

## What If God...?

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we didn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?

What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain to water them?

What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

What if God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to pay for our own sins?

What if the door of the church building was closed because we did not open the door of our minds?

What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?

What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if God met our needs the way we give to Him of our means?

## Happy, Healthy, Holy Life

The following are simple instructions for living a healthy, happy, and holy life. They are not hard to practice if you believe they can make a difference in your life. Parents would be wise to share this list with their young adults and encourage them to keep it close at all times. Tell them not to be embarrassed to share them with their friends, even the ones who do not go to church, because the more young people practice these simple instructions, the better their lives will be in the future.

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

Memorize your favorite poem.

Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have. or sleep all you want.

When you say "I love you," mean it.

When you say I'm sorry, look the person in the eye.

Be engaged for at least six months before you get married.

Never laugh at anyone's dreams.

Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live completely.

In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.

Don't judge people by their relatives.

Talk slowly, but think quickly.

When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, why do you want to know.

Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

Call your family.

When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

Remember the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others, Responsibility for all your actions.

Don't let a dispute injure a great relationship.

When you realize that you have made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

Marry someone you love to talk to. As you get older, his or her conversational skills will be as important as any other skill.

Spend time alone each day.

Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Read more books and watch less TV.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.

Trust in God but lock your door.

A loving atmosphere in your home is important.

Do all you can to create a tranquil, harmonious home.

In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.

Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.

Pray, there is immeasurable power in it.

Never interrupt when you are being complimented.

Mind your own business.

Once a year, go to a place you've never been before.

If you make a lot of money, put it to use while you are still alive. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck.

Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.

Judge your success by what you sacrificed to achieve it.

Remember that if you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters. (Author Unknown, Source: "JOYFUL REFLECTIONS")

### **"Attend the Church of Your Choice"?**

Jesus did not die for "the church of YOUR choice. He died for the church of HIS choice. We may not like the Bible's answers, but the Bible's answers are always right. The Bible does not say one thing to you and another to me. If we don't hear the same thing, the problem lies in the hearing. (Bill Brown, via Bible Answers)

### **Bible Cake**

(Use the Old King James Version)

Ingredients:

- a) 1/2 lb. Judges 5:25 (second item listed)
- b) 1/2 lb. Jeremiah 6:20
- c) 1 TBS 1Samuel 14:25
- d) 3 of Jeremiah 17:11s
- e) 1/2 lb. 1Samuel 30:12
- f) 1/2 lb. Nahum 3:12 (chopped)
- g) 1/4 cup Numbers 17:8 (blanched/chopped)
- h) 1 lb. 1Kings 4:22 (plain)
- i) Season to taste with 2Chronicles 9:9
- j) Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
- k) 1 tsp. Amos 4:5 (for leaven, read baking powder)
- l) 3 TBS Judges 15:19

Instructions:

Step one: Beat a, b, & c into a cream.

Step two: Add d, one at a time, still beating.

Step three: Add e, f, & g, and beat again.

Step four: Mix h, i, j, & k together, then add to mixture; beat again.

Step five: Add l.

Step six: Bake at 275 degrees for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until done.