

The Deal of a Lifetime! by Valorie Cole, ABWM President of Indiana

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have put aside all else, counting it worth less than nothing, in order that I can have Christ.
— Philippians 3:8 (TLB)



Lent, as you know, begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of deepening your relationship with the Lord. People do this by fasting, giving up something (such as chocolate, bad habits, etc.) for the 40 days of observance of the Lenten Season. Some people say Christianity is demanding and hard, and you have to give up so much in life to be a Christian.

I choose to look at Lent from a different perspective. I have always been a rather upbeat person, and in turn, "my cup has always been full or running over." This time of year, when others are looking at Lent as a drudgery, or something stopping them from living the way they want to, I choose to look at Lent as, LOOK AT WHAT I AM GAINING!

I could give up things all day long for Lent, but at the end of the day, what really matters is what I gain:

1. I am still a Child of God. I belong to the most important family that you can belong to in the world; therefore, I gain the best family there is!
2. I gain nothing if I don't have love...BUT I DO! I am loved by so many, and I love them, too!
3. I gain because I belong to a faith that is Christ-centered and Bible-based!
4. I gain by living in a country where I can worship my Lord freely!
5. I gain by serving my Lord, church, community, ABWM Association, ABWM Region/State, and our ABWM National!
6. I gain the privilege of knowing I will be living forever in eternity with Jesus Christ and my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!
7. I have gained the DEAL OF A LIFETIME...and it was all my choice!

And ladies, I know full well the list above is your list, too! I love knowing that I will know you forever! Another deal of a lifetime for me!

And now, knowing all this, what walls can we bring down together?