



# PRODIGAL SON-TIMES™



## That's the Spirit !

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### Some Biblical Answers for Coping with Distress

*God's Word revives the inner man from mental and emotional problems. God begins his healing in a man's spirit, which progresses outwardly thru the soul and body (Hebrews 4:12)*

**When we depend on Jesus, instead of our circumstances, we remain secure because He never fails (Phil. 4:11-13).**

**What you do under stress, not only reveals your character, but also helps to develop your character (James 1:2-4)**

**God cares deeply if you are poor, and He commands all believers to care for you, too (Ps. 113:6-8)**

**The world hates Christ, so when we are believers, we can expect the world that inflicted suffering on Him to also inflict suffering on us (2 Tim. 3:12).**

**Christian hope is the antidote to depression (Rom. 15:13).**

**Distress can be the result of an inner conflict between good and evil (Eph.6:12).**

**Feed the Good: pray, read the Bible, go to church, seek good fellowship, etc. You can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens you (Phil. 4:13).**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

6-25-2006

Men-On-A-Mission

9:30 AM at

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Poland

5:30 PM at Can-

field Presbyterian Church

6-27-2006

Visit by Pastor Jeff from

West Virginia

(almost heaven)

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*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

*James 5: 16*

## RESIDENT COMMENTS



The Mission has allowed me to focus more on my Savior, Jesus Christ. I appreciate the Staff for their time, support, and devotion. I'm beginning to see things the way God sees them. - Linda:

The Mission has been a blessing for me, when I had nowhere else to go. The Staff is very loving and caring. I believe God sent me here for a reason. - Caliqua

God's grace is something I now have learned to embrace and appreciate on a daily basis. Thank you for open hearts and helping me on my spiritual quest. - Meg

I've been here for 3 months and find myself changing in all areas, as I'm increasing my knowledge of the Word of God. I especially like the Bible studies class with Doc Finnigan. - Brad



### Food for Thought

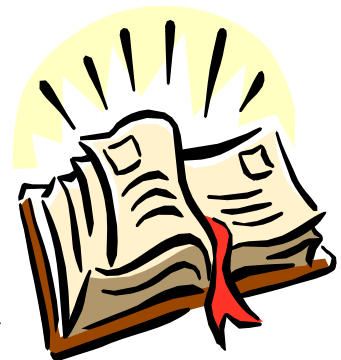
- ◆ Laughter is an instant vacation.
- ◆ The largest room in the world is room for improvement.
- ◆ I'm a lowly clay vessel filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Things do not get better by being left alone.



### BIBLE QUIZ

- \* Whose dishes were all of gold?
- \* Who first practiced nudism?
- \* What one sin is the first sin (Gen. 3:4), and the last sin (Rev. 22:15) to be mentioned in the Bible?
- \* What does Paul recommend for stomach problems?
- \* What King saw his neighbor's wife taking a bath, and lusted for her?
- \* In the O.T., what was the penalty for working on the Sabbath?
- \* Who was the "beloved physician" that was a N.T. author?
- \* What king wrote 1,005 songs?
- \* In Proverbs, where is the description of a perfect wife?
- \* What one cause of divorce did Jesus recognize?

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## WORD OF THE MONTH

### VIRTUE

*Want to practice being Christ-like today? Ask God to enable you to practice these virtues: faith, hope, charity, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance, kindness, righteousness, decency, respectability, worthiness, nobility, purity, unselfishness, saintly, honesty, being honorable, reputable, laudable, squeaky clean, integrity, courtesy, cheerfulness loyalty, sincerity, tolerance, and gratitude, just to mention some. How about starting today? For instance, “Today, I will be kind and patient with others, with the help of the Spirit.” Look for opportunities to be of service and help with the work at the Mission, to the glory of God.*

## INTERESTING SIGNS

Outside a muffler shop: “No appointment necessary. We hear you coming!”

In a Veterinarian’s office: “Be back in five minutes, Sit! Stay!”

Pizza Shop slogan: “7 Days without Pizza makes one Weak!”

On a plumber’s truck: “We repair what your husband fixed.”

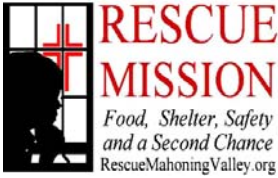
On a fence: “Salesmen welcomed. Dog food is expensive!”

At a Health Food Store: “Closed due to illness.”

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* Cannibals don’t eat clowns because they taste funny.
- \* It’s impossible to lick your elbows.
- \* No word in the English language rhymes with “month.”
- \* A man reported that he couldn’t dial “911 because there was no “11” on his phone.
- \* Vegetarians still eat animal crackers.
- \* No one knows what they had before hams were cured.
- \* Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.
- \* About the feminist who walked into a bar that only served men. She ordered two of them.
- \* Two can live as cheaply as one – but for only half as long.
- \* The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second, or the distance a baby can crawl when you turn your back.



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**We have the confident hope that nothing separates us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39).**

**If you abide in Christ's love, you will find peace and joy (John 15:10-11).**

**"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not; I will keep thee" (Isaiah 41:13).**

**"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ (Phil.4:7).**

**Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:17 NIV)**

#### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 and where there is sadness, joy."

*When we live out this prayer daily, people will recognize us as believers in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We can do nothing more Christ-like than to bring peace to those separated from God and from each other.*

Reference: The Christian Salt & Light Co., 1988.

#### ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8. Solomon;                  | 1. Solomon;       |
| 9. Proverbs 31;              | 2. Adam and Eve;  |
| 10. Fornication by the wife. | 3. Lying;         |
|                              | 4. A little wine; |
|                              | 5. David;         |
|                              | 6. Death;         |
|                              | 7. Luke;          |