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David's Devotional Try Him!

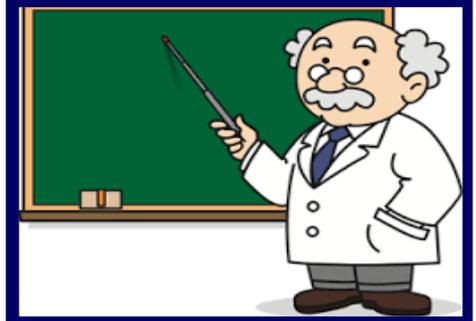
The scripture forbids "tempting" the Lord. Jesus himself quoted **Deuteronomy 6:16** when he said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." **Matthew 4:7**

Jesus said this in response to Satan who had asked him to PROVE that He was the Son of God by casting Himself down. The word "tempt" means "test". Do not put God to the test! We should NEVER take the attitude that we can MANIPULATE God! Never think that we have some power over God and can MAKE Him do this thing or that thing by "Testing" Him! By thinking we can put Him in some position to HAVE to do something; like Save us or Forgive us or PERFORM for us!

However, there is a sense in which we PROVE that God's way is best! "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **Romans 12:2**

When we apply His commandments and principles to our lives and they WORK, we have PROVED them! TRY HIM, and we will PROVE Him to be everything that He has promised to be!

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An Interesting Quote:

"You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was."

Abraham Lincoln

"And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father." **I Kings 15:11**

Asa was one of the kings of Judah. He was a descendant of King David. He was a good king. It took courage for him to make the needed changes in the country.

"And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made." **I Kings 15:12**

Though King David, his father, was "tall", he had to do his own growing. Our forefathers in America were "tall", but we have to stand up ourselves.

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Did You Know?

Panda Bears get about two or three feet tall and are about four to six feet long. They can weigh up to 300 lbs.!

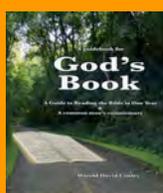
However, at birth, they are smaller than a mouse and weigh only four ounces! As a Christian we may feel we are too small. Let's just trust the process and remember, the glory belongs to God!

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." **II Peter 3:18.**

What Happened?

Debra & I celebrated our Anniversary!
 We have been married for 41 years.

We, the church, are the bride of Christ! Those of us who have been baptized into Christ are "married" to Him. Are you married to Christ? How long has it been?



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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

Who Knew?

We moved from Rhodesville to Colbert County. I finished my first-grade year at Blake School

in Sheffield, Alabama. I suspect it was because Daddy's mother, Mama Conley, and Daddy's sister, Aunt Nettie, lived in Blake Apartments across the street. The school is no longer there, but the apartments are.

Mrs. Crandle was the teacher. She was going to have a baby. Her child would be about 52 years old now. Mrs. Crandle encouraged us to "share" with the class. I think they called it "show and tell". I never had anything to show or tell! She insisted that I could talk about anything. When it came my turn, it was more than I could bear - I cried - every time! It was embarrassing, but I couldn't help it!

Mrs. Crandle would put her hand on my shoulder and tell me that it was ok. Someday I would be able to get in front of people and talk to them! Who knew?

What if I had refused her instruction like the ones Solomon spoke of in **Proverbs 5:13** *"And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!"*?

Thanks, Mrs. Crandle! It worked!

But it still hurt!

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The Mockingbird

Charles Nance was a very wise man. He could gain wisdom and insight from the most basic sources!

He once told this story of what he learned:

"There is a bird feeder in my yard. Several Martins were gathered in it having a grand time. Suddenly a Mockingbird flew in! The Mockingbird wasted no time clearing the feeder of the Martins!

As soon as the Mockingbird had the feeder to himself, a swarm of Martins came back into it from the east. The Mockingbird went to work chasing them away. Just as he got the last one out, another swarm of Martins came into the feeder from the west! The Mockingbird wildly chased them away, only to discover the swarm of Martins was BACK from the east! This went on for quite some time. Back and forth the Mockingbird worked!

Suddenly it occurred to me; the Mockingbird was the **ONLY ONE THAT WAS NOT EATING!**

I saw a lesson in that scene *'be careful not to work so hard that you forget to enjoy what is available!'*"

Thank you Charles Nance for your wisdom and insight! I needed that!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...

The preacher heard about a boy who tipped over the outhouse in the family's back yard! The boy raced to the house and jumped in bed so he could claim he was asleep when it happened. His father soon came into the bedroom and asked if he had tipped over the outhouse. The boy remembered the story of George Washington who had admitted he chopped down the cherry tree. *George's father did not punish him when he told the truth.* The boy said, "Father, I can not tell a lie, I tipped over the outhouse." The boy's father whipped him soundly! The boy said *George's father had not whipped George, why had he been punished?* The father said, "George Washington's father was not IN the cherry tree when George chopped it down!"

The preacher thought of Proverbs 19:18 *"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."*