

HomeTouch

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Scripture Reading: Hosea 1:2-10

TODAY'S THOUGHT: Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking. —H.L. Mencken

My trash is usually picked up on Wednesdays. But on the 4th of July it didn't get picked up because it was a holiday. I started thinking about "Trash Day." Wouldn't it be interesting to have a "Spiritual Trash Day?" This is a special day when we get some of the trash out of our lives.

It's a good thing to have at least one day when we look at the clutter in our homes, or our rooms, and throw stuff out before it piles up too high. But it's also a good thing to regularly take a look at the trash that might be cluttering up our spiritual homes.

This kind of trash is easy to forget and even easier to ignore. Is it time to throw out the trash? Here is a simple "Trash Day" prayer. Keep it handy and pray it often:

*Forgive me my sins, O Lord.
Forgive me the sins of my youth
and the sins of my age,
the sins of my soul
and the sins of my body,
my secret and my whispering sins,
the sins I have done to please myself
and the sins I have done to please others.
Forgive those sins which I know
and the sins which I do not know.
Forgive them, Lord;
forgive them all in your great goodness,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Acts 10-12
- Monday: Micah 5-7
- Tuesday: Nahum 1-3
- Wednesday: 2 Kings 20-21
- Thursday: Zephaniah 1-3
- Friday: Habakkuk 1-3
- Saturday: Psalms 79-81

SHAKE It UP!

Sometimes, in order to play, cook or work, we need to shake, mix or scramble things. Below, you will find a list of words that have been shaken, mixed and scrambled. Unscramble these letters to find out what's shaking!

PHRASE MEANINGS

Below is a list of common phrases. In the space provided, write the letter of the definition below that best explains the meaning of the phrase.

- 1. push the envelope _____
- 2. cold turkey _____
- 3. rock and a hard place _____
- 4. get one's goat _____
- 5. grain of salt _____
- 6. cut and dried _____
- 7. by the skin of one's teeth _____
- 8. dressed to the nines _____

- 1. ABBY TARLET _____
- 2. DREAMSBLC GEGS _____
- 3. KLEASHIMK _____
- 4. CEDI _____
- 5. TANIP _____
- 6. SLAT DAN PREPEP _____
- 7. STODES DASLA _____
- 8. GLAYPIN DRACS _____

- A. to annoy to the point of frustration
- B. in a difficult situation
- C. dressed very elegantly
- D. to view something with skepticism
- E. to go beyond the known safe limits
- F. a very narrow escape
- G. to quit an addictive habit suddenly
- H. routine, ordinary, obvious



ANSWERS: Shake It Up!
 1. baby rattle
 2. scrambled eggs
 3. milkshake
 4. dice
 5. paint
 6. salt and pepper
 7. tossed salad
 8. playing cards
 Phrase Meanings:
 1E, 2G, 3B, 4A, 5D, 6H, 7F, 8C.