

Glitter Everywhere



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PREFACE: My beloved hates glitter more than a 40-day stomach virus.

And so it happened...I was asked to be the Tooth Fairy at two elementary schools in West Liberty last week. It was an hour away, so my beloved suggested I take his Corolla to save gas. What a GREAT IDEA! I thought to myself.

The day of the event, I arrived at Wrigley Elementary just in time. With silver wig in place and pink cat-eyed glasses, I adjusted my wings and pink poufy gown. But something was missing: I had zero glitter anywhere! That had to be remedied; kids equate sparkle with magic! I reached into my T.F. bag in the back seat, digging for my container of glitter. I poured my hand full of the shimmery stuff and tossed it up in the air over my head. In one quick move, I would be covered in glitter!

Yay!
BUT! In that infinitesimal moment, a gust of wind swept into the school parking lot and blew every speck of glitter right into MY BELOVED'S CAR! Naturally, I screamed.

I couldn't address the fiasco right then...the students were waiting to hear about taking care of their teeth! And to hear my favorite "tooth book"! I would have to figure it out later.

After visiting East Valley Elementary, I headed home. Magic was everywhere I looked in the car. Glitter was in the cupholder, on the dash, on the inside of the windows, on the seats, the floor mats, etc., etc., etc. Though I giggled to myself, I KNEW it would be hard to get it all out. I began to practice how I would explain

it to my beloved and tried to think of Bible verses that used the word sparkle. (I'm a terrible person. I told him in front of a group of our friends from church. His eyes bulged.)

I had a plan, really, I did. I would use a Swiffer Duster all over the inside. They pick up EVERYTHING! (I did it twice.) When that didn't get up all the glitter, I got the Shop Vac and swept the daylights out of every surface. I knew the whole time that if I couldn't get it all cleaned up, I would call the guys at Sparkling Car Wash and they could take care of my problem! So, I was concerned...but NOT worried.

Sometimes life is unexpected. We feel like we are in control one minute only to find out in the next that things have changed. Storms come, trouble

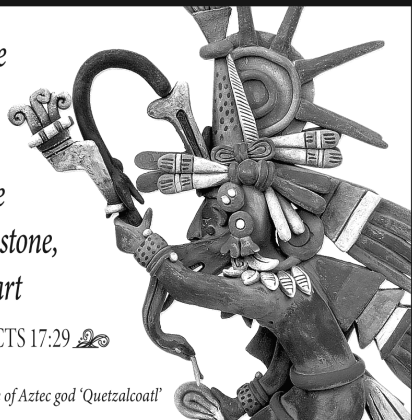
arrives, and winds blow things asunder. One magical moment can quickly turn ugly. We often tend to work through our problems on our own.

I am thrilled to know that no matter how big or small my crises are, after I have done all I can do on my own, I have a no-so-secret weapon on my side. Instead of calling the guys at "Sparkling", I can always call on my Heavenly Father to come to my rescue! Psalm 18:6, 7 and 9 describe it perfectly: "In my distress I called to the LORD. I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him...He parted the heavens and came down..." Gives me chills every time!

I'm still looking for Bible verses about glitter-for future incidents.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ACTS 17:29



Detail of sculpture of Aztec god 'Quetzalcoatl'

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seeds of Hope



The word glad in Scripture carries with it the idea of happiness and joyfulness, pleasure and freedom. In God's Word, however, there is a source for gladness: the Lord. The Psalmist writes, "For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands."

This source for our gladness does not come from anything we have accomplished or any ladder of success that we might have climbed. It does not come from wealth that we may have accumulated or records we have set. It does not come from any amount of power we have because of our achievements. This gladness that the Psalmist writes about comes from what God has done for us.

Another Psalmist wrote, "But may all who search for You be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love Your salvation repeatedly shout, 'The Lord is great.'" And another Psalmist said, "Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence."

We often set "goals" for ourselves that we think will bring a sense of well-being and fulfillment to us - the "if only" statements we make: "If only I can get a promotion I will be satisfied," or "If only we had a larger home our family will be happy," or "If only..." and the list goes on.

But the "glad" that comes from God that can fill our hearts and lives comes as a result of what He has done for us: made possible our salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Savior. Because of Him we can be glad and sing for joy, we can know that "all things are working together" for our good and His glory.

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Who and what, can one place his trust?

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All too often, we hear someone say, 'You can't trust anyone or anything today!' If this be the truth, we are in a world of trouble. There is someone in whom we can all trust and be secure in it. In Proverbs 3:5-6, it is written, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

So, there is one in whom we can trust. Also in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, it is written, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." So, there is someone, and along with his Word, we can be assured, because it came from his mouth.

When someone may ask of me concerning Biblical teachings or subjects, my response is always in this manner, 'Don't take it from me,' because I boast of no immaculate perceptions. So, like everyone else, I see at present as through a glass dimly. So, I only know in part, the rest I have to refer to what is written in God's Word. So, there remains within my mind a large element of not knowing. So this much I do know. I know just enough to know that I don't know as much as I should know. So, the people to fear are those who don't know enough to know that they don't know. One of the great philosophers of the last century was said of him that he took off any of the keys in his typewriter that had a question indicated. He said he didn't need them for he only dealt in certainties. How sad a man that thought he knew it all.

There was a summary provision that under an 80/20 rule, he claimed that 80% of his theology was right and 20% was wrong. So, he didn't know which one was right. He went on to say, 'I don't even agree with myself on some of the things I wrote ten years ago. This can be chalked up to spiritual growth for

the Bible teaches us to do that.'

Peter said in 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." So, educating ourself in the scriptures must never cease. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are encouraged in Ephesians 4:14-15. Don't be children in your knowledge about Jesus, tossed to and fro with every teaching that comes along, but speaking the truth in love that you may grow up into Christ in all things. Sadly, some confessing Christians never graduate from the kindergarten class, and the reason they don't is, 'because they do not study!'

So, I don't want you to believe me because of what I may say, I want you to see for yourself, is it written in the Bible. So, you must know for yourself that what I am saying is true. I can give you a template so you can test your own knowledge, it is called the Bible. A preacher of the truth will only tell you what he truly knows for himself. So, I say, 'Don't take it from me.' Be like the Bereans in Acts 17:10-11, "... they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

So, if what I write doesn't ring true in your Bible knowledge, or ring a bell in your mind, I could be wrong; so this could be my 20%. Either way, we need to test the Spirit to see if it is the truth. So, you don't have to take it from me alone, you can test it for yourself.

Someone once said to a well-known speaker, 'Preacher, this is the third time I have heard you, and you certainly are interesting. But, you did not say anything that I don't already know. But, until you said it, I didn't know that I knew it.' So, repetitionary preaching is needed so badly, as I have said from Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

So, don't believe me because I teach it; examine the Book for yourself. Did you know that you are commanded to do this very thing? Read 2 Corinthians 13:8. Surprise yourself.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Zechariah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which prophet said God is like a green tree giving shelter to those who trust Him? Joel, Hosea, Joshua, Solomon
3. What man had seven sons who always celebrated their birthdays with a

feast? Solomon, Job, Hanun, Jonah

4. From Exodus 2, who became a fugitive after killing an Egyptian? Moses, Cain, Joseph, Jeremiah

5. In Acts 9, what woman had Tabitha as a pet name? Priscilla, Naomi, Dorcas, Delilah

6. Which church was neither hot nor cold? Antioch, Laodicea, Trinity, Philadelphia

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou

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