

# THOUGHT FOR TODAY

– a devotional thought for today from Pastor Larry M. Dentler

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There I was, mask on, obediently standing on my prescribed social distancing mark, waiting in line at the grocery store waiting for check out. I happened to look over to one of the aisles near me and was surprised. It was the section of the aisle that normally held hand sanitizer and such. For weeks these shelves have been bare... gathering dust... empty. But now they held bottles of... why in the world... motor oil? Bright yellow Pennzoil 10w-30 is what it looked like for sure. Why did they have that in

the hand sanitizer aisle? I stepped out of line and... lo and behold... the yellow motor oil bottles did indeed hold... hand sanitizer! Some industrious motor oil company had switched their manufacturing from oil to sanitizer. And I might say, the bottles of hand sanitizer were selling for considerably more than a bottle of 10w-30! And were likely much cheaper to produce! Smart! Very smart! We've all heard of the companies that have changed from what they normally produce to what is in short supply now. I especially like the booze companies making hand sanitizer. May they never go back to producing that which destroys so many lives, and find new and lucrative avenues in producing that which saves lives. Please Lord... let it be so! But as I held the oil bottle turned hard-to-find hand sanitizer in my hand it did get me to reflecting. In the weirdness, frustration, and difficulty of these quarantine days, how has the Lord transformed you! Have you been open to allow the Lord to shape, mold, change you? I see some folks carrying lots of anger. Will you let the Lord transform that anger? I see folks racked with fear. Will you let the Lord transform your fear? The Bible is quite clear. Difficult times are used of the Lord to change us. Are you allowing the Lord to transform you? "...let God change you inside with a new way of thinking." (Romans 12:2 ERV) "...what we shall be is yet to be revealed." (1 John 3:2 TPT) Transform us Lord!