



Times Remembered

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There are so many questions concerning the COVID-19 Virus. It is a scary time especially for the very young and elderly with weak immune systems and other health problems. I have asthma and it concerns me greatly. I've had bronchitis for three weeks that I can't seem to kick. But bronchitis does last a few weeks.

The most important thing is washing your hands with warm soap and water for at 20 seconds. This is the main defense against it; keep your hands away from your face, don't rub your eyes, don't pick or scratch noses. Stay away from large crowds and stay home all you can. Consider working from home if possible. Stay at home if you are sick!

Symptoms usually occur within 2 to 14 days after exposure. There is no need to panic if you develop a dry cough and

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fever. There's a lot of viruses out there right now that produce these symptoms like the flu. As of now there is no vaccine for COVID-19 Virus. The actual symptoms include fever, dry cough and shortness breath.

Most doctors say a face mask doesn't help you but will keep from spreading to others if you have it.

You can get the virus from traveling from to places that have cases or by coming in contact with people who have it according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

There's a hotline people can call for questions. 1-800-222-1222.

I have stocked more cleaning supplies and food just in case.....but not to extremes. I think we should be cautious and plan..... but not panic. But I'm the type of person that tries to keep my cupboard full. I can and freeze foods in the summer and try to capitalize on fresh vegetables when their available.

Using good old soap and water kills germs; hand sanitizer helps but soap and water kills germs better. Keep food prep areas sanitized. I wipe the counters with Clorox wipes every morning before I prepare breakfast.

I like to keep a clean house. When my house is clean and orderly I even breathe easier in a clean space.....it somehow calms me. Of course my house isn't spotless, I can't seem to keep the dust at bay. I think log houses are prone to more dust. Dust affects my asthma and I'm getting an air purifier to help. Keeping the house free from dust is an ongoing chore.

I'm still kind of a pack rat especially when it comes to keeping my jewelry and clothes straight. Next job is cleaning closets and spring house cleaning when I recoup from bronchitis, hopefully, by the 1st of April.

top ten

Things Kids Save For

1. Lego Sets
2. Phones
3. Nintendo Switch
4. Pokemon
5. Books, Magazines
6. Dolls/Figures
7. Bikes
8. Playstation
9. Computer
10. Roblox

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How can you know the coast is clear if you aren't near the coast?



America's Heartland

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A man, just home from a long business trip, awoke to the late-night ringing of the telephone. He got up to answer it, then came back to bed grumbling and flopped back down beside his wife.

"Who was it?" she asked. "Oh, just some kook wanting to know if the coast is clear."

After a pause, the wife asked: "What did you tell him?"

I said, "How should I know, the coast is 500 miles from here."

Have you ever been around people who seem to be lacking in understanding? We decide that they're a few bricks shy of a load, that their elevators don't go all the way to top, or, that their cornbread isn't done in the middle.

The Bible talks about people who lack understanding: "Their ears are dull of hearing and their eyes they have closed; lest

at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and should understand with their heart" (Matthew 13:15).

I thought about that the other day when I ran across an old story that originated, as I understand it, in India long ago. There have been several different renditions of the story. One goes like this:

One day, a caravan of travelers brought an elephant into a village. Six blind men who lived there had no idea what an elephant was. Together they went to learn about this creature. Each of them was able to touch only a part of the elephant and then report their findings.

The first man encountered the elephant's trunk and proclaimed the elephant was like a huge snake.

The second man inspecting only the elephant's leg concluded that the elephant was not like a snake, but instead like the trunk of a tree.

The third man was puzzled hearing what the first two men had to say because he found a smooth long and pointed tusk. He explained that the elephant more closely resembled a heavy spear.

The fourth discovered a swinging tail, causing him to rebuke his friends saying the elephant was like a small rope.

As the next man approached he felt a gentle breeze of air. He reached out and touched the el-

phant's huge ear. That man proclaimed the elephant to be more like a huge, slow-moving fan.

The last of the men found the side of the elephant's massive body and announced that an elephant was just a big dirty wall.

Each man was convinced in his own mind that he had the best and most accurate understanding of elephants. Isn't it strange how, at times, we can believe we're absolutely right but be entirely wrong?

That's why we need to be careful when describing God, not to focus on just one of his many attributes, because He is infinite, self-existing and without origin. He never changes. He is self-sufficient. He is all-powerful. He is all-knowing. He is everywhere. He is full of perfect wisdom. He is faithful. He is loving and kind. He is sovereign and just, holding people accountable for wrongdoing. Yet, He is merciful and compassionate. He is gracious and forgiving. He is holy. He is awesome. He is glorious. And He is so much more than that. Mere words can't describe all that God is.

Our God is great, and I expect even the man who answered the late-night telephone call understands that.

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