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Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23 (NIV)

- ¹ A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.
- ² Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.
- ⁸ Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.
- ⁹ The generous will themselves be blessed,
- ²² Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,
- ²³ for the LORD will take up their case and will exact life for life.



She asked him, 'How much are you selling the eggs for?'

The old seller replied, '\$.25 an egg, Madam.'

She said to him, 'I will take 6 eggs for \$1.25 or I will leave.'

The old seller replied, 'Come take them at the price you want. Maybe, this is a good beginning because I have not been able to sell even a single egg today.'

She took the eggs and walked away feeling she has won. She got into her fancy car and went to a posh restaurant with her friend. There, she and her friend, ordered whatever they liked. They ate a little and left a lot of what they ordered. Then she went to pay the bill. The bill costed her \$45.00 She gave \$50.00 and asked the owner of the restaurant to keep the change.

This incident might have seemed quite normal to the owner but, very painful to the poor egg seller.

The point is,

Why do we always show we have the power when we buy from the needy ones? And why do we get generous to those who do not even need our generosity?

I once read somewhere:

'My father used to buy simple goods from poor people at high prices, even though he did not need them. Sometimes he even used to pay extra for them. I got concerned by this act and asked him why does he do so? Then my father replied, "It is a charity wrapped with dignity, my child"

~ Greta Dsouza

James 2:1-17 (NIV)

- ² My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism.
- ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.
- ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
- ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?
- ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?
- ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?
- ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.
- ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.
- ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.
- ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.
- ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
- Faith and Deeds**
- ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?
- ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?
- ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

"Dignity is as essential to human life as water, food, and oxygen." ~ Laura Hillenbrand, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival*,

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Be active! Take on responsibility! ~ Gandhi

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Margaret reported that Doss was looking extremely well.
- We pray for Meg and Laurie and their family as they prepare for their son's wedding, safe travelling, good health and happy times together.
- We are thankful that Faye has returned and we pray that her daughter will regain full strength soon.
- We pray for all our congregation who are recovering from illnesses or accidents.
- And we thank you for the glorious rain and sunshine that follows, the emergence of green shoots and hopeful, happier farmers.

Meg's Musings

It is said The Bible is still the most widely distributed book of all time and the best-selling book of the year . . . every year! The Bible is still the most translated and most read book in the world.

Governments all over the globe are sworn in on The Bible; including our own cabinet Ministers just last week, who came armed with their shiny, new Bibles to face the Governor General.

Donald Trump's cabinet gather weekly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. They even have home-work assignments! Minister Ralph Drollinger, who arranges these sessions said, "In terms of a country's health and direction, when its leaders are seeking God the nation is in a position to be blessed by God in ways that are 'far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.'" Refer Ephesians 3:20.

My personal prayer would be; politicians apply the Bible in the process of their decision making. The Bible is the Word of God and vital for knowing the Will of God. He promised that He will teach us, show us the way we should go, counsel us and be with us (Psalm 32: 8-9)

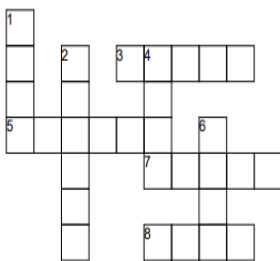


Blessings this week from Evelyn

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! Mark 7:34-35 (NLT)

Based on Mark 7:31-37 (NLT)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God.
5. One of the four extremities of the hand, other than the thumb.
7. To use the voice to say words or converse with someone.
8. To say, or to give information to someone.

DOWN

1. Unable to hear.
2. The fleshy part inside the mouth used in tasting and in speech.
4. The two organs on each side of the head which people use to hear.
6. To make someone healthy again.

Mark 7:24-37 (NIV)

Jesus Honors a Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸ "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!")

³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Psalm 125 (NIV)

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

⁴ LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13 September ~ Viv Chaffey

"the quality of your mind depends on the quality of your thought" ~ Okorie Deborah



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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