



Life Lines

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My Lines
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“You Can, When You Believe You Can”

There is great power in belief. It opens your eyes, your opportunities become plain and your vision becomes reality.

Everything is possible if you believe it is. There is nothing that stands between you and what you want from life except your will to try it and the faith to believe that it's possible.

You must find the energy and determination to keep going. Your mind will amaze your body and keep it energized. Keep telling yourself, I can do it, I must do it, I will do it.

You'll only succeed when you believe you can succeed. The only limit to your realization of tomorrow will be your doubts of today.

Your mind sets your limits.

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13)

A Stranger In Our House

A few months before I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small Tennessee town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into this world a few months later.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors; Mom taught me the Word of God and Dad taught me to obey it. But the stranger?

He was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed to be able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Some times Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to her room and read her books. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home . . . not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long-time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My dad was a teetotaler who didn't permit alcohol in the home, not even for cooking. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked . . . and never asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you were to walk into my parent's den today you would still find him setting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw pictures.

His name?

We just call him TV.

Author Unknown

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.” (Proverbs 29:22)

Have you ever known a hot-tempered or short-tempered person? Are you hot-tempered, easily upset by seemingly small things? Can you change?

Several years ago I was getting a new boss. We had heard that he was really hot-tempered, even to the point of throwing things. After he came, we never saw this side of him. In fact, some things that happened in our office probably should have made him upset. But, he was patient and understanding. He told us later that he had worked on his problem, and had conquered it. So a person can change. He did.

A hot-tempered person is not only disturbing to associates but also to himself/herself. God says that a hot-tempered man commits many sins. That is the reason enough to change. We have sins every day, we do not need to add more by being hot-tempered. This does not just affect us, it affects those around us, our family and our friends.

I never asked my boss, but I know he had a very difficult time in turning himself around. Probably took some time, too. It was well worth the time it took.

Everything is not going to go as we want it to. We must be able to cope with these events. We must control our outburst of anger or we will surely sin, many times.

Camp Caudle received a donation in honor of Troy and Rachel Curtis from Sonya and Dennis Lee. Sonya is the daughter of “Sis” Stewart, who recently passed away.

Remember Our Sick

Doris Karnes Bachand – Pat and Becky’s cousin, diagnosed with cancer.

Amber Bolin – a college student and close friend of the Straights, had a four-wheeler accident. Has five bones broken between her shoulder blades. She is in the trauma center at Columbia, MO.

Betty Barton – member of our community, in Baptist Rehab, Little Rock, family requested prayer.

Tom Cloud – had a pace-maker replaced Monday, March 7th and came home Tuesday.

Michelle Crutcher of Batesville, AR, Charlene Clark’s niece, diagnosed with liver cancer. Having surgery Tuesday, March 8th.

Wanda Dickerson – John Clark’s mother, stint installed more follow-up on condition in a month.

Robert Estridge – Pauline Dale’s nephew, brain tumor diagnoses.

Barbara Forehand – Donny Forehand’s mother, still in hospital with pneumonia, running tests.

Thelma Hatcher – second eye surgery re-scheduled for March 24th.

Esther Sparks – had CT scan and other tests Monday, March 7th. Waiting for test results.

Earl Whitted - going to have knee surgery.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Luella Bellomo, Susie Boley, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, John Clark, Jeff Davis, Charles and Leota Hickey, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John Myers, Joe Miller, Harold and Mildred Turner, David and Betty Walters.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Darus Brown, Jeremy Carter, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Chris Pearson, Tom Pickle, Terry Robinson, Adam Schrepfer, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will .

“Religious Postum”

By: Keith Drury

Experimenting in a horse barn with a mixture of molasses, bran and wheat 101 years ago, Charles William Post invented a coffee substitute, which he humbly named after himself, ‘Postum.’ Americans had ‘Coffee-free Coffee.’ It tasted like the real thing, but with none of the caffeine risks. Sales zoomed, sparking Post to introduce a second brand of coffee substitute, which flopped, so Post simply reintroduced the same stuff, this time as Grape Nuts. What Post discovered with Postum was the American penchant for substitutes.

For the next 62 years many Postum drinkers sweetened their coffee-free-coffee with good old fashioned sugar. That is, until Chevy made its best car (1957) and Americans called a friendly little pink packet ‘Sweet’n Low,’ sugar-free-sugar. How about cream? You take cream? Well, perhaps you did until 1963, when we got cream-free-cream in the form of the new ‘Cremora.’ Postum drinkers could now have their coffee-free-coffee with cream-free-cream and sugar-free-sugar.

In the summer of 1969, as American youth thronged to Woodstock, NY, American business introduced a neat little jar which would delight salad lovers everywhere; bacon-free-bacon – ‘Bac-O’s.’ And 25 years ago the 1980’s brought even better news to sweetness-lovers, with the introduction of a new sugar-free-sugar which was sweeter than sugar – ‘NutraSweet.’ A substitute better than the real thing and with none of the risks – tastes sweeter, but you don’t get fat and lose your teeth by age fifty.

While we were being hyped about the new Windows’95, the more important and lasting news was quiet approval and introduction of ‘Olestra’ – Americans have arrived; we now have fat-free-fat.

It appears that Americans like substitutes. Old fashioned stuff like coffee, sugar, bacon from a pig, cooking oil or lard is considered out of style and unhealthy. Many Americans actually prefer the substitute to the real thing, especially if there is anything disagreeable or risky in the real thing.

The question is, does this proclivity extend to our religion?

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Events

Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
at
Camp Caudle
on
Saturday, March 26th
2:00 PM

Sponsored by the
Dover Church of
Christ

Community Invited
(Dover and Hector Area)

Age 1 thru 6th Grade
Puppets, Games, Prizes!

Southern Christian
Home Truck

Will be in our area
Monday, March 21st!
Items needed, posted on the
bulletin boards.

Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night

Thursday,
7:00 PM, March 24th
Hostess: Diane Walters
Pine Hill Rd., Dover

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 21st thru 25th
Monday thru Friday
Dover Church of Christ

LADIES DAY

April 9, 2005

Dover Church of Christ
Dover, Arkansas

Continental Breakfast
and
Registration: 9:00 AM

Program: 9:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Theme: "I am the light"

MARCH Birthdays

02 Kelly Williams
03 Bryan Bates
Keaton Creel
Rick Hollis
06 Timothy Bushea
07 Harold Turner
Colton Williams
08 Adam Land
09 Christopher
McGuire
13 Matthew Moss
17 Jim Killer
18 Ryan Whiteside
21 William Boley
22 Alan Herron
25 Blake Brown
26 Mike Creel
Jessalyn Davis
Wilma Johnson
Shelby Statler
28 Kaeli Miller

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Congratulations and Welcome!

Dakota James Whitted arrived
Thursday, March 3rd, weighing 5
lbs. 11 oz. The proud parents are
April and Neal Whitted,
grandparents, Earl and Juanita
Whitted and great-grand- parent,
Thelma Hatcher.

THOSE TO SERVE

March 20, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Doug Wilson

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Chris Loper
Dennis Whiteside
Donnie Forehand
Earl Kennedy

Scripture Reading

Earl Whitted

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Robert Bird
Alan Boatright

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

John and Carrie Clark

Communion to Shut-Ins

Paul Williams
Troy Curtis

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 23, 2005

Sid Womack

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Wilma Johnson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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