

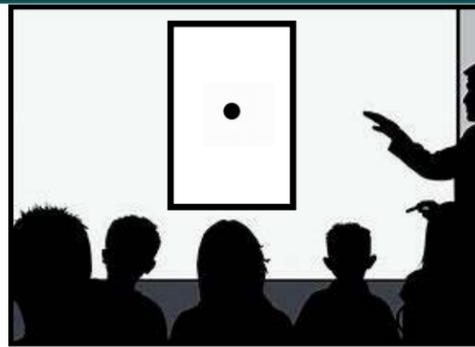
# The Black Dot...

A professor entered his classroom and asked the students to prepare for a surprise test. He handed out the exams with the test facing down, and then asked the class to turn over the papers. To every-one's surprise, there were no questions - just a black dot in the center of the sheet of paper. The professor seeing the expressions on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there." Though confused, they got started on the daunting task. At the end of the class the papers were passed to the professor, who started reading each one of them out loud. All of them with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet.

After all had been read, the professor started to explain, "I'm not going to grade you on this; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot - and the same happens in our lives. We have a white piece of paper - an opportunity - to observe and enjoy our lives, but we always focus on the dark spots. Your life is a gift given to you with love...to celebrate; but, you insist on focusing on the dark spot - the health issues, the complicated relations with a family member, the lack of money, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything you have in your lives... but those dark spots are the ones that pollute your mind."

*"Take your eyes away from the black dots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"*

Email submitted by Jon Sheppard

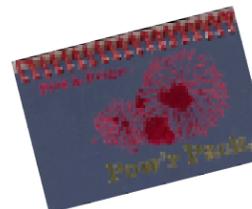


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Mother's Day is May 13th, and because everyone has a mother, it should be a day of celebration. Many mothers are distraught and anxious over the welfare of their children. There are certain things you can do in praying for your children. Instead of praying "hit-and-miss" prayers, write down their names and record Promises from the Bible for the specific areas that you're praying. For instance, if your child is into some kind of addiction (spirit of lust, alcohol, anger, etc.) you may want to say, **"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see GOD."** (Matthew 5:8) Every time you think of that child, that's the verse you say. You pray what you want...you don't pray the problem unless to bind (forbid) the spirit that is driving your child. Have a clear "snap-shot" of what you desire for your child. One example is found in Isaiah 54:13, **"Your sons and daughters (grandsons, and granddaughters - children) will be taught of the LORD and their well-being will be great!"** This is a great Scripture to pray for your children! Put their names in the margins of your Bible. Read that Scripture or others that Holy Spirit gives to you...and write them down. The LORD is their Teacher and He has their well-being ever before His face...meditate on that. It is GOD Who sees into the future and He's the One to enact this Promise on your children's behalf! Praise Him, because they are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Do you have a clear "snap-shot" of your dreams for your children? They have a future and you are a determining factor in that future. It's your move...or it's time to make a move in determining their future, and yours. "Hope so" and "think so" doesn't work here; **"Know so" does!** It's Mark 11:24 again...and I hope you have that memorized:

**"Therefore, ALL things that you PRAY and ASK, Believe that you have already received them, and they shall be granted you!"** All things means ALL THINGS; there is no hidden question about that verse. JESUS was very clear when He said that to His disciples...and if you're born-again, you are a disciple of His.

Don't limit yourself and your dreams. See what one Anointed Scripture can do for your children's future and your grandchildren's future...and your future! And if you don't have children, that shouldn't stop you from praying for the children of a friend or family member.

Habakkuk 2:2-4 is a Promise that Derin quoted so many times: **"For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will NOT fail! Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come... it will not delay!"** You do have a future and you are the determining factor for that future...it's time to make a move to bring fulfillment to that future. As Habakkuk 2:4 says, your prayer may not be answered right away, but wait for it saying those Scriptures, because it's on GOD's time, and GOD's time is perfect for your situation. It will come...it will not delay: **"Therefore I say to you (this is JESUS speaking so listen up!), ALL things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them and they shall be granted you."** BELIEVE the Scripture that you're standing on (you need a Scripture to agree with your request), He will bring what was born in the spirit to be manifested in the physical; that's His Glory! He did that for me and He is no respecter of persons. Take it and run with it! He wants you to win and...

**Win BIG!**



## The Bible In The News...

### Just Think About This...

In today's world with President Trump getting hit daily, maybe a little Bible Lesson might be appropriate. Do you remember what JESUS said in Matthew 25:33: **"Goats on the left, sheep on the right"**. In John 21:6, JESUS told Peter that if he wanted to catch fish, do it from the right side of the boat. He did, and filled the boat with fish. He said, **"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."** When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish; the right side of the boat...hmmmm.

*"Your dreams are my dreams and your future is what I'm focused on."*



Origin of Right and Left: Have you ever wondered why it is that Conservatives are called "the right" and Liberals are called "the left"? Maybe Ecclesiastes 10:2 will clear it up for you: **"The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left."** Amen! It surely can't get any simpler than that. And here's a Spelling Lesson: The last four letters in American - I Can; the last four letters in Republican - I Can. The last four letters in Democrats - Rats! End of lesson! Test to follow on November 6, 2018. Remember, November 2018 is to be set aside as *rodent removal month*. Please share this Bible Lesson with all your friends and email buddies to help achieve that goal. Never grow a wishbone where a backbone ought to be. Submitted by Terri Michel

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**"Before we ask what is fair to illegal immigrants, we must ask what is fair to American families, students, tax payers, job seekers, etc."** Donald J. Trump

**"For behold, the winter is past...the flowers have already appeared in the land; the time has arrived for pruning the vines...and the voice of the turtle-doves have been heard in our land."** (S of S 2:11-12)



## A Prayer For PEACE...

Heavenly Father, The Psalmist, David, tells us to **"pray for the peace of JerUSAlem."** (Psalm 122:6) So, I pray for peace for Your chosen people, Israel, and their beloved city today. You have planned for Israel (JEHOVAH OALM - Everlasting GOD), provided for Israel (JEHOVAH JIREH - THE LORD MY PROVIDER), and protected Israel (JEHOVAH NISSI - My Banner of Victory) for thousands of years. But as in the days of old, there are those today who seek to harm, even destroy Your people. So, I ask You to keep Israel in Your loving care. Put a spiritual hedge of protection around Your people and their land. Watch over this nation as a Good Shepherd watches over his flock, and may Your chosen people find their ultimate safety and security in You. While You watch over Your people, may Holy Spirit awaken in them a hunger to embrace their Messiah - the One Who died for them - until they see Him (Yeshua) face to face! We pray this in JESUS' Name, Amen.

You may pray this prayer for the United States of America as well, praying that all those who will come to know JESUS as their Savior and LORD will come soon with hungry hearts: **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled!"** (Matthew 5:6) Prayer for Israel by David Jeremiah Ministries

**In May, the U. S. will move their embassy to Jerusalem, capital of Israel, during their 70th anniversary**

## That GOD-shaped Vacuum...

**"There is a GOD-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing but only by GOD, the Creator, made known through JESUS Christ."**

Blaise Pascal was born on June 19, 1623 in Clermont-Ferrand, France. His father was a civil servant and served as king's counselor. Blaise's mother, died in 1626, when Blaise was three years old. He had two sisters, Gilberte and Jacqueline. In 1631 the family moved to Paris. Blaise's father did not like the way school was taught there, and instructed all three children at home himself. He placed special emphasis on learning Latin and Greek. He did not expose Blaise to geometry because he felt the topic was too enticing and attractive. He thought that if exposed to geometry and mathematics too soon, Blaise would abandon the study of classics. This ban on mathematics merely served to make Blaise even more curious. On his own he experimented with geometrical figures, and he invented his own names for geometrical terms because he had not been taught the standard terms. When twelve-year-old Blaise attended meetings at a mathematical academy with his father, he was much younger than the adults who were there. Pascal was a genius at math and developed a mathematical formula that can be proven, in geometry. At the age of nineteen, Pascal invented a calculating machine. It was able to add and subtract by having a person move a series of gears and cylinders; this was an early form of a computer. In 1646 Pascal's father had an accident and was confined to his house. After his father's death, his sisters became very religious although Pascal continued to enjoy a more worldly life. He had a number of aristocratic (upper-class) and famous friends, and money from his patrimony (inheritance) to support himself. But soon afterwards he joined his sisters in putting his trust in GOD, his Creator.



**Some quotes written by Pascal:** "There is a GOD-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing but only by GOD, the Creator, made known through JESUS Christ." "The heart has reasons that reason cannot know." "Justice and power must be brought together, so that whatever is just may be powerful, and whatever is powerful may be just." "Man is but a reed, the most feeble thing in nature...but he is a thinking reed." "You always admire what you really don't understand." "Men despise religion; they hate it and are afraid it may be true."



## Home Of Refuge

Saving the Lost...Loving the Unlovable



Great things are happening in the Andes Mountains of Cardompata...the construction of a first-ever chapel to be built in their community. Eager members gather daily to survey the progress taking place. Already six of the residents have come to the LORD JESUS, including the president of the community. Imagine living in a place where there was no worship of any kind. Now a sanctuary is being built so that the Name of JESUS can be taught...where JESUS can be accepted as Savior and LORD. My dream is that hundreds of souls will be saved in this community in the Andes Mountains of Peru. One of the members, in fact...the president of the community, came to me one day in tears and asked, "Tony, will you teach me to pray?" You can imagine the Joy as I paused with what I was doing, and led him to the little room where I currently stay. As we knelt down and approached the Throne of Grace together, I felt the LORD's Presence while we were praying.

One day as we were pouring cement, ominous clouds appeared in the sky and brought back stories about the storms that came suddenly on the Sea of Galilee in the Bible. In the Name of JESUS, I spoke to the storm I saw approaching and forbid it to rain on us. Glory to GOD! It rained all around our area but did not touch our construction site.

As soon as the chapel is built, we must immediately start building the orphanage. Numerous children here have neither a warm bed or a place that they can call home. At 10,000 feet in elevation, the temperatures fall into the 30's and 40's at night. Two things we need...those who pray and fund the work, and prayer for more laborers to help us in this great effort. The fields are ripe unto harvest. We love you,



Continuing in Love, Tony & Rosa Rivera - Home of Refuge - Peru

Starting Construction on the Chapel