**SILENT MOMENTS**

- THE PAINTER -

There was a tradesman, a painter called Wayne, who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often would thin down paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the big church on the hill decided to do a big restoration job on the painting of one of their biggest buildings. Wayne put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. And so he set to erecting the trestles and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes. I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well. Wayne was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened, the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Wayne clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint Wayne was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty.,so Wayne got on His knees and cried, “WHAT SHOULD I DO? GOD’S WORDS CAME LOUD AND CLEAR. “REPAINT, REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE”



**Passion of Loving Silence**

**Isaiah 53**

***John 1:29: The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.***

A certain man worked for a meat packing firm for many years. He had slaughtered many animals for years. One day a farmer brought a lamb to be slaughtered. With business as usual, the man took his sharp knife and cut the Lamb’s throat. The lamb did not squawk, squall, or flounder like other livestock did. It did not bellow and than slump like the cattle. The little lamb tottered toward its executioner, licked the blood from his hands, and began to totter from side to side. Then the Lamb silently slumped and slipped into death.

The death of the lamb changed the life of the man who worked at the slaughter house forever. Within two weeks he quit the job never to return. It would be wonderful if the same could be said about Herod and his henchmen as they play their part in Jesus’ life, of course we know, that was not the case. *Lk:23:12: And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.*

As you see, their desire for amusement turned raucous into spiteful humor at the expense of the suffering Savior. For them, His plight was nothing short of comedy and His suffering was only a way to pass an otherwise boring morning.

For them, He has only been a vestige from the past and His Name being used only in anger or obscene jokes. What a tragedy! But for countless others throughout the ages the love of God shown at calvary has penetrated their heart and soul ever giving them the desire to follow the lamb. *Rv:14:4: These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

It made no difference whether Jesus was appearing in front of a king, a procurator, or crowd, He did not complain or fight and His cry was *Ps: 40:8: I delight to do thy will, O my* *God: yea, thy law is within my Heart.* His Only Motivation Was and Is Love. His Silence Was the Price He Paid to Save Our Soul. It Was His Silence That Has Caused a Remarkable Change in Our Lives Which Cannot Be Forgotten or Measured by time. Once We Were Doomed but now praise God you are delivered out of the jaws of death, hell and the grave. His love never fails . . . Hallelujah Keep serving Jesus because He is the Star of Heaven and home. *JOHN 14:2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you*.

*Isa:53:7: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

PLEASE RESPOND BY WRITING YOU FEELINGS ABOUT THE ABOVE ARTICLE (HEART STORMING): THIS ARTICLE WILL BRING OUT THE INTENT OF YOUR HEART

Gospel Acrostic Poem

G –Go

Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, **Go** out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

## O –Out

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go **out** into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went **out**, not knowing whither he went.

S –and Speak

Acts 5:20 Go, stand and **speak** in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

# P –and Preach

II Timothy 4:2 **Preach** the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

E –to Every creature

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to **every creature**.

longsuffering and doctrine.

L –in Love

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth **in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

**HEAVENLY ONE LINERS**

**1. Give God what’s right not what’s left**

**2. Man’s way leads to hopeless end. God’s way leads to an endless hope.**

**3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.**

**4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.**

**5. In the sentence of life, the Devil may be a comma but never let him be the period.**

**6. Don’t put a question mark where God puts a period.**

**7. Are you wrinkled with burdens? Come to the church for a face lift.**

**8. When praying, don’t give God instructions just report forduty.**

**9. Don’t wait for six strong men to take you to church.**

**10. We don’t change God’s message His message changes us.**

**11. The church is prayer condition.**

**12. When God ordains, He sustains.**

**13. WARNING: Exposure to the Som may prevent burning.**

**14. Plan ahead: It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.**

**15. Most people want to serve God only in a high position.**

**16. Suffer from truth decay, brush up on your Bible.**

**17. Exercise daily walk with God.**

**18. Never give the Devil a ride, He will always want to drive.**

**19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.**

**20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.**

**21. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.**

**22. Give Satan an inch and He’ll be a ruler.**

**23. Be ye fishers of men, you catch them and God will clean them.**

**24. God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**2005**

**I said to the man that stood at the gate**

**Of the New Year, “**

**Give me a light, that I may tread**

**Safely into the unknown.”**

**And he replied; “Go forth and put your hand**

**In the hand of God.**

**And He shall be better than a light**

**and safer than a known way.”**

**So I went forth, and found the Hand of God,**

**And trod gladly into the night.**

**And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of the day.**

**Author Minnie L. Haskins**

Ps:45:1: My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.



Write a short essay for one of your Godly visions for the

upcoming year of 2005AD

**It's in the Valleys I Grow**

Sometimes life seems hard to bear,

Full of sorrow, trouble and woe

It's then I have to remember

That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top

And never experienced pain,

I would never appreciate God's love

And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn

And my growth is very slow,

Sometimes I need the mountain tops,

But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand

Why things happen as they do,

But I am very sure of one thing.

My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing

When I picture Christ on the cross

He went through the valley of death;

His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining

When I'm feeling so very low.

Just give me a gentle reminder

That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord

And use my life each day

To share your love with others

And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord

For this one thing I know

The mountain tops are glorious

But it's in the valleys I grow!

*The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.*

**ORIGIN OF THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS’**

**An underground Catechism**

**You are all familiar with the Christmas song, “THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, I think. To most it’s a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite a serious purpose when it was written. ‘It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts. Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, where prohibited from any practice of their faith by law, private or public. It was a crime to be a Catholic.**

**The TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS was written in England as one to the “catechism songs”, to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith, a memory aid. When to be caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged, drawn through the streets, quartering involved hanging a person by the neck until they had almost , but not quite, suffocated to death; when the party was taken down from the gallows, and disemboweled while still alive; and while the entrails were still lying on the street, where the executioners stomped all over them. The victim was tied to four large farm horses, and literally torn into five parts one to each limb and the remaining torso.**

**The gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The “true love” mentioned in the song doesn’t refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The “me” who receives the presents refers to the baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the Song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ’s**

**sadness over the fate of Jerusalem. Mt:23:37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!**

**THE OTHER SYMBOLS MEAN THE FOLLOWING:**

**2.Turtle Doves The Old and New Testament**

**3 French Hens Faith, Hope and Charity , the Theological Virtues “Mt:23:37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!**

**4 Calling Birds the four Gospels or the Four Evangelists**

**5.Golden Rings The first five books of the Old Testament, Torah or Pentateuch which gives the history of man’s fall from grace.**

**6.Geese- Laying The six days of Creation**

**7.Swans- swimming, The seven Sacraments**

**8.Maids- milking The eight beatitudes**

**9. Ladies- dancing The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

**10. Lords- leaping The Ten Commandments**

**11.Pipers- piping The eleven faithful Apostles**

**12. Drummers- Drumming The twelve points in the Apostles’ Creed**

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

If you will use these five skills to communicate the Gospel you will excel and **be exceedingly fruitful, some 30 some 60 and some a hundred fold!**

**You shall come rejoicing bringing your sheaves** **with you**

**Prayer is essential in the proper communication of the GOSPEL.**

1. Read . . .......... Read the Bible or an interesting article which you would like to communicate to someone else today. Let love dominate this tool. 2Tm:2:15: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2. Re-Act . . . ..... Let your hearts become involved with the work of God. Heart Surrendering will render an effect upon the Word of God

*Ps:126:5: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*

3. Responding . ..Writing is a valuable tool. What are these Words saying to you?

In order to Explain you must understand your material. *Jn:5:47: But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*

4. Rehearse . . A mirror is a great place to prepare for your delivery to others. Vv Watch your expression especially watch your pronouncation of words.

Sometimes we are so afraid to speak out to others. Try Rehearsing because this is a very profitable tool.

*James 1: 25: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

5. Repeat......... The sounding JOY to others. *Sometimes parrots are useful as we observe their ability to speak forth the things that they have heart or been taught. Dan:12:3: And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.*

*Preach, Reach, Each ( ACROSTIC POEM) Teach, Each*

Notice what Joy defines: Jesus, *Others AND yourself:*

1 **Peter 4:11: If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**