

HomeTouch

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Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Friends are God's way of taking care of us.*

Craig Wilson, writing in USA Today, says that he often gets questions from readers, but a recent question from a writer in Oklahoma intrigued him. The writer wanted to know why “they can spend great amounts of time with recent acquaintances, and those people never ask a personal question of them. Not one.”

The writer called it “me-ism.” Even when they traveled abroad, fellow travelers loved to talk about themselves, but never asked anything of others. We can take this even further and say that we not only live in a culture of “me-ism” but of “my-ism.” Think of how the word “my” is used these days. The Internet is full of it: MySpace, MyMovies, MyNews and so on.

Now there's a new wrinkle: One famous brand of tissues is coming out with a version that you can personalize with your own family pictures. When you get the sniffles, you can pull a tissue and see a picture of a loved one as you sneeze!

Perhaps there's no real harm in all of this, but the spirit of Galatians 6 is much different. Here we're called to “you-ism.” We say to our friends — or anyone in need — “I will share your burden,” or, “I will help you lift this load.”

Can you think of times when you were so grateful that someone was with you to help carry a burden? Perhaps God will give you an opportunity to carry a load for someone today!

Prayer: O God, help me to forget “me” and “my” today, and remember “others” so that where a burden needs to be lifted, I can be there to help shoulder the load. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 1, 2

Monday: Isaiah 25-27

Tuesday: Isaiah 28-30

Wednesday: Isaiah 31-33

Thursday: Isaiah 34-36

Friday: Isaiah 37-39

Saturday: Psalms 70-72

Verse to Remember

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

—Acts 1:8



Abraham

PATERNITY TEST

DIRECTIONS: Match the sons in the right column with the correct fathers in the left column.

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| _____ 1. Boaz | A. Cain |
| _____ 2. Adam | B. Ishmael |
| _____ 3. David | C. Obed |
| _____ 4. Jacob | D. Absalom |
| _____ 5. Amram | E. Moses |
| _____ 6. Abraham | F. John |
| _____ 7. Zechariah | G. Samuel |
| _____ 8. Elkanah | H. Reuben |

BRAIN TEASER

What word, when written in capital letters, is the same forward, backward and upside down?

The Dog

A dog is tied to a leash 15 feet long. The dog wants to get to a bone that is 20 feet away. How will he get to the bone?

Answers

Paternity Test: 1C, 2A, 3D, 4H, 5E, 6B, 7F, 8G; The Dog: The leash is tied to the dog's neck, but the leash itself is not tied to anything; Brain Teaser: NOON.