

A Day for Evaluation



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Monday was my birthday. While birthdays are for celebrating (I never dreamed I would be this old!), for me it's also a day of personal evaluation. Many moons ago in school, it was

the custom to get "report cards". We were graded on our behavior, attitude, effort, and schoolwork on the three R's and other subjects. Each year on the anniversary of my birth, I do a report card of sorts on the same things.

Back in the day, "Conduct" was the most important of all grades. All other classes and assessments paled in comparison to the Conduct grade. If you didn't do well on Conduct, you were a goner for sure.

In eighth grade, I sat by one of the funniest guys in the world: Bradley Mounts. I didn't talk a lot, but I got called down almost every day. When I wasn't laughing, I was giggling. When I wasn't giggling, I was snickering. Bradley was so funny! Unfortunately, my Conduct grade trickled down each six-week period. By the end of the school year, I had a "D"! If there had been one more grade period, and I had received an "F" in Conduct, someone else would

be writing this, for I would have been slain immediately after grade cards came out.

Each year on my birthday, I review my Conduct for the last 12 months. Did my behavior bring glory to my Heavenly Father? Was I a good example of a follower of Christ or did I lead people astray? Philippians 1:27 compels, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..." Conduct is STILL an important part of my e-val!

Another thing that was assessed in the 1900's was "Effort". Did I try my best in class or was I lazy? Did I give up too easily or did I show determination? Paul mentioned something about that in Philippians 3:14: "I press on toward the goal..." In school, even though I was often snickering, I did put forth an effort. But as a grown up, especially in the year 2020, sometimes I get lazy. Trying my best is complicated these days.

For the three R's, I ask myself three questions: Am I READING God's Word as much as I should? Am I WRITING

the words He wants me to share? For ARITHMETIC, am I adding souls to His kingdom? Did I tell anybody at all about Jesus in the last year?!

There was also a place on our report cards where the teacher listed areas that needed improvement. This is when I ask the Teacher of all Teachers to show me what I need to do better. Psalm 32:8 reminds me, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." He doesn't expect me to figure out everything on my own. He is willing to tutor me on a regular basis!

I'm not trying to earn my way to heaven. That won't ever happen! I'll always be a work in progress and imperfect here on earth. It is a wonderful thing to know that I am loved unconditionally no matter what my report card says. My ultimate goal is to hear "Well done," from the Teacher!

Birthdays are fun, but not promised. Father, please help me to make each year count for YOU!

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Monday, October 26, 2020 Raven Denson Rogers, 80



Raven Denson Rogers, age 80, husband of Ava Case Rogers, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, at Clark Regional Medical Center, Winchester, Kentucky.

He was born October 29, 1939, to the late George Otis and Hildreth Spencer Rogers. He was a United States Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ava Rogers; a daughter, Melissa Henning (Dwayne); two sons: David Rogers and Chris Rogers (Callie); grandchildren, Shea Bartlett (Mike), Nash Henning, Dylan Ginn, Brennan Rogers, Caleb Rog-

ers, Elisabeth Jo Bishop, and Tucker Bishop; brothers, James Rogers (Charlene), Tom Rogers, Cebert Rogers (Jane), Carlos Rogers (Linda), Eldon Rogers, Goble Rogers (Carol), Mike Rogers (Kathy), and Ray Rogers (Carolyn); and a sister, Nannie Moreland (Randolph).

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edward Rogers.

Services will be held at Rogers Chapel Cemetery. Details are pending.

Arrangements by Davis and Davis Funeral Home. <DavisandDavisFuneralHome.com>

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Hallie Wolfinbarger, 85

Hallie Frances Wolfinbarger, age 85, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

She was born in Estill County on April 27, 1935.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Wolfinbarger; parents Lutie Dalton and Robert Hunt; two sisters: Della Woesley and Nancy Fox; and a great grandson, Dalton Peters.

She is survived by her children, Gary Wolfinbarger (Gricelda) and Reda Sizemore (Terrill); five grandchildren: Michelle Wolfinbarger, Melissa Patrick (Woody), Christian Serrato (Kacie), Angie Ahrens (Bryant), and Phil Sizemore (Karmen); and six great grandchildren.

A member of the Irvine First Church Of God for many years, Frances was a devout Christian. She loved her family profoundly and lived for music-filled gatherings on the carport. Ever the caregiver, Frances spent

many years baby-sitting her grandchildren and children of friends and neighbors. At her happiest, Frances was hosting a house full of family; laughter filling the kitchen as she cooked and baked for those she loved. While her family and friends will miss her dearly, we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. She has been reunited with her love of 49 years and is watching over those of us she has left behind.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Glen Sizemore were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Irvine First Church Of God. Visitation began at 11:00 a.m., Saturday at the Church. Burial was in West Irvine Cemetery with Gary Wolfinbarger, Terrill Sizemore, Phillip Sizemore, Dillion Day, Jonathon Bruner, Christian Serrato and Woody Patrick serving as active pallbearers.

Arrangements by Lewis Abner Funeral Home. <LewisFH.com>

Seeds of Hope



A youth pastor and his "Win One Now" team were passing out tracts and talking to a group of young people in New York one Saturday evening. A gang leader went up to him and shouted, "I'm sick and tired of you people talking about love. I've never seen love so if you've got it let me see it!"

How many others want to see "it?" We talk about love, sing about love, preach about love but the world is still trying to find out what love looks like. Someone once said they wanted to see "love with skin on it." And that's what God's love is all about. He did not speak of an empty, greedy love - but a love that passes all human understanding.

The Psalmist said that "The Lord has made His salvation known." By God's faithfulness to protect and provide for the well-being of the Children of Israel "He made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations." He made His salvation known by His faithfulness and the fulfillment of His covenant with His children. That was then.

This is now. Years ago God sent His only begotten Son to be born in a manger, live a sinless life, die on a cross and then be resurrected from a borrowed tomb. Once again He made "His salvation known." This is His love that we can see: it is "love with skin on it."

If the world cannot see this love, we who are His disciples have only ourselves to blame. All around us are people waiting and wanting to see "love with skin on it."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Beelzebub in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to

live"? Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews

4. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? Solomon, David, Elah, Saul

5. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter

6. What mark of the beast number comes from Revelation 13? 7, 333, 490, 666

Answers on bottom of Page 12

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson

Stickeler's Puzzle



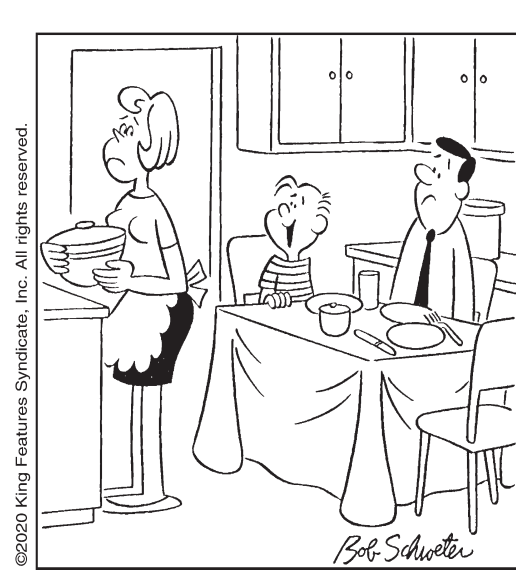
The Genesee Flyer train leaves the station at 60 miles per hour. After three hours, the Seneca Streamer train leaves the same station at 75 miles per hour, moving in the same direction on an adjacent track. Both trains depart the station at milepost 0.

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- Rude
- DINES
- Dissect
- SPEAR
- Baby
- BUCHER
- Emphasize
- TREATIE

TODAY'S WORD