



DEVOTIONAL & ARTICLE WRITING STARTERS

Topic: “Pockets”

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Deep Pockets

You might not have a lot of money in your pockets, but all of us have treasures we can share. What about volunteering our time for good deeds and good causes? What about giving our talents and skills to a good cause? What about digging down deep and giving forgiveness when it's needed? What about digging down deep and showing kindness when it is hard to do? How deep are your pockets? (Ephesians 4:32)

Lining Your Pockets

What treasure are you laying up? What is important to you? Are you making good decisions when investing in your eternal future? (Matthew 6)

Money in My Pockets

What are you rich in when it comes to your personal life? Are you rich in kindness? Love? Joy? Forgiveness? Do you easily pull those out of your pocket and have them at the ready? Those things have true value.

Or are your pockets full of anger? Hate? Bad attitudes? Bitterness? Are those the things you have readily available at a moment's notice and pull them out of your pocket? Those things are less valuable and less likely to make your life rich in friends and peace.

Proverbs 18:24

Out of Pocket

We all have expenditures in life, no matter whether they are monetary or not. What's costing you your joy? What's costing you friends? What's costing you opportunities to do good? Have you been given a blow financially that's made you bitter? Have you lost a loved one and can't move on because of grief? Has someone done something or said something to you that defeats your joy?

Life is hard and we all go through storms, but we have to learn to lean on Jesus and move forward or we will only see our expenditures. We will only concentrate on what's *out of pocket*. We will only concentrate on what's *out of pocket*. We will only see what we feel has been taken from us.

If we only see the out of pocket, we will never see the value that our life can have and what we can accomplish.

Pocketful of Faith

Concentrate on what just a little bit of faith in your pocket can do! (Matthew 17:20). If we carry around just a tiny "grain of mustard seed", we can move mountains!

Rich Man's Pockets

Learn from the story of the rich young ruler. What priorities do you put on God and the things of God?

Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-22, and Luke 18:18-30

What's In Your Pocket?

What are you trying to hide in your life? Are there secrets that you don't want anyone to know? God knows it all no matter what you try to hide.

Genesis 3:7-11, Hebrews 4:13, Proverbs 15:3

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