

## Sherry's Garden Stories

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### Serving for God's Glory

<sup>7</sup> *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

<sup>8</sup> *And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

<sup>9</sup> *Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*

<sup>10</sup> *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

<sup>11</sup> *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4: 7-11 (KJV)

Every morning should bring an expectation of God's plan for the day to our minds and our hearts. Every morning we should awake with gladness that the day was created by God for Him and for us. The fact alone that you came awake is a glory for the day.

We take so many things for granted. For example the sun will rise, the wind will blow, the birds will chirp and the grass will grow.

Assumption is a word that doesn't need to be taken lightly. Sometimes assumption can make us lazy. Sometimes it can cause us to make simple choices. If we had asked God first instead of assuming these simple choices we may have seen great results. Instead of assuming the outcome of choice, let God direct that decision. He always has a better plan. His plan may not be simple and we may not be able to assume the answer or the outcome of His plan, but we must trust that His plan will always be better than our plan and in the long run make us happy and complete. Most important He will get the Glory.

In the end we will look at the path of our choices and see the difference. When we let him control the situation our negative assumptions are put to rest. Thus allowing God to use us at our greatest. We had turned the hour, the day, and the week over to Him. We recognize His Glory in every part of our life when we walk with the heart of the Father. We become the light. We wake up with an excitement of how He is going to use us this day. We become the light that we are called to be. Our expectations go beyond our assumptions of the day. Our expectations line

up with his word. We thus look forward to the day. We look forward in how we will be used today.

Our morning will rise with his Glory all around us. Be thankful for the morning Glory of God. He loves you all day!

### **The Morning Glory or Ipomoea (Convolvulaceae)**

In this genus, ornamentals and edibles abound, from the edible sweet potato vine to the trellis climbing morning glories. These are native to tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Most have hard seeds to encourage fast sprouting.

The morning Glory is an old fashioned favorite with spectacular flowers. They bloom in the morning beginning midsummer.

For earliest blooms start seeds indoors 4 to 6 weeks before outdoor planting time. These may be directly sown outdoors after danger of frost. Sow seeds overnight in warm water before planting.

These vines thrive in poor dry soil. They provide excellent cover for porches, fences, trellises or steep hills. I have used them on a fence in my backyard. The blooms really add color.

Scarlet O'Hara is a variety that has bright red blooms. The red color draws hummingbirds. This variety is a favorite of mine. Another favorite is wedding bells. They have large blooms with a sunburst in the middle. As a child I would pick the blossoms and float them in water. My grandmother had a special bowl just for my wedding bells. I hope to do this with my grandchildren.

Whichever variety is used the morning Glory will bring a colorful addition to any fence or garden. Easy to maintain and bountiful blooms. The blooms are always ready to open first thing in the morning. You can almost hear them singing praises to God. Glorify your mornings with morning glories.