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Being Married and Dirty Laundry



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In Titus 2:3-4, the apostle Paul instructed the older women to teach the younger women to love their husbands. I'm one of those "older women" nowadays. One of my favorite things is helping young marrieds know that they can day, my beloved came home late from marched back through the garage make it-with God's help. Not that I have working at KY Power. Long hours and and into the house. it all together; I don't. But I know what tough customer situations continued God can do!

40th anniversary. If you'd been around out of his truck, it played out like a back in 1980, you probably wouldn't country music video...

rant. Didn't have much sense. Didn't (There was quite a pile.) have any money, either.

tough. That was something I had to learn. While I know NOW that's the time when I lost my ever-lovin' mind.

I had been at home most of the day. In between dropping off and picking up our kids at school, I was church I needed to get to ASAP.

My beloved and I just celebrated our tired and in a terrible mood. Getting

saw stuff that didn't belong to him. It floored it, sending underwear, socks all belonged to ME. There was a car and other clothing flying like bullets. I have put any money on us. I had so seat, boxes and other clutter that just yelled something stupid out the winmuch baggage I could have worked rubbed him the wrong way. He gathfor American Tourister. He had issues, ered up every single item and parked too. We were quite young and igno- it right inside the laundry room door. the minivan like I had stolen it. What

I was innocently inside the house I wish I could tell you that I've with HIS children, oblivious to the home, I wondered what I would do always kept my cool over the years. mountain that was forming in the That I took the high road and went to other room. "YOUR STUFF IS IN MY my prayer closet when things were WAY!" he barked loudly, closed the door, and went back to his business.

best plan of action, there was one felt like my hair was catching on fire. of underwear, or shirt was to be seen. "You did not just do that!" I thought Whew! as I quickly walked to his closet. "Two can play that game!" I grumbled and grabbed armfuls of his dirty clothes, babysitting two other children. They walked-no ... STOMPED, through the were gone and I was getting supper house, through the garage to where ready, going over homework and he stood in the driveway. In a moment such. There was a ladies' meeting at that was not like me at all, I THREW HIS CLOTHES IN THE ROAD!!! "Your I try to keep the dirty laundry INSIDE After apparently an excruciating stuff is in MY way!" I bellowed as I

his clothes! I looked him square in (Luke 1:37)!

When he reached the garage, he the eye as I switched gears and then dow like, "I'm not going to be the one to pick it up!" and was gone. I drove had come over me?!

Meeting over and on the way if the laundry was still in the road. "I'm NOT picking it up!" I told myself and then repeated it out loud. Pulling into the driveway, I was relieved My head started spinning and it that it was all gone! Not a sock, pair

> That was 25 years ago and the only time it ever happened! Thank the Lord, we've both grown up plenty over the years! God has been our glue through thick and thin. These days, we try to focus on 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind" . . . and the house!

The devil always fights a good thing. He doesn't want any family to I hurried to get ready for my la- stay together or for homelife to be to hang over him. He was frustrated, dies' meeting at the church. As quick- easy. Newlyweds or oldy-weds, you ly as possible I was in the van back- can do this! Press on and do NOT give ing out of the garage . . . right over up! NOTHING is impossible with God



Some years ago the cover of Time magazine asked an intriguing question on its cover: "What ever happened to ethics?" The subtitle continued saying that we have been, 'Assaulted by sleaze, scandals and hypocrisy, America searches for its moral bearings." There is little doubt that there has been a loss of moral sensitivity and responsibility. That is very obvious. It is difficult to watch television esty. This description of and not be offended by the language or scenes are familiar with since of indecency. A new language has been introduced that has no respect for God or godly principles. solve this problem of moral decay or it can be reversed would be through a national re- it. vival. If those of us who Sower Ministries.org profess to trust God's

Word and believe in the fact that He will do what He says He will it is not unreasonable that revival will come. A spiritual awakening will visit our nation if we have enough faith, persevere in prayer and regain a sense of the holiness of God.

Psalm 99:1 describes what would happen if we did regain a new sense of the holiness of God. Because "the Lord reigns, let the nations tremble, He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth tremble."

This awesome picture of God that the Psalmist presents to us describes His holiness, power, might and mai-God is not one that we our minds have become so "clouded" with the things of this world. Certainly we can blame the producers for the The only way to programs we watch, but they would not produce what they do without us watching and enjoying

All the Counsel of God

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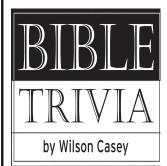
In Acts 20:17-35 is the story of the Apostle Paul meeting with what he thought would be his to the *things* which were spoken of Paul. Then, just last time on earth to preach to the elders of the a short time later, <u>the men Paul and Barnabus</u> were Ephesian Church. Then, as he did, he reminded thrown in jail on a trumped up charge because they them of former meetings in the church. He kept cast a demon out of a slave girl. Nevertheless, they back nothing that was profitable unto them; this suffered a severe beating and were now in the dunhe did "from house to house, ²¹Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." 21-22

spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that off, and the doors of the jail opened all the way, done shall befall me there: ²³Save that the Holy Ghost wit- by the effect of an earthquake. The jailer who was nesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions asleep in his guarters was awakened and supposing abide me." 22-23 Then he added, "But none of these that the prisoners had fled was about to kill himself, things move me, neither count I my life dear unto my- but Paul, seeing this through the darkness, yelled out self, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the unto him, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Acts ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to ^{16:28} Then the jailer "called for a light, and sprang in, still he was determined to go in spite of all the warnings So, at this time, he got really personal with them, he say that in truth?' Here is his answer in verse 27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." epistles, and nearly all of them were given to advise the churches from conversion to death, neither he, nor we, can in such a short time preach all the counsel of God. He must have had the most important vants of righteousness." counsel in mind when he spoke with them. Within the main course of Paul's preaching, nearly everywhere he went, he preached the first principles of you will very soon. the Gospel. This subject is mentioned in Hebrews

5:12 and 6:1-2. So, within the verse two he declares what the first principles are, "Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." Is there a place where we can find this in action in the New Testament? Yes. First in Acts 2:14-47 and in Acts 16:12-15. Lydia of Thyatira heard the preaching, believed it and was baptized. Here it says that she attended geon fastened in stocks. Then at midnight, Paul and Barnabus, even under these conditions, sang praises unto God. Then as God witnessed the whole thing, Then, he told them that he was *"bound in the he showed his power by letting their restraints fall*

testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preach-Silas, 30And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what ing the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more." <u>must I do to be saved</u>?" Acts 16:29-30 Now notice the first ²⁴⁻²⁵ So, Paul, firstly, well expected to die there, but principles of the Gospel in action. First, they challenged him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Next, to fulfill his request, they spake unto him the Word of the Lord, and to them all. Next, we see the prinsaying, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I ciple of baptism being applied, after he heard all the am pure from the blood of all men."²⁶ I ask, 'How can truth. Next we see that he was rejoicing with all his house. So, what a change (that) obedience to the first principles will bring to anyone who obeys them. Ro-Since Paul wrote thirteen of the New Testament mans 6:17-18 says, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the ser-Friends, there is no other way to be saved! I ask, have you obeyed the first principles? If not, I hope Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

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1. Is the book of Ananias in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Micah 7:19, where does God place forgiven sins? Depths of sea, Heathen hearts, Past the stars, Fiery pits

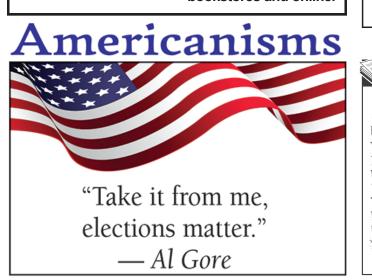
3. In the book of Revelation, Jesus said, "I am Alpha and ..."? Beta, Omega, Eternity, Delta 4. From Psalms 60:8,

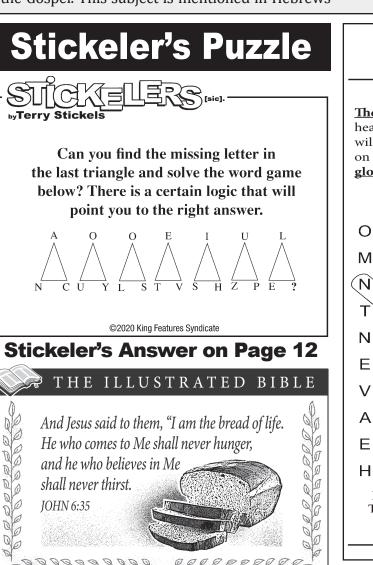
David said, "Moab is my ..."? Terrier, Washpot. Courier, Warrior

5. What was the home of Peter, Andrew and Philip? Caesarea, Assos, Sardis, Bethsaida

6. On which mount did King Saul die? Sinai, Moriah, Pisgah, Gilboa

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