



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

LIBERTY

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This Morning

*I got up this morning
And thought about you.
Hoped that you were smiling
At dreams coming true.*

*Prayed that no big problem
Would enter your day,
That God would smile on you
As you go on your way.*

*Your ever growing happiness
Is my greatest dream
And, though there are rocks and
such
In every bubbling stream,*

*May your life be blessed with love
In everything you do.
I got up this morning, and
Asked God's blessing on you.*

Wayne Prickett

By the time most families acquire a "nest egg" these days, inflation turns it to "chicken feed"

In Days Gone By

On Nov. 5, 1940, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented third term.

On Nov. 5, 1912, Roy Rogers was born. He became known as the "King of the Cowboys."

On Nov. 8, 1889, Montana was admitted to the Union. Pray for the churches there.

EMPTY

After the collection hat was passed, the pastor saw that it was empty when it was returned.

Slowly and deliberately, the parson inverted the hat and shook it meaningfully. Then raising his eyes to Heaven, he exclaimed fervently, "I thank Thee, dear Lord, that I got my hat back from this congregation!"

The Church's Need

"A great many people are thinking that we need new measures; that we need new churches, new organs, new choirs, and all new things. This is not what the church of God needs today. It is the old power that the apostles had; that is what we want, and if we will have that in our churches, there will be new life. Then we will have new ministers—the same ministers renewed with power, filled with the Spirit."

—D. L. Moody

A Wife, Man's Inspiration

No one can so inspire a man to noble purposes as a noble woman. No one can so thoroughly degrade a man as a wife of unworthy tendencies. While in the case of Jezebel we have an illustration of wifely ambition employed in the wrong direction, society and history are full of instances of wifely ambition gloriously triumphant in the right direction.

All that was worth admiration in the character of Henry VI was a reflection of the heroics of his wife Margaret.

Justinian, the Roman emperor, confesses that his wise laws were the suggestions of his wife Theodora.

Andrew Jackson, the warrior and President, had his mightiest reenforcement in his plain wife, whose in-artistic attire was the amusement of the elegant circles in which she was invited.

Washington, who broke the chain that held America in foreign vassalage, wore for forty years a chain around his own neck, that chain holding the miniature likeness of her who had been his greatest inspiration, whether among the snows of Valley Forge or amid the honors of the presidential chair.

Pliny's pen was driven through all its poetic and historical dominions by his wife.

Pericles said he got all his eloquence and statesmanship from his wife.

De Tocqueville, whose writings will be potential and quoted while the world lasts, ascribes his successes to his wife: "Of all the blessings which God has given me, the greatest of all in my eyes is to have lighted on Maria Motley."

Martin Luther says of his wife, "I would not exchange my poverty with her and all the riches of Croesus without her."

Isabella of Spain, by her superior faith in Columbus, put into the hand of Ferdinand, her husband, America.

John Adams, President of the United States, said of his wife, "She never, by word or look, discouraged me from running all the hazards for the salvation of my country's liberties."

Thomas Carlisle spent the last years of his life in trying by his pen to atone for the fact that during his wife's life he never appreciated her influence on his career and destiny. The literary giant woke from his conjugal injustice and wrote the lamentations of Craigen-puttock and Chyne Row.

A whole Greenwood of monumental inscriptions will not do a wife as much good as one plain sentence like that which Tom Hood wrote to his living wife: "I never was anything until I knew you."

—T. DE WITT TALMAGE

REJECTING THINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE OLD-FASHIONED WOULD RULE OUT THE SUN AND THE MOON.

DO THEY KNOW YOU?

Some months ago the *Ladies' Home Journal* printed this story as a jest, but it really was quite revealing. "A rather pompous-looking deacon was endeavoring to impress upon a class of boys the importance of living the Christian life. 'Why do people call me a Christian?' the dignitary asked, standing very erect and beaming down upon his scholars with pride. There was a moment's pause, and then one of the youngsters said, 'Maybe it's because they don't know you,'"

I WOULD GIVE THE WORLD

A wealthy man was once much impressed by a sincere Christian lady and her consistent life of testimony and sacrifice. It seemed especially outstanding to him because it contrasted so sharply with his own ineffective existence so taken up by the fleeting joys of earth. "I would give the world to have your experience," he said. "Ah," replied the precious saint of God, "that is just what it cost me. I gave the world for it." And then she quoted Galatians 6:14, "... by whom the world is crucified unto me."

FITTING IN UP THERE

A WELL-KNOWN evangelist is quoted in an English publication as having told the following true story in one of his campaigns. He said: "I have a friend who during the depression lost a job, a fortune, a wife, and a home, but tenaciously held to his faith—the only thing he had left. One day he stopped to watch some men doing stone work on a huge church. One of them was chiseling a triangular piece of rock. 'What are you going to do with that?' asked my friend. The workman said, 'Do you see that little opening way up there near the spire? Well, I am shaping this down here so that it will fit in up there.' Tears filled his eyes as he walked away, for it seemed that God had spoken through the workman to explain the ordeal through which he was passing."

PONDER THE PARABLES

Match the title of the parable on the left with the scriptural quotation on the right, by putting the letter of the verse in the correct box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. The merciless servant. | a. "... some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. The sower. | b. "... go and sit down in the lowest place." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. The laborers in the vineyard. | c. "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years. ... Eat, drink, and be merry." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The tares. | d. "... and it grew, and became a great tree." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. The rich fool. | e. "So the last shall be first, and the first last." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. The mustard seed. | f. "Let both grow together until the harvest." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. The friend at midnight. | g. "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. The great supper. | h. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. The ten virgins. | i. "Trouble me not; ... I cannot rise and give thee." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. The talents. | j. "... and he ... took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest." |

ANSWERS:
 (Mt. 25:21);
 (Luke 17:7); 8. (b) (Luke 14:10); 9. (g) (Mt. 25:8); 10. (h)
 (Mt. 13:30); 5. (c) (Luke 12:19); 6. (d) (Luke 13:19); 7. (i)
 1. (j) (Mt. 18:28); 2. (a) (Mark 4:4); 3. (e) (Mt. 20:16); 4. (f)

SCORING: Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer; 80 to 100—exceptional; 60 or 70—excellent; 40 or 50—good; 20 or 30—poor; 0 or 10—sorry, failure! If you are that confused about the parables, those "heavenly stories" will have little earthly meaning for you!

—H.G.B.

Miscellaneous.

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*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



"LIBERTY" PAPER OBSERVES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

This month of November, 2017, the "Liberty" paper marks 35 years of continuous publication. I began publishing the "Liberty" in 1982 when I started my third and final pastorate at Liberty Baptist Church in Dunreith, Indiana. When I moved in 2004 to become assistant pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois, my pastor son here, Dr. Gary Dice, asked me to continue the publication. I was very glad to bring this part of my ministry with me. Since it has always been a ministry of the local church, we have never charged for printing or mailing.

For me it has been, and continues to be, a "labor of love." My early background was in newspaper work and printing, so this has been a small way for me to keep enjoying one of the things I love to do. The "Liberty" is small, compact, easy to read and filled with good poems, articles and information, especially for Christians. It is printed primarily for our church folks but we also send it to our missionaries, pastors, family, friends, etc., who tell me quite often how they enjoy and use it in their Christian work.

WISE SAYINGS



God is more concerned about your response to a problem than He is about removing the problem.

Credit is what keeps you from knowing how far past broke you are.

It is easier to acquire a good reputation than to lose a bad one.

TEN IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

All of these activities involve the Word of God:

1. Read it - I Tim. 4:13.
2. Eat it - That is to take it into our very being - Job 23:12 and Jeremiah 15:16.
3. Bathe in it - for spiritual cleansing - John 15:3.
4. Look into it - as a mirror to see our true self - James 1:23-25.
5. Meditate on it - Psalm 1:2 & I Tim. 4:15.
6. Memorize it - Deut. 11:18 & Psalm 119:11.
7. Study it - II Tim. 2:15 & Heb. 5:12-14.
8. Teach it to others - Deut. 11:19 & Col. 3:16.
9. Talk about it - Joshua 1:8.
10. Sow its seed in the world - Mt. 13:3-9 & Luke 8:11