

OPINIONS

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Scripture of the Week

Psalm 34:6 KJV This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.



By Sherry Brown

#1 ~A Very Special Bank Account

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you

have. Each day, the account starts fresh.

Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

#2~ Shake off Your Problems

A man's favorite donkey falls into a deep precipice. He can't pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive.

Soil is poured onto the

donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured.

It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures.

After much shaking off (of problems) And stepping up (learning from them), One will graze in GREEN PASTURES.

** Inspirational Quotes**

1. "Friendship ... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." – Muhammad Ali

2. "No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it." – Andrew Carnegie

3. "Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential." – Winston Churchill

4. "If you can dream it,

you can do it." – Walt Disney

5. "Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think." – Benjamin Disraeli

6. "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." – Thomas Edison

7. "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." – Albert Einstein

8. "Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference." – Claire Fagan

9. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank

10. "Survival can be summed up in three words: Never give up. That's the heart of it really. Just keep trying." – Bear Grylls

11. "Mathematics knows no races or geographic

boundaries; for mathematics, the cultural world is one country." – David Hilbert

12. "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." – Helen Keller

13. "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade." - Rudyard Kipling

14. "Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." – Abraham Lincoln

15. "The most beautiful thing you can wear is confidence." – Blake Lively

16. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

17. "It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela

18. "Creativity takes courage." – Henri Matisse

19. "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the

way, and shows the way." – John C. Maxwell

20. "The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I'm going to press on." – Barack Obama

21. "No one is perfect ... that's why pencils have erasers." – Wolfgang Riebe

22. "You always pass failure on the way to success." – Mickey Rooney

23. "You must do the things you think you cannot do." – Eleanor Roosevelt

24. "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." – Theodore Roosevelt

25. "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" – Dr. Seuss

26 "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." – Mark Twain



By Cecil Lawson

With the impending panic over this weekend's winter weather forecast, I couldn't help but remember a couple of times that I (and the rest of us) somehow survived extreme weather conditions in the past.

Sometime back in the 1980s, I was still in high school, and there was a cold snap. School was called off because of snow, so I was home with my parents for days and days. We burned wood for heat back then, and our barn was full of the stuff. I can still remember the scent of all that split oak that Dad and I had harvested from tree tops left over after local woods had been logged.

It was -15 one morning, and neither Mom nor Dad wanted to go out and get more wood from the barn, which meant that I got to do it. Some of the wood had to be split, so I bundled up, got the wheel barrow off the porch, and pushed through the snow on the driveway to the barn. The sun was out, and the wind was up, creating a windchill on top of the subzero temperatures.

It was almost unbearable to be outside. I was covered from head to foot with a little peephole, and my glasses kept steaming up and freezing from my breath. I finally got the idea of closing the sliding barn doors, which took some doing because, like everything else, they were frozen in place.

One I had them shut, I was sheltered from the wind, and I began chopping a lot of wood. They old saying goes, "wood warms you twice," and it was certainly true that

morning. I worked up a sweat in all my clothes, so I had to take off my heavy coat, and steam began to rise off of me. Sweat in my hair froze, and my runny nose kept freezing up. When the sweat began to reach the outer layer of clothing, it too froze, making my clothes stiff.

Once I was finished I began carting load after load of wood to the house and on the front porch. When I was finished, tucked out, sweated out, I changed clothes, and I think I took an nice nap as the wood made the house toasty.

The other time I remember was January 1994. I was living in Lexington at the time, just off of Versailles Road, and I was attending UK. School had just started. I remember the evening before the bad weather hit I was walking on campus to one of my classes, the sidewalks were covered with slush, and sleet was hitting the leaves in trees. It felt like a bad storm was on the way.

The next morning, an ice storm, followed by snow, had pretty much shut down the state. My

car was frozen to the ground in the apartment's parking lot, so I was stuck there. I have always been able to easily entertain myself, so I looked forward to riding out the storm. By the end of the week, my car was still stuck in ice, despite numerous attempts to chip it out, and my cupboard was bare.

Being a lifelong hiker, I knew what I had to do. I owned a big winter parka, so I put that on, as well as a big camping backpack. It was also below zero then, so I bundled up as much as I can stand, and I began the mile and a half walk in bone-chilling wind to the nearby Kroger. There were a few cars out braving the pock-marked icy streets, but I had the road mostly to myself (sidewalks were unusable). I got to the store, loaded up on supplies and food, and made my way back without a hitch. That was an adventure.

So yes, make sure you have your bread and milk handy, and some chips and other snacks, for any sort of winter storm, but also invest in a good heavy coat, and boots and

gloves, and find yourself a good hobby not dependent on the weather. With a little caution and determination, you'll survive.

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