



ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

God has ways of teaching us great lessons if we listen to the nudging of the Holy Spirit.

Case in point, I started a small home project which seemed to be simple. The instructions were written with corresponding diagrams. OK, step one—quickly done. Nothing to it. Step two—just as easy. Step three—humming right along. Step four, I read it and thought I saw an easier, quicker way. I tried it my way but it didn't work. I grew aggravated and frustrated. The old adage of "when all else fails read the instructions" came to mind. So I was right back to where I left off. After reading slowly and carefully I realized my mistake and knew my way wasn't best after all.

That is just as it is with God's instructions. This is why He gave the Bible to us. How often do we read God's Word, understand what He is saying and then decide to do things our way? We believe we know how to do things quicker and easier. After we turn everything inside out and upside down we become down and out and ready to give up. It's then, if we listen, the sweet Holy Spirit will remind us that God has already given us the instructions for everything we face in life. Then a special verse of scripture will come to mind. It may be a well known verse that we just haven't thought of lately. So we stop the train and turn to God's word. The dilemma won't seem nearly as desperate and will begin to make sense to us. Not only will He give us the answer, He will calm our agitation and even help us laugh at ourselves.

I pray I can pay attention not only to steps one, two, and three, but every step He leads me into.

Life sure is easier His way.