



Monday, March 1, 2010

Take My Life and Let It Be

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

I have always loved the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be." Not only does it have a pleasing melody, but what a beautiful way to look at the life that God has given to each of us. It points out how we should take all that God has given us, our bodies, our physical riches, our intellect, and finally our will and love and willingly use them in service to the Lord. Take a moment to pull out the hymnal and read the words to this hymn. It is an excellent description of loving service. If God loved us so much that he would give His only Son, how can we not reciprocate by joyously giving of the earthly gifts that he has already bestowed upon us?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the varied gifts that You have bestowed on each of us. Please take our lives and let them "be, consecrated Lord to Thee."
In Your Name, Amen.

--Sheila Foote

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Receiving God's Love

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As I started to clean up the kitchen some time ago, my son Luke asked me for a chocolate ho-ho, and dinner had not been prepared yet. We had just finished opening Christmas presents that my dad had brought up to my office earlier in the day. I sensed that the triplets were not satisfied with what they were given from their grandfather. I was under the impression to talk to them, about the fact of how important it is to be thankful for what He gave us. I recited this Bible verse to Luke and Amanda, hoping to get this point across to them how God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to die for us.

I thought this was a chance to show Luke "undeserved love" and mercy so I gave him the Ho-Ho. Looking at the situation from the outside, someone might say that I did the wrong thing; but when you feel God's love within you, nothing matters, but the faith that you have in Christ. You can be called a "bad parent" for a minor issue like giving dessert before dinner, but I thought it was a teachable moment. I was trying to set a point, that receiving God's love is as sweet as anyone can imagine.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I pray for the forgiveness of the family members who have anger inside them. Please help them to accept God's love and give them the peace that they need to grow. In Your Name I pray, Amen.

--Dianne Santana

