



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

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## In Days Gone By

On Feb. 3, 1809, the Territory of Illinois was created,

On Feb. 4, 1861, the Southern Confederacy was born.

On Feb. 4, 1783, the Revolutionary War ended.

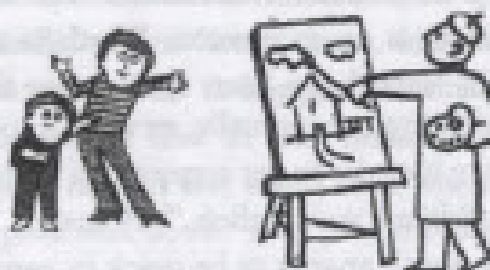
On Feb. 5, 1893, Dr. Ford Porter was born. He wrote the tract, "God's Simple Plan of Salvation."

## TV— Master or Servant?

A TV set is only a machine—glass, metal wires, and little gadgets—until you place it in your house. . . . In some houses, TV becomes a babysitter for babies of all ages. In other houses, TV is a narcotic, an escape from reality. Or it may be a thief, stealing time, thoughts, friendships, creativity and opportunities for much-needed recreation and companionship. In too few houses, TV is a servant, providing information, insight, commentary on life, news, laughter, music and worthwhile entertainment.

What TV becomes depends on you, the user. If you accept it as a tool, use it sparingly, wisely, and purposefully, it can become a servant. If you accept it as a friend, watch and listen continuously, it will become your master.

## Home



An artist, wanting to paint a beautiful picture, asked a pastor, "What is the most beautiful thing in the world?"

"FAITH," answered the pastor. "You can feel it in every church, find it at every altar."

The artist asked the young bride the same question. "LOVE," she replied. "Love builds poverty into riches; sweetens tears; makes much of little. Without it there is no beauty."

A weary soldier said, "PEACE is the most beautiful thing in the world and war the most ugly. Wherever you find peace, you find beauty."

*Faith, Love, Peace! How can I paint them?* thought the artist.

Entering his door he saw Faith in the eyes of his children and Love in the eyes of his wife. And there in the home was the Peace that Love and Faith had built. So he painted the picture of the "Most Beautiful Thing in the World." And when he had finished, he called it, "Home."

—First Baptist Beacon

# TEN SPIRITS FROM PROVERBS

1. **A Faithful Spirit.** Proverbs 11:13 says, "A talebearer reveals secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter." The ability to keep a secret is a faithful spirit. This trusted person knows information that could hurt someone else, but he has the needed discipline never to tell anyone the matter. This leader would never share a negative report.

2. **A Hasty Spirit.** Proverbs 14:29 says, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." The word *wrath* means "venting." Anger is an emotion; wrath is an expression. What is the venting of anger? The Bible says that a hasty spirit is one that vents in an angry way. "Venting can actually serve to prolong anger and may also make it easier to get angry again in the future because you have solidified your beliefs." A leader cannot afford to be quick to speak angrily or be quick in venting his emotions.

3. **A Perverse Spirit.** Proverbs 15:4 says, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit." The Bible describes the perverse spirit as a spirit that twists or distorts a fact. Too many very good people are not trustworthy with facts. They would probably never tell a bad story or expose a secret, but they never are careful with the details of a story. They are reckless with the facts and information.

4. **A Broken Spirit.** Proverbs 15:13 says, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." A broken spirit is manifested in two ways: a sad heart and an ugly countenance. One's countenance is the mirror of his spirit. Some people feel that it is pious to look sad. No! Looking sad looks ugly. The time and the place to be saddened is during time spent alone with God.

God says if we do have a sorrowful heart, we're not to let anyone know about it. Too many people in Christianity are sad. In my mind, sadness and Christianity shouldn't really go together. Nothing is wrong with being depressed or sad, but I just don't think we should show it.

5. **A Haughty Spirit.** Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." A haughty

spirit is a proud, arrogant spirit. Arrogant people seem always to talk about themselves; what they have done, and what they are accomplishing. In their arrogance, they try to remind others that they are superior. Nobody wants to copy that kind of spirit.

So many talented people have an arrogant, haughty spirit. I am reminded of the time I went to the Western Golf Open about 15 years ago. Someone bought tickets for my dad, my son, and me to go. It was the chance of a lifetime, and at the time, I knew most of the names of the golfers who were playing. I maneuvered into a position where I could see some of the big name players. My dad said, "You want to get some autographs?"

I said, "Sure, I would like that." We were standing at a place where I could have blocked them if I had put out my arm. I said to one person, "Hey, can I get your autograph?"

"Oh, sure," he said. He took out a pen and signed. The big name player—the one we were all waiting for—had made a bad putt, and when he was asked for an autograph, he retorted, "Leave me alone!"

My dad said, "Isn't that amazing! All bent out of shape because he missed a little putt. I know it is his job, but we are paying the money. What an ugly, arrogant attitude!"

Nobody said to that man, "I would like to be just like you someday!"

On the other hand, the reason Arnold Palmer had an army following him was that Arnie had a very upbeat spirit. He entertained the spectators while he was playing. People enjoy being with someone who doesn't take himself too seriously.

6. **A Humble Spirit.** Proverbs 16:19 says, "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." The word *humble* is derived from the word *humus* meaning "soil." A humble man understands his roots—from where he came. "People with humility don't think less of themselves; they just think about themselves less."

7. **A Disciplined Spirit.** Proverbs 16:32 says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his

spirit than he that taketh a city." A disciplined spirit is a controlled spirit, and a disciplined spirit always starts with the tongue. The man who can control his tongue possesses a great spirit.

8. **An Excellent Spirit.** Proverbs 17:27, "He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit." The person who has an excellent spirit restrains his words.

9. **A Wounded Spirit.** Proverbs 18:14 says, "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?" The word *wounded* means "worn down, unable to lift yourself up when you are down." A happy-spirited person is someone who has discovered how to pick himself up when nobody else can or when nobody else wants to or when everyone else is trying to push him down. This person finds a way to come out on top in spite of his circumstances—when no one else expected him to be there.

Dr. Jack Hyles personified the definition of the happy-spirited person—he truly lived above the clouds. During some very depressing days, he somehow found a way to come out to the pulpit. King David encouraged himself in the Lord, and that is why he was the king.

10. **An Undefended Spirit.** Proverbs 25:28, "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." I also call the undefended spirit the unserviced spirit because the Bible wording in the Hebrew means "a spirit that is not maintained." Just like a car needs regular servicing, a man's spirit also needs to be maintained.

One's spirit can be likened to a brand-new, shiny vehicle. To keep that vehicle "happy," it needs to be washed and vacuumed weekly; the trash needs to be removed on a daily basis; and periodically the clutter should be cleaned from the glove box, the center console, and the dashboard. If the oil light comes on and the brakes squeal, the car is not disposed of, it is taken to a station for servicing.

Likewise, the servant leader Christian needs to work on servicing his spirit in the same way. The spirit responds to listening to good music, talking with God, rejoicing evermore, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in everything. The servant leader must keep his spirit serviced!

# Miscellaneous.

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## PLANNED PARENTHOOD COMPLETELY CHANGED

In 1952, sixty-seven years ago, Planned Parenthood was started. At that time they told the truth about abortion. Here's what they said: "Abortion requires an operation. It kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health. It may make you sterile so that when you want a child you cannot have it."

Today, Planned Parenthood is the largest slaughterhouse of human life in America. They have done more killing of innocent human beings than Hitler and Sadam Hussein could have imagined. Abortion is still murder. Even worse, it is the pre-meditated murder of innocent babies. Abortionists are the most selfish, irresponsible and uncaring people in the world. How could they commit such a heinous act? What will they say when they stand judgment before Almighty God?

"JANE ROE", whose real name was Norma Mcorvey, was plaintiff in Roe v. Wade. She had a huge role in legalizing abortion in the U.S. She later, in the mid-1990s, became a born-again Christian and had a complete change of heart and deeply regretted her role in making abortion legal. She said that it was the biggest mistake of her life. She became an anti-abortion activist before her death in 2007. -National Review

## BE ALERT FOR MEDIA BIAS

Whether it is TV entertainment, Cable TV, movies, music, newspapers, magazines, educational institutions, think tanks, government bureaucracy, cultural movements and internet giants like Google and Facebook, they all promote the same secular liberal viewpoint...a viewpoint that completely leaves God out of the picture and advances causes that are diametrically opposed to God's instructions. Be alert for these things as you listen and read:

1. Spin: Reporting one view only. Other views are excluded.
2. Editorializing: Injecting personal opinions as fact.
3. Story Selection: Emphasizing news reports that support one side of the issue.
4. Story Placement: Give prominent placement to their views and bury other views deep in the story.
5. Selection of Sources: Not a balanced, objective mix of sources and failing to identify sources.
6. Omission: Covering one side of the story and omitting other pertinent views of information.