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NEWSLETTER

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TRUST

"YOU CAN'T TRUST EVERYONE" IS A COMMON EXPRESSION THAT ALL OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH. IF MY EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS ARE ANY INDICATION, THAT IS CERTAINLY ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING THIS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. IN THIS PAST WEEK I'VE RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM MY BANK, MY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, MY INSURANCE COMPANY, MY CELL PHONE COMPANY, CONSUMER REPORTS AND ABOUT FIFTEEN OTHERS WITH WHOM I HAVE SOME BUSINESS CONNECTION, THAT I SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL ABOUT FRAUDULENT EMAILS FROM THOSE TRYING TO STEAL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION. IT'S TRULY SAD THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT THREAT ON TOP OF THE ALREADY STRESSFUL HEALTH SITUATIONS.

AND THEN THERE'S THE MATTER OF THE MEDIA. WE'RE NOT ALWAYS SURE IF WE CAN TRUST THEM EITHER. NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE, EACH NEWS OUTLET SEEMS TO HAVE AN AGENDA AND SEEKS TO SPIN THE NEWS IN WHATEVER WAY THEY PREFER TO IN ORDER TO GET PEOPLE TO SEE THINGS THEIR WAY. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO TRULY OBJECTIVE REPORTING THESE DAYS.

SOCIAL MEDIA IS ANOTHER FRONTIER FOR "FAKE NEWS." WE ALL SHOULD KNOW THAT JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE POSTS SOMETHING ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM OR TWITTER DOES NOT MAKE IT SO. I'M OFTEN AMAZED THAT SOME SEEM TO BE VERY GULLIBLE OR NAÏVE TO BELIEVE WHAT'S PUT OUT THERE AS "NEWS."

SO, WHERE DO WE TURN? WHOM DO WE TRUST?

DAVID WRITES, "THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD; MY HEART TRUSTS IN HIM, AND I AM HELPED; THEREFORE MY HEART EXALTS, AND WITH MY SONG I SHALL THANK HIM." - PSALM 28:7

NOTE SOME OF THE DETAILS HERE.

1. THE LORD IS POWERFUL > STRENGTH AND SHIELD
2. THE LORD IS PERSONAL > MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD
3. THE LORD IS CAPABLE > AFFECTING TRUST FROM OUR HEARTS AND NOT JUST OUR HEADS
4. THE LORD IS PROVEN > I'VE BEEN HELPED BEFORE AND THEREFORE KNOW HE CAN HELP AGAIN
- 5 THE LORD IS CELEBRATED > WE NEED THINGS TO BE EXCITED ABOUT; HE IS IT!
6. THE LORD IS PRAISED > OUR SONGS SHOULD REFLECT OUR THANKSGIVING

I DON'T FULLY TRUST OUR GOVERNMENT, THE INTERNET OR OUR MEDIA. BUT I DO TRUST IN GOD . . . AND THAT'S ENOUGH! ISN'T IT?

LOOKING UP!

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