

What can one do?

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Unless one has been in a coma (or in a state of unconsciousness), no doubt you have the knowledge of another mass murderer among us. Many are asking, "What can we do to stem this awful trend, or shall we disarm the public, or more gun control." Also, many are saying, let us pray for the victims of the mass slaughter. So, the things that are said and all the suggestions that may be added will not be satisfactory in curbing this terrible action, especially among our youth.

Someone said only a short time ago that the tragedies that we are having will get worse and worse and the ultimate predator among us would come in the form of neglected children. How right he was! Then, he began to comment on the reasons that this would happen.

First he said that the youth of America is being neglected spiritually. At this point, some will say, "Well there goes that ole preacher, spouting off about us parents not raising up our children in the nurture and admonition of God."

Well, how true it is. Parents are not only neglecting their own soul's welfare but are endangering the future well being of their children. In Ephesians 6:4, parents are instructed by the Word of God to

bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. But, they are not doing it as they should. I speak of course, to the majority. There are still many faithful parents who still obey and faithfully attend worship, taking their children with them. But, many more are not doing it, leaving their children without a proper Christian education.

Many of our leaders and others are saying, "Our thoughts and our prayers are with you." This is a good thing to say, but let us remember what the Bible says about honored prayers. **John 9:31**, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Now again, in **1 Peter 3:12**, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Now, let me remind all of us, troubles will come because the devil is raging, so there will be many opportunities to call on the Lord. But, if your life is not in obedience with the Lord, your prayers will be fruitless and vain. So, in times like those dear people are facing in Lakeland, Florida, a this time, prayer is a great source of strength and comfort. Sadly, there is no prayer that can help all those precious young people who have died as a result of suggestions of the devil through an unbeliever. So, we can and must, pray that all those remaining may turn to Christ and obey Him, and not to be guilty of mocking him by going after this world and ignoring the Lord. If we do, we can expect more of the same.

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Kitchen Diva Rotisserie Chicken with Taste of Morocco

by **ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS**

I love using rotisserie chickens in my recipes when I'm pressed for time. Rotisserie chickens are reasonably priced, convenient, come seasoned in a variety of ways and can be transformed into a multitude of quick and easy main-dish meals. Best of all, if you purchase a plain, roasted chicken, you can use the bones to make a rich, homemade chicken stock or enhance the flavors of pre-packaged stocks or broths, so nothing goes to waste.

Most rotisserie chickens are large enough to serve at least four people as a main course. Or, you can pull the meat from the bones and use it in recipes that call for pre-cooked chicken. Shredded chicken can be used in recipes from salads, sandwiches and soups to enchiladas or chicken pot pies.

Using a pre-cooked chicken lets you explore new and unusual recipes that would ordinarily take a lot of time to prepare. This recipe for Speedy Mediterranean Chicken is ready in just 30 minutes and imparts all the exotic spices and flavors of the traditional recipe. A rotisserie chicken seasoned with lemon pepper is perfect for this dish.

The flavors used in this recipe are reminiscent of an exotic Moroccan tagine. A tagine is both a type of heavy clay pot with a domed lid and the dish that is cooked in it. Tagines typically are found in the North African cuisines of Morocco. Most Moroccan tagines combine lamb, chicken or beef with a variety of ingredients and seasonings, including citrus fruits, nuts, honey and pungent spices.

This recipe blends spicy salsa and curry powder, and adds a hint of sweetness by incorporating honey and raisins with spectacular results. Toasting the curry powder in the oil first gives this dish an authentic taste and brings out the flavors of the spice. Serve with hot cooked couscous or rice to make the most of the savory sauce that envelops the chicken.

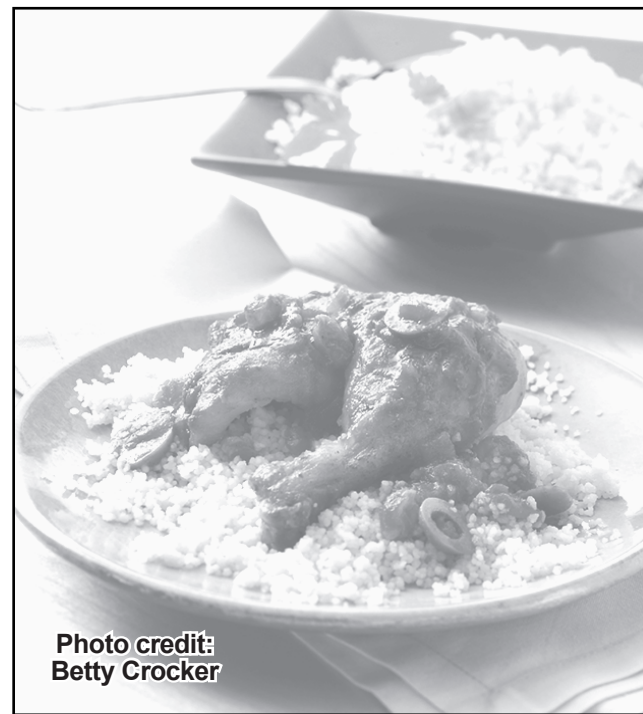


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SPEEDY MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN

- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
 - 2 teaspoons curry powder
 - 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
 - 1/2 cup sliced green olives
 - 1/4 cup golden raisins
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 deli rotisserie chicken (2 to 2 1/2 pounds), cut into 6 to 8 pieces, skin removed if desired
1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Stir in curry powder. Cook over medium heat 1 minute, stirring constantly.
 2. Stir in remaining ingredients except chicken. Add chicken; turn to coat.
 3. Cover; cook over medium-high heat 5 to 6 minutes, turning chicken occasionally until sauce is bubbly and chicken is thoroughly heated. Makes 4 servings.
- (Recipe courtesy of Betty Crocker: www.betty-crocker.com/recipes)

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When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

Detail of "The Prayer of Manasseh" (1929) by Hester Sainsbury

2 CHRONICLES 33: 12,13

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Be Careful and Not Complain

I must be careful and not complain, The trouble Satan has caused me is such a great shame. The devil has caused me so much pain, He painted a picture so pretty, I could not see the sin.

Satan did not appear as a rough, dirty man. He paints pictures so beautiful, you are at his command. He does not care if you go to Church every day, And then live your life in a careless way.

He already has you, it is plain to see, You can warm a Church bench and still not be free. You can take Communion and still be in sin; If you get a little careless, he is already in.

He will sit in the pew beside you and say it is okay; Convince you that you are a Christian and you do not need to pray. But you'd better keep you hand in the hand of the Mighty Great Man. Stay on your knees for the devil cannot stand.

Speak the name of the Lord and Satan will flee, When you call on Jesus, he is gone, you see. Don't let Satan take control; although he will try very hard. Just tell him he is a liar and you are going to serve the Lord.

Madalene Wasson

seeds of Hope

How things have changed. Years ago people rarely moved from one home to another. There was a certain permanence in life that brought a sense of security to families. Now, moving from one place to another is a routine part of life that seems to go with the turmoil in the world.

Everywhere we look, we see signs of instability. We awaken each morning wondering what devastating news awaits us. What once was a world that made sense is now a world that longs for the "good old days."

Psalm 93, however, gives comfort to the Christian. It begins with a burst of hope and assurance, a promise of peace and predictability. "The LORD reigns."

And it ends with a reminder of His faithfulness: "Your statues stand firm...for endless days!"

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Not long ago I was stopped by a police officer who motioned to me to pull to the side of the street. When I looked up to see what was going on I saw two large trucks coming toward me with a home that had been cut in half and placed on two trailers. The two halves were slowly being moved to a new location where they would be joined together and the home would look the same as it had in the past.

It was almost unnerving as I waited patiently for them to pass by. For years it rested comfortably on a corner across from an elementary school. Soon it would have a new address in a new neighborhood and perhaps new owners.

BIBLE TRIVIA
 by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation(s) by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 70
3. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Ha-
4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
5. How old was Abram when Hagar bore Ishmael? 19, 39, 68, 86
6. From Acts 13:1, where was Lucius from? Cyrene, Zion, Sodom, Canaan

Answers on bottom of Page 9

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 by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

EXODUS 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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"Not only is the magic gone from our marriage, but so is my _____!"

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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