

12. Devotional thoughts from our K9 friends



Do let yourself be loved, affirmed and petted. Teachers tend to be saviours and carers and always giving out. Don't shrug off that pat on the head or back that God sends your way. If you stare at students and adults long enough, and in a charming way, you will eventually get what you want. When someone puts you down and criticises you, don't indulge in guilt, rather run back into things and throw yourself at life anew. If you can growl at your students instead of biting them, you won't regret over reacting. When a student or colleague is having a bad day, be silent, sit close and show them you understand. Eat with joy, slurp your drink, take a nap, stretch luxuriously on waking and engage all the new experiences that await you. When loved ones come in through your door always run up to meet them and make lots of fuss. Balaam's ass and the humble ant (Nu 22:30 and Pr 6:6) both instruct us. All good things are in heaven with God, so there must be all manner of dogs up there having a lot of fun - and waiting for us to join in the sessions of eternal feasting. In the last of the *Narnia* chronicles animals like the unicorn are in heaven, and they are even more real and more vivid than they were in the former world. So let's learn from the canines loved by their Creator, they may well be under our feet and on our laps in paradise.

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ESV