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God Does Exist: A Logical Story

Will entered a barber's shop to have his hair and his beard cut as usual. He began a conversation with Malik, the barber who attended to him. They talked about many things and various subjects. Casually, they touched the subject of God when Malik stated, 'Look Will, I don't believe that God exists as you tell me.'

'Why on earth do you say that?' inquired Will. 'Well, it's so easy; you just have to go out in the street to realise that God does not exist. Listen, if God existed, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't think of a God who per-

mits all of these things,' pronounced Malik.

Will, not wishing to start an argument with his friend and barber kept silent, thinking. Malik completed the hair and beard trim and Will paid and left the shop. As he did so he saw another man in the street who had unkempt, long hair and beard and it was obvious that a long time had elapsed since he had his cut.

Smiling to himself, Will returned to Malik's shop. Once inside he said, 'You know what, Malik, barbers do not exist.' 'What?' exclaimed Malik, 'How come they don't exist? Here and I am and I'm a barber.'

'No!' Will countered, 'they don't exist because if they did there would

be no people with long hair and beards like that man over there in the street.'

'Ah, barbers do exist,' answered Malik, 'what happens is that people do not always come to me for haircuts.'

'Exactly,' affirmed Will conclusively. 'That's the point. God does exist, what happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him that's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'

Story adapted from an Islamic tale.

http://www.guy-sports.com/funny/religious_stories_children.htm

**What, then, shall we say to this? If
God is for us, who can be against
us? ~ Romans 8:31**

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- Geary Barnes—2
- Ebony Johnson—6
- Deloris Singleton—7
- Latoya Jenkins—7
- Wilhelmina Thompson—7
- Ebony Summers-Fogel—8
- Kenneth Mack—8
- Kevin Washington—9
- Victoria Singleton—9
- Makayla Geddis—12
- Shelley Ancrum Wa-

ters —13

- Eva Oliver—13
- Jordan Singleton—15
- Lauren Singleton—17
- Alayasia Campbell—19
- Charles A. Myers—19
- Flora Salley—21
- Marceez Mitchell - 22
- Kevin Robinson, Sr.—22
- Ayanna Ancrum—22
- Ashleigh Duberry—22
- Sharhonda Lumar—22
- Crystal Romanda Sim-

mons—27

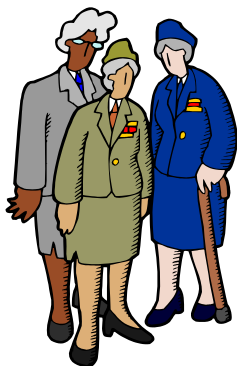
- David Campbell—28
- Monte Canty—29
- Eliza Foy—29
- Sandra Gelzer—30

Anniversaries:

- Mr. and Mrs. Sailor—18
- Aicey and Segina Canty—20
- Franklin and Alice Summers— 27



*“Just
remember
that I
need you”*



November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Do Not Ask Me to Remember

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different through I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.
-Author Unknown



Blake's Financial Corner-Holiday Budgeting Tips

By Evelyn Blake

I Timothy 5:8

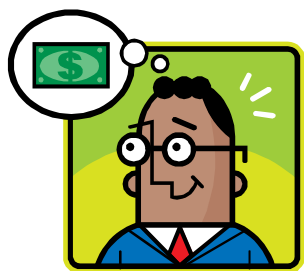
But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

<http://www.finweb.com/financial-planning/holiday-budgeting-tips.html#axzz3HSX3PGB4>

It represents one of our favorite times of the year. During the holidays, people travel quite a bit to see friends and family. They also shower each other with gifts befitting the season. That can add up to a significant amount of money. But, let's examine this gift situation for a moment. "Befitting" or not, the gifts we give should be ones that we can afford to give to those special people in our lives. Each year people literally go into debt disregarding this simple, basic principle. At the end of the holiday season they promise themselves that they won't do it again – until the next year. Could it be that we're trying to "keep up with the Jones's" or do we just not want to look like cheap-skates compared to what others give?

It can take many months to pay the credit card bills created the previous year. This is a vicious cycle that only leaves us dreading the season that should fill us with love and goodwill. So, this time around, keep that promise to make the season bright – not by going into hock, but by using some sensible tips and advice to plan and enjoy a cheerful holiday that everyone will be pleased to share in.

Managing your money before the Holidays



The oft-used cliché "when you fail to plan, then you plan to fail" is an entirely appropriate sentiment for the upcoming Holidays. When we neglect to set aside money in advance for these expenses, we'll almost always spend more than we should. So, let's come up with a strategy.

Consider creating a holiday budget.

This budget will be for the Christmas holiday as a whole.

Each category can pertain to a different area of spending. For instance, create a category for decorations, food, gifts and parties. The last category can be lumped into the other three if your party invitations are slim.

But, if your house is going to be Party Central for the upcoming season, then a separate category might be wise. Don't forget to include an amount for holiday incidentals, such as Christmas cards, candles, and the cost stamps and mailing packages.

Open a Christmas club account.

Most banks and credit unions offer a savings plan designed to put away money for the Holidays. Starting in January, divert a certain amount of money each month or from each paycheck into this account. It doesn't have to be much. This is another potential area for going overboard, so be careful. Even if you only have \$25 a pay period to use, that can add up to more than \$550 by the first of December. If you need more, you can probably squeeze out another five or ten dollars for each deposit. Christmas club accounts are also an excellent way to teach children about saving money. They can contribute a part of their allowance into their own account and watch it grow throughout the year.

By the way, a regular bank account will also work for saving holiday money. If you receive a significant amount in a lump sum such as a tax refund, you might consider putting it into a *Certificate of Deposit (CD)*. That money will earn more than the standard *savings account*. And, if using a *money market account*, as long as a minimum amount is kept in it, you can write checks for gifts that you come across throughout the year.

Now, let's move on to what the kids can do to prepare for Christmas. Direct them to start a change jar. Every evening they can put any loose change accumulated during the day into the jar. You can also help by contributing your change to the jar, as well. To everyone's surprise, that change will add up quickly. When November rolls around, take the change jars to a coin machine at the local grocery store to trade the coins for paper money.

****Brain Teaser****

(Your brain needs exercise too. Use it or Lose it!)

Type the next number in this sequence:

1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28,

(Answer in next month's newsletter)

Answer to October's brain teaser:

1. Variety is the spice of life
2. Practice makes perfect
3. Love is blind

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Pearls of Wisdom

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible
([Luke 18:27](#))

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest
([Matthew 11:28-30](#))

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you
([John 3:16](#) & [John 3:34](#))

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient
([2 Corinthians 12:9](#) & [Psalm 91:15](#))

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps
([Proverbs 3:5-6](#))

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear
([2 Timothy 1:7](#))

I Speak Your Name in Prayer by Linda Oliver

I'd like to sit you down and tell
you everything's okay
And have the strength enough
to pull you through another
day

I'd like to help you to believe
that this will be all right
And that you will not have to
spend another sleepless night

I'd like to hold your hand and
wipe the teardrops from your
eyes

And help you just to sort
things out while you question
why

I'd like to try and lift the load
and carry it for you
And truly help you understand
just what you're going through

I'd like to have the words to
make this trouble disappear
And give you peace of mind so
you won't shed another tear
I'd like to have the magic touch
to take away your pain
And help you see the blue sky
just beyond this blinding rain

But sometimes what we say or
do just cannot be enough
To ease another's passage
through a trail so dark and rough
There is one thing I know will
help much more than I can say
And rest assured that I will do it
when I kneel to pray

I will take your name before the

Father as I seek His face
And ask Him to enfold you in
His arms of warm embrace
There's no one who can com-
fort you quite like the Father
can

And surely carry you across
this dark and frightening span

Although, I dearly care for you
and want to help so much
I know that what you really
need is in the Father's touch
So, I will take you to the throne
and leave you in His care
I know He will deliver, when I
speak your name in prayer