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

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Our Constitution
was made only for a
moral and religious
people. It is wholly
inadequate to the
government of any
other.

-John Adams

GET-WELL CARDS HAVE BE-COME SO HUMOROUS THAT IF YOU DON'T GET SICK YOU'RE MISSING HALF THE FUN.



Doctor: "Take a pink pill every half hour with a glass of water. Take a blue pill every two hours with a glass of water. Then before you go to bed, take a green pill with a glass of water."

Patient: "What is wrong with me, Doctor?"

Doctor: "You're not drinking enough water."

Shouting Time in Glory

When we see the Saviour coming, When His shout shall split the air; It'll be Shouting Time in Glory, The time to meet Him there.

He shall split the graves wide open, Much to this world's surprise. It'll be Shouting Time in Glory, When His call comes from the skies.

The living saints will answer; The dead shall hear His cry; It'll be Shouting Time in Glory, When we bid this world goodbye.

Then upward into Heaven
The saints of God will go.
The Lamb of God will lead us,
The One who loved us so.

Then it'll be, "Welcome Home, My children,"

We'll hear our Father say.
It'll be Shouting Time in Glory,
When He wipes our tears away.

-F. M. Rilley

In Days Gone By

On July 22, 1934, John Dillinger was shot to death. On July 25, 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the army.

Became A Revival When A Dance

It was a Saturday night in an inn on the road through the Cumberland Mountains in the spring of 1820. A crowd of the settlers from the vicinity were gathering for the Saturday night dance. In a far corner of prominent Methodist circuit the room sat Peter Cartwright, rider of Kentucky. On his way home from Baltimore, night had overtaken him near this

inn. The host had warned him of the dance and said that he could not promise him that he would get much rest.

Methodists were opposed to company was quite respectable However, as the dance began, he felt very much out of place. Cartwright sat as inconspicnously as possible in his corner. He was pleased to note that the and little drinking was going on.

such worldly amusements, but the inn's public room was the only room heated and lighted, so he must stay or go to bed.

He resolved to find some way to invite all of these people was about to ask permission to to a service the next day. As he use this room for the service he was surprised to see the most besutiful young lady in the room approaching him gaily with an inviting smile on her face.

"Sir, she said, "you should self. We are a friendly people and would like to have you enjoy not be sitting here all by yourthe evening with us. Come and dance this dance with me."

For an instant Peter was taken aback. He did not know

what to do. Then he resolved on a desperate experiment. He arose and bowed to the young He grasped her right hand with his and they moved to the middle of the floor. The fiddler was about to strike up, but holding up his hand to restrain him, Peter quietly addressed the whole group.

Friends, I am grateful for the kind way in which you have God upon it. Let us all kneel all received me. I am thankful to this charming young lady for years I have never undertaken any matter of importance without asking the blessing of her courtesy. However, for many down and pray."

Quickly he dropped to his

Some tightly and she, too, fell upon knees and started to pray. His fair partner tried to get away but he held on to her hand her knees. At first all were knelt, others watched, a few fled. Meanwhile he prayed with all his might that the converting power of God would fall upon them. Soon some began to weep and pray aloud for God's mercy. astonished and amused.

group to turn to Christ for His prayer concluded, and salvation. As a result of this daring venture, 32 people were organized into a church with the landlord of the inn as the leader. (from Fifty-two Brangelistic he arose and exhorted the whole Illustrations by Billy Apostolon.)

until they found an independent church. They said at least three of

the deacons in one Baptist church they tried were smokers. The writer also tells of a Methodist church ng shall be permitted in the church. They also have no qualms

about drinking as one of their

investigating a couple who claim

dropped because the "donations" accepted for performing sex acts

were part of their religion—an an-

cient rite of absolution!

prostitution charges should be

In California, police have been

pastors drank "socially."

Have we about reached bottom?

The Sword of the Lord

DR. HUGH PYLE

there that has appointed a committee to decide whether or not smok-

tim had merely committed suicide

by running into the knife! But five

times?

attorney had insisted that the vic-

get into one church after another

Statistical Monstrosity

"I could prove God statistically! Take the human body alone. The chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen is a George Gallup, world-famed statistician, said: statistical monstrosity!"

PROVERBS.

shall be wise:

Proverbs 13:20 "He that walketh with wise men but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

A Modern Stewardship Parable

standing members was the manager of the local grain elevator. He was asked to take the job. He them had done business with him for years, and they trusted his integrity. No one else wanted to The treasurer of a certain church in a rural community resigned. This particular church 2) No one ask him any questions during the first year. People were puzzled, but most of agreed to do so under certain conditions. 1) No treasurer's report be called for during the first was in financial difficulty, and no one wanted to handle that responsibility. One of the longvolunteer, either, so it was agreed. The new treasurer promised that he would explain the mysterious plan when the year had come to an orid.

weekly budget had been doubled. The pastor's salary had been increased considerably. There Faithful to his word, there was a financial report issued at the end of that year. People gasped when they read it. The church's Indebtedness of \$25,000 had been paid in full. The were no cutstanding bills. The account showed a balance of \$12,000.

During the past year, as you did business with me, I simply withheld 10% of your income and gave to do with a lithe from each of you? After all, it belongs to the Lord anyway. Next year you are on It to the church in your name. Not one of you ever missed it. See what the church has been able The shocked members began to inquire. "How could all this have happened in just one This is unbelievable!" This was his answer. "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. your own. I hope that you have learned to give God what belongs to Him, and stop robbing the

Paul's Two Dates

People visiting the First Baptist

Church in a Florida town were amazed to see the woman leading the children's singing group stand-

ing before them in slacks and a T.

shirt which read, "Drink Bud-

cigarette smoke and tobacco spit to

but they had to wade through

A reader writes from Texas to say they tried to find a church home

"today" and "that day." "Today" It has been said that Paul only "that day," the appointed time for giving account, towards which all to be passed and packed full of blessed service and worship; and knew two dates in his calendarhis splendid energies bent.

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In Columbus, Georgia, a woman was convicted of murder for stabbing her husband five times. Her

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THE MAN WITH THE BIG GARDEN

Last spring a man planted a large garden and had an overabundance of vegetables. He put up a produce stand in his yard with a sign saying it was free to all who wanted some of it.

He stocked the stand with whatever he had available, whether it was perfect or not. He soon discovered that people rejected the imperfectly shaped cucumbers, the tomatoes with a blemish and ears of corn not fully filled out. Even for free, people wanted nothing but the best.

Aren't you glad God doesn't work that way with us?

If God's grace was only for perfect people of a certain height, or certain degree of intelligence, or a certain race, or a big income, etc., most of us would be left out for sure. But, God loves us just the way we are, imperfect and blemished by sin. The perfect, sinless Son of God, took our sin upon Himself, suffered and died for us that we may be saved eternally. Jesus makes us whole and perfect in the eyes of God, washing away our sins, imperfection and blemishes, and sets us free. The best gift there ever was or ever could be, is God's grace in Jesus Christ!

Do you know Christ as your Saviour? Does He live in your heart? Do you know for sure you are going to Heaven when you die? According to I John 5:13, we can know for sure that we . are saved. No one gets to Heaven by chance. You must decide. Here is God's wonderful plan of salvation you need to know:

1. Everyone is a sinner - Romans 3:23

2. The penalty for sin is eternal death -- Romans 6:23a

Christ died for our sins - Romans 5:8

4. God's gift to us is sternal life through His Son Jesus.

Christ - Romans 6:23b

5. Believe on Christ with all your heart, Romans 10:9-10 and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and save you. Romans 10:13- "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN YOUR LIFE

There are a lot of important issues in life such as who you will marry, what kind of job you will have, what kind of education you will get, where you will live, etc. All of them are important issues. But, there is an issue of more importance than any other, and that is whether or not you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. You can have everything here in this life, but at death, without Christ, you will die and go to an eternal Hell forever. Give it some serious thought.