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BE, and BEING

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Matthew 7:11
Luke 11:13



"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"

"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"

Looking up ideas for April's Dail-e-bread calendar, I googled "being good". There are some really well known verses which have to do with telling us how we are to "be" (live our lives) and what should occupy our "being" which I used. There was no paucity of scripture which had the word "be" or the word "being" in it. Biblos.com showed up with some very nice verses, but I chose two which are almost identical (refs above) from Matthew and Luke, that point to the fact that we might tend to underestimate the great resource of goodness and love that can be experienced through the very same power that was demonstrated in the life of Christ. The writer of Matthew (which might of been a protégé of the disciple) and Luke say that we as humans are able to do some really loving things (especially for our family members) but that our efforts are pretty small in view of what can come from the eternal. These verses are great because they give us a feeling of making some successful steps at making the world a loving place, but remind us that a vast and enormous quantity of love, the same love which sustained Christ, is there for us to receive, and, in turn, to give away.

April's calendar is about BEING, to BE, first and foremost, being open to receiving love from God, and all the benefits that come with it. mm

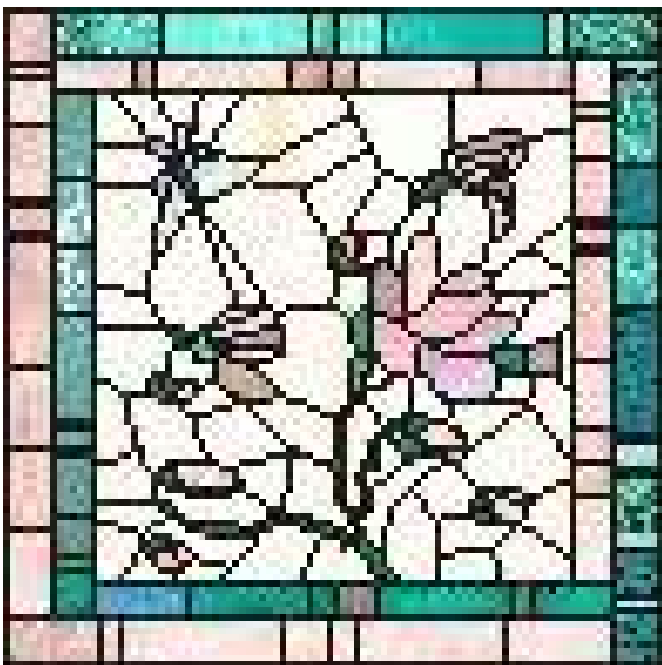


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My prayer, his prayer,
your prayer, in prayer.

For April, "**my prayer**" is that we petition to break the cycle of physical abuse, for minorities, women, men, children, pets, work animals and animals raised for food, entertainment and gaming. This seems like a silly request but all "life" is a miracle and also sacred. This is not a request to ritualize death, which has been a "religious" thing for tens of thousands of years, but to celebrate the sanctity of all life.

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**This is a writing appropriately
on stitchery...**

**1 Peter 5:7 - Casting all your care upon
Him, for He cares for you.**

I remember as my children grew, both boys and girls. When they got to an appropriate age I began to teach them embroidery, and other stitchery. Inevitably they would tangle their thread on a regular basis. They would bring their stitching to me to get the tangles out. Sometimes they would stand and watch for a few minutes, but always they would grow bored and run off to play, knowing that when they came back to stitch again it would be untangled and ready for them to begin again.

That's exactly what our Heavenly Father wants us to do...to set all our tangles of life in his lap to fix while we go off about our business, knowing when we turn around that He has fixed it for us and we are ready to begin again.

So remember to lay the things of your life into your Father's lap, and run off and play...casting your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.

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