

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Dear God, please find an easier way to teach me what I need to learn. —Anon.

Curious about what our culture and society think are the most important lessons of life, I turned to the internet. I found scores of articles on the subject. One was called, “Five life lessons most people learn too late.” The lessons? Perception is reality; everything is temporary; the importance of being present; do what you love, love what you do; and being happy takes work.

Most authors of these articles had trouble narrowing down the most important life lessons. One writer’s essay was titled, “137 Valuable Life Lessons to Learn TODAY.” Others needed 20, 34, 35, 50 lessons to learn about living life well. Sort of misses the point.

I did run across one list that struck a chord, and so I pass it on to you now. The suggestions make sense, they are helpful and they dovetail with scripture.

Six Important Guidelines in Life

1. When you are alone, mind your thoughts.
2. When you are with friends, mind your tongue.
3. When you are angry, mind your temper.
4. When you are with a group, mind your behavior.
5. When you are in trouble, mind your emotions.
6. When God starts blessing you, mind your ego.

Being able to master these reMINDers will go a long way to making your life a life of peace and joy.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, with your help, I will be MINDful of these ideas, as well as the wisdom of your word. Amen.

Week of October 13, 2024

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 10

Monday: Esther 1-2

Tuesday: Esther 3

Wednesday: Esther 4-5

Thursday: Esther 6-7

Friday: Esther 8-10

Saturday: Psalms 115-118

The Letter "O"

The nine words below are spelled correctly, except they are missing one letter — O. Use these incomplete words to complete the verse below where you will find all the missing O's!

S, NE, ANTHE, GD, LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since ___o___ ___o___

___o___ ___ us, we ___ ___ ___o___

o___ ___ ___ ___o___ ___o___ ___

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Verse to Remember

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

—1 Corinthians 10:31

BRAIN TEASERS:

1. There are three houses. One is red, one is blue, and one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle, and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle, where is the white house?
2. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but nine die. How many are left?

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"October made the leaves on Main Street fit for a crown. They dripped from the trees in jewel-toned shades: yellow and orange and fiery red. The cool wind sent a confetti-cluster of leaves down around us." —Natalie Lloyd

SOLUTION TO BRAIN TEASERS: 1: Washington, D.C. 2: nine. SOLUTION TO THE LETTER "O" PUZZLE: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" —1 John 4:11.