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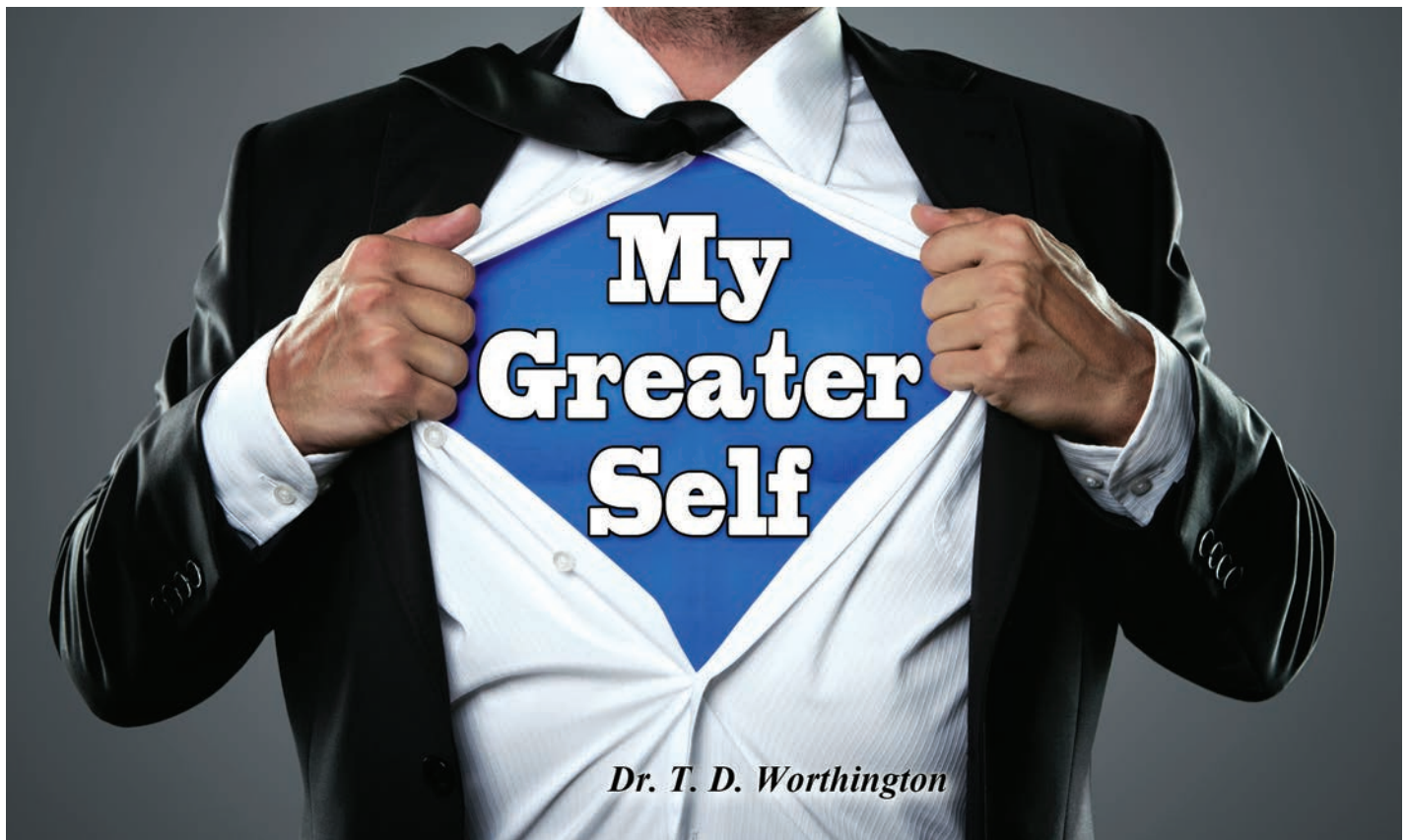
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*Dr. T. D. Worthington*

There is no question that these are unusual times. Everything has been turned on its head. When we see so much tumult, chaos and fear, this is a time to stop and reflect. When there are unusual circumstances in our lives and the status quo has been upended, this calls for unusual actions. We need to rethink how we behave, and we need to rethink our priorities.

There are two essential connections that most people do not have today. The first is a connection with God. Most people do not have a real connection with our Lord. Either they are not saved, or they are walking carnally.

The second connection most people do not have is a connection to their real selves. Somewhere deep down within your being is the real you. This real you may even be someone you have never met. I would like to explain the importance of coming

into contact with the greater aspect of yourself, the part of you that could be called the *real you*.

If you are a Christian, the real you is hard working and dependable. The real you has the fruit of the Spirit, so the real you is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, and empowered by self-control. The real you can do all things through Christ. Have you ever met this person or do you have him locked away somewhere? Do you ever argue with yourself? As a spirit filled Christian you may be conversing with the Holy Spirit, but many people are indeed arguing with themselves. Yet, I would like to share something really different, something deeper, beyond the level of our personality, beyond our conditioning, beyond how we regard ourselves in the normal sense. I want to look at our deeper nature and to what I might call "*our greater self*."

Someone said it is important to "*Be true to yourself*": that sounds good, but what if you don't know who your true self is? Actually, there are parts of yourself that are really who you are and parts of yourself that are hardly you at all; and that is the self that is on display much of the time. Finding yourself can be described as a layered process. It's like peeling back the skin of an onion to reveal its essence. The truth of who we are is so essential that its absence takes a heavy toll. It can cause us to lose our sense of self, personal goals, and close relationships. If you want to live a fulfilling life, you must first know who you really are.

When we become disconnected from ourselves, we also become disconnected from our purpose, our passions, our dreams, our desires, our true feelings, the present moment, the joy and beauty in everyday life, and our loved ones. We walk around on auto-pilot,

blindly carrying out our routines and habits, letting our programming and conditioned ways lead the way, all the while ignoring our soul's true calling. When we lose touch with our true, authentic selves, we start to identify strongly with our false selves, believing it's who we really are, and we become even more disconnected, stressed, anxious, lost, confused, paranoid, angry, lonely, disengaged, and dissatisfied. As a Christian, if you've been feeling any of these things lately, either you have forgotten who you are or you never actually met the real you.

***First, For All Christian Boys and Males, There is A Man Down Deep Inside of You.***

You are a man! Maybe no one has told you about him. Maybe they assumed you knew. Sooner or later, for you to lead the life of a champion, you will need to connect with him. Do you ever find yourself thinking about becoming a great man? A man that will do great things for the Lord, for his family, and for his community. Well, perhaps you need to step up to the plate and get started!

***“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”***  
**I Corinthians 16:13**

The Bible is full of verses telling us to be strong. In this text, Paul was encouraging and building up the men in the church to act like men. The same applies today for all of us guys who in reality are acting like boys.

***“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child,***

***I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*** **I Corinthians 13:11**

Men, we are not kids anymore. There was a time when we were children, but as we become men, we give up our childish ways. Usually, nothing is standing in between us and growing up except for ourselves. Paul was encouraging the men to act with courage and strength in obedience to the Lord and with confidence in His power. As we are obedient to the Lord, He will give us power and strength to



move through life with courage and confidence. We have to make a choice. Becoming a man doesn't just happen. Paul mentions ***“when I became a man,”*** meaning, he made a decision to give up childish ways. Guys, have you made the choice to grow up yet? Our churches are full of men with one foot in manhood and one foot still being a kid. One side of you has not turned from the lusts, the selfishness, the passivity, the irresponsibility, and the rebellion of the teenage years to become what God called you to be. We can decide to sulk in our guilt and tell ourselves we are not

good enough and will never be that *“man.”* Or, we can decide to be courageous, be strong, act like men, and trust God to lead us to be the men He is calling us to be.

Modern culture has no idea what real manhood looks like. It speaks to being weak in the home, with the wife being more of a level headed leader, instead of the *“boy”* she married. It speaks to spending your money on meaningless toys or entertainment that will never bring you ultimate satisfaction. It speaks to leaving any commitment that you have made when it stops making you happy. *Our culture does not define manhood, it defines selfishness; and then calls it manhood.* It tells you to continue being an immature boy who only cares about himself and no one else. The Bible is totally opposite on the subject. The Bible teaches is to lead in the home and to be concerned with the real things going on in the real world.

Guys, step up, act like men. Be the man God is calling you to be. Nothing is standing in your way except yourself, your selfishness, and your sin. Make a choice, an actual decision here and now, to turn from those sins, to decide to follow Christ including being obedient to what He is calling you to do. He will give you strength and power so that you can move through life, with whatever comes your way, with courage and confidence in the One who led by example for you, the One who died for you, and the One who will continue to lead you. Dig deep, I will assure you there is a man down there for you to connect with.

***Second, For All Christian Girls  
and Women, There is A Lady  
Down Deep Inside of You.***

A lady is a woman, but not all women are ladies. Since the gender revolution, some women are insulted to be called “ladies,” feeling that the word suggests inferiority, or condescension. Certain things set a “lady” apart from the generic “woman.” To draw from the celebrity sphere, I would not associate Rosanne Barr with being a lady.

I was recently studying the creation story when I stumbled across the strong Hebrew word God used when creating Eve: she was called the “ezer.” In that moment, God's intentions leapt off of the printed page. My, how highly God thinks of His daughters. You need to understand how valuable you are to His kingdom. It means you stand shoulder to shoulder with men, instead of taking the back row seat. Different roles to be sure, but both equally important. Are you willing to follow the blueprint in God's Word, or will you shrink back in fear?

Picture this: Adam is lovingly placed in a garden of perfect beauty; surrounded by animal couples of every form, color, and kind; with plenty of food and drink, and a benevolent Creator to enjoy. But following the animal parade, in which Adam named the creatures, we get the first hint that things are not as they should be, that God Himself is not satisfied. Although up until this point God had declared all things “good,” He now makes a startling statement in **Genesis 2:18.**

***“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help (Ezer) meet for him.”***

God said I will make him an helper (Ezer) perfect for him. Adam needs help! So, God made an agent of rescue suitable for him!

***Finally, For All Immature  
Believers, There Is A Christian  
Champion Down Deep Inside of  
You.***

Do you desire to be a better Christian? I think that most Christians sincerely want to be better. But how do we become better Christians? Some people say that reading the Bible or other Christian books will make you a good Christian. Other people say that doing a lot of good works will make you a better Christian.

Jesus used the illustration of the vine and the branches to describe the Christian life. Jesus referred to Himself as the vine and to His followers as the branches. Christians are chosen for a divine purpose. Christians can reach out and bless the world.

***Christians have been chosen for joy. “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” John 15:11.***

***Christians have been chosen for love. “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” John 15:12.***

***Christians also have been chosen to be ambassadors. “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,***

***and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” John 15:16***

Again, I say, there are two essential connections that most people do not have today. The first is a connection with God. Most people do not have a real connection with our Lord. Either they are not saved, or they are walking carnally.

The second connection people do not have is a connection to their real selves. Somewhere deep down within your being is the real you. If you are a Christian, somewhere deep inside you, if you are a male—there is a man deep inside you longing to be released.

Should you be a female, there is a lady with all her strength and beauty somewhere deep inside you—and if you have never met her—she longs to be released. This wonderful person you really are will revolutionize your life.

Finally, if you are not walking with the Lord as you should, there is a spirit filled victorious and powerful Christian deep within you waiting to be released. These connections reveal who you really are—***your greater self.***



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Couldn't Christians relate? God's Word tells us we are here for a reason.

***"Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."***

**Isaiah 43:7**

***"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."***

**Ephesians 1:11-12**

Has the shape of our country been determined by the lack of Christians getting involved? Whether it's a lack of involvement in politics, communities, churches, soul-winning, or even our own families, we all have areas of failure. We

have no excuses. We cannot point the finger at others. There are no exceptions in God's Word that read, *"I only expect a few people to bring Me glory because many others have good excuses."*

We must be serious about the responsibilities God has given us. Each and every one of us, as Christians, are here to bring Him glory. We cannot take the easy way out. We must be involved in reaching others for Christ with the little time we have left.



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## Critical Moments

When we go through troubling times, it is always nice if we can balance the hardships we face with the knowledge that someone is there to help us through the difficult days. Could you think for just a moment about someone who was there for you at a critical moment in your life, one of those times when you just didn't know how or if you would get through it? Who was there for you? Chances are that special someone will forever live in your memory.

Whatever your critical moment was, whoever that person was, and whatever that person did or said, the important thing is that they were a great help in times of trouble. Perhaps they called forth a part of you that you didn't even know was there. They helped you see what you couldn't see by yourself. They pointed you to a greater fullness of life. They got you through that time and they forever changed your life and who you are. Why else would you still remember today that event, that person, and what they did?

That was so often the work of Christ as He walked upon this earth. Remember the healing of the Centurion's slave or when Jesus told the discouraged disciples

to put the net on the other side of the boat? Do you recall the healing of blind Bartimaeus, releasing the demoniac from the Legion of demons, or forgiving the woman caught in adultery? Do you recall the day of your own salvation? It is always a special day when Jesus meets us at a point of need.

Such is the world we live in. It is a world in which people are hurting and in need. It is a world in which people are lonely, afraid, grieving, lost, and overwhelmed by life. It is a world in which some are sick and others are dying. It is a world in which people are looking for a new life, a more meaningful life, and trying to become the best person they can be.

What so many people in this world need is the love of Christ. That is a big part of our ministry here at **GoMix Christian Radio**. We are blood-washed believers in Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked as Christ's own forever. We have been declared capable, equipped, and ready to minister the message of Christ to the world.

# WELL DONE

*Mrs. Sherry Worthington*



It always brings tears to my eyes when I see our students walk across the stage at graduation. I have the privilege of handing them their diplomas so my eyes meet theirs as they come towards me. Many things go through my mind at that time. First, I am proud of them for making this accomplishment. Sometimes I am excited because I wasn't sure they were going to make it. I always ponder the years we had together, even days before graduation.

This year our graduates were self-motivated and high achievers. They had beautiful spirits, and I have watched them grow over the years. They have especially grown this year in many ways.

Graduation is a milestone because it is like a transition in life. We have many graduations in our walk on this earth. Most of us graduate from kindergarten and high school. Many graduate from college and a

few graduate with higher degrees. The other types of graduations are more significant. When we are potty trained and learn to eat independently is especially important to parents. When we pay our own bills and become independent is the graduation to adulthood. Of course, death is the most important graduation because we will no longer have the opportunity to grow spiritually on this earth and our destination to heaven or hell is established.

Graduation from high school is different from the others because it is the first time in a person's life when they no longer have their schedule decided for them. For the first eighteen years of life, a child's days are planned. The government requires children to be in school until they are at least sixteen. By that time, it would be foolish not to go ahead and finish up the last two years. Up to now, they have had small choices and some bigger

choices when they started high school about the direction of their lives. The courses they would choose could determine what they may do when they graduated. However, their days are still planned.

What now? There are so many choices. We have devotions every day at the academy, and we try to teach our students about how important small choices are. They prepare us for the big choices. If we choose to do right in the small things, then it will not be as difficult to choose to do right in the big things.

Most of my students in the upper grades claim to be Christians. They each have a testimony of how and when they accepted Christ as Savior. Our goal is to teach them how to make those right choices. We need to use a filter when we make decisions. What is that filter? We must ask one important question.



We must ask ourselves, would Jesus be pleased with what I am doing? When a student mistreats another student, we remind them of the golden rule. *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."* We ask them in one form or another, *"Is this how you want to be treated?"* This is an important lesson for growth. How will our students be able to lead others if they do not know how to treat one another? How will they be good coworkers, bosses, spouses, or parents if they mistreat people?

When a student is caught cheating or lying, we teach them about character from a very young age. Lying is a very serious thing. As all of us know, our government leaders are very good at lying and we seldom know what or who to believe. We try to teach them that their word means something. People should be able to trust what they say. We teach them about a person's reputation and how once it is damaged, it is hard to regain trust.

There are many things we teach at the academy concerning character and the Christian walk, but we do not consider these small things. I hope that our graduates take the lessons we have tried to instill in them to heart.

The most important lesson I hope our students take with them is that the greatest success you can have is to be successful in the eyes of our Lord. How can we be successful in the eyes of our Lord?

First and foremost, we need to have asked Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Secondly, we must live for Him daily.



Sound simple? There are no strings attached to becoming a Christian. It is a free gift, but when we love someone on earth, we act like it. Therefore, we should show our love to Christ all the more. We need to let the world know how much we love Him by our testimony. The words we say and the actions of our lives should exemplify Christ.

In order to let Christ live through us, we must get up in the morning and dedicate each day, hour, and minute to Christ. It is a conscious decision. We want Jesus to be pleased with what we are doing. We must ask ourselves, "How would you like me to spend this day, Lord?" I usually make a list and prioritize what needs to be done. It is important to be flexible when the Lord says, *"Change in plans."*

Sometimes I get off track during the day and have to say, *"I am sorry, Lord."* Whether it is a sin I committed or time that I wasted, I want to get back on track. Don't misunderstand me. I believe the Lord allows us to spend some leisure time or time with family, but we need to be about His business.

At the end of the day, if I can look back and see that at least 90% of

the day was spent how God wanted me to spend it, I feel pretty good. I always strive for the 100%, but unfortunately falling short, some days more than others.

The bottom line is that I want at the end of each day for the Lord to be pleased with my day. I want to know that I brought Him glory today. If I can bring my Savior glory through my life, then I have been successful.

If our graduates can take that lesson with them through life, they will truly be successful. If they bring God glory through their days, they will be prepared for their final graduation. Death will not be feared, and eternity will be grand. When they meet the Lord, He will say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

Please be sure you are ready for the final graduation of life. Make sure the Lord can say to you, ***"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"***



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# Things Spoken Louder Than The Noise Of This World.



*Rev. Jason Sherman*

This world is loud. Although the noise levels may have dimmed a little with arrival of the Coronavirus, things are still quite loud all around us.

First of all, our world is audibly loud. From the sounds of demonstrators raging, to people yelling, to loud cars with music booming, to war cries and sabers rattling as nation rises against nation – sometimes it’s hard to hear anything at all.

Secondly, this world is spiritually loud. There are just as many “ways to heaven” as mankind should ever wish to invent. Unfortunately, this noise is rather hard to cut through as well. Thinking about truth as one degree in a circle, there are then 359 other degrees of falsehood. That seems about right from what we observe in our world today. I wish things were quieter.

When I was younger and lived in my hometown, I loved to go pray at the cemetery where my dad is buried. There’s something about those folks out there – they’re quiet. Many special moments were spent with my Lord as I stood next to my father’s gravestone – in silence.

We really can’t even quantify just how noisy this world truly is. I was looking at some stats the other day, and what I found was mind-blowing. 500 hours of video content is uploaded to YouTube every MINUTE. That equals 720,000 hours of

content uploaded each day. What would take us just over 82 years to consume from beginning to end is uploaded to that site every single day!

Furthermore, we’re told that the average American sees somewhere between 6,000 to 10,000 advertisements every single day. Admittedly, most of these ads are served to us through our online habits. Can you believe that?

Here’s another factoid that I think will blow your mind. We tap, swipe, or click our phones 2,617 times per day according to a study by King Online University. The average smartphone owner unlocks their phones 150 times each day, and get this... we use a gadget of some type for a whopping 10 hours and 39 minutes each day according to a study by Penn State.

I could go on and on about how many hours we spend on social media, or how much time we relegate to watching television, but I won’t. I think I’ve proven the point.

That’s the bad news. Here is the good news... God has done something so special for the human race. It cuts through all the noise and hits us square in the heart, if we will take time to listen. Although Satan has lost sinners so tossed about with a gluttony of information, God still has the power to cut through the dreadful clamor.



Indeed, there are things that God has done which speak louder than the noise of this world. Around Christmastime, we celebrate one of those things. What should be revered as literally the greatest event to ever happen in human history sometimes gets drowned out by the restless din of shoppers and unchecked greed.

Jesus Christ, the ONLY Begotten Son of God, left Heaven's portal and stepped down here to earth in the form of a tiny baby. No one blames the angels for not being able to hold it in when *"...suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*  
**Luke 2:13-14**

God has arrived in our world. I think this is something we Christians do not stress enough when speaking with unbelievers. It is the most historically confirmed event in our history. Even people who hated Jesus still wrote about His arrival and life.

Now for the bigger question... If He left Heaven and came down here to earth, what did He do it for? This leads me to the next thing God has done that speaks louder than the noise of our world – He died for the sins of humanity.

Just how powerful was it when Jesus died on the cross? Let's think about it like this. When the noise of soldiers coming to take Jesus away was heard across the city of Jerusalem (**John 18:3**), they arrived and Jesus asked them *"Who are you looking for?"* Their answer: we're looking for Jesus of Nazareth. Christ answered *"I am He."* And they all fell backward to the ground. The power in His words alone was enough to knock all those "professional soldiers" on their behinds.

While on the cross, the Bible records there was a time of complete and utter darkness that happened mid-day for the space of about three hours. Also, as He surrendered His life there on the cross, the massive curtain that was in the holiest place of the temple was torn from top to bottom. He was and is our High Priest.

We could go on and talk about other confirmations that Christ's death on the cross was not a normal thing, but I wish to submit one more thing that God has done that speaks louder than the noise of this world...

Christ arose from the dead.

Jesus Christ caught everyone's attention with this magnificent show of victory. Just as He really lived on this earth and really died on that cross, He really rose again to show He was more than just a man "claiming to be the Son of God." And please keep in mind, Jesus' resurrection was not a "spiritual" one as some would have you believe. His body was so recognizable as Jesus that He challenged His own disciples to view the wounds He received while hanging on the cross. At another time, Jesus cooked breakfast for the disciples and ate with them.

Truth be told, this awesome event is the anchor of the Gospel. We have no message if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead. It would be as Paul put it in **1 Corinthians 15:17**, *"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."* And later he mentions in verse **19**, *"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."*

He went on with what I believe to be the most powerful pivots found in the word of God. *"But NOW IS CHRIST RISEN from the dead..."* (**1 Corinthians 15:20a**)

Friends, we serve a risen Saviour today. What He did so long ago still cuts through all the noise of this world. We know Satan has tried his hardest to poison mankind with a multitude of lies, religions, genres of secular music, and libraries full of ungodly books and magazines. It is SO NOISY out there, but the cross still speaks to men, women, boys, and girls today. It's up to us to share this life and eternity changing message. Make it a point to share the Gospel at least once each day. Cast God's Word out there like a seed and let His Holy Spirit get to work in watering it.

God's Spirit is still speaking with sinful hearts today – and because He is their Creator, His whispers are *louder than the noise*.

*"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*

**Isaiah 55:11**



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# And Finally...



## Honoring Law Enforcement...

*I just wanted to say thank you to all of our Police and other Law Enforcement Officers for all you do and how you risk your lives every day so that others can lead and otherwise boring life! For me and my family, we appreciate what you do and will stand by you.*

**T. D.**

*I just wanted to take a moment out of my day to say thank you for being there and protecting us citizens. Please be safe and know that your community is behind you.*

**S. T.**

*As a former LEO, I know what you endure. Thank You for braving the elements, the night shifts, the holidays, and all of the crazies on the road today. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!*

**R. J.**

*Maintaining the peace is often a thankless job. It includes confrontation, authority, arrests, fines, and jail time. It also includes community involvement, assisting the needy, responding to requests for help, and showing kids how to become productive, responsible adults. We appreciate all you do.*

**R. N.**

*I know that sometimes your job is made very difficult by the your surrounding situations. I thank God for you and your service. I pray that your actions are always*

*honorable to the people you serve and to our God. Thank you for all you do!*

**M. M.**

*I have friends in law enforcement and would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our officers that work so hard to keep us safe. I know there are so many things behind the scenes that we do not see. Many dangerous situations you face can be life-threatening. I am thankful you are there to protect us and may God bless you all!*

**M. A.**

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