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

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GOOD ADVICE: Wake up, sing upr preach up, pray up and pay up, but never give up or let up or back up until the cause of our. Saviour in this church and in this world is built upl

## In Days Gone By

On Sept. 1, 1904, Dr. John E. Fice was corverted to Christ. On Sept. 1, 1934, Evangelist Lester Roloff wass ordained to the Gaspel Ministry. On Sept. 1 r 1923, the Japanose cities of Toltyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earth quake that claimed some 150,000 lives.

We don't do God a favor by serving Him; He does us a favor by giving us work to do.

## All Sales Final

I love sales. They are fant Except that when I go to one I always manage to surceed In brying things I never need. Perhaps someday 1 will tearn, A sale is a place of no return.

COLLEE SLABLET GARE

## About OLD AGE

There is a great deal of senseless praise of longevity as though It were a wonderful achievement to live a good while.
Ah, my frienids, it is not how long we live, but how well we live and how usefully we live.
A man who lives to eighty years and accomplishes nothing for God or humanity might better have never lived at all.
Methuselah lived 969 years, and what did it amount to? In all those more than nine centurles he didn't accomplish anything which seemed worth recording.
Paul lived only a little more than slixty, but how many Methuselahs would it take to make one Paul? Who would not rather have Paul's sixty years than Methuselah's 969
Robert McCheyne died at thirty. and John Summerfield, at twen-ty-seven; but nelther earth nor Heaven will ever hear the end of their usefulness.
Longevity Whys an elephant can beat you at that, for it lives a hundred fiffy or two hundred years.
Gray hairs are the blossoms of the tree of life if found in the way of righteousness but the frosts of the second death if found in the way of $\sin$.
-T. Dehltet Talmadge

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR BODY

The human body is something that still confounds Doctors and Scientists about the details of its working.
It is not an overstatement to say that every part of your body is a miracle.
Check out some of these facts and see if they don't surprise you:

1. It's possible for your body to live without a large fraction of its internal organs. You can lose your stomach, spleen, $75 \%$ of your liver, $80 \%$ of your intestines, one kidney, one lung, and virtually every organ from your pelvic and groin area. You would not be healthy, but you would still live.
2. If your saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it. During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
3. Your body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring half a gallon of water to a boil.
4. Your body has enough iron in it to make a nail 3 inches long.
5. The human body is estimated to have 60,000 miles of blood vessels.
6. One human brain cell can hold 5 times as much information as an encyclopedia.
7. Your eyes are always the same size from birth but your nose and ears never stop growing.
8. The brain operates on the same amount of power as a 10 -watt lightbulb, even while you are sleeping. In fact, the brain is much more active at night than during the day.
9. A human fetus acquires fingerprints at the age of 3 months.
10. It takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 muscles to frown.
(Some faces have had toooo much exercisel)
We don't need men changing the Bible. We need the Bible changing men!

The buzzard, bat, and bumblebee
If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be un absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buczard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If $i t$ is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doube, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there untilit dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people tike the buzzard, the bet, and the bumbiebee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not ever realizing that the answer is right there "Above" them.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

It may be a mansion, it may be a durp,
It may be a farm with an old broken purp,
It may be a palace, it may be a flat,
It may be a rocm where you just hang your
hat.
It may be a house with a hole in the floor, Or a marble hotel with a man at the doof It may be exclusive, or simple, or swell; It may have grand $f i x i n ' s$, like curtains
-and, well-
Just kindly remenber, where ever you roan, That old song is right, folks,
"THERE'S-NO FLACE LIKE HOME!"

## IF WE WENT BY THE BOOK

Just think, if America would only obey the Book the Creator gave us, there would be no AIDS, for there would be no perversion; there would be no abortions, for people would not commit fómication; no divarce, for couples would be faithful and loving; no drunken drivers, criminals or abused children. How sad that mankind destroys the beautiful world God gave us and the happiness He wants us to have-just for sinl


A traveler stopped at an historic old hotel and asked the nightly rates for a single room.
"A room on the first floor is $\$ 50$, on the second floor it's $\$ 40$, and on the third floor it's $\$ 30$ per night." replied the desk clerk.
The traveler looked around, said "thank you" and turned to go.
"Don't you find the hotel attractive?" asked the clerk.
"Oh, it's beautiful," exclaimed the traveler. "It just isn't tall enough."

SELPISHNESS HURTS EVERYBODY AND EVERYTHING
When you and I go our own way and do our own thing, it not only affects us, but all thosa in our wake. Whon a selfish party cocides to diasolve a marriage, the carnage in their wake among children, family and finances is terrific. Divorce coosn't solve probleus. . It canses many more and complicates lives for decades. "Other selfish choices also cloud the waters of life, and oonflict ensueg. When one leaves a church or choosos some ungodiy lifestrle, it creates an cver-widening wole that has profound impact orr innocent parties all around. Why not wake up to the fact that everything you do has an impact on others around yoa? Perhape the wake or legacy you leave behind could be a positive one. "And let us conslder one another to provoke unto love and to good worles", Hebrews 10:24.
-Tim Green

## THE MOSI IMPORTANI THTNG POR A CHRISIIAN

HE could list many things such as winning others to the Saviour, living right, giving tithes and offerings, helping othors, studying the Bible, etc. But, to me, the most important thing you can do is be falthful in your church attendance, all the time, every time and on time. When you attend a good Bible-preaching church and becone irvolved, You are exhorted from the Word of God, you are challenged to be faithifu, encouraged, helpod, strengthened in your iffe for the Lord and grow into a mature, dedicated Christian. You learn how to 11ve, walk, talk and work for the Lord. When you don't go you miss what God has deaigned for you and bocome a weak, vacilating, critizing, and complaining person. At church we fellowship with the beat people in the world and that helps us become strong christians. When you miss church you besomo careless in your Christian 1ife, you don't read your Bible, pray or witness for the Lord. YOU NEED THE CHURCH and should consider it a great privilege that God would allow you to go. The most important thing you can do for yourself and others is to bo faithful to your church.

## THE THREE HEAVENS IN THE BIBLE

The Scriptures distinguish three heavens: First, the lower heavens, or the region of the clouds; Secondly, the second or planetary heavens; and thirdly, the heaven of heavens; the abode of God:
-C.I. Scofiald

