



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

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THINGS WE CAN'T AFFORD

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.
We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend;
We can't afford the race that comes
To tragic bitter end.
We can't afford to play with fire,
Or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.
We can't afford with serious heed
To treat the cynic's sneer.
We can't afford to wise men's word
To turn a careless ear.
We can't afford for hate to give
Like hatred in return;
We can't afford to feed a flame
And make it fiercer burn.
We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.
How blind we are apart from thee,
Our great all-seeing Lord;
Oh, grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford.

- Author Unknown

Days Gone By

On Jan. 21, 1824, General
Stonewall Jackson was
born.

On Jan. 23, 1845, election
day was set.

THE PASSING YEARS

Life passes by so fast, Lord,
I know I'm sure to miss
A vital part unless You keep
Reminding me of this.

There's so much I want to do,
A lot I've left undone;
So many problems discarded,
And a few I've not begun.

Life passes by so fast, Lord,
How often I've been told,
It always does around the time
That we are growing old.

"For everything a season,"
Is wise as well as just.
But I had rather wear me out,
Than fall apart with rust.

Life passes by so fast, Lord,
The months, the days, the years,
Lord keep a smile upon my lips
And blot away the tears.

Teach me to lean upon your arm,
When pain and sickness strike;
To tell the facts from fancies,
That sometimes look alike.

Life passes by so fast, Lord,
And yet how kind you are,
In granting me the precious years,
That I have had so far.

So let the days grow shorter,
The darkest shadows part,
But put the wrinkles on my face,
And never in my heart!

-Grace B. Easley

"Preach Jesus!"

William Pell, a well-known Christian leader, went to be with Christ in 1972.

At his burial service a Scottish evangelist read the following lines which were found in Mr. Pell's Bible:

And, brethren, when you gather
To lay my senseless clay
To rest among the tombstones
Until the break of day,
And when you roll the green turf
Above my lonely bed
And wake the slumbering echoes
In the city of the dead:

Then preach the grace of Jesus
To all who gather round
And heave no sigh of sorrow
As you lay me in the ground;
But let the praise of Jesus
Upon the winds be borne—
An overture of blessing
On the resurrection morn.

So preach the glorious Gospel
When you, carry forth my bier
And tell them of the rapture
That left no room for fear;
And point them to the Saviour
Who bore my sins away
And press them all to meet me
At the breaking of the day.

EAT CROW WHEN
IT'S FRESH; IT GOES
DOWN EASIER!

I'M DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
But, I've got loving ones around me,
and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Remember times when things went wrong,
my faith wore somewhat thin.

But all at once the dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe,
about the tough rows I have hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer,
'cause my cup has overflowed.



God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows
steep and rough,

I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'cause my cup has overflowed.

Some churchgoers are human wet
blankets and would chill whatever
warmer might be in a meeting.
They are like the brother who
mixed his figures of speech in his
prayer: "Lord, if there should be a
spark of fire in this service, please
water that spark!"

Guess who's wanted?

Wanted By:

the FDA for turning water into wine without a license,
the EPA for killing fig trees,
the AMA for practicing medicine without a license,
the Dept. of Health for asking people to open graves, for raising the dead and for feeding 5,000 people in the wilderness,
the NEA for teaching without a certificate,
OSHA for walking on water without a life-jacket and for flying without an airplane,
the SPCA for driving hogs into the sea,
the NATIONAL BOARD of PSYCHIATRISTS for giving advice on how to live a guilt-free life,
the NOW for not choosing a woman apostle,
the ABORTION RIGHTS LEAGUE for saying that whoever harms children, it is better that they had never been born,
the INTER-FAITH MOVEMENT for condemning all other religions,
and by the ZONING DEPT for building mansions without a permit.

Guess Who?

THE PROVERBS.

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Proverbs 17:6

Miscellaneous.

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AMERICA WAS STARTED AS A CHRISTIAN NATION

As you walk up the steps to the Capitol Building which houses the Supreme Court, you can see near the top of the building, a row of the world's law givers. Each one is facing the one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view - it is Moses and the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, on the wall right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, is a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

Our fourth president, James Madison, who is known as 'The Father of Our Constitution,' made the following statement "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly, or too often, that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority, and instead of interpreting the law, would begin making law an oligarchy, the rule of few over many. (*Does this not sound familiar in today's society? Have we not done the very thing he was against in pandering to these few and forcing their will on the many? Where's the democracy in that?*)

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 200 years in this country, is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Life is currently described in one of four ways: as a journey, as a battle, as a pilgrimage; and as a race. Select your own metaphor, but the finishing necessary is all the same. For if life is a journey, it must be completed. If life is a battle it must be finished. If life is a pilgrimage, it must be concluded. And if it is a race, it must be won. Live every second of your life.