



## **Devotional & Article Writing Starters**

### **Topic: "Soup"**

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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.

#### **We're in the Soup Now**

Being "in the soup" means that we are in trouble or having difficulties.

- What do we do when we get "in the soup"?
  - Negative Response
    - Soggy attitudes
    - Burnt and bitter hearts
  - Positive Response
    - Hold on to God to keep our heads above water (or soup). We can't swim around on our own. We need God's strength.
    - Learn to see the blessings in our circumstances (or soup). Sometimes there is some really good stuff in the soup.

- Hebrews 6:19
- Psalm 69:13-18
- Hebrews 6:19

### **Getting in a Stew over Nothing**

How many times do we get worried and upset over nothing? It's so easy for us to do, but it's not helpful.

- *Getting in a stew over nothing* is a tainted stew. We will have ill effects from it.
  - Anxiety
  - Stress
  - Headaches
  - Nausea
  - Irritability
  - and more!!
- As Christians we have some verses in the Bible that can calm us down and comfort us.
  - Psalm 91
  - Philippians 4:6-7
  - Joshua 1:9
  - 1 Peter 5:7
  - And more!

### **The Best Soup**

Three things usually describe a soup best.

- Flavor
  - How is your "flavor" as a Christian? Are you distinctive?

- Appearance
  - How do you look? Not just physically, but how do you look inside? Is there some sourness to you? Do you give people bad impressions?
- Texture
  - Texture of a soup is different for each one. Some are smooth. Some have chunks of things in broth. But whatever it is it should be the soup that it is supposed to be. What about us as Christians? Are we using those gifts God intended so that we enhance the soup (or the body of Christ)?

Working on perfecting all three of these things will help us be the best soup (or Christian) we can be! We have to allow the Master Chef to work in and through us.

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