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BEING TICKLISH

A Study in the Power of Holy Laughter



For this is what it means to be a king: to be first in every desperate attack and last in every desperate retreat, and when there's hunger in the land (as must be now and then in bad years) to wear finer clothes and **laugh louder** over a scantier meal than any man in your land.

King Lune

The Horse and His Boy

The Art of Tickling

As employed by Eric Ludy

Holy Laughter

A Song of Heaven

Tickling

Injecting the song of holy laughter into someone's life, so they can sing it, even if it is but for a moment

The Hole in the Prison Wall

Being Ticklish

Receiving the song of holy laughter from a loved one, as if it were, in fact, a gift of grace and truth

The Damper Peddle of the Devil

That which quells the song

Hilaros - Hē-lä-ro's

cheerful, joyous, prompt and instant in doing something; merrily setting out to do hard things

God loves a *Hilaros* giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7b

Hilarious

Exceedingly amusing; very funny

The Cheerful “Yes, Lord!”

The “Please let me do that for you, Lord!”

What Really Is Christianity?

Doing the “Hilarious” with “Hilaros”

Or, doing the “Exceedingly Amusing” with “Cheerfulness”

If God who sits in the heavens can laugh, His children on earth should be loyal enough to do exactly as their Father does.

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What is in a Name?

God's sense of humor, that's what!

Tsachaq - Tsä·khak' - to laugh (verb)

Yitschaq - Yits·khäk' - He laughs (a proper masculine name)

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name **Yitschaq**; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Genesis 17:19

3-year-old named Reese:

*Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name. Amen.*

A little boy was overheard praying:

*Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.
I'm having a real good time like I am.*

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied:

That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service:

And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?

One bright little girl replied:

Because people are sleeping.

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson:

If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait."

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said:

Ryan, you be Jesus!

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. The son asked:

Daddy, what happened to him?

The Dad replied:

He died and went to Heaven.

The boy thought a moment and then said:

Did God throw him back down?

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said:

Would you like to say the blessing?

The girl replied:

I wouldn't know what to say.

The wife answered:

Just say what you hear Mommy say.

The daughter bowed her head and said:

Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?

A Merry Heart

A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

Proverbs 15:15

Studying the Reaction of the Father

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.

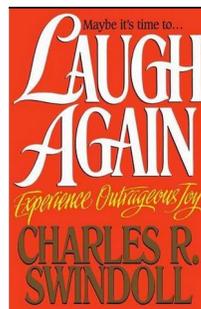
He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

Psalm 2:1-4

If God who sits in the heavens can laugh, His children on earth should be loyal enough to do exactly as their Father does.

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The Loss of Laughter (Laugh Again)



What is Your Position?

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness . . .

Isaiah 61:10

When the ear heard, then it blessed me, And when the eye saw, then it approved me;
because I delivered the poor who cried out, the fatherless and the one who had no helper.
The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing
for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban.
I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to the lame. I was a father to the poor, And I
searched out the case that I did not know. I broke the jaws of the wicked, And plucked the
victim from his teeth.

Job 29:11-17

The ~~Hoover~~ Hilaros Salesman

Presenting the Hilaros Gold Package (the free upgrade to the Hilaros Life of the Christian)

Directions: Simply Plug this Package into your existing Hilaros Life console and enjoy the rich benefits afforded the lifetime members of the Hilaros Family of Saints.

What's in the Gold Package, you ask?

This bundle contains all you will ever need for the adventure of life. It includes the following . . .

1) the Hilaros “Skip-n-Whistle” engine

Unlike other skip-n-whistles that stumble and go dry the moment difficulty arises, this baby stays moist and active even when the guillotine blade is dropping. It's guaranteed to endure through the moments that make grown men cry.

2) The Hilaros “Song in the Night” audio plug-in

This puppy can be sung literally anywhere. It's specially designed for concentration camps, prison cells, and while bleeding on crosses. Basically, the song is designed to get louder and stronger as the difficulty increases. Makes even the worse singer sound like an angel chorus.

3) The Hilaros “Laugh-out-loud” fountain pump

This hearty chuckle is one of the most utilized tools in the Gold package. It is built to be left on always. In every situation, in and amidst every challenge you can push the

“laugh” button and this amazing instrument will actually tickle the belly, stir the inner man, and remind the soul of the victory of the Cross. The more you push the “laugh” button, the more you laugh. Use it at your discretion. It functions sort of like a geyser, the motor on this “Laugh-out-Loud” pump sinks to the bottom of the stomach, right into that empty place created by the tragedy, the difficulty, or the trial, and from there shoots pure unadulterated joy upward into the whole chest cavity and ultimately out through the mouth. Disclaimer: This pure joy usually comes out as laughter, but the consumer should note that this pure joy has been known to emerge from the body in other unique and delightful forms as well (ie. dancing, crying, shouting, hugging, high-fiving, and the like).

4) The Hilaros “Leap for Joy” trampoline

This springy trampoline-like substance is designed to go wherever your feet may carry you. It travels as an invisible ever-ready-to-spring upward force beneath the feet of the Christian. Made of a supernatural substance that is built to bounce back when pressed against. It is made to never lose its spring, even amidst the most bitter cold, the harshest trials, and the hottest fires. It specializes in times of pressure and is uniquely designed to convert downward pressure into upward push. The bigger the weight; the greater the pressure downward - the higher it sends the Christian upward. To maximize the ability of this heavenly trampoline, the Christian must move in agreement with the upward push of the trampoline. He/she must let her feet go airborne when the upward push comes. If this is done in concert with the upward force of the trampoline, then “boing”, those beautiful Christian feet will spring upward with vigorous and joy-infused force.

The Church and the Art of Tickling

For God so loved the world that He gave . . .

John 3:16

God loves a *Hilaros* giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Tickling and Being Ticklish