



A Box of Chocolates

In the movie, "Forrest Gump" Tom Hanks gave us this classic line: "Life is like a box of chocolates... you never know what you're gonna get." How true that is! Each day when we wake up, it's a new adventure in our lives. We can plan and organize our days, but we can't plan for the unexpected. Unplanned visits, the car breaks down, a phone call, or an irate person bites your head off - all this and more can pop into our lives without warning. Even though we don't know what we're "gonna get" each day; we can still choose how to respond to each circumstance.

When I was a kid, and someone would give me a box of chocolates, I loved them all except the cream-filled candies. They tasted like someone put toothpaste inside my chocolates. I soon learned that instead of biting into each chocolate that I could break it in half to reveal the contents. I couldn't control what type of chocolates that I received (because it was a gift), I couldn't control how the chocolates were made, but I could control that none of those nasty toothpaste-tasting, cream-filled candies went into my mouth.

In life, we really have limited control, but the one thing that we can control, is ourselves! How we choose to respond to life's "cream-filled" chocolates is totally up to our own device. The Bible encourages us to "Keep alert. Be firm in your faith. Stay brave and strong. Show love in everything you do." ~ 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

But what about when problems do come our way, what should we do? The Bible tells us to "...be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful." ~ Romans 12:12. So my advice for you is to choose love - the real love that comes from a relationship with the heavenly Father. In fact, "Show love in everything you do". It will guide you through any and all situations.

Say it with love,

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***"LOVE IS EVERYTHING. IT IS THE KEY TO LIFE,
AND ITS INFLUENCES ARE THOSE THAT MOVE THE WORLD."
~RALPH WALDO TRINE***

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Lisa's Lines

Valentine Gift

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
 That He g**A**ve
 his on**L**y
 Begott**E**n
 So**N**
That whosoever
 Believeth **I**n Him
 Should **N**ot perish,
 But have **E**verlasting life."

~ John 3:16

I think this is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible, yet the message seems to have gotten lost in its popularity. Are you His valentine? Have you accepted His very generous valentine gift?

I celebrate my birthday on this holiday each year and never fail to feel special. Many think I get cheated because I should get separate gifts for each occasion, however I love sharing my special day with this holiday. I am reminded by my family of how much I am loved.

Your Heavenly Father wants you to feel this way too! Not only on your birthday, but every day of the year. He wants you to know how much He gave up so that you could feel as special as you are to Him.

I pray that as you consider this popular verse, you either feel as blessed as you are because you know you're His or that you decide you want to be His!

Lisa

March Events

Feb 29-March 2 WKA Manf. Cup - Lowe's Motor Speedway

Feb 29-March 1 AKRA Dirt Series-Dexter, GA (Brett Miller)

March 21-23 Florida Championship Karting Series, Jacksonville, FL

