



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

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## At One with God

*At one with God in the morning  
When the stars are dim in the sky.  
At one with God at noontime  
When the sun rides warm and high.*

*At one with God at sunset  
When twilight hugs the earth,  
And the blue sky turns to purple  
As I watch the first star's birth.*

*At one with God at midnight  
When even the mockers nod;  
At one with God forever;  
At one, at one with God.*

—Enola Chamberlin

## In Days Gone By

On April 22, 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York, four days after suffering a stroke.

*When we die, we leave behind us all we have and take with us all we are.*

Most of us, if we got what we deserved, would be hung on the nearest tree before sundown.

## PRODIGAL SON IN THE KEY OF "F"

Feeling Foot-loose and Fancy-Free, a Feather-brained Fellow asked his Fond Father to Fork over the Family Finances. He then Fled Far into Foreign Fields, there Frittered his Fortune Feasting Fabulously with Faithless Friends. Finally, Feeling Forlorn and Forsaken by his Friends in Folly, he Forsooth Found himself a Feed-finger in a Filthy Farmyard...and he Fain would have Filled his Face with Foul Foliage of that Filthy Farmyard. "Foocy," said he. "My Father's Flunkies Fair Far Fancier than this." So, Fleeing the Filthy Farmyard, he Fled Fastly to Fond Father. "Father, I have Flunked. I have Foolishly Forfeited Family Favor.." "Fetch a Fatted Fatling," Frowned Fond Father, "let Frivolous Frolicking be Formulated. Foolish, Fond Prater has returned."

—Wise Way Magazine

# A Prayer For Those Who Live Alone

I live alone, dear Lord,  
Stay by my side,  
In all my daily needs,  
Be Thou my guide.



Grant me good health,  
For that indeed, I pray,  
To carry on my work  
From day to day.

Keep pure my mind,  
My thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind, unselfish  
In my neighbor's need.



Spare me from fire, from flood,  
Malicious tongues,  
From thieves, from fear,  
And evil ones.

If sickness or  
An accident befall,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,  
Hear Thou my call.



And when I'm feeling low,  
Or in despair,  
Lift up my heart,  
And help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord,  
Yet have no fear,  
Because I feel Your Presence  
Ever near. Amen.



# Life Is Too Short

To remember slights or insults,  
To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness,  
To waste time in doing things that are of no value,  
To let past sins or mistakes cloud future happiness,  
To miss making friends because I am too busy making money.

To give my youth to the devil and my old age to God,  
To dream of tomorrow when I may never have one,  
To put off making a confession of Christ NOW!

# Ten Sentence Sermons on Scriptural Giving

1. The Willing Giver  
Abraham in the offering of his son (Gen. 22:1-14)
2. The Big Little Giver  
The widow who, in giving two mites, gave more than all (Luke 21:1-4)
3. The Givers Who Were Not Miserly  
The Macedonians who gave up to their ability and beyond (II Cor. 8:1-5)
4. The Unpretentious Giver  
The Good Samaritan who gave no show of his giving (Luke 10:30-37)
5. The Sacrificial Giver  
David who, in buying the threshing floor of Araunah, would not give to the Lord that which had cost him nothing (I Sam. 24:18-25)
6. The Voluntary Giver  
Zacchaeus, the man who did not wait to be asked to give (Luke 19:1-8)
7. Givers Who Had Nothing to Give  
Peter and John when asked alms of a lame man (Acts 3:1-6)
8. The Covetous Givers  
Ananias and Sapphira who held back a part and suffered a dire penalty (Acts 5:1-11)
9. The Wise Givers  
The wise men who came from the heathen world (Matt. 2:1-12)
10. The Giver Who Did Not Count the Cost  
Mary who gave lavishly of the gift of love (John 12:1-3)

—Ray Miller

# Total Bill: \$0.00

Albert E. Batley tells the story about two bills—Harry's bill to his mother and Mother's bill to Harry. The first bill itemized the various jobs Harry had done about the house, and ended: "Total that Mother owes Harry: \$8.00."

But the next morning Harry found a statement from his mother, and this is what it said:

- Food for Harry, 10 years . . . . . \$0.00  
For clothing and home, 10 years . . . . . \$0.00  
For toys, skates and bicycle . . . . . \$0.00  
For dishwashing, cooking, and ironing, 10 years . . . . . \$0.00  
For nursing Harry during pneumonia . . . . . \$0.00  
Total Harry owes Mother . . . . . \$0.00

# NOAH'S ARK

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark . . .

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm. When you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

# Miscellaneous.

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## THE SAGA OF BLACK BART

EVERYBODY WAS SCARED OF BLACK BART! You have probably heard of him. He was an infamous stagecoach robber in the 1800's. During a period of 9 years he robbed 27 Wells Fargo stagecoaches. He always worked alone, wore a white hood with eyeholes cut out to see, and a long, white robe, all of which was made from flour sacks. Oh, yes, he carried a big shotgun! He would stand in a secluded area where the stagecoach had to slow down, then step out, point the shotgun and order the driver to stop. He became one of the most feared and well-known outlaws. Everyone was afraid of Black Bart and no one resisted for fear of being killed by this outlaw.

Wells Fargo officials, weary of this, made an all-out effort to stop him. He was finally captured and there were some real surprises in store for his captors.

First, when the hood was removed, it was discovered that he was an old man, well-respected in his community. Secondly, he was afraid of horses and never rode one. After the robbery he would climb a tree and hide until all was clear. Then he would walk home, carrying a satchel with his hood, robe and money inside. Thirdly, he was afraid of guns, and every time he robbed a stagecoach the shotgun was never loaded. He was afraid he would hurt someone or himself. Fourthly, he may have robbed all those coaches in the badlands, and lived there himself, but he certainly wasn't from there. He was from Decatur, Illinois, not too many miles from our church in Pittsfield. I wonder if any of you Illinoisans are related to him!

Now for the point. We know that Satan is our worst enemy and is out to rob us of our testimony and our walk with God. But, if you and I know the Word of God and know the truth about Satan we need not be afraid of him. We are told in James 4:7-8; "Submit yourselves, therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..." Satan just waits for a weak moment or a lapse in good judgment to attack us, and that is why we must stay in the Word of God, stay in church and pray daily. By knowing the Word of God we can know how the devil works and operates. The Apostle Paul tells us not to be ignorant of his devices lest he get an advantage over us. Don't let him rob you of everything that is right and good. By all means, know your enemy and how to defeat him. It can be done.

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