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THE LITTLE WOODCARVER



A talented little boy hand-carved a wooden bird, which he thought was very beautiful.

He decided he would show it to a few people to know what they would think of it. He first took it to an old mechanic and asked.

"What do you think of my hand-carved wooden bird, sir?"

The old mechanic expressed great admiration.

"You're a modern master of carving! You're going to have such a big future if you keep doing things like this".

The boy became very excited, then he took it to a local barber. The barber exclaimed.

"I'm in love with your art. I think you're the best. I am so proud of you. Keep doing your best work!"

Upon hearing that, the boy felt on top of the world. Then he took it to a policeman who said.

"I truly appreciate your talent, you created a masterpiece here. I feel like giving you a hug, would you mind?"

Finally, the boy took his piece of art and showed it to a laundry man. However, the laundry man scoffed at the sight of it and spoke with great condemnation.

"This is a piece of crap and a total waste of time! I think you should find something else to do with your life. The world will not recognize you with this. You're just unfair".

The words sank deep into the boy's heart and he walked away, crying. An elderly woman saw him and asked to know why he was crying. He explained what had happened. Then the elderly woman said. "I think the laundry man is right. You're unfair, just like he said. The reason is that you gave more importance to the negative experience than to the positive ones. You are a genius and everyone can attest to that. You've had three people compliment your work, yet you chose to worry about criticism from only one person, and you even let it lower your inner positive vibes. Are you not unfair?". Many times, we focus on one bad thing in a mountain of good things. We tend to respond more to negativity than positivity, which can weigh us down both physically and mentally. It is important for us to shift these negative thoughts into positive ones before it can ruin our day and take a toll on our personal life. We should develop a more positive view and see the bright side of things more easily. Let go of negativity, and focus on the good.

~Chimad Dickson

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

May all beings everywhere be happy and free, and may the thoughts, words, and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and to that freedom for all. ~ traditional Sanskrit sloka or song of praise





Mathew 22:34-46 (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**'"

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**'"

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please pray for Hugo, Lynne Bowd's grandson, who had major surgery in Newcastle on Wednesday.
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Fay Monckton's 12th great-grandchild.
- We pray for peace in the Middle East, and in Ukraine.
- We continue to pray for Mavis Chaffey.
- We pray for those most affected by a lack of rain.



Meg's Musings

I read in the newspaper that 2023 is shaping up to be the hottest year in the past 100,000 years.

That is not a record which anyone wanted to see.

Reaching such a milestone has to make us question our priorities.

No single person creates the problem of global warming - it is the result of some of the decisions we each make.

No single person can solve the problem of global warming.

Sometimes it feels that our prayers are all we can offer as a solution.

If every Christian prayed about global warming, I'm sure that some solutions would be found.

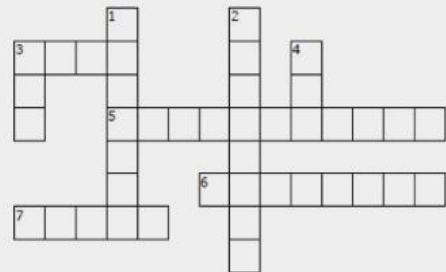
Are you ready to commit it to prayer?

Blessings from Meg



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Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37



ACROSS

- 3. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- 5. A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
- 6. A person who lives near or next to another
- 7. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

DOWN

- 1. Someone who educates or trains others
- 2. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- 3. A system of rules or principles
- 4. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship