

I'm not a big fan of television, but I like one show

If you have read many of these columns you have probably figured out by now that I am not a big fan of television.

There are several reasons why that is which we wouldn't go into now. However, there is one show that I enjoy watching. I find it inspiring actually.

Can you imagine that? Something on what I like to call "Prime Slime" television inspiring.

But to see individuals better themselves by exercising and eating healthy and breaking through personal barriers encourages me.

Actually, I have felt guilty a time or two watching it as these individuals do these intense work outs and I sit on my couch and watch. Talk about a paradox?

So what does talking about the Biggest Loser have to do with this



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• moments from calvary

week's Moment from Calvary? Simple, the show is about people bettering themselves and being sincere about where they are in life.

It can be a scary thing to stop and do a personal inventory of who we really are, but it is a great thing to do, and to do regularly.

The book of Philippians is my favorite book in the Bible. There is a passage of Scripture that deals with the topic of sincerity.

It is found in Philippians 1:10 it is part of a prayer the Apostle Paul is praying for the church at Philippi.

He prays that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. The New Living

Translation puts it this way, "For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until Christ returns." One translation uses "sincere" in the place of "blameless."

Why is that so important? For this reason, the word sincere comes from a Latin word meaning "without wax." In the original Greek (the language of the Bible) it means "sun-tested."

In Bible times merchants sold very fine porcelain that was greatly valued and therefore expensive.

Sometimes when it was fired in the kiln tiny cracks would appear.

Dishonest merchants would smear pearly-white wax over these cracks, which would pass for unblemished porcelain—unless it was held up to the light of the sun.

Honest merchants marked their wares sine cera – "without wax." That's a picture of genuine sincerity. No shame, no hypocrisy, no hidden cracks to be covered over.

You say, "How can I live this way?"

I love what I came across at the Word for Today website to answer that great question.

It said, "By keeping your eyes on Christ, not Christians! Paul writes, 'As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received' (Eph 4:1 NIV). When Paul wrote this he was

under house arrest in Rome, yet he didn't regard himself as a prisoner of the Romans.

No, he was a prisoner of Jesus, a voluntary slave, totally in subjection to the Lord.

There's a metaphorical meaning to this word 'prisoner'. It can mean 'binding as with a spell.'

Paul was literally captivated by Jesus Christ!

He thought and talked about nothing else.

He got up every morning determined to please Him. Some days he didn't do too well. We all have those days.

But the next morning he was up and at it again, more determined and more committed than ever.

Paul's sincerity wasn't based on keeping certain religious rules or trying to look good.

It was based on a deep love relationship with Christ: "Whatever we do, it is... because Christ's love controls us" (2 Corinthians 5:14 TLB).

I want to encourage you to hold your life up to the Son and say how your vessel looks.

If there are cracks in it, if there are integrity issues, if there are inconsistencies ask the potter (which God refers to himself as—see Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:6) to rework you, and remake you into that vessel that brings Him honor.

Hope to see you Sunday, and have a fantastic Saturday.

Steve Rains is the pastor at the Calvary Gospel Church, Fourth and College.

Go to the church's web site at calvarygospel.net or e-mail Rains at calvarycolumn@st-tel.net.

Goodland store to collect scrap batteries for recycling on weekend

The Goodland Orscheln Farm and Home store will be collecting scrap batteries on Saturday and Sunday to help clean up the environment.

Customers can bring any brand auto, marine, farm, truck or lawn and garden battery in for recycling said Goodland Manager Jerry Freeman.

In the past Orscheln has recycled batteries when exchanged with a new battery purchase Freeman said.

However, this time the company will take junk batteries back without the purchase of a new battery he said.

As an incentive, Orscheln is offering a \$5 gift card for each battery customers bring in without a limit (must bring in 2 lawn and garden batteries to get the \$5 gift card).

Orscheln automotive buyer, Dwaine Skopeck, said "we expect huge numbers of batteries to be

returned this weekend and we are happy to be providing this service to the communities where our stores are located."

The battery exchange is available at all of Orscheln's 149 locations in 9 states on Saturday and Sunday. The Goodland store is open from

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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