

OV daily devotions DAY FIVE (Wednesday - 6/12/19)

Who Pays for All This?

You may have heard this question thrown out when you're around a bunch of adults who are talking about politics. If you've had a class in civics or government, you already know the answer. Actually, your parents know the answer too. They just tend to get a little frustrated at some of the things we pay for through taxation.

It's actually called revenue and the answer is that "we" do; we pay for it. Through a system of taxation, the responsibility for paying for bridges, infrastructure repairs, etc. is shared by all of us (ideally). Really that's the way it should be. If we are the benefactors of government programs that are mutually beneficial, we should all bear the fiscal responsibility.

Now, let's tackle a deeper question. If Jesus is THE bridge and we are the recipients of God's love and His salvation, who pays for that and what did it cost? I think you know the answer. By dying for us, Jesus paid the price of sin for us. He took our sins upon himself and paid with His own life.

What will we do with great gift? The best we can do is give back our lives to God. Set aside our own selfish desires and spend ourselves in loving and serving God. It's just that simple: we Admit we are sinners, Believe on Jesus Christ, and Confess our sins to God. This simple formula is the beginning of receiving this costly gift of salvation.

Once we've done that, we become part of God's family. We spend ourselves telling others about Him and taking care of ourselves so we remain spiritually strong witnesses of His grace.

How much do you think the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco cost
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How much do you think the bridge is "worth?" What is its value in our country
today? _____

The construction of the Golden Gate Bridge came at the beginning of the Great Depression. This depression brought extremely tough times financially, yet that was the time that construction began on the bridge. Sometimes we have to invest ourselves the most when things are bad. Read Romans 5:6-8.

What do you think about God's timing in sending His son to die for us? _____

Have you ever "wanted" something so badly, but knew you couldn't afford it? What was it? Did you end up getting it? What happened?

Why did God not wait until "we" made things better for ourselves? Maybe it would not have costed Him so much. _____

What does it cost you to follow Jesus? Do you sometimes think the price is too high? _____