

# The Lakeside



## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday February 19, 2024 - Proverbs 3: 5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
6 In all your ways submit to Him and He will direct your path.

Read Proverbs 3 for meditation and inspiration.



## ***LET GO AND LET GOD***

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

A husband and wife, together with their teenage son, were invited to a neighbor's wedding. For the boy, it was the first time attending such an affair. As the family entered the Church, an usher extended his elbow and asked, "Are you on the bride's side or the groom's?" Before his parents could respond, the boy whispered, "Are they taking sides already?"

Into every loving relationship comes the inevitable quarrel that moves those involved into their respective corners, holding fast to their version of the truth. And as the saying goes, there's three sides to every story: Yours, mine, and the truth.

From a more sensitive perspective, a pastor has written that a lover's quarrel "is like a storm at sea; all the fury is on the surface, but underneath there is a deep current of love."

Engraved on the tombstone of poet Robert Frost are the words: "I had a lover's quarrel with the world." Frost, himself, chose that epitaph. What it means, really, is that he had a lover's quarrel with God. And, whether we realize it or not, the same is true of us all. We have an ongoing lover's quarrel with the world and with God because we want what we want and we want it now!

God's plans for us are always perfect and far, far beyond our own. And God's timing is always perfect. As someone said, God always answers our prayers on time but never early.

The point is to realize that God is in control and when you allow your life to respond to that control we can lay back and join in to God's plans for us. We can stop our quarrel with our world and with our God. For each of us, God is good all the time!!

In God's grip,

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