



HAPPY HEARTS HERALD

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PRECIOUS PROBLEMS

I am sure that this title sounds somewhat contradictory. However, the Bible declares this in I Peter 1:7: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes" (NKJV). God allows trials to strengthen character. God is at work in our lives as believers in Christ to make us more like our Lord. He arranges circumstances so as to accomplish His purpose in and through us. We can submit to His will and allow Him to accomplish His purpose in and through us or we can resist His will and miss the joy and blessing of pleasing Him. Immature people are always impatient; mature people are patient and persistent. Impatience and unbelief usually go together just as patience and faith do. "Be . . . followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promise" (Heb. 6:12, KJV). "For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise" (Heb. 10:36, KJV). God's goal for our lives is maturity. It would be a tragedy if our children remained babies. We enjoy watching them grow and mature. We do all that we possibly can to enhance this process. Many Christians shelter themselves from the trials of life and, as a result, they never grow up. God wants us to grow in our faith and commitment to Him so that we become "strong in the Lord." None of us want to endure hardship and trouble. Still, these things do come. If we commit them to our Lord and rely on Him for grace and strength, we can experience victory and become stronger in our character and faith as a result. God cannot build our character without our willingness to cooperate. If we are to grow in the Lord, we must put our will on His side. We must say, "yes, Lord, yes!" We must allow our lives to be guided and governed by His Word and empowered by His Spirit. This involves spending quality time daily in the Word and in prayer. May we all make the commitment necessary to "be strong in the Lord and the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10, KJV).

Bro. Charles

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



Happy Hearts Humor

At the urging of Harry's wife and doctor, 60 year old Harry finally made it to the gym. After consulting with one of the trainers, Harry decided to try out a steep treadmill.

"Ok", said the trainer "I'm going to set it for ten minutes. If you want to go longer, just press 'start' again."

At first Harry was doing fine, but after 5 seconds he started getting tired. After a minute he jumped off, gasping for breath. Walking to the side to sit down, he passed by a friend.

"Man", said Harry. "I could barely last a full minute on that treadmill."

"Alright, alright", said his buddy, "no reason to brag!"



HAPPY HEARTS HAPPENINGS

BREAKFAST
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
at 8:30 AM
@ Mia's

County Line Rd. & Hwy 72, Madison

SENIOR LADIES'
PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS
@ 9:00 AM

in Steadfasters SS room

GAME NIGHT
OCTOBER 20
at 6:00 PM (Basement)
Pizza furnished.
Bring dessert and drinks.

WALL HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
6597 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY
MADISON, AL 35757



*The Lord will indeed give what is good and our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.
Psalm 85:12-13*