

Dear friends,

To open Number 14 of these “Anti-Boredom Packets” that we've been creating for you, I thought I would print a couple of excerpts from an article Denny wrote a couple of weeks ago. It was an article with an uplifting yet challenging message which received very positive responses and I'm hoping you'll find the lines I quote encouraging also.

“You are a more important person than you can imagine.”

I have been re-reading C.S. Lewis' profound “space trilogy” with fresh enlightenment and appreciation this past week but the line from That Hideous Strength that I quote above was one that just leapt off the page to me and I've been pondering it a great deal...

...You are significant to almighty God as a beloved child. Yet you also matter greatly to Him as a doer of the Word...a witness of His grace...a warrior in His army. It's absolutely astounding but His Word underscores this truth over and over. Your prayers make a difference. Your humility and gratitude matters. Your resistance to temptations is a crucial part of His victory. Your kindnesses and your encouragement to others count.

Your example of steadfastness and joy are noted by the omniscient Lord. Your sacrifices and self-denial will be rewarded. Your time in God's Word builds you up and improves your serve. Your generosity pays eternal dividends. Your avoiding the contamination of the world is a gift to God that He treasures. Your boldness and creativity in shining God's love and truth will be used by the Holy Spirit. Your yearning for Christ's return and His ultimate triumph will be awesomely realized.

“You are a more important person than you can imagine.”

Until next time,

Claire Hartford (for Denny too)

Multiple Choice Questions

1) After Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall, who couldn't "put Humpty together again?"

- A) The "five flower soldiers"
- B) All the king's horses and all the king's men
- C) Mother Goose
- D) Humpty's 9 brothers

2) What does one call a group of geese?

- A) A herd
- B) A flutter
- C) A gaggle
- D) A pack

3) According to the old song, one is told to "Pack up your troubles" where?

- A) "In your old kit bag."
- B) "In a laundry sack."
- C) "Down the coal chute."
- D) "Away in your memories."

4) What was the name of this Alka-Seltzer mascot?

- A) Freddy
- B) Alkie
- C) Bert
- D) Speedy



5) From which play (& then the movie) does the song "Edelweiss" come from?

- A) *The Sound of Music*
- B) *South Pacific*
- C) *The Music Man*
- D) *Saturday Night Fever*

6) From what country do women traditionally wear a *kimono*?

- A) India
- B) Russia
- C) Japan
- D) Mexico

7) Beginning in 1940, Gene Autry's radio show was broadcast from...

- A) Pleasant Valley
- B) The Hollywood Hotel
- C) Mount Shasta
- D) Melody Ranch

8) The "City of Brotherly Love" is:

- A) Chicago, Illinois
- B) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- C) Dallas, Texas
- D) Atlanta, Georgia

9) Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Mickey Mantle all played for what pro baseball team?

- A) Brooklyn Dodgers
- B) Cincinnati Reds
- C) New York Yankees
- D) San Francisco Giants

10) In the Looney Tune cartoons, the fleet-footed Road Runner always escaped the traps set by...

- A) Elmer Fudd
- B) Wile E. Coyote
- C) Huckleberry Hound
- D) Yosemite Sam

11) Who were the two most famous entertainers to come from the Osmond family?

- A) Donny & Marie
- B) Bert & Ernie
- C) Diana & Kay
- D) Ollie & Ethel

12) Which of these cities is nearest to Mt. Rushmore?

- A) Salt Lake City
- B) Boise
- C) Omaha
- D) Denver

13) According to the ad jingle, "The best part of waking up is _____ in your cup."

- A) Minute Maid
- B) Folgers
- C) Maxwell House
- D) Sanka

14) Before Dean Martin's success as a solo artist, he was part of an entertainment duo. His partner was...

- A) Helen O'Connell
- B) Harry James
- C) Patti Page
- D) Jerry Lewis

15) In the nursery rhyme, how many blackbirds were baked in the pie?

- A) 24
- B) 10
- C) 6
- D) 18

16) Which business promised "We'll leave a light on for you?"

- A) Coleman Camp Lanterns
- B) Bic Lighters
- C) Motel 6
- D) GE Light Bulbs

17) According to the song, who is it that don't know nothin', don't say nothin', but just keeps rollin' along?

- A) That Lucky Old Sun
- B) The Wabash Cannonball
- C) Ebb Tide
- D) Ol' Man River

18) Which of these 4-Star Generals did **NOT** see service in World War II?

- A) Dwight D. Eisenhower
- B) John J. Pershing
- C) Omar Bradley
- D) George S. Patton

19) What kind of animal was the star of the Walt Disney movie, *Dumbo*?

- A) Elephant
- B) Camel
- C) Whale
- D) Lion

20) Back in the days of the Big 8, the Nebraska Cornhuskers' most intense football rivalry was with the...

- A) Alabama Crimson Tide
- B) Texas Longhorns
- C) Oklahoma Sooners
- D) Kansas Jayhawks

21) What common use was made by a housewife of a Seven-Up bottle with small holes in the bottle cap?

- A) An inexpensive salt shaker
- B) A sandbox toy for the kids
- C) To sprinkle water on clothes prior to ironing them
- D) Pouring pancake batter

22) What popular singer became famous when he crooned, "I left my heart in San Francisco?"

- A) Tony Bennett
- B) Andy Williams
- C) Frank Sinatra
- D) Bobby Darin

23) In a 1946 speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, this statesman first used the term "Iron Curtain?"

- A) Harry Truman
- B) Winston Churchill
- C) Allen Dulles
- D) Dwight Eisenhower

24) What did a kid use Butch Wax for?

- A) To shine up his bicycle
- B) To grease his skates
- C) To paste baseball cards in an album
- D) To stiffen his hair into a flat top

25) In Nat King Cole's song, what "winds from Chicago to L.A., more than two thousands miles all the way?"

- A) Chattanooga Choo Choo
- B) Ol' Man River
- C) Route 66
- D) The Street of Dreams

26) What kind of creature sat down beside Little Miss Muffett?

- A) A spider
- B) A calico cat
- C) A canary
- D) A white rabbit

27) In the decades between D.L. Moody and Billy Graham another American evangelist drew tremendous crowds all over the country. He was a former pro baseball player named...

- A) Norman Vincent Peale
- B) Billy Sunday
- C) Walt Whitman
- D) Horatio Alger

28) What was the name of the clown on *The Howdy Doody Show*?

- A) Billy Boy
- B) Ducky
- C) Ginger Snap
- D) Clarabelle

29) Which of these was **NOT** a popular brand of chewing gum?

- A) Black Jack
- B) Doublemint
- C) Skoal
- D) Juicy Fruit

30) What character from a children's story was used in 1920 as a brand of peanut butter? It's still available today.

- A) Robin Hood
- B) Cinderella
- C) Winnie the Pooh
- D) Peter Pan

Can You Identify These Presidents?



1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

10) What river is being crossed in picture #9? _____

Points to Ponder

From Will Rogers:

“Even if you are on the right track,
you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”

“Rumor travels faster,
but it doesn’t stay put as long as truth.”

“Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed
to sell your parrot to the town gossip.”

Morals from Aesop's Fables:

“Persuasion is better than force.”

“No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.”

“He that always gives way to others will end
in having no principles of his own.”

“Little friends may prove great friends.”

From the Old Testament Book of Proverbs:

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”
(Proverbs 4:23, NASB)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own
understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make
your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6, NASB)

“But he who listens to Me [the Lord God] shall live securely and
will be at ease from the dread of evil.” (Proverbs 1:33, NASB)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie...
- 2) “When you're smilin', when you're smilin'...
- 3) “But don't forget who's taking you home and in whose arms
you're going to be...
- 4) “Everything's up to date in Kansas City. They've gone
about as *fer* as they can go...
- 5) “I'm gonna' buy a paper doll that I can call my own, a doll that other
fellows cannot steal...
- 6) “Let me be by myself in the evening breeze and listen to the murmur of the...
- 7) “Moon river, wider than a mile; I'm crossing you in style some day...
- 8) “Love me tender, love me sweet. Never let me go...
- 9) “The wayward wind is a restless wind, a restless wind that yearns to wander...
- 10) “I have often walked on this street before...



Can You Finish These Ageless Proverbs?

- 1) “Never look a gift horse...
- 2) “A rolling stone...
- 3) “A bird in the hand...
- 4) “Nothing ventured...
- 5) “There’s more than one way...
- 6) “When in Rome...
- 7) “Where there's a will...
- 8) “You can’t have your cake...
- 9) “Curiosity killed...
- 10) “In for a penny...
- 11) “Birds of a feather...
- 12) “Life is just a bowl of...
- 13) “He’s a Jack of all trades...
- 14) “Don’t put all your eggs...
- 15) “Charity begins...
- 16) “Business before...
- 17) “Make hay while...
- 18) “Blood is thicker...
- 19) “Actions speak louder...
- 20) “A stitch in time...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) A
- 4) D
- 5) A
- 6) C
- 7) D
- 8) B
- 9) C
- 10) B
- 11) A
- 12) D
- 13) B
- 14) D
- 15) A (4 & 20)
- 16) C
- 17) D
- 18) B
- 19) A
- 20) C
- 21) C
- 22) A
- 23) B
- 24) D
- 25) C
- 26) A
- 27) B
- 28) D
- 29) C
- 30) D

Can You Identify These Presidents?

- 1) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 2) Ulysses S. Grant
- 3) Thomas Jefferson
- 4) John F. Kennedy
- 5) Abraham Lincoln
- 6) Ronald Reagan
- 7) Harry Truman
- 8) Dwight Eisenhower
- 9) George Washington
- 10) The Delaware River

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "That's amore."
- 2) "The whole world smiles with you."
- 3) "So, darlin', save the last dance for me."
- 4) "They went and built a skyscraper seven stories high, about as high as a buildin' oughta' grow."
- 5) "And then the flirty, flirty guys with their flirty, flirty eyes will have to flirt with dollies that are real."
- 6) "...cottonwood trees."
- 7) "Oh, dream maker, you heart breaker; wherever you're goin', I'm goin' your way."

8) "You have made my life complete and I love you so."

9) "And he was born the next of kin, the next of kin to the wayward wind."

10) "But the pavement always stayed beneath my feet before."

Can You Finish These Ageless Proverbs?

- 1) ...in the mouth."
- 2) ...gathers no moss."
- 3) ...is worth two in the bush."
- 4) ...nothing gained."
- 5) ...to skin a cat."
- 6) ...do as the Romans do."
- 7) ...there's a way."
- 8) ...and eat it too."
- 9) ...the cat."
- 10) ...in for a pound."
- 11) ...flock together."
- 12) ...cherries."
- 13) ...but a master of none."
- 14) ...in one basket."
- 15) ...at home."
- 16) ...pleasure."
- 17) ...the sun shines."
- 18) ...than water."
- 19) ...than words."
- 20) ...saves nine."