



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

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Yes, the years have changed you,
 Though you're lovely, still, to see.
 You've mellowed into autumn:
 A gold leaf upon life's tree.
 My eyes weren't certain of your face,
 For time demands its toll,
 But my heart knew there was no mistake,
 For it recognized the soul!



Marriage Statistics

*In nine short years of wedded bliss,
 I think there is some truth in this:
 That if I'd stacked the dishes up,
 Plate on plate and cup on cup,
 Pot on top of pan and then,
 Laid the diapers end to end,
 I'd have made sufficient track
 To take me to the moon and back.*

GLENN HOUKOM HENDERSON

In Days Gone By

On Oct. 23, 1910. Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a solo, public airplane flight, reaching an altitude of 12 feet in a park in Fort Wayne, IN.

On Oct. 26, 1881, the famous gunfight at the OK corral took place in Arizona.

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR "ON GROWING OLD"

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SIN

(1) *You are going to get caught in sin; sooner or later you will be found out.* This is the teaching of Numbers 32:23, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

(2) *All the world is guilty before God.* While there are differences in both the *degree* and the *quantity* of sin, there is absolutely no difference in the *fact* of sin. Romans 3:22,23 say plainly, "...for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

(3) *God's grace in salvation is able to take in the lowest, vilest sinner - with absolutely no respect of persons.* As Hebrews 7:25 enthuses, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Only in America

...are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.

...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight. (THIS ONE ALWAYS BUGGED ME!)

...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures.'

...do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but creates much; it happens in a flash, and the memory sometimes lasts forever; it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, but it is no

earthly good to anyone unless it is GIVEN AWAY. So if in your hurry and rush you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours; for no one needs a smile as much as the one who has none left to give.

CURE FOR CRITICISM

I saw a godly brother fall
Upon the Christian path,
I saw him held in Satan's thrall;
And I was filled with wrath.
"Why such a man professes Christ
I do not know," I said.
"Could any saint be thus enticed,
And into sin misled?"

I heard a sister say a word
That pierced another's heart;
And something in my bosom stirred:
I took the victim's part.
"What sort of Christian love is this"
I cried indignantly.
"How quickly you find things amiss,
And speak malignantly!"

But someone whispered at my side:
"Iscaiot, is it thou?"
I turned and saw Christ crucified;
The thorns were on His brow.
Gone were my bitter chidings then;
My heart was filled with grace.
How can I judge my fellowmen
And see the Master's face!

Albert L. Hoy.

THE OTHER SIDE

Oh! 'twould save a good deal of
trouble,
And many a sigh would
cease;
'Twould pour on life's rough
waters
The soothing oil of peace;
'Twould give us ease of con-
science
Whatever did betide,
If, before we pass our judgment,
We'd hear the other side!

Miscellaneous.

Leonard R. Dice, Editor and Asst. Pastor

*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



WONDERFUL CHANGES IN BEING BORN AGAIN

Doctors tell us that in the first few minutes of a baby's life at least forty physical changes take place. And as soon as a person is born again, some wonderful changes come to him, also. He becomes a child of God, which means a change of parentage. He becomes an heir of God, possessing a rich inheritance. He possesses eternal life, which means a change of destiny.

He is accepted in the beloved and is no longer a stranger to God. He is sealed by the Holy Spirit with a seal that cannot be broken. He becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit — God lives within him.

Now not one of these things is gained by anything we do. It is all the gift of God.

The new minister's family was presented with a pie baked by one of the congregation who was a rather poor cook. The pie was inedible, so the minister's wife reluctantly threw it into the garbage.

The preacher was faced with the problem of thanking the lady, while at the same time being truthful. After much thought he sent the following note: Dear Mrs. Jones - Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful. I can assure you that a pie like yours never lasts long at our house.

I once read about two young boys who were raised in the home of an alcoholic father. As young men, they each went their own way. Years later, a psychologist who was analyzing what drunkenness does to children in the home searched out these two men. One had turned out to be like his father, a hopeless alcoholic. The other had turned out to be a teetotaler. The counselor asked the first man, "Why did you become an alcoholic?" And the second, "Why did you become a teetotaler?" And they both gave the same identical answer in these words, "What else could you expect when you had a father like mine?"

It's not what happens to you in life but how you react to it that makes the difference. Every human being in the same situation has the possibilities of choosing how he will react, either positively or negatively.

— The West Side Baptist