



II Cor. 3:17 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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After the family's return from church one Sunday morning, a small boy said, "You know what? I'm going to be a minister when I grow up."

"That's fine," commented his mother, "but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the boy thoughtfully, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I think it would be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

This Day

*This day is mine to mar or make,
God keep me strong and true;
Let me no erring bypath take,
No doubtful action do.*

*Grant me when the setting sun
This day shall end,
I may rejoice o'er something done,
Be richer by a friend.*

*Let all I meet along the way
Speak well of me tonight.
I would not have the humblest say
I'd hurt him by a slight.*

*Let there be something true and fine,
When night slips down, to tell
That I have lived this day of mine
Not selfishly, but well.*



Her small son was sent off to his first day of school. When asked upon his return how many children were in his class, he replied, with all the dignity of his age, "There are 14—7 boys and about a million girls."

John Wesley's Zeal

John Wesley averaged three sermons a day for fifty-four years preaching all-told more than 44,000 times. In doing this, he traveled by horseback and carriage more than 200,000 miles, or about 5,000 miles a year.

In Days Gone By

On Dec. 3, 1902, Mitsuo Fuchida was born in Japan. He flew the lead plane in the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was gloriously saved when brought under conviction by reading a Gospel tract.

I MET THE MASTER

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
Until one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body and none for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me;
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
While my castles melted and vanished away.

Melted and vanished and in their place
Naught else did I see but the Master's face;
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet."

My thoughts are now for the souls of men,
I have lost my life to find it again;
E're since one day in a quiet place,
I met the Master face to face.

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How Lots Of Folk Treat The Lord

Former United States Senator Vardeman, so the story goes, once rented a plot of several acres to one of his black neighbors. The land was to be planted in corn, and the senator, then ex-governor, was to receive one-fourth. The corn was duly harvested, but the senator did not receive his fourth. Meeting the Negro one day, he said:

"Look here, Sam, have you harvested your corn?"

"Yes sir, boss, long ago."

"Well, wasn't I to get a fourth?"

"Yes, sir, boss, that's the truth, but there wasn't a fourth. There were just three loads and they were mine."

There are some people who treat the Lord in the same fashion.

The Bible in 50 Words!

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked.
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses barked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Lovetalked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.



DEAD WEIGHT IN THE CHURCH

*I've been a dead weight many years
Around the church's neck;
I've let the others carry me
And always pay the check.*

*I've had my name upon the rolls
For years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled, too;
Nothing could satisfy.*

*I've been a dead weight long enough
Upon the church's back;
Beginning now, I'm going to take
A wholly different track.*

*I'm going to pray and pay and work
And carry loads instead;
And not have others carry me
As people do the dead.*

What Is Tithing?



MATHEMATICALLY it is a tenth.
"... and of all that thou shalt give
me I will surely give the tenth un-
to thee."—Gen. 28:22.

SCRIPTURALLY it is a law.
"Thou shalt truly tithe all the in-
crease."—Deut. 14:22.

MORALLY it is a debt. "...
Wherein have we robbed thee? In
tithes and offerings."—Mal. 3:8.

ECONOMICALLY it is an invest-
ment. "But lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven."—Matt. 6:20.
"Give, and it shall be given un-
to you."—Luke 6:38.

SPIRITUALLY it is a blessing. "I
will open the windows of heaven
and pour you out a blessing that
there shall not be room enough to
receive it."—Mal. 3:10.

Thirst Satisfied

by Leila Williams

Persuaded to try
just a sip,
skeptically,
yet daringly,
with excitement mounting,
I allowed my lip
to move, accepting
the tempting offer,
still not convinced
that I should.
Wonder of wonders!
Powerful cleansing
flooded me,
washed me!
Realizing this satisfied
the deepest longing
of my thirsty soul,
I drank freely from
Springs of Living Water!
Thank You, Lord.

Miscellaneous.

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DO YOU OWN A BIBLE? If you do you have one of the greatest possessions you could possibly have. When I was saved on July 12, 1955, the first thing I wanted was a Bible. I knew practically nothing about the Bible, but God put a desire in my heart to know His Word. A Christian friend bought me a new King James Version (Scotfield) Bible and I have used several like it ever since. In the 62 years of my Christian life, 59 as a preacher, I have worn out many Bibles.

I still have some of my old Bibles and refer to them occasionally to some of the notes that I have written in them.

Some Bibles are very cheap, costing about a dollar. Better quality Bibles with concordances, maps, etc., cost much more, but the cost is still reasonable. The Old Scotfield Bible that I use now cost me about \$45 to \$50. I'm hoping it will last as long as I do, but I don't know; I seem to still be going strong. Every Christian should try to have a good quality King James Bible. We have given away thousands of Bibles through the churches that I have pastored. Many churches will give you a Bible if you can't afford one.

Our forefathers valued and appreciated their Bibles, seemingly much more than the average person today. In their day the lack of Bibles and the high cost caused them to place a great value on them. Apparently, the abundance of Bibles today and the low cost has caused some people to devalue the very existence of God's precious Word.

What would life be like without the One Book that has all the answers for this life and the life to come? Do you let your Bible lie unappreciated and unused day after day? I was challenged by an older preacher years ago to read my Bible completely through year after year from Genesis to Revelation. This can be done by reading 3 or 4 chapters each day. The Bible is ever new and fresh, the living Word of God, and I seem to be receiving more from it than ever before. It is spiritual food for our souls.



Many good people in our church are reading the Bible through this year. You should join them. You will be a much happier, better and useful Christian if you do.

**DON'T LAUGH at the choices your wife makes;
you are one of them!**