

JUST MY OPINION

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Short and sweet this week due to the fact that Dawn and I returned home Monday from a short cruise and my mind is still sailing the Caribbean. Once your mind is cleared from all the political strife occurring daily all across the world and you see God's marvelous creations, it makes me totally confused as to why we human-beings have made such a mess of things. This is a beautiful world given to us by God, and we have squandered it.

Life could be so wonderful for us all if only we would allow it. We as the inhabitants of this creation have followed the path set forth by Adam and Eve and allowed the snakes of the world convince us that we know better than what God knows. We crave power and greed over each other, we crave moral iniquities trying to find happiness, we crave illicit drugs and alcohol trying to find happiness, but yet no worldly motive ever helps us reach that happiness we are searching for. If we all would surrender to God and just sit back and watch the beauty of a sunset or a sunrise and realize the magnificence of having made it through another day, or realize we have been blessed with another day, it would change our mind set.

Count your blessing each day, focus

on the good things in your life, attempt to turn a negative into something positive. Search your soul and discard the bad habits that you have allowed to control your life. It can be done. I smoked cigarettes for 50 years, I tried every gimmick associated with quitting, and I never could achieve that goal, until one day I truly gave it to God for help. He answered me as if He were standing right next to me, He said to me, "My timing My way." I never gave it another worry and without any fear or worry my craving began to go away. Me, Roger West, who had basically resigned to the notion I would smoke until my death, quit. I have been smoke-free for over two and a half years now, not because of my own willpower but because God said He would make it happen and He did!

If we could all learn to allow God to direct our paths in life, can you even imagine how different our world would be? We all should earnestly pray for our nation, not for just what we know is noble, but pray for the enemies of our nation and world as well. Hard times are here and harder times are coming. However, sincere prayer can soften hearts and our future.

As always...that's just my opinion!