

Since Spring is here and it is getting time to plant, I thought we could all be reminded of how we daily plant and sow all times of the year. What are you sowing as you go about your daily life? Both of these will really make you think..... Thanks girls for sharing with us.

Shop in Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.

One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,

And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere. And one angel said, "My child shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some *patience*, *love* was in the same row.

Further down was *understanding*, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of *wisdom*, a bag or two of *faith*.

I just couldn't miss the *Holy Ghost* for He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some *strength* and *courage* to help me run the race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some *grace*.

I didn't forget *salvation*, for *salvation* that was free, so, I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill.

For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw *prayer* and just had to put that in. For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and *joy* were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

Song and *praises* were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then, I said now how much do I owe?

He just smiled and said, Just take them everywhere you go.

How much do I really owe?

He smiled and said,

"My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago".

by Lorine Woody - shared with us by Anne Chandler.

How To Plant Your Garden

First, you Come to the garden alone,

while the dew is still on the roses.

And you Talk with God and Walk with GodYou and JESUS connect the hoses!!

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS :

1. Peace of mind

2. Peace of heart

3. Peace of soul

PLANT THREE ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip

2. Squash indifference

3. Squash grumbling

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful

2. Lettuce be kind

3. Lettuce be patient

4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings

2. Turnip for service

3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for God

2. Thyme for each other

3. Thyme for family

4. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE You can Give without LOVING But YOU Cannot LOVE WITHOUT GIVING!!! SMILE AND APPRECIATE WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH!!

Originally presented by Donna Ernest but thought a repeat would be good for us to think about.

The Next Chief Executive Office.....

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over his business. Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together. He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you. "The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. " I am going to give each one of you a Seed today—one very special Seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the other, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Everyday, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by — still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however, he just kept watering and fertilizing the soil—he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the varied of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful—in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees and flower you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!" All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front, Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!" When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed, Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim.

He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "This is your next Chief Executive Officer! His name is Jim!" Jim couldn't believe it, Jim couldn't even grow his seed. "How could he be the new CEO?" the others said.

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead—it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flower. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be new Chief Executive Officer!"

- If you plant honesty, you will reap trust
- If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
- If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
- If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment
- If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective
- If you plant hard work, you will reap success
- If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

Prayer of Consecration

I consecrate my life, dear Father,
Anew to Thee today.
Give me strength, and understanding
To live in Thine own way.
Please forgive where I have failed thee,
Keep me, Father from all wrong.
Send Thy Spirit, Lord, to guide me
Like Thee may I be strong.
I give thanks to Thee, dear Father,
The chance for a new start;
For thy tender loving mercies,
The cleansing of my heart.
I'm thankful for Thy son, Jesus,
Who died on Calvary's tree,
That I may have eternal life
A sinner, Lord, like me.

Mavis Jones Woodall—presented for use by Pat Gill
four years ago but thought it good to use again.

BIBLE PUZZLE - There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from the answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this puzzle. The Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless You and Happy Hunting. (I did the font big enough so we can all try to do this. Let me know if you find all 30, I will be searching for them too. Have fun, Brenda)

Courtesy

Are you courteous? That's the question,
If not you'd better make a confession.
Be kind, be mannerly, loyal, and true.
And a great reward will be given to you.

How are your manners when you are in public?
You should think a great deal on this subject.
Don't do as others would do unto you,
But do as others would have you to do.

Are you honest in all that I ask?
In your work, play and several tasks,
Be true to all, my dear friend,
And you will receive the prize in the end.

Some are unkind and selfish too,
They care just for themselves and not for you.
CHRIST our dear Saviour came down from above,
To be an example in kindness and love.

Let us better ourselves day by day,
And form the best habits along the way,
What a brighter and happier world this would be,
If we all had a little more courtesy.

By Verla Marie Greenawalt - Gill

We had this given to us for the Memorial in May of 2013 after Verla had died December 26, 2012..... Such sweet memories Of her playing the marimba, the organ, and being happy.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.

Mark 6:31

After my husband underwent heart surgery, I spent an anxious night by his hospital bed. Mid-morning, I remembered a scheduled haircut. "I'll have to cancel," I said, raking my fingers distractedly through my straggly hair. "Mom, just wash your face and go to your appointment," my daughter said. Sometimes self-care means allowing others to help carry our burdens.

"No, no," I insisted. "It doesn't matter. I need to be *here*." "I'll stay," Rosie said. "Self-care, Mom. . . .Self-care. You're of more use to Dad if you take care of yourself."

Moses was wearing himself out serving alone as judge over the Israelites. Jethro cautioned his son-in-law Moses: "You will only wear [yourself] out. The work is too heavy . . . you cannot handle it alone" (Ex. 18:18). He then explained ways that Moses could delegate his work and share his heavy load with others.

Though it may seem paradoxical for the Christian, self-care is essential for a healthy life (Matt. 22:37-39; Eph. 5:29-30). Yes, we must love God first and love others as well, but we also need to get adequate rest to renew our body and spirit. Sometimes self-care means stepping away and graciously allowing others to help us with our burdens.

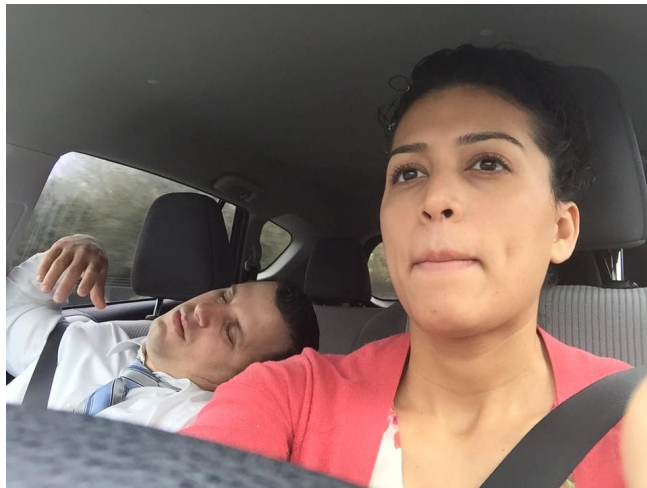
Jesus often slipped away to rest and pray (Mark 6:30-32). When we follow His example, we will be more effective in our relationships and better able to give care to others.

Dear Lord, refresh my spirit today. Help me to bring balance to my life as I juggle my responsibilities.

Thank You for Your love and care.

Don't try to do everything—take time to refresh your body and spirit.

I can't believe I picked out this article to put on the Pastors page from Our Daily Bread on March 13. Then a couple days later I saw where Elizabeth had posted this picture on Face book of the Pastor. Couldn't resist, I hope they don't want to shoot me for sharing it, LOL. Until next month when hopefully the Pastor does have time to share, Brenda if I am still his clerk and communicator LOL....



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So who is this quarter? The King's Herald, The Faith for Today, The Statler Brothers, The Oakridge Boy's. No, these are four of our church members, can you identify them. Yes, this was years ago.

April Birthdays

1 - Dot Houston

4 - Hannah Boggus

12 - C.J. Newell & Ava Abbott

22 - Charlotte Powers

30 - Kathy Lide

Happy Birthday to each of you that has a birthday.

April 7 -

Terry & Kay Cheser

Calendar of Events

Weekly: Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM - prayer meeting will be from 6 to 6:30 and then "It is Written Bible Studies" until 7:30.

Jail Ministry: Sundays 6:30pm at the Clanton Jail

Monthly: Each Sabbath after Fellowship meal:

Sabbath School Visitation: 1st Sabbath

Health Seminars: 2nd & 3rd Sabbaths

Nursing Home Visitation: 4th Sabbaths

Tentative Speaker Schedule:

April 2 - Martin Fancher, April 9 - Gary Linkous, April 16 - James Mangum, April 23 & 30 - Pastor Rodriguez,

For those of you that are getting the Newsletter each month via US Mail and also have access to the internet/email, let me know if I can stop sending you the printed copy.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten – donations are always welcomed to the Worthy Student. As of this moment we are making plans to continue the Kindergarten next year.... We have some remodeling to do to the area and a safety plan and study to complete, then Stan Hobbs Education Director says we can have a 2016-17 School year.

Olan Suddeth will be working on taking pictures for our **Church Directory** that we should be able to access online with a password. Those that need to have a printed copy, we are hoping to be able to do that also. So SMILE when Olan comes to take your family picture...

Hi Brenda,

I'm glad to hear from you! The Lord has been good to me! I'm thankful how He has provided in my life and how He continues to lead. As of now, I do not know where I will be next.

The Lord has opened the door for me to build a website and to organize my 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Corporation. There is much work to be done in preparing all the legal paperwork as well as filling out all the applications. I hope to be done in 2 weeks time.

As for the newsletter, I want to share with the Clanton Church a short Bible Study of the old testament Hebrew Sanctuary. I plan to use this short study to reach others for Christ. It will be listed on the Website as well as future business cards.

3 Steps to Victory in the Biblical Sanctuary

1. The **COURTYARD** is where, without our efforts, God justifies us by the blood of Jesus Christ. We accept and partake in Jesus' death by faith, praising God daily for what He has done for us on the cross through Jesus Christ. Romans 5:9-11

2. The **HOLY PLACE** is where we are sanctified, where He **BUILDS and RESTORES** us through His life as we receive Him in us daily. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we receive the mind of Christ daily and allow Him to work in us and through us. Philippians 2:5

3. The **MOST HOLY PLACE** is where God is glorified as He works through us to reflect His likeness and love to lead others to His saving grace that all may come to salvation. Ephesians 5:27, Romans 15:6, John 3:33, Philippians 4:13

Say hello to everyone from me. Thinking of you all at Clanton.

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This makes a person do some thinking. There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boy friend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I will marry you." One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend. He asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him. Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: "Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine." This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations. How would we react is the question??

Life is a Gift—Today before you say an unkind word—Think of someone who can't speak. Before you complain about the taste of your food—Think of someone who has nothing to eat. Before you complain about your husband or wife—Think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion. Today before you complain about life—Think of someone who too early died. Before you complain about your children—Think of someone who desires children but they're barren. Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep—Think of the people who are living in the streets. Before whining about the distance you drive— Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet. And when you are tired and complain about your job—Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job. But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another—Remember that not one of us is without sin. And when depressing thought seem to get you down—Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around. Thank God every day for giving you another day to be blessed and to love others more. This should be our goal each day.

Websites that Bill Weise has set up for everyone & would like special prayer about the responses from these sites.

www.stepsupward.org www.eqwhiteclassicquotes.org <http://www.grandmastidbits.org>

We have a website!! <http://clantonsda.org/>, Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under News to find this publication on line each month. Also a Face Book page has been set up for the Clanton Sda church, log on and find information posted there regularly. Thanks for communicating and sharing what you want to put in the Newsletter each month. Don't forget it is YOUR/OUR newsletter... Work on a Spotlight so we can all get to know each other better.

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