

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Relationships

They Said It:

"The quality of our relationships is an important barometer of our spiritual well-being."
– Jon Johnston



"A man, sir, should keep his friendships in a state of constant repair."
– Samuel Johnson

"The bird – a nest; the spider – a web; the human - friendship."
– W. Blake

"We don't need to face the issues and obstacles of relationships under our own power. Let God lead you and empower your relationships."
– H. Norman Wright

"Friendship doubles joys and halves griefs."
– Francis Bacon

Readings from the Scriptures:

Day 1 – I Corinthians 13:4-7

Day 2 – Galatians 6:10

Day 3 – Ephesians 4:29

Day 4 – Colossians 3:13

Day 5 – Ephesians 6:18

Day 6 – Matthew 7:12

Day 7 – Romans 14:19

Try this Memory Verse:

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18)

Discipleship TIPS:

A short course in human relationships, courtesy of author John Maxwell, in **Relationships 101**:

The least important word: *I*

The most important: *We*

The two most important words: *Thank you!*

The three most important words: *All is forgiven.*

The four most important words: *What is your opinion?*

The five most important words: *You did a good job!*

Resource Recommendation:

Walls or Bridges: How to Build Relationships that Glorify God
by Jon Johnston

How to Get Along with Almost Anyone by H. Norman Wright

Ministry Needs

- Pray for the success of plans to begin recording TDC workshops in January.
- Pray for God to open many doors for TDC ministries in 2016.
- Consider a year-end financial donation to TDC. By the way your gift is tax deductible!

For workshop information, or to become a sponsor of TDC, please see our website at www.discipleshipcenter.org or you may contact us at: Ed Darling, Founding Director, 3356 E. Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021; edarlin1@gmail.com // dcentercny60@gmail.com // (315) 256-6548.



Merry Christmas
from the Darlings and
The Discipleship Center
to You and Your Family!



NEWS from TDC!

- **Discipleship Day 2015** was a great success! Over 30 people, from 3 different churches, participated. Five different presenters conducted workshops.
- District Superintendent Kevin Dunlop has recently **recommended TDC** to Nazarene pastors on the Upstate NY District.
- A total of **36 workshops** were conducted by TDC in 2015. Thanks be to God!

Thank you!

To **each of you**, for your continued interest in, and support of, The Discipleship Center. Your prayers, encouragement, and donations are crucial for this ministry. God is working through TDC, and you are doing a great job of assisting in that work!



"TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" BIBLE QUIZ



Twelve drummers drumming.....

Proverbs 14 says: "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the **snare** of what? (Yeah, it's not the word "drum", but a "**snare**" is a kind of **drum**.....)"

A: atehD

Eleven pipers piping.....

Which king set up an image of gold that was to be worshipped when his people heard the sound of the harp, **pipe**, and all kinds of music? (Daniel 3)

A: cdNuzrabzneha

Ten lords a-leaping.....

There is a verse in the Bible that says, "No one can say 'Jesus is **Lord**' except by the Holy Spirit." In what book of the Bible is this found? (Extra credit if you can name the chapter!)

A: riFts nrtoCasini

Nine ladies dancing.....

Someone in the book of Exodus (chapter 32) got mad when he saw people **dancing**. Who was it?

A: soMse

Eight maids a-milking.....

In the KJV, we read a verse that says: "But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire." Who was the **maid** looking at? (Hint: This takes place in the Gospels!)

A: reefP

Seven swans a-swimming.....

According to Leviticus 11 (KJV), what was a person not supposed to do with a **swan**?

A: tEa ti

Six geese a-laying.....

Finish this Bible verse: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the **laying** on of my _____." (II Timothy 1:6)

A: dnsaH

Five golden rings.....

In Genesis 24, Rebekah got a **ring**, which isn't that unusual. Where it was placed on her body seems a bit unusual – where was it placed?

A: ni rhe eosn

Four calling birds.....

Who cried in a loud voice to all the **birds** flying in midair: "Come, gather together for the great supper of God"? (Revelation 19)

A: nA glena

Three French hens.....

Jesus longed to gather whose children together, as a **hen** gathers her chicks under her wings?

A: rmesJlesau dnehiClr

Two turtle doves.....

In Matthew 10 (NIV), Jesus sends out His disciples for ministry. What **dove**-like quality does He tell them to have?

A: noceneInc

And a partridge in a pear tree!

"The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea—as one hunts a **partridge** in the mountains." Which "partridge" said this, in I Samuel 26?

A: vDiad

