

Beef is the meat of cattle. Categorized as red meat, it contains more iron than chicken or fish. Beef is usually eaten as roasts, ribs, steaks or ground patties in hamburgers. It contains protein which enhances muscle growth and body maintenance. Fresh lean beef is rich in iron, zinc, selenium and vitamins B12, niacin, and B6 - all of which boost blood formation and body growth. Like all good things, we should eat beef in moderation. Excessive eating of



Beef

processed meats (ham, sausages) or overcooked (burnt) meats increases the risk of heart disease and cancer. In Deuteronomy 14:4, beef was one of the clean things that the Israelites were allowed to eat. "These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat.." Even King Solomon's daily provisions included 'Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures..' (1 Kings 4:23). Thank God for His abundant provision of good food for us!

Wedding at Cana

Circle the following words in the word search.



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Bright Gems for His crown

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Vital Breath

The Lord is good; He has been guiding us even to this day. Let us begin and end each day with thanksgiving for everything He has given us. May we always be in close communion with our Father in Heaven, praying always without ceasing. Man ought always to pray and not to faint.



Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heav'n with prayer.

Ms Wendy Wong

Miracles

The Turning of Water to Wine

John 2 : 1-10

by Mr Ioannes Koh

Jesus performed many miracles during his lifetime. The first was the turning of water to wine. Mary, Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding feast. Sometime during the festivities, Jesus' mother became aware of a most embarrassing situation—the wine had run out, and there appeared to be no solution. If nothing was done, all would be embarrassed. In the end, Jesus saved the day and turned the water into wine. What is an important lesson we can learn from this first miracle?

This first miracle was not like most of the other miracles Jesus performed, where an individual had suffered for years, or a child's life hung in the balance, and required immediate and dramatic action on His part.



Some may have the idea that God is like the President, perhaps sitting at a large heavenly desk with a line of telephones before him, all of which

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Devotion : Luke 18:10-14

Jesus told the parable of two men praying in the temple. The tax collector was humble and fearful, but the Pharisee was proud and boastful. The tax collector realized his sin and repented. He thought he was not worthy and asked for God's mercy. His unwillingness to lift his eyes and his hands to heaven showed his feeling of unworthiness. He didn't boast but pleaded with God for mercy and confessed that he had fallen short of God's glory. The Pharisee was not so: he was bragging in his prayer. He told God what a superior person he was,

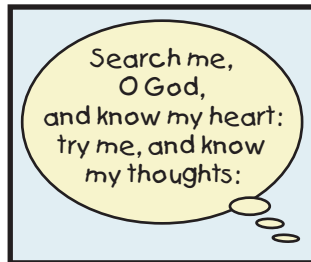
Two Praying persons



using the behaviour of others as his standard. He took pride in his status and the works that he did. This parable shows two kinds of heart: **self-centred** and **God-centred**. We must know that

without Jesus' perfect sacrifice, we will never be accepted at all. What made the bridge between man and God is never man's good work. They are far from God's standard and the only way to satisfy God the Father is through His only begotten Son. Seeing God rejects the proud, we should therefore come before Him with a humble heart seeking for His mercy.

Verily verily....



Lessons from Proverbs

The Book of Proverbs has important truths

about money and wealth. Some people want to get money by not working hard. They want to get rich quickly, for example, by gambling, being dishonest and cheating or even by stealing. As a result, they will ruin their lives (Proverbs. 1:19). It is better to have wisdom and know to do right in God's sight than to have lots of money (Proverbs 8:11, 16:16). With wisdom, we will know how to use what money we have, wisely. We will not easily lose our money to swindlers or

Money

buy things we do not need. Proverb 28:6

also tells us that it is better to have little money and be right before God than to be rich but wicked. We should give God the

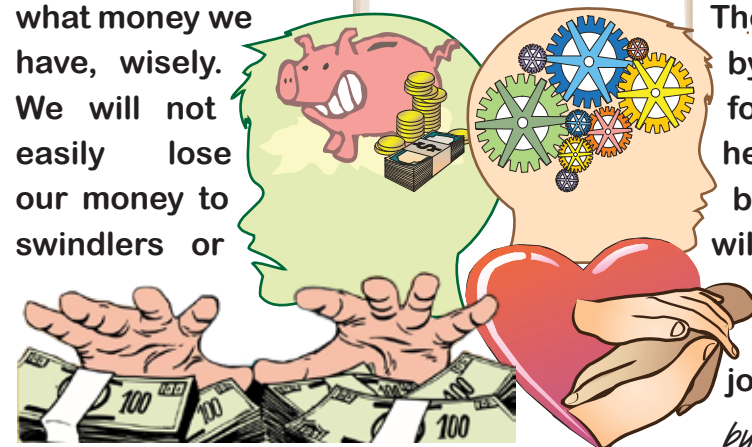
first part of whatever we have because it shows that God, not our possessions, has the first place in our heart (Proverbs 3:9,10). We should be

generous and help others in need, with our money (Proverbs 21:13, 22:9) because whatever possessions we have are not really ours. They are given to us

by God to be used for His work and to help others. By being generous, we will gain God's approval and be blessed with the joy of giving.

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Proverbs 16:16



by Rev Matthew Yong

Jesus, The Only One Who Came Back by Dn Tang Poh Kok

In an interview with the New York Times, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew said, regarding life after death, "Well, what is next, I do not know. Nobody has ever come back."

It is true that the founders of all other religions died and remain dead.

However, one person did come back from death. He is Jesus. The Bible

And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:4



testifies that "he was buried, and ... rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:4)". Christ's resurrection was

recorded in all the four Gospels in the Bible and also by Apostle Paul in his epistles.

Today, Christians worship on the first day of the week or the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10), to commemorate His resurrection.

Every year, we have 52 reminders that He will come again. Let us say with joy, "Maranatha" which means "the Lord is coming" in Aramaic.

How Do You Start Each Day?

Habakkuk:

Though everything fails, I will still rejoice in the LORD



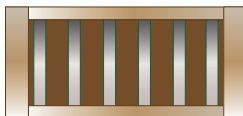
Peter:

I will cast my cares upon the Lord for He cares



Paul:

The Lord will supply all my needs and I can do all things through Christ.



Lessons from Nature



Skein of Geese

In the last issue, we learnt that the goose in a team flies further when in a V-formation. Hence

when the goose drops out of the team and flies alone, it discovers that it will need a lot more energy to fly. The goose will quickly return to the V-formation to take advantage of the lifting power from flying together.

Sometimes, people drop out of a team to accomplish goals on their own. However, like the geese, they too discover that they lack the

synergy from being part of a cohesive team and hence return to the group.

When a Christian stops growing in his love for God, he backslides. Other things become more important to him than God. He becomes careless in his thoughts, words and actions. He finds excuses for not reading the Bible, praying and attending church and may even give up his faith. In times like these, we must

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Revelations 2:5



Wedding at Cana – John 2:1-11

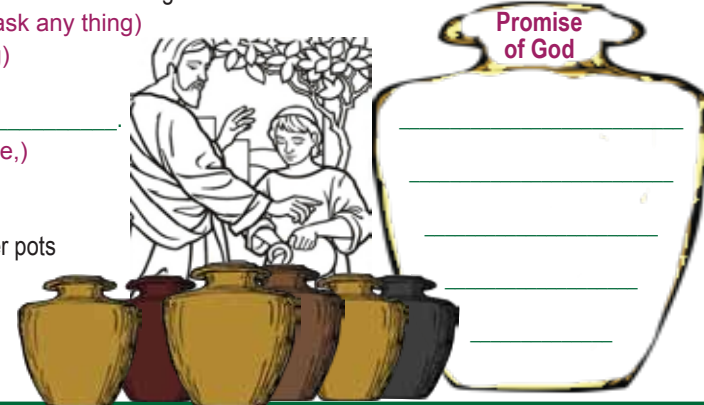
Choose the correct answers. Then arrange the matching phrases (in brackets) of the answers to write out **God's promise**.

- 1) Jesus attended the wedding at _____.
a) Cana of Galilee (If ye shall)
b) Cana of Decapolis (If thou will)
- 5) God answers our prayers so that we can _____.
a) enjoy peaceful life (say it.)
b) fulfill His will and glorify Him (do it.)

- 2) Jesus' _____ were at the wedding.
a) disciples and mother (ask any thing)
b) disciples (say anything)

- 3) There was not enough _____.
a) wine pots (in your name,)
b) wine (in my name,)

- 4) There were _____ water pots and many firkins.
a) five (I will not)
b) six (I will)



Story of Missionaries

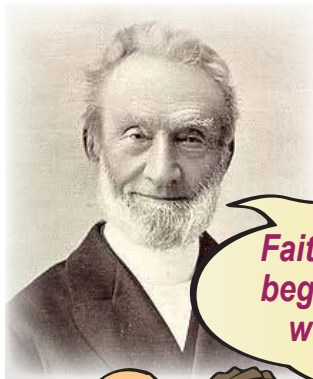
George Mueller

If you were to start a business, the most basic item needed would be money because you need to pay for a place, equipment and hire people to work.

Would you start a business without any money? George Muller did.

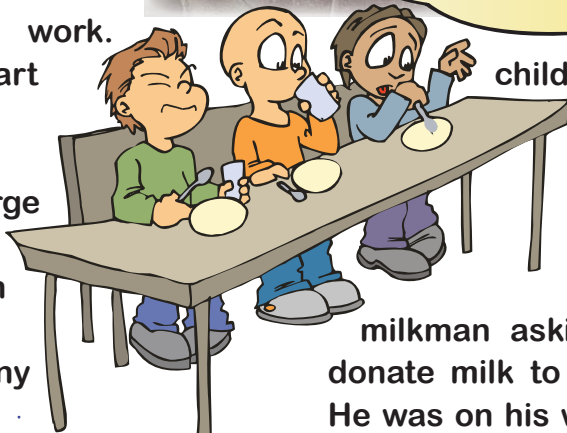
He started an orphanage with barely any money to his name. All he did was to ask God and trust in Him to supply his need. Here is an example of George's faith. One morning, as 300 children got ready for school, the kitchen was empty and there was absolutely no food for breakfast.

Still, George gathered them in the dining hall and gave thanks for the food. Almost immediately, a knock



came on the door. A baker was moved to bake three batches of bread for the starving

Faith ends where worry begins, and worry ends where Faith begins.



children and brought it right to them.

Soon after, another knock on the door came. It was a

milkman asking if he could donate milk to the orphanage. He was on his way to sell them in the market when the wheel on his cart broke. The milk would have turned rancid by the time he fixed the wheel and took it to the market.

Friends, do you have that same faith George had in God, who is able to provide all that you need according to His glory?



by Mr Andrew Zhang

Gem of the month



Like many of us, Pastor Mangesh was born into a Christian family. He attended church and Sunday school and yet he remained unsaved. In his teenage years, he lived a rebellious and ungodly life, because he thought all the evil in the world was proof that there was no God. He had neither hope nor peace in his life. However, when he was 21, he heard the gospel and understood that Jesus had

died for him. He studied the Bible to find out about God's plan, and his many questions were answered by God's Word. The desire to serve God was a natural outcome of his salvation, as he wanted to bring glory to God. He studied at a Bible College for 4 years before serving in the School of Mission (JSM), India. He believes that every Christian is a missionary, serving in his or her own capacity and every Christian home is a Mission center. He faces many challenges but he has learnt that if we "bring our pride into the dust", God can work amazingly in and through us.

....The Turning of Water to Wine (cont'd)

are ringing with prayer requests. Who are we to "bother" God with our small problems? If this is our idea of God, we are wrong. When Jesus' disciples began to act like His "bodyguards", shooing away little children and people whom they thought were bothering

Him, Jesus rebuked them. God cares about the little things in our lives. He will never be overburdened by our many calls upon Him for help. So the next time you have a problem, worry or concern, just go to Him in prayer. No problem is too small that God does not care.

