



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

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### 1. Here To There

I can travel from there to here by disappearing, and here to there by reappearing. What am I?

### 2. Pointed Question

What can point in every direction but cannot reach the destination by itself?

### 3. Best Seller

A store carries a popular product that can compute, write in any language, includes a device to correct errors, requires no electricity or batteries, and is small enough to fit in your pocket. The price? Only a few cents. What am I?

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday?

5. I am tall when I'm young, and short when I'm old. What am I?

6. If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?

1. The answer is "A shadow." 2. The answer is "A needle with thread." 3. The answer is "A pencil." 4. The answer is "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday." 5. The answer is "A child." 6. The answer is "A secret."

## Grace to Do Without

My heart rejoices in God's will,

'Tis ever best—I do not doubt;

He may not give me what I want,

But gives me grace to do without.

I blindly asked for what I crave,

With haughty heart and will so stout;

He oft denies me what I seek

But gives me grace to do without.

He makes me love the way He leads

And fear is put to route;

With my fondest wish denied,

He gives me grace to do without.

Oh, blessed, hallowed will of God!

To it I bow with heart devout;

I will abide in all God's will,

His way is best, I do not doubt;

He may not give me what I ask,

But gives me grace to do without.

## In Days Gone By

On April 4, 1818, the U.S. Flag was adopted by Congress. It had 13 red stripes and twenty stars. A new star would be added for every new state of the Union. Respect our flag. Long may she wave for freedom.

It was a wise man who said that it is important not only to pick the right mate but to be the right mate.

## What time is it for you by life's clock?

Here is a timetable, or clock of life, which someone has prepared. In it, a mathematical parallel is made of the 70-year lifespan with a 24-hour day. If considered, it will cause some serious reflection and, it is to be desired, prompt you to godly resolve and endeavor.

- If you are 15, it's 9:51 A.M.
- If you are 20, it's 11:08 A.M.
- If you are 25, it's 12:25 P.M.
- If you are 30, it's 1:42 P.M.
- If you are 35, it's 2:59 P.M.
- If you are 40, it's 4:16 P.M.
- If you are 45, it's 5:33 P.M.
- If you are 50, it's 6:50 P.M.
- If you are 55, it's 8:17 P.M.
- If you are 60, it's 9:34 P.M.
- If you are 65, it's 10:51 P.M.
- If you are 70, it's approaching midnight!



"When the bell tolls for you at the midnight hour of death, on which side of God's judgment seat will you stand?" Editor James E. Gibbons well asks, "What are you doing with your life now?"

What time is it with you by this imaginary clock of life? How much "time in the flesh" do you have left? It may be with you, as it is with many of us, that "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Rom. 13:12).

In any event, it surely is "high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed....let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (vss. 11, 12), passing the time of our "sojourning here in fear" and serving "God acceptably with reverence" (1 Pet. 1:17; Heb. 12:28).

## TEEN CREED

- Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
- Be humble enough to obey, you may give orders someday.
- Choose companions with care, you become what they are.
- Guard your thoughts, what you think, you are.
- Choose only a date who would make a good mate.
- Be master of your habits, or they will master you.
- Don't be a show off when you drive.
- Drive safely and arrive.
- Don't let the crowd pressure you.
- Stand for something or you'll fall for anything

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land." Exodus 20:12

## MOMENTS OF LIFE

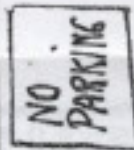
Happy Moments  
- Praise God

Difficult Moments  
- Seek God

Quiet Moments  
- Worship God

Painful Moments  
- Trust God

Every Moment  
- Thank God



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city and attached the following message to his windshield: "I have circled this block 10 times. I have an appointment to keep. Forgive our trespasses."

When he returned to his car he found this reply attached to his own note along with a ticket: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

## When Capitalism Morphs Into Socialism!

Once upon a time there was a little Red Hen, who scratched around in the barnyard until she discovered a few grains of wheat. She said to her friends, "We must plant these. Who will help me?"

"Not I," said the duck.

"Not I," said the cow.

"Not I," said the goose.

"Not I," said the pig.

"Then I will," said the little Red Hen. When the grain was golden, she asked, "Who will help me harvest my wheat?"

"Not I," said the duck. "It's out of my classification."

"I was a dropout and never learned," said the pig.

"I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.

"I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.

"Then I will," said the little Red Hen, and she did. It came time to bake the bread. "Who will help me?" asked the little Red Hen.

"It would be overtime for me," said the cow.

"I will lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.

"Don't have time," said the pig.

"If I'm the only one," said the goose, "that would be discrimination."

"Then I will," said the little Red Hen, and she baked five loaves and held them up for her neighbors to see. They all wanted some and in fact de-

manded a share. "I can use all the five loaves myself," said the little Red Hen.

"Excess profits," cried the cow.

"Capitalistic leach," cried the duck.

"I demand equal rights," said the goose.

The pig just grunted.

They put up Unfair picket signs, circled the little Red Hen, and shouted wicked accusations.

The government agent came and said, "Now we must all be willing to share."

"But I worked for all of this," said the little Red Hen.

"That's right," said the government agent. "That's the wonderful free enterprise system," said he. "Everyone in the barnyard can work and make all he desires, but the modern production and government regulations say the workers must also provide for the idle."

They all continued to live in the barnyard. The little Red Hen smiled and clucked, but her neighbors wondered why she never planted any more seeds or baked any more bread.

It does not take an analysis by a Ph.D. statistician to figure out that the writer of that parody had a firm grasp on the State of the Union in America. How long can we, or any other nation, survive in such a twisted quagmire?

-Sword Of The Lord

*Even though the tongue weighs practically nothing, it's surprising how few persons are able to hold it.*



Richard (Rick) Allen Dice

## REMEMBERING RICK

Nov. 5, 1956 - March 15, 2019

(By his father, Leonard R. Dice, Assistant Pastor, and Editor of "Liberty")

"Rick" (Richard Allen Dice) was the oldest of our 7 sons. Due to an illness at 17 months of age, he suffered brain damage, so he was our little boy for over 62 years. My wife Sharon and I raised him as we raised all our sons, teaching and training him to love Jesus. He actually trusted Christ as his Saviour at the age of 8. He loved to go to church, carry his big red Bible and play his kazoo. He also loved animals, real and stuffed.

On March 15, 2019, after complaining of chest pain, we took Rick to the emergency room. He was later transferred to a larger hospital where several tests were made. He was being prepared for a heart cath when he passed away. Many of us were present and praying for him.

We did not realize how many lives he had touched until people from around the world, literally, sent condolences letting us know how much he meant to them. He always reminded everyone he met that "Jesus was coming!" To others he was considerate, respectful and loving. There were people at the funeral from all three of my former pastorates in Indiana, plus many other preachers attending.

Rick is survived by my wife and I, six brothers and their wives, plus 13 nephews and nieces and 28 great-nephews and nieces.

We have lost many loved ones and friends to death down through the years, but losing our own child is a different story. We are so grateful for our family, especially our six sons and their wives and children, who stepped in and took over for us, providing anything and everything we needed. Our six sons, five of whom are pastors, Ron, Phil, Kevin, John, Tim and Gary, all spoke at the services. Their mother sang a beautiful song, "One Day I Will", with all six of her sons backing her up. We all sang several of Rick's favorite songs including, "The Old Account Was Settled", "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", "What A Day That Will Be" and the whole family sang "Hallelujah Square."

We especially want to thank the good people of Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois, where Rick's brother Dr. Gary Dice is pastor. They all provided food, help and comfort that was a huge blessing to the Dice family.

We received many cards and calls of condolences for which we are thankful. All the money sent for the memorial fund is being put into building our new church addition. We believe this is what Rick would want. He loved his church.