



Did you ever notice when you first put birdseed in the birdfeeder it takes a day or two before the birds discover the bounty? The premier guest must have a special desire to go and announce to all the other birds because it doesn't take any time at all before countless others are coming to the feeder. That first bird could have said to himself "if I keep this to myself, there will be much more for me to enjoy," but that never seems to be the case in the bird world.

Have there been times in your life when discovered something you extraordinary and you felt like keeping it to yourself because if you told others you would have to share that special something?

We all would do well to listen to

simple correction that is given to a small child when they need to learn to share. When a toddler doesn't want to share a toy with another, we scold them and explain that it isn't good to be selfish.

These are basic realities in learning the importance of getting along with another and learning to implement the golden rule "Give unto others as you would have them give unto you." If you have some good news that you can share with others, don't keep it to yourself. Instead be willing to be like that first little bird at the birdfeeder. Go out and tell all those who are hungry that there is food available.

In the same manner, God gives the great commission to all believers in His Son Jesus Christ to go and share the good news with all tribes and

nations. We hold the key that unlocks the doors of eternity and we must not keep this good news to ourselves.



HOPE HOUSE ORPHANAGE

Below are a couple of the children in the orphanage who do not have a sponsor. If the Lord leads you to sponsor a child, contact our office at 845-482-5300, and we will mail you an application form and photograph of the child.



Oliver Akapelwa is a 11 years old boy; he is the last born in a family of 3. Oliver's mother is an alcoholic and irresponsible mother. All her 3 children have different fathers. She doesn't even know who Oliver's father is. She spends most of her time sleeping around

and drinking alcohol. She would carry Oliver with her in her drinking sprees. Oliver would go for days without a proper meal. The local social welfare office recommended him for adoption and we adopted him into Hope Orphanage.



Agnes Mulenga is 15 years old, the last born in a family with other siblings, Agnes lost her father in 2012, After her father died, Agness's mother moved back to her parent's house. Unfortunately, Agnes's grandparents house only had three

rooms and was already been occupied by more than fifteen people. The grandparents struggle to feed their children and grandchildren as they had no form of employment and mainly relied on handouts from relatives and doing odd jobs. Agnes was adopted by Hope in 2023 so she can be provided with shelter, three meals a day, an education, and spiritual training.



Myself

I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know
I want to be able, as days go by
Always to look myself straight in the eye
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun
And hate myself for things I have done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself
And fool myself as I come and go
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of man I really am
I don't want to dress up myself in sham

I want to go out with my head erect
I want to deserve all men's respect
But here in the struggle for fame and self
I want to be able to like myself
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and buff and empty show

I can never hide myself from me
I see what others may never see
I know what others may never know
I never can fool myself and so
Whatever happens I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.
~ Edgar A. Guest

The sermon of your life in tough times ministers to people more powerfully than the most eloquent speaker.

~ Bill Bright



WE need your continued prayer and financial support to accomplish the task the Lord has given us to reach out to those who are struggling and need a safe place to turn for help. Prayerfully consider becoming a PARTNER OF HOPE by making a one-time gift or monthly commitment.

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU GIVE.

Remember — your gifts to HOPE Ministries are always tax deductible!



Perfect Apple Pie Pie Filling:

2 pounds large sweet apples (such as Jonagold, Golden Delicious)

1 pound large tart apples (such as Northern Spy, Granny Smith, or Rhode Island Greening)

1 teaspoon lemon juice
3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Double-Crust Pastry Dough
1 large egg, well beaten
1 tablespoon sugar

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Peel and core apples, slice them 1/4 inch thick, and put in a bowl. Toss to coat with lemon juice.
- 2. In a separate bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cornstarch.
- 3. Use a 10-inch pie plate. An easy way to deal with the crust is your friend the Pillsbury Dough Boy. His store bought crusts are easy and very tasty. Let extra dough hang over sides.
- 4. Place a flat 1-inch layer of apples on the bottom and sprinkle with a layer of sugar mixture. Repeat until you've used all apples and sugar.
- 5. Cover the apples with the second crust. Trim excess dough to about 1-inch overhang; and tuck edges of top crust under the bottom crust and crimp.
- 6. Brush egg over pie surface; sprinkle with sugar. Make decorative cuts to let steam escape. Bake 20 minutes.
- 7. Lower oven temperature to 375°F and bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes longer.

Lizzy Says:

See what happens when you disobey? Photo op at Fort Deleware!



Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned and however early a person's training begins, it is probably the last lesson a person learns thoroughly.

~Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)

Biologist

Some Bones to Chew

A preacher likened people to bones. They are:

Wishbones, who wish they could do something but never do.
Funny bones, who are touchy and easily hurt.

Jawbones, who only talk.
Dry bones, always prim and proper but
as dead as a doorknob.
Tailbones, always behind in their work
and tithing.

Backbones, (bless them), the most precious to God and a delight to a pastor. ~ Author Unknown

Memorize Scripture

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church ~Tony Abram



Take it from Solomon, Who had more of it than anyone: Money doesn't satisfy, nor the things that money can buy.

He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

~ From "God's Best For Your Success"

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