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Sola Scriptura – Part 1 By Arthur Lovato

Editor's note: For several years I wrote to Brother Arthur while he too was incarcerated. Over those years we formed a great relationship, and when he was released from 'college', as we say, I picked him up at the bus stop and took him to his new residence here in Phoenix. We've stayed closely connected now for just over 10 years. I've watched his life and relationship with the Lord grow greater and deeper. I just spoke with him on the phone, as I began to format this message, and in just a few days, he is traveling to Ohio to be ordained as a Federal Chaplin!! He's coming back inside to carry the message of Grace and Love to the very places that he was once locked up in! He's a true testament to never giving up hope! Brother Arthur wrote this message, and he always uses the KJV. As always, I like to provide other translations to hopefully give an easier understanding for others that may not fully understand the King James (language) Version.

Sola Scriptura is a Latin term coined by early reformers, meaning Scripture Alone. Sola Scriptura asserts that scripture must govern church traditions and interpretations which are themselves held to be subject to Scripture. This is to say that our every tradition from baptism to communion, are subject to scriptural adherence. And, that all interpretation of Scripture must line up with the Scripture explicitly, and without speculation.

As believers must firmly stand on the supreme authority of Scripture. The Word of God is the highest arbitrator, and final authority in the church. Every human opinion and theological voice must yield to whatever the Bible teaches. I would add to that, the Scripture is the greatest interpreter of the Scripture, Scripture interprets Scripture. Also let me be clear in saying; the Word of God is not deficient but rather is sufficient to lead us in knowing God.

What is it to know God then?

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour is come; glorily thy Son, that thy Son also may glorily these As then hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as then hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whem then hast sent."" (John 17:1-3 KJV)

Now in the NIV version, "After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come, Clarify Your San, that Your San may glarify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give clared life to all those You have given Him. Now this is clared life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sant."

Paul said this regarding knowing Jesus, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." (Philippians 3:10 KJV) This same verse, again from the NIV version, "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death."

- That I may know Christ.
- That I may know the power of Christ's Resurrection.
- That I may be a partaker in the sufferings of Christ.
- That I may be conformed into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

I love this verse; It expresses to me an intimacy with God.

Sola Scriptura. So, what does the scripture say of itself?

The writer of Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) says this, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The Word of God can cut to the very core of my being and expose my own heart upside the Word and define in truth the condition of my soul.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV), the Word assures us, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

And now, 2 Peter 1:20-21 (KJV) listen closely, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Now from the NIV, "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Therefore, the Scripture is given to men by The Holy Ghost. Given that we can know God and understand what right doctrine is, to convict men of sin, for correction, as in to restore a man to obedience when he is in error, and to instruct us in how we should live that we would be pleasing before the Lord. The Scripture has been given to us that we can truly know God. Sola Scriptura ... In the Scripture you will learn the essentials of the Christian life, prayer, worship, faithfulness, commitment, loyalty, denial of self, fellowship, brotherly love, and evangelism. Everything you need to know about living for God you'll find in the Word of God. Sola Scriptura!!!

Caveat Emptor

(Buyer Beware)

Paul, in the Book of Acts, writes this in Acts 20:28-30 (KJV), "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from (your own) group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following." (Acts 20:28-30 NLT)

Paul said it's gonna be church people who's gonna run drag on you! Listen ...

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (KJV) - "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

"These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve." (2 Corinthians 11:13-15 NLT)

There ARE individuals who name the name of Jesus with foul doctrine. They have very large followings. Individuals who can spellbind you with mesmerizing speech. And please let me be clear, we do not have the luxury of judging them, but rather the burden of prayer for those in error. Only the Lord can judge. However, a discerning man or woman of prayer and the Word of God, has a Biblical responsibility to guard themselves and others from dangerous and heretical teachings.

Romans 16:17-18 (NKJV), "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple."

"One final word of counsel, friends. Keep a sharp eye out for those who take bits and pieces of the teaching that you learned and then use them to make trouble. Give these people a wide berth. They have no intention of living for our Master Christ. They're only in this for what they can get out of it, and aren't above using pious sweet talk to dupe unsuspecting innocents." (Romans 16:17-18 MSG)

How can such a well churched people be so undiscerning? Either you don't read your Bible, or you don't believe it! Or you're not praying, or "D" all of the above. I would add to that as a personal belief of my own, that I believe our discernment can be convoluted also by R-rated movies, inappropriate media, to include social media. Just throwing it out there.

The Apostle Paul wrote this to his spiritual son, Timothy, in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NKJV), "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV)

"You're going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching, but will fill up on spiritual junk food—catchy opinions that tickle their fancy. They'll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages." (2 Timothy 4:3-4 MSG)

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What Others Are Saying

"Thank you for always sending me the Overcomers for Official newsletters for so many years. You speak the truth without apology. I read every word. I like what Foot says. I continue to pray for him as well. Your signed birthday letter was one of two that I received this year. Along Side Ministries, my future halfway house, was the other one wishing me a Happy Birthday." - R.A.

"Hope you all are doing well. May the Lord bless you all with peace. I'm writing to thank you for sending me your wonderful newsletters." - A.J.

"On another note, a big ole Wow on the testimony by M.R. That's quite a testimony and brother I got tears in my eyes when he mentioned Red Rock and you. I know how that all began, just a couple of ole scooter tramps just staying the course, loving Jesus and trying to move the church forward. The things I've seen God do inside these fences brother is nothing short of miraculous." - FOOT

"Thank you for sending me your newsletter materials. Funny story: One of the guys here that I have spoken with briefly was walking by my bunk as I sat in my chair at the end of the bed, and he saw what I was reading. He told me that he receives the newsletters from you as well. Your ministry is making an impact. Keep it up and be strong in your ministry." - J.M.

"Hi you two "LOVE BIRDS". You know what's funny, I have never personally met you, however, I can imagine you two love each other to pieces!! I just wanted to say hi and let you know, you are loved and GREATLY appreciated. If I wrote down the reasonings as to "why" I say, you're appreciated, you'd both say, "You give ALL the glory to God", and that's an A-men!!" - J.L.

"Hi Brother Duck, It sure was surprising to see you on my tablet. I hardly ever check emails because I usually don't email anyone. Lord knows I always pray for you, Michelle and the Overcomers for Official. I still read my Bible everyday faithfully! I also read, Beside the Still Waters. I also read my newsletter from Overcomers for Official every month. I sure do miss our visits. I'm happy to hear that you're doing good. I can't believe how big your grandson is, he's growing like a weed. Glad to see him still working in the newsletter ministry. Not a day has gone by that I haven't thought about all of you, and I do pray for you every day. I know that you pray for me. God bless all of you." - C.P.

"I got your message, and I appreciate you taking the time to reach out and sharing all of that with me. Just know that you, your health and your ministry will be in our prayers continually. I look forward to meeting you in person and getting to fellowship and talk about the Word with you face to face. Obviously, these messages and newsletters will have to do for now and that's more than enough. I'm constantly writing studies and teaching here on the yard, and I'd like to contribute to the best way possible for right now. I'm grateful to even have this line of communication open. Brother M.M. has nothing but good and positive things to say about you and he's told me bits and pieces of your testimony, I can really relate to the things he's told me. I love what you're doing out there and like I said, I'm looking forward to seeing it all in person. God bless, and we'll talk soon." - J.D.

"Good morning and good day my brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope everything is good. I was talking to a brother here about you and I started telling him about Oc+o ministry. He just turned to the Lord and the Lord has already been working in his life. I would like to introduce you to him. I will see him a little bit later and will get his information." - R.L.

"Good evening, Brother, so good to hear from you! The testimony in the newsletter by M.R. was really good! Wow quite the testimony!" - J.R.

"I woke up feeling a little emotional today, 7 years. The time was not short, but it wasn't long either. It was difficult though. Only another 6 years and 11 months left. That feels pretty good. This morning, I was emotional but happy. I thought to myself, I'm over halfway done, I can do this!" - J.T.

"I share the Overcomers for Offrist newsletter with everyone around me with the instruction that once I move or they move that they can request to be added to your mailing list. I try to have them share them so to not take away from someone else being able to get it." - J.B.



Accountability and Council By M.M.

May our Lord's hand continue to lead, guide, and steer you throughout your days! I want to share with you the study I just did for the Soldiers for Christ Bible study. I'm always straight forward with no sugar coating! I believe that is the problem with so many in the church today, so many are afraid of possibly hurting someone's feelings! But the truth is, when we share and preach according to God's Word then it's not us who are hurting the feelings, it's the truth being exposed in one's life of the sins and wrongs they are living!

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:16 (Message), "You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God Himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, are the temple." So that means we as men and women of God have the Holy of Holies residing within us. And when one decides to indulge in darkness that is the defiling of the Holy Spirit! And believe me, you will feel the conviction! I was really clear in the beginning of the study; well I guess you could say I was preaching. This study is for men and women of God to get closer to Jesus to feed on the meat of the Word for fellowship and growth. During these studies feelings will get stirred up, but it's for growth and exposure. As Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens the continence of his friend." Not a butter knife on butter, iron on iron, we sharpen each other up through our walk, our talk, our conduct and our faith! I want to be really clear that all of God's Word is His Words! Oh yeah, this isn't the study yet.

We started in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Let's break this down. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." Stop right here for a second. The beginning word in the Scripture is, "All", not just some, but "All". Not just Old Testament or New Testament or just Psalm, but ALL SCRIPTURE! And get this, "inspiration by God", in other translations it says, "God breathed", or "breathed out by God". Scripture continues, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." It's important to know that righteousness means to be in right standing with God. So right there the Word of God is our instructions for being in right standing with God, being RIGHTEOUS! Verse 17 continues with, "That the man (or woman) of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The man or woman of God may be complete. This doesn't say, the infant sucking on mama's nipple feeding on milk. No! We all are held accountable to become the men and women God has designed us to be.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:11, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." So, does that mean we continue to indulge in the darkness, foolish speaking and walking as fools? No! As we mature into men and women of God, we are to have nothing to do with darkness but instead walk in His light. No more drug talk, war story nonsense that leads to destruction! Those kinds of things are childish, they're foolish and it's not what we are about anymore. We are now about grown man or woman business, and that's our FATHER'S BUSINESS. We all have seen and even know how many people roll, they say one thing and do the total opposite. And these things must be exposed!

Another study I was led by the Spirit to do was on "Council".

So, we all know how it is, we are always observing what's going on around us. Not just inside these walls and fences but running ramped everywhere in the world there's spiritual warfare, the misled, and the complete foolishness going on. And our Lord pointed out to me in His Word, *Proverbs 11:14*, "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety", that it's due to the lack of council. When I looked up the word 'council' in the Hebrew it means, advice, policy, plan, or action. It's said that the blind lead the blind and that is what's going on everywhere in the world. When there was politics here in prison it was 'council' founded on darkness. I mean you knew what time it was if you didn't shower. You knew what time it was if you were loud before or after ten to ten. You knew what time it was if you sat at the head table of another race let alone your own race without permission. Doing such things you were more than likely going to get handled in a very dark and violent way! That was a council fed by fear and pure darkness. And now that those ways are gone, that council is also gone and people are walking around blind. OH, BUT WAIT! This is where the council, the True council, is to arise. Not bringing rules or regulations, but truth, love, prosperity and bringing to the surface of these men's true identity in Christ!



But who is our Councilor? In Isaiah 9:6 we read, "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." And in John 14:26 we also read, "Suit the councilor, the Holy Spirit, when the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things." Jesus just told us that the Holy Spirit is our Counselor. And like I said before, He resides in us! With the indwelling Holy Spirit, we have the advice, policy, plan and action of Truth for all mankind. And, we are called to be fishers of men, not cowards unwilling to step up to the plate for our Lord! Already inside of our born again spirits we have the council of righteousness, joy, love, peace, light, identity of truth and we are all called to this position.

And I'll close by suggesting that not just the Soldiers of Christ here, but all of the Operconcre for Christ family read Galatians 5:16-26 together, "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

My Yoke Is Easy By J.T.

God is strengthening my inner invincibility. "Take My yake upon you and learn from Me, for I am god and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29) I often feel just how petty my complaints really are when the Holy Spirit speaks to me. The Lord brings me to a point where I can have fellowship with Him, but not to hear me complain about the conditions of my life. I had often said, "Lord just let me be like other people! Why couldn't I have had a normal life?" But God has allowed the conditions of my life to come together as they have so that He can bring me closer to Him. Jesus is asking me to get beside Him and take one side of the yoke, so that we can pull together. That's why Jesus says to us, "My yoke is casy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

GRACE By I.S.

Greetings to all of the OC+C staff and family there reaching out to us and sharing the love of Jesus! First let me share that GRACE is the acronym for God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense! As I continue, allow that to sink in. I'd first like to thank you for the beautiful greeting card, along with the encouragement in it that made my day. It encourages me to read that my words are encouragement to you all as well. I do agree with you; we ALL need some type of encouragement in our lives. My specific goal, at this point and time, is to run the good race that the Lord has set before me.

There are some people in this world that feel like this life on earth is all there is, once they pass it's all over. Now, those that think this way need to look deep into their souls and realize that their bodies were structured in a specific manner for many uses. Having received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we've also been given (GRACE) His most precious Holy Spirit that wants too, can and will guide us in and through this life, but only if we allow Him to do so.

Many of us have seen the famous picture of Jesus standing at the door and knocking, right? But most people haven't noticed that there is **NOT** a doorknob on Jesus' side of the door. Not realizing this before, some of you may be wondering why there isn't a knob on His side of the door. The message in this painting is Jesus saying, "If you want Me to come into your life, you must turn the knob on your side of the door. I won't come into your life without being invited." Obviously, now, the door in the picture represents our heart. God and His Holy Spirit are perfect Gentlemen, they won't barge their way into our lives without being invited in. The time is more relevant than ever, it's time to turn the knob and invite Jesus into our lives!!

Foot's Bible Study

Jonah 1:1-4:11

Jonah's disobedience to God endangered the lives of the ship's crew. We have a great responsibility to obey God's Word because our sin and disobedience can hurt others around us. (1:4)

Jonah had run away from God but was given a second chance to participate in God's work. You may feel as though you are disqualified from serving God because of past mistakes. But serving God is not an earning position. No one qualifies for God's service, but God still asks us to carry out His work. You may yet have another chance. (3:1-2)

Revelation 5:1-6:17

People from every nation are praising God before His throne. God's message of Salvation and eternal life is not limited to a specific culture, race, or country. Anyone who comes to God in repentance and faith is accepted by Him and will be part of His kingdom. Don't allow prejudice or bias to keep you from sharing Christ with others. Christ welcomes all people into His kingdom. (5:9-10)

At the sight of God sitting on the throne, all human beings great and small, will be terrified, calling for the mountains to fall on them so that they will not have to face the judgment of the Lamb. This vivid picture was not intended to frighten believers. For them, the Lamb is a great Savior. But those kings, rulers, generals, and other powerful people who previously showed no fear of God and arrogantly flaunted their unbelief will find that they were wrong, and in that day, they will have to face God's wrath. No one who has rejected God can survive the day of His wrath, but those who belong to Christ will receive a reward rather than a punishment. Do you belong to Christ? If so, you need not fear the final days. (6:15-17)

Psalms 133:1-3

Expensive oil was used by Moses to anoint Aaron as the first high priest of Israel and to dedicate all the priests to God's, service ... Exodus 29:7 – "And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him." Brotherly unity, like the anointing of oil, shows that we are dedicated to serving God wholeheartedly. (133:2)

Proverbs 29:26-27

The godly despise evil and evil practices, while in turn evil people despise believers. (29:27)

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"Foot" Notes

Hey Ya'll, a few thoughts to share. We are asked to follow God's example in all we do. The Salvation that God has given us is not about us, it's about being able to engage others and as long as we're pressing on we'll get better. We're called to respect God right where we are.

Love to ya'll short and tall. Vaya con Dios ... P.S. Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!

Quote Worthy

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you."

Walt Whitman (1819 – 1892) an American poet, essayist, and journalist; he also wrote two novels. He is considered one
of the most influential poets in American literature and world literature.

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STOP listening to your neo-Christian YouTube celebrity preachers and supposing that will suffice as time spent in God's Word!

Wow, it's powerful how the Word confirms itself. We will pick up next month with Part 2 of Brother Arthur's message.

Overcomer's Testimonies

I continue growing spiritually doing everything possible to keep from committing sin.

Now I don't know if I would put my life in the "Adventure" category, I think I would label it as "precarious". The reason being is I basically lived on the edge, here's an example.

One night my then wife, Theresa and I went out celebrating at a nightclub we often frequented called "The Country Club". Around closing we left for home in my Camaro. Well, approximately two miles down the dark road on Benson Highway there was a K-5 Blazer that was kind of in the road, parked on the right side of the road without any lights on. I must have been doing around 45 miles per hour when all I seen was a dark object, and I wasn't able to react soon enough to avoid an accident. We hit the vehicle at full speed in the rear end and my Camaro went all the way under the Blazer tearing off his rear axle and flipping over the Blazer on its side, throwing the driver out of the Blazer. I must have gotten knocked out because when I opened my eyes to see how my wife was, I couldn't see her because the hood of my car was pushed through the windshield dividing the front seat where I couldn't see my wife. I immediately exited the car to check on my wife and all I remember from that point on is bits and pieces. Anyways, when I got to my wife's side of the vehicle, and I saw that the right side of my wife's face had been peeled back by the hood striking her face I completely lost it because all I seen was her facial skull with the eyeball and right side of her teeth exposed. There was blood everywhere. I recall screaming asking for help and when the ambulance arrived, I recall going to my wife, who at this time had been evacuated by the paramedics and was on a stretcher. I attempted giving her mouth to mouth and I was pulled off of her immediately and strapped onto a stretcher. I wasn't feeling any pain, but I was also in grave danger unbeknownst to my conscience. My main concern was my wife.

Here we both go to the UMC where my wife was taken into surgery immediately for an 18-hour reconstructive plastic facial surgery. I was in a room, where when I woke up, I had the physicians looking at me. I heard an intern ask one of the surgeons, "What's that pulsating on his neck?" The surgeon told him it was my jugular vein. Then the surgeon told me I was one very lucky man because I had all the layers of skin cut and the jugular vein was spared. He said, "If it had been cut, I would not have survived, I would have bled out."

My wife was in a coma for three days. When I went into her room she was mummified. Her entire face was wrapped in gauze. Luckily, she suffered no brain damage. I took off from work for a couple weeks to care for my wife which included giving her meds, feeding her, and bathing her. Yes, we are both lucky to be alive and it's by the grace of God that we are.

Last Month's Super Sudoku - Solution

3	7	4	8	5	6	1	2	9
8	5	2	4	9	1	7	3	6
6	9	1	7	3	2	4	5	8
1	3	8	2	6	4	5	9	7
4	6	5	3	7	9	2	8	1
9	2	7	1	8	5	6	4	3
7	4	9	6	2	3	8	1	5
5	1	6	9	4	8	3	7	2
2	8	3	5	1	7	9	6	4

The Differences Between Men and Women By Stephen Arterburn

"The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor." - 1 Corinthians 15:41

Consider these gender differences I found on a humorous website:

If Laura, Suzanne, and Debra go out for lunch, they'll call each other Laura, Suzanne, and Debra. But if Mike, Charlie, and Bob go out they'll refer to each other as Godzilla, Champ, and Grubby.

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't want.

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

A man has six items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, soap, and a towel. The average woman has 377 items. A man wouldn't be able to identify most of them.

Recognizing differences is especially important when it comes to how we love. Understanding that everyone doesn't share my experiences, nor do they think like me, are important steps in not being threatened; and they are important so you don't feel anger at differences you note in how someone you love behaves or reacts.

The Ten Commandments Trivia

- 1. Did you know Exodus means departure?
- When God gave them the Ten Commandments, the Israelites had just ...
- a. traveled the Information Highway
- b. been brought out of slavery in Egypt
- c. discovered electricity
- d. celebrated the release of the movie Star Wars
- The 1 st Commandment is God's law to worship no other god except Him ... True of False
- 4. Do you think the 1st Commandment is the most important? Why?
- It is okay to worship statues, money, and earthly goods as long as we attend church every Sunday ... True or False
- 6. What does God mean when He says not to take His name "in vain"?
- 7. God commands us to set aside one day a week to
- a. gather manna
- b. read the Bible and only drink water all day
- c, watch cartoons
- d. keep holy, cease work, and remember His people's deliverance from Egypt

b.7 to call His name unless we mean to sheak to Him or to praise His name not want us beobje kept saying your name, attracting your attention for no reason. Would feel angry? Would you be upset? God does feel if

6. God means we are not to call His name unless we are praying to Him or worshipping Him. Think about how you would

5. False

ns: It we do not love God, we can not keep the other commandments

Just as He loves

4. The 1 st Commandment is the most important because it defines our relationship to God. God wants us to love Him.

3. True

Z. p Answers:

WORD OF THE MONTH

Edacious

Pronunciation – eda-cious i-'dā-shəs

Adjective – 1: having a huge appetite: ravenous 2: excessively eager: insatiable

"Living with three edacious teenagers, Kidest and Aklilu were dismayed by how much they had to spend on groceries week after week."

Did You Know ... Tempus edax rerum that wise Latin line by the Roman poet Ovid translates as "Time, the devourer of all things." Ovid's correlation between rapaciousness and time is appropriate to a discussion of edacious. That English word is a descendant of Latin edax, which is a derivative of the verb edere, meaning "to eat". In its earliest known English uses, edacious meant "of or relating to eating". It later came to be used generally as a synonym of voracious, and it has often been used specifically in contexts referring to time. That's how Scottish essayist and historian Thomas Carlyle used it when he referred to events, "swallowed in the depths of edacious Time".

Did You Know?

Sales of the new board game Twister skyrocketed in May of 1966 after Johnny Carson played the game with Eva Gabor on The Tonight Show.

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A scientist went to God and said triumphantly, "We've worked out how to make a man without you."

God laughed and said, "Okay then, show me. Go ahead..."

So, the scientist bent down and picked up a handful of dirt but God stopped him and said, "Oh no you don't ... Get your own dirt."

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And she'll tell you the truth when others lie.

And when the burden gets too heavy, and you stumble along,
She stands beside you, right or wrong.

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