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Like most of you, I’ve been spending more time at home. It’s not good for someone my age to sit for long periods of time, so I’ve found myself engaged in various organizational “projects.” My first efforts involved my purses (don’t ask). I removed everything from my closet that no longer fits, which created a new problem – I have space for more clothes. I organized my Christmas decorations and am about to start on the photo albums (that last one will be a biggie). While my desk at the Church is kept scrupulously ordered, my rolltop desk at home is not. So, recently I took a deep breath, set aside enough time to get it done in one day, and began.

And that’s where I found the sticky notepad shown above.
I love sticky notes. I slap them on everything. The “World’s Greatest Church Secretary,” Mrs. Janice Culpepper once told me that I would “live and die by the sticky note” and I took that to mean that if I lost one, I might want to die because I’d no longer know what to do with a particular piece of paper that was missing its sticky note. I had forgotten I had this specific pad, but I know exactly when I purchased it: the first year I was in ministry, 1994. I considered it cute, in a mischievous sort of way, and harmless.

Needless to say, I am wiser than I was then.
According to a delightful poem by Judith Viorst entitled, *If I Were in Charge of the World*, there would be no oatmeal and Monday mornings would be cancelled if she were in charge. While I might be able to get behind both of those, I’m more worried about the behaviors of some people who truly act like God has left them in charge. People who couple corruption with great power. People with vast authority who exercise it cruelly and impulsively. People who refuse to see the suffering that grows every day, all around us.

Thank goodness, God does not go on vacation. But what’s to be done about those who live as if God has left town AND God has put them in charge? Well, it seems that God anticipated this problem, for we have received specific instructions:

"And what does the Lord require of YOU but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).
Speaking for myself, I’m grateful that God never takes a vacation, because I’m going to need some help with those! What about you? aaahhhh.....

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