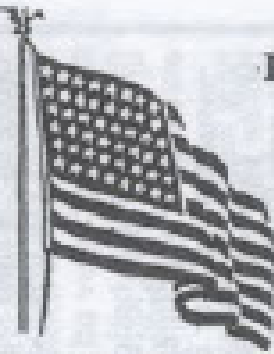


II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."



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In Days Gone By

On April 3, 1882, the notorious outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang.

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot to death in Memphis, TN.

HAPPY
EASTER
He is Risen

In the town of Needham, west of Boston, MA, a street sign leaves no doubt in drivers' minds as to the rules of the road. The sign reads: "Don't even think of parking here."

That sign should be put up at certain places on the highway of life.

It should appear, for example, at the place we call "bereavement." "Don't even think of parking here." Sometimes people in their grief park for years at that point, and as a result make no progress in moral and spiritual growth. A similar sign should be put up at the place called "defeat," and another one at the place called "ecstatic experience." These are no places to park. "Don't even think of parking here."



—The Prairie Overcome

LIVE AND LEARN

AN UNKNOWN author has written these powerful thoughts, expressing the influence for good or evil that our lives exert on others. While they refer to parents in particular, they apply to Christians in general. After reading each statement, ask yourself, "Are people learning this from me?"

- If a boy lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
- If a boy lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
- If a boy lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.
- If a boy lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.
- If a boy lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.
- If a boy lives with encouragement, he learns to be self-confident.
- If a boy lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- If a boy lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.
- If a boy lives with acceptance, he learns to love.
- If a boy lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
- If a boy lives with recognition, he learns to have a goal.
- If a boy lives with fairness, he learns what justice is.
- If a boy lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.
- If a boy lives with sincerity, he learns to have faith in himself and those around him.
- If a boy lives with love, he learns that the world is a wonderful place to live in.

Can You See This Now?

Optician: How many lines can you read on that chart?
Patient: What chart?

I had trouble with my eyes—I saw spots in front of my eyes.
Do your glasses help?
Yes. Now I can see the spots much better.

Why do you wear dark glasses?
Because I can't bear to see my wife work so hard.

Cross-examining a man who had witnessed an accident:
Did you see the man on the train?
Yes sir.

Where was he?
About thirty cars back from the engine.

Where were you?
I was back of the tender of the engine.
About what time of night was it?
Eleven o'clock.

Do you mean to tell me that you saw that man thirty cars away at eleven o'clock at night?
Yes sir.

How far do you think you can see at night?
'Bout a million miles, I reckon. How far is it to the moon?

Last week a grain of sand got into my wife's eye, and she had to go to the doctor. It cost me \$300.

That's nothing. Last week a fur coat got in my wife's eye, and it cost me \$3,000.

MORE SHORT STORIES TO READ

I recently heard the story of two young college students who were both deeply in love with the same young lady. One of them was constantly telling his buddies how wonderful "his girl" was. He told of her beauty, talent, personality, and winning ways. His companions thought that he would certainly marry this "queen of the campus." To their surprise, however, three months later she entered into matrimony with the other fellow. Cornering the young student who had repeatedly extolled her virtues, they asked him how it was that he had lost out in the contest for her hand. "Well," said the defeated one brokenheartedly, "I guess while I was here telling YOU how wonderful she was, he was over there telling HER!"

Charles Spurgeon of London was offered a trip to America by an American Lecture Bureau. He was to deliver 50 lectures in 50 different cities. The Bureau offered to pay for all his expenses and those of his wife and secretary, and in addition, \$1000 per night for each of his fifty lectures. But Mr. Spurgeon promptly declined the offer of \$50,000 saying, "I can do much better. I will stay in London and try to WIN FIFTY SOULS FOR CHRIST, WORTH MORE THAN FIFTY WORLDS." No wonder this man was so mightily used of God, and countless precious souls awaited him in Heaven when he went Home. He would have had to leave his \$50,000 here below, but the souls were never to be lost.

William Carey was once reproached for spending so much time in prayer that he neglected his business. He replied that supplication, thanksgiving, and intercession were much more important in his life than laying up treasures on earth. "Prayer is my real business!" he said. "Cobbling shoes is a sideline; it just helps me pay expenses." The Lord honored Carey's vigorous faith, for he became a renowned missionary and was mightily used by God in India, Burma, and the East Indies.

THE educator and comedian Sam Levinson was standing one day with a group of men who seemed to tower above him. When someone asked, "Sam, don't you feel strange surrounded by so many tall people?" he replied, "Yes, I do. I feel like a dime among a lot of pennies!" This reminded me of a spiritual truth which should encourage every true Christian. We may not be very "tall" in the eyes of some, and in fact, the world often looks down on us. But in God's sight we are of great worth!

I am reminded of the story told about another man who also wished he had a million dollars. His friend asked him, "What would you do if you had TWO million?" His reply—"I'd give one million of it to the work of the Gospel." "But suppose you had two farms, what would you do?" He replied, "I'd give one of them to the church." Next came the question, "If you had two suits of clothes, what would you do?" After a long pause he said, "I don't know." "And why don't you know?" asked the interrogator. His answer was honest. He said, "I don't know because, you see, I'VE GOT TWO SUITS!" It is easier to give away what you DON'T have, than what you DO have. You can't be trusted with much if you are not faithful in little.

MAN was created a worker! He was told to "subdue" the earth even before the fall (Gen. 1:28), and when he was placed in the Garden of Eden he was admonished to "dress it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). God is a worker (see John 5:17), and man was made in His image! A lazy man, therefore, is out of the will of God and cannot possibly be truly happy, for work is the very core of living.

"There is no fun like work!"—so said a plaque hanging on the wall of Dr. Charles Mayo's office. "I have always liked that motto," he declared, "for I believe it's true. To be without worthwhile occupation is almost to be without life; for it is work which creates interest in life!"

AT THE entrance of one of the great manufacturing plants in America is a sign that reads, "If you are like a wheelbarrow—going no farther than you are pushed—you need not apply for work here!" In spiritual endeavor, too, one must always manifest personal initiative and zeal and be willing to go the second mile.

Miscellaneous.

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WHERE DO YOU HIDE FROM THE STORMS OF LIFE?

Spring is now here and along with Spring comes dangerous storms, and sometimes tornadoes. One year in Indiana the first tornado came on Palm Sunday and the last one on Thanksgiving Day. It was a long season. As a small boy one of my biggest fears was that of a storm with wind, lightning, thunder and rain. When it began to look like a storm was coming I would run in the house, get in a closet and shut the door. That way I couldn't see or hear it as well. My mother used to try to quell my fears but I always ran to my place to hide.

As children of God we go through many storms and trials, but God has provided us a place to hide. The Bible says He is our refuge and shelter. It's good to be able to run to the Bible and find verses that bring us security and safety. Let's look at a few of the verses that we can hide in:

1. When you are discouraged read Isaiah 40; II Cor. 12:9.
2. When seeking forgiveness read Psalm 32.
3. When lonely and fearful read Psalm 23; I Peter 5:7.
4. When in danger read Psalm 9.
5. When tempted read Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 6.
6. When sick read Matthew 9:1-8; James 5:13-16.
7. When in sorrow over death read John 11 and 14.
8. When weary and heavy laden read Isaiah 55.
9. When things go against you read Psalm 27.
10. When your faith is weak read Hebrews 11.
11. When you have the blues read Psalm 34, John 14.
12. When you are discontented read Psalm 37:7; Proverbs 16:8.
13. When you can't understand read Romans 8:28.
14. To find the way to God read John 14:6.
15. When you need help to overcome an inferiority complex read I Cor. 5:10; Luke 12:6-7; Acts 20:32.
16. If something is too big to handle read Philipians 4:13.

As a young pastor, when my church burned to the ground, I needed a verse to hide in. I found it in Romans 8:28. I went on, knowing that God would work it out for the good. He did, and here I am, over 59 years of preaching later, still going strong for Him. Don't ever give up. Use God's Word where you can find refuge, strength, comfort and help for every storm that comes your way. God is good, all the time!

Men, if you were to die tomorrow, the company you work for could replace you in a week; but your wife and family would feel the loss for the rest of their lives. Yet, so many of us pour ourselves into our jobs instead of our families...an unwise investment.