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Sunday, July 20, 2008

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-25

TODAY'S THOUGHT: Treat your friends as you do your pictures: Place them in the best available light. —Jennie Jerome Churchill (1854-1921)

Did you enjoy your breakfast or lunch meal? Are you thankful for those who provide meals for you? Perhaps you provide for your own meals, and appreciate an opportunity to eat at a restaurant. Here is the story of a cook who is not happy. His name is Guy Martin.

Martin is the chef at the Paris restaurant, Le Grande VeFour. His restaurant, in business for more than 200 years with patrons including Napoleon and Victor Hugo, was denied Michelin's third star, and demoted to two-star status. He's not happy.

The Michelin Guide accepts no advertising so that there's no possibility of a conflict of interest. It's the most prestigious restaurant rating guide, in France at least. Eateries are judged on the basis of the products and cooking as well as the style of the food, dependability and consistency. Anonymous inspectors dined at Le Grande VeFour 10-12 times over a two-year period and decided that the consistency just wasn't there, not enough to warrant three-star status.

Hmmm. Consistency. It makes one wonder what kind of a Christian is a Three-Star Christian? How do we live before God and the world in a way that makes our lives like a sweet-smelling offering to God? What would one need to do, or not do, to lose a star?

Consistency is important in Christian fellowship as well as in food. When we fail to live a consistent life, it's very hard for people to trust us, or to find our Christian faith appealing. Of course, Guy Martin's dishes looked fabulous. But the taste? Well, it wasn't consistent.

We, too, can look really good, but when we're called to actually serve and minister and encourage others, well, sometimes the consistency just isn't there. So what's your "star rating" for today?

Prayer: O God, You don't "rate" us according to our works. You love us, not rate us. Still, I want my life to be a consistent and faithful witness so that others may never be led astray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of **JULY 20, 2008**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday:** Acts 6-9
- Monday:** Isaiah 55-57
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 58-60
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 61-63
- Thursday:** Isaiah 64-66
- Friday:** Micah 1-4
- Saturday:** Psalms 76-78

Verse to Remember

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are
your ways my ways, says the LORD.*

—Isaiah 55:8-9

"Faith ends where worry begins, and worry ends where faith begins."
—George Mueller

Quote Fall

Directions: In the box below is a quotation from **Psalm 3:3**. The quote will "fall" into place as you choose the correct letter from each column. For example, in the first column below, the first letter of the first word is either a B or a W, whereas the second letter of the first word might be a U, S, G or H. We've dropped one letter and one word for you. Compare your answer with Psalm 3:3.



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