

Some One-Liners Say It All
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I love one-liners. You know, those short, pithy sentences that make you either laugh out loud or spend some time pondering their deeper meaning. Sometimes it takes a while to understand their pithiness, but the time spent thinking about those statements is worth coming to the understanding that will make you either groan in appreciation or slap your forehead with guilt.

Here's a list of one-liners for you to ponder while drinking your second cup of coffee. Enjoy.

Is a pessimist's blood type always "be" negative? If you go to sleep on a corduroy pillow, will you wake up making headlines? A woman told her friend: "Don't mind her. She's nothing but a gossip with a great sense of rumor."

Famous people sometimes come up with some good ones. Abraham Lincoln said: He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know. Will Rogers said, "The man who never makes a mistake gets tired of doing nothing." My not so famous father used to say, "Give God what is right, not what is left."

Collectors of fun puns, know that a hangover is the wrath of grapes, a chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion, that a piano falling down a mineshaft produces a flat miner, that the Energizer bunny has been arrested for battery, and that Dijon vu is the same mustard as before, and that work in muffler factory is exhausting.

Did you know that we become happier people when we give others a piece of our heart rather than a piece of our mind? Proverbs 15:1 says it like this: A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Jesus said it in a straight-forward way in Matthew 7:12. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." In other words, give freely of your love and not your anger.

The Bible is full of one-liners that soften our hearts, comfort our souls, and strengthen our resolve. "The Lord God is our sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless," (Psalm 84:11). Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep," (John 10:11). Jesus also said, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them," (Matthew 18:20).

What can you add to Paul's words in 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18? "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in a circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

But it think the best of the best comes from Jesus in John 14:6. Jesus' statement is short and to the point. It is the bottom line of Christianity. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one come to the Father except through me."

That says it all, doesn't it?