

THE SDB Woman

Pride: Sometimes good, sometimes bad

My husband Matt and I were recently blessed with our first son, Timothy. Naturally, we enjoy sharing him with friends and family, who often comment, "You must be so proud of him!"

No one means this in a negative way. Pride is a widely accepted, valuable trait; it's considered a good characteristic. But pride can have a "bad" side. Here are some points to ponder about the darker side of pride:

Pride is often the reason for arguments and the wedge that keeps people from apologizing to each other. "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom" (*Prov. 13:10*).

Pride can be a barrier to trying something new because people fear looking foolish. "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom" (*Prov. 11:2*).

Pride is the reason for many divorces because it keeps couples from working through their relationships. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (*Prov. 16:18*).

To be humble and to turn the other cheek is seen as a sign of weakness. People who do not retaliate when they are treated poorly are looked down upon. Often they are told to "show some pride" and take action. "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit" (*Prov. 29:23*).

Movies and books glamorize people who show a lot of pride. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (*1 John 2:16*).

While "pride" may not be the word of choice to describe our feelings for God, we certainly

find continuous delight in this special blessing from Him. "For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (*Prov. 3:12*).

Proverbs 8:13 says, "The fear of the LORD is not hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate." In Psalm 37:11, we're told, "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

SCSC update

At the time of this writing, the latest SCSC members have traveled from various places in the United States to Daytona Beach, Fla. The Daytona Seventh Day Baptist Church enjoyed getting to meet them at church one Sabbath.

By the time this newsletter is published, these SCSCers will have already finished their various summer assignments and are sharing their experiences. I'm sure everybody enjoys reading about these adventures. So, how about it? Send *your* SCSC stories to the SDB Women's Page. The stories can be about you or someone else, occurring recently or years ago.



A call for contributions

As always, you can send your favorite recipes, short stories, poems, quotes, etc., to:

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Your contributions are welcome. Please help make this a newsletter from our entire SDB family.

Solomon's Wisdom

"What Am I?"



In celebration of summer, this puzzle offers familiar words related to the season. Use the clues provided to determine the smaller words within the summer term, and you'll be on your way to fun in the sun. This is a great "team work" puzzle.

I am a word of 10 letters.

My 1, 7, 8 & 6 is the first part of crazy

My 3, 2 & 4 is the word of silence.

My 9 & 5 is the name I call myself.

My whole is the season of fun in the sun.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I am a word of 11 letters.

My 10, 7, 3 & 4 can go on or off highways.

My 1, 5, 7 & 3 can play or work together.

My 8, 6, 11, 7 & 1 is often paid by someone else.

My whole is likely to rise this month.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

I am a word of 10 letters

My 7, 6 & 5 forms were due in April.

My 10, 9, 7 & 2 can be musical or promissory.

My 7, 1, 4, 8 & 3 is walked all over.

My whole is refreshing for the body and the mind.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I am a word of 8 letters.

My 4, 8, 5, 3 & 1 are spilled when secrets are told.

My 7, 8, 5 & 6 is on, according to Glenn Frye.

My 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 is a tub activity.

My whole is a burning opportunity.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

I am a word of 10 letters.

My 3, 4, 6, 10 & 2 has a long neck and long legs, too.

My 7, 8, 1 & 5 is usually part of a foursome and is full of air.

My 3, 6, 1, 2, 5 & 4 is sometimes a lifetime commitment.

My whole is a stimulating playtime activity.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If you STILL can't solve the puzzles after getting together with at least five different people—at least one of whom you've never met—you can look at the answers on the bottom of this page.

Potluck Picks

(A doozie of a dish!)

Gail Price of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Putnam County (Fla.) served up this mouth-watering dish for the Sabbath Lunchtime Social.

Oriental Beef Casserole With Rice

(Serves 12)

1 Cup	Rice, white or wild
1 Lg.	Onion, chopped
1 Cup	Celery, chopped
4 Tbsp.	Margarine
2 Lb.	Ground beef
1 Can (10 3/4 oz.)	Cream of mushroom soup
1 Can (10 3/4 oz.)	Cream of chicken soup
1 Can (small)	Water chestnuts, sliced (don't drain)
1 Can (medium)	Mushrooms (don't drain)
1 Tbsp.	Worcestershire sauce
2 Tbsp.	Soy sauce

Cook rice according to standard directions; sauté ground beef and drain. Sauté onions and celery in margarine.

Mix everything together and place in baking dish. Bake at 350° for one hour. Don't worry about making too much; this dish freezes well.

Puzzle Answers: SummerTime; Temperature; Relaxation; Sunbath; Recreation