



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

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UNLIKE THE FLESH, THE SPIRIT DOES NOT DECAY WITH THE YEARS. Many of the happiest individuals in the world are men and women in their sixties, seventies or eighties, who have contributed richly to the world's work during their maturity.

## In Days Gone By

On October 30, 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing.

On Oct. 31, 1959, Lee Harvey Oswald announced in Moscow that he would never return to the U.S. He did and assassinated President Kennedy.

"My talent is to speak my mind," said a woman to John Wesley. To which Wesley answered, "I am sure, sister, that God wouldn't object if you buried THAT talent."

## GOSSIP'S WAY

Gossip should, as I was told  
By Father and by Mother  
When I was very young, go in  
One ear and out the other.



And so perhaps it should: but I  
Who've listened through the years  
With studied concentration and  
Alert, attentive ears,

Have learned that gossip mostly takes  
A detour to the south,  
By which I mean that it goes in  
One ear and out the mouth.







## THE CHURCH COULD DO WITHOUT LAZY PEOPLE

An ox and a mule worked together. One day the ox decided that he wouldn't work, so he stayed in the barn. That night he said to the mule, "Did the boss say anything about my not working today?" And the mule answered, "No, he didn't say anything about your not working, but he had a long talk with the butcher on the way home."

Even God can't use lazy people. Check the Bible and you'll find that He called only the busy people into His service. Lazy folk are the castaways of the Kingdom of God. *Proverbs 19:24* says, "A slothful (lazy) man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again." What a picture of a man who is even too lazy to feed himself.

Some people are too lazy to get up on Sunday morning and go to church, some are too lazy to attend prayer meeting. They are too lazy to do anything for God or for others. You can never grow a great church on lazy people.

## The Cleansing Blood

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7).*

There is a common cultic heresy to the effect that the blood of Christ has no cleansing efficacy of itself, even though this contradicts the plain statement of our text. John wrote the above words long after Christ's blood had all been spilled on the cross, but it was still miraculously cleansing sinners in His day, and in ours as well.

It is true that the blood carried His physical life, for "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (*Leviticus 17:11*). But His blood was not like the blood of other men, for it was "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (*1 Peter 1:19*), uncontaminated either by genetic defects due to accumulated generations of mutations (as in all other men and women), or inherent sin.

When His blood was shed, it did not simply disappear in the ground and disintegrate into dust, any more than did His body in the tomb, for it had been an integral part of His perfect human body which was to be raised and glorified. As our great High Priest, He somehow took the atoning blood into the holy place in the heavenly tabernacle. Into the earthly tabernacle "went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people...by His own blood He (Christ) entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (*Hebrews 9:7,12*).

There in heaven, at the mercy seat, just as the ancient high priest "sprinkled with blood" both the book and the people, the tabernacle and its vessels, so have we been cleansed in God's sight by His own "blood of sprinkling" (*Hebrews 9:19-21; 12:24*; see also *1 Peter 1:2*). Thus His blood can (literally) "keep on cleansing us from all sin."

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## Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.  
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;  
It is never between you and them anyway.

## You tell on yourself

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,  
By the very manner in which you speak,  
By the way you employ your leisure time,  
By the use you make of dollar and dime.

You tell what you are by the things you wear,  
By the spirit in which your burdens bear,  
By the kind of things at which you laugh,  
By the records you play on the phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,  
By the things of which you delight to talk,  
By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;  
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself;  
So, there's really no particle of sense,  
In an effort to keep up false pretence.



# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
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## PUNCTUALITY AND CHRISTIANITY GO HAND IN HAND

This may be a sensitive subject, but do you get annoyed (and sometimes disgusted) when you agree to meet someone at a specific time and then have to wait, and wait, and wait? When this behaviour involves true believers in Christ, it is especially annoying since punctuality and Christianity go hand in hand. We understand that sometimes situations can arise that will prevent us from being on time as originally planned, but some people are always habitually late! They have no intention of being on time. This is not a Christian practice; it is a character fault. It is a breach of courtesy, honesty and respect for other people. These are traits that should characterize the lives of those who are born again. When we make others wait unnecessarily, we are telling them in effect that our time is more valuable than their time. That is rude and proud! Keeping others waiting is not right, for it robs them of their time. Being punctual shows a proper respect for others. -copied

## WHAT ABOUT HALLOWEEN?

Have you ever wondered why there are so many beautiful lights at Christmas? That's a little different from halloween, isn't it? At Christmas everything is bright and joyous. At halloween all is dark and scary. Gloom and doom fills the air. Why?

The difference is that one is in celebration of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The other is in celebration of evil, that which is of Satan.

The halloween season creates ugly and violent behaviour and vandalism. Many little children are harmed when given candy and fruit filled with poison and razor blades. Halloween brings out the most wicked and evil actions imaginable.

But, at Christmas, all is bright and joyous. Love and goodwill abound and the world rejoices that God loves them and has sent His virgin-born Son to provide salvation for all who believe on Him. Which do you celebrate? I choose Christmas!