

THE SDB Woman

Showered with doggie kisses

We have a wonderful four-footed (barking variety) family member named Sierra. She's been with us for about 12 years. Last year, when we brought our newest addition home from the hospital, she wasn't thrilled. But she wasn't particularly bothered either. Then Timothy began crawling.

Suddenly, Sierra's space was invaded by a rather bothersome, albeit happy, individual who thought her hair was the perfect handhold for crawling on top of her. To make matters worse, the "little pest" started walking and running after Sierra. Using her tail as a pull-toy, Timothy tried to lift her up by her tail. It's a good thing Sierra weighs over 40 pounds; otherwise, she would have been suspended in the air a few times by now.

Sierra deals with Timothy passively. When he approaches, she gets up and leaves the vicinity or goes to an adult for relief. It's apparent that Timothy likes Sierra and is interested in all dogs. (Did I mention that our son "barks"?)

We were at Jack and Dee Morgan's home one Sabbath, and Timothy got to meet their little dog, Annie, who is quite a bit smaller than Sierra. If he had tried to lift *her* by the tail, he probably would have gotten at least her posterior hoisted up nicely.

Annie has her own special way of dealing with little boys. Timothy never really had the chance to grab her because he was too busy fending off her doggie kisses. Annie also ran circles around him, leaving him laughing and giggling.

After watching Annie in action, I couldn't help but think of Sierra. If she would ditch her passive resistance and take the proactive step of bestowing lots of sloppy kisses, Timothy wouldn't be nearly as pesky.

It's not the same, comparing human behavior to dog behavior, but I couldn't help but think of how we're supposed to show kindness to people, even our enemies. So often we think it's enough simply not to show aggression towards someone we don't get along with—like Sierra's approach to Timothy. We'll ignore and avoid people, being careful not to argue or confront them, or worse yet, fight with them.

That's all very good, but God wants us to be more action-oriented. We're supposed to take positive action and show active kindness to these people. I know it's asking a lot, but God doesn't ask the impossible. As stated in Proverbs 25:21-22—

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee."

So, thinking in canine fashion, let's shower our enemies with doggie kisses!

Solomon's Wisdom

New breeds of dogs

Can you figure out what kind of dog you'll get when you cross these popular breeds?



- 1) Collie + Lhasa Apso =
- 2) Spitz + Chow Chow =
- 3) Pointer + Setter =
- 4) Great Pyrenees + Dachshund =
- 5) Pekingese + Lhasa Apso =
- 6) Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel =
- 7) Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever =
- 8) Newfoundland + Basset Hound =
- 9) Terrier + Bulldog =
- 10) Bloodhound + Labrador =
- 11) Malamute + Pointer =
- 12) Collie + Malamute =
- 13) Deerhound + Terrier =



Answers located on back page.

Help needed

Conference is right around the corner and once again our Women's Board would like to remind everyone that we have a craft table that needs to be stocked. So get your "crafty selves" busy with your crocheting, knitting, painting, woodworking, sewing, cooking, or whatever things you may concoct to help out. And you don't have to be a woman to help. You would be helping a super-worthy cause since all proceeds will go to SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps). Thanks so much!

Share time

Gail Price got these Christian bumper sticker sayings from her daughter, Lynn:

- 1) Be ye fishers of men. You catch them—He'll clean them.
- 2) Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- 3) Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- 4) Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- 5) Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- 6) God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.
- 7) God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- 8) God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts"!

Input appreciated

Contributions to this newsletter are most welcome. You can send your articles, essays, poems, puzzles, recipes, etc. to:

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Potluck Picks

This recipe traveled all the way from California, thanks to Frieda Wong, who found it on the internet.

Baked French Toast

(To prepare the night before)

1 loaf French bread, cut diagonally
in one-inch slices

8 eggs

9 cups cold milk

1 1/2 cups half and half cream

2 tsp. vanilla

1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon



3/4 cup butter

3 Tbsp. light corn syrup

1 1/3 cup brown sugar

Butter 9 x 13 baking dish. Arrange slices of bread on bottom. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, cream, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour over bread slices, cover, and refrigerate overnight.

Next morning, preheat oven to 350°F. In small sauce pan, combine butter, brown sugar, and corn syrup; heat until bubbling. Pour over bread and egg mixture. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes.

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1. Collapsos: a dog that folds up for easy transport.
 2. Spitz Chow: a dog that throws up a lot.
 3. Poinsetter: a traditional Christmas pet.
 4. Pyradachs: a puzzling breed.
 5. Peekasso: an abstract dog.
 6. Irish Springer: a dog fresh and clean as a whistle.
 7. Lab Coat Retriever: the choice of research scientists.
 8. Newfound Asset Hound: a dog for financial advisors.
 9. Terribull: a dog that makes awful mistakes.
 10. Blabador: a dog that barks incessantly.
 11. Moot Point: owned by... oh well, it doesn't matter anyway.
 12. Commute: a dog that travels to work.
 13. Derriere: a dog that's true to the end.

Solomon's Answers

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