



II Cor. 3:17 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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Humble Tasks

I asked God for a task to do
And pledged my heart and
hands;
I dreamed of great and noble
things
I'd do in far-off lands.

I cared not for the tasks at hand
Because they were so small;
I wanted big, important work,
Or I'd not work at all.

I waited for the Lord to call,
While precious hours flew by;
No way was ever opened—
I understood not why.

So then I worked at anything
My hands could find to do;
Small tasks—and yet it brought
me joy
To see each duty through.

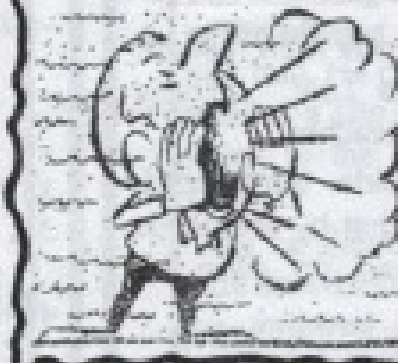
Then working happily; I learned,
Much to my heart's delight,
That humble tasks done faithfully
Are great within God's sight.

—Mark K. Bullock

In Days Gone By

On July 8, 1889, a cab
driver was arrested for
speeding at 12 MPH.

Fog-horn People



Just like ships,
people usually
make loud
noises when
they're in a fog.

Skepticism

A little boy, after attending
Sunday school, was asked by his
mother what he learned. His
reply:

“We heard about a man named
Moses. He went behind the lines
and rescued the Israelites. Then
he came to the Red Sea and
called his engineers and they
built a pontoon bridge. After
they got across, he saw the
enemy tanks approaching, so he
got on his walkie-talkie and
called headquarters, and they
sent the dive bombers and blew
up the bridge. Then the Israel-
ites rode on.”

“Now, son, it wasn't like that
at all, was it?”

“Well, not exactly. But, if I
told you how the teacher said it
really happened, you wouldn't
have believed it either!”

How Were People Saved in the Old Testament

Dr. Harry Ironside, for 18 years pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago, told of visiting a Sunday school class while on vacation. The teacher asked, "How were people saved in Old Testament times?"

After a pause, one man replied, "By keeping the Law." "That's right," said the teacher.

But Dr. Ironside interrupted: "My Bible says that by the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be justified."

The teacher was a bit embarrassed, so he said, "Well, does somebody else have an idea?" Another student replied, "They were saved by bringing sacrifices to God."

"Yes, that's right!" the teacher said, and tried to go on with the lesson.

But Dr. Ironside interrupted, "My Bible says that the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin."

By this time the unprepared teacher was sure the visitor knew more about the Bible than he did, so he said, "Well, you tell us how people were saved in the Old Testament!"

And Dr. Ironside explained that they were saved by faith—the same way people are saved today! Twenty-one times in Hebrews 11 will you find the same words "by faith."

—The Word of Faith.

THE BUSY MAN

If you want to get a favor done
By some obliging friend,
And want a promise safe and sure,
On which you can depend,
Don't go to him who always has
Much leisure time to plan;
But if you want your favor done,
Just ask the busy man.

The man with leisure never has
A moment he can spare;
He's always "putting off" until
His friends are in despair.
But he whose every waking hour
Is crowded full of work;
Forgets the art of wasting time;
He cannot stop to shirk.

So when you want a favor done,
And want it right away,
Go to the man who constantly
Works sixteen hours a day.
He'll find a moment somewhere,
That has no other use,
And help you, while the idle man
Is framing an excuse!



CORRECT

"Some plants," said the teacher, "have the prefix dog. For instance, there is a dogrose, the dogwood, the dogviolet. Who can name another plant prefixed by dog?"

"I can," shouted a little red-head from the back row. "Collie flower."

Excuses People Use For Not Trusting Christ

Afraid I Couldn't Hold Out

1. You're not asked to hold yourself. *Par. 37:23-24.*
2. He is able to keep you from falling. *Jude 24; 2 Tim. 1:12.*
3. Christ will live the life in you. *Gal. 2:20.*
4. He promises to carry us through. *Phil. 1:16.*
5. If truly saved, will be saved to uttermost. *Heb. 7:25.*

Hypocrites in the Church

1. All hypocrites will perish. *Job 8:13.*
2. Christ is the pattern, not others. *Mat. 23:10.*
3. Give account for yourself only. *Rom. 14:12, 2:1-3.*
4. Why turn down Christ because of others? *Jer. 2:5.*
5. God will judge all hypocrites. *Col. 3:25.*
6. If you know how to live, you are responsible. *Lk. 12:47; Jas. 4:17.*

Sanctuary

*I like to go into a place
When only God is there,
And bending low upon my
knees*

*I bow my head in prayer.
No doubt or fear can touch me
there,*

*My spirit is at rest,
For I am in my Father's house,
A loved and sheltered guest.*

*And when I must go forth again
Where men indifferent plod,
I am the better for the time
That I have spent with God!*

—From Sanskrit



Finding What He Looked For!!

Jim Smith went to church one Sunday morning. When he heard the organist miss a note during the prelude, he winced. He saw a teenager talking when everybody was supposed to be bowed in silent prayer. He felt like the usher was watching to see what he put in the offering plate, and it made him boil. He caught the preacher making a slip of the tongue five times in the sermon by actual count.

As he slipped out through the side door during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself, "Never again! What a bunch of clods and hypocrites!"

Ron Jones went to church one Sunday morning. As he heard the organist play an arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress," he thrilled to the majesty of it. He heard a young girl take a moment in the service to speak her simple moving message of the difference her faith makes in her life. He was glad to see that his church was sharing in a special offering for the hungry children of Nigeria. He especially appreciated the sermon that Sunday—it answered a question that had bothered him for a long time.

He thought as he walked out the doors of the church, "How can a man come here and not feel the presence of God?"

Both men went to the same church on the same Sunday morning. Each found what he was looking for.

What will you be looking for this Sunday?
—Pulpit Helps

Miscellaneous.

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ONLY GOD ALONE KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

Nobody can predict the future. Some of the wisest men in the world have made fools of themselves in their effort. Here are some examples:

* Dr. Lee DeForest, inventor of the television: "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances."

* Admiral William Leahy, U.S. Atomic Bomb Project said: "The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives."

* Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize winner in Physics, 1923: "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom."

* Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, 1943: "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

* The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall: "...I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." (1957)

* Western Union internal memo, in 1876: This "telephone" has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

* David Sarnoff's associates, in response to his urgings for investments in the radio in the 1920s: "The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"

* Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895: "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

* Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist in his project to drill for oil in 1859: "Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy!"

* Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899: "Everything that can be invented has been invented."

* Sir John Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria in 1873: The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon."

* Ken Olsen, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Company, 1977: "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in his home."