrigerator. When the door clicked shut, I wanted to scream. I could see why Dale was so scared, but I had to win. Just a few more seconds. When I was sure I had defeated Dale in this challenge, I called for him to open the door. It did not open! My calls became screams which turned to begging and pleading. Still the door did not open!

Dale knew he had been defeated so he simply went inside where Mama was working! Mama, seeing Dale without me, asked where I was. Dale casually told her I was locked in the refrigerator on the back porch! Friendly competition is not a problem unless winning becomes more important than your friendship! We are warned in **Proverbs 22:24** *"Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:"* If *"Friendly Competition"* is going to turn to anger, don't get into the refrigerator!

"These Things Ought Not So To Be"

A small boy walked in the woods with his father.



It was a cold winter's evening. The father kept raising both hands to his mouth and blowing on them. The boy asked, *"Why do you keep blowing on your hands?"*

"My hands are cold," replied the father. *"My breath warms them."* Upon arriving at the house the father put some hot oatmeal in two bowls and set them on the table. As the boy watched his father, he noticed that he raised a spoonful of oatmeal to his mouth and blew on it. *"Why do you blow on the oatmeal?"* the boy asked. *"The oatmeal is hot,"* replied the father. *"My breath cools it."*

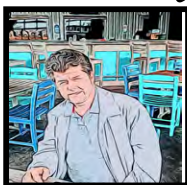
The next day the boy told all his friends his father can blow hot and cold with the same breath!

This may be true since temperature can be relative to circumstances, but our walk with God should not be relative. Too many times we think we can praise God and curse men with the same breath! (Read James 3:8-12)

The word *"spirit"* in the Bible comes from the word *"breath"*. What does our *"spirit"* look like? If it is different from the Holy Spirit then *"... these things ought not so to be"*.

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher watched a young lady deposit money into a drink machine. She was filled with joy when she made her selection and a drink fell into the tray. Then she deposited more money, made her selection, and yelled with glee when the next drink fell into the tray! The preacher curiously

watched as the young lady continued the routine, getting more excited each time! After she filled an entire shopping cart with drinks, the preacher had to ask, *"What are you doing?"* The young lady replied, *"Duh ... I'm Winning!!!"* The preacher thought about **I Timothy 2:14** *"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."*