

# Insight...

***For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.***

II Peter 1:5-6

- **“God is the giver of wisdom.”** said Mrs. Saiia to her class of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. “*What has God taught you?*” One by one the members of her class shared their insights:
  - No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
  - When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
  - If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
  - Never ask your 2-year old brother to hold a tomato.
  - You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
  - You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
  - The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.
  
- **Who do you love?** Years ago, volunteer at a hospital, got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. The boy hesitated for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, “*Yes I'll do it if it will save Lizzie.*” As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as did all who looked on, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, “*Will I start to die right away?*”. Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. In his mind, he was dying so that his sister could live.
  
- **Today, sexually abusing a child is a serious crime.** Not so in the pre-Christian world, writes Pascal-Emmanuel Gobry (writing in “The Week,” April 23, 2015). During that time it was legal, and even considered good form, for a married Patrician to keep children—particularly young boys—to exploit sexually in his free time. “[M]ost sexual acts were permissible,” Gobry explains, “as long as they involved a person of higher status being active against or dominating a person of lower status. This meant that, according to all the evidence we have, the sexual abuse of children...was rife.”  
Into this world came Christianity, with its condemnation of abortion, infanticide and child abuse, its glorification of faithful marriage, and its teaching that children come first in the Kingdom of Heaven. “***Whoever causes one of these little ones to stumble,***” said Jesus, “***it would be better for him to have a millstone tied around his neck and to be thrown into the sea.***”  
This ethic, which the Western world takes for granted today, is a direct heritage of Christianity. It rests on the very same beliefs as traditional marriage, chastity, and the sanctity of all life. And secularists who want nothing more than a world free from these constraints of Christian morality, warns Gobry, had better consider—or rather remember—what that world looks like.

## For Prayer...

- ...Please remember to pray for Shawn Hermson who with filming a documentary with “Wipe Every Tear” a ministry that brings the hope of freedom in Jesus to those who are trapped in the sex trades. He is currently filming in Angeles City in the Philippines: Protection. access, the power of the Spirit released.
- ...Giving thanks that the infection under Isaac Pelland’s arm cast did not reach his bones. We pray that continued treat with antibiotics will be effective to grant Isaac a full healing.
- ...Please pray for a good healing for Betty Bare who broke her wrist this past week.
- ...Continued prayer the Kristen Bare as she heals from a burn that covered from hand to face. Kristen and Josh are being married in September.
- ...Tom (Barb) Lehman – Tom is now a resident at Maplewood in Sauk Prairie. Tom is struggling with loneliness and welcomes visitors.
- ...Sarah (Dick) Voights – Sarah is now under hospice care and clinging to life. We are grateful for her baptism this past Monday afternoon and look, with faith, to the Lord’s gracious calling.
- ...Ellie Moriarty’s mother received the good news that she will not have to see her transplant team for an entire years.
- ...Karen Byxbe’s sister struggling physically again in Michigan: salvation and healing.
- ...Lloyd Byxbe is recovering from his stroke – exercises are tiring but giving thanks he’s progressing.
- ...Karen (Rob) Byxbe’s mother, Barbara Blair, struggling deeply with the hard news that in all likelihood she will never live indepently again.
- ...Silver Saints meeting 9 am at the Farm Kitchen this coming Thursday. Pray for our speaker, author and Derrick (Doc) Smith.
- ...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

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

The Search for Happiness  
*“And out of that hopeless attempt has come  
nearly all that we call human history—  
money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution,  
classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible  
story of man trying to find something other  
than God which will make him happy.”*  
C. S. Lewis