

†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age. The group surrounded a dog. Concerned that the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked “What are you doing with that dog?” One of the boys replied, “This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So, we have decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog.”

Of course, the reverend was taken aback. “You boys should not be having a contest telling lies!” he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten-minute sermon against lying, beginning, “Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie,” and ending with, “Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie.”

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the reverend was beginning to think he had gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, “All right, give him the dog.”

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An explorer in the deepest Amazon suddenly finds himself surrounded by a bloodthirsty group of natives. Upon surveying his situation, he says quietly to himself, “I'm toast.”

A ray of light breaks forth from the sky and a voice booms out: “No, you are NOT toast. Pick up that stone in front of you and bash the head of the chief.”

So, the explorer picks up the stone and proceeds to bash in the head of the chief. He is breathing heavily while standing above the sprawled out-chief.

Surrounding him are the 100 native warriors with a look of shock on their faces.

The voice booms out again: “Okay...NOW you are toast!”

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Dentist - “Try to relax. I'll pull your aching tooth in five minutes.”

Patient - “How much will this cost?”

Dentist - “It'll be \$2,000.”

Patient - “That much for just five minutes work?”

Dentist - “Well if you prefer, I can pull it out very slowly.”

†††JMJ††† **Fun Quiz on Testing Our Knowledge of the Scriptures** †††JMJ†††

What was the name of the other Saint with Saint Paul – while they were praying at midnight; when suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken?

†††JMJ††† **Did you know the answer to a previous Fun and Serious Quiz** †††JMJ†††

How tall was Goliath? “*And there went out a man baseborn from the camp of the Philistines named Goliath, of Geth, whose height was six cubits and a span.*” (1 Kings 17:4). According to a footnote in the bible, there are at least two measurements for a cubit. If we use the shortest measurement; Goliath was about 9 feet 9 inches tall.

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The Idle person tempts the devil to tempt him.

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“We ought always to pray.” (Saint Luke 18:1)

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We may hold it for certain that they who persevere in the exercise of prayer will not be lost, no matter how great or how multiplied their sins may be, or how frequent the temptations with which the demon assails them.

Sooner or later the Lord will deliver them from peril, and conduct him to the port of salvation. – *Wrote Saint Teresa*

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Souls who neglect the exercise of prayer are like a paralyzed and crippled body, which has hands and feet but does not make use of them. Accordingly, I think it is leaving the true path to abandon the solitary exercise of prayer. Prayer is the door through which Our Savior passes to us His graces. If this door be closed, what will become of us? – *Wrote Saint Teresa*

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There is certainly nothing more useful than prayer. This is why we should esteem it, love it much, and neglect nothing in order to do it well. – *Wrote St. Vincent De Paul*

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A prayer well made is most agreeable to the Angels. For this reason, they love much those who pray. On the contrary, prayer is a torment to the demons, who endeavor to distract and trouble those who give themselves to this holy exercise. – *Wrote St. John Chrysostom*

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