

Do you Love Me?

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15 When they

had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him 'Feed my lambs.' Jesus does not mean we should set-up a soup kitchen, what he wants to know is, if Peter loves him, he should feed his brothers with the Word of God. Some of our clergy are not doing the job they swore to do; they are feeding themselves from the lures of this world and not leading us to Jesus. People are looking for direction, what they are getting is confusion. Instead of changing the church to meet the changes of the world, we should be trying to change the world to focus on the Father, the Word, and the Giver of Life. The clergy, in my opinion, should be teaching us how to avoid the temptations of Satan. As Christians, we all should know that God loves us.

16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.'

Jesus is not asking Peter to supply his sheep with a safe haven with water and grass, and free of predators. Jesus wants Peter to guide us and lead us onto a path toward Him. In my opinion, the four marks of the church are being disfigured. One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, is being watered down and becoming: Not ONE but ALL, not HOLY but NICE, not CATHOLIC but CHRISTIAN, not APOSTOLIC but DEMOCRATIC. Jesus wants Peter to keep us safe by preparing us for the unknown; He wants us to be fed with the entire word of God not just selective fuzzy tranguil words; He wants us to be safe from the evil one.

17 Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt that he asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you. Jesus said to him "Feed my sheep."

Jesus in not asking Peter to order pizza or bagels and lox.

Jesus is asking Peter to feed his people with the Word of God. Jesus is asking Peter if he loves him unconditionally. Jesus knows how much Peter loves him. Peter, being intelligent and with free will, must make his own decision. Is Peter strong enough to keep his faith in God? Jesus allows Peter to experience the loss of faith when Peter denies Jesus three times. Are we denying Jesus? Are we turning our backs on him because he is interfering with our way of life? Are we given only one side of the story? We seem to prepare for everything, fire, gas, carbon monoxide, and our vehicles have all sorts of protection to keep us safe. We are being fed, but only the potatoes, not the meat.

What this article is pointing out is that many changes have infiltrated the church; many unbelievable tragedies have occurred since the 1960's. The smoke of Satan is in the halls of the Church. If you are as sensitive as I am about the new changes being applied to the liturgy of the Mass, try to imagine Jesus

Thanks to LifeNews.com news@lifenews.com and Steve Ertelt for all the pro-life articles. asking you, "Do you love Me?" Stay focused on Jesus and He will eventually separate the wheat from the chaff. Oh yes! If you feel like looking for a better church, I will see you in fifty years and you will still be looking. It is not your body you should be weighing, it is your faith.

Ten Guidelines From God

Effective Immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience. but after all that I am doing, this seems verv little to ask of you. Please, follow these 10 guidelines

1. QUIT WORRYING: Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST:

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME: Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE: Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME: I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH:

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be? 7. SHARE: You were taught to share when you were

only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT:

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire

universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

Be kind to others, for I love

as much as I love you. They may

like you, or talk like you, or live

you do, but I still love you all.

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one reason only -- to be loved,

in return. I am a God of Love.

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Men Are Just Happier People --

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack.

You can be President.

You can never be pregnant.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$6.95 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You almost never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes..

Everything on your face stays its original color.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives On December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier.

People

NICKNAMES

• If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

• If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to

each other as Fat Boy, Bubba, and Wildman.

EATING OUT

• When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

• When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

 \cdot A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

• A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS

• A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

• The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

 \cdot A woman has the last word in any argument.

• Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

• A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

• A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

 \cdot A man will dress up for wed-dings and funerals.

NATURAL

 \cdot Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

• Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

· Ah, children. A woman knows

all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

• A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

508 Babies Saved From Abortion as 40 Days for Life Closes

Another 40 Days for Life campaign has come to an end and we can look back now at lives forever changed. During these 40 days, there have been 508 lives saved that we know of because of God's response to your prayer! Another 40 Days for Life nant. She was afraid of the her parents and wanted go behind their backs to a judicial bypass a court order in order to have a abortion. Her boyfriend not in favor of the abort but reluctantly said he su ported her because it w

From past campaigns, we expect the number to KEEP GROWING, as our local campaign leaders get their final reports in.

In the coming days, keep an eye on your inbox for some

exciting news and developments that have been in the works during this campaign and for the past few months! But for today, let's look at some of the ways lives have been changed during 40 Days for Life and thank God for his abundant blessings during this time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Austin, Texas: A volunteer spoke a teenaged couple approaching the abortion center and learned that the girl just found out she was pregnant. She was afraid of telling her parents and wanted to go behind their backs to get a judicial bypass a court order in order to have an abortion. Her boyfriend was not in favor of the abortion, but reluctantly said he supported her because it was her decision.

I showed them what her baby might look like, based on how far along she thought she was six weeks, said the vigil participant. "I also discussed alternatives and resources that I could connect her with." The couple walked into the abortion center, but soon left with smiles of joy and satisfaction. They had decided not to have an abortion, said the volunteer. Praise God!"

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The lawsuit follows one Schuette and the Michigan Department of Community Health filed earlier this year against the Lathrup Village-

based WomanCare of

Southfield abortion center saying it had been operating without a valid license since last summer. the state's top attorney has said the licensing is required of any private physician offices in which at least half of the patients get an abortion.

Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing applauded the lawsuit, saying, " I laud Attorney General Schuette for following the law and pressing charges against these two abortion businesses. Those involved in the occupation of abortion are not above the law. Our attorney general has uncovered violations which should result in Health Care Clinic and Women's Choice Clinic being shut down.

One Year Until Voters Can Defeat Pro-Abortion Barack Obama

As Americans head to the polls in numerous states today for off-year elections, pro-life advocates are looking forward to the fact that, as of this past weekend, there is one year left until they can vote out proabortion President Barack Obama.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of the Susan B. Anthony List, is one of those prolife activists who is ready to replace the man who many consider to be the most proabortion president the nation has had since the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decisions allowing virtually unlimited abortions.

"One year from today, I know that at this very moment I'll most likely either be on my knees in prayer or huddled around a computer with my staff watching results from key battleground states come in, Dannenfelser says. "You see, exactly one year from today is Election Day."

That means we're either one year away from finally putting a stop to the Obama administration's deadly assault on unborn children and their mothers... One year until we can usher in authentic pro-life champions to the White House and Congress leaders who will fight for laws to protect our country's most innocent lives," Dannenfelser added. "Or, we could be one year away from a massive loss that would set the pro-life cause back for generations."

Personhood Amendment in Mississippi Likely Won't Ban Abortion

Voters in Mississippi head to the polls today to consider Initiative 26, a statewide personhood amendment that would define unborn children as persons under the law starting at the point of conception. However, prior Supreme Court case law makes it appear the amendment will do nothing to ban or even limit abortions.

Much of the debate surrounding the measure has been confined to whether the personhood amendment would ban birth control (it would not) or abortions. While Planned Parenthood has clearly misled Mississippi voters as to whether the measure would non-abortifacient birth ban control, the pro-life supporters of the personhood amendment who have been informing state residents that it will "ban abortion" or "end abortion" are not presenting the full

story.

The full text of the amendment reads: "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Mississippi: SECTION 1: Article III of the constitution of the state of Mississippi is hereby amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION TO READ: SEC-TION 33: Person defined. As used in this Article III of the state constitution, "The term ' person' or 'persons' shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning, or the functional equivalent thereof." Assuming the amendment is approved and assuming it does not succumb to state legal challenges from those who sav the Mississippi Bill of Rights can't be amended via the initiamethod, the persontive hood amendment will not ban abortions.

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