

THOUGHTS

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A ROLE MODEL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD EMULATE

Rarely do we see a selfless person who understands their faith deeply and their role in the world. One such person is Dr. Tom Catena, who has been serving in Sudan in a desperately remote region as the only medical doctor. He typically sees hundreds of patients daily and has a bare-bones facility that runs on solar power and limited water supply. His Christian faith motivates him to minister to the neediest. I invite you to look up the video news segment and view it for joy and motivation!

This person, not slutty singers, not prima donna football players, not greedy stock manipulators, not video game addicts, not card shark poker players, not X-games athletes, not influencers and bed rotting do-nothings, is to be emulated.

<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/american-doctor-fueled-faith-brings-health-care-rural-sudan-god-in-charge>

NOW, I PREFER MY WEAK COFFEE

Following the two ablations that put my heart back into permanent rhythm, I have been drinking a watered-down coffee that would not appeal to most as it is closer to hot coffee flavored water than a strong brew. During the trip north to see family in Canada, I sipped on coffee that they had made and habitually weakened it with hot water. When I returned to the office this morning, I brewed my usual weak pot of java. I prefer it! It tastes better to me than all the cups of strong brew I had while on vacation!

I'm not sure if there is an important truth buried in that fact. Am I a coffee wuss? Is it superior to take the moderating way versus overdoing it? I'm being facetious, but overall, there is nothing wrong with being reserved when it comes to the stuff we put into our bodies.

WISDOM DOES NOT COME WITH AGE

The Bible speaks of the elderly as wise but there is a catch! The discussion is in the context of the community of God's people, the believers. The wicked are not wise whatever their age. Experience comes with age, which is why as people get older, they typically don't jump out of trees or invest in cryptocurrencies. That does not make them wise.

"Golden Bachelor" Gerry Turner and his wife of three months, now divorced, Theresa Nist, put on a public display of failure to exercise wisdom. A person with wisdom would not let their life become a parody, a Disneyesque warped love on steroids production for the world to see. They had just enough arrogance to be participants in the mockery of love and marriage that is The Bachelor and similar lust fests.

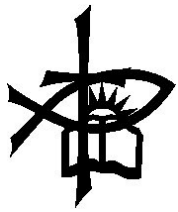
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It's bad enough that infatuation warps perspective and creates false expectations in life. Following a slower trajectory in meeting and proposing marriage ameliorates the whipsaw relational twists that occur. Both personal and external factors contribute to the unexpected nature of marriage, and it is far better for a couple to take their time about it. Let this attention-hungry couple stand as a prime example of what not to do in life. Pay attention to the quiet couples, the ones who will not make headlines but who grow older together with grace.

DRUG DEALER SIMULATOR 2

Do you ever pray for the judgment of God to fall upon certain people? I do, sometimes earnestly! One group I wish for the judgment of God to visit are the creators of wicked video games such as "Drug Dealer Simulator 2". A portion of the description of the gameplay involves receiving smuggled shipments from a cartel, creating your own recipes preparing dope for sale, and organizing distribution from junkie sales. In our day, evil is child's play.

It is not hard to encounter ads online that promote such games. I was appalled when I saw it. Earlier in the day I saw a bumper sticker, "We the People have had enough!" Amen!

I pray that God clobbers the makers and promoters of such games! If they do not repent, I pray they perish with their work. The ideal would be for them to receive a wake-up call, repent, and be saved. Such people would be powerful witnesses if they turned from darkness to the light of the Gospel!

SHUT DOWN CORNELL

We need to begin shuttering colleges and universities that are failing our culture. Burn them down! Isn't that what was chanted by the agitators during Black Lives Matter? I am not speaking of literally burning down educational institutions because I am a Christian, not a Materialist. Those who espouse worldly philosophies may endorse violence and unrest. I endorse protest with a purpose, to oppose and diminish anti-Christian and anti-American entities. Many of our halls of higher education have become both.

The Ivy League schools that used to represent excellence now represent elitism. They are overpriced and no longer represent a well-rounded education. They are bastions of liberalism and intolerance and incubators for feckless students who can't handle intellectual combat but turn offensive and physically aggressive when they are offended. Why should the public support schools that churn out such spoiled brats?

We obviously don't need what these universities are selling. Let the major contributors organize and pull the plug. A lot of these cultural chop houses need to be closed!

DO DIFFICULT THINGS

I keep telling myself this. Not much of great value comes from ease. We must continue pushing ourselves to accomplish for the sake of the Gospel!

Blessings,
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