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It's not the inspiration...it's what you do with it

AAAHHHH.....

Last Sunday, I received the following text:

*Pastor Ann,
I had an inspiration this morning when I woke up. I think it is amazing that we are going through these difficult trials during the season of Lent. Many people who have never taken the concept seriously are being forced (and inspired) to make profound sacrifices in their lives. We are shedding the*

insignificant distractions and focusing on what matters. All with the hope of the Resurrection right around the corner. The Resurrection of our Lord. The Resurrection of our peace and security. God works in amazing ways.

— **Paul** (Braymen)

I couldn't agree more.

My desk looks like a tornado hit it. I find myself sitting in front of the computer screen for hours, not eating and barely drinking (water!). I've gone days without combing my hair! But it's all good, because the emails and the research and the "drinking from the firehose" level of work...may just make someone else's way a little easier. And that's important to me.

But I'm not the only one who's feeling this way.

- Paul's text (**witness**) caused me to stop and reflect and offer thanksgiving to God.
- My next door neighbor mowed the side yard between us AND edged along my driveway then blew off the clippings.
- As I was writing this column, one of our church members sent me a lovely email reminding me to thank God for answered prayers.
- The stylishly confident Superhero Princess in the photograph is my oldest daughter and though her store is currently closed and she's concerned about her staff, she checks in every day and facetimes with me regularly.

If you find yourself feeling worried, anxious or agitated think of Paul's words...think of the neighbor who mowed the yard...think of the timely received email...and think of the Momma in the tutu. aaahhhh.....

Rev. Dr. Ann Hitt

Please be in prayer for...

- All who are ill
- All who mourn
- Those who are fearful
- Those who have lost their job
- Our Church
- Our country
- The world
- Yourself
- Me

Many thanks to Katie for allowing me to use the above photo, taken at her daughter's third birthday party. And for regularly making me laugh!

Please remember that even in these difficult times, our ministries still continue, so we need your financial support. Efforts are being made to initiate online giving, but until that it is in place, please mail your gifts to the church address shown above.

And thank you!