



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

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The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

They say that man is mighty;
He governs land and sea.
He wields a mighty scepter
O'er lower powers than he.
But a mightier power and
stronger
Man from his throne has
hurled,
For the hand that rocks the
cradle
Is the hand that rules the
world.

—William Ross Wallace

WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND...

JOY - until we face sorrow
FAITH - until it is tested
PEACE - until faced with conflict
TRUST - until we are betrayed
LOVE - until it is lost
HOPE - until confronted with doubts

In Days Gone By

On June 12, 1939, the National
Baseball Hall of Fame opened.

On June 15, 1752, Franklin con-
ducted his kite experiment.

On June 16, 1922, the first
helicopter flight took place.

Is It Fun Being President?

President Jimmy Carter complained that the White House reporters sometimes acted like little children. At one news conference he said, "I'm not going to say anything very important tonight, so you can all put your crayons away."

After a speech he gave in Omaha, President Gerald Ford met a woman who had not been present. She said to him, "I heard you gave a speech tonight." President Ford modestly answered, "Oh, it was nothing." To which the woman replied, "Yes, that's what I heard."

Some people claimed that Reagan had a poor memory. At a press conference, a reporter said to the president, "You said that you would resign if your memory started to go." Reagan laughed. "I don't remember saying that."

MARRIAGE

He was escorting his wife to a concert and they arrived late. "What are they playing?" he whispered to his neighbor.

"The Fifth Symphony," replied the man.
"Well, thank goodness," sighed the husband. "I've missed four of them."

The cooking usually stops when the honeymoon is over, but the billing goes on forever.

"Did your wife have much to say when you got home last night?"

"No, but that didn't keep her from talking for two hours."

Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music, and a slow walk home. She goes Tuesdays; I go Fridays.

Despite the statistics, he denies that married men live longer than single men ... it only seems longer.

You can always tell when a marriage is shaky. The partners don't even talk to each other during television commercials.

Announcement: The lodge meeting will be postponed. The Supreme Exalted Inviolable Unaltered Sixty-Ninth Degree Potentate's wife wouldn't let him come!

The best way for a man to remember his wife's birthday is to forget it just once.

There are only two ways to handle a woman—and nobody knows either of them.

The honeymoon is over when he no longer smiles gently as he scrapes the burnt toast.

Marriage is like a midnight phone call. You get a ring and then you wake up.

Being a husband is like any other job. It helps a lot if you like the boss.

GOD IS STILL THE SAME

When from my life the old-time joys have vanished—
Treasures, once mine, I may no longer claim,
This truth may feed my hungry heart, and famished—
Lord, THOU REMAINEST! Thou art still the same!
When streams have dried, those streams of glad
refreshing—

Friendships so blest, so pure, so rich, so free;
When sun-kissed skies give place to clouds depressing—
Lord, THOU REMAINEST! Still my heart hath Thee.

When strength hath failed, and feet, newborn and weary,
On gladsome errands may no longer go,
Why should I sigh, or let the days be dreary?
Lord, THOU REMAINEST! Couldst Thou more bestow?

Thus through life's days, whome'er or what may fall me,
Friends, friendships, joys, in small or great degree,
Songs may be mine—no sadness need assail me,
Since THOU REMAINEST, and my heart hath Thee.

THE FEAR OF GOD

1. The fear of God is a gift from Him.
Isa. 11:1-3; Phil. 2:12-13
2. The fear of God instills obedience.
Psalm 111:10; Ecc. 12:13
3. The fear of God produces humility.
Ps. 33:8; Heb. 11:7
4. The fear of God brings courage.
Ps. 27:1-3; Acts 5:29
5. The fear of God helps us avoid sin.
Pro. 8:13; II Cor. 7:1
6. The fear of God builds leadership.
II Chron. 19:5-9; Deut. 20:8
7. The fear of God leads to loving Him and those who are likened.
Acts 9:31; I John 4:16-19

A CHEERFUL OLD PERSON

The difference between a happy and cheerful "old" man or woman and a grouchy, irritable, grumbling scowpass is simply this: the happy "old" Christian is still growing and "bringing forth fruit in old age," while the other is deteriorating and has stopped maturing spiritually. Geriatrics is the science of "aging," and thousands of remedies (besides "geritol") are recommended to retard this physical process—but to no avail. However, in the spiritual realm we do have a remedy against aging; it is found in Bible study, prayer, testimony, and the exercise of faith. Take liberal doses daily!

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

Gipsy Smith, the great evangelist, died on a journey in true Gypsy tradition in his eighty-seventh year. Called to preach at seventeen, he was simple and original and colorful. He said, "I was born in a field; don't put me in a flowerpot."

He was not a theologian; he would have agreed with Sam Jones, who said he liked flowers but not botany, religion but not theology.

He was in class with Billy Sunday, who used to say that he didn't know any more about theology than did a jack rabbit about Ping-Pong.

When he was advised to learn how to sing from his diaphragm, Gipsy replied that he didn't want to sing from his diaphragm but from his heart.

When asked about the secret of his freshness and vigor even into old age, he said, "I have never lost the wonder."

A preacher should have the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child, and the hide of a rhinoceros. His biggest problem is how to toughen his hide without hardening his heart. Gipsy Smith had the heart of a child. He never lost the wonder.

Is not this one thing our Lord meant when He said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven (att. 18:3)?"

Vance Havner

A Horrible Crime

"Abortion is the killing of human life—biologically, medically and scientifically. It is factual that life begins at fertilization," affirmed Steven Hotze, M.D., founder of Texas Doctors for Life, Inc.

"Over ninety-nine percent of all abortions have nothing to do with rape, incest or threat to the mother's life. At 18 to 25 days after conception, the heart begins to beat. At 45 days, brain waves can be detected. By 6 to 7 weeks, the fetus will respond to touch sensations. Even at this early stage, there is no reason to think that the unborn baby does not feel pain as his/her body is dismembered, poisoned, or otherwise destroyed by the various brutal techniques concealed under the bland euphemism 'termination of pregnancy!'"

Miscellaneous.

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NOW HOW LONG BUT HOW WELL WE LIVE

There is a great deal of senseless praise of longevity, as though it were a wonderful achievement to live a good while.

Ah, my friends, it is not how long we live but how well we live and how useful we live. A man who lives to 80 years and accomplishes nothing for God or humanity might better have never lived at all.

Methuselah lived 969 years, and what did it amount to? In all those more than nine centuries he did not accomplish anything which seemed worth record.

The Apostle Paul lived only a little more than sixty, but how many Methuselaha's would it take to make one Paul? Who would not rather have Paul's sixty years than Methuselah's 969.

Robert McCheyne died at thirty, and John Summerfield at twenty-seven, but neither earth nor Heaven will ever hear the end of their usefulness.

Gray hairs are the blossoms of the tree of life if found in the way of righteousness, but the frosts of the second death if found in the way of sin.

T. DeWitt Talmage



MONEY . . . MONEY . . . MONEY . . .

Teller to a feller: "Sign an "X" right here and I'll cash your check."
"Oh, no, I can't do that. That's my daddy's signature."

A father and son went to church one Sunday morning. The father had a habit of putting his hand over the collection plate but never putting anything in. The little boy noticed it and put his hand over the plate too. After church was over and they stepped outside, the little boy said, "Daddy, I got fifty cents, how much did you get?"

"I have nothing but praise for my pastor," an enthusiastic church lady said. Her friend commented, "I noticed that when they passed the offering plates."

What's John doing in the hospital? "He's having his tithes taken out."

After the preacher married a couple the groom asked, "How much do I owe you?" The preacher replied, "Oh, whatever she's worth." The groom reached in his pocket and handed him a dollar bill. The preacher stepped over to the bride, lifted her veil, put it back down and gave the man fifty cents change.

Money talks: it says hello and good-bye.

When your outgo exceeds your income your upkeep becomes your downfall.