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## A WORD TO THE WISE!

1. The quickest way to reveal your ignorance is to try and tell someone else how much you know.
2. A bit of "horse-sense" and some "common-sense" would not only eliminate a lot of divorce, but many marriages also!
3. Every great and well-known man was once a nobody... but ready for opportunity.
4. A man pulling his own weight seldom has any left over to throw around. You're welcome!
5. Most people who are not willing to give secrets away, often times are willing to trade them.
6. Don't stop to compliment yourself as you round third base, you may be thrown out at home plate.
7. Have you ever noticed that in many of our big cities, it is easier and cheaper to keep driving than it is to park.
8. Why do most of the service stations keep their office, cash register and safe open... but the rest rooms are always locked?
9. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up hope wrinkles the soul.
10. No one is easier to fool than the one who knows it all.

## In Days Gone By

On Oct. 28, 1885, the Statue of Liberty was unveiled. In 1936, President Roosevelt rededicated it on its 50th anniversary during a re-election campaign stop.

## GUNS

The problem is not guns.  
It's hearts without God.  
Homes without discipline.  
Schools without prayer.  
Courts without justice.

*It is hard today to know the difference between a boy and a girl because of their dress and hairdos.*

*A man at a party said to a stranger, "Isn't it awful the way kids look today? Look at that silly-looking girl over there."*

*"Sir," the stranger answered, "I'll have you know that isn't a girl, it's my son."*

*"Oh, I'm sorry," said the embarrassed man, "I had no way to know you were his mother."*

*"I'm not," the stranger answered angrily, "I'm his father."*

## SPEND MONEY WISELY... WATCH FOR FRAUDLENT MISSIONARIES

Let me take a moment and warn young folks looking to go into missions about some fraudulent missions courses I have seen advertised. "Refried Missions" (starting a church near another missionary and taking their people), "Implied Missions" (living in America and paying nationals with other people's money), "At-least-I-tried Missions" (five year stints of "service" on a foreign field), "Inside Missions" (ruses to raise money and live in America), "Along-for-the-ride Missions" (missionaries who teach Sunday school in another country for \$5,000 dollars a month), "I Lied Missions" (those who raise money and take love offerings to go to a certain field that "God has called them to" but never go and never reimburse those they have misinformed), "Deep and Wide Missions" (missionaries to the world), "Fund-My-Ride Missions" (those who continuously prey on the generosity of Americans including fund-raising for containers, roofs, vehicles, braces for their children, and rabies shots for their pet dogs), and "Hide Missions" (those who hide in America while their ministry is supposedly on a foreign field). Be sure your missionary believes in APPLIED MISSIONS!

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## TRUE OR FALSE?

Are the following statements true or false?

- |   | True                     | False                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The first promise of a Redeemer was spoken to Eve.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Abraham had eight sons.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Lot, Abraham's nephew, was a saved man.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Isaac and Ishmael were half-brothers.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Elijah ascended into Heaven in a chariot of fire.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The mother of Jesus and the mother of John were cousins. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Jesus arose from the tomb before daylight.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The shortest book in the New Testament is II John.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. There are 66 books in the Bible.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Answers Below

1. False—It was to the serpent (Gen. 3:14, 15).  
 2. True—See Genesis 18:15, Genesis 21:3, and Genesis 25:12.  
 3. True—See II Peter 2:7, 8.  
 4. True—There's no excuse for mistaking this one if you answered number two correctly (Gen. 16:15, Gen. 21:3).  
 5. False—It was a whirlwind (II Kings 2:11).  
 6. False—He was born in a stable, then laid in a manger (Luke 2:7).  
 7. True—See Luke 1:36.  
 8. True—See John 20:1.  
 9. True—Check this in your Bible.  
 10. True—There are 39 books in the Old Testament, 27 in the New.

## For Sale—84 Cents

The late Dr. Charles H. Mayo, world-famous surgeon, has placed a value of 84 cents upon the human body. This was revealed in an article appearing in the *Northwestern Health Journal*. Dr. Mayo, whose clinics are a mecca for tens of thousands of ailing ones, further says:

"It has been figured that, at a single meal, a man puts into his stomach more than his entire body is worth—I mean the literal commercial value in dollars and cents."

Dr. Mayo, in explaining his statement, went on to say, "The ingredients of the human body might be commercially figured as follows: He has enough potassium for one shot of a toy pistol; a product value of seven bars of soap; enough iron for an eighty-penny nail; enough sulphur to keep fleas off a dog; enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop; enough magnesia to make a single dose for a person with sour stomach, and enough phosphorus to cover 2,200 matches."

Yet in sharp contrast to the slight value of our bodies, our life is made up of something so valuable that its worth cannot be estimated. It is our soul.

Our bodies last for just a few short years; then death overtakes them, and they return to dust.

But not so with our souls. Death is only the means by which our souls are ushered into eternity—to live forever and ever; to live either in the enjoyment of Heaven or in the despair of Hell.

Do you plan for your body?—Do you cater to it, you nourish it. But what of your soul? Have you thought of its eternal existence; have you planned for its eternal existence?

God asks, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). The question cannot be answered, for the loss would be too great to comprehend.

Now, God has made it possible that your soul might be saved. He punished His innocent Son for your sins—the sins that would condemn your soul to Hell forever and ever. If you will accept Jesus Christ as your own Saviour, God will forgive your sins—He will save your soul.

Children touring a retirement home were asked by a resident if they had any questions. "Yes," one girl said. "How old are you?"

"I'm 98," she replied proudly.

Clearly impressed, the child's eyes grew wide with wonder. "Did you start at one?"



## THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMEN

- BABY GIRL
- LITTLE GIRL
- SCHOOL GIRL
- TEENAGE GIRL
- YOUNG WOMAN
- YOUNG WOMAN
- YOUNG WOMAN

# Miscellaneous.

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\*STORIES  
\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## WHEN DOES A CHRISTIAN BECOME A BACKSLIDER?

If you were ever closer to God than you are right now, you have backslidden! A person doesn't backslide all at once. Usually, it is quite gradual and goes unnoticed. Here are some telltale signs:

1. He stops reading his Bible. Previously it had a vital place in his life. Now, he is too busy.
2. He ceases to pray. No longer does he ask God to help solve his problems, supply wisdom and guidance, bless others and forgive sins.
3. He begins to criticize others. He tries to ease his conscience by finding fault with the church, the preacher and others in leadership.
4. He no longer feels he should be a witness for Christ. He no longer invites or brings other people to church.
5. He becomes irregular in attending church. Of course, he has his reasons. (Excuses is a much better term.)
6. He stops giving. He says the church is wasting money on missions and other ministries the church is involved in. He believes he has a better method than what the Bible teaches.

If any of the above telltale signs describe you, then here is the cure for backsliding. First, you must face yourself and your condition, confess it to God and make no room for excuses. Second, forsake your sins, renounce them and turn from them. Accept God's promise of cleansing in I John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Third, begin to do what God wants you to do. You must not only turn from sin, but you must begin to serve the Lord in positive ways. You will be happier, you will be blessed and used of God and when you stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ it will be different--you will receive rewards. As an old college professor used to say to us, "A word to the wise is sufficient."