



Devotional & Article Writing Starters

Topic: "Baking"

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Take the ideas and build upon them to make them your own. Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

That's the Way the Cookie Crumbles

Life isn't always easy. There will be days when we feel like a cookie that is crumbling and falling apart.

Let's look at some people whose lives did a little crumbling.

- Queen Esther
 - She didn't have a father or mother. (Esther 2:7)
 - She had to go and possibly marry a man she didn't know. (Esther 2:8)
 - She had an adversary in her life. (Haman)
 - She saw her people come under attack.

- Job
 - He had one long and very bad day
 - His children died.
 - He lost all his livestock.
 - He lost all his land.
 - He got physically sick.
 - He had miserable friends.
- Paul
 - He was put in jail for his Christianity. (numerous times)
 - He was whipped (2 Corinthians 11:24)
 - He was beaten. (2 Corinthians 11:25)
 - He was shipwrecked. (2 Corinthians 11:25)
 - He was in various perils (2 Corinthians 11:26)
 - He had daily issues that he was under (2 Corinthians 11:28)
 - He was apprehended by the law (2 Corinthians 11:32, 33)
- We must allow the Lord to hold us together.
- He is the right ingredient in our lives.
- We can't leave Him out of our life recipe!

Sugar Coating

- We must learn when to sugar coat.
- We must learn when and what to speak to others.
- We must learn to choose our words with care.
- Just like everything else, practice makes perfect.
- Proverbs 15:23

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it! (KJV)

- 2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (KJV)

- Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. (KJV)

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Beat It!

What's in your life that you need to beat? What continually causes you to struggle as a Christian? What causes those lumps in your life?

- Your tongue
- Your attitude
- Your pride
- Your depression
- Your anxieties

Icing on the Cake

There are so many things that God blesses us with that are just like icing on the cake. They are that sweet taste to life. Here are 3 that just make life smooth.

1. Joy in our hearts (everyone doesn't have that.)
2. Peace (God's peace isn't a fake sense.)
3. Salvation and the Gift of God's Son.

What's your icing on the cake?

Caught with Your Hand in the Cookie Jar

- What's in your life that keeps tempting you to sin?
- What's so alluring about it that it keeps drawing you in?
- Why are you allowing it to make you reach out your hand to grab it?
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- James 4:7
- Galatians 5:16

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