

"Together We Strive In 2025"



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Pastor & Mrs. C

How to Stay Sane in an Insane World

Psalms 62:6

POINT: The word "sound" means "firm," "unshakable," "sure."
Titus 1:9, "... sound doctrine ..."

INTRODUCTION: We live in a changing world. Customs, culture, and church members change. I want to look at some things I haven't changed my mind about.

FIRST: THE WORD OF GOD.

II CORINTHIANS 3:16

- A. Inspired, inerrant, Infallible.
- B. Book of wonder, worship, warfare.
- C. A map for direction, a manual for discretion, and a mirror for discipline.
- D. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, practice it to be holy, and obey it to be blessed.

SECOND: THE WAY OF GOD.

JOHN 14:6

- A. Realize you are a sinner - **Romans 3:23.**
- B. Repentance toward God - **Acts 20:21.**
- C. Recognize Jesus died for you - **I Corinthians 15:30.**
- D. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith - **Acts 16:31.**

THIRD: THE WORSHIP OF GOD.

MATTHEW 4:10

- A. Worship is to be Scriptural - **John 4:24.**
- B. Worship is to be Spiritual - **John 4:24.**
- C. Worship is to be Sacrificial - **Matthew 26:6-13.** (Mary came to give, not receive.)

FOURTH: THE WILL OF GOD.

ROMANS 12:1-2

It is the will of God that:

- A. All sinners to be saved - **I Timothy 2:4.**
- B. All sinners to be separated - **II Corinthians 6:17.**
- C. All separated be Spirit-filled - **Ephesians 5:18.**

FIFTH: THE WRATH OF GOD.

ROMANS 1:18

- A. God deals with saints that rebel.
 - 1. Cleaning - **John 15:3**
 - 2. Chastisement - **Hebrews 12:8**
 - 3. Castaway - **I Corinthians 9:27**
 - 4. Carry Home - **I Corinthians 11:30**
- B. God deals with sinners that refuse. **Revelation 20:12-15, Revelation 21:6 & Psalm 9:17.**

SIXTH: THE WISDOM OF GOD

PROVERBS 3:13

- A. Preserve the godly. **Psalms 16:1**

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Dr. Jack
Hyles

How To Stay Happy

I am a happy person. In order, these are the four things on which I spend the most time in prayer:

1. **The power of the Holy Spirit:** I have two things that I have prayed for myself in the last twenty-five years. One thing was the wedding [vow renewal ceremony] I got on my fiftieth wedding anniversary. I prayed for it, and I got it. Apart from that, there was only one other thing for which have prayed. I pray for the power of God. Blessed are the beggars for the spirit; blessed are the beggars for the spiritual. The power of God is the fullness of the Holy Spirit. That is one reason why I am happy. I am happier than the folks who write articles on how to be happy.
2. **I yield myself to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help me cross the paths of those who Jesus would help if He were in my shoes.**
3. **I ask the Lord to help me to be a blessing.** Every day I pray for the meeting where I will be five weeks from that day. I pray for five weeks for every out-of-town meeting where I will speak.
4. **I ask God to help me find out the needs of the people at First Baptist Church and to be what they need me to be as their preacher.** I never have asked anyone to pray for anything that I wanted. At one time, I was driving an old Plymouth. One day while driving, I looked down and saw the pavement through the floorboard. Just as you would say, "Lord, give me some food," I simply said, "Lord, give me a new car." That is all I said. I did not ask for it twice. When I got home from the meeting, I had a long-distance call from another state. He said, "Dr. Hyles, I am a car dealer. God spoke to my heart and told me to give you a new car. I will pay for your plane ticket to come and drive the new car back."

CALORIE COUNT

***A BALANCED DIET IS HAVING A CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE IN EACH HAND.
SHE WENT OFF HER DIET WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THAT COTTAGE CHEESE MAKES AWFUL HOT FUDGE SUNDAES.
MINUTES AT THE TABLE DON'T ADD WEIGHT-IT'S THE SECONDS.
IT'S HIGH TIME TO GET ON A DIET WHEN YOU CAN PINCH AN INCH ON YOUR FOREHEAD.
HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE FELLOW WHO STEPPED ONTO A TALKING SCALES? AFTER A FEW WHEEZES AND WHIRS,
THE SCALES SAID, "ONLY ONE PERSON ON THE SCALE AT A TIME, PLEASE."
IF YOU CHEAT ON YOUR DIET, YOU'LL GAIN IN THE END.
SHE HAD NO PROBLEM GOING ON A DIET, EXCEPT WHEN SHE WAS HUNGRY.
MORE DIETS START IN FRONT OF DEPARTMENT STORE MIRRORS THAN ON THE SCALES AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.***

***A MOTHER SAID TO HER CHILD, "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF THAT DOG, HONEY. HE'S BARKING A LOT, BUT
SEE HOW HE'S WAGGING HIS TAIL?"***

THE CHILD REPLIED, "I DON'T KNOW WHICH END TO BELIEVE!"



Dr. Greg
Neal

Truth **John 8:32**

First: Jesus Is Truth. To know Jesus is to know the truth. Many people do not know the truth about Jesus; therefore, they cannot find their way to God. Cults often will use the name of Jesus, but they deny the truth about Him. We cannot separate truth from Christ lest we pervert the Gospel. ***"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*** (I Timothy 2:4)

"That they an might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thessalonians 2: 12)

Second: We Are Sanctified Through Truth. We read in ***John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."*** The truth by which we are sanctified is God's Word. There cannot be sanctification without truth. Sanctification is the purification of a believer. To be sanctified is to be set apart or made holy and sacred. Many Christians have abandoned separation because they are walking by their feelings rather than in truth. Sanctification cleanses us from corruption, purifies us from sin, detaches us from the affections of the world, and leads us to love God so that we may honor Him with our lives.

Third: We are set free by truth. In ***John 8:32***, we read, ***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*** We are free only when we make truth the basis of our faith. Many Christians live in the bondage of sin because they are following their feelings rather than girding up their loins with truth.

Fourth: The Lord Draws Nigh To Those Who Pray In Truth. Today, there are many false notions being taught about prayer. Contemplative prayer, which is a new age version of meditation, is becoming more popular today and is an example of prayer without truth. Those who follow it are following error. It sounds good, but it is not truth. God hears us when our relationship with Him is built upon truth. ***"The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."*** (Psalm 145: 18)

Conclusion: What are you doing with the truth?

B. Reserve the ungodly. **II Peter 2:9**

CONCLUSION: If you were to take inventory today, could you firmly acknowledge that you are still sound as the day you made the decision concerning that particular service? Are you sound about the Word of God, church, family, education; your home in Heaven?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)

**Prayer of Service**

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

**Heritage Highlanders August 2025 Schedule**

Saturday August 2

Accountability

Saturday August 9

Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Proverbs 1:2

Saturday August 16

Back To School

Saturday August 23

Soulwinning

Saturday August 30

Influence

II Timothy 2:15

I John 5:13

Matthew 5:13

Wise Sayings

- A person who knows all the answers obviously hasn't heard all the questions yet.
- When a man is all wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.
- If your lips would keep from slips, five things observe with care-to whom you speak, of whom you speak, and how, and when and where.
- No matter how tall your father was, you, sir, will have to do your own growing.
- What a better place this world would be if you and I would talk less and think more.
- A communist is a guy who borrows your pot to cook your goose.
- If you make it a practice to laugh at your troubles, you can be sure you'll never run out of something to make you laugh.
- God, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. And sever any tie in my heart except the tie that binds my heart to Yours.

As the Stars of Heaven

Daniel 12:3

Introduction: *"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."*

Why does the Bible compare soul winners to the stars?

I. They live to please the Saviour.

Luke 15:7

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10)

Dr. Bob Gray

Every person who comes to Christ brings joy, not only to that person but also to the very presence of the angels in Heaven. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, along with loved ones in Heaven are joyful over each and every person who is redeemed from going to Hell.

II. They Bring Light Into A Dark World.

Jeremiah 31:35

"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: (Jeremiah 31:35)"

Only when a soul winner actually does the work of a soul winner does he or she become a "star."

If you have never killed a deer, then it would be impossible to call yourself a deer hunter. The same is true concerning the spreading of the Gospel. When we bring light to a sin-sick world, we become stars.

III. They Follow The Example Given.

Luke 19:10

"... the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The stars of Heaven found their purpose to be the same as the one who was the Captain of their team. They followed His lead and sought after those who are lost. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father and providing intercessory work for those fulfilling His purpose on Earth.

Conclusion: The path of the soul winner is, for sure, the road to heavenly stardom. It is a mark of wisdom for one to choose this noble work that will one day make him shine as a superstar forever and ever.

Something to "CROW" about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 35 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 35 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 12th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 21st, 22nd, and 23th, 2026.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist
Academy
School Year Begins
August 19th, 9:00 AM



Wedding Bells

Friday, 9/26/25 4:00 PM
Evelyn Collingsworth and
Eric Roueche will be
joined in Holy Matrimony
at Heritage Baptist
Church.

His Voice Is Calling

The light of God is falling
Upon life's common way;
The Master's voice still calling,
"Come, walk with me today."

No duty can seem lowly
To Him who lives with thee,
And all of life grows holy,
O Christ of Galilee!

- Louis F. Benson

A MAN ON A TRAIN CONFIDED TO HIS SEATMATE, "I JUST GOT OUT OF PRISON THIS MORNING. IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH FACING OLD FRIENDS."

"I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU," THE OTHER MAN SAID. "I'M HEADING HOME FROM CONGRESS."

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER, "WHAT DO 'PRO' AND 'CON' MEAN?" "WELL, SON," THE FATHER REPLIED, "PRO IS YOUR BRILLIANT UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT, AND CON IS THE OTHER PERSON'S STUPID DRIVEL."

**PARENTS TO US BACK THEN: "STOP WATCHING CARTOONS ON TV. THEY'LL ROT YOUR BRAIN."
US TO OUR PARENTS NOW: "STOP WATCHING THE NEWS ON TV. IT'LL ROT YOUR BRAIN."**



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth
Whose in the Driver's Seat?

Proverbs 3:5-7, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

Have you ever been driving only to find yourself in the wrong lane and then you have passed your destination and you have to turn around and come back.

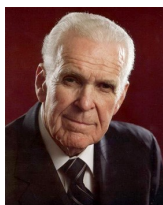
Often times when you use your GPS you may not be paying close attention or the GPS takes you in a direction you don't want to go. So you go your own way waiting for it to recalculate.

Each day, we as Christians, should desire to let the Lord direct our life, our thoughts, our words, our actions, our appearance, and our attitude. The keyword to doing this is yieldedness. The yield signs on the road are there for a reason. Our lack of yielding can most definitely cause disaster, injury, or even death. So we must carefully look before proceeding into traffic.

This applies to us as Christians. We awaken for the day but we must seek the Lord's direction and help in our day. If we are truly yielded we will pay more attention to what's around us. Then we know whatever happens in our day, God has allowed for a purpose.

But oftentimes we start off wanting to yield to the Lord only to have disruptions or distractions in our day and then we find ourselves taking over and taking control! No thought for prayer and God's direction.

Most women want to be fixers. We remember the verse in *Ecclesiastes 9:10* that says, *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might..."*, but the rest of that verse lets us know that once we die there's no more opportunity to do what we could so we truly need to be women led by the Holy Spirit, giving every effort to do what the Lord directs us to do.



Dr. Lee
Roberson

The Key To Revival II Chronicles 7:14

Revival begins with a burden. In Bible Christianity, a burden is not negative, but positive. It is not something to be avoided, but something to be desired. We are slow to see this because we are not alert spiritually, and we fail to understand what God has said. For example, here is the Apostle Paul with a burden, a great burden. and yet a victorious Christian. Yet he said, "I am troubled. I am distressed about things, I am so burdened about the people of Israel." He said, ***"I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed [separated] from Christ..."*** if it could bring his people to the Saviour. He was burdened.

The Lord Jesus Christ was the same way, and we have it here in **Matthew 23:37**. He was so burdened, so concerned. Every step that Jesus took indicated His burden and concern for others. The attitude of our Saviour was serious. We have today in the thinking of our Lord of this time a matter of tears. In his hour sometimes there is a laxness, a turning away from the things of God. But not with the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a matter of deep concern for others. He cried over Jerusalem.

The thing missing in most of our churches is a burden. The flesh reacts against assuming a burden for others. We have faith in Christ. We believe in Him. We believe in the indwelling Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's Holy Word. We believe in the New Testament church, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the importance of worship. We believe in missions, and the giving to missions. But, we lack the burden: a burden for souls, a burden for others, a burden for the salvation of lost people.

The key to revival is a burden, and when you talk about Christ, the Master Key, you have to face this. You have to face what Jesus said as He looked upon the city of Jerusalem. So. we pray tonight, "O God, stir our hearts."

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT...

- ***THE GUY WHO BOUGHT A BIG-SCREEN TV? UNFORTUNATELY, HE DIDN'T HAVE THE REMOTEST IDEA HOW TO TURN IT ON.***
- ***THE WOMAN WHO WAS TOLD THAT A CAMERA MAKES HER LOOK TEN POUNDS HEAVIER? FROM THAT DAY ON, SHE STOPPED EATING CAMERAS.***
- ***THE GAL WHO GOT A CALL FROM HER BANK? SEEMS HER REALITY CHECK BOUNCED.***
- ***THE OFFICE INTERN WHO WAS DETERMINED TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE? TRY AS HE MIGHT, HOWEVER, THE ENVELOPE REMAINED STATIONERY.***
- ***THE BARISTA WHO QUIT HER JOB? SHE GOT TIRED OF THE DAILY GRIND.***
- ***THE GAL WHO ALWAYS LAUGHED LAST? IT TOOK HER A LONG TIME TO GET THE JOKE.***

"YOU CAN MICROWAVE A POP-TART. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO TOAST A POP-TART IN A TOASTER - A MINUTE AND A HALF, ON THE LONG SIDE? THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THIS KIND OF TIME? LISTEN, IF YOU NEED TO ZAP-FRY YOUR POP-TARTS BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT THE DOOR, YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOSEN UP YOUR SCHEDULE."



Nathan
Collingsworth

Soul Winning Marathon

Introduction: My pastor came to me not too long ago and asked me to consider having a soul-winning marathon and connect it to Friend Day. I said, "Pastor, if that's what you want, then I will get right on it."

After the marathon, Pastor asked me to give the statistics so people could see the results of much prayer, much soul winning, and much service.

Here are a few of the statistics:

7,247 tracts passed out, 342.5 hours of soul winning, 64 salvations, and 79 visitors in the church that Sunday morning. (by the way, the choir had to remain in the choir loft because there was nowhere to sit in the auditorium.)



To top it off, Pastor gave me the opportunity to preach that Sunday night.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

NIGERIAN PASTOR GIVEN A CHOICE: LIVE AS A MUSLIM OR DIE AS A CHRISTIAN

Pastor Ojih and several other Christians had been captured by radical Islamists, bound, and left alone to contemplate their fate under the scorching heat of Nigeria's sun.

The sharp blade of a machete cut the ropes that tied Pastor Ojih's feet together ... [T]hey were told to stand and decide their fate. "If you want to live for Christ, go to this side," his captor said, jerking his hand toward a man dressed in white with a sword who stood apart from the captives. "If you want to go for Mohammad, remain where you are."

Pastor Ojih knelt in front of his executioner and was given one last chance. His executioner raised his sword and asked him if he wanted to live as a Muslim or die as a Christian.

The husband and father of four turned to his companions and spoke his last words. "If you survive, tell my family that I died well and am living with Christ. And if we all die, we know that we died for the Lord."

-Assist News, My Christian Daily

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This dear pastor and seven others were summarily executed at the hands of these devoted Islamists. Once again, the so-called "religion of peace" shows its true colors.

TRUMP CANCELS BIDEN-ERA RULE FORCING DOCTORS TO PERFORM ABORTIONS

The Trump administration has rescinded a Biden-era policy meant to preempt state abortion laws and force emergency room doctors to perform abortions. Under Biden, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) interpreted the 1986 federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) as requiring doctors to perform abortions under a broader set of exceptions than just to preserve the life of the mother in order to "stabilize" a patient, even if the procedure violated state pro-life laws or the doctor's convictions. HHS cancelled the policy as a move to protect women and their unborn children.

-Liberty Counsel

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Once Upon A Time

There was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one!"

In His Keeping

When the early morning breaking,
Slumber from my eyelids shaking,
Comes the blessed tho't with waking,
I am in His keeping.

Day advances, labor bringing,
Care, her mantle round me flinging
Yet midst all my soul keeps singing,
I am in His care.

Sometimes dark clouds gather round me,
Not one step I see before me,
Still, my Savior, I adore Thee,
I am in His keeping.

I can trust His hand to guide me,
"Neath His wings He'll safely hide me,
And no harm can e'er betide me,
I am in His care.

Gentle eventide is nearing,
Light from Heaven disappearing,
Still the blessed tho't so cheering,
I am in His keeping.

Now night's curtains gather round me,
Yet its dangers have not found me,
For His angel guards surround me,
I am in His care.

I am in my Father's keeping
I am in His tender care;
Whether waking, whether sleeping,
I am in His care.

-Mrs. C. H. Morris

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor in England
- **John Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year and might be the greatest Baptist pastor

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