



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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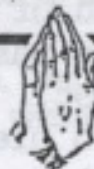
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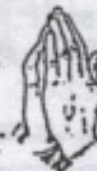


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A HAPPY DAY



Today will be a happy day,
If, first, you find some time to pray;
If, first, alone you go apart
From worldly things, and in your heart
You make resolve to do your best,
And then to God you leave the rest.



For God will take the hate and fear
Of yesterday and yesteryear,
And in their place, He'll make you feel
The light and love He would reveal.
Yes, this will be a happy day, if
Friend, right now you'll stop and pray.

Experience is
always the hardest
teacher because you
take the test before
you learn your
lesson.

Days Gone By

On Dec. 11, 1816, the
great state of Indiana
was admitted to the
Union.

On Dec. 11, 1941, Ger-
many and Italy de-
clared war on the
United States. World
War II followed.

HIDDEN RESOURCES

Warren Wiersbe, in his book *Be Joyful*, has written these words: "All of nature depends on hidden resources. The great trees send their roots down into the earth to draw up water and minerals. Rivers have their sources in the snow-capped mountains. The most important part of a tree is the part you cannot see, the root system, and the most important part of the Christian's life is the part that only God sees. Unless we draw upon the deep resources of God by faith, we fail against the pressures of life."

THE FARMER AND THE HYPOCRITE EXCUSE

*** The farmer went all over town telling whoever would listen that the local church was filled with hypocrites, thus excusing himself for not attending. The pastor grew tired of it and went to the farmer and asked to buy one of his pigs. The farmer showed him the biggest and best that he had, but the pastor chose to buy the sorriest looking runt that he could find. Then the pastor told him he was going to take the pig all over town and tell everyone where he got it and that this was the kind of pigs the farmer sold. The farmer grew very indignant and told the pastor that except for a very few, all of his pigs were the very best. The pastor told the farmer that he had been doing the same thing to his church. There were many godly, genuine Christian people who went to church but the farmer had chosen to pick out 2 or 3 sorry church members out of the church congregation and branded everybody a hypocrite. The farmer got the message very quick.

Listen folks, there are hypocrites in this world everywhere we go. There are quacks who pretend to be doctors, but we still go see the doctor when we are sick. There are counterfeit pieces of money but we don't refuse money because there are counterfeit bills. It is gross ignorance to look at a hypocrite and decide that everyone is just like him. If you are hiding behind a hypocrite you have to be smaller than he is. Don't use the hypocrite excuse. It doesn't hold water!

WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO

1. Cancer cannot cripple love
2. Cancer cannot shatter hope
3. Cancer cannot erode faith
4. Cancer cannot eat away peace
5. Cancer cannot destroy confidence
6. Cancer cannot kill friendship
7. Cancer cannot shut our memories
8. Cancer cannot silence courage
9. Cancer cannot invade the soul
10. Cancer cannot reduce eternal life
11. Cancer cannot quench the Spirit
12. Cancer cannot lessen the power of the resurrection



What three unusual weapons did Gideon's soldiers use to confuse and conquer the Midianites?

_____ Judges 7



You are only poor when you want more than you have.

Five Keys for a Happy Home



1. Give God the first hour of each day (Mark 1:35). Pray in the morning.
2. Give God the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:2). Serve in your church to save your community.
3. Give God the first portion of your income (Prov. 3:9). Keep books on what you give to be sure you do not think you are giving more than you actually are.
4. Give God the first consideration in every decision (Matt. 6:33). This includes your choice of house, close friends, work, church, school, etc.
5. Give God's Son first place in your heart always (II Cor. 8:5). Live in His presence as though He were the Unseen Guest in your house—He is, you know!

THE MEANING and RESULTS OF INFIDELITY

The word "infidel" according to the dictionary means: a disbeliever; one who has no religious faith.

If once infidelity can persuade men that they shall die like animals, it won't be long until they will be living like animals.

IS THIS NOT TRUE of today's humanistic society?

Be Short!

Long visits, long stories, long essays, long exhortations and long prayers seldom profit those who have to do with them.

Life is short. Time is short. Moments are precious. Learn to condense, abridge and intensify. We can bear things that are dull, if only they are short. We can endure many an ache and ill, if it is over soon, while even pleasure grows insipid and pain intolerable if they are protracted beyond the limits of reason and convenience.

Learn to be short. In making a statement, lop off branches; stick to the main facts in your case. If you pray, ask for what you believe you will receive, and get through. If you speak, tell your message and hold your peace. If you write, boil down two sentences into one, and three words into two. Always, when practicable, avoid lengthiness. Learn to be short.

Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
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GOOD CHRISTIAN MUSIC is extremely important to Christians and to good fundamental churches. Here at Grace Baptist Church we use the great, old, traditional hymns and songs that bring honor and glory to His wonderful name. It is Godly music that touches the hearts of His people, bringing comfort and encouragement.

You have no doubt noticed that the "religious music" on TV, and in many churches is just as worldly as that in a barroom or nightclub. Don't accept this as true Christian music. True Christian music honors our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the '60s and '70s liberal and charismatic churches started bringing in rock and contemporary music after the hippie movements. Later, independent Baptists and others began to cave in and dropped their standards. Now, most churches in America have little moral influence. People used to expect something different when they went to church. Now, they wonder whatever happened to the music.

I heard a good preacher say recently that most churches are just one pastor away from being destroyed for God. If a church gets the wrong pastor he will change your Bible, your music, your standards, your missions endeavor and your purpose. How sad, but many good churches have been destroyed this year.

AUTOMATION IS NOT NEW

Automation has been with us since God created man. Practically every function of our human bodies is automatic; that is, it is done involuntarily without the use of our wills. Our breathing, our heartbeat, circulation, Digestion, metabolism, secretions, excretions, temperature control, specific gravity of the blood, etc., are all automatic and involuntary. Our reflexes are involuntary. If an object approaches the face the eye will wink involuntarily. If you touch something hot the right muscles immediately respond before you can think. Without all of the automation we could not live a single day. It is true when the Bible says that "we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

Ask people why they have deer heads on their walls and they tell you it's because they're such beautiful animals. I think my wife is beautiful, but I only have photographs of her on the wall.