

It Was A Week That Was Shot To Pieces

Dr. James L. Snyder

I only made one mistake last week, which is something of a record for me. I try limiting mistakes to one at a time, but not always in sequential order. I once tried to make my mistakes in a logical order, but it turned out to be a mistake.

Monday, we decided to have a "loafing contest" to see who was the best loafer.

My wife won the best loafer contest, but it was all in good fun, and we certainly enjoyed our day off.

On Tuesday, my week took a decidedly different turn.

First, my computer crashed.

I set off to take my computer to the repair shop. On the way, the car radiator broke.

I barely got the car to the garage. When the mechanic lifted the hood and examined my

engine, he rubbed his hands with mischievous glee.

"Reverend," he taunted, "Your radiator is shot to pieces."

I had no idea what that meant, but knew it involved lots of money being transferred from my account to his.

I left my car there.

When the repair person looked at my computer, she rubbed her hands with mischievous glee and looked at me with a smile splotched all over her kisser. I knew I was in trouble again.

"Reverend," she sneered, "your hard drive is shot to pieces."

I had no idea what that meant, but knew it involved lots of money being transferred from my account to hers.

I left my computer at the repair shop and went to the optometrist to have my eyes checked. When the doctor saw me, he rubbed his hands with

mischievous glee and looked at me with a smile glowing all over his face. I knew I was in trouble.

"Reverend," he observed, "your glasses are shot to pieces."

I knew what that meant and perceived it involved lots of money being transferred from my account to his.

I left my glasses at the eye doctor's office to be repaired.

Between my car, my computer, and my glasses, the week was drenched with out-of-pocket expenses of which I had run out of pockets. To make matters worse, or better depending on your perspective, I had a wedding to perform toward the end of the week.

Nothing seemed to go right for me, plus I did not know where I was going to get the money to pay for these unforeseen expenses.

The wedding rehearsal

on Friday was set for 6:30, and my computer was ready at 6:15. Now, that's cutting the wedding cake rather close.

Between the car and computer repairs, I did not know how I would pay for both. Have you ever noticed when everything seems to go wrong, something unexpected happens?

While I was bemoaning my unfortunate week, several things happened.

One, I received an unexpected check from a magazine publishing some of my articles.

Two, I received an honorarium for the wedding—something I wasn't expecting.

These two checks covered my unexpected expenses for the week.

Third, the hard drive on my computer had a warranty, and I did not have to pay for it.

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Focusing too much on the box



Dawn Reed

Elizabeth* skipped into our office for her orthodontic appointment a little more bubbly than usual. Her smile was bigger and her eyes were a little brighter. Elizabeth has been one of my favorite patients since she was four and smashed her mouth on her scooter. She's almost 13 now.

As she brushed her teeth, she exclaimed through the bubbles, "Dance starts today!"

Due to Corona, it has been a season of drought for dancers. Along with everything else, classes were cancelled for hip

hoppers, ballerinas and tap dancers. Cold turkey. And it hurt. They have not been allowed to dance TOGETHERRR. Until today!

I had questions. Did they have to wear masks? Did they have to stay six feet apart? Yes on both. Elizabeth told me matter-of-factly that the instructor had taped off boxes on the floor-six feet apart-for them to dance in. Everyone had their own square. The more she talked, the more enthusiastic she became.

After her visit, we walked outside to give her mom an update on her teeth then chatted about dance resuming. I mentioned the box and she laughed. "It's about four feet wide or maybe six."

"Ohhhh," I said.

When I had pictured the dance box, it was tiny. In my mind, feet were together and only arms were moving. In

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