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Insight...

Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17

- **When little Coty was in 3rd grade**, she and a couple of friends at East School were doing a bit of bragging. *"My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem and his publisher pays him \$100."* said Kathleen. Bobbie speaks up and says, *"My dad scribbled notes and few words on something he calls a "score," calls it a song and a band paid him \$500."* Coty is beaming when she says, *"My dad prints out a few pages of words, calls it a sermon, and it takes 4 guys to collect all the money!"*

- **Patience...more than a virtue** - In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. *"How much is an ice cream sundae?"* he asked. *"Fifty cents,"* replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. *"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?"* he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. *"Thirty-five cents,"* she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. *"I'll have the plain ice cream,"* he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

- **Who Has Read the Bible from Start to Finish?**
 - ...One out of every five Americans.
 - ...Over half (61%) of all evangelicals.
 - ...One in six (18%) of all people with a faith different than Christianity.
 - ...One in eleven (9%) of those who claim no faith at all.
 - ...1/3 of political conservatives.
 - ...1/10 of political liberals.
 - ...29% of black adults.
 - ...22% of Hispanic adults.
 - ...19% of white adults.

- **True in the 1700's and true now...** *"Those who can make you believe absurdities, can make you commit atrocities."* Voltaire, Questions sur les Miracles à M. Claparede, Professeur de Théologie à Genève, par un Proposant: Ou Extrait de Diverses Lettres de M. de Voltaire

- **Trivia Question** – Which of the following popular books that have been turned into movies has been read most by professing Christians?
 - A. The Hunger Games
 - B. The Hobbit
 - C. Life of Pi
 - D. Twilight

For Prayer...

- ...Kristin Bare – burned her hand, arm, face and shoulder this week. It is painful and doctors are treating the burn in hopes that they can stave off infection. The worst burn is on her arm and hand. Prayer for a good healing are cherished.
- ...Ronnie (8), Anna and Nathan Bauer's foster child recovering from a broken leg. While in the hospital the doctors discovered dangerously low sodium levels. Anna is very concerned. Ronnie is scheduled for an MRI on Thursday. Thank you for your prayer.
- ...Sarah (Dick) Voightz – fighting cancer in her liver and pancreas. Sarah is going to be baptized at the church on Monday afternoon at 3 PM. Please come and encourage this family if you are able.
- ...Ellie Moriarty – Her mother has stage 3 Parkinson's disease. They are currently treating it with physical therapy.
- ...Karen Byxbe's sister struggling physically again in Michigan: salvation and healing.
- ...Lloyd Byxbe had a stroke last week but is home now. Hoping for a full recovery.
- ...Chuck (Esther) Ruby – home and attending therapy sessions.
- ...Sale of Homes: Reidle, Gradall, Normans, Stocks, Muehlfelts...
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie	Christy (Mike)	Sue (John)
Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy	
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

Jen (Cody)	Britta (Jonah)	Coty (Steven)
Brittany (Andy)	Diana (Steven)	Kristin (Shawn)
Elizabeth (Brent)	Angela (Ryan)	

God Knows...

"God has not been trying an experiment on my faith or love in order to find out their quality. He knew it already. It was I who didn't. In this trial He makes us occupy the dock, the witness box, and the bench all at once. He always knew that my temple was a house of cards. His only way of making me realize the fact was to knock it down."

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: Most read? Life of Pi 37%, Twilight 22%, The Hunger Games 21%, The Hobbit 16% [Christianity Today/Online – quoting George Barna, posted 6/4/2013]