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## MONDAY

**John 18:10** <sup>10</sup>Just then Simon Peter, who was carrying a sword, pulled it from its sheath and struck the Chief Priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was the servant's name

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For a computer programming class, I sat directly across from someone, and our computers were facing away from each other. A few minutes into the class, she got up to leave the room. I reached between our computers and switched the inputs for the keyboards. She came back and started typing and immediately got a distressed look on her face.

She called the teacher over and explained that no matter what she typed, nothing would happen. The teacher tried everything. By this time I was hiding behind my monitor quaking red-faced.

I started to type, "Leave me alone!"

They both jumped back, silenced. "What?!" exclaimed the teacher.

I typed, "I said leave me alone!"

The kid got real upset. "I didn't do anything to it, I swear!"

It was all I could do to keep from laughing out loud. This conversation between them and HAL 2000 went on for an amazing five minutes.

Me: "Don't touch me!"

Her: "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to hit your keys that hard."

Me: "Who do you think you are anyway?!" etc. Finally, I couldn't contain myself any longer and fell out of my chair laughing.

After they had realized what I had done, they both turned beet red. Funny, I never got more than a C- in that class. Cybersalt.

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Veteran Pillsbury spokesman, Pop N. Fresh, died yesterday of a severe yeast infection. He was 71. Fresh was buried in one of the largest funeral ceremonies in recent years. Dozens of celebrities turned out, including Mrs. Butterworth, The California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, and The Hostess Twinkies. The graveside was piled high with flours as longtime friend Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, describing fresh as a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded."

Fresh rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with many turnovers. He was never considered a smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model for millions.

Fresh is survived by two children and his second wife, who sadly has another bun in the oven.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes. *unknown*

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Isn't it interesting that Jesus didn't set up an office in the temple and wait for people to come to Him for counseling? Instead, He went to them - to the homes of the most notorious sinners, to the places where He would most likely encounter the handicapped and sick, the needy, the outcasts of society. *Laugh & Lift*

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A bulldog can whip a skunk, but sometimes it's not worth it. -- J. Nowell via Cup O'Cheer

## TUESDAY

**John 18:11** <sup>11</sup> Jesus ordered Peter, "Put back your sword. Do you think for a minute I'm not going to drink this cup the Father gave me?"

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---While driving on a rural end of the roadway on Thursday morning, I saw an infant car seat on the side of the road with a blanket draped over it. For whatever reason, I did not stop, even though I had all kinds of thoughts running through my head. But when I got to my destination, I called the Canton PD and they were going to check it out. But, this is what the Police advised even before they went out there to check....

"There are several things to be aware of ... gangs and thieves are now plotting different ways to get a person (mostly women) to stop their vehicle and get out of the car.

"There is a gang initiation reported by the local Police Department where gangs are placing a car seat by the road...with a fake baby in it...waiting for a woman, of course, to stop and check on the abandoned baby.

"Note that the location of this car seat is usually beside a wooded or grassy (field) area and the person -- woman -- will be dragged into the woods, beaten and raped, and usually left for dead. If it's a man, they're usually beaten and robbed and maybe left for dead, too.

DO NOT STOP FOR ANY REASON!!! DIAL 9-1-1 AND REPORT WHAT YOU SAW, BUT DON'T EVEN SLOW DOWN. *Rosemary Westbrook*

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Danny was being questioned by his teacher during an arithmetic lesson. 'If you had ten dollars,' said the teacher, 'and I asked you for a loan of eight dollars, how much would you have left?'

'Ten,' said Danny firmly.

'Ten?' the teacher said 'How do you make it ten?'

'Well,' replied Danny 'You may ask for a loan of eight dollars, but that doesn't mean you'll get it!' *Laugh & Lift*

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Johns Hopkins has recently sent this out in its newsletters.

This information is being circulated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center as well. Dioxin chemicals cause cancer, especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to the cells of our bodies. Don't freeze your plastic bottles with water in them as this releases dioxins from the plastic.

Recently, Dr Edward Fujimoto, Wellness Program Manager at Castle Hospital , was on a TV program to explain this health hazard. He talked about dioxins and how bad they are for us. He said that we should not be heating our food in the microwave using plastic containers. This especially applies to foods that contain fat. He said that the combination of fat, high heat, and plastics releases dioxin into the food and ultimately into the cells of the body. Instead, he recommends using glass, such as Corning Ware, Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food. You get the same results, only without the dioxin. So such things as TV dinners, instant ramen and soups, etc., should be removed from the container and heated in something else. Paper isn't bad but you don't know what is in the paper. It's just safer to use tempered glass, Corning Ware, etc. He reminded us that a while ago some of the fast food restaurants moved away from the foam containers to paper. The dioxin problem is one of the reasons. *Rosemary Westbrook*

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My friend Julie and I were eating at a Chinese restaurant. When an elderly waiter set chopsticks at our places, Julie made a point of reaching into her purse and pulling out her own pair. "As an environmentalist," she declared, "I do not approve of destroying bamboo forests for throwaway utensils."

The waiter inspected her chopsticks. "Very beautiful," he said politely. "Ivory." *Cybersalt Digest*

## WEDNESDAY

**John 18:12-14** ..<sup>12</sup> *Then the Roman soldiers under their commander, joined by the Jewish police, seized Jesus and tied him up.* <sup>13</sup> *They took him first to Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the Chief Priest that year.* <sup>14</sup> *It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it was to their advantage that one man die for the people.*

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Greg and Sam, are hanging out in the lone bar in a one-horse town in northern Idaho, when a local rancher walks in carrying a wolf pelt.

"Good work!" says the bartender. He pops the cash register open, pulls out a wad of bills, and counts them out into the rancher's outstretched hand.

After the rancher leaves, Greg asks the bartender, "What was that all about?"

The barkeep says, "Haven't you boys heard? We got us a real wolf problem in these parts, and the county ain't done a thing about it. So I'm offerin' a bounty -- a hundred dollars to anybody who brings in a wolf pelt."

Greg and Sam look at each other, and immediately race out of the bar to go hunt wolves.

After wandering around the hills for several hours, they finally spot a lone wolf in the distance. Greg takes

aim with his rifle and shoots the wolf dead. The two fellas sprint over to where the carcass lay, and Greg gets busy with the pelt.

Suddenly, Sam says, "Hey, Greg, look."

"Not now," says Greg, "I'm busy."

Sam tugs on Greg's sleeve and says, "Greg, I think you \*really\* ought to see this."

"Not now!" Greg says again. "Can't you see I've got a hundred dollars in my hands?"

Sam's voice starts to waver. "Greg, please, just look!"

Greg stops what he's doing and looks up: The two men are surrounded by a pack of wolves -- at least fifty in all, every one of them growling, drooling, gnashing their teeth, and licking their chops.

Greg takes in the sight and gasps: "Oh, my ... We're gonna be rich!" *Humor Digest*

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Philosophy is like a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat that isn't there. *Unknown*

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If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some concept of the classroom teacher's job. *—Donald D. Quinn, teacher*

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I catch myself looking for the occasional short cut. But I've discovered there are no short cuts to anyplace worth going.

I'll never have a clean home unless I get to work. I'll never save money unless I shop smarter. I'll never be an excellent writer unless I sharpen my skills. I'll never be a great wife or mother unless I make it a priority. I will never wake up one day and find that my dreams have become a reality, unless I'm willing to do what it takes to make that happen.

*Encouragement for Today*

## THURSDAY

**John 18:15-16** <sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That other disciple was known to the Chief Priest, and so he went in with Jesus to the Chief Priest's courtyard. <sup>16</sup>Peter had to stay outside. Then the other disciple went out, spoke to the doorkeeper, and got Peter in.

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The famous 'Turkey' adorns the table of every household as a main course during the celebration. The customary dinner reminds of the 'Four Wild Turkeys' served at the 'First Thanksgiving Feast'.

It is said, that pilgrims had a feast consisting of cooked turkey after their first harvest in the year 1621, which popularly came to be known as 'First Thanksgiving Feast'. It continued for three days and included

ninety Indians. There is however no evidence to prove that turkey was cooked during the first feast. It could have been Venison-flesh of a deer or wild goose meat.

According to folklore Queen Elizabeth of 16th century England was chewing a roast goose during a harvest festival. During the meal, she got to know that the Spanish Armada, on its way to attack England had sunk. In the joy of good news, she ordered for a second goose. Goose became a favorite bird at harvest time in England. However, when the pilgrims arrived in America, they replaced the roasted goose with roasted turkey as main course as it was easier to find and in plenty. *Thanksgiving-Day.org*

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"In Florida, two young men, eager to win the admiration of fraternity brothers, removed a stop sign and brought it back as a trophy. In Tennessee, a couple of teenagers were at a party in a high-rise apartment, and one dared the other to slide down the trash chute in the hall.

"The Florida boys were convicted of manslaughter after a fatal accident occurred at the intersection of the removed stop sign. The Tennessee boy who slid down the trash shoot was killed by an automatic trash compactor and his friend was traumatized with guilt and grief.

Foolish choices made on the spur of the moment can lead to dire consequences. Choices made without consideration of the consequences can be equally disastrous. In fact, life is the sum total of all the choices--conscious and unconscious--we make. Choices we made years ago have brought each of us to where we are today. Choices we make today will determine where we are tomorrow, and next year, and the next, and so on.

So when it comes to making choices, as another has said, "Don't sacrifice your future on the altar of the immediate." And another, "It is choice, not chance, that determines your destiny." When making choices, it is wise in everything to acknowledge God and he will direct our path.

And whatever you do, don't forget life's most important choice that will determine where you spend eternity. If we fail to make this choice it means we choose by default, and therein reap the eternal consequences of our sin; in the place the Bible calls hell. If we want to spend eternity in Heaven with God, we need to make this our choice and act upon it by accepting God's Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior. To help you, be sure to read the article, "How to Be Sure You're a Real Christian" at: <http://tinyurl.com/real-christian>.

Again, whatever you do, don't leave your eternal well-being to chance. Choose God. Choose God's gift of salvation. Choose life--life everlasting. *Daily Encounter and Michael Josephson's "Character Counts"*

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When I was working as a clerk at a sporting-goods store, a woman came up to my register with a package of white athletic socks. "Will you open this up so I can see how the socks feel?" she asked.

Reluctantly I tore open the package, and she scrutinized the merchandise. She handed me the package, saying, "I'll take them."

Relieved, I started to ring her up, until she interrupted me. "Can I have another pack? This one's been opened."

*Laugh & Lift*

## FRIDAY

**John 18:17-18** <sup>17</sup>The young woman who was the doorkeeper said to Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?" He said, "No, I'm not." <sup>18</sup>The servants and police had made a fire because of the cold and were huddled there warming themselves. Peter stood with them, trying to get warm.

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A journalist was assigned to the Jerusalem bureau of his newspaper. He got an apartment overlooking the Western Wall. (The western wall of Solomon's Temple, formerly called "The Wailing Wall" before the State of Israel existed) After several weeks he realized that whenever he looked at the wall he saw this old Jew praying vigorously. The journalist wondered whether there was a publishable story here.

He goes down to the wall, introduces himself and says, "You come every day to the wall. What are you praying for?"

The old Jew replies, "What am I praying for? In the morning, I pray for world peace, then I pray for the brotherhood of man. I go home, have a glass of tea, and I come back to the wall to pray for the eradication of illness and disease from the earth."

The journalist is taken by old Jewish sincerity and persistence.

"You mean you have been coming here to the wall to pray every day for these things?"

The old Jew nods.

"How long have you been coming to the wall to pray for these things?"

The old Jew becomes reflective and then replies, "How long? Maybe twenty, twenty-five years?"

The journalist is flabbergasted. "You mean you have been coming here to the wall every day for all those years to pray for these things?"

The old Jew nods.

The amazed journalist finally asks, "How does it feel to come and pray every day for over twenty years for these things?"

The old Jew replies, "How does it feel? It feels like I'm talking to a wall!" *Humor Digest*

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"Laughter may not be the best medicine, but it is surprisingly effective. While the idea has been around for a while, more studies are confirming the anecdotal evidence. In a study published in *Diabetes Care*, researchers reported that people with type II diabetes had a smaller rise in blood glucose when they watched a comedy program versus a boring lecture on television. A team at the University of Maryland found that people who laughed often and were able to see the humor in situations were less likely to develop heart disease.

"Researchers say people who laugh tend to be healthier people. In study after study, hostility and anger are associated with disease, and humor with health. This is especially true when you're laughing it up with friends. Research on support groups has shown that the effects of laughter are magnified when it takes place in a social setting

If we also live according to the principles found in God's Word, the Bible, we too can have a much happier, healthier life. Naturally, we need to know what God's Word teaches if we are to live by it. *Paul Perry*

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Now, about daylight saving time: Who the heck came up with the idea that you can cut off a foot of the bottom of a blanket, sew it on the top, and then think you have a longer blanket....???

*Humor Digest*