

Being Thrifty and Helping Those in Need

Liu Yun was born in Caozhou Nanhua in China. He was very good at financial management. During the reigns of Emperors Suzong and Daizong in the Tang Dynasty, he was in charge of important responsibilities such as transportation, taxation, salt and steel, fundraising, and other related endeavors. As such an important government official, who had power over all matters of finance, he was indeed incorruptible and honest. He honored thriftiness and liked to help others in need.

Once, in the middle of the winter, Liu Yun was on his way to the official morning meeting. He saw some stores selling sesame seed cakes on the side of the road and decided to buy some hot cakes to eat. He went inside one bakery but quickly came back out again. When his servant asked him why, it turned out that the bakery was expensive. In the end, Liu Yun found a less expensive bakery and bought his cakes there.

Other officials on their way to the gathering all passed by the less expensive bakery. When they saw Prime Minister Liu Yun gnawing on its sesame seed cakes, they ridiculed him. Liu Yun only smiled and told them that the cakes were delicious.

His servants were all embarrassed, but Liu Yun said, "It is a virtue to live prudently. Only by losing one's virtue can one lose his or her status, and a virtuous person will always be thrifty."

Liu Yun often said to others, "Human beings need shelter, so there is no need to worry about the beauty of the house. Meals are for fulfillment, so there is no need to worry about the variety of dishes. Horseback riding is for reliable transportation, so there is no need to worry about whether the horse has a beautiful mane."

Source: Clear Harmony

Boudreaux's Wisdom

One day Boudreaux, his wife Clotile, Boudreaux's friend Pierre, and Pierre's wife Marie were talking. Clotile asked "Mais y'all, wat you tink is the most fastest ting in de world, huh?"

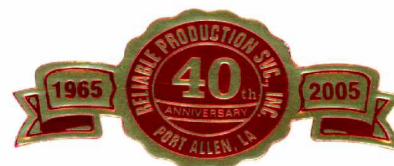
Pierre says, "Mais, Clotile, the fastest ting in the world is to tink a tought. Before you can tink a tought ... you've done tunk!"

Pierre's wife Marie thought about this some and she said "Mais, Pierre, I can tink of something faster den dat. I tink de fastest ting in the world is when you blink you eye. Before you can tink a tought, you've done blunked a blink."

After a while, Clotile says, "Mais I can tink of sometin faster den dat, I tink de fastest ting in de world is a light switch. When you flip dat switch, before you can tink a tought or before you blunk a blink, dat light comes on."

Boudreaux thinks about all this awhile and says "Y'all are all wrong. De fastest ting in de world is diarrhea. One time I had dat diarrhea, and all of a sudden before I could tink, blink, or flip dat light on, I done messed in my pants! How bout dat?!"

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News from "Down the Bayou"



All is well in Thibodaux, according to David Tullos, Division Manager for Reliable Amusements' South Louisiana Operation. Tullos reports that business is good and still growing, with the addition of five new locations and another truck stop casino scheduled to be opened this spring. Last years addition to our business family, Diamond Jim's Truck stop and Casino, is also doing great; located in Labadieville on LA. Hwy. 1, the facility offers a full-service café, convenience store and casino. Tullos states that there are 20 full-time employees on staff and the truck stop operates 365 days per year. He invites everyone in the Reliable family to stop by and say hello when you're in the area. He added, "The hurricane beat us up pretty bad and caused a delay in our remodeling plans, but everything is on track now and all repairs and upgrades should be completed by the end of February." Food, fuel and fun, it's all here in one location! Along with David, our Thibodaux office is staffed by Nicole Foret (9 yrs.) and Carla Hebert (5 yrs.). These ladies keep things running in an orderly fashion and help out in anyway needed. There are five route technicians working in Thibodaux. They are Mike Delcambre (14 yrs.), Jack Douglas (12 yrs.), James Granier (9 yrs.), Corey LeBlanc (5 yrs.) and Chad Chiasson (6 mos). Tullos is extremely proud of his staff and credits them with the success of our operation "down the bayou".

February Anniversaries

Gary Rivet 30 yrs. 2/1 RPS
Paul Bergeron 5 yrs. 2/1 LRI
Tim Zeno 18 yrs. 2/1 RPS
James Granier 9 yrs. 2/10 RAC
Jane Stelly 3 yrs. 2/20 RPS



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Think About It

Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.

February Birthdays

Gary Rivet 2/1 RPS
Randall Young 2/6 LRI
James Goode 2/10 RPS
Wilton Alexander 2/11 LRI
Ricky Carriere 2/16 RPS
Darrell Harris 2/23 RPS
John Helweg 2/25 RPS
Steve Gosserand 2/25 LRI
Kenneth Clardy 2/26 RPS
Connie Gosserand 2/27 RAC

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"SAFETY FIRST"

Seat Belts Save Lives



Thousands of people, apparently believing themselves immune to the laws of physics, die each day as a result of vehicle accidents, because they were not wearing seat belts. According to the laws of physics, if a vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour, its contents and passengers are also moving at 30 miles per hour. The vehicle's sudden stop at 30 miles per hour can mean the difference of life or death to the passengers wearing seat belts.

People are a vehicle's most valuable content and seat belts keep people in place. In a crash, unbelted passengers will fly toward the point of impact, colliding with anything in their path, like a dashboard, windshield or steering wheel with several pounds of moving force. While it's dangerous to smash into a dashboard or windshield, it can be deadly to be "thrown clear." Thrown clear of what? Telephone poles, trees, or oncoming traffic? Thrown through what? The windshield or door? Airborne objects maintain momentum as they sail, without the option of where or how they land. In a collision, passengers launched from a vehicle are twenty-five times more likely to die.

In a vehicle accident, the safest place to be is inside the vehicle, attached to the vehicle's seat. It's the seat belt that keeps passengers in place. In a collision, the one part of the vehicle that stays reasonable intact, no matter how battered the outsides might be, is the vehicle's seats. For high speeds, nighttime driving, and bad weather, many passengers do buckle up, but the fact is that most fatalities occur in dry, sunny weather, at speeds under 40 miles per hour and within 25 miles of work or home. Perhaps you are a safe driver in control of your vehicle, but there are a lot of other drivers not in control of their vehicles; drivers who drink too much, not had enough sleep or didn't see the light change. You can't control them. Seat belts are your best protection against those drivers. In Louisiana, wearing seat belts is the law. Buckle up and protect yourself so you don't become another statistic in the accident and fatality records.

Plastic Worms

Here's the scenario... You're backing out of a long driveway when suddenly you hit an unoccupied parked vehicle. You get out checking for damage and it becomes apparent to you that no one has witnessed the incident. At this point, you could leave and say nothing or you can leave a business card with a note explaining what happened. Let's assume you left the note. What made you do it? Was it the fact that someone else shouldn't have to pay for your mistake? Was it the fact that maybe someone could have seen it happen and you fear they may come forward and point you out later? Maybe you have been influenced by certain people who taught you right from wrong and your heart wouldn't allow you to sleep at night. Have you heard the saying, "A clear conscience makes a soft pillow?"

Let's put a child in the scenario. Let's say that your teenager is in the car with you. What do you do now? Do you leave the note? At this point, your character, as well as the impression you leave on your passenger is at stake. New York Times best selling author Robert Fulghum makes this clear when he wrote, "Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you." To leave without taking responsibility might teach your passenger to do the same. Not only would you be of ill character, but you are also leading the next generation down a wrong path. A person with a properly formed conscience can't look themselves in the mirror if they didn't do what was right, and they wouldn't teach others that it is okay to escape the consequences of your actions.

When the day comes that you are caught in a moral dilemma, ask yourself one question before the sun goes down. "Can I sleep with the decision I make? If you like sleeping on a soft pillow, you'll have no trouble doing what's right. As for those who rest easy while others bear the cost of your mistakes, the day will come when your luck will run out, and when it does, as the old saying goes, "You made your bed now, you sleep in it." Translation... Suffer the consequences of your actions, and don't be surprised when you receive very little sympathy for not being forthcoming.