

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Your Choice

by Chelsea Orf

The birds were singing
The sky shining blue
Being happy was easy to do
Sun shining bright
And breeze in the air
I walked around free
Without a care
But then came thunder
A lightning bolt too
And now it seemed
There was nothing to do
Where had the sun gone
The birds that flew
Where was the happiness
That I once knew
I stood there thinking
Bewildered was I
Why had my smile
Turned into a sigh
There still was the sky
And trees that grew
There was even green grass
Beneath the dew
I looked in the puddle and there was me
Sad was something I had chosen to be
I put on a smile
And danced in the rain
And more and more happy I became
Why shouldn't a day be filled with rejoice
I realized then it was my choice.

Overcoming “Secret Sins” and Maintaining a “Pure Heart”

by Dempsey Collins

- I. Give your heart completely to the Lord withholding nothing
(Luke 10:27; II Chron. 16:9; Isa. 66:2)
“We never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay”
 - II. Maintain a close, personal relationship with the Lord
Psalm 23
 - III. Be completely honest with God’s word and with God in prayer
James 1:23-25
 - IV. When you confess sin, believe and accept the mercy and forgiveness of God
I John 1:7; Acts 3:19
 - V. If we harbor sin, God will not hear our prayer
Psalm 66:18
 - VI. “Guard your heart” and “Make no provision for the flesh”
Prov. 4:23; Rom. 13:4
 - VII. Take drastic measures if necessary to avoid sin
Matt. 5:29, 30
 - VIII. Stay in your element and discipline yourself for godliness
Eph. 4:22ff; I Tim. 4:7
Neglecting Bible study, prayer, assembly, and service is a slippery slope- Heb. 2:3
 - IX. Seek regular association with mature Christians
Heb. 3:13; I Cor. 15:33
 - X. Realize the facts about immorality
I Cor. 6:9-11
 - XI. Maintain “hope as an anchor of the soul”
Heb. 6:19; I John 3:3; Rom. 8:24; I Pet. 3:15
 - XII. Remember “God will bring every act into judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil”
I Tim. 5:24; Eccl. 12:14
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News and Notes:

Reminder: Bible Study – Every Tuesday @ 10 a.m. (Old Testament) and @ 7 p.m. (Romans)

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

James 5:16