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David's Devotional

Mentors Make A Difference

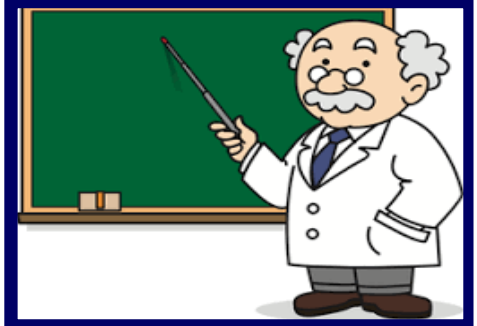
It was Friday evening, June 23rd, 2000. I was working in Muscle Shoals when I got a call from Cindy Sullivan. She asked if I had heard about John Hester. John had been working on an electrical project in the crawl space of his home. He thought he disconnected the power from the wire he planned to cut, but the power was still on the circuit. John was dead. He was only 62 years old. He was my mentor!

That was one of the saddest days of many people's lives, the saddest for some. If you were to ask John about his life, this is what he might say, *"We operate in a Time-Space continuum. No one or no thing can occupy the same Space at the same Time. We affect some Space on earth in the Time we have been given. My Time on earth is over and there is no more Space for me to affect. I am now with my Creator who is not bound by Time and Space! However, the "ripples" that my Time-Space continuum started in motion, are still reverberating in the lives of the people I have affected. I trust my "ripple effect" is positive."*

I can attest those "ripples" are indeed positive! John Hester made a huge difference in my life and many others!

We only have "Here & Now". I can spend all my Time and Space regretting the "There & Then" or worrying about the "Where & When", but what positive "ripples" will that generate? James noted in **James 4:14** *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* May God help me to make a positive "ripple" right here and right now!

David Conley



An Interesting Quote:

"Fortunes tend to self destruction by destroying those who inherit them."
 Henry Ford

"So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof."

Proverbs 1:19

There are those who are greedy! They want what others have! Solomon said that it will *"taketh away the life"*. That means it will destroy them!

If a person works hard all their life and amasses a lot of assets, then they leave it to greedy folks, it will tend to their destruction! Sure, it would be great to leave an inheritance (**Proverbs 13:22**), but be sure it is left to grateful and giving folks, otherwise it will be bad!

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DID YOU KNOW?

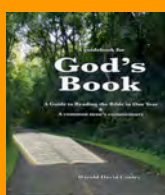
Whether mashed or roasted, white or sweet, potatoes had no place at the first Thanksgiving!

They may or may not have had Turkey, but if they did, they didn't have mashed potatoes to go with it!

We may like potatoes, but Solomon gives wise advice in **Proverbs 25:16** concerning good things we may like: *"Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it."*

What Happened?

Welcome to Valdosta; Celebrate Bobby Denton; Visiting Nursing Homes; Attend Gospel Meetings; Honoring Veterans; Eating with Elders; Robert Ferguson Funeral; and more!



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Meeting Grandma

We had never met Mama's Mama. She lived up North. I think it was Chicago.

I later learned that she had gone through some terrible abusive experiences. That's all I will say about that. Mama had made arrangements to get her back to Alabama. She was not just coming to visit. She came to live with us! We kids were not concerned with where she would sleep - even though there were already EIGHT of us in a four room house. It was not our concern with what she would eat - even though we kids always fought to see who would get the last biscuit! We were concerned about what we were going to call her! "*Grandma George*" was the final verdict.

Grandma George didn't look at you very much. She seldom spoke. I can barely remember what she even sounded like. All day long she would sit in a chair in the corner of the living room. She looked out the window, twisted the end of her hair with her fingers, and slightly rocked back and forth. One day I heard a loud "*clicking*" noise. It was coming from Grandma George! I watched in horror as her teeth protruded from her mouth! With a loud "*click*", they disappeared back into her mouth. The sight was repeated again and again. I had never seen anything like that before! Suddenly her eyes caught mine. The look on my face must have caused the grin that came across her face. The grin turned into a chuckle, the chuckle became a laugh! I didn't know which amazed me more - teeth popping out of Grandma George's head or the rare sight of seeing her laugh.

Solomon said in **Proverbs 17:22** "*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*" I like to think that it did Grandma George some good to live with us a while. David Conley

THANKSGIVING

Someone said, "*It's more than Thanksgiving; It's Thanks Living!*"



Thursday, November 28th, we celebrated Thanksgiving!

I wonder what those first pilgrims would think if they could see us now?

Industry & Technology allows us to experience and enjoy things that they could only DREAM about! (Actually, I'm not even sure they could DREAM some of the things that we experience!)

However, they did have faith that God had a purpose for this country. They believed that God would bless their sacrifices and hard work with a great nation. Their prayers were answered!

Did our Forefathers make mistakes? Yes! Did they do some inhumane things to human beings? Yes! Did they act selfishly at times? Yes! Are they much different than this generation? NO!

We may have more, go more, do more, take more, give more, see more, be more, etc., but we make mistakes, do some in humane things to human beings, and act selfishly at times!

In spite of the tough times they had and the tough things they had to do, they preserved a respect for God among Americans for us. In spite of the tough times we are having and the tough things we have to do, let us be sure to preserve a respect for God in this society for future generations! How? By being Thankful!

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing." **Psalms 107:21-22**

Be Thankful to God and practice THANKS LIVING!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher was invited by friends to a restaurant to eat breakfast. It was called "Two Fat Sisters". He brought his grandson who enjoyed a delicious pancake. Following the meal while getting back into the car, the grandson disappointedly said, "*I didn't see the fat sisters!*"

The preacher thought about **John 7:24** "*Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*"

What does our outward "*sign*" say about our lives? What is the ACTUAL truth? Always let our "*sign*" reflect what is in our life!