

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



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Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalms 90:17



We extend our congratulations to Miss Angel Huckstep on her high school graduation from Grace Baptist Academy, May 17, 2019.

Be Faithful in the Little Things

I love to do the things my hands
Can find to do.
I cannot sing a solo sweet,
But I can fill an empty seat
And listen with devoted care
While someone lifts his heart in prayer.

I cannot play the organ grand,
But I can clasp a stranger's hand
And smile and say a word of cheer.
Who knows, it may dispel a fear
And help that one upon his way,
If I can just the right word say.

I cannot preach a sermon great;
But when the offering they take,
I can be honest with my Lord
And freely give of my small hoard.
And I can bring a flower fair
So God's own house will look less bare.

These little things that I can do,
Seem, oh, so small and far too few;
But if I'm faithful to them all,
When His dear voice to me shall call,
I'll say, "Here, Lord," and all I bring
Is faithfulness in little things.

—Roselyn C. Steere

In Days Gone By

On May 25, 1979, 275 people died in America's worst domestic air disaster when an American Airlines plane crashed in Chicago.

Story Telling

Most every night when they're in bed,
And both their little prayers have said,
They shout for me to come upstairs
And tell them tales of grizzly bears,
And Indians and gypsies bold,
And eagles with the claws that hold
A baby's weight, and fairy sprites
That roam the woods on starry nights.
And I must illustrate these tales,
Must imitate the northern gales
That toss the Indian's canoe,
And show the way he paddles too.
If in the story comes a bear,
I have to pause and sniff the air
And show the way he climbs the trees
To steal the honey from the bees.
And then I buzz like angry bees
And sting him on his nose and knees
And howl in pain, till Mother cries:
"That pair will never shut their eyes,
While all that noise up there you make;
You're simply keeping them awake."
And then they whisper:
"Just one more,"
And once again I'm forced to roar.
New stories every night they ask,
And that is not an easy task;
I have to be so many things,
The frog that croaks, the lark that sings,
The cunning fox, the frightened hen;
But just last night they stumped me, when they wanted me to twist and squirm
And imitate an angle worm.
At last they tumble off to sleep,
And softly from their room I creep
And brush and comb the shock of hair
I tossed about to be a bear.
Then Mother says: "Well, I should say
You're just as much a child as they."
But you can bet I'll not resign
That storytelling job of mine.
—Edgar A. Guest



"Take Him?"—"Took"!

The Texas oil man was getting married and was nervous about it. He told the minister that the fee would be in proportion to the brevity of the service and that, if he used a long service, he wouldn't receive a cent.

When the wedding day came, the couple stood before the minister in the bride's home. The minister said to the man, "Take her?"—to the woman, "Take him?"—then closed the ceremony by pronouncing, "Took"—a whole ceremony in five words.

P. S. He got a \$500.00 fee—or to be brief—\$100 a word.

In the bakery department of a Dallas supermarket, a wedding cake was set out for shoppers with the sign:

"He changed his mind. Have a piece of cake on us."

—Fort Worth Star-Telegram

WHO HOLDS IT?

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. Job 26:7

THE more we discover of this amazing universe, the more we recognize that the hand of the Almighty brought it into existence and continues to sustain it. Job's reply to his friend Bildad in today's Scripture reading reveals a wisdom beyond his own. He said that God "stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."

Eugene Cernan, one of the astronauts who enjoyed the exciting adventure of walking on the moon, said with wonder, "Our world appears big and beautiful, all blue and white! You can see from the Antarctic to the North Pole. The earth looks so perfect. There are no strings to hold it up; there is no fulcrum upon which it rests." Contemplating the infinity of space and time, he said he felt as if he were seeing earth from God's perspective when it was created.

GOD CORRECTS HIS CHILDREN

A certain preacher delivered a sermon on how God chastises and corrects His children. A fashionable lady came up at the close of the sermon, elegantly dressed and with diamonds sparkling on her hands. She said to the preacher, "I don't believe a word you have preached tonight." The preacher said, "That's strange. I got it out of the Bible." Then the lady said, "You talked about God chastising His children. I do all the things you talked about. I drink, I smoke, I play cards, I give cocktail parties. I have been a member of the church for thirty-five years, but God doesn't chastise me." The preacher opened his Bible and read, "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, ye are not sons, but bastards." The woman went away angry. But it wasn't the preacher who said this, it was God. You may be a church member, but if you run after the world and chase after sin and God doesn't lay the rod on you, then you may know that you are not His child.

When you see your neighbor's children doing wrong, you do not punish them. But when your own children do wrong, you punish them. Well, God sees the devil's children in sin and He doesn't chastise them. He saves that for the punishment of hell. But when He sees His own children doing wrong, He chastises them because He loves them. I know that my father loved me, because he chastised me often and tried to make something out of me. We know that God loves us when He chastises us and seeks to make us what we ought to be.

Miscellaneous.

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HELPING YOUR PASTOR AND CHURCH

1. Be on time for everything - Don't make others wait on you. Punctuality is a character trait; being late is a character fault. Plan to be there on time.
2. Be loyal to your preacher - Stand up for him and never let anyone speak negatively about him. It is a sin to talk about God's man (I Tim. 5:19). God does chasten for this!
3. Pray for your preacher - You never know the burden or the stress he is going through. He has to deal with anything and everything imaginable, besides taking care of his own family. Satan works harder on him than on you.
4. Let him know you are standing with him - Say "Amen"; nod your head; pay close attention; work at getting all you can from the message; tell him personally from time to time how much you really appreciate him.
5. Bring others to church - Introduce them to your pastor and tell him you have brought them to hear him preach.
6. Help your preacher carry the load - Volunteer; be involved; complete a task; don't burden him with things you are supposed to do; don't tell him discouraging things before the service.
7. Give God's tithe, offering and missions money faithfully each week.
8. Do whatever your preacher asks without complaining - Do all your work "as unto the Lord."
9. Never do anything that will cause your pastor to doubt your loyalty. Does he know he can always count on you? He should be able to know, and you determine that.
10. Remember, your pastor loves you, the church and lost souls. Determine with your heart to help him in this great work of love and winning others to Christ.

SOME CHRISTIANS are forever bringing up old sins from the past. This is like the little boy whose cat died. He took it out in the woods and buried it, but he left the tail sticking out of the ground. Every day he went out and pulled the dead cat up by the tail to see if it was still dead. Every time he pulled it up it looked worse and smelled worse. When a Christian keeps bringing up past sins it simply keeps causing trouble. When God forgives sin He blots it out and says that He remembers it no more. Let the past lay buried and go on and serve God. If God forgives them and remembers them no more, then we need to do the same.