

In God We Trust

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“Come unto to me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I in meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11: 28, 29, 30

Everything around us seems to project doubt, fear and deceit. “In God We Trust” has been taken out of our government and out of our nation. Evil seems to be on a rampage. It seems that there is not much hope.

But I say, wait just a minute. Is God still not on the throne? Is he not watching and listening? I say yes and yes, amen.

There is a light, a relief, and a beam of hope on the horizon. It comes from you and me. Jesus resides in your heart and in mine. We are the beacon, the candle, the ray of hope.

It is time for us to rise to bring this hope of His glory. Do not let the world tell you who you are and who you serve. Yes, we have to live and work within the confines of the Law, but we have the key of freedom that unlocks all doors and we have the key to bring down walls of despair.

We have the key to finances in this life. These keys come from believing in Jesus and his promises and walking in righteousness to receive these promises.

The biggest key is grace. Jesus extends grace when we can't seem to get “it” right. He does “it” for us. He is always extending his hand of help. It is our responsibility to reach for his hand. It is up to us to believe and trust him.

We are living in a time of unrest and we seem to be living the Book of Revelation or “End Time.” We need the peace that only God can give. Peace comes from your faith in him. He will be there for you. Believing in his ways is the key.

Confession of sin, repentance and forgiveness are keys to unlocking the answers for this disturbing world.

Trust in Jesus and his ways. After all, he is not here just for Christmas and Easter. Tell others about Jesus. This is why we're here. People are confused and disillusioned. God's way is the only way. We are the light and the speaker of the light. We have the keys of deliverance.

Jesus is our hope.

Zinnia

Zinnias are planted in early summer. They are hot weather plants. They do not do well when weather turns cool. Avoid watering overhead when autumn brings cool nights. This will cause mildew.

There are many varieties. Some are annual as well as perennial. These plants grow from 2 feet to 4 feet depending on the variety.

Zinnia or Asteraceae are favorites of mine. Many varieties allow for lots of vibrant color.

My mother grew them from seed. It was simple to her because she had what gardeners called a “green thumb.” As a little girl I would help her plant the seed and she would always say “trust

me they will come up and be beautiful.” She usually said a couple of weeks later “have faith, they will bloom.”

And she was right. After waiting and watering, the flowers came up and in a few weeks they were tall and beautiful. I cut them for the table arrangements. These flowers always bring a smile to my face because they are so cheerful.

Every summer my faith grew as I planted more and more flowers. My mother didn't realize how she was teaching me to have faith in the small things. God cares about the small things in our lives. He teaches us through small lessons. Planting doesn't seem very important, but when you know God is there with you, planting becomes very important.

Don't neglect the small things in your life because God may use that small, insignificant thing to do a mighty work in your life.