



**Times Remembered**  
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Sunday June 16, is Father's Day. A day when we reflect on and remember our fathers. I have selected scripture and words of gratitude to share.

*We have heard with our ears, O God; Our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago*

-- PSALMS 44:1

*Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training of the Lord.*

-- EPHESIANS 6:4

Words from the famous author, Corrie Ten Boom, who survived the Holocaust and went on

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to become a missionary and wrote several books about her time in prison camps.

*My security was assured in many ways as a child. Every night I would go to the door of my room in my nightie and call out, "Papa, I'm ready for bed." He would come to my room and pray with me before I went to sleep. I can always remember that he took time with us and would tuck the blankets around my shoulders very carefully, with his own characteristic precision. Then he would put his hand gently on my face and say, "Sleep well, Corrie. I Love you."*

*I sometimes remembered the feeling of my father's hand on my face; when I was lying beside Betsie on a dirty wrenched mattress in the dehumanizing prison, I would say, "O Lord let me feel your hand upon me."*

- CORRIE TEN BOOM.

*Thank you Dad for teaching me the value of getting up before the sun; for making breakfast every day for as many years that I lived*

*at home; for working on Saturdays to ensure that our family of seven always had enough; for one of the most powerful memories of my youth, the unforgettable smells of your hard working day at the shop, for teaching me to wash a car, for Sundays that were set aside for worship and family; for providing us with a beautiful home filled with memories; for still living in that home today and its always welcoming open door.*

- MIKE VANDERKLIP

*"Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad."*

- Anne Geddes

*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."*

- Billy Graham

*Hug your father today and tell him you love him; and thank God for wonderful Dads who are still living and the ones gone on too.*

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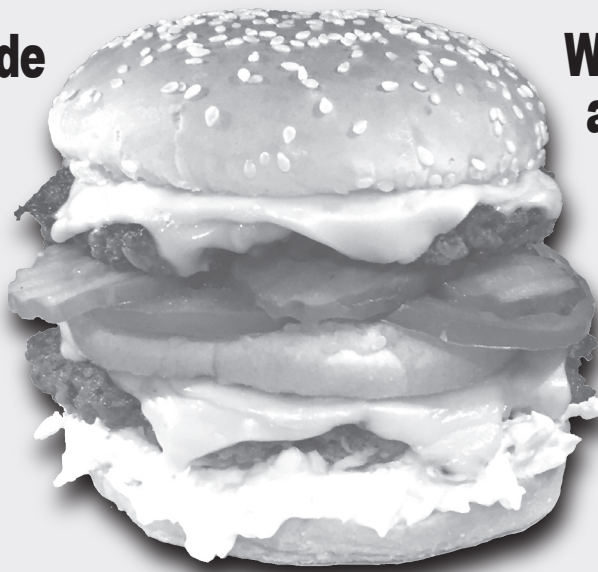
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I heard the story this week about a very modest pastor's wife who was making arrangement for her and her husband to spend a leisurely week at a campground in Florida.

She wanted to be sure the campground had some of the more important modern amenities, so she called to ask a few questions. But, being so very modest, she couldn't bring herself to say the word "toilet" in a question to a complete stranger. She did some quick thinking, and considered using the term "bathroom commode." But, being so very modest, she thought that, too, may be too forward, so she decided to abbreviate "bathroom commode" to "BC."

So, she asked: "Does the campground have its own BC?"

The abbreviation stumped the campground's manager, but, considering the question was coming from a pastor's wife, he assumed "BC" stood for "Baptist Church," so he told her:

"A BC is located nine

miles north of the campground and is capable of seating 150 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away, if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. It is a beautiful facility and the acoustics are marvelous. If you do decide to come down to our campground, I'd be happy to go to the BC with you and sit with you."

Misunderstandings aren't without consequences. That's why the Bible encourages us to speak clearly, especially when it comes to matters of eternity. We certainly don't want to confuse anyone when we're speaking of something as weighty as salvation.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

That verse paints a vivid picture. How many people do you know who keep a centerpiece of apples on their dining room tables, or who have a painting of apples in a bowl hanging on the wall? There's not much prettier than apples in a setting of silver. What God is saying to us in that verse is that our words can be as beautiful as that.

Perhaps you're familiar with the old hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life," written in the 1800s by a man named Philip Bliss. The lyrics speak to this very topic.

*Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life:*

*Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty,  
Teach me faith and duty:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.*

Bliss, who died as the result of a horrific railway disaster in 1876, had an obvious appreciation for words. Specifically, he had an appreciation for God's words, from the Bible. You realize that the Bible remains the best-selling book of all time because people are hungry for those beautiful words. It also remains the most quoted book of all time. Often, it's quoted by people who don't even realize they're spouting scripture. In fact, no book in the history of the world had contributed more phrases to the English language than the Bible.

How often have you heard someone say they escaped by "the skin of my teeth?" That's from Job 19:20. How about "a drop in the bucket?" That's from Isaiah 40:15,17. You've heard people talk about being used as "a scapegoat." That's from Leviticus 16:8. And you've also heard the saying, "Eat, drink and be merry?" That's from Luke 12:19.

There are many, many more terms and phrases straight from the Bible that have worked their way into everyday language because they paint vivid word pictures that provide "BC" to the English-speaking world. In this case "BC" stands for "beautiful communications."



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