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At A Time



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Blessings,
Brent

Introduction

Twitter is a phenomenon. No doubt about it. The 140 character “what are you doing?” idea has already become an icon of American life in record time.



I’ve never really cared if anyone knows what I’m eating or if I’m watching American idol. I don’t say that to belittle people who do “tweet” about the color of their kids’ poop or what they are making for dinner. I realize, and I’m being serious not sarcastic, that this type of quick interaction has become important. It’s a kind of replacement for what used happen face to face between neighbors and in communities.

We are so busy now, so disconnected, so consumed (especially in electronic pastimes) we just don’t get to know the personal details and lifestyles of very many people. Twitter has allowed us a glimpse back into each other’s life, giving us a way to keep in touch, share life and get to know each other... without actually doing it. Hmm.... I guess that’s a topic for another book.

As Twitter rose in popularity I saw an immediate use for it. I could “tweet” spiritual thoughts and mentoring advice to anyone who wanted to hear them. I could interject encouragement, teaching, reminders and blessing into thousands of lives many times a day. Twitter became a

vehicle for me to do what I love: teach, write and help people. And it's voluntary, so only those who really wanted to hear from me would.

After tweeting for several months and realizing I was compiling a collection of little "proverbs" – snippets of wisdom – nuggets of advice and encouragement – it dawned on me that a book comprised entirely of tweets might really interest a world that embraces sound bites and quick moving thoughts. I would prefer to write traditional messages and stories but even the Apostle Paul was savvy enough to adapt to his culture in order to communicate with them.

As I put together this first volume, I really began to embrace the snapshot format. It's completely opposite of what I normally do but I realize there is a whole other segment of readers that might like this... but won't ever take time to read my other books.

There is no rhyme or reason to the order. They are not grouped or sorted. It's just a random compilation. Maybe like reading Proverbs or Psalms, if you read several, or a couple of pages, one of them will grab you and really mean something to you. I hope so.

I'd love to hear what you think of this idea: a book built on "Tweets". Email me: brent@brentriggs.com

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Riggs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a slight shadow effect behind the letters.



One Tweet At a Time...

God has revealed what a "good" life is; we know it is this: treat people right, love, show mercy, be humble. Any questions? Micah 6:8 ~BR

How far is east from west? Right from left? Past from future? Not farther away than the place God tosses our forgiven sin. Psalms 103.12 ~BR

Try giving this advice today - Proverbs 23:22 - it's exactly the opposite of what the world says and models. Is that a surprise? Hardly. ~BR

Man's ideas, , man's traditions, man's religion, man's theories... Who should you trust? I know who... Psalms 118.8. ~BR

Think of the BEST, most wonderful, ecstatic, unbelievably perfect existence you can possibly imagine. Sorry, not even close. 1Corinthians 2.9 ~BR

How often we hear: "You have no idea what I'm going through." Maybe not, but there is one man who you can never say that to. Hebrews 4.15 ~BR

Who is against you today? Who is making life hard? Family? Government? Ex-spouse? Co-workers? Evildoers? No worries... Romans 8.31 ~BR

Would you love to know the perfect way to go? Want to have all the power and strength you need as you walk the perfect path? 2 Sam 22.33 ~BR

Be secure in knowing that one thing will last forever & ever & ever: God will be your constant companion and friend, to the end. Psalms 48.14 ~BR

For the mature Christian it's not just a question of doing good; it's also a question of not AVOIDING the chance to do good. James 4.17 ~BR

Want to know for sure that God is directing every step you take? There's a guaranteed way to make that happen. Proverbs 3.6 ~BR



Why don't folks think more often about the next life? Not one created person has ever escaped their "last day" of this life. Ecclesiastes 3.20 ~BR

We are PROMISED difficulty & trouble in this life. But unlike the rest of the world, we have access to hope and peace to overcome. John 16.33 ~BR

'Poor in spirit' is very misunderstood. It means knowing you are helpless, in need of a rescuer, unable to save yourself. Matthew 5.3 ~BR

Do you ever wonder where you're going? Ever wonder where you should be going? Wish you had some giving you directions? Me too. John 10.27 ~BR

Were the first-generation Christians somehow special? Or were they doing what all Christians should be doing? Tough question... Acts 2.42 ~BR

What are you worried about today? Food? Money? Health? Safety? The future? Why? Is Jesus a liar? Matthew 6:25 ~BR



No tears. No death. No crying. No pain. A new order. A new creation. A new body. How can ANYONE say 'no' to that? Billions do. Revelations 21.4 ~BR

Are you fearful? Why? You have direct access to God & you are His child if you have placed your faith in His Son. No need to fear. Romans 8.15 ~BR

We often hear "YOUR faith," "MY faith," "OUR faith," when it is none of those. It comes from God and is a gift to us. Ephesians 2:8 ~BR

Do you love God? Then you hate evil, right? Do you really, or is that just the right answer? Does your life say "I hate evil"? Psalms 97:10 ~BR

Our forgiveness is measured by a standard we can't even calculate: God's riches. There is plenty of forgiveness for all who ask. Ephesians 1.7 ~BR

We get so concerned about our bodies, looks, health, and our comfort; why? We live in a TENT for now, not our eternal house-body. 2Corinthians 5.1 ~BR

God will give you the desires of your heart IF your heart is delighting in the things of God and desiring what He desires. Psalms 37.4 ~BR

Suspicious Mind. A Beautiful Mind. A piece of my mind. A mind of your own. What kind of mind should you have? Just one: Philippians 2:5 ~BR

Not money, not pleasure, not friends, not popularity, not comfort, not sex, not sports, not family, not spouse, not SELF: Exodus 20:3 ~BR

How can you tell if you understand God's grace? Look around at your life. Do you see spiritual fruit (results)? That's proof. Colossians 1.6 ~BR

There are lots of reasons that our prayers might be weak and ineffective. One particular factor is very important. Find out here: James 5:16 ~BR

What have you done today? Was any of it motivated by selfishness or ego? The right motivation is humility and a servant's heart. Philippians 2.3 ~BR

Life is hard, circumstances blur what used to be clear; hold fast, don't sway, the one who PROMISED is faithful: Hebrews 10:23 ~BR

Solomon saw that most people strive & labor out of envy, wanting more "stuff." What is your motivation to work and acquire wealth? Ecclesiastes 4:4 ~BR

Are you walking in "all truth"? Why not? God has sent His Spirit to guide you in all truth. Are you taking Him up on the offer? John 16:13 ~BR

Giving, helping, sharing, teaching, mentoring, advising, blessing, praying, edifying... no greater love: John 15:13 ~BR

Ever feel like God is not there? When you sin, do you pretend He's not there? See if this verse leaves ANY place where God is not there. Ephesians 4:6 ~BR

Want your life-light to shine through the dark? Want the black night of your difficult life to become like the sun? I know how: Isaiah 58:10 ~BR

I use to worry about running out of goat's milk and how to feed the servant girls. No more... Proverbs 27:27 :) ~BR

We are pretty desensitized to evil considering what we routinely watch on news, TV, or movies. Hating evil is an indicator of.... Psalms 97:10 ~BR

Voicemail, computerized phone systems, faceless contact forms; we have all sorts of ways to avoid answering in person. Not God. Psalms 91:15 ~BR

We run around trying to discover HOW we're supposed to live when the Bible is full of simple commands. Honor, love, respect... 1 Peter 2:17 ~BR

People write us almost every day and say "I don't know how you do it..." You don't? How come? The answer is obvious... Philippians 4:13 ~BR

We've been very blessed during this difficult time; I'm reminded of one reason why: what comes around goes around..... Proverbs 11.25 ~BR

**Don't feel like serving God today?
Hard? Undesirable?
Unpopular? Every day we
make a choice about who
we serve. Joshua 24.15 ~BR**



When the world is beating you down, do you lament or sound the battle cry? Do you KNOW the battle cry? God give us one: Psalms 25:2 ~BR

When the unGodly have power, do not envy them. They hold sway over your life temporarily but it is inconsequential in eternity. Pro3.31 ~BR

I'm a sheep, you're a sheep, everyone's a sheep-sheep. Old MacDonald had a farm & we've all gone astray. Jesus is looking for you. Isaiah 53.6 ~BR

There is one definitive reason why no human is justified in denying God exists. Do you know what it is? Psalms 97.6 ~BR

If your choice is fear or turmoil, which would you choose? I'll take fear. Can you guess why? Proverbs 15:16 ~BR

Bible says "clean hands grow strong." Doing things God's way increases us spiritually, morally, emotionally, & often financially. John 17.9 ~BR

A famous Pastor is predicting horrible calamity in New York. Those predictions never come to pass but it doesn't matter because: Psalms 121.7 ~BR

WHO you are flows from what you put in your heart;
WHAT you are flows from what you put in your mind;
guard them both jealously. Proverbs 4.23 ~BR

We are promised in Scripture to be hated & suffer as Christ suffered because the world hates us; God promises overflowing comfort. 2Corinthians 1.5 ~BR

We've adopted three orphans & there is sadness when they leave their original family; we will never be orphans. Jesus promised. John 14.18 ~BR

Hard times ruin evil or faithless people; but even death itself cannot harm those who have eternal hope in God and His promises. Proverbs 14.32 ~BR

**We ALL think TOO
HIGHLY of ourselves; it's
human nature. The sooner
we admit it, the sooner we
can increase maturity & discernment.
Romans 12:3 ~BR**



The Bible says we are identified by love for others. God Himself teaches us to love one another. Is your life defined by love? 1Thessalonians 4:9 ~BR

We make promises we do not keep. Not on purpose, but because of our limitations. God is NOT like man. He ALWAYS keeps His promises. Trust. ~BR

Being "good" is not passive. It's an ongoing exertion of our will; if not actively pursued, it can result in being overcome by sin. Romans 12:21 ~BR

I'm blessed to have my own body guards. It's a great feeling to know I'm protected 24/7. What? You don't have any? Why not? Psalms 91:10-11 ~BR

Jesus conquered death, so our mortal bodies have life culminating in perfection for all eternity once we shed this temporal shell. Romans 8:11 ~BR

Pure joy... that sounds GREAT doesn't it?! If I gave you a million bucks you'd have pure joy; how about if I treated you badly? James 1:2 ~BR

The Bible claims Jesus sustains ALL things; can you name something that is not included in "all"? Makes you see Jesus in a new way. Hebrews 1:3 ~BR

A sad, poor-me person is always that way no matter what; on the flip side, a truly cheerful person transcends their circumstances. Prov15:15 ~BR

Your body may quit, your heart may stop, but there is one thing that will always keep you going no matter what. Want to know what? Psalms 73:26 ~BR

Lying is epidemic; not just non-truth telling but exaggeration & "spinning" the truth; now just a way of life. Is lying acceptable for you? ~BR

The Christian bar of soap... spring fresh, no sticky residue, 100% pure (not 99.99%)... 1 John 1:9 ~BR

We are never poor no matter how little we have; never thirsty no matter how vast the desert; learn that circumstances are not eternal. ~BR

Strong and courageous, two words we all would like to have describe us. It can be YOU because of this. Joshua 1:9 ~BR

Don't be jealous or feel slighted if you don't have the riches and recognition of this world. God doesn't reward by the world's standard. ~BR

Sin is not a game. Are you playing around with it? Our sins forgiven through Jesus, but we still know God's opinion about our sin. Revelations 21:8 ~BR



Where does strength come from when life gets tough? Having trouble today? Here's the answer: Psalms 37:39 ~BR

People ask us "how can you be so joyful through all this?" Easy: trust. Check it out: Psalms 33:21 ~BR

I need someone who I can trust to never change, and never be unpredictable. Could you use a friend like that? I found out where: Isaiah 26:4 ~BR

Ever wondered about Adam? Can you imagine being him when He finally got to be with God in heaven again? "uh, sorry about that sin thing..." ~BR

It's hard to feel lonely when someone is always with you, always holding your hand, always guiding. Do you feel lonely? Psalms 73:23 ~BR

I've got the best bodyguard in the universe (Deut 20:4). How about you? ~BR

If you are hurting today I know someone who can help. Find out here: Psalms 147:3 ~BR

One reason to rejoice when things are really tough is because those are the times we really know what is important in life. ~BR

Which is the problem? Is it being rich? Or being eager to be rich? What's the difference? ~BR

We live in culture EAGER to get rich, yet the Bible says those eager to get rich will "not go unpunished." What does God mean? Proverbs 28:20 ~BR

Are you happy? Why not? You KNOW you have eternal life, don't you (1John 5:13) If you don't KNOW, why not? True happiness comes from knowing. ~BR

How did you "live" today? Did you JUST respond to life, or did you prepare for it and live with some purpose in mind? You should do both. ~BR

How often do we sin and think we just didn't have a choice DESPITE the fact that the Bible says our excuses are horse pucky? 1 Cor 10:13 ~BR

We hear a lot about freedom, which usually means the pursuit of pleasure & impulse; real freedom is the joy of eternal hope. 2 Cor 3:17 ~BR

Rest... ah, that's sounds wonderful. Jesus promises rest to all who are weary & burdened, but you have to go to Him to get it. Matthew 11:28 ~BR

Are you OPPOSITE? Everything truly worthwhile is opposite what the world pursues; humility, serving, giving; all opposites of the world. ~BR

With God, one day is like a thousand years. So He can easily handle all of hardest days and then some. Are you letting Him? ~BR

WHATEVER YOU DO, no matter what life is like today, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 God said, not me. ~BR

How's life? status quo? same old, same old? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Experiencing new levels of blessings and joy? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Your spouse not doing their part & life is miserable? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Are you experiencing unfairness in your life? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Are things going great in your life currently? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things. Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Is life going to be hard today? Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks in all things.

Colossians 3:17 ~BR

Is your every NEED cared for? (I didn't say WANT) If not, either God is a liar, or you're not availing yourself of His promise. Philippians 4:19

NEED, pt 2... perhaps we need to stop and relearn the definition of NEED and then we wouldn't need to worry about our needs. ~BR

I was sitting here wondering if I'm content with my life. I'm supposed to be. Hebrews 13:5 How can I be? Because God never forsakes us, ever. ~BR

Don't you hate feeling shame? Are you ashamed right now? There is a place of quiet rest and refuge. You can find it here: Psalms 31:1-2 ~BR

When you give money, time, or energy to help others, are you genuinely cheerful? If not, why are you robbing yourself of that blessing? ~BR

Do you feel close to God today? Do you know how to get nearer? Call on Him, seek Truth and respect Him by CHOICE, not feeling. He is near. ~BR



If a joyful heart is good medicine, can you CHOOSE joy? Or do you have to sit around until circumstances make you FEEL joy? CHOOSE joy... ~BR

The infinite universe cannot contain God, yet we often try to squeeze Him into a little box we open on Sunday. Did you let Him out today? ~BR

"Hear my pleas for mercy when I cry for help, you are my Rock." Ever need mercy or help? Aren't you glad you know the Solid Rock? ~BR

Ever feel life is "dark"? Ever feel like you just can "turn the lights on" and find your way? The answer is to FULLY trust God. Isaiah 50:10 ~BR

One of the top five joys in life is helping others with no strings attached... what are the other four? ~BR

Life is not about what we own, but we live like it is. Possessions should enrich our life, not makes us slaves. Does your stuff own you? ~BR



Bragged about yourself today? Why not? Not supposed to? Wrong... boast about who you are in God's eyes & how much Jesus loves you. 2Corinthians 10:17 ~BR

I want to LOVE life, don't you? Control your tongue, that's a big factor (1Peter 3:10). Do good, seek peace. Won't hear that advice on TV, huh? ~BR

Anyone persecute you today? Lie about you? Gossip? Speak evil of you? Enemy, family, friends... anyone persecute you? Rejoice - Matthew 5:11 ~BR

We seek honor & wisdom; it can't come before humility. Humility comes from respect for God which is the source of wisdom & honor. Proverbs 15:33 ~BR

The Law (10 commandments) convicts of us sin; that is its purpose; Grace gives us the forgiveness we long for and freedom from sin's power. ~BR

Aren't you glad that you are not hungry, cold, genuinely persecuted, or forgotten? Can you imagine life without God? ~BR

Psalms 68 says God rides on the clouds... have you ever stopped to think about what that thought and visual really means? ~BR

Long life and peace.. a promise for those who keep the Lord's commandments. Eternal life, peace that passes understanding - Proverbs 3:1-3 ~BR

Isn't life good? sure, there's some bumps, big bumps even... but isn't it a joy to be able to love people and get to know them? ~BR

..... stop... if you have not said "thank you Lord" today, then spend the next five seconds thanking God for something. ~BR

Have you purposely determined to change anything about yourself today and make it more what God would have it be? ~BR

Do you ever thank God for your being tired because it causes you to think about Heaven where you will never be tired? ~BR

"The time has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15 ~ ~ 'Nuff said. ~BR

"You complete me"; a famous movie line, but what REALLY is our source of completion? Several things found here: 2Corinthians 7.1 ~BR

A Godly leader knows nothing of the concept "subordinates," if it means status or value. The Godly leader thinks via terms like "serve." ~BR

A lie: what real value is a temporary result to your advantage compared to the loss of trust, integrity, & honor? One lie makes a liar. ~BR

A peaceful heart gives life. Envy and bitterness rots the bones. A lot of people live EVERY day in rottenness. Pity them. Proverbs 14:30 ~BR

A super majority now believe lying, cheating, or stealing is okay depending on circumstances. I'm glad God is not in that stat. 2Corinthians 1:20 ~BR

A true friend shows us a picture of what we should be, not necessarily what we want to see.

Honesty with compassion, criticism bathed in love.

~BR



American liberty is slipping away rapidly but there is another liberty that can never be taken by man or government. Where is it? 2Corinthians 3.17 ~BR

Any circumstance life threw at you today is a test. It is your response to it and attitude about it that matters. Eternal perspective. ~BR

Are we REALLY in such "hard times"? Starving? Naked? Homeless? Yes, Americans are but what we really lament is LIFESTYLE not true needs. ~BR

Are you a fruit? I thought so. Me too... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. Fruity tooty... Gal 5.22 ~BR

Are you angry? Have a hot temper? Maybe YOU are the cause of all the unrest. Maybe YOU are the reason you sin all the time. Proverbs 29.22 ~BR

Are you filled with ALL spiritual wisdom and understanding? Me neither... But at least as Christians we have a shot at it. Colossians 1:9 ~BR

Are you honest about little things? Dependable in small matters? If not, then you cannot be trusted for the important ones. Luke 16:10 ~BR

Are you in the dark today? Are you looking for some light in your life? There's one never-ending source for you. John 12.46 ~BR

Are you involved in sin you feel you have "no choice" about? You're wrong. You do. Jesus understands your weakness. Go to Him. Hebrews 4.15 ~BR

Are you looking for some joy today? Maybe you aren't looking in the right spot. I know a place where pleasure never ends. Psalms 16:11 ~BR

Are you rejoicing today? Having a character problem, or just not choosing to rejoice? Rejoice in the Lord, praise Him, take refuge in Him. ~BR

Are you set free today? The spirit of life sets us free if we know the Person who can do it... Romans 8:2 ~BR

Are your words pure today or your thoughts an abomination? It's your choice each day which path your mouth and heart takes. Proverbs 15:26 ~BR

Ask God to teach you the number of your days, make you aware of your mortality. This gives you urgency about what is important. Psalms 90:12 ~BR

At 45 I think about being "old," for real. Creatively I feel young but I know my body is aging fast. God is with us at any age. Psalms 71:9 ~BR

Avoid complainers & those who love to stir up things; no wood, no fire. No charcoal, no fuel. No source of ignition, no fire. Proverbs 26:20 ~BR

Be mindful of the speck of time granted to prepare for eternity. Have an insatiable desire to NOT waste time or opportunity. Psalms 90:12 ~BR

God is perfect, & you are supposed to be perfect too. Take it up with God if you don't like it. Matthew 5:48 ~BR

Being mistreated? Unfairness hitting you between the eyes? People using their position or power to hurt you? No worries. Hebrews 13:5-6 ~BR

Better to live in desert than with an ill-tempered wife. Yep, that's politically correct. Better to ____ than live with a ____ man. :) Proverbs 21:19 ~BR

Blessed are the poor in spirit; do you understand the meaning? It means "those who understand their true need of rescue." Rescue? Mt 5:3 ~BR

Blind faith is not believing in a Creator when you are surrounded by evidence; it's denying the obvious & embracing "origins" absurdity. ~BR



Bombs, nukes, terrorism, gangs, violence, recession; do you feel safe today? Perhaps you're running in the wrong direction. Proverbs 18:10 ~BR

Christian life is simple but we just HAVE to make it complicated, huh? Here it is: obey God. Find out what He says, & change your life to fit. ~BR

Christians are routinely asked 'Is Christianity the only Truth?' We don't have to answer, the Bible answers repeatedly and clearly. John 1.9 ~BR

Christians say they love God which is appropriate of course. But do we love Him on HIS terms? The Bible gives one test: obedience. John 14:23 ~BR

C'mon, have you ever REALLY, I mean REALLY believed this: yesterday is gone, can't change it. Tomorrow may never come. Today is the day. ~BR



Commands are good, a lamp to show you the way. Teaching is the light that dispels darkness. Correction & discipline bring life. Proverbs 6:23 ~BR

Condemnation, guilt... The worst of human burden. They are universal except for those who find the source of eternal relief. John 3:18 ~BR

Consider what great love God lavishes on you to have the Creator of the Universe call YOU "child"? We take things for granted. 1John 3:1 ~BR

Definition of "faith" is a focus & trust that dictates/guides your life. Christian faith then is defined as "a singular focus on GOD." ~BR

Did it take God years, maybe decades, to keep His promise? Still waiting? Remember, our "slow" is but a blink to God. Be patient. 2Peter 3:9 ~BR

Did you ask? Ask in His name? Did you ask according to His will revealed in Scripture? Yes, yes, yes? Then it is done. John 14:13-15 ~BR

Did you do ANYTHING for another person yesterday that was not for your advantage or to be recognized or repaid? Yes? God knows. Mark 9:41 ~BR

Did YOU get wealthy? Did YOU achieve that? Did YOU make that happen? Did YOU build that? Did YOU make your OWN way? Hmm... Deuteronomy 8:17-18 ~BR

Did you know even when YOUR faith waivers, God's will not? Why? For His glory. God cannot let Himself down because of you. 2Timothy 2:13 ~BR

Did you know Jesus died for you when you were absolutely helpless and powerless to do anything about being reconciled to God? Romans 5.6 ~BR

Did you learn anything about life from what happened yesterday? Did you do anything with your life today? Do you have a hope for tomorrow? ~BR

Did you see God today? NO? How? He's in heaven, in the depths of the earth, on the mountain, in the valley... How did you miss Him? Psalms 139 ~BR

Did you wake up realizing you've taken 3 steps backwards over the past couple of weeks? Nothing to do but start again. It's a new day... ~BR

Discernment is the primary trait missing for most people today. Discernment is the ability to GENUINELY know what is right, what is wrong. ~BR

Dissatisfied with the gifts God created in you for His service? Remember, God gifts us according to HIS will, not ours. 1Corinthians 12:11 ~BR

Do people know you are a Christian? Does that mean we go around announcing it, or does the Bible describe the way? The other way: John 13.35 ~BR

Do we actually believe the idea that we should not lean on our understanding? Isn't that what we naturally do automatically? Proverbs 3.5 ~BR

Do you ever spend quiet morning time? There is nothing so peaceful as the calm hours before the world gets moving. You should try it. ~BR

Do you feel imprisoned today? Emotionally? Financially? Relationships? The Lord sets us free from our many prisons of life. Psalms 146.7 ~BR

Do you feel like evil is attacking you today? Do you wish you had a bodyguard to protect you? If you are a Christian then you do. 2The 3.3 ~BR

Do you feel strong today? Maybe you're looking for strength in the wrong place, like INSIDE OF YOU. Real strength is found here: Ephesians 6.10 ~BR

Do you hate evil? No, not just in words or in concept. Do you HATE evil? Does it show by your choices, words, and deeds? Psalms 97.10 ~BR



Do you have complete joy today? Why not? Maybe you should read about the only true source of joy. John 15:11

Do you have older mature Christians you follow? Be free of pride & embrace the wisdom of those who have been there, done that. 1Peter 5.5 ~BR

Do you have to feel happy to be happy? This is the way of the immature and superficial. Happiness is a choice; feelings follow choice. ~BR

Do you know how to be pure? Know how to show sincere Christian love? Know how to love deeply? Sum it up with one word: obey. 1Peter 1.22 ~BR

Do you KNOW that you KNOW that you KNOW you have eternal life? Why not? God wrote us what we need to know to be sure. 1 John 5.13 ~BR

Do you long for something reliable? That will never change or go away? That can be trusted all times no matter what? I found it. Mark 13.31 ~BR

Do you only have friends that benefit you? Make you feel better, do things for you, make you comfortable, add to your lifestyle? Hmm... ~BR

Do you realize that God has planned marvelous things for us all that are guaranteed to come to pass because of His faithfulness? Is 25:1 ~BR

Does the world seem evil & getting worse every day? Humanity spinning out of control? There is a rescue from this present evil. Gal 1:4 ~BR

Does your heart yearn to see God? Really? That is a rhetorical conceptual question. I'm asking.... Does it? Really? Matthew 24.35 ~BR

Don't be quick to anger today; a quick temper hides in the bosom of the fool waiting to declare their foolishness with crystal clarity. ~BR

Don't envy people who get ahead by any means less than generous, honorable, humble, and Godly. Their success is temporary at best. Proverbs 3.31 ~BR

Don't envy people who get ahead by cheating, misusing, or running over people. They have their reward now. Yours is eternal. Proverbs 23:17-18 ~BR

Don't you love walking hand-n-hand with someone you love? How long's it been since you walked with the One who loves you most? Psalms 73:23 ~BR

Economic woes, layoffs, unemployment, socialism... Doesn't matter. For those who see reality, the future always has great potential. ~BR

Economy? Retirement? Protecting your wealth? Paying the bills? A sparrow does not worry, how much less should you? Matthew 6:25-17 ~BR

Even if you don't actually embrace it, no book comes close to the Bible in remarkableness. Infinitely profound & amazingly simple. ~BR

Ever feel insignificant? Good! You should. You are. But that's only in the world's eyes. God has an entirely different perspective. James 2:5 ~BR

Ever feel like no one knows what you are going through? How hard life is? You'd be wrong. I know who knows. Hebrews 4:15 ~BR

Ever feel spiritually unproductive & ineffective? Maybe you are missing the qualities that need to be growing in your life. 2Peter 1:8 ~BR

Ever get frustrated or sad that people are untrustworthy, even us Christian folks? When God says "yes," guess what He means... 2Corinthians 1:20 ~BR

**Every tongue will confess,
every knee bow to Jesus
Christ. Why not go ahead**



and get a head start now? Romans

14:11 ~BR

Everyone is always asking "what is God's will?" "what am I supposed to do as a Christian?" Here's an easy place to start: Romans 12:13 ~BR

Everyone is in 1 of 2 groups: the blessed & unblessed. The blessed have their sins forgiven. Unforgiven? Nothing else can be a blessing. ~BR

Everyone is looking for gains... Gains in the stock market, gains in their career, gains in lifestyle. Want some real gains? 1Timothy 6:6 ~BR

Everyone is looking for the fountain of youth but it can only be found in one place, or more accurately, found in one Person. John 11.25 ~BR

Everyone wants to lead, be popular, enjoy adulation. Few want to serve & sacrifice. This is a requirement of true leaders though. ~BR

Everything is possible for Believers; Everything? In context, means everything within God's will for you. Do you know His will? Mark 9.23 ~BR

Evil people will not prevail forever though it sure seems like it sometimes. Patience dear friend... All things will be whole in the end. ~BR

Examine today; how much of your life allotment (time, breath) was wasted on things that don't matter?



Be honest; tomorrow you can change it. ~BR

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God but you wouldn't know it today; evidently it comes from gimmicks, fads, the famous, & multimedia. ~BR

Evil politicians getting their way? The jerk at work getting his way? Gossipers getting their way? No worries; be still & patient. Psalms 31.24 ~BR

Feel alone? How? God watches over you when you come, when you go, when you stay, when you leave; He watches always and forever. Psalms 121.7 ~BR

Feel like God is resisting your plans? Not cooperating? Have you considered the usual suspect? It might be... Answer here: James 4:6 ~BR

Feeling down today? Quit thinking about YOU. Choose to help, serve, love, & do something for another. Like magic, the blues disappear. ~BR

Feeling like life isn't what you hoped for? Passed over? Left behind? Good... You're at the end of the line now right where God can use you. ~BR

Folks are concerned about what is happening in the world today & America... For good reason. The righteous have no worries. Proverbs 14:32 ~BR

For those blessed with ability, resources, and opportunity, it is our duty to care about those who AUTHENTICALLY need our help. Proverbs 3.18 ~BR

Forgiveness has many benefits; besides letting go of hurt so it has no power over your life, you also get God's forgiveness. Matthew 6:14 ~BR

Forgiveness is more than just letting someone off the hook. It is the act of taking the pain upon yourself that is due them. Can you? ~BR

Forgiveness is more than not holding it against the other person; it is taking the pain of the offense off their shoulders and on to yours. ~BR

Found God today? We mostly wait for Him to find us but I know a secret formula that is not too secret: how to find God... Jeremiah 29:13 ~BR

Friends; the best of times are empty without them; the worst of times are more bearable because of them. Do you work hard at being a friend? ~BR

Friendship and mentoring require great discernment and wisdom. We are honest even when it hurts, but painfully careful to avoid hurting. ~BR

Friendship is a delicate balance: you must be close enough to be honest even when it hurts but love enough to withhold criticism most times. ~BR

Go outside. Look up. Did you see the work of God's hand proclaimed? No? Maybe you need some spiritual eye surgery. Psalms 19.1 ~BR

Go outside. Look up. When's the last time you scanned the sky hoping to see Jesus on the horizon coming back for you? ~BR

God gives every human the GIFT OF LIFE. Jesus offers the GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE. Each day we choose to accept from God the GIFT OF LIVING. ~BR

God has a special compassion for the brokenhearted and crushed; if you find yourself at the bottom today, the Lord is near. Psalms 34:18 ~BR

God is compassionate above all; He responds when we sincerely cry out for help. He does not delay. When He hears, He answers. Isaiah 30:19 ~BR

God is good even when we aren't. God is good even when life isn't. God is good and our best doesn't even compare. God is good. ~BR

God is never slow about keeping promises; not HIS definition of slow, but by ours sometimes, yes. I'll stick with God's version. 2Peter 3:9 ~BR

God is not mocked, we reap what we sow. Often this is in the form of discipline from God. Why? His love for us demands it. Proverbs 3:12 ~BR

God is working in you. We fight Him a lot by trying to work our own thing while He is trying to work His will & His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13 ~BR

God knows what you're going through. He knows what's happening. Trust His timing, trust His plan. He knows what He is doing. Psalms 145:15 ~BR

God never allows TOO MUCH in our life: hard times but not hopelessness; put down and persecuted but never abandoned; hurt but not destroyed. ~BR

God will supply every need you have ACCORDING TO riches in Christ, and that's the trick. What are our needs according to Christ? Philippians 4:19 ~BR

God's Truth is intolerant - there can only be 1 Truth - but is truth in love. The world's truth is tolerant but full of envy, jealousy, & hate. ~BR



Good economy, bad economy; market up or down; recession, boom; bull, bear... Doesn't matter. We all depend on the same Person. Proverbs 22:2 ~BR

Guard your heart... Everything in your life originates in your heart (the mind). Garbage in, garbage out. Truth in, truth out. Proverbs 4:23 ~BR

Hanging on to the past? Think you can't have victory over recurring sin? Past guilt dragging you down? Doesn't have to. 2Corinthians 5:17 ~BR

Have you ever done any PURE and FAULTLESS Christianity? Do you know what it is? If not, you should give it try. James 1:27 ~BR

Have you ever known someone you just can't wait to be around; you ALWAYS feel good being around them? How come we aren't all that way? ~BR

Have you prepared your mind today? Have you set your hope? Do you long



for fully revealed grace? Are you self controlled?

1Peter 1.13 ~BR

Have you reasoned with anyone lately? How about reasoning concerning salvation? Did you tell them their sins are like scarlet? Isaiah 1.18 ~BR

Having a tough day? Remember that nothing can touch you that God has not allowed and planned. Discover His purpose... Romans 8:38-39 ~BR

Hebrews 11:1 is not a DEFINITION of "faith" as many teach. It's a manifestation of true faith: hope & CERTAINTY of what we cannot now see. ~BR

Honest criticism should be embraced & considered. Unjust, petty criticism should be ignored & is never an indicator of accuracy & Truth. ~BR

Honesty traded for a couple bucks in wrong change at the convenience store. Blessing or theft? How much is your honesty worth? Luke 16:10 ~BR

How about some mercy, peace, and love? How about some in abundance? Yeah, me too. Only God offers such a thing, but on His terms. Jude 1.2 ~BR

How are your expectations of your friends? Do you expect too much and then feel failed when they are not met? Cut people some slack... ~BR

How can we be content and at peace when we face leaders and authority that oppose God? The key is to realize God's sovereignty. Romans 13:1 ~BR

How do you live a pure life? Obedience. Obedience is the key to many things like assurance and growth. Simple but powerful. 1Peter 1:22 ~BR

How do you use your gifts? Graciously and freely? Or with grumbling and grudgingly? We should use our gifts to serve others. 1Peter 4:9 ~BR

How do you view the truly poor? Not the welfare-I-don't-want-to-work poor, but the genuinely poor? It matters what you think. Proverbs 17:5 ~BR

How foolish to think ease and security are to be more highly sought after than sweat and risk. The former bring slavery, the latter freedom. ~BR

How have you treated your enemies lately? Fed them? Drinks? Heaped any burning coals on their head? No not the revenge kind... Proverbs 25:21 ~BR

How is true love measured? Not words. Not intentions. Not show. Not rhetoric. Not even emotion. SACRIFICE is the true measure. 1John 3:16 ~BR

How many times a day (or ever?) do you think "Lord, let the thoughts in my head, & the words from my mouth be pleasing to you"? Psalms 19:14 ~BR

How simple, how impossible; how perfect, how neglected; it is the answer but we don't listen. Live today like it is your only day left. ~BR

How well lit is your path today? Is it like the sunbeams of dawn, shining brighter as the day goes by? Proverbs 4:18 ~BR

How you feeling today? Your body may fail and emotions may sink. Your motivation may dwindle. But your strength never has to fail. Psalms 73:26 ~BR

Human nature looks for loopholes in high standards. Christians often want minimum compliance, maximum loopholes to satisfy our flesh. ~BR



Humility, gentleness, patience, love; these are the traits of those walking worthy of the Christian faith. Are you walking worthy? Ephesians 4.1 ~BR

Humility. The only known kind these days seems to be a false, self-serving version. However, God has another opinion about it. Psalms 149:4 ~BR

I find it humorous when frail humans shake their prideful fist at God and demand to know why or question Him. His ways are... Isaiah 55 ~BR

I found the secret to the everlasting love we crave. It comes to certain people who meet a specific condition. Check it out: Psalms 103:17 ~BR

I hear from people every day in awful and heartbreaking circumstances. We have a God who can restore our joy and uphold us. Psalms 51.12 ~BR

I just held a 4-hr-old baby. Is there anything more precious or refreshing than to see the face of someone unaware of betrayal or evil? ~BR

I love life and want to see good days. How about you? Is there a way to do that? The Bible says there is: 1Peter 3.10-11 ~BR

I often hear people complain that God doesn't care about them. God is a Person. He wants a relationship, not to be your genie. Nahum 1:7 ~BR

I thought slavery was abolished & yet today the majority of Americans are absolutely chained; are you a slave? What makes a slave? Proverbs 2:7 ~BR

If making money is only about making money, it's not worth the money. Money is a vehicle by which we honor God, & bless & care for others. ~BR

If you love Jesus you obey Him, period. Obedience is the single authentic indicator of a true saving faith in a Christian's life. John 14.23 ~BR

If you want to reach a goal, you have to do what it takes. No shortcuts, no tricks, no gimmicks... It's a universal truth. 1Corinthians 9:24-25 ~BR

I'm always amazed when I have the presence of mind to remember Jesus' promise: He is present whenever I am with other Christians. Matthew 18:20 ~BR

I'm amazed (sort of) at how utterly OPPOSITE the messages of today are from the Bible. Hear anyone teaching 1Thessalonians 4:11-12 recently?
~BR

I'm amazed when I hear "I don't feel in love anymore." Since when are feelings



trustworthy or the standard by which commitment is measured? ~BR

In a world increasingly hostile to the pure & exclusive Truth of the Gospel, you can rest assured God's grace continues to spread. Colossians 1.6 ~BR

In principle, the wicked are pursued by misfortune even if they have temporary success; prosperity pursues the righteous. Proverbs 13.21 ~BR

In Western culture it is very hard to even understand God's commands about money. We pass over them easily & pretend to comply. He 13.5 ~BR

Irony of life: when we are finally old enough to realize what really matters, time passes by so fast we wonder if we can make a difference. ~BR



Is God a genie? What does "ask whatever you wish" mean? In context, it means asking for God's known and revealed will to be done. John 15:7 ~BR

Is life dark? Your lamp dim? Feeling like your life-fire is a flickering ember? Tough times? Discouragement? Look here: Psalm 18:28 ~BR

Is there anything that rips the hearts of adults or children like divorce? If you're considering it, I have three words for you: not worth it. ~BR

Is your life dark today? Shine the True Light on it.. John 1:5 ~BR

Isn't it amazing, & sad, that our Creator sent LIGHT into our world, and still most of the world chooses pitch-black hopelessness. John 3.19 ~BR

It is prudent to plan ahead but not to depend on those plans. Concentrate on TODAY with a vision for tomorrow. James 4:13-15 ~BR

It would be nice if LIFE was like the school year: getting to take summers off, but we get a year-round schedule to live, love, and learn. ~BR

It's hard to ignore haters & critics but you must discipline yourself to do it. Even curiosity - what are they saying? - fuels the fire. ~BR

It's nice to be on God's side. No matter what we face, no matter the odds, we know that God fights for us and we must not fear. Deuteronomy 3.22 ~BR

Jesus gave us the answer to everything. We just have to learn how to work it into every circumstance. Do you know that answer? Mark 11:22 ~BR

Jesus looked beyond a person they are TODAY to what He knew they could be tomorrow: tax collector to Apostle. What does Jesus see in you? ~BR

Jesus made Himself NOTHING for us; how hard is it for you to make yourself NOTHING for other people in order to serve them? Philippians 2.5-8 ~BR

Jesus' own words, so call Him intolerant and judgmental if you want: hear ME, believe in ME, believe God, receive eternal life. John 5.24 ~BR

Lack self-control? We all do in some area in some degree. It's like an unguarded home. Self-control protects us from sin. Proverbs 25.28 ~BR

Let the peace of Christ RULE in your heart; RULE, not hang around or visit occasionally. RULE, not beg for an audience. RULE. Colossians 3.15 ~BR



Life & light... The hope & joy that comes with feeling alive and on the right path. You can find life and light in one place: John 1.4 ~BR

Life can be brutal; but even if your heart stops & your knees buckle, your spirit doesn't have to give up. There is strength. Psalms 73:26 ~BR

Life is OUR responsibility. We can waste it, hate it, or bemoan it. Or, we can embrace it, be thankful for it, and live it. YOUR choice... ~BR

Life is tiring isn't it? Help someone and they take advantage. Treat someone nice and get stabbed in the back. Don't give up. Gal 6:9 ~BR

Lifestyle built on debt: man pretends to be rich but has less than nothing. A modest lifestyle within your means is true wealth. Proverbs 13:7 ~BR

Live life during the day in such manner that you do not lay up at night unable to sleep due to regret, waste, anger, or loss of opportunity. ~BR

Looking for a pardon today? Pardon from sin, pardon from failure, pardon from weakness. It's available but there's a condition. Isaiah 55:7 ~BR

Looking for perfect peace and confidence. I know a Man who told us many things so that we can have just that. John 16:33 ~BR

Love is a CHOICE; CHOOSE to love your spouse today despite feelings; CHOOSE to love your kids; CHOOSE to love your co-workers... ~BR

Loved any enemies today? Prayed for anyone who has persecuted you? Yesterday? This year? Ever? How come? Don't have any enemies? Matthew 5.44 ~BR

Many people get the best of others simply because it is within their power to do so. Taking advantage of someone weaker is wrong. Proverbs 22.22 ~BR

Many people reading this today feel brokenhearted. I know a Doctor who does heart surgery without even cutting you open. Psalms 147:3 ~BR

Many say belief in God is a crutch, a helpless weakling's way of handling life. Guilty guilty guilty. Rescue me God in my helplessness. ~BR

Modern culture would have us believe love is something you casually fall in and out of based on feelings. Wrong. It's choice and commitment. ~BR

Money is a means to live & do God's will; that is why we are to be CONTENT with what we have now. If we need more, God will provide. ~BR

Most people base happiness on circumstances, not choice of will; they will always CHASE happiness instead of experience it. ~BR

Most people live just reacting to what life throws at them. Could you define your purpose, passion, & reason for getting out of bed tomorrow? ~BR

Much of modern Christianity has made Christ part of being "successful." In reality, our utter helplessness is needed to embrace Him. ~BR

Need a friend who agrees with you all time, moves when you move, jumps when you jump? Shine a light behind you on to a wall... There he is. ~BR



Need some marching orders? Need things simple? Watch... Stand fast... Be faithful, be brave, be strong. Any questions? I Corinthians 16.13 ~BR

Never fall. Never fail (by God's standard). Not a care in the world. Want to know how? Want to know Who? Psalms 55:22 ~BR

Nietzsche couldn't believe in a God that wanted praise all the time. Do you know why He wants it? Why He deserves it? Why it benefits us? ~BR

Nietzsche said he couldn't believe in a God who wants to be praised all the time. I don't want to serve a Creator who isn't worthy of it. ~BR

No Fear!!! What a STUPID (and untrue) bumper sticker. Proper fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and the foundation of humility. ~BR

No matter what a person says, show me their calendar & checkbook, & I'll tell you the state of their spiritual life. Examined yours lately? ~BR

No matter what happens, what tragedy, what calamity, what valley, the righteous always have a place of refuge. The wicked do not. Proverbs 14:32 ~BR

**No place for gripers & complainers.
NONE. Doesn't matter your**



circumstance. Take joy, be content. All to God's glory, He is Lord always. ~BR

O' to recapture the true meaning of love: choice and sacrifice. Our culture has lowered it to a dependence on fleeting feelings and impulse. ~BR

Our bodies fail, our hearts fail, our minds fail, our best efforts & intentions fail. Doesn't matter. FOREVER is a "God" word. Psalms 73:26 ~NR ~BR

Our flesh fears man & evil for good reason; but no man can EVER take our salvation... So fear has no place in the eternal perspective. ~BR

Our world, our country, is FULL of bad news nowadays. The world is turning upside down; there is a way to never lose heart. Psalms 112.7-8 ~BR

Out of the heart (mind) proceeds all actions and words. Do you protect it? Or allow the sewage of impurity and worldliness in? Proverbs 4.23 ~BR

Overcome, overcome, overcome... A single word that can define the daily Christian life. Overcome the world, your flesh, evil. Romans 12.21 ~BR

Peace... Everyone is searching for it but there is only one TRUE source of lasting peace for troubled and fearful hearts. John 14.27 ~BR

People are worried about the government, worried about terrorism, worried about gangs. Is there really a reason to worry? Hebrews 13:6 ~BR

People don't keep promises today. God keeps His for one thousand generations. I think I'll put my trust in Him instead of man. Deuteronomy 7.9 ~BR

Perseverance is not promoted in our culture like talent & charisma but it is the attribute that transforms "mundane" into "glory." ~BR

Possessions are gifts from God for our joy. We are to neither minimize them as anything less or elevate them to something more. Ecclesiastes 5:19 ~BR

Praise effort or superficial results? I'm not talking psychobabble self esteem; REAL effort. Culture rewards pseudo-success, not sweat. ~BR

Prepared for Godly action today? Self-controlled? Where is your HOPE? Have you thought about the great gift that awaits you? 1pet 1:13 ~BR

Recession. Plenty. Layoff. Promotion. Feast. Beans & rice. Good times. Hard times. Do you have perpetual contentment? Why? Philippians 4:12 ~BR

Remember, even those who hate you are persons with fears, losses, needs, & hopefully still full of joyful potential. Bless, don't curse. ~BR

Reply to my kids: "we all die." My 10-yr-old said "I'm too young to die." I asked, "how old do you have to be?" She paused & said "27". ~BR

Seems like this world never ceases to change. Uncertainty is the only certainty. I know the One that changes all that. Do you? Psalms 136:1 ~BR

Self pity is the most destructive & deceptive of all emotions; if you feel sorry for yourself, no matter what the circumstance, STOP. ~BR

Share in the suffering of the Gospel? Really? Isn't that pretty much opposite of preaching we hear today about the "good life"? 2Timothy 1.8 ~BR

Sin always leads to death; sometimes it's SLOW coming, but it always comes. There is only way one to have victory over it.... 1Corinthians 15.56-57 ~BR

Sometimes we need a clean slate, a fresh start, a new beginning. God can clean



your heart & give a "right" spirit if you ask. Psalms 51.10 ~BR

Stumble today? Trip over sin? Feet tangled in a bad habit; yes, THAT bad habit. God won't let you fall. Try again tomorrow. Psalms 37:24 ~BR

Suffering gets a bad rap today understandably from the world, but oddly from Christians too despite clear Biblical principles. 1Peter 4:16 ~BR

Social media brings many "friends" but is that good? Can you really have hundreds or thousands of friends? What's a real friend? Proverbs 18.24 ~BR

Take comfort in this: God is NOT a man who will lie & betray you. He keeps his promises and can be trusted to follow through. 1Samuel 15:29 ~BR

The best part of waking up, is the Bible in your cup; mind over mattress; no Bible, no breakfast; the early bird gets the blessing. ~BR

The Christian life is the worst of occupations but best of all lifestyles. It is miserable if legalistic but delightful if a relationship. ~BR



The condemned are everywhere. The walking dead encompass you daily. Do you see them? Does it bother you? Do you love them? John 3:18 ~BR

The crown of life comes to all who persevere and love God; stand the test and hear the words "good and faithful servant." James 1:12 ~BR

The day may be cold, bleak, & sunless outside but the Christian's heart CAN be warm, joyful, and glorious on the inside. Is yours? Why not? ~BR

The financial writing is "on the wall" for America. Lifestyle decline is inevitable. How many of you believe "it can't happen to us"? ~BR

The giver gains more no matter how much they give; the selfish or worried hold tight to all they have & still look down to find it gone. ~BR

The Law reveals sin. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, in other words He came to give us a way to live up to the Law's demands. Matthew 5.17 ~BR

The lazy & undisciplined have endless cravings but get only what they take from others. The disciplined work hard to fulfill their desires. ~BR

The more "MAN" takes center stage & gives a boot to anything transcendent, eternal, or absolute, the less meaning & hope humanity exudes. ~BR

The shadow of death... Ever been there? Fun. However, God's Word is true that we can face it with NO FEAR and be comforted. Psalms 23.4 ~BR

The trick is not to look back and consider certain moments as milestones or important, but to be aware that any given moment can be one. ~BR

The Word became flesh. Have you stopped to think about that? The eternal Jesus, one with God, became a man. How astonishing. John 1.14 ~BR

The world is a scary place. God can give you a feeling of security, can remove fear from your life, and give you victory daily. Psalms 112.8 ~BR

The world is dangerous & git'n dangerouser (I'm a writer; I make up words). God enables us to do His will without fear of the world. Luke 1:74 ~BR

The world is full of "success" definitions; there really is only 1:



does God approve of your life & how you have spent the time He gave? ~BR

The world pumps self esteem & positive self elevation. How opposite of the Godly man who knows they are NOTHING apart from God. Gal 6:3 ~BR

The world today puts so much worth on wealth; wealth is amoral, neither right or wrong. What matters is what we do with it & how we get it. Proverbs 28.6 ~BR

There are certain verses that are just so inspiring. Here is one of my favorites. Deut 7:9 ~BR

There are many lonely & isolated souls in every big church crowd. Been there. LOOK for one today & be friendly to them. You'll change their world. ~BR

There are things the Lord really HATES... Divorce, lies, and planning evil against people. When God HATES, it's serious business... Zech 8.17 ~BR

There is no need to envy what your neighbor has. It is meaningless, and a waste of time. Be content with God's provision today. Ecclesiastes 4.4 ~BR

There is no need to fear life. God does not give us a spirit of fear but one of security and love where we can call God "Father." Romans 8.15 ~BR

There is NO need to fear, ever. Don't be discouraged either. You have all the help and strength you could ever need. Isaiah 41.10 ~BR



There's a big difference between love and trust. I can love you despite not trusting you. Love dictates my choices but trust is earned. ~BR

There's a lot of reasons to feel downtrodden & anxious. A LOT OF REASONS. However, God gives us three cures for it: faith, hope, & love. ~BR

There's nothing like the likeminded comfort of fellow Believers. This is a real part of what regular fellowship ("church") is all about. ~BR

THINK you are wise apart from God? There is more hope for a blathering fool than you. Someone should tell Congress & Hollywood. Proverbs 26:12 ~BR

This is not a very peaceful world and it is becoming less peaceful all the time. Why? Because the Prince of Peace is ignored. John 16:33 ~BR

Troubled times for you? Looking for someone to care? The Lord is a refuge & will care for you BUT... There is a condition. Hmmm. Nah 1:7 ~BR

True friends don't always feel like good friends because they are the ones who will be honest with you. Learn to treasure them... ~BR

Trying to figure out which way to go? What to do? Forget your own understanding, lean on God's wisdom and direction. Proverbs 3:5-6 ~BR

Unlike the world, which teaches us to elevate & praise ourselves, the Bible is truthful about our real tendency towards pride. Proverbs 26:12 ~BR

Wandering through life today not sure which way to head? Maybe you're asking the wrong person. Proverbs 3:5-6 ~BR

Want a guarantee that never expires or has fine print? Want the most powerful signature in the universe to vouch for eternity? 2Corinthians 1:21 ~BR

Want peace? Jesus told you what you need to know to have peace. How do I know? He said He did. Check it out... John 16:33 ~BR

Want to be honored? Want to be admired? Want to be exalted? Want to be esteemed? Guess



what it takes... And what it doesn't. Proverbs 18:12 ~BR

Want to be surrounded by lovingkindness? I'll let you in on a little secret... You'll find it in Psalms 32:10 ~BR

Want to walk the right path today? Trust ___, don't trust ___; in all things ___ & do it will all your ___. Answer key: Proverbs 3:5 ~BR

We are promised no tomorrow, so live like it. There most likely WILL be a tomorrow, so plan for it. Live, love, learn - today and tomorrow. ~BR



We believe it is the destiny of all -ME- to have ease, plenty, & good fortune. If we all had that, wouldn't the definition of those change? ~BR

Want restoration? Confirmation? Strengthening? Establishing? Eternal glory? There's a bit of a price to pay first. What is it? 1Peter 5.10 ~BR

We don't hear much today about being serious and alert. We just hear about having fun and being carefree. There is a reason. 1Peter 5.8 ~BR

We get a lot of "guarantees" today & have little trust they will be kept. But there is one guarantee that will ALWAYS be kept. 2Corinthians 1.21 ~BR

We give too much attention to things that are not fair or equitable. When this wisp of time passes, all will be made right. Psalms 31:23 ~BR

We have to trust that evil will end someday lest we be tempted to join evil. It WILL end, forever, & righteousness will reign. Psalms 125.3 ~BR

We haven't seen God yet, personally, but we have been saved by the One who has the closest relationship to Him & makes Him known. John 1.18 ~BR

We hear "don't judge" relentlessly; Bible says "don't judge in a way that will bring judgment." We all make judgments constantly. Mat 7.1 ~BR

We hear a lot of gimmicks and shortcuts for making money. I can tell you one sure-fire way of NEVER making any real money. Proverbs 10.4 ~BR

We hear about and see a lot of disasters and tragedy. As Christians we need not live in fear of these as the Lord is with us. Proverbs 3.25 ~BR

We live in an increasingly evil world. You CAN overcome it. There is a certain way to do it. Do you know what it is? Romans 12.21 ~BR

We often act as if we are controlled by sin, in reality we are giving in to it. We are NOT controlled by sin, but by the Spirit. Romans 8.9 ~BR

We often lament how times are "tough" because we want so much MORE than food, clothing, and shelter. Have you practiced any Romans 12:13? ~BR

We serve a unique God; there is none as holy, there is none to compare, there is none so steadfast. What more could you want? 1Sam 2.2 ~BR

We strive so diligently to avoid tough times... If only life were pleasant & easy all the time. Gold is only refined in fire. Tough time refine us. ~BR

Wealth & status envy are primary tools used today by both politicians and consumerism. Don't fall for it. Be content. Proverbs 14:31 ~BR

What are you anxious about today? Each day has its share of concerns and needs. Did you know that the Lord cares about them? 1Peter 5.7 ~BR

What do you fear today? Who do you fear today? I have only one question: why? The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? ~BR



What do you store up in your heart? TV? Anger? Gossip? Greed? Discontent? I know something much better that leads to life. Psalms 119.11 ~BR

What does it take to be a GOOD Christian? It's not a certain level of Godliness, but a GROWING level, and a desire to be like Christ. ~BR

What if we were to live as if no has ever betrayed us, ever hurt us, ever left us, ever lied to us? What would that look like? Heaven? ~BR

What is courage? Yes, acts of bravery, facing incredible difficulty. Remember, it's also the decision to wake up & try harder tomorrow. ~BR

What is focus in life? Be honest; will "it" comfort you on your deathbed? Will it follow you into eternity? If no, is "it" worth your life? ~BR

What kind of spirit do you have today? You weren't given the world's spirit but we sure do look like we have it a lot, don't we? 1Corinthians 1.12 ~BR

When it is within your power to be generous or good, you should NEVER skip the opportunity. What comes around, goes around. Proverbs 26.12 ~BR

When it's all said and done, what really matters to both individuals or nations? Material success? Power? Or character and self-sacrifice? ~BR

When was the last time you sought the counsel & wisdom of the gray-haired? Our society robs itself of vast treasures of wisdom. Job 12.12 ~BR

When you wake up in the morning, think of what really matters and make sure you invest your day in that. Live life on purpose, not reacting. ~BR



Whenever we pass up opportunities to be kind, to help, to do good when good is doable, it's as if we are unkind to God Himself. Matthew 25:45 ~BR

Where is your heart set? Above on the things of Christ? Or here below on the cares and pleasures of this world?

Colossians 3.1 ~BR

Which is better? Mistrust and never being let down or lied to? Or trusting & occasionally being betrayed or disappointed? I'll take trust... ~BR

Who is the thief? Satan? Pride? Sin? The world? All the lies that lead you away from God? I'd rather have fullness of life. John 10.10 ~BR

Words from a wise, mature mentor aren't always comfortable. Sometimes they poke us and jab us to go in the right direction. Ecclesiastes 12:11 ~BR

Would you waste 50% of your money today on something useless? No? But you'll waste hours of your time on TV or web, which is forever lost? ~BR



Wow... Let's live today as God's own, a holy people, showing all the excellent ways of Christ who brought us from darkness to light. 1Peter 2:9 ~BR

You are who you hang out with, right? Jesus spit in the eye of that truth didn't he? How about you? Ever uncomfortable for Jesus' sake? ~BR

You can't be passive with certain things; you must actively put out anger, bitterness, evil words, & confusion from your life. Ephesians 4,31 ~BR

You can't hide the real you. You might fool folks, even yourself for a time; ultimately who you are shines through, good or bad. Proverbs 20:11 ~BR

You don't have a clue what you REALLY will be. This life is a staging area, a fraction of a blink in time. Eternity is waiting. Ready? ~BR

You know that sin you committed yesterday? Doesn't feel far away does it? I know how to put infinite space between you & it. Psalms 103:12 ~BR

You know what is better than power? Better than fame? Better than wealth? Being slow to anger, compassionate, and disciplined. Proverbs 16:32 ~BR

You reap what you plant. Look at your life... What did you plant yesterday, last month, last year? What kind of harvest today? Gal 5.22 ~BR

You serve a God who BLOTS OUT your sins. He doesn't just cover them, He REMOVES them and remembers them no more, for HIS sake. Isaiah 43.25
~BR



You were chosen. Ever thought hard about that? Jesus chose YOU, you did not choose Him. He chose you so you might tell the world. John 15:16 ~BR

You'd think everyone wants fame and fortune but what would really make you happy? I suggest friends, a purpose in life, and someone to love. ~BR

Your body will quit. Your heart will stop, eyes go blind, ears stop up. No worries... God is your source of life through it all. Psalms 73:26 ~BR

Your brothers are hopefully your friends. A Brother is part of your eternal family, so better to go ahead & start being friends anyway. ~BR

Your critics don't live your life. They won't answer for your life. Critics leave a legacy of criticism. Don't worry about your critics. ~BR

You've been raised correctly, right? No, not that kind of "raised," the spiritual kind: raised with Christ. Set your eyes above. Colossians 3.1 ~BR



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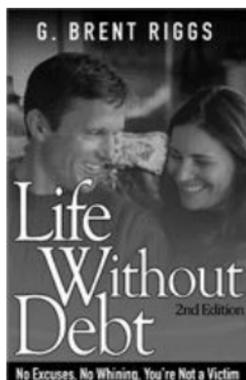
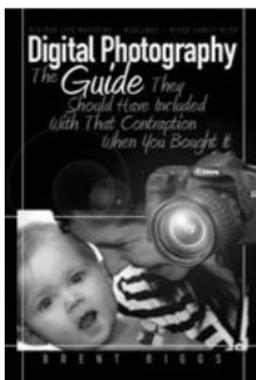
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