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2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Pardon me for being human but is there any one of you who read this newspaper on a regular basis or for the first time who is still alive? Meaning do you have any fear of God left in you? Does any of you have any appreciation for a preacher who actually has the guts to stand in the gap for you and tell you THE truth? Did it ever occur to you that this same preacher might like to hear any feedback from you at least once? Are there any of you out there who have any knowledge of just how valuable a true preacher of God really is? Do any of you really think that I do this newspaper for any other reason than obedience to God Almighty? Do you think I do it for the money? If so, you are sorely mistaken friend. Do you think I do it for notoriety? Wrong again. There is only one place in this newspaper where you will see my name printed. And that is the copyright for the comic strip. You may ask yourself why you don't hear this kind of preaching/teaching anywhere else but the above verse spells out the why. No one listened to Noah either. My request is that any of you reading this send me some feedback. Call me at (423) 381-0925 and/or text me. Write us a letter. Send us an email. Just let us know you are still alive and there are actual readers who care for this work!

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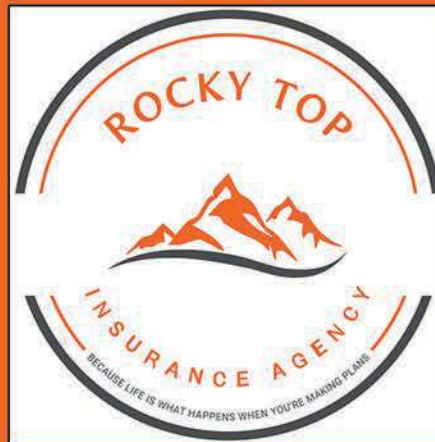
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asking Him to reveal where the block is. **That is one of the strongest signs to me if I get out of God's will is He stops answering my prayers.**

Remember this is a faith walk. The only way to please God is by faith (Hebrews 11:6). Despite popular, modern day Christians believing so, God doesn't talk to you and I like we converse with each other. Seems like I meet Christians often who have casual conversations with God. Not so friend! **The only man God spoke face to face with was Moses.** I'm digressing here but back on point. If you have personally never confirmed with God that He is answering your prayers specifically, you best set aside some time and seek Him until He does. One of our primary goals as Christians is to walk before the Lord circumspetly and strive to be a yielded vessel for others to get prayers answered. It's one method of winning souls.

One of the greatest joys of my life is when a man told me his mother was on her death bed and the doctors

didn't expect her to make it through the night. I asked her name and prayed for her. He came back about 2 weeks later to thank me for praying and told me God reversed her downward spiral and she was on track to leave the hospital! **What a Mighty God we serve!** The time is short for those of us who claim to be Christians to make sure we are right with God. Remember the Lord taught us that His coming would be as a thief in the night and He was talking to His people when He said it. In another place, He warned us we know not the day or the hour. In yet another place, He warned us that our time was always ready. Repent, Jesus is coming!

Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."
2Peter 1:10 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure:

for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:" 1Peter 1:17
"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:"

Proverbs 24:18

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Matthew 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Proverbs 15:10

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

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Be Ye Ready

Matthew 24:44 "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." We live in troublesome times. By the time you read this, the 2024 presidential election will be over. We can only pray that the best candidate for the job gets elected. If not, the path ahead can be very grim and decline at a pace that none of us are ready for. That includes myself. We never get political in **Heartbeat Christian News** and never will but that is not the context I mention this in. The point here is that, at any time, this country as we know it could be gone. There are sinister forces at work and what you see is not what you are getting. Very few people know the preparations these same forces have made and had in place for years waiting for the right moment. And when that happens, are you ready?

God is the One allowing all this happen. And praise be to Him for not letting the dam of wickedness break yet. Because when it does, America is gone. If you are trusting in religion and prosperity right now, you are in grave danger. Because, according to the teaching of God's Word, if you neglect Him in the good times, He won't answer your prayers when the bottom falls out. Then what are you going to do? **Revelation 3:17** "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

Isaiah 55:6 "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:" The scripture doesn't warn of this in vain. It's not too late to repent now and get close to God. But if you wait too long, He won't answer your prayers, even

of repentance, and you will seek refuge in the government just like the Egyptians did in the famine in the days of Joseph. They sold their soul to Pharaoh for a piece of bread. **Christ in you is the ONLY hope my friend.** Never forget, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!

Luke 17:27

They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Matthew 24:39

And knew NOT until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

John 7:6

Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

Matthew 7:22-23

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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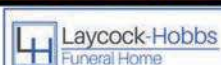
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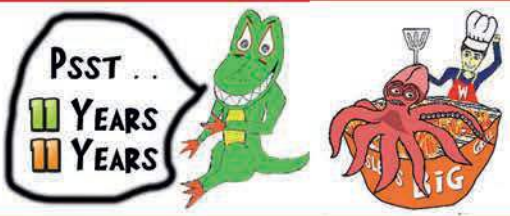
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ToddZilla here where the green grass grows in what could be the loudest shirt in history trying to determine who really is the star of AWD. Since we see this is turning into some kind of electoral race, I think it only fair that we interview some folks to see how this will all play out. Looks like we have a 3 way race developing between Weslio, the Doodle and the original Zilla. Unfortunately, because of the presence of so many dinosaurs, we'll probably be only able to interview other dinos. We could see some high seas type treachery such as ballot tampering, voter intimidation and, yes, even absentee ballot miscounting. Would you like to vote for who you think the star of AWD is? Haha did you really believe you could?

Look. It's 'heir' apparent who the star of AWD is right? After all, who's name appears first in the title? Duh. And if that's not enough, I'm smarter than green jeans by a long shot. In fact, if I had not of been born, there would have been no need for the neon green mischief machine. Plus, I have like the equivalent of a Masters Degree in Psychology and who can argue with that? So if we are holding an election on who the real star of The Adventures of Wesley Doodle is, vote for mine and your favorite, me, Wesley Abraham.

The Obvious Choice
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And yet the debate goes on! Who's cuter? Who's mischief is the reason for all the laughs from you readers? Who's easier to see in the dark? Listen readers, don't be befuddled by the psychotic, eeerrrr I mean psychological, ramblings of Wesley the wonder boy. I am the comic genius of this comic strip providing 90% of the laughs. If it wasn't for my mischievous nature, it would simply be called Wesley Doodle :0) How boring would that be right? So even though my good friend and companion in crime, Wesley, is wait for it green with envy, you all know that I, Doodle, am the star of AWD.

VOTE DOODLE DUH!

Now that the nincompoots have concluded their 'orating', let common sense take it's natural course. Consider that I have been in the movies and the news for far longer than twiddle dee dee and twiddle dee dumb. Let's face it, I'm like the 'John Wayne' of dinosaurs. I have a much greater public appearance, physically and proverbially. And can either of the aforementioned wannabe's claim to have EVER received an autograph request? NO! Plus, those two bozos are not in the Screen Actors Guild as am I. So I would humbly suggest that the real star of AWD is myself, howbeit for some odd reason, MY name is not mentioned in the title. Therefore, I am resolved to have the author and illustrator over for 'dinner'. Zilla out!

Sadly, Zilla here reporting that we must go to our committee for, what hopefully is, a unanimous decision. I'm reminded though of a very wise saying I once read, "For God so loved the world, He did NOT send a committee." LOL Please be aware that our network, KDNO, is not responsible for the opinions of the following interviewees. Oh and to see if you were really paying attention, consider this. Every page of Heartbeat Christian News always has a scripture on it :0) And so here it is. Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." So laugh already ... Oh and SMILE :0)

LIVE FROM KDNO STUDIOS. IT'S THE TODDZILLA SHOW!

Hey doesn't the peanut gallery get to offer their 3 cents on who the star is?

D.i.p.p., truly a wise old dragon should know who the real star of AWD is right?

I don't really care. I was recently accused of being a pyromaniac! Can you believe that?

It's ok, I'm just a Stork who delivers cute babies.

Tiny who do you think is the real star of AWD?

Personally, I don't care as long as I am able to have a part in a few episodes. OK!

Mama Doodle and Daddy Doodle, who is the real star of AWD?

Seriously? Such a rhetorical question ToddZilla.

Uummm how did I get here?

Ollie who is the real star of AWD?

UH... wait, didn't I just eat that green guy in a different scene?

Pirates are such tasty morsels. No heartburn. **5**

Does anyone have any dragon repellent spray? **6**

Zilla I have no idea what you are talking about. Let me just say as well the 82nd Airborne pilots have TERRIBLE aim! **2**

Doodle I look ridiculous in this leopard print parachute harness! But don't worry my friend. I suspected you might be up to something. So I, huh hmmm, 'fixed' your parachute for you :) **1**

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Will Pete the Pirate be eaten? Will Doodle become the main course for Ollie the Octopus? Will Willie the Wreckosaurus drive his speedster into the ocean? So many questions ... so little time. **7**

Thank you Lord for sending me dinner from above :0) **4**



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Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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The salvation of your soul requires obedience. Obedience by faith and not religion. It means after you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, every day after that you have to strive to live in obedience to the faith prescribed in the bible. If you turn back from God and go back to your sinful ways, you will die and go to Hell if He doesn't give space to repent. God is a killer. That is why the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge.



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I check it first thing when I wake up. I watch it during my morning routine such as breakfast, getting kids ready for school, getting ready for work. Check it on the way to the car. Check it while driving and for sure at every light and stop sign. Check it while I'm watching the kids walk toward the school building after I drop them off. Check it while I'm walking into work. Look at it every chance I get during work. Make excuses to go to the restroom so I can check it. For sure on my lunch break, it's with me and I'm glued to it for the entirety of my lunch break. Clock out and peruse it all the way to the car.

Scrolling and texting and "Googling" every chance I get on the way home. Send the kids off to change clothes after school and have a snack and it's me and my phone time. Help the kids with their homework but keep one eye on that little techno wonder. Spouse comes home and off to dinner night with the kids. Thank God he's driving so I have plenty of time to spend with my smartphone. Forget the kids right? He's checking his phone too every chance. We got the kids smartphones too so they wouldn't hassle us for ours. They are on their phones too. Get to the restaurant and thank God there is a wait so we can all be on our phones. Dinner time and phone time together because we got catching up to do.

Get home and it's family time in front of the TV. And, yes, we get more phone time. Bed time for the kids and no need for story time.

They can watch videos on their phones. We have safeguards on their phones to protect them from bad sites. There's no way they can bypass those.

Person walking down the street glued to the phone. Person on park bench glued to the phone. Everyone on the passing bus glued to the phone. Practically every one passing by glued to the phone. Everyone at the playground except those under the age 10, glued to the phone. Go to church and practically everyone glued to the phone. Even during the service. Didn't know my 12 year old was subjected to the vilest, most grotesque smut a human would never want to see because his "friend" thought it would be cute to text it to him to see his reaction. Didn't know someone took a lude, compromising picture of my 11 year old daughter and broadcast it to all their friends in the restroom at their latest sporting event. Never prayed and asked God if it was ok for me to have a smartphone. Or better yet my minor children.

Heard about someone in the news killed by a bus because they were so entranced with whatever was on their "smartphone" that they didn't notice they were walking right out in front of it. Isn't technology wonderful? Trying to pray and my phone keeps sounding off with alerts and notifications and every other noise that could distract. My children asking questions they never would've known to ask if they had not of

had smartphones. I sleep with it right by my bed so I don't miss anything. I take it to the bathroom and everywhere else. But it's not an idol God. Psalm 97:7 "Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods."

Smartphones are the greatest addiction in the world. Surpassing drugs and alcohol and any other thing that can be addicting. Christians and sinners alike completely addicted to them. Smartphones are also the number 1 idol in the world. For Christians and sinners alike. The scary part is most Christians will lie in a second and say they aren't addicted even when they are. Smartphones have made disobedient Christian parents out of millions of Christians. Instead of praying and asking God about it, they've just hardened their hearts and gave them to their minor children anyway. Christians who idolize their smartphones refuse to admit it. Refuse to get rid of them even if it means sending their soul to Hell. If that doesn't scare you, I don't know what will. Satan has most of the Christian world right where he wants them. Hypnotized by digital idolatry and all thanks to smartphones. Another fact that should strike fear into you is that God has had me warning His people for about 10 years now and no one is listening. When someone claims to be a Christian but insists on living in disobedience, that person is reprobate. To reiterate, smartphones is the greatest form of free will mind control ever known to man. And the worst part is, it's costing the world billions of dollars and making the greedy richer than ever!

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Digital Plague

The world is hypnotized.
 Practically every person above the age of 10 in every country, except third world countries, is being led about by their little hand held idol. Nothing smart about these phones. Nothing smart about anything carnal that leads you every where but to Jesus. Nothing smart about anything that keeps your mind entranced for hours every day and provides no spiritual edification whatsoever. Nothing smart about a device that causes you to endanger your life on the road, neglect your loved ones such as spouses and children and puts you in a state of disobedience when you give them to your minor children. It's easy to go to Hell.

Smartphones are a plague of the mind and modern civilization. And the scary part is no one is taking heed to the warnings God has had me to give for about 10 years now. Sadly, a young woman and her two small children were killed not too long ago when she drove her car under a semi-truck. Why? Because she was texting on her phone and not paying attention to the road. Still think they are smart? How many people have been victims of crime because they are so focused on their phone that they aren't aware of what is going on around them. Research shows that pedestrian deaths have

increased because of smartphones. Still think they are smart?
Best ye forget, serving God the right way is by faith. Obedience to THE faith. If you choose to let that phone be your god, He will let you. If you choose to ignore Him and send yourself to Hell, He will let you. **I don't know what you believe or have been taught, but my every day serving God is a fight.** A battle for the mind. If you think since Jesus came that God is just all grace and you can do whatever you want and still go to heaven, you are backslid and will die and go to Hell if you don't repent. A great majority of the bible is warnings against spiritual complacency, taking God for granted and straying from the strait and narrow path.

Smartphones are geared to consume your mind as much as possible. Forget the greed that goes into these designs and consider the spiritual poison the devil inspires in these greed minded money men to make them even more addictive. Most everyone I see that has them, they are constantly in their hand close to their face. That is addiction of the mind and spiritual idolatry. I'm certain some of you might be thinking, "Oh God understands. It's just the age we live in." He does NOT. Not to sound redundant, but I don't write this article because I enjoy it. It's totally inspired by the Lord. One of the primary responsibilities

of God's preachers is to cry aloud and warn His people about their transgressions. **Isaiah 58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew MY people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."**
 You would do well to seek God diligently about the extreme importance of His preachers and why you should pay very close attention to what they preach and teach. Especially considering the following verse. **1Corinthians 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."**

Matthew 7:13-14
 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for WIDE is the gate, and BROAD is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and NARROW is THE way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that FIND it.

Proverbs 29:1
 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Proverbs 28:14
 Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

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Are You Truly Ready?

Ecclesiastes 9:12

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

If the United States of America were to fall tomorrow, would you be truly ready? In the end, the most critical safety net you have is if you can touch God in prayer. As a Christian, our #1 priority is to please Him. To put Him first in our lives every day. Your family can't save you. Your money can't save you. Your friends can't save you. Your home is not enough to protect you when God lets the devil overrun this country. The fact that this country is still standing as a free republic is completely by the grace of God. What is most important though is the question posed in the title. Are you truly ready? When this country collapses, your only hope is in God. And whether or not your current service to Him is in obedience to His Word is critical. The parable of the 10 virgins is not in there for no reason. God didn't let anyone know of His exact plans as one method to keep His people vigilant in their faithfulness to Him. Because human nature is such that if we did know the exact day and time, most would live like Hell and wait until the last minute to repent. The devil would see to it. The word of God teaches us to seek Him while He may be found. Are you seeking Him daily? Remember the sin debt being paid was the free gift. God's salvation is not! Repent, Jesus is coming!