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Give Praise by Bobby Duncan

“Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.” Psalms 69:34 AMP

“Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!” Psalms 150:6 NLT

Who taught you things that have mattered most in your life?

Practical things like not mixing lights and darks when doing laundry.

Or jumping out of a tree may sprain your ankle. Or driving too fast draws unwanted attention; maybe a speeding ticket if you're unlucky. Warnings can be life savers.

As I approach my August birthday, I've been thinking about how things have turned out. I've discovered that certain things are still very important to me; others not so much. I'm remembering the people who've helped me finish strong, process personal choices, make better decisions, and a whole host of other critical moments in my life. I am giving praise every morning/night for God and people who've guided me.

Funny thing about my early life, I was pretty sure by the time I entered first grade that I knew everything I needed to know for success. Seems this was a bit of an oversight on my part at the time.

When did you first realize asking for help was a good idea? I'm not sure who said it first but it seems true for me even now – “Be careful what you wish for!” Looking back, I didn't know what to wish for. For the longest time in my early life I wasn't sure what I needed for lasting joy. The early things I was chasing after brought short-term enjoyment. Maybe this is the way life works for most of us.

Somewhere after learning to tie my shoes, discovering hard work pays off, getting married, drafted into the military, and surrendering to Jesus as Lord – in the span of six short months I made a HUGE discovery. I found I wasn't as smart as I had imagined back in first grade.

By my early twenties, with help from God and others, I became convinced that Solomon in the Bible is absolutely correct: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 NIV

God is worthy of our praise. I now praise God each morning and night with a few words, prayers, and thoughts. He has guided me to grace, mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life, where true wisdom and forever joy is found.

God is for everybody. Not everybody know. We have to tell everybody. Call me. Or just leave me a message: 859.588.6642. Let's grab a coffee and talk about God's wisdom. We are better together.

