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For Your Consideration

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Words Wished Not Uttered

Once spoken, there is no way to recall them. There is no way to escape the consequences. Oh, the heartache caused by speaking rashly. The following are some classic examples.

How to Save Face



Abraham

"She is my sister."

The Israelites

"We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

Haman

"Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?"

Peter

"I do not know the man."

Sapphira

"Yes, that was the price."

Esau

"Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?"

After "Oops" Comes
Regret



Think Before Talking



Moses

"Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

The Jews

"His blood be on us and on our children!"



Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!

Psalm 141:3

But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

James 1:17

SUCCINCTLY

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The one who wants to do something looks for a way.
The one who doesn't want to do something looks for an excuse.

MOST OF WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

There is a book, "*All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*" by Robert Fulghum.
Well, most of what I need to know about life, I find in Genesis 1-4.

THE UNIVERSE

God created it. Gen.1:1 (A deliberate act, not an accident.)

Mankind created in the image of God, different from all other created things. Gen. 1:26-27

Man is not just an animal. He has a body, soul, and spirit.

What was created is good. Gen.1:10,12,18,21,25,(very good) :31

Man was not created sinful, nor born sinful.

MARRIAGE

Woman came from man; man comes from woman. Gen.2:21-23

Man and woman are interdependent.

One man and one woman are to be united. Gen 2:24

Husband and wife are to cleave and not leave. Gen.2:24

Monogamy, not polygamy, not divorce.

SIN

Don't be deceived. Gen.3:13

Sin is enticing and deceitful.

Don't do it just because you can.

Man chooses; he has free will. Just because you can is not enough reason to do it.

Don't do it just because someone else did it. Gen.3:12

Can't blame others: "they made me do it."

PUNISHMENT

Do wrong, suffer punishment. Gen 3:17-19

Cause and effect. Consequences follow.

God is just.

God is fair and just.

God is loving. Solution promised. Gen.3:15

God is love.

LIFE

Offer acceptable worship to be pleasing to God. (Able). Gen.4:4-5

Do your own thing and be rejected.

Rivalry and jealousy can escalate to envy, hate, and murder. (Cain angry). Gen.4:5-7

One must exercise self-control.

Not everything in life is fair. (Righteous Abel killed.) Gen.4:8

Righteous may suffer at the hands of sinners.

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We are not excused from doing what God wants us to do just
because we don't like it or think it to be unreasonable.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Words used to describe the church.

CHURCH	CHURCH LEADERS	CHURCH MEMBERS
<p>BODY Eph.1:22-23, 1Co.12:20</p> <p><i>composed of a variety of members, yet one body</i></p>	<p>ELDERS, PRESBYTERS Act.14:23, 1Ti.5:17, 4:14</p> <p><i>older, spiritually mature, qualified men</i></p>	<p>CHRISTIANS Act.11:26, 1Pe.4:16</p> <p><i>those identified as His; followers of Christ</i></p>
<p>FLOCK 1Pe.5:2-3, Act.20:28</p> <p><i>belonging to the Chief Shepherd (1Pe.2:25)</i></p>	<p>BISHOPS, OVERSEERS Act.20:28, 1Ti.3:1, Phi.1:1</p> <p><i>those who watch over the flock (congregation)</i></p>	<p>DISCIPLES Act.6:1-2, 9:1, 11:26</p> <p><i>learners, students; adherents of Christ</i></p>
<p>ASSEMBLY Heb.12:23, Jam.2:2</p> <p><i>those gathered together for worship and service</i></p>	<p>PASTORS, SHEPHERDS 1Pe.5:2, Eph.4:11</p> <p><i>those who feed and superintend the group</i></p>	<p>SAINTS Phi.1:1, 1Co.1:2</p> <p><i>those set apart unto God; holy ones</i></p>
<p>HOUSEHOLD Gal.6:10, Eph.2:19</p> <p><i>those under the care, control and protection of the Master</i></p>	<p>RULERS 1Th.5:12, Heb.13:17</p> <p><i>those who guide and govern the members among them</i></p>	<p>BRETHREN Rom.1:13, Gal.6:1</p> <p><i>those united by a common calling</i></p>
<p>BRIDE Rev.21:9</p> <p><i>the faithful whom the Lord will receive unto Himself</i></p>	<p>EXAMPLES 1Pe.5:3, Heb.13:7</p> <p><i>those who lead the flock by example</i></p>	<p>CHILDREN Joh.1:12, 1Jo.3:1</p> <p><i>members of God's family; sons and daughters of God</i></p>
<p>The church that Jesus the Christ built is clearly set forth in the references listed in this chart. It is simple yet sublime. It needs no alteration to conform to any cultural setting. Rather, it is structured so that the members will be different from the world.</p> <p><i>"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."</i> John 17:15-16</p>		<p>PRIESTS 1Pe.2:5, Rev.1:6</p> <p><i>those who serve the Lord, offering up spiritual sacrifices</i></p>



Ponder This 'I honestly believe...'

Those are the words of a person with a good and honest heart. They are the words of someone who is sincerely determined to do what is right. Such a person has no pangs of conscience because his or her actions are consistent with what is believed. Such a person is to be admired. Such a person can be honestly mistaken.

Yes, honest belief doesn't necessarily equate with correct belief. A prime example of this is Saul of Tarsus: a violent aggressor against Christians who later became an aggressive apostle of Jesus Christ. Hear what he says about himself:

Concerning his life before and after becoming an apostle:

"Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

Acts 23:1

"I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men."

Act 24:16

"I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth."

Act 26:9

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Act in agreement with what is thought to be right--and make sure your thoughts are consistent with what is right according to God, as recorded in the Scriptures.



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### **PARADOX**

A paradox is a tenet contrary to received opinion; seemingly contrary to common sense, but is actually true.

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BIBLE EXAMPLES

We see unseen things.

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

We find rest under a yoke.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:28-29

We are exalted by being humble.

"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

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