



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

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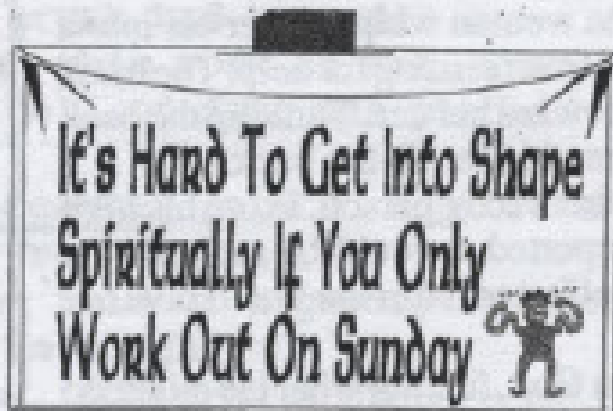
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## Religious Counterfeits

Wolves, false prophets and deceitful workers are counterfeiters. They are con artists and they use crooked methods. They are the greatest of imposters and satanic masqueraders. They change the truth of God into a lie.

They stand in the pulpit in their sheep's clothing. They have memorized all the little religious clichés. They use the word *salvation* like we use it. They use the word *Bible* in the same context that we use it.

They use all the terms that we use, but down deep inside they are foilers and deceivers. They are destroying the work of Jesus Christ.

—Dr. Bob Kelley

## LIFE'S DETOURS

NOAH—120 years of detours—then God's promise.

JOSEPH—a detour in a palace and a prison.

MOSES—forty years of detours tending sheep in a desert.

DAVID—detours crowded with Saul's oppression.

PAUL—many detours from Jerusalem to Rome.

Now it may be difficult for us to explain God's long way around, but He teaches us His lessons through these detours of life. But these detours are always temporary. God never allows anything to come upon us that is more than we can bear. And God has planned every detour and all things (even the detours) work together for good to us who love God.

## In Days Gone By

On May 5, 1847, the American Medical Association was organized in Philadelphia.

On May 5, 1942, the sales of sugar resumed in the U.S. under a rationing program. Many things were rationed during that time.

Several years ago an eastern paper reported this story:

One evening a woman was driving home when she noticed a huge truck behind her that was driving uncomfortably close. She stepped on the gas to gain some distance from the truck, but when she sped up, the truck did too. The faster she drove, the faster the truck did.

Now scared, she exited the freeway. But the truck stayed with her. The woman then turned up a main street, hoping to lose her pursuer in traffic. But the truck ran a red light and continued the chase.

Reaching the point of panic, the woman whipped her car into a service station and bolted out of her auto screaming for help. The truck driver sprang from his truck and ran toward her car. Yanking the back door open, the driver pulled out a man hidden in the back seat.

The woman was running from the wrong person. From his high vantage point, the truck driver had spotted a would-be rapist in the woman's car. The chase was not his effort to harm her but to save her even at the cost of his own safety.

Likewise, many people run from God, fearing what He might do to them. But His plans are for good not evil—to rescue us from the hidden sins that endanger our lives.

— Leadership

## THE BIBLE OR THE TV GUIDE

On the table side by side,  
The Holy Bible and the TV guide.  
One is well worn but cherished with pride;  
Not the Bible, but the TV guide.  
One is used daily to help people decide.  
Not it isn't the Bible,  
It's the TV guide.

As pages are turned, what shall they see?  
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.  
Then confusion reigns, they can't all agree,  
On what they shall watch on the old TV.  
So they open the book in which they confide.

No, not the Bible;  
It's the TV guide.  
The word of God is seldom read,  
Maybe a verse e'er they fall into bed,  
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,  
Not from reading the Bible - from watching TV.  
So, then back to the table, side by side,  
Is the Holy Bible and the TV guide.

No time for prayer,  
No time for God's word.  
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.  
Forgiveness of sin so full and free,  
Is found in the Bible and not on the TV.



## TO A BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER

An artist painted a picture on a canvas white and gray,  
Great towering mountains bathed their feet in the ocean's crystal spray;

Then the world looked on in wonder at the scene her brush had traced,  
And this work of art, when years had passed, in a hall of fame was placed.

A teacher painted a picture with language in beauty wrought,  
She told of a gentle shepherd and the wee lost lamb He sought;  
Yes, she drew a picture of Jesus with colorful words of art,  
And the canvass that she selected was a young child's seeking heart.

The picture the artist painted of the mountain, sea and spray,  
Has, through drifting years, been tarnished by time's rust and decay;  
But the scenes the teacher painted, with colored words of prayer,  
Upon a child's receptive heart, will stay forever there.  
Upon a child's young trusting heart, they are etched for years to be,  
For paintings of faithful teachers fade not through eternity.

Spurgeon was poor and married a rich girl. Someone asked her why she married such a poor boy. Don't you know where he's from, they asked? She said, "No I don't know where he's from, but I know where he's going and I want to go with him."

# Miscellaneous.

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## WHERE AND WHEN DID TIME START?

Here are some thoughts on time as gleaned from an article by Fred J. Meldau:

1. Time never moves backward. We never grow younger.
2. Time stops for us when death overtakes us. Every day ends, every night ends, every year ends and every life ends.
3. Time is very short. Your time to repent of your sins and receive Christ as your Saviour is growing shorter.
4. Time and material things will both pass away. Things down here are temporal. Your soul is eternal and will either go to Heaven or Hell depending on what you do with Christ.
5. Christians are admonished to "redeem the time." Time is short for Christian service. The Lord is coming soon. You will die, either in His will or out of His will. You have responsibility here and accountability there!
6. God is above time. God made time for man, not for himself. God is eternal, having neither beginning or end.

Another thing I heard from a teacher in Bible College was this admonition: "A word to the wise is sufficient." If a person is wise he or she will get saved and serve the Lord faithfully.

Time, as far as man is concerned, began when God created light (Genesis 1:3) and measured time by dividing light into periods of day and night. Genesis 1:5 - "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and morning were the first day." Time is especially connected with the history of man. God made time for man's convenience and benefit.

Trying to understand time and eternity is beyond our human comprehension. When I was in Bible college I was taught that eternity was "infinite duration without beginning or end." I still don't understand it, let alone trying to explain it to others. Time and eternity is in God's hand and that is good enough for me!

Ever since man was created he has made an effort to measure time. Today we have watches, clocks and different time-pieces that are all efficient and accurate. Before us, in history past, every kind of device was used including sun dials, water clocks, hour glasses, etc. All of these tell us that time moves on and one day will merge into eternity again where time will be no more.