



**“A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance...”**  
**Proverbs 15:13a**

"Ten Old Testament figures once went up a carousel. The funny thing about it was that the name of each figure started with at least one letter taken from the end of the name of the figure seated right behind. Use these hints and find out who they were." For example, Elijah might follow Ezekiel on the carousel (Ezeki\*EL-EL\*ijah).

1. To whom did the Lord say the following verse? *"Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me"* (Exodus 8:1)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (5 letters)
2. In a dramatic biblical moment, who said these words to his twin brother? *"Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint"* (Genesis 25:30)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)
3. The following verse is how we get to know the first king of Israel, and one of the Bible's most tragic figures, for the first time. Who was he? *"... and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people."* (1 Samuel 9:2) Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)
4. Who was the firstborn mentioned below, whom Laban gave to Jacob? *"And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn."* (Genesis 29:26)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)
5. Who was the king of Israel referred to in the following verse? *"And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."* (1 Kings 21:7)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)
6. Very little is known about this member of the minor prophets. In the following verse, which opens the book bearing his name, we see a very rare outcry on what he perceives as divine injustice. Who was this prophet? *"O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!"* (chapter 1:2)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (8 letters - watch your spelling, 3 K's here)
7. Who was the leader of the following rebellion against Moses and Aaron? *"And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?"* (Numbers 16:3)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (5 letters)
8. Who was the woman quoted below who defended Joshua's spies in Jericho? *"For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt"* (Joshua 2:10) Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (5 letters)
9. To whom did the Lord say the following words? *"Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* (Genesis 12:1-3) Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ (5 letters, or an alternative name of 7 letters is also accepted)
10. The following quote is from a book bearing the name of the prophet whose prophecy of wrath revolved around the ill fate of a nation in which social injustice is rooted. Who was he? *"Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks."* (chapter 4:1-2)  
 Answer \_\_\_\_\_ (4 letters)

# Lilies of the Valley Newsletter

*Luke 12:27-28 "Consider the lilies how they grow"*

*A Ministry of Blackstone Valley Baptist Church*

See if you can find the hidden heart in this  
 3D picture....



*"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God"*

## August 2014

# Anniversary Revival

August 10th -17th

The Long's will be with us  
7:00pm each night.

*There will be a church picnic at  
1:00pm on Saturday the 16th.*

WITHOUT GOD

our week would be

SINDAY

MOURNDAY

TEARSDAY

WASTEDAY

THIRSTDAY

FIGHTDAY

SHATTERDAY

7 days without God

makes ONE WEAK

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Read your Bible, pray everyday and you'll  
grow, grow, grow.



*Ladies Prayer Time.  
Tuesday Mornings  
at 10:00a.m.*

## How To Make Foolproof Crock Pot Yogurt

by Katherine Grossman



Homemade yogurt is actually very simple to make. All you need is crock pot, a thermometer, some fresh milk and a little bit of the proper type bacteria. The crock pot method of making yogurt produces very dependable results. It is pretty much foolproof as long as you follow the directions faithfully. If you want success – don't improvise.

### Here's What You'll Need:

- 1 Gallon of Milk – Doesn't matter what type of milk
- 2 Tablespoons of Starter Yogurt – The bacteria for the yogurt has to come from somewhere. If you don't already have a starter you'll need some yogurt. It can be any type of yogurt but must have both of the active and live cultures of **lactobacillus bulgaricus** and **streptococcus thermophilus**. Read the label to make sure you have the right starter bacteria.

Electric Crock Pot  
Some Type of Cooking or Dairy Thermometer  
A Whisk or Fork  
A Colander  
Muslin, Plyban Cheesecloth or Some Type of Woven Cloth  
Bath Towel or Woolen Scarf  
Oven or Other Draft Free Warm Location

- \*Place the gallon of milk into the crock pot and cover. Heat the milk slowly until the milk is between 180°F – 190°F. It is vital to heat the milk to at least 180°F.
- \*Once the milk comes to the desired temp allow it to cool naturally and undisturbed to a temp of 110°F. It takes about 3 ½ to 4 hours to cool to that temperature. It is critical to the success of the yogurt that you catch the milk at 110°F. 110°F is the ideal temperature for inoculating yogurt. A temperature any higher may kill the added bacteria. And if the temperature is too cool the bacteria will not thrive.
- \*Remove about 1 cup of warm milk into a separate cup or small bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of starter yogurt to the cup of milk. Do not add any extra yogurt. 2 tablespoons are all you need.
- \*With a fork or a whisk, gently but thoroughly stir the starter yogurt into the cup of milk to inoculate it.
- \*Next pour the inoculated milk back into the crock pot and stir in gently going from side to side. Do not stir in circles – use a careful and slow up and down lifting motion moving across the length of the crock.
- \*Carefully lift the covered crock out of the electric base and place it into a cool oven. Lay a bath towel or woolen shawl snugly around the crock and leave it undisturbed overnight or for about 10 – 12 hours.
- \*You want the milk to stay nice and warm. An oven with a pilot light or electric light turned on works great. Do not disturb the milk and keep the oven door closed. If you open the oven door you may have a yogurt failure.
- \*After 10 or 12 hours your yogurt should be solid with a layer of whey on the top. If you like a thicker yogurt you'll need to drain or carefully pour off the whey. The way that I do it is by pouring the yogurt into a colander lined with Plyban cheesecloth that has been set on top of a large pot.
- \*Whey Left Behind From Straining Yogurt  
It takes about 2 hours of draining to make a thick natural yogurt, and about 3 or 4 hours to make Greek style yogurt. Once the yogurt is the thickness that I want, I lift the cheese cloth from the colander and carefully dump the yogurt into a covered dish or large container.
- \*Finished Homemade Yogurt  
I store my yogurt in a refrigerator or a cooler to keep it sweet tasting. Some people prefer a tart yogurt and do leave it out at room temperature for over 24 hours. The longer yogurt stays at room temperature the more tart it will become.  
I try to always remember to save a little bit back so I have starter for the next batch.

For more pictures and information visit her website: <http://www.granny-miller.com/how-to-make-foolproof-crock-pot-yogurt/>

# WHO WERE THEY???



## MIRIAM

Ask older brothers and sisters what their greatest trial in life is and they will often answer, "My younger brother (or sister)!" This is especially true when the younger sibling is more successful than the older. The bonds of family loyalty can be strained to the breaking point.

When we first meet Miriam she is involved in one of history's most unusual baby-sitting jobs. She is watching her infant brother float on the Nile River in a waterproof cradle. Miriam's quick thinking allowed Moses to be raised by his own mother. Her protective superiority, reinforced by that event, must have been hard to give up as she watched her little brother rise to greatness.

Eventually Moses' choice of a wife gave Miriam an opportunity to criticize. It was natural for her insecurity to break out over this issue. With Moses married, Miriam was clearly no longer the most important woman in his life. The real issue was the fact that he was now the most important man in Israel. "...Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us?.." Numbers 12:2. God had a quick answer for Miriam and Aaron. Without denying their role in his plan, God clearly pointed out his special relationship with Moses. Miriam was stricken with leprosy, a deadly disease. But Moses, true to his character, intervened for his sister, so that God healed Miriam.

Before criticizing someone else, we need to pause long enough to discover our own motives. Failing to do this can bring disastrous results. What is often labeled "constructive criticism" may actually be destructive jealousy, since the easiest way to raise our own status is to bring someone else down. Are you willing to question your motives before you offer criticism? Does the critical finger you point need to be pointed first toward yourself?

<b>Strengths and Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick thinker under pressure</li> <li>• Able leader</li> <li>• Songwriter and Prophetess</li> </ul>
<b>Weakness and mistakes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was jealous of Moses' authority</li> <li>• Openly criticized Moses' leadership</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson from her life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The motives behind criticism are often more important to deal with than the criticism itself.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Verse</b>	<p>"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." Exodus 15:20-21</p>

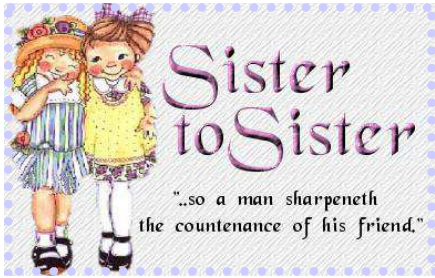
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## The Four Tongues

The Controlled Tongue	Those with this speech pattern think before speaking, know when silence is best, and give wise advice.	Proverbs: 10:19; 11:12,13; 12:16; 13:3; 15:1,4,28; 16:23; 17:14,27,28; 21:23; 24:26
The Caring Tongue	Those with this speech pattern speak truthfully while seeking to encourage.	Proverbs: 10:32; 12:18,25; 15:23; 16:24; 25:15; 27:9
The Conniving Tongue	Those with this speech pattern are filled with wrong motives, gossip, slander, and a desire to twist truth.	Proverbs: 6:12-14; 8:13; 16:28; 18:8; 25:18; 26:20-28
The Careless Tongue	Those with this speech pattern are filled with lies, curses, quick-tempered words—which can lead to rebellion and destruction.	Proverbs: 10:18,32; 11:9; 12:16,18; 15:4; 17:9,14,19; 20:19; 25:23

What we say probably affects more people than any other action we take. It is not surprising, then, to find that Proverbs gives special attention to words and how they are used. Four common speech patterns are described in Proverbs. The first two should be copied, while the last two should be avoided.

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## **BUCKLE UP & HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT! HERE WE GO!!!!**

*It's August! The dog days of Summer, our church's anniversary...and it's time for REVIVAL!*

*Come along for the ride, it'll be more thrills than you could ever imagine. Our dear friends Pam & Danny Long have lead us in the revivals for several years now and oh how we enjoy having them around! Brother Danny will take us on a spiritual ride through the valleys, around the bends and twists and turns, with bumps and slams till you finally reach the mountain highs. So, **BUCKLE UP & HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT! HERE WE GO!!!***

*Are you ready? Here we go! We're starting off in the valley, the Valley of Sin that hinders us from serving God the way we should be. Have you spent time in prayer? Psalm 66:18 says "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me;" so make sure that you have confessed your sins and come to the revival meetings with a clean heart. Examine your heart carefully and come prepared to meet with God. THEN, will He hear your petitions so that you will begin a much needed revival within yourself.*

*But, WATCH OUT! Here comes a bump in the road! Always drive defensively! Remember that Satan is just watching and waiting for God's people to get right so that he can distract them and keep them from coming to the services. 1 Peter 5:8 says "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour;" OH YAH ! I forgot to warn you about the lions and tigers and bears...oh my!!! I remember when we hosted the Ladies' Seminars that there were so many times that those who were involved in the preparation of the seminar would find themselves under the worst attack from Satan because they were being diligent in serving God. We got SLAMMED! Many of us were afflicted with sudden illnesses, sudden family problems or emergencies, etc. We were getting hit from all directions to prevent us from bringing forth God's work to the ladies. We had to*

*constantly be immersed in prayer and covered in the blood of Jesus. Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." So, beware of lions on your trip to the altar and make sure you've got an emergency kit in the trunk. You just might need it revival week.*

*Don't let your guard down, here comes a twist and turn in the road! Have you cleared your calendar for the week? Be always aware that Satan is trying to give you all kinds of excuses to stay away from receiving a blessing. It's too hot. It's raining too hard. My boss suddenly needs me to work late and the list goes on. All those twists and turns he's going to throw at you during the week will have you ducking for cover. WATCH OUT FOR THAT POTHOLE!! Watch out for those sudden problems that will require your attention to keep you away from the services. He will make your life miserable and make you WRECK if he has to, just to ruin your testimony and to prevent you from going forward in serving God. He just wants to take the glory away from God.*

*Now, STAY FOCUSED! Don't take your eyes off the road, that is, the mission of a successful revival and going forth serving Christ. Keep going and as we travel through our journey during revival week, we will finally get to the mountain top where we will share in the blessings that God has reserved for us. As we reflect on the week, please remember how God spoke to your heart and think on what it is that He is asking of you. Do you need to change some things? And when we got out to stretch our legs on our way up to the mountain top, that wasn't Brother Danny running over your toes. NO, that was the Holy Spirit speaking to you loud and clear. When you got saved and made a commitment to walk in the footprints of Jesus, a new work had begun in you. Philippians 1:6 says "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:." God wants to keep us on the right road and expects us to continue growing in Him and serving Him diligently. He wants nothing but good things for His children and though we might have a rough ride sometimes getting there, isn't it just the greatest,*