

# Choose the Right Road



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Our Lord Christ warns us to be very careful in choosing the road we follow in our life. He warns us that there are consequences attached to our choice. Those consequences are either blessing or condemnation based on our choice of roads. It could be said that when one chooses a road to travel, then one chooses the destination at the end of that road. No one can choose to follow the road to Louisville, and rightfully expect to end up in Nashville. Along the same lines, no one can follow a road which is displeasing to God and rightfully expect to be found pleasing to Him at judgment.

It has been said: “you

have made your bed, now lie in it.” If we walk the road of bitterness in our hearts, then our final bed will be one of bitterness. If we walk the road of hatred towards another, then we will forever be bound to hatred. If we walk in the steps of envy, then we will lie on the bed with those condemned by envy in the final summary of all things. But if we walk the road of humility, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, self-control, kindness, and righteousness, then we will arrive at the end of our journey being approved of God through Jesus our savior.

Be very careful as to which road you choose. The broadway of the world leads to destruction. The narrow way of Jesus leads to life eternal. Choose the road less traveled, it will make all the difference.



# A Barbers Lament

Uncle Sot had a real scary experience th’ other day.

Him and Rancid Rash-bottom wuz walkin’ down th’ street in Edmonton th’ other day when all at once, this big feller with a bandana over his face, jumped out from a dark alley and stuck a gun in Sot’s Face!

This feller sez, “Gimme all your money of I’ll put a hole in ya big enough to throw a cat thru!”

Ole Rance looked over at Sot and hollers, “Do somethin’ Sot! Do somethin’.” Sot looks kinda sheepish and sez, “I think I already have.”

Wells sir, this robber begins to frisk Sot. He took Sot’s watch and start-

ed to reach fer his back pocket.

All at once, Sot reared back and POW knocked that robber colder than a kraut crock.

Flabbergasted, Rance yelled, “Man Sot, you must really have a roll of money to take a chance like that!”

Sot sez, “Nope Rance, ain’t got a dime, but when he started messin’ with that pint of Slop Holler Sauce in my hip pocket, he went too danged far.”

It got real cold here on Tater Ridge last night. I looked out my window this mornin’ and saw my beagle hound puttin’ jumper cables on a rabbit to get him started.

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# Supplying our Needs



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Matthew 6:25-27, “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?”

The verses above are one of the most difficult for many of us to follow. It is within our nature to worry about having the basic necessities of life and we are fearful whenever anything threatens our level of comfort.

Many people around us have faced this very challenge as a result of the economic downturn our nation has been facing. They have lost their jobs and as a

result, have lost homes and other possessions. I feel for these people as we all should. It could easily happen to each of us.

One of the things those troubles brings out is the reliance we have on the world system in which we live. It is important for us to understand that while we live in this current world, our trust isn’t to be in its ways. Our faith and focus are to be upon the Lord and trusting in Him to supply all of our needs.

How many of you parents out there will let your kids go without food or clothing if it is within your ability to provide it for them? No real mother or father would allow their children to go hungry or naked. Our Heavenly Father is much better than any of us at caring for His children.

Our trust is to be in the Lord not in the world around us. Our character is more than the material possessions we may have. Let’s get our focus back upon the work the Lord has set before us and lead others to Him. We need to spend time reading the Bible and focusing on God’s will for our lives.



# The Butter Bean Episode

Nobody enjoys food the way Guy (my husband) does. When working, he doesn’t have to look at the clock to know it is time to find a place to eat. He has traveled for his work all our married life, so he knows the best places in each city from here to Johnson City to Birmingham to Memphis. His favorite place is in Huntsville at a place called “Rose’s.” He even brought home a t-shirt. He values mealtime. Because he eats out so much, I cook more often than I want. If I had my way, I’d never cook another meal, but being the good wife that I am and knowing how much eating means to him, I try to accommodate. After all, he has had an abundance of accommodating to do since 1967.

All of this brings me to what I am calling “The Butter Bean Episode,” starring Guy Perkins. In my Insta-Pot, I often cook a variety of different dried beans: pinto beans, soup beans, and brown butter beans (or tan). The night of the bean episode I checked when the steam died down to see if the beans had any soup in them because the last time, they were too dry for Guy. (I like them dry.) They were a bit too dry again, so I added a glass of water and cooked a few minutes long. When I took the

lid off, a little liquid was floating in the bottom, so I prepare each of us a plate. I scooped up the beans with a spoon that allowed the liquid to fall through. How dumb was I?

With a full meal in front of him, Guy looked over and said as he poked in the beans, “You know I think you’re a wonderful cook, but I like my beans with juice.” Really? I looked at him sideways. “Well, I thought you’d want to know for future reference.” I sat there and ate my dried beans. He continued, “Maybe you just add some water next time?” He felt the heat rising when I spoke. “I can add lots of water---right over your head. Don’t you know never to insult a cook?” Then I explained how I knew what he would say, and I had tried to make them soupy, and if he wanted soup, he could march right over to the pot and dip some out with a spoon. I guess he wondered why I hadn’t done that.

When we finished laughing at how ridiculous this conversation was, I thought about how lucky we were to be sitting across the table from each other, both in fairly good health, have our own teeth, know each other’s name, finish each other’s sentences, and how lucky to have nothing major to complain about except dried, mushy beans. (carolperkins06@gmail.com)

# UPDATES

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health services. In loving memory of those involved in the 2018 Marshall County High School shooting, I am encouraged by this momentous stride made by the General Assembly to better protect Kentuckians within our school walls.

The Senate passed constitutional amendments this week, all of which relate to responsible criminal justice reform. Constitutional amendments passed by the Kentucky General Assembly go through a slightly different process than regular bills by also requiring the approval of Kentucky voters. If a legislatively referred constitutional amendment is passed by both chambers, the proposed amendment will be placed on the ballot at the next general election during which members of the state legislature are up for election. If agreed to by a simple majority of voters, it becomes part of the constitution.

One constitutional amendment advancing this week is SB 58, which would curtail a governor’s ability to issue pardons on the way out of office. In other words, a governor would not be able to issue pardons or commutations during a certain period of time, beginning thirty days prior to the gubernatorial election and ending on the fifth Tuesday after the election—before the next governor is sworn in.

Sections of the Kentucky Constitution granting a governor the power to pardon date back to 1891, when it wasn’t unheard of to duel—the kind involving guns. Since then, our society and the composition of our judicial system has changed dramatically. It’s important to keep in mind that the power to pardon allows one man or woman to override the judgement of multiple authorities and officials within our criminal justice system. To limit the possibility of political corruption, SB 58 implements responsible oversight to a governor’s power to pardon.

Also passing was SB 62. This measure would grant the General Assembly the authority to establish standards for giving persons convicted of certain felonies the right to vote. However, the new process to restore voting rights would exclude those convicted of treason, bribery in an election, a violent offense, a sex offense or an offense against a child. Currently, Kentucky is one of only two states with a lifetime voting ban for felons. Although there was an executive order put into place in late 2019, there are still around 170,000 Kentuckians that are still without the right to vote due to a prior felony conviction. If approved by the House and Kentucky voters, SB 62 could give felons a clearer path to regain-

ing their voting rights.

An act relating to blockchain technology is also heading to the House following its passage this week. SB 55 establishes a blockchain technology working group attached to the Commonwealth Office of Technology to evaluate the feasibility and efficiency of using blockchain technology to enhance the security protection of Kentucky’s critical infrastructure. If you aren’t already familiar, blockchain technology allows digital information to be distributed but not copied, and, in many ways, has become the backbone of a new type of internet. Originally devised for the digital currency, Bitcoin, the tech community has now found other potential uses for its application. I am proud to support this measure and look forward to seeing continued technological advancements here in the Commonwealth.

The Senate also passed a number of other bills this week:

SB 132- Adds individuals with state-issued personal identification cards to a master list of potential jurors, giving us a wider representation of our communities within our jury pools. The list of potential jurors was last expanded by the General Assembly in 2002.

SB 160- Reorganizes the Office of the Attorney General into the following major organizational units: Criminal Division, Civil Division, Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of Communications, and the Office of Administrative Services. Language within SB 160 also creates the position of Solicitor General.

HB 24- Appropriates funding to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs in fiscal year 2019-2020 for design and preconstruction costs for the Bowling Green Veterans Center.

HB 214- Ensures the availability of a sufficient veterinary workforce through the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program. Given there are not any Veterinary schools in Kentucky, this program provides financial assistance and access to students seeking a veterinary education at participating out of state veterinary schools.

The pace in Frankfort is getting quicker and I anticipate an increase of visitors and advocates from across the Commonwealth. As always, I welcome your input on these issues. I am honored to be your voice in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please contact me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at [david.givens@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:david.givens@lrc.ky.gov).

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