Is your glass half empty or is it half full?

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My wife tells me I am too much of an optimist and she may be right but I am a person that believes anything is possible until I am proven wrong. My favorite verse in the Bible is Philippians 4:13 and I believe it with all of my heart and soul. It says, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthened me."

Being in sales all of my adult life I learned the value of looking at situations and problems with an attitude of it can be done or it can be solved. Early in my career I learned the technique of assumptive selling. I believed that everyone had bought what I was selling until they told me no and believe me, I have received many no's in my life. Even with the no's I continued to believe that someway, someday, I would be able to convince this client that I have a good product and would overcome their objections.

One of my favorite books in the Old Testament is Job. Here is God's man put to the test by Satan with God's approval. With all that Satan does to Job and his family, despite all of the criticism given to him by his wife and friends, Job's faith never wavered in his mighty God. In the Holman Christian Standard Bible in Job 9:25 we realize that Job seems to have some pessimism but never does he give up. This verse reads, "My days fly by faster than a runner; they flee without seeing any good."

How many of us in today's society think the same thing as Job was thinking concerning our problems of today? How many of us have the faith in our God, which is the same God as Job's, to see us through our tribulations and bring us to the point where He wants us to be. Many of us are self-centered, egotistical, or lack confidence in our Lord that He will see us through any situation that comes before us.

I recall hearing many of my friends and co-workers say they couldn't make a sale or do a certain project because they were afraid or lacked proper preparation for the task involved. They were seeing their glass as half empty because they thought all of the positive features were gone from the situation. They were seeing the negative side and not trying to visualize the good side. Don't many of us in this modern day and time do the same thing? Aren't we always trying to see the bad before bringing out the good? Are we a people that are afraid of risks, which make us prone to failure?

Job was a very wealthy man with a tremendous family. God told Satan he could do anything he wanted with Job and his surroundings but he could not take his life. Job was God's servant and even though he lost everything he had, he never looked at his glass being half empty because he knew who his Lord and Master was. Because of his rejection to denounce God before Satan, God restored Job to his good life. God will do the same for us if we will not turn our backs on Him.

Whether you think you glass is half empty or full doesn't really matter as long as God is in control of your life. However, looking at your glass being half full makes a day look much brighter!

Prayer: Almighty Father, thank you for your love and your mercy. I know that anything I have or will ever have comes from you. I give you praise for my life and pray that you will lead me in the direction that you want me to go. Amen.

(Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday – Genesis 31:17-29; Monday – Romans 4:16-25; Tuesday – Malachi 4:1-6; Wednesday – Ecclesiastes 4:1-3; Thursday – Psalm 73:1-28; Friday – Hebrews 11:11-12; Saturday – Amos 5:18-27.) A164-11

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2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from two wells drawing from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the City of Lexington have received a lower to moderate susceptibility ranking to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Robin McCrory at 662.417.0167. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the City Hall.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st , 2017. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2017, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

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TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measure-ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2017	.003	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2015/17	.2	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride**	N	2017	.845	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2015/17	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine	N	2017	1	.36 – 1.87	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

** Most recent sample. No sample required for 2017.*
*** Fluoride level is routinely adjusted to the MS State Dept of Health's recommended level of 0.6 - 1.3 mg/l.*

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We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We did complete the monitoring requirements for bacteriological sampling that showed no coliform present. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies", the CITY OF LEXINGTON is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6-1.3 ppm was 12. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.6-1.3 ppm was 92%.

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82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2014*	5.7	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
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*Champions

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3rd, Cameron Martin; High Jump - 3rd, Rayne Tate; Pole Vault - 1st, Christyn Allen; 4 x 100 meter Relay - 1st (Lindsay, Tate, Rutledge and Pritchard); 4 x 200 meter Relay - 1st, (Lindsay, Tate, Rutledge and Pritchard); 4 x 400 meter Relay; 1st (Lindsay, Tate, Martin and Haffey) team record; 4 x 800 meter Relay - 1st (Haffey, Carr, Martin and Bell) team record and state record.

The stats for the Trojans team will in available in next week's edition.

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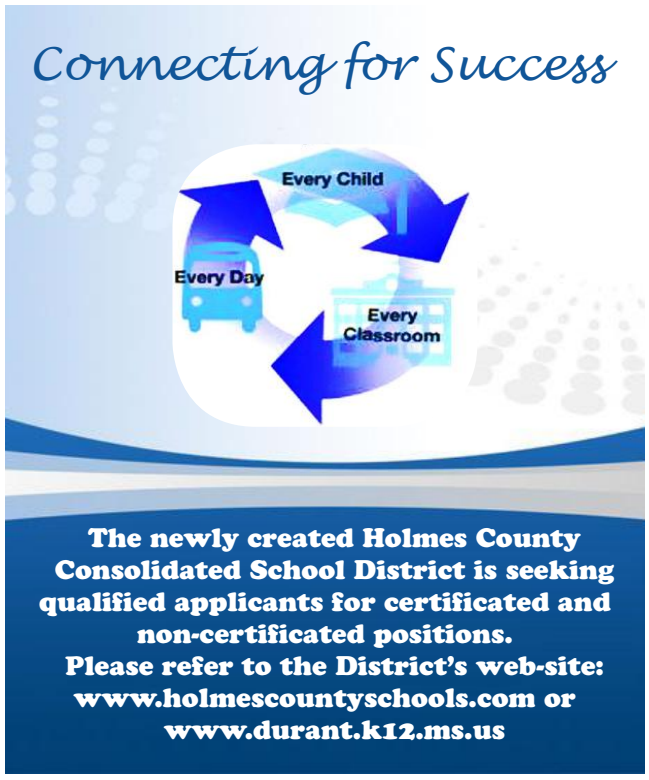

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