

a Season, a Saviour, a Star

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1. Introduction

The season of Christmas has arrived at The Ross's ! The 2nd day of December has arrived. The weekend has arrived, morning coffee with my mom. Mom brought with her some books on Alzheimer's and we discussed how this is a real challenge for many of our clients. Friends visited leaving their 2 sons with us for the weekend. (Great guys, now there is 10 in the house!) A beautiful winter morn, off to the woods to cut some tree's in preparation for the Fibre Optic Re-generation Station. The crew from 360 have arrived, drilling and checking out the soil structure. Plans for a bon fire/hot dog roast before the dress rehearsal tonight.

You just have got to click on this link, look and listen, http://easternontario.ca/the_living_christmas_tree/index.html
(Thank's Jon & Kim, it is music to my ears!)

2. My Goal - For Today

Enjoy the weekend. Cut some tree's, get this email completed, make it to the practice on time tonight, and get home in a reasonable time, get a good nights sleep in anticipation of tomorrow.

3. How You Can Help

If you would like to get involved, I would be delighted to receive your email notes and reflections, perhaps I could tag them on to my devotions. What do I mean? Well, lets say you go to this link, and it got you in the Christmas spirit, and you went out and got a Christmas tree. That would be great! I would love to hear about it.

4. The Devotion

December 2nd

The Word (John 4:21-26)

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

The Wonder

The Lord is come, let earth receive her King. is your heart open to receive the gift God has prepared for you? What do you need to do to make your heart more open to God?

The Worship

Jesus, Messiah, I Open my arms to You to embrace You. I open my mind to know You more. I open my heart to receive You.

5. Market Place Reflections

The circumstances that surround a man or woman's life are not important. It is how the individual responds to those circumstances that is the No. 1 determining factor in whether they will fail or succeed. - Booker T. Washington
Your responses and decisions determine your success. From the foods you eat to the career you choose, choices directly affect our lives and those of others. Your choices help define your character. You can grow in insight, integrity, and compassion with each decision you make.

Thinking with Charlie "T" Jones

"People who know the most, know they know so little, while people who know nothing want to take all day to tell it to you.

Self-improvement can be harmful if you are doing it to look better. If you live your life in helping others look better, you'll be better without trying.

If you give to get something, you're not really giving, you are trading. Giving is never to get, because you have it and are not aware of how much you have until you give. "

THE PROBLEM WITH PERFECTIONISM

PERFECTION does not exist. To understand this is the triumph of human intelligence; to expect to possess it is the most dangerous kind of madness. ALFRED DE MUSSET (1810-1857) Poet and playwright

PREPARATION Nothing is free. Profitable innovation and effective imagination are no exception to this rule. Inventiveness and creativity aren't gifts that a lucky few use effortlessly - that notion is false. After you've paid the price, your imagination will soar and innovative ideas will flow from your brain. The price for that result has to be paid with study, with experience-gaining work, and with alert thought. You create ideas by becoming specific in your thinking and thorough with your study of a subject that excites you. Success-building ideas come only to those who look for them vigorously and intelligently.

6. Getting Down to e-Business

Talk about a Cambrian explosion!

While most of the e-business activity has been in America, e-marketplaces are beginning to take off overseas. Companies in Europe and Japan are moving more quickly than originally expected.

The acceleration in the pace of e-business evolution is not surprising. As we have written many times before, the cost advantages of e-businesses are profound (General Electric CEO Jack Welch says you have to feel the same way about the Internet as you do about breathing). The Internet is not simply a new distribution channel, as some have argued. Rather, it is, as author and journalist Frances Cairncross pointed out recently, many things: a market place, an information system, a tool for manufacturing goods and services.

As Cairncross notes, the Internet makes a difference to a whole range of things that managers do every day, from locating a new supplier to coordinating a product to collecting and managing customer data. Each of these, in turn, affects corporate life in many different ways. The changes that the Internet brings are simply more pervasive and varied than anything that has gone before. Even electricity did not promise so many new ways of doing things.

7. For The History Buff's

Book Synopsis: - John

The peculiarities of this Gospel are the place it gives

- (1.) to the mystical relation of the Son to the Father, and
- (2.) of the Redeemer to believers;
- (3.) the announcement of the Holy Ghost as the Comforter;
- (4.) the prominence given to love as an element in the Christian character.

It was obviously addressed primarily to Christians. It was probably written at Ephesus, which, after the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), became the centre of Christian life and activity in the East, about A.D. 90.

8. Jacob's Well (location of today's word in action)

This is one of the few sites in Palestine about which there is no dispute. It was dug by Jacob, and hence its name, in the "parcel of ground" which he purchased from the sons of Hamor (Gen. 33:19). It still exists, but although after copious rains it contains a little water, it is now usually quite dry. It is at the entrance to the valley between Ebal and Gerizim, about 2 miles south-east of Shechem.

It is about 9 feet in diameter and about 75 feet in depth, though in ancient times it was no doubt much deeper, probably twice as deep. The digging of such a well must have been a very laborious and costly undertaking. "Unfortunately, the well of Jacob has not escaped that misplaced religious veneration which cannot be satisfied with leaving the object of it as it is, but must build over it a shrine to protect and make it sacred.

A series of buildings of various styles, and of different ages, have cumbered the ground, choked up the well, and disfigured the natural beauty and simplicity of the spot. At present the rubbish in the well has been cleared out; but there is still a domed structure over it, and you gaze down the shaft cut in the living rock and see at a depth of 70 feet the surface of the water glimmering with a pale blue light in the darkness, while you notice how the limestone blocks that form its curb have been worn smooth, or else furrowed by the ropes of centuries" (Hugh Macmillan).

At the entrance of the enclosure round the well is planted in the ground one of the wooden poles that hold the telegraph wires between Jerusalem and Haifa.

9. Golf Tip Of The Day

"Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you can exhaust yourself but never your subject." David Forgan - writer

Remember : All the experts in the world can't beat good common sense.

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