



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

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God's Time Is Never Wrong

God's time is never wrong—
Never too fast nor too slow;
The planets move to its steady pace
As the centuries come and go.

Stars rise and set by that time;
The punctual comets come back,
Which never arrive too late
From the round of their viewless
track.

Men space their years by the sun
And reckon their months by the
moon,
Which never arrive too late
And never depart too soon.

Let us set our clock by God's
And order our lives by His ways,
And nothing can come and nothing
can go
Too soon or too late in our day.

LOST!



What? Lost your
temper, did you say?

Well, dear, I would not mind it.
It is not such a dreadful loss...
Pray do not try to find it.

It chased the dimples all away,
And wrinkled up your forehead.
And changed a pretty, smiling face
To one... well, simply horrid.

It put to flight the cheery words,
The laughter and the singing,
And clouds upon a shining sky
It would persist in bringing.

And now it's gone. Then, do, my
dear,
Make it your best endeavor
To quickly find a better one.
And lose it never, never.

In Days Gone By

On March 12, 1933, Roosevelt
gave his first fireside chat.
I was 9 days old.

On March 21, 1891, the Hatfield-
McCoy feud was ended

What most of us need most is
a vigorous kick in the seat of
our "can'ts"

Scams, Scams and More Scams!

Yes, indeed, the scammers are working night and day to relieve you of your hard-earned money. They are crooks without character and without conscience. They will steal anything of value and they don't care who you are. Elderly people are especially targeted by these thieves, but they will take advantage of whomever they can.

My purpose here is to alert you to the dangers posed by these devious, unscrupulous marketers and their rackets.

Consider the following scenarios, all of which are very real and very present in the world around us.

1. When someone calls you on the phone claiming you are in trouble with the IRS, don't get excited. Hang up and forget it. It is a scam. The IRS does not call you on the phone when they want you.

2. Letters, e-mails and phone calls from foreign countries that offer to split several million dollars with you if you will let them transfer it into your bank account are scams. No matter how good this sounds, it is a scam. And the minute they get your bank account number, your bank account will be drained of every dollar you have.

3. If someone offers you a deal or a huge discount that you must take right now or lose out, don't bite, as you are apt to get bitten.

4. When people show up at your door offering to do roof repairs, painting or whatever, be wary.

5. You should not reveal your personal financial information to other people unless you know for sure they are worthy of your trust. No stranger should be given any information at all.

6. Seek counsel from your pastor or a trusted Christian businessman before agreeing to things where you are about to spend your money.

7. In cases where you are doubtful, suspicious or even slightly uncomfortable, don't do it! 8. Be careful about whom you let have the run of your house (including children).

9. Keep your jewelry, deeds, checkbook, credit cards, wallet and your will under lock and key. A safe deposit box at a bank, a safe at your house, etc., can be a wise investment.

10. Just hang up on robo calls — all of them.

11. If you do talk to a salesperson on the phone, do not say

"yes" about anything. The crooks can take that one word and edit it into a conversation so that it appears you agreed to buy whatever they are selling.

12. When on the phone, do not give out your credit card number, your social security number or your bank information.

13. Beware of appeals driven by emotion. No one wants to see animals abused or old people freezing in the wintertime, but you can't depend on many of those organizations to be what they claim to be.

14. When giving to charitable or benevolent causes, be sure to contribute to well-established, reputable organizations.

This is not an exhaustive list of potential problems, but it reflects a lot of what is happening these days. The scammers are very creative and they just keep finding ways to steal from all of us.

Please, pay attention on this! Don't let some unscrupulous character make a victim out of you.

—Dr. Shelton Smith



GOD PROMISED

God did not tell me only roses would grow, that I'd find no sorrow on the path that I must go. But He promised to be there each step of the way, providing a way to escape the temptations of the day. His grace is all sufficient, daily to see me through, He will help me to conquer and be victorious too.



Dead at 17



by John Berrio

Agony claws my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here I felt very much alone. I was overwhelmed by grief, and I expected to find sympathy.

I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly mangled as mine. I was given a number and placed in a category. The category was called "Traffic Fatalities."

The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive." When the 2:50 p.m. bell rang, I threw my books in the locker... free until tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss.

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off — going too fast, taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly, I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were

sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head. I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a plate tonight. I'm supposed to have a wonderful life ahead of me. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks came to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked very old. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he's our son."

The funeral was weird. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked by.

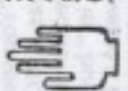
Please, somebody — wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see Mom and Dad in such pain. My grandparents are so weak from grief they can barely walk. My brother and sister are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze. Every body. No one can believe this. I can't believe it, either.

Please, don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground! I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. Please, God, I'm only 17.

CONSECRATED HANDS

SCRIPTURE has much to say about consecrated hands. Note the Biblical emphasis; we must have:

1. Clean hands - Job 17:9;
2. Willing hands - Proverbs 31:13;
3. Dedicated hands - Ecclesiastes 9:10;
4. Diligent hands - Proverbs 10:4;
5. Kind hands - Ruth 2:16;
6. Strong hands - Genesis 49:24; and
7. Giving hands - Matthew 6:3.



Miscellaneous.

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NIGHT UNTO DAMASCUS ABOUT NOON

These are the words of the Apostle Paul describing the where and when of his conversion to Christ. It's a wonderful thing not only to know you're saved, but also to know where and when it happened. In my case I was saved near Andersonville, Indiana on Tuesday, July 12, 1955 at about 8 p.m. at night. It took place in the kitchen of a home and a table chair was where I knelt before God, confessing myself as a lost sinner and asking God to forgive me through His Son who died for my sins. I didn't know much about it then, but ever since that time I have been learning of the magnificence of what the Lord did for me that night. Jesus totally changed my life and eternal destination that night. He never left me when at times I stumbled and blundered as a new Christian, but was patient with me as I began to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

I realize, of course, that not everybody knows exactly when and where they got saved, but they do know it happened and Christ is their Saviour and Lord. Whether or not you can remember the place and time like Paul, you still need to know right now that Christ is your Saviour. If you have any doubt about being saved, talk to a good, dedicated, Godly pastor or Christian and get it settled once and for all. The Bible teaches us that we can KNOW we are saved and it's forever (I John 5:13). Knowing for sure that you are saved forever will help you through life more than anything I know. And, believe me, when you are facing death, it's the only thing that counts.

If you are saved and know it, then try to get others saved, too. They need Christ the same as you and I need Him. Somebody is waiting for you right now to tell them.

ATTENTION, MOTHERS:

If you want a few minutes alone and undisturbed, do the dishes!

GOD HAS A BIGGER SHOVEL

A certain generous farmer, who loved the Lord and believed that it was "more blessed to give than to receive," was asked by some non-Christian neighbors how he could bestow so much on others and still remain so prosperous. "O that's quite simple," he replied. "You see, I only shovel out what God shovels in and He has a BIGGER SHOVEL than I have!" This farmer had the secret. He did not give out to make the Lord "shovel more in," but rather he was liberal because God had already shoveled it in! —M. R. D.