



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

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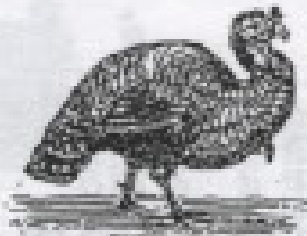
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In a letter to his daughter, BEN FRANKLIN wrote of his disapproval of the eagle as a symbol of the United States. He suggested using the wild turkey.



The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. And the first to forget is the happiest.



In Days Gone By

On Jan. 20, 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference during which they agreed to their "final solution" calling for extermination of all of Europe's Jews.

On Jan. 20, 1945, President Roosevelt was sworn into office for his 4th term.

Isn't it ironic that Moms ask if we think they are made of money... Isn't that what "MOM" stands for?



M - made
O - Of
M - Money.

Never try to save out of God's cause; such money will canker the rest. Giving to God is not loss; it is putting your substance in the best bank. Giving is truly having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: "What I spent I had; what I saved I lost; what I gave I have."

—Charles Spurgeon

A CHURCH WHERE NOBODY GOES



I love to travel the back roads
And see the country sights,
To see the houses, barns and farms,
And scenery beyond delight.

But often my heart is saddened
When I see the neglect and wear,
Of what used to be great buildings,
Houses and barns beyond repair.

Another thing that grieves me deeply,
Perhaps more than any other sight,
Is to see an old church building,
Neglected and dark as night.

Shingles all broken and missing,
Window panes all shattered and gone,
Never does a place seem so lonely,
With the joy and beauty all gone.

No doubt there must have been a time
This church was loved and blessed,
Where friends and neighbors gathered
For fellowship, worship and rest.

The Word was preached with fervor,
The joy of God was known;
Love for neighbors and others
Was always clearly shown.



But that has all changed now;
No one seems to care.
What used to be deeply cherished,
Has fallen in disrepair.

We wonder what must have happened,
To cause this neglect and shame;
Whatever it was or happened to be,
It's people who are to blame.

To live in this land of freedom
And enjoy blessings He bestows,
What a sad sight it is to see,
A church where nobody goes.

Sad to say, but still today,
Many neglect church and duty,
One day, perhaps not far away,
They'll destroy their church's beauty.

Do not neglect the House of God,
But always be in your place;
Do not make it a place of shame,
But one of beauty and grace.

-Leonard R. Dice

UNFOLDING THE ROSE



It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they die.
If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?
So I'll trust in Him for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

We recommend that you drive your car with such care that your driver's license has a good chance to expire before you do.

There Are No Necessary Evils!

Once we assuage our conscience by calling something a "necessary evil," it begins to look more and more necessary and less and less evil.

The Meaning of Psalms 23

1. Relationship - The Lord is my Shepherd.
2. Supply - I shall not want.
3. Rest - He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
4. Refreshment - He leadeth me beside the still waters.
5. Healing - He restoreth my soul.
6. Guidance - He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.
7. Purpose - For His name's sake.
8. Testing - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
9. Protection - I will fear no evil.
10. Faithfulness - For Thou art with me.
11. Discipline - Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
12. Hope - Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
13. Consecration - Thou anointest my head with oil.
14. Abundance - My cup runneth over.
15. Blessing - Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
16. Security - And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
17. Eternity - Forever!

Miscellaneous.

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WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES SHOULD A CHRISTIAN WEAR?

Proverbs 7:10 - And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtil of heart.

I Timothy 2:9 -In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel...

The two verses above picture two women diametrically opposite in their dress. One is a seductress who has chosen to dress in a way that will promote unholiness and fornication. The other is attired in modest apparel that promotes modesty, holiness, chastity and beauty. The dress of a good spiritual lady is never questionable. Consider these questions about dress:

1. The Spiritual Question: Is my clothing Biblically modest?
2. The Moral Question: Is my clothing distinctly masculine or distinctly feminine?
3. The Attitudinal Question: Is my clothing a testimony for or against Jesus Christ and the Bible?
4. The Functional Question: Is my clothing appropriate?
5. The Cultural Question: Is my clothing Godly or worldly and sensual?

If you have a sincere love for your Lord and Saviour, He will put the right kind of pride in your heart, and it will be easy to dress to please Him!

ELEVEN GENDER-SPECIFIC REFERENCES FOR MEN

According to the Bible, women are not authorized to be pastors. Let the Scriptures speak for themselves. (Read I Timothy 3:1-7). The "bishop" is the same office and the same person otherwise described as "elder" or "pastor." Looking closely at the passage makes it quite clear that pastoral leadership was intended for the male gender. It says:

"If a man desire the office...he desireth a good work."

"...the husband of one wife..."

"...his own house, having his children in subjection."

"For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church..."

"Not a novice, lest...he fall..."

"Moreover, he must have a good report...lest he fall in reproach..."

Note, there are 11 gender-specific references in these seven verses. The meaning of what the Scripture says here seems to be very clear. Women are not called to be pastors or preachers.