



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

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WITHOUT A THING TO DO!

She cooked the breakfast first of all,
 Washed the cups and plates,
 Dressed the children and made sure
 Stockings all were mates,
 Combed their heads and made their beds,
 Sent them out to play,
 Gathered up their motley toys,
 Put some books away,
 Dusted chairs and mopped the stairs,
 Ironed an hour or two,
 Baked a jar of cookies and
 A pie, then made a stew.
 The telephone rang constantly,
 The doorbell did the same;
 A youngster fell and stubbed his toe,
 And then the laundry came.
 She picked up blocks and mended socks,
 Then polished up the stove
 (Gypsy folks were fortunate
 With carefree ways to rovel)—
 And when her husband came at six,
 He said, "I envy you!
 It must be nice to sit at home
 Without a thing to do!"

—Author unknown



HAPPY Mother's Day

Days Gone By

On May 13, 1607,
Jamestown, Virginia
was founded.

On May 13, 1850,
C.H. Spurgeon was
baptized.

**A mother is the only person on earth
who can divide her love among ten children
and each child still have all her love.**

Speaking of Mothers

* Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.

* Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

* Somebody said being a mother is boring. Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

* Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good." Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

* Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

* Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books. Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

* Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. Somebody never watched her baby get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten, or on a plane headed for military boot camp.

* Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. Somebody doesn't have five children.

* Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son- or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

* Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.

* Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. Somebody never helped a fourth-grader with his math.

* Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.

*Praying
mothers are
as
necessary
now as in
Bible days!*

Listen to the parable of The Prodigal Mother

A certain man had a wife and three children. The wife, becoming dissatisfied with housekeeping, and coveting the money being earned by her neighbors, said to her husband- "Husband, secure for me the Social Security number that falleth to me, and divide me my portion . . ."

With reluctant heart the husband granted her desire and divided his wealth. Not many days later the wife donned slacks and, with tool box under her arm, waved goodbyes to the children, and took her journey into a far country and there secured a man's job in a factory. She made big wages, but she associated with the wicked and listened to the vulgar stories that they told.

There was a mighty spiritual famine in that land, and she grew lean in her soul. The children, turned loose at the mercy of the neighbors, soon forgot that they had a mother; but the husband remembered the duties of a wife and wished that his wife would return to her home.

The husband dined on cold lunchmeat, while the wife tried in vain to fill her stomach with the husks of the cheese crackers that fell from the canteen vendor's machine. And no man gave unto her the respect due unto a lady.

One day at rest period as she sat engulfed in cigarette smoke and smutty stories, she came to herself. She said to herself with remorse, "Here I sit, surrounded by vulgarity, and sacrificing the respect due a lady. At home is a deserted husband, while my children roam the streets unrestrained. The money I make seems small compared to peace of mind and soul." In vain she tried to smother her conscience with the thought that she was contributing to the family's economic welfare. So she said to herself, "I will arise and go to my husband and will say unto him, 'Husband, I am no more worthy to be called thy wife, nor the mother of thy children. Make me thy hired housekeeper.'" So she gathered her tools together and started home.

And when she was yet a long way off, the husband saw her, and clasped her in his arms. And the wife said, "Husband, I am no more worthy to be called thy wife, nor mother of thy children." But the father said to the children, "Run and bring hither a dress and the best apron. Put shoes on her feet, and rush to the meat market and get a steak of the fatted calf, and let us have a warm meal once more. For this your mother was lost, and is found."

So they rejoiced and made merry.

-Anonymous

Before It Is Too Late

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit down and write the letter
You put off day by day.
Don't wait until her tired steps
Reach heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message
Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait;
So make your loved ones happy
Before it is too late.

Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

According to II Timothy, chapter 3, we know that several things will be the trend in the last days of this old world, and one of these is "unthankfulness." Many people today feel no obligation whatever to God who gives them the very life they have and the very breath they breathe. They think they do God a favor if they show up in church once in a while. The Bible also teaches us in Revelation that the last days (Laodicean Church Age) will be a time when everybody is demanding their so-called rights. We see that everywhere in society today. Most people don't know it, don't see it and couldn't care less, but according to the Bible we really are living in the last days. Are you ready? One day it will be too late to change your mind. Trust Christ as Saviour today.

ANOTHER GREAT-GRANDSON ADDED TO OUR FAMILY

My wife Sharon and I are now great-grandparents for the 29th time. A little great-grandson, Asher Max Dice, was born on April 23 to Micah and Hannah Dice who live in New Salem, Illinois. Grandparents are Pastor and Mrs. Gary Dice, Baylis, Illinois, and Rachel (Burrows) Lowe and the late Matt Burrows. We now have 15 great-granddaughters and 14 great-grandsons.

-Leonard R. Dice

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOUND IN MY FILES

1. Don't mess around with evolution; it will make a monkey out of you.
2. Count your obligations, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord wants done.
3. Only the fear of God can deliver us from the fear of man.
4. Should we slow down because we are getting older, or hurry up because we are running out of time?
5. 52 countries around the world have outlawed the Bible.
6. In every city in America, there are more people at home on Sunday than there is in church.
7. There are 60 million school-age children in America and more than half of them have never been in any kind of Sunday School class.
8. Don't tell God how big the storm is; tell the storm how big your God is.
9. Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off of Jesus.
10. Begin to be now what you will be hereafter.
11. Thank God more than you ask God for.
12. Every saint has a past...and every sinner has a future.