

OPINIONS

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Scripture of the Week

Psalm 85:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.



By Sherry Brown

Everyone loves a good story, especially when it's packed with motivation and life lessons. Seniors often carry incredible tales of courage and determination. These motivational stories remind us that it's never too late to dream. They show us the power of resilience, even in the toughest times.

Grandma Moses: Starting an Art Career at 78

Anna Mary Robertson Moses, better known as Grandma Moses, proves it's never too late to pursue your

passion. She began painting in earnest at 78 years old. Can you imagine starting a new career in your late 70s? Grandma Moses didn't let age stop her from following her dreams. She painted scenes of rural life, drawing from her experiences on farms in upstate New York. Her colorful, charming style caught the eye of art collectors and the public alike.

Want to know something amazing? Grandma Moses kept painting until she was 101. That's over two decades of creating beautiful art! Her work became so popular that it was used on greeting cards and other merchandise.

What can we learn from Grandma Moses? Age is just

a number when it comes to creativity. It's never too late to start something new. Have you been putting off a hobby or dream? Maybe it's time to give it a try.

Remember, every day is a chance to begin again. Grandma Moses showed us that with passion and dedication, we can achieve great things at any age.

Why not start your own creative journey today?

Ray Charles: Triumph over Disabilities

Ray Charles faced big challenges. He lost his sight at age 7. But he didn't let that stop him.

Music became his world. He learned to play piano and sing. His talent was huge.

Ray worked hard. He

practiced all the time. Soon, he was making hit songs that people loved.

He didn't just stick to one style. Ray mixed gospel, jazz, and blues. This new sound was called soul music. He helped create it.

Ray's music touched people's hearts. His voice was full of feeling. When he sang, you could hear his joy and pain.

He won many awards. People called him "The Genius." But Ray stayed humble. He kept working to get better.

Ray showed that disabilities don't define a person. He inspired many with his strength. His life proves that with hard work, anyone can reach their dreams.

Short stories were taken

from memorycherish.com.

Friends, being a Senior for me has been a glorious experience as I think about how many life lessons I have experienced along my pilgrim journey and I must say there is always enormous and wise education filled with an appreciation for my relationship in God and His astounding miraculous ways of hope, dreaming and faith believing in the realm of possibilities dis- spite any type of adversity in my path. God is my governing force of sustaining power that empowers my life through His winning hope that keeps my heart positioned in the light of truth where daily miracles are the full proof of His goodness that is for all humanity and that win-

ning hope always develops the desire to keep dreaming, keep pressing and keep believing in the hope of God that is readily available for the young and the old alike. God created all humanity to shine but some never desire His salvation power or thank Him for His daily miracles that they experience.

Remember, every single breath that we breathe is a daily miracle sent from God to every heart.

Isaiah 46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. KJV.



By Cecil Lawson

Mother Nature's fury has calmed this evening, as I write tonight, but a few hours ago, a line of heavy storms moved across the region, prompting a tornado warning.

I had just gotten home from the office, sat down, when the sky outside turned dark, almost like night. A loud alert came through on my cell phone about 4:45, and again at 5.

The wind, the wind. The wind blew hard from the west-northwest. Trees across the road danced, and I saw the trash bin tip

over and garbage flying through the yard. Rain splattered the window in the door out of the north. I looked into the back yard and saw tree limbs strewn everywhere and the pool cover flapping. There is a windsock on a pole back there, and it was completely horizontal and billowing, indicating wind over 25 miles per hour.

I crashed on the couch and rode out the storm. I've sat through several bad storms over the decades. My mother said she held me during the devastating 1974 tornadoes after we had moved into our new house in Moore's Ferry.

Mom, who was cleaning a home nearby, called and woke me up in 1994 the morning wind shears cut a line in the trees from

Salt Lick to Morehead. I can recall the roaring train sound of the wind outside, typical of tornado-like conditions, and Mom's car was hit by a piece of tin off a barn roof which sheared off her passenger side mirror.

I was once caught in the woods during a bad thunderstorm, and I finally just sat down and let the sheets of rain pelt me for the next 15 or 20 minutes.

I was working at the newspaper several years ago when a big thunderstorm slammed the northern part of the county. I drove that way, but every side road I took, there were trees down, and I had to maneuver my Subaru several times and get turned around.

I saw the devastation wrought by the 2012 torna-

do that hit eastern Menifee County and later West Liberty. A sheriff's deputy drove me around Possum Hollow Road, and I saw the remains of homes.

This week's storm, and all these other storms, humbled me. Thunderstorms and tornadoes have been slightly tamed by our ability to forecast their conditions, but these forces of nature are much larger than all our human ability to deal with. We can only hunker down and pick up the pieces afterwards.

NOTICE TO
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TAXPAYERS

Roger Coyle, Bath County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2025 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Bath County News Outlook on August 13, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at the County Clerk's office located at 17 West Main Street Owingsville, Kentucky 40360. This list may also be inspected on the Bath County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Letter (URL) of the website is bathcoclerk-ky.gov. The tax sale will be held on September 14, 2026 beginning at 10:00 AM. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on September 4, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Some delinquencies — although they have been advertised — will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10) (b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 606-674-2613.

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Persistent Faith & The Power of Prayer

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ARTICLE BY JERRY HALL, PEELED OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME CHURCH, JOIN US.

Last week, we kicked off this series on prayer by talking about the Heart of Prayer—our vertical connection with God. We looked at how prayer isn't about giving God an update on our lives, or telling him things he already knows. Remember, he knows all things. It's about coming to God with an open honest heart.

Now today, we're taking the next step. We're moving from why we pray to how we pray, and addressing a question that every single Christian wrestles with at some point in their walk, does prayer actually change things? Scripture teaches that prayer carries real, tangible power, and that God responds when His people pray with persistent faith.

Recently, we saw what happens when this church prays together. It was a great demonstration of God's power last week when a member suddenly became deathly ill. When the church came together in unity and prayed for him, he was healed and walked back through the door just fine. Thank you, Jesus.

Sometimes God's answers aren't that quick. Now, this brings us to a major hurdle. What happens when you pray for something in faith—for a sick family member, for a straying child, or for this church—and the answer

doesn't come immediately? Look at what Jesus says in Luke 11:9–10:

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Now, here is something fascinating about the original Greek language in which the New Testament was written: all three of these verbs (ask, seek, knock) are written in the present continuous tense.

In Greek, the present tense denotes ongoing, continual action. It doesn't mean "ask once and walk away." It literally translates to:

- Keep on asking and it will be given to you.
- Keep on seeking and you will find.
- Keep on knocking and the door will be opened.

Some people think we should ask only once but, Jesus and the Apostles directly contradict that idea! Paul told the Thessalonians to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). He told Timothy that he remembered him in prayer "night and day" (2 Tim 1:3). Do you remember The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18). Look at how Jesus frames this parable. He contrasts a cold, corrupt human judge with our loving Heavenly Father. If even an unjust

judge will eventually grant justice to a persistent widow simply because she refuses to give up, how much more will a loving God respond to His children who cry out to Him day and night? Notice how Jesus ends verse 8: He links persistence directly with faith: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

Jesus defines faith here not as a one-time spiritual quick fix, but as a stubborn, relentless trust that keeps knocking on Heaven's door until God moves. Church, our prayers don't have to be eloquent or well spoken, they just need to be heartfelt coming from a sincere heart desiring to serve God. Just be original and honest with God. Church, your prayers carry real power. Not because of how good or righteous you are, but because of the God who sits on the throne listening to you.

Pray with Expectation: When you pray this week, don't just pray out of habit. Pray expecting God to hear you, expecting Him to act according to His good will, and believing that your prayers carry weight in heaven.

Next week, in the final part of our series, we're going to look at what happens when we take this persistent prayer and combine it with unity—what happens when an entire church prays together as one body.

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