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First, I feel the smooth texture of the nylon, and then I pause to gawk at the detailing and the lace. I remember that I could actually wear something prettier than sweats to sleep. While vintage bras and panties can seem too intimate to even consider reusing, a slip does not. The anonymous writer who goes by A Slip of a Girl shares this fascination. On her namesake blog, she explores the history and culture of collectible, vintage, and retro lingerie of all stripes, but slips have a special place in her heart. How did you get into blogging about lingerie? A s slip marked Carol Brent Lingerie. A black s Satilene slip with cream lace by Kayser Lingerie. A Slip of a Girl: And lingerie, which is slightly different from just underwear, is some of the most sensual fashion out there. The pieces enhance your figure, and they delicately hide and tease your playful bits. They were not meant simply to clothe our bodies at nighttime; they were meant to be seen. Why are slips so appealing? A closeup of the bodice of a beige vintage Val Mode slip with pintucked accordion pleats. A slip is something you can put on underneath a socially acceptable suit for the woman trying to get taken seriously in the male-driven business world. For some people, vintage slips are purely a romantic thing, and they know that men are responding to it. How did the slip get its start? Left, a vintage Charmode slip with pansies on the cups and hem, possibly from the s. Right, a pink silk slip from the s. Really, they are a descendant of the chemise and other pieces that went over and under the corset, which was quite expensive. A woman might have one corset, and not really be able to wash it. So there were layers worn beneath corsets and over the corset. Your sweat and body oils would go onto those undergarments, and the corset would stay clean. When new polymers like plastics and elastics were introduced in the post-World War II era, the girdle replaced the corset. Around the same time, Dior introduced his New Look with the emphasis on feminine, hourglass curves. New technology also brought ease of laundering and mass production of clothing, as opposed to buying couture or making it yourself. Then, girdles were much more affordable compared to a corset, and there was less need to put anything underneath. Girdles were in direct contact with the skin, and a slip went over. So women actually wore slips and girdles at the same time? A vintage photo shows a woman in her slip and stockings. The girdles themselves had some things like garters and boning or zippers, which might detract from an outfit in terms of lines. Slips helped disguise that phenomenon. If you were wearing something sheer, you would have the built-together camisole and half-slip that would cover up whatever lingerie you were wearing beneath your clothes. So the slip served the practical purpose of smoothing and hiding lines. Your girdle might be unattractive as sin and do a great job, but your slip could be ultra-feminine and embroidered with crystal pleating and lace, and that would feel fabulous. It sounds really incongruous, but they did lots of shifts. Quite often slips were worn as a nightgown. They were worn as lounging attire. When you were shopping, fitting clerks brought you things, whether it was a suit or a bra, so you would be in a semi-public place, dressing and undressing. At home, a lady might get out of her two-piece lovely New Look fashion ensemble to scrub the floor. What do you think she was wearing? Vintage-fashion discussions tend to focus on the shirt-dress as housekeeping wear. But if you were in your own home, it made as much sense to strip down to your slip and do your chores. A vintage two-tone peach slip, made of nylon, with a keyhole cutout in the chiffon bodice. Yes, it was also called a chemise. Some that survived are incredibly decorative, sheer, and lacyâ€”even beaded. They went beneath lacy and beaded things. A lot of the dresses then were also sheer, and so the chemise or the slip underneath was a way to allude to nudity without being arrested. We find many of them still wrapped in the original boxes and tissue paper because a bride might get a beautiful chemise or slip and then maybe put it away for a special day. And she never felt she was worthy of it. If you do find simpler and older slips, you will notice repair work where the shoulder straps have been re-stitched several times to the top of the bodice. So you will notice the plainer ones have a lot of little reworkings on them. When was the transition from what you would call a chemise to what you would call a slip? This periwinkle nylon slip features lace over chiffon and a big appliqued flower. The Golden Age of the Slip starts in the s with the

introduction of New Look fashions and the invention of nylon. That runs from to , when we started getting into Mod , which was going back to the flapper shape again. With the New Look you had lots of layers and the big, floofy skirts with the petticoats. So slips really became more of a fun thing of femininity. What were the most popular fabrics of the Golden Age? Some vintage connoisseurs frown on custom-dyeing old lingerie, like this Barbara Lee slip dyed purple, but it can save them from the landfill. Nylon was the best. Nylon was created by DuPont just before the war, and nylon stockings became a sensation when they were introduced in the United States in You have to be far more careful in how you handle it in the laundering process. Whereas with nylon, yes, you can get ladders or runs, but it is far more resilient. Silk will turn on your leg. You have to adjust the seams all the time. And there was a huge black market in nylon stockings. Murders occurred over stockings; stampedes happened at stores that were supposed to get some in. The bodice of a vintage Van Raalte slip features ecru lace. I prefer it to silk. Silk, if it dries, it shreds. Something like nylon that was going to stay beautiful and not have to be so fussily taken care of, it was a marvel. Nylon can be produced in an array of colors. You could pleat it and pin-tuck it and add lace to it. Slips that ride and twist, exposing knees 2. Bulging in the wrong places, sagging in others 3. Bodice tops that bind and flatten 4. Straps that break at the least provocation 5. Seams that pucker as you press. You would see a lot of white, beige, navy, and black, and quite a few chocolate brown, which I suspect were sold as nude lingerie to the African American market. But the slip evolved pretty quickly, from a functional garment to a means for expressing femininity in a wide range of colors and styles. They were meant to be seen. When women wore one out, they knew where to go get another one. There were pintucks for shaping. There was ruching, which is that bubbly look, inset lace, appliques, and crystal pleating, which is that severely pleated chiffon that actually maintains its shape. You might have a ruched inset lace and pintucks toward the bottom, followed by more lace and crystal pleating and another layer of lace at the bottom. It was just ridiculous. Slips had satin bows, rosettes—anything you can think of that was all feminine and frilly, they did it. What are some of your favorite slip designers and brands? Left, a yellow vintage nylon slip by Dutchmaid. Right, a tiger-striped nylon slip by Van Raalte. Same with Ralph Montenero. The hem of this ivory nylon Van Raalte full slip is done with lace and accordion pleats. When a slip has four inches of lace, followed by four inches of crystal pleating, it really gets me going. Where do you find your vintage slips? To them, they all look the same. Left, the hem of a vintage Adonna full slip features crystal pleating, lace, and lavender nylon. Right, the hem of a periwinkle nylon slip with lace and flower applique. In a fashion spread for a Vogue issue, Horst P.

**Chapter 3 : Sexier Than Silk: The Irresistible Allure of the Nylon Slip | Collectors Weekly**

*Prayer, Power & Petticoats Lessons in Faith from the First Ladies from Martha Washington to Laura Bush.*

Four two died in infancy, one at 17 and one at 27 First Lady: In , at the age of 51, Martha Washington was overjoyed to return to Mt. Vernon and retire with her husband. But it was a vast improvement over living in huts and temporary houses during the Revolutionary War, where she darned socks, made bandages, cared for wounded soldiers and struggled through the mud and ice of Philadelphia and Valley Forge. Vernon from to was a pleasant time, but it was only a short lull in a hard and oftentimes sorrowful life for Martha. Vernon, but the young country desperately needed George Washington as its first President, so she bundled up some belongings, her two grandchildren, and a few servants, and moved to New York. The trip was long and the weather did not cooperate. She actually missed the first inauguration and inaugural ball. Upon her arrival, she would have no rest, since her husband had already scheduled a large dinner for the next afternoon. Thus started eight years of receptions, dinners, callings, and entertainment that drained the energy and the resources of our first presidential couple. Washington declined to run a third term, setting a precedent that lasted for years. They never lived in Washington or the White House. Born in Virginia, Martha received little education beyond the domestic skills expected of a good and dutiful wife-to-be. And following the established protocol of colonial Virginia, she married at age 18 to a wealthy planter almost twenty years her senior. She had four children; two who died in infancy. Her husband died in , leaving her a widow at age 26 with two young children. She met and married George Washington in Her mild and gentle nature aside, Martha followed husband General George into service to their country: Her two children lived with them, but her daughter died of epilepsy in , and her son died of fever in Her son left a wife and four children, and George and Martha adopted the two youngest and raised them as their own. She had no role model and no instructions. She took no personal interest in politics, but devoted her life to her husband and family. After the presidency, the Washingtons returned to Mt. Vernon for two peaceful years before George, her dear friend and companion of 40 years, passed away. Martha lived another two and a half years before dying in of fever at the age of Martha was raised in the Church of England and attended St. She also brought up her children and grandchildren in the church and regularly read her Bible. One reference indicates that her daughter-in-law, Nellie, used to read the Psalms to her or sing her favorite hymns when Martha retired each evening at 9: During the Revolutionary War, Martha traveled north each winter to be with her husband wherever his troops were barracked for the season. One winter they were in Cambridge and she was dismayed to discover that the old Christ Church had been boarded up and abandoned. A participant wrote that it was a moving service with the soldiers escorting General Washington into the church with fife and drum and the little church resonating with the strong voices of the men singing hymns. When the chaplain read from Psalms and , it brought tears to many eyes. A viola and clarinet provided music, because they could not use the organ. The pipes had long been pulled out and turned into ammunition. When she was dying with the fever, Martha sent for her clergyman and received last communion. Although we know little of her formal religion, we know her faith from her actions. Despite the loss of a husband and four children, she never gave up hope. Although it would have been easy for her to assume the role of a cultured lady, sipping tea and giving parties, she went to Valley Forge to support her husband, her soldiers, and her new country. She was our first First Lady, and set an example of compassion and caring for all the First Ladies who followed. Lessons from Martha I called upon the Lord in distress: The Lord is on my side: I will not fear: The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidences in princes Psalm And I will walk at liberty: I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed Psalm Of the hundreds of lessons we might learn from Martha, perhaps the most important is the consistency of the Word of God. We read Psalms and , and ponder the words just as Martha and George and that small band of revolutionary soldiers did more than years ago. The same words, the same prayers, the same hymns are still being sung today in chapels, and barracks, in churches, and cathedrals the world over. They needed reassurance that the Lord was on their side. The war was not going well; losses were high, and supplies and

new recruits were low. Washington lamented that they were in a dire predicament. Dear God, thank you for being the same today as yesterday, as last year, as and years ago. May we always find the same comfort and guidance in your Scriptures as our fathers and forefathers before us.

### Chapter 4 : Don't Forget Your Family Prayer, a song by Petticoat Junction on Spotify

*Review: In Prayer, Power & Petticoats, Sue Tennant gives us a glimpse into the lives of all our First Ladies from Martha Washington to Laura blog.quintoapp.com see their struggles, their victories, and their joy -- or lack thereof.*

We see their struggles, their victories, and their joy -- or lack thereof. Each devotion gives us a brief look at the life of a First Lady. Then Tennant brings us a gem we can glean along with a scripture verse to reinforce it. She closes with a prayer for that lesson. Our First Ladies came from diverse backgrounds--some of them wealthy and some of them worked their way up from poverty. Several died before they could move into their new home or shortly thereafter. A few lost their husbands or a child while acting as First Lady. Others saw their daughters marry within the White House walls. From these special women, we learn compassion, courage, selflessness, dedication, adaptability, and many other lessons. From some, we see faith in action. From others, we learn the emptiness of glitter and fame. Several of these women wielded tremendous power and influence while others were quiet workers, both during their White House tenure and afterward. They were and are women just like us, but they happened to call the White House their home for a period of time. This is a unique devotional for women. History buffs will enjoy it as a devotional as well as an intimate look into how First Ladies impacted their world. We are all familiar with our forefathers. So if the First Lady is the power behind the president, who is the power behind the First Lady? From the first day of the new republic to this very morning, there has been prayer in the White House. Faith has played a dominant and consistent role in daily White House routine run by Prayer, Power, and Petticoats. Meet the wonderful wives and mothers who have much to teach us about family and faith, the First Ladies of the United States of America.

### Chapter 5 : Holy Priest Healing Azerite Traits/Powers and Armor Battle for Azeroth - World of Warcraft

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Battle for Azeroth, Patch 8. If you are yet to obtain your Heart of Azeroth , you can find out how to do so, as well as more information about it, in our Heart of Azeroth guide. About Our Author This guide has been written by Niphyr , a generally knowledgeable, long-time healing Priest and theorycrafter. You can follow him on Twitter. Choosing Azerite Gear as a Holy Priest Your choice of Azerite Gear pieces will almost always come down to the item level first, and the traits that it has second. Note that the traits you will look at when choosing gear are the Outer Ring traits, as these are the ones with the biggest impact on your gameplay. If the difference between the two items is less than 15 item levels, then you should choose the one with the better Outer Ring trait. As we said, though, this is a general rule and there are exceptions; for example, if you are comparing an extremely bad trait Blood Rite to an extremely good one Archive of the Titans. It is nearly impossible to take every single variable into account without using a tool like the Azerite Comparison calculator on the Holy Priest Spreadsheet to model the difference for yourself. It is worth noting that if the difference between the traits is very small, then the higher item level pick will be more desirable. Azerite pieces have a high amount of Stamina, increasing your maximum health. A tiny difference in that regard can be the difference between dying and surviving, so item level is almost always king. Choosing Azerite Traits as a Holy Priest Holy Priest does not have any traits powerful enough that they have an impact your gameplay. Sacred Flame does allows you to cast Holy Fire without it costing you Mana, however you should not prioritise casting Holy Fire over your regular healing spells. Therefore you should not adapt your playstyle to the traits on your gear and instead stick to playing appropriately for the encounter and your chosen talents and let any traits you have chosen just passively improve your healing. Below we will rank the traits for a raid setting by a tier system. Be aware that healing-specific traits in particular are difficult to simulate and rely on testing and log analysis when raid content is released, to help get a definitive value for some of the more complicated and situational traits. This page is populated with assistance from the Holy Priest Spreadsheet which is constantly being refined through play-testing and theorycrafting as time goes by. The ranking system is as follows. Any trait not listed in one of the above tiers provides no increase in healing output, or significant utility, though some may increase damage dealt. Outer Ring Traits Archive of the Titans also grants you the Reorigination Array passive while inside Uldir , which accumulates in power as weeks go by. It is strongly recommended you have at least one of either Archive of the Titans or Laser Matrix as either one will provide you with Reorigination Array. Blightborne Infusion is a nice amount of Critical Strike with good uptime. Champion of Azeroth is a solid buff to your secondary stats, however it is only located on one item which requires Exalted with Champions of Azeroth so may be difficult to obtain before you get a higher item level chest piece. Swirling Sands is another Critical Strike proc which is particularly easy to extend to the full duration during AoE healing. Incite the Pack causes you to occasionally increase your Mastery and that of up to two nearby allies for 20 seconds. Laser Matrix also grants you the Reorigination Array passive while inside Uldir, which accumulates in power as weeks go by.

## Chapter 6 : 10 Awesome Bible Verses About the Power of Prayer

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Everyone must open their eyes and see that evil thing that is right in front of us. This important thing that all the people of Salem should know: There are many different ways of finding a witch. I have written below some of the most common ways of telling if someone is a witch, or is not a witch. When unfortunate events occur, such as illness in the household, or of animals in the field, or the crops die, and if while in the midst of such a calamity a vision of another person, a ghost of someone recognizable, or an apparition appears, the living person whose image has appeared is most assuredly a witch. The witch doing the handiwork of the Devil is what is troubling the person; so do not be afraid to accuse them. Baking a witch cake is easy. Just use the power of white magic to discover the identity of the witch who is afflicting someone. Mix and bake together rye meal and urine from the burdened girls, and feed it to a dog. The witch will cry out in pain when the dog eats the cake. This is how you can identify her as a witch. Some animals are also suspicious of witchcraft. They are assigned by the Devil to help a Witch with black magic. Ferrets, rabbits, blackbirds, owls, crows, toads, and frogs are the most common familiars. Felines are especially suspicious. They are said to perform magical services for accused witches. The cat was rewarded a drop of blood for every service done. At the Church, the priests developed a thought that if one sees the shadow of Satan in anyone who had a strong relationship with an animal, she is a witch. If the accused witch touches the cursed victim while she is having a fit, and the fit stops, it means that the accused witch was the person in charge of afflicting the victim. Another kind of touch test is when the examiners put a needle into the body of the accused Witch, and if there is no pain and no blood, the accused is truly a Witch. If the accused Witch cries out in pain and if she bleeds, she is not a Witch. Poppits are items used for black magic, such as books of palmistry and horoscopes, and pots of ointments. There is another kind of evidence that are poppits called puppets. These are little dolls that look like the Witches Victim. After the Witch makes one, she damages it in some way, often just how she wishes to hurt the real person. A mole or blemish somewhere on the body of the accused Witch is called a Witches Teat. If there is hair on the body, the examiners will cut it off for a full body exam. If one mole or blemish is found on the body, she is a witch! Rocks are strapped to the accused witch and the accused witch is put into a body of water. If she floats or survives, she is a witch, and if the accused witch truly drowns, she is innocent. Use the ways above to determine the difference between an innocent person and a witch. The Devil will never stop taking souls from our friends and family, so try to stop him! The people of Salem, Massachusetts both agreed and disagreed. The religion of Salem is Calvinism. People in Salem believe that they are born into the world where God has already decided where they belong in the after-life. Like the Bible says people thought that witches were working with the devil so they burned and killed every person accused. Witchcraft is a serious crime punishable by death or imprisonment. The people no longer wanted death penalties, but unlike Salem, Massachusetts, England, and Scotland chose not to have that law apply to their own government. Satan can be called by many names but a lot of people know him as the Devil. Lucifer was kicked out of Heaven because he rebelled against God. God condemned Lucifer to Hell. Later Lucifer became known as the Devil or Satan. Witches are people who are believed to be working with Lucifer. Religion had a big role in how and why people believe in witches and witchcraft. When the girls were told witch stories by a slave, they began acting strangely and accusing people of witchcraft, people believed it right away because they were afraid of living their afterlife in Hell and they wanted to obey God. Fortunately at the end of the s all it took to become a member of the church was to be on good behavior. Good behavior means keeping watch on your neighbors to see whether or not they were witches or whether they were worshiping the Devil and going against God. It is a terrible invasion of privacy for some but people were self conscious about themselves and their surroundings. Church attendance is important because people are not suspicious as a church-goer as a person who does not attend church for reasons of non believers. The minister held most of

the power because people believed that he alone could communicate with God. The people did not like others who did not follow the same religion and beliefs as they do. Although people in Salem are all about having good behavior some do not have good sense. When the people went to church they were arranged by social level and wealth level. The wealthy and higher social level sat in the front and the children, slaves and servants sat in the back. They also divided it by gender. Only the men could vote on church matters. Being accused of witchcraft towards the end of the 17th century can be difficult because people will go straight to believing the accusers rather than getting to the answer. Religion, their main reason for being in Salem, Massachusetts, has caused a greater problem than it did in England. People move from England to be free of the governments grasp on their own beliefs. They do not like to be bossed around or told what to believe in and what not to believe in. These people sailed to Salem, Massachusetts hoping they would find a better life there because no one would be telling them what to do. Those girls caused one of the most tragic stories in America because twenty-four innocent men and women died falsely accused. What They Burn For For hundreds of years Europeans have cleansed their society of vicious and devilish people. Beginning around three hundred years ago people began noticing strange things occurring. People became mysteriously ill and strange droughts and floods which occurred without warning. Then they found the reason of the occurrences: Witches are people who had made a pact with the Devil and in served him in exchange for the power to use black magic for their own ends. Black magic allows the user to hurt and sicken people through occult forces. This bargain allows the Devil to advance his goal of spreading pain and suffering throughout the world. Needless to say, People began campaigns to stop these witches from doing their evil work. Many kings in Europe have taken extreme actions to completely eliminate the vial stain of witchcraft from their countries. King James I wrote book about witchcraft, and many other kings have set special groups to hunt them down and try them. The usual punishment for witchcraft is to be burned at the stake, and many people, witches or not, suffered from this punishment. The first witch trial in the British colonies was Mary Parsons, who was acquitted but died for murdering her child. This event happened in 1692. Witches can exercise their power either by sending a familiar to do their evil bidding or by going themselves and tormenting their intended target. They are given to a witch by her successor or by the Devil himself, and stay under a witches control by being fed her blood. Witches can also fly to the intended victim and pinch or bite them in order to cause pain. The person they have pinched or bitten will suffer from greater pain than the physical attack could cause. Witches also can cast spells that make the victim fall into fits, become sick or have various other misfortunes. There is almost no limit to the power of a witch, but for some of their spells they require strange herbs. Mandrake is commonly used, as well as many of the herbs that can be dug up in a forest. These herbs are put through special procedures such as drying and crushing as well as soaking in blood. These procedures give them their magical properties. Another sign of a witch is that water, being pure, will reject them if they are thrown into it. So they float if thrown into a pond with their hands tied behind their back, while an innocent person will sink. They also cause pain to their victims when near them. So their victim will be thrown into fits whenever they are near, and a movement of their hand or face will send the afflicted into even more pain. These ceremonies are mockeries of the holy Christian rites all good Christians perform. Most acts of evil and witchcraft are performed during these Sabbaths. These Sabbaths sometimes include flights on wooden sticks soaked in herbs or on strange animals to a place where reality is blurred. The food at these ceremonies can include unbaptized children or rotten meat from strange and unclean animals. Witches are a blemish on the Christian and European world of today. Everything that can be done to eliminate the terrible acts performed by the witches who haunt the darkest pit of society must be done. Witches are the opposite of all things good and holy, and they cause the pain and suffering of many people all over the world every day. They can be stopped with the help of everyone who wishes to rid society of the malicious deeds that have been committed by the vile and disgusting people known as witches. But all the same the English colonists have their own style--a fashion that is adapted to the extreme weather and hard work needed to survive. Most women in Salem only have two to four sets of clothing--one for weekdays, or working days, and one for Sunday. These sets of clothing usually consist of a bodice, which is a corset-like item that goes down to the waist and is usually laced very tightly.

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Oct11 Acquaintances are nice people and they say the kindest things. They try not ruffle any feathers by saying the wrong things: That is why I have several acquaintances and few friends. True friends may not always be around, but they are there when you call them. Friends will listen to your crazy talk and tell you the truth. They never abandon you in times of trouble and so the maxim holds true that a friend in need is a friend indeed. Many dear friends will satisfy a need for food or money if they have the means to do so. Friendship that is predicated on lying is a sham. If your friends require you to cover up their wrongs or vice versa to maintain a relationship, you share a broken alliance that is not a friendship. You best encourage and support a friend by influencing them to do right. Jesus showed his love for us through His death on the cross. He came to earth and put on human flesh, yet He never shared in our sins. That is why He could die for us because He was sinless. In the same way, we can love our friends and not condone or become an accessory to their sin. Unfortunately, today we are seeing more and more Christians support and even participate in ungodly acts done by friends to keep a relationship. In many cases, the party that they are protecting have no loyalty to them and view them as pawns to be used for their purpose. The most glaring is in the political arena. Christian people become allied with political parties and charismatic leaders and end up losing their identities crusading for causes that are misaligned to Christian principles. Essentially, they reject Jesus Christ for mere mortals who have no power and are prone to fail them. Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. What profit is there then in rejecting someone who gave up His life for you while you were helpless and blessed you with friendship when you did not deserve it for others who are unscrupulous? Jesus said this for us to understand that He is our true friend: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. God expects us to cultivate friendships and He commands us to love one another. However, He does not want any ideology, thing, or person to trump Him. He must have preeminence in our lives. He is always our friend in need and our friend in deed. This entry was posted on October 11, , in Uncategorized. Where is the man who will stand in the gap and declare the word of God without fear or favor? America is in spiritual turmoil: The state of spiritual degradation that we are facing today did not happen overnight. It happened slowly as Christians grew fat sitting on their couches, listening to flamboyant televangelists who stroke both their egos and their fears. These glossy sermons are professionally packaged “reminds one of a beautifully wrapped Christmas present that holds nothing but a worthless bauble, when opened. Once God-fearing churches are now adopting tactics to appeal to the world that are moving further and further away from the Bible. The most glaring example is in the music that is dished up to suit the perceived palates of mostly the young and the restless who are searching for authenticity, and the church cannot give it to them because the church is too busy serving up what they have left in the world. When the world comes to church, they expect to have a church experience. Nobody pays money to go an authentic French restaurant and expect to be served a blend of something French. If the food is a mixture of other cuisines, then it should be clearly stated “no surprises. It needs no special effects to be effective. God can achieve his purpose without the feeble attempts of human intervention: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart Hebrews 4: The church can be people friendly without compromising its basic principles that are built on the foundation of Christ Jesus. We can use various teaching strategies and the advantages of living in a technological to enrich the conveying of the gospel. Even Jesus used parables to make His messages clear to His audience. However, our intention should not be to mask or minimize the scriptures to draw or entertain a crowd. The whole purpose of the word of God is to bring positive change in the lives of people and not to placate them. If we abandon the word of God, we have abandoned God and all

the other things we do in His name are meaningless. The word allows God to speak through us “without it we have no voice. Our congregants and hearers can only develop a case of spiritual ennui when they listen to us that can only be cured by the very Word that we have rejected. This entry was posted on September 29, , in Uncategorized. Leave a comment Sep21 Salvation has a price. It cost God the Father the life of His only begotten Son! He was the One who required that cost because he valued the only creatures on earth that He made with His own hands and into whom He blew His precious breath. Through His obedience, He left His royal home in heaven, divested himself temporarily of immortality, took on human flesh, and paid the cost for human sin by dying on a rugged cross Philippians 2: He humbled himself as a babe in the womb of a young virgin and was born into a poor family and raised by a carpenter in a village where few people would care to settle. To say that he did not grow up in the lap of luxury is an understatement. The Gospels of Mark 6: Moreover, Jesus goes over and above, although He is more than capable of keeping us, by sending the Holy Ghost to be our Resident Protector and Comforter Extraordinaire: The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[ c ] in you. Because I live, you also will live. He also knew that not everyone would receive this gift readily, therefore, he instructed His disciples before He ascended into heaven that they should: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: He also revealed to them that: He has showed us the pattern in the Bible while He worked with His disciples during the course of His earthly ministry. Some of His followers were tough, stubborn, weak, fearful, impulsive and with passions like some of us, but Jesus prayed for them and taught them the word in ways that would help them understand kingdom living and building. He chided them when necessary, saw to it that they rested, showed concern for their daily needs and often encouraged them. We must be willing to try to invest in others what God has invested in us although we will never reach His mark. As we have freely received, we must freely give without any complaining. I learned a lesson about going the extra mile to see others saved and live a sanctified life in the book of Mark. They tried to press through an extremely large crowd with his bed without success. Realizing that it was almost impossible to get through to the Master, they: Think about what the men did for the sick man. Although the distance that they travelled to bring the paralytic to where Jesus was, we can glean from the story that they either had to carry or transport him and his litter on a beast of burden. God has not given us a choice in the matter of evangelism and discipleship. If the men who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus had not worked while they had daylight to get through the roof, he would not have been healed. Our heavenly Father takes note when we intercede for loved ones, coworkers, bosses, students, teachers, enemies and all our neighbors. He is pleased when we stay in the trenches with the fledgling believer and we strengthen our fellow Christians when they are weak. If the cost was little or nothing, we would lose sight of how much God loves us. Salvation is not cheap because souls are valuable to God. It will cost us to care but it is worth every bit of sacrifice to walk with another on their Christian journey.

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