

Thursday, March 25

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy Word. With all my heart I have sought Thee; do not let me wander from Thy commandments. Thy Word have I treasured in my heart that I may not sin against Thee. Psalm 119:9-11

Lord, during this trying time in our lives – worrying about contracting COVID – many of our other concerns are pushed to the back of our minds. We need you, especially now, to keep us on your path. Please show us your way in all that we do.

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Years ago I cross-stitched a picture that read: “Don’t Grumble. It may lead to other sins.” Quite pleased with my handiwork, I showed it to V.O. He looked at it carefully and read the words: “Don’t Gumble. It may lead to other sins.” Gumble? Grabbing the picture, I couldn’t BELIEVE “grumble” was misspelled! It wasn’t! Perhaps a sense of humor lightens our load – even in 2020.

Our world was seriously changing. Hundreds of people were dying around the world and in Rutherfordton. Masks and hand sanitizer became a necessity. Along with the pandemic came other physical health issues for us. V.O., already somewhat disabled by a degenerative spinal issue, spent a week in Spartanburg Regional, resulting in a pacemaker. Not to be left out, I developed hypertension, making three trips to the ER in one week. Thanks to excellent doctors and our three super-attentive children, we came through and adjusted our lifestyle. We didn’t “gumble” often, but gave thanks to God for our blessings.

Missed most was attending church or gathering with friends. We had many “porch visits” with church friends who also offered to shop for groceries and take us to appointments. There was also a faithful farmer friend who came every Saturday with gifts from his garden and his chickens. What a blessing! Other pleasures we found were reviewing pictures of trips and family gatherings made during our 65 years of marriage and photos of good friends and relatives no longer with us. We worked on family history, making a timeline of life events and special times. I finished a quilt for our youngest granddaughter to be married in June.

We are thankful to God for our many blessings. We are still waiting on our vaccines, sometimes grumbling, but mostly not, just waiting to see what our good and gracious God has in store for us. He is always faithful.

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