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Insight...

***“Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.”
Ecclesiastes 8:12***

- ⌘ **Anne, pastor Dave’s much better half...**was overheard explaining Daylight Savings Time to her grandson Joe, *“In the spring we set the clocks forward one hour and in the fall we set them back an hour. We remember that by saying, ‘Spring forward and fall back...like grandpa when he tries to get out of bed in the morning.’”*

- ⌘ **Let’s be careful out there...**This is a dangerous weekend. Dr. David B. Samati, a New York surgeon and occasional new commentator, notes that on the Monday after the spring time change the citizens of United States experience:
 - A 25% increase in heart attacks.
 - A 17% increase in automobile accidents.
 - A 6% increase in work place related accidents.

- ⌘ **Faux beau** - Trapped in the haze of deception...**Invisible Boyfriend**, a new (not so) smart phone application, allows women to pretend they have a boyfriend by providing imaginary men with whom texts and voicemails can be traded. The App is typically used by single women who want to convince friends and family members that they are in a relationship. Consider: Does Habakkuk 2:18 apply?

- ⌘ **Noted television journalist Edward R. Murrow once said**, “To be persuasive, we must be believable. To be believable, we must be credible. To be credible, we must be truthful.”

- ⌘ **Hmmm. The new American way?** Azka Fayyaz, a student senator at the University of California, Davis, recently said, *“ Hamas and Sharia law have taken over UC Davis,”* as she celebrated student government approval of a resolution calling on the university to divest from corporations that do business with Israel. Pro-Hamas students shouted, “Allahu akbar (God is great!)” at Jewish students after the vote.

☞ **What happened**...when Steve and Renee Robinson imposed a month-long, family-wide fast from screens (television, computer, hand-devices, etc.)? After the panic subsided, boredom gave way to creativity. [Read about it in World magazine, Notebook - Digital Detox, by Mary Jackson, 2/21/15, pp. 59-60]

☞ **Do you remember when gambling was considered a vice?** Come to think of it, do we even use the word “vice” anymore? Vice – an immoral, depraved or wicked habit. Funny how everything changed after the government legitimized gambling and became part of the gambling world by “gaming” its own citizens. Consider:

- Gambling is now called “gaming.” Gaming is now considered an “industry” even though no real, tangible product is produced.
- We no longer talk about “gambling losses” because the dollars lost from family incomes are now marketed as “gaming contributions to the U.S. economy”, or consider this verbiage, “the gross win of the gambling market was forecasted to reach approximately 400 billion U.S. dollars in 2015, more than a third coming from casino gambling.”
- The purchase of lottery tickets is dominated by the lowest 5th in socio-economic status.

☞ **Trivia Question:** The Minnesota Department of Human Services reports that 85% of Americans have gambled at least once in their lives. What percentage of those Americans continue gambling at once per/year:

- A. 28% B. 37% C. 62% D. 80%

For Prayer...

...Kyle (Katie) – malaria, wisdom, healing and proper treatment.

...Russ & Nicole – leaving the missions field, working through difficult issues.

...Todd – prayer for healing & stability from the effects of a powerful medication.

...Julie – Please pray for healing from a respiratory illness.

...Will (Jim’s son) – auto accident with serious neck injury – Out of work for at least 6 weeks.

...Adam – very demanding academic period before he leaves to do missions work at a larger state prison in the South...a difficult calling. He is scheduled to lead worship.

...VBS Committee as they begin planning for this year’s ministry.

...Isis and related Muslim terrorist groups – that the Lord’s will be done and that Christians always respond in the strength, wisdom, courage and power of the Spirit whether living or dying for Christ. Over 100 Christians from remote villages in Syria have been kidnapped this past week.

...Giving thanks. Mike Greenwood is home safely from Uganda.

...Mexico Missions Team's preparation.

...Sale of Homes: Reidle, Gradall, Greenwoods, Brandells, Dunbars

...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie

Renee (Dick)

Christy (Mike)

Norm & Peg

Cheryl (Deane)

John & Sue

...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly)

Daisy (Aaron)

Diana (Steven)

Christine (Ben)

Sarah (Beaner)

Paige (Matt)

Terra (Ronnie)

Kristin (Shawn)

Chante (Brent)

Brittany (Andy)

Seeing is...

*"I believe in Christianity as I
believe that the sun has risen.
Not only because I see it, but
because by it I see everything else."*

C. S. Lewis

Is Theology Poetry? (1945)

Trivia Answer: D. 80%