



*Glorify God*

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## Thought For The Week

### Overcoming Fear

**A** Tibetan teacher had this to say on the subject of fear: 'Going beyond fear begins when we examine our fear: our anxiety, nervousness, concern, and restlessness. If we look into our fear, if we look beneath its veneer, the first thing we find is sadness, beneath the nervousness. Nervousness is cranking up, vibrating, all the time.

When we slow down, when we relax with our fear, we find sadness, which is calm and gentle. Sadness hits you in your heart, and your body produces a tear. Before you cry, there is a feeling in your chest and then, after that, you produce tears in your eyes. You are about to produce rain or a waterfall in your eyes and you feel sad and lonely, and perhaps romantic at the same time. That is the first tip of fearlessness, and the first sign of real warriorship.

When a human heart first gives birth to the tender heart of warriorship, he or she may feel extremely awkward or uncertain about how to relate to this kind of fearlessness. But then, as you experience this sadness more and more, you realize that human beings should be tender and open. So you no longer need to feel shy or embarrassed about being gentle. In fact, your softness begins to become passionate. You would like to extend yourself to others and communicate with them.'

### **Total Forgiveness**

**I**t is my experience that most people we must forgive do not believe they have done anything wrong at all, or if they know that they did something wrong, they believe it was justified.

I would even go as far as to say that at least 90 percent of all the people I've ever had to forgive would be annoyed at the thought that they had done something wrong. If you gave them a lie-detector test, they would honestly say that they had done nothing wrong -- and they would pass with flying colors.

Total forgiveness, therefore, must take place in the heart. If I have a genuine heartfelt experience, I will not be devastated if there is no reconciliation. If those who hurt me don't want to continue a relationship with me, it isn't my problem, because I have forgiven them. This is also why a person can achieve inner peace even when forgiving someone who has died.

The apostle John wrote, 'Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God' (1 John 3:21).



## Stewardship Thought For The Week

### The Story of St. Jude Children's Hospital

**A**lmost everyone has heard of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. However, many may not know the stewardship story of faith, gratitude and generosity that led to the creation of this landmark children's medical research center.

More than 50 years ago a man named Danny Thomas longed to be in show business. However, he was not having much success in making his dream a reality. One day, in a church in Detroit, he knelt in front of a statue of St. Jude and prayed for guidance. St. Jude, one of the Twelve Apostles, has often been seen as the patron saint of lost or hopeless causes. Danny Thomas wondered if his dreams were hopeless. He asked St. Jude to give him a sign as to whether or not he was on the right path with his career.

In the book *I Like Being Catholic*, Marlo Thomas, daughter of Danny Thomas, says that her father then put \$7 in the church basket. As he gave the money away, he said, *"I have to have 10 times this."* The next day Danny Thomas was offered a job as a singing toothbrush in a commercial for \$75. He took this as a sign that he was indeed on the right path with his career.

Danny Thomas went on to become one of the most successful early television stars. His show ***Make Room for Daddy*** was one of the most popular early TV comedies and ran for 11 years from 1953-1964.

In gratitude for the guidance that Danny believed St. Jude had given him, the entertainer pledged to build a shrine to the saint. Once the idea of a children's research hospital began to take shape, Danny Thomas combined his growing show business career with continuous efforts to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Once he drove to 28 cities in just 32 days to raise money for the new children's hospital.

Because of Danny Thomas's great faith, his trust in God and his willingness to show his gratitude with his generosity, today St. Jude Children's Hospital has treated children from all 50 states and from over 70 foreign countries. Families are never asked to pay more than insurance coverage and families without insurance are never asked to pay at all.

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