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**NEW BIBLE STUDY TOOL – "Bible Yellow Pages"**

If you have never checked out the Bible Study Tools on the website, check them out at [http://christiangays.com/bible\\_study.shtml](http://christiangays.com/bible_study.shtml)

I have just added "Bible Yellow Pages" - Let your finders do the walking thru the Bible

**"Where to Look"** when - Afraid, Anxious, Backsliding, Bereaved, Bitter-Critical, Conscious of Sin, Defeated, Depressed, Disaster Threatens, Discouraged, etc

**"Christian Virtues & Character"** - Abundant life, Citizenship, Cleanliness, Consecration, Contentment, Courage, Diligence, Duty, Endurance, Faith, etc

**"Teaching About Life's Problems"** - Adultery, Adversity, Anger, Anxiety, Conceit, Covetousness, Crime, Death, Depravity, Divorce, Doubt, etc

*(Thanks Sharon!)*

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**RESEARCHER NEEDS YOU TO DO A SURVEY FOR HER PROJECT ON GLB EMPLOYEES**

Despite the prominence of issues regarding equality for gays and lesbians in the US over the last decade, and estimates that lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) employees comprise between 4 and 17% of the workforce, very little academic research has been conducted on the experiences of LGB employees. As such, I am conducting my dissertation research on LGB employees, specifically hoping to find out more about factors that affect LGB employee engagement at work.

I am a doctoral student at Virginia Tech and would greatly appreciate your participation in an online survey for this research project. The survey is completely anonymous, takes about 15-20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at the following URL:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=a9Dh\\_2fUDCkYXOK3QZX8ZUUw\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=a9Dh_2fUDCkYXOK3QZX8ZUUw_3d_3d)

I thank you in advance for your participation. In addition, if you would like to receive a copy of the results of the study, please contact me at [tboyles@vt.edu](mailto:tboyles@vt.edu)

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### **ELLEN DEGENERES DISCUSSES THE TRAGIC DEATH OF 15 YO LARRY**

Please watch this YouTube video.

<http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>

*(Thanks Andrew!)*

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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR "TRANSLATING IDENTITY CONFERENCE" (TIC) - BURLINGTON, VT**

which will take place on November 8th, 2008, at the University of Vermont. If you are unfamiliar with our conference, TIC is a student-run event (free and open to the public) that focuses on gender and gender identities.

We hope to reach out to the University of Vermont, the Burlington community, and the nation as a whole to educate us all further on transgender and gender non-conformant topics.

Check out our website at <http://www.uvm.edu/~tic/> for more information, or email us at [tic@uvm.edu](mailto:tic@uvm.edu)

We would like to give you this opportunity to propose a session for this year's conference. The deadline for proposal submissions is June 1st, 2008.

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## **LAWMAKER SALLY KERN SAYS GAYS ARE WORSE THAN TERRORISTS**

Visit the **Human Rights Campaign** page at [http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/campaign/ok\\_rep\\_sally\\_kern\\_cen?rk=QdsTp1sqILkGW](http://www.hrcactioncenter.org/campaign/ok_rep_sally_kern_cen?rk=QdsTp1sqILkGW)

Watch the secret recording of Oklahoma Representative Sally Kern stating that **homosexuality is a bigger threat to our nation than "terrorism or Islam"**. Rep. Kern has refused to apologize for her remarks.

Please take the time to send a message to Governor Brad Henry, Representative Chris Benge, Senator Mike Morgan, and cc to Representative Sally Kern condemning these remarks.

*(Thanks Todd!)*

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## **NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS, March 1 - 14**

March 2: Rocker **Lou Reed**, 1942

March 3: Fashion designer **Perry Ellis**, 1940

March 6: Italian Renaissance artist **Michelangelo**, 1475

March 7: Composer **Maurice Ravel**, 1875

March 8: Writer **Patrick Califia**, 1954

March 9: Writer **Vita Sackville-West**, 1892

March 12: Dramatist **Edward Albee**, 1928

*(from glbtq.com)*

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## **THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE - By Gregory M. Lousingnot, Ph.D ©1993**

Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life, ever!

There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did! And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger.

I will go through this day with my head held high, and a happy heart.

I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts: the morning dew, the sun, the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the birds. Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice.

Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know.

Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for them and how much they mean to me.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me.

I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and his Divine Plan ensures everything will be just fine.

Tonight, before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and the moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures.

As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be .....

The Best Day Of My Life!

*(Thanks Jack!)*

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### **ACTS 2:38**

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'\*

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!'

Send this to someone who needs a laugh today and remember: Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

*(Thanks James!)*

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### **WHAT I'VE LEARNED - by Ruth Bourdon**

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

I've learned that you can make some one's day by simply sending them a little note.

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her needs to cast blame on others.

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things, a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life".

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love human touches -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about. Sometimes they just need a little something to make them smile.

*Visit Ruth's Web page at: <http://hometown.aol.com/gypsycat9/myhomepage/profile.html>*

*(Thanks Jack!)*

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God bless,  
Mary

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