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August—Dog Days are Here!



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You may remember we have an “Over 90 Club”, those who follow our ministry that are of “the greatest generation”. Vera went to be with our Lord this month. As her daughter wrote to us: “I am thankful she is no longer in pain and is now enjoying the beauties of heaven and fellowship with Almighty God.” What a beautiful thought! Thank you Vera for all your support.

Here in Atlanta we are finally having the warm weather we usually get in the summer. For us living for 10 years in Latin America, the change is welcomed! Let the hot days of summer begin, and let's start sweating!

I think we all play games in the car, train, or bus as we travel while on vacation. We have taken the words of American novelist Ernest Hemingway and made a car game for us. He said a good story should be told in only 6 words. His example: “Baby shoes for sale, never worn.” We've decided to take Bible verses and tell a story, getting the meaning of the verse, and only use 6 words! Here is our example: “Proper wedding attire not clearly known”. Can you guess the verse? It's from Matthew 22:11—“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.” What happened next is the man was thrown outside where there was to be weeping & gnashing of teeth. This reminds us of a brief story about our living in a different culture...

We were once told that to understand a culture you needed to attend a wedding & a funeral. We've attended several of both!

Our first big wedding to attend was for our friends, Fatima & Alcides. Alcides started kindergarten in a small neighborhood the capital city of Paraguay. He continued his education, graduated from high school, and then attended a 4 year seminary in Brazil. When he graduated from seminary, he & his childhood girlfriend, Fatima got married.

We were asked to be the Padrino & Padrina at their wedding – but what did this mean & what to wear? We talked to a friend of ours who is Paraguayan, and she said Linda needed to wear a long, black dress. Apparently, black is the color for attendants to wear. She helped Linda buy what was needed. We really didn't know what was expected of us as Padrino & Padrina. When we got there, we found out! We were the attendants to the bride & groom! They use adult couples as attendants as they will be the new couple's role models as they mature in their marriage.

Linda was able to wear the long black dress as we were Padrino & Padrina at other weddings. Different cultures, different customs.

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Praying Together

You can be an integral part of our ministry just by joining us in prayer. We have the following praises & concerns:

Continued good health.

For all who will be traveling to visit family & friends this summer.

Guidance as we continue to do God's will.

Those that are "thirsty" around the world.

Please forward this Newsletter to others in your group who may be interested in our ministry. If you would prefer to not receive these newsletters in the future, just reply with a "No thank you" in the subject line.

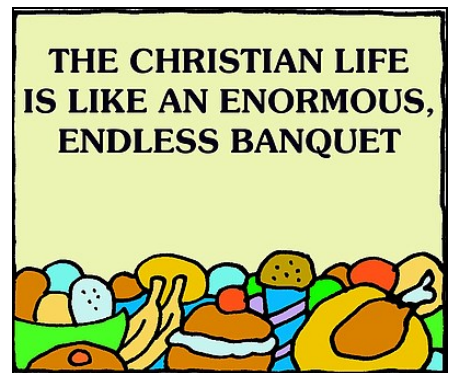
The Things We Learned!

But what should we learn from the man being thrown out of the wedding? And why was he thrown out? In checking our NIV study Bible, the answer is that the man showed a lack of responsibility.

It's interesting to note that the man was only singled out when the king entered the banquet hall, other guests did not respond to his lack of appropriate clothing. The king called him "friend" and asked the man for an explanation. The man had nothing to say.

If the king represents our Heavenly Father, and if He asks us how we are robed—what will be our response? Our Father can see past our robes, and know if we are just participating for a free meal—or if we are sincere in our Christian walk.

How is your Christian walk going? Are you clothing yourselves in Christian service? We are given an invitation by our heavenly Father to participate in his Heavenly kingdom. Let's clothe ourselves in righteousness and head to the party! There's great food to be had by all!



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Heat of August, it feels good!