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



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"God Knows My Size"

Once I was a dinner guest in the home of a friend whose husband, a prominent lawyer, had recently died. During the meal my host looked intently at me, as if "sizing me up."

At the conclusion of the meal, she said, "I believe the suits of my deceased husband would fit you. The Lord has told me to give them to you."

I replied, "If the Lord has told you to give them to me, they will fit perfectly, for He knows my size!"

For years I wore those elegant suits.

How varied are God's methods to supply the needs of His children!

The HUMAN BODY

When a small boy was asked to write what he had learned about the human body, this was the result:

"Our body is divided into three parts, the branium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The branium contains the brain, if any. The borax contains the lungs, lights and heart. The abominable cavity contains the five bowels, a, e, i, o and u."



The six-year-old daughter of a clergyman was sick and was put to bed early. As her mother was about to leave, she called her back. "Mommy, I want to see Daddy."

"No, dear; Daddy is busy and must not be disturbed."

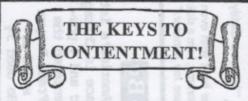
"But, Mommy," the child persisted, "I want to see my daddy."

Mother again replied, "No, your daddy must not be disturbed."

But the little one came back with even more determination: "Mommy, I am a sick woman, and I want to see my minister."

In Days Gone By

On Nov. 28, 1895, America's 1st auto race took place in Chicago. 6 cars, 2 electric and 4 powdred by gasoline entered the 55-mile course. Frank Duryea won at an average speed of 7 miles an hour. He used 3½ gallons of gasoline.



Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

- 1. Health enough to make work a pleasure.
- Money enough to support your needs.
- Strength enough to battle your difficulties and overcome them.
- Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
- Patience enough to work until some good is accomplished.
- Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
- Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
- 8. Faith enough to make real the things of God.
- Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

TO THINK ABOUT...Some folks occasionally say, "I'd die for Jesus." He doesn't ask every Christian to die for Him, but He asks every believer to live for HIM, and that is more difficult to do!!

♦ A double caution against greed: Whenever Jesus spoke of wealth, He spoke in words of warning.

TWELVE REASONS FOR SOUL-WINNING

- 1. It was done by Jesus, our Saviour.
- 2. It was done by the apostles.
- 3. It is the greatest need of this present generation.
- It wins the confidence of people.
- 5. It pays dividends for time and eternity.
- 6. It builds every department of church life.
- 7. It reaches those who could not be reached otherwise.
- 8. It brings us into closer touch with lost souls
- 9. It brings the greatest job and rewards to the Christian.
- 10. It results in many conversations and rededications.
- It will stand the testing fires at the judgment seat of Christ.
- It carries out the greatest commission.

Can I be a Christian without joining the church?

Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

A student who will not go to school.

A soldier who will not join an army.

A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote.

A salesman with no customers.

An explorer with no base camp.

A seaman on a ship without a crew.

A businessman on a deserted island.

An author without readers.

A tuba player without an orchestra.

A parent without a family.

A football player without a team.

A politician who is a hermit.

A scientist who does not share his findings.

A bee without a hive.

-Christian Advocate

The License of a Preacher

"But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

"And the LORD sent Nathan unto David."

Through all the years it has been God's policy to rebuke sin through the human instrumentality of His prophets, and quite frequently they must get personal in that rebuke.

Samuel was called upon to rebuke King Saul.

Nathan was called upon to rebuke King David.

Elijah was called upon to rebuke wicked Ahab.

John the Baptist rebuked Herod and Herodias.

Paul rebuked Felix and Drusilla. Moreover, Timothy commanded:

"I charge thee ...

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."—II Tim. 4:1, 2.

It is no pleasant task, and because of the unpleasantness of it, altogether too many ministers shirk their responsibilities.

America's greatest need today is ministers in the pulpit with backbone up their shirttails instead of sweet potato vines, with courage in their hearts, with consecration to God, who will rebuke the "prominent" transgressors in their audiences.

-Sword of the Lord

*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



THAT IS VICTORY!

"When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the oversight — that is victory! When your good is evil spoken of, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, and your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence — that is victory! When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, and any interruption — that is victory! When you find no special thrill in referring to yourself in conversation, or in recording your own good works, or in seeking after men's commendation, when you truly love to be unknown — that is victory!"

What You Wear Says a Lot

(Read Isaiah 3:16-26)

What you wear not only says a great deal about you, but it also influences you. The clothing and jewelry worn by the wealthy women of, Israel revealed pride, moral looseness, and rebellion against God. That's why Isaiah pronounced severe judgment on them.

A restaurant owner said in a "Dear Abby" letter that he has observed the difference clothing makes in behavior. When teenagers enter his establishment in bermudas, short skirts, and jeans, they "act rowdy and eat like pigs." But when they come in the evening wearing pretty dresses and suits, "they behave like ladies and gentlemen."

This phenomenon was confirmed by an incident in a Pittsburgh area high school. Sixty-nine students were suspended for refusing to dress properly. School authorities noticed that during the two weeks they were absent, the number of students needing discipline declined noticeably. The custodians were amazed at the change in their workload. There was far less debris in the building and in the schoolyard. When the suspended students returned properly dressed, their conduct improved and their grades climbed from a D average to a C!

We are all image-bearers of God. We are not junk! As God's creatures we are responsible to Him. When we look like slobs, we deny the dignity of our personhood. When we dress modestly, we please our Lord and reflect His purity. Yes, what we wear says a lot. It has an impact on ourselves as well as others.

O Lord, we would please You in all that we do,

In word and in deed we would always be true;

And may we reflect in our manner and dress

Devotion to Jesus, whose name we confess.

-Lifted from The Burning Bush