



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

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## THE QUITTER

I've taught a class for many years;

Borne many burdens, toiled through tears—

But folks don't notice me a bit,  
I'm so discouraged; I'll just quit.

I've led young people day and night

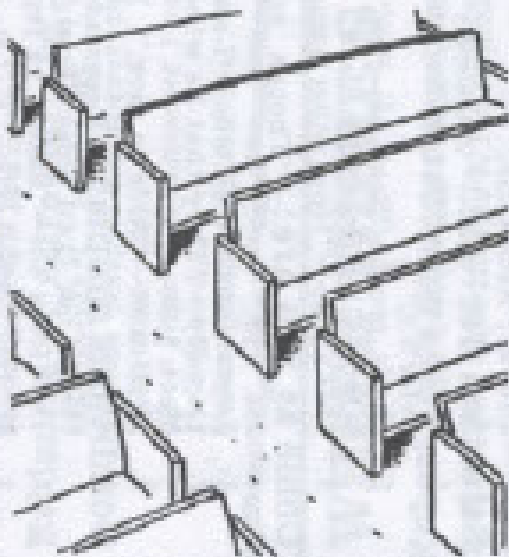
And sacrificed to lead them right;  
But folks won't help me out a bit—

And I'm so tired; I think I'll quit.

Christ's cause is hindered every-  
where

And people are dying in despair.  
The reason why? Just think a bit—

The church is full of those who  
quit.



## SEVEN QUICK WAYS TO FAIL

1. I don't think.
2. I don't know.
3. I don't care.
4. I'm too busy.
5. I leave well enough alone.
6. I have no time to find out.
7. I'm not interested.



## In Days Gone By

On March 25, 1890, Billy Sunday quit baseball for the ministry.

On March 28, 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in California.

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel.

On March 31, 1880, Wabash, IN became the first city completely illuminated by electrical lighting.

*"The test of a man's religious life and character is not what he does in the exceptional moments of his life, but what he does in the ordinary times when he is not before the spotlight"*

Oswald Chambers

## GOD'S WORD TO THE LOST

- All in sin:**—"None righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:10-12.
1. By nature—"Born in sin. Psalm 51:5. "Children of wrath." Eph. 2:3.
  2. By choice—"Loved darkness rather than light." John 3:19; Isa. 53:6.
  3. By practice—"All have sinned." Rom. 3:23.
- Consequences sure:**—"The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.
1. Condemned already—"Because he hath not believed." John 3:18; Gal. 3:10.
  2. Under wrath—"The wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36; Rom. 1:25.
  3. Death—"Worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:48; James 1:15; 2 Thess. 1:9.
- Cannot save self:**—"He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.
1. Not by works—"By grace are ye saved . . . not of works." Eph. 2:8, 9.
  2. Not by baptism—"Without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9:22.
  3. Not by conduct—"Then Christ is dead in vain." Gal. 2:16, 21; Acts 13:39.
- Salvation for all:**—"Whosoever believeth." Acts 10:43.
1. God's desire—"Not willing that any should perish." 2 Peter 3:9.
  2. God's proof—"Sent his Son"—"Christ died for us." 1 John 4:10; Rom. 5:8.
  3. God's plan—"None other name." Acts 4:12.
- Come as you are:**—"Though your sins be as scarlet." Isa. 1:18.
1. Saves sinners—"Of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15.
  2. Ungodly—"They that be whole need not a physician." Matt. 9:12.
  3. Uttermost—"Able to save." Heb. 7:25; Jude 24.
- Conditions simple:**—"Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus-Christ." Acts 20:21.
1. Turn from sin—"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.
  2. Turn to Jesus—"As many as received him." John 1:12.
  3. Trust fully—"Able to keep." 2 Tim. 1:12; John 6:47.
- Delay is dangerous:**—"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12:20.
1. Today—"Now is the accepted time." 2 Cor. 6:2.
  2. Cut down—"Why cumbereth it the ground?" Luke 13:7.
  3. No escape—"If we neglect." Heb. 2:3; Prov. 29:1.
- Evidences of salvation:**—"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.
1. Confess Jesus—"Whosoever shall confess me." Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9.
  2. Obey Jesus—" whatsoever I command you." John 15:14; 1 John 2:4.
  3. Follow Jesus—"Follow me." Matt. 16:24; Luke 6:46.

## GOD'S WORD TO THE SAVED

- Jesus paid the full penalty for you:**—"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:3.
- His righteousness now is placed to your credit:**—"Made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 10:4.
- Confess him as your Saviour and Lord:**—"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus." Rom. 10:9. "Confess me before men." Matt. 10:32.
- Follow Jesus in baptism:**—"Baptized of John in Jordan." Mark 1:9. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him." Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4.
- Worship with his people:**—"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10:25. "The first day of the week." John 20:19; Acts 20:7; Rev. 1:10.
- Contribute as God prospers:**—"Upon the first day of the week." 1 Cor. 16:2. "Tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8. "Abound in this grace also." 2 Cor. 8:7.
- Study the Bible daily:**—"For doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction." 2 Tim. 3:16. "Daily." Acts 17:11. "Study to shew thyself approved." 2 Tim. 2:15.
- Confess to God every sin:**—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us." 1 John 1:9. "Abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7; Psalm 51:17.
- In case of doubt take safe place:**—"He that doubteth . . . whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23; 1 Cor. 6:12; 8:12; 10:23, 31.
- Practice the presence of Christ:**—"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5. "With you always." Matt. 28:20; 18:20.
- Work for him as the way opens:**—"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22. "He that doeth the will of my Father." Matt. 7:21.
- Seek to win others to Jesus:**—"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21. "I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19; Luke 19:10.
- Press onward, outward, upward:**—"For the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. "A crown of righteousness." 2 Tim. 4:8.

Seated in a crowded bus,  
A thing that I despise  
Is to see a lady stand—  
That's why I shut my  
eyes!

### STEALING BIBLES

The *Baptist Bulletin* reports that shoplifting in religious bookstores is commonplace. Some people who "are in church every Sunday" have been stealing Bibles. One religious "customer" had shifted a \$150.00 Bible into a \$19.99 box. What kind of new version has left out, "Thou shalt not steal"? Religious CDs are the items most frequently stolen. Most CDs in "religious" stores today are contemporary rock. Maybe these people need to "steal" their way into a church where they hear Bible preaching and Christian hymns!

## Life

Man's life means  
Tender teens,  
Teachable twenties,  
Tireless thirties,  
Fiery forties,  
Forcible fifties,  
Serious sixties,  
Sacred seventies,  
Aching eighties,  
Shortening breath,  
Death.  
The sod,  
God.

EVERYONE CAN GIVE  
PLEASURE IN SOME  
WAY. ONE PERSON  
MAY DO IT BY COM-  
ING INTO A ROOM,  
ANOTHER BY GOING  
OUT.

## WHERE THERE'S A WILL . . .

**Robert Louis Stevenson**, author of *Treasure Island*, died on this date in 1894. He willed his birthday (November 13) to a friend who complained she'd been born on Christmas and had never had a real birthday celebration.

**Francis R. Lord**, a famous Australian, left one shilling to his wife "for tram fare so she can go somewhere and drown herself." The inheritance was never claimed.

**Patrick Henry**, American patriot, left everything to his wife . . . provided she never married again. "It would make me unhappy," he explained, "to have worked all my life only to support another man's wife!" She remarried anyway.

Here's a good saying, "When someone does you a little dirt, and you're a little hurt, don't run to the phone, run to the throne."

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## UPDATE ON PASTOR GARY DICE'S ILLNESS

Pastor Gary Dice has been to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota four times. He is now home and undergoing physical therapy at our local hospital in Pittsfield, Illinois. It is necessary for him to use a cane and oftentimes a wheelchair. He has 22 stents in his arteries and has been hospitalized thirty seven times, trying to recuperate from open-heart surgery in January, 2015. When he is able he still preaches at church and always does a tremendous job. He has had to change his life-style, and needs much more rest than usual. He still remains in charge of all services and events, and attends when possible.

Here are some events coming up at Grace Baptist in 2018: 28th Annual Faith-Promise Missions Conference; April 8-11; Pastor Dice's son Micah's marriage to Hannah Burrows on April 28; Mother's Day Banquet, May 19; Memorial Day Picnic, May 28; Pastor Dice's 28th Anniversary at Grace, June 10; and Youth Camp, July 30-August 3. Other events will be announced later. Please remember our pastor in prayer.

## INFORMATION ON GOSPEL TRACT MINISTRY

On April 11, 2004, Grace Baptist Church started their Tract Ministry through the Fellowship Tract League in Lebanon, Ohio. During this time we have been able to send out close to ELEVEN MILLION TRACTS into 151 countries. We have spent almost \$55,000 in this effort, plus sending \$150 per month to the tract league to help purchase, paper, ink and other supplies for printing the tracts. This has been a wonderful ministry for reaching souls worldwide. This does not involve the support we give monthly to almost 70 missionaries and mission endeavors around the world. We believe in the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel to every creature. The sun never sets on our ministry.

We might also add that we started the "Liberty Paper" at Grace Baptist Church on October 5, 2003. We provide it for our church and also send it to many missionaries, pastors, evangelists, friends and other people as a part of our missionary outreach. People write and tell me often that they use the Liberty Paper in preaching, in church bulletins, etc. Plans are to keep printing and sending this useful little paper that is a blessing to many.

BACKBITERS are like dogs who bite you  
when you turn to leave.