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Rolling Roads Baptist Church

LOOKING OVER JORDAN

In this over-digitized age we live in we have contact with all sorts of people. We have a LOT of contact, but not a great deal of QUALITY contact. Remember, more is probably not always better. Of course, people who don't get online much don't have as much. People without "smart" phones or lately "mobile devices" get a lot less. That lifestyle is more like back in the old days.

Can you remember when you used to dial someone on the phone to communicate long distance? Or even write a letter and put it inside the mailbox and put up the flag? Things moved more slowly then, and it may have been more difficult to become upset with people or confused by others. Today it seems that many are constantly in contact with others. In fact, there is a popular email sales program called "Constant Contact."

One very common phenomenon resulting from this is the "digital warrior" or the "keyboard cowboys." Often these people go online and begin commenting on what others are saying. They aggressively contact others, put down others, and disparage whatever is being said. Sadly, many of these people are paid by those attempting to sway public opinion. What they write is often out of context or nonsensical, or completely inappropriate. Because of this, people have referred to Twitter (now known as X) as a garbage dump. Guess where most young people get their information today?

I've heard that people online are more bold, aggressive, and confident than they would be in person. If one is over-confident in person, they are likely to be completely over the top online. If a person is ill-informed or uneducated, they will still be so online.

In the Bible, arrogance is contrasted sharply with humility. Arrogance is associated with a great ignorance of God and a distance from the Spirit. Israel was warned never to forget God and become proud when life became easy. See Deuteronomy 8:11-20. Humility is associated with a knowledge of God and a personal relationship with Him. Jesus said, *"I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight"* (Luke 10:21).

Those who are arrogant and prideful are quick to make assumptions



No April BIRTHDAYS

Jesus cannot forget us; we have been graven on the palms of His hands.

Lois Picillo

I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16



Financial Report
FEBRUARY
Income: \$8738
Expense: \$13,073



EASTER QUOTE BY MARTIN LUTHER

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

Whenever you find your faith faltering, look around you. Everywhere in nature you can see the message of the empty tomb. The trees regaining their rich, green leaves after being stripped bare by the chill of winter? That's God reminding you of Jesus' restoration from death to life. The chickadees hatching from their eggs in a nest atop a tree branch? That's God reminding you that you can be born again because of the resurrection. The cool chill of winter becoming a warm spring breeze? That's God reminding you that even a cold, dead body can come alive again.



The springtime is a perfect opportunity to behold the beauty of nature and realize that evidence of God's saving work through Jesus is everywhere—if only we'd take a second and look.



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC
FOOD ROUNDUP

What you give is more than a meal. It is the first step in a child's journey toward healing and hope that is found through the love of Christ. Your gifts of non-perishable food items - donated by April 26 - gives HOPE to so many children!



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about God and to disparage others. Proverbs 21:4 says, *"Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin."* James 4:6 says *"But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, 'God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'"*

Those who choose humility will hold their tongues, find ways to serve, and trust God for others. Jesus said, *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"* (Matthew 11:29). Selfishness and arrogance go hand in hand.

Those who are closer to God will consider others' needs as more important than their own. Why? Because all their needs are met in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:3-4 tells us the way, *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for you own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."* The children of the Kingdom know that their Lord will provide!

So we are truly free, to be done with any arrogance and over-confidence, and to place our confidence in the Lord, whom we serve with humility.

Happy Because of Jesus,
Pastor James

