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LETTER TO THE DEAD

Charismatic Evangelist Robert Tilton sent a letter to Tom Crowley saying, "God spoke to me about you this morning, Tom, and He's going to heal you." Trouble is, Tom had died 5 months earlier! Tom's widow is suing Tilton for fraud and deceit. Tilton's computer had not told him Tom was dead. But the "healer" claimed to have heard from God!

So much for the TV religious charlatans. What he was really seeking from Tom, of course, was more donations.

SMILE

I know a woman who had her face lifted so many times, she finally had to have her body lowered.

One thing about television... it enables you to worry about things all over the world instead of what happens in your own backyard.

Nothing is so upsetting to a woman as to have company drop in and see the house looking as it usually does!

In Days Gone By

On Oct. 27, 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn, "nylon."

On Oct. 30, 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing. Many, many things were rationed during World War II.

IT TAKES A LOT OF PRUNING

I cannot see the reason
Of pain that comes my way,
Of bitter disappointment
That mars the brightest day.

And when I'm disillusioned
And men I thought were true,
Words cannot tell the heartache
That grips my life anew.

But I have learned a lesson
Through every bitter test,
Though I see not the reason
God knows what is best.

It takes a lot of pruning
To cut the self life out,
To make my life more fruitful
God knows what He's about.

The world seeks love and happiness but they'll never find it. It's like a person digging a well for gasoline not realizing that they'll never find it because you dig for oil and a by-product is gasoline. One needs to seek Jesus Christ and then the by-products will be love and happiness.

MAKING LIGHT OF JESUS

Matthew 22:5—"But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise."

One of the greatest wonders in the world is that when God hath so loved the world, as to send His only begotten Son, Christ has met all the requirements for God to forgive us of all our sins, and offers the benefits of His marvelous salvation, free of charge, without money or price, that most of the world would make light of this salvation and of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Can you imagine men who have college degrees, who are great merchants, who are great doctors and lawyers,

who are powerful politicians, who are kings of finance, and social leaders, who will make light of His salvation and His Son?

God has shown over and over that He is not pleased that anyone should perish and go to Hell. It is His blessed will that "all men" "everywhere" come to repentance and faith in the shed blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Men are not willing to repent, but choosing rather to perish, by making light of Jesus Christ. God takes no pleasure in the death of sinners. He wants to give "eternal life" to all men. Men take pleasure in sin, rebellion, and making light

of God's grace. Jesus wants to be their physician and heal their wounds and broken hearts, but they make light of Him. They reject the only cure...the shed blood of Jesus.

The great God of glory is rejected for the small things of this world. He who is "all and in all" is seen to them who perish as "nothing." It is a sad sight to see a child trust the care, love and concern of a parent lightly. But the saddest of all pictures is to see a man rushing madly at break-neck speed toward a "Devil's Hell" and treat lightly the concern, love and mercy of our great God. This is tragically multiplied a trillion times.



THE CHURCH COSTS TOO MUCH!

The late Dr. McEachern told the story of a chronic complainer in his church who went to one of the deacons and whined about the church costing too much money. The deacon replied, "I want to tell you a story. Something that happened to me." He then began:

"Some years ago God blessed my wife and me with a baby boy. He was the pride and joy of our lives. But I found him to be very expensive. When he was small we had to buy baby food and special clothes. Then there was medicine and doctor bills.

"Then when he got older and started to school, it was unreal at how much we had to spend on him. There were books to buy, clothes for school, fees and lunches, etc. It was a sight at the money it was taking to keep him up.

"But one day a horrible thing happened. Our little boy took sick. We did all we could for him. The doctor said we must put him in the hospital. We did, but he continued to grow worse. Then the sad accident came when his little life was gone.

"You know, brother church member, I don't have to spend any more money on him now because I don't have him any more. I did not know how to appreciate him until I lost him." With that, the church member dropped his head, with tears in his eyes he was heard to say, "Enough said. I'll never complain about my church costing too much any more."

"OLD AGE IS NOT FOR SISSIES"



Old age is not for sissies, though some folks think it's so; Oh, I am here to tell you, These young folks just don't know.

We have to work each morning, To get up from our beds; We exercise our arms to raise, The comb up to our head.

We work our legs to move around, And then we need some rest; Our eyes don't focus quite so good, So we work to do our best.

It takes a whole lot longer, To do the chores each day; And youngsters aren't much interested, In hearing what we say.

No, old age is not for sissies, I tell you it is true; For we must work three times as hard, To do what young folks do. -SARON DICK

What we are on the inside determines what we do on the outside.

No Place for the Boys

What can a boy do, and where can a boy stay, If he is always told to get out of the way? He cannot sit here, and he must not stand there; The cushions that cover that fine rocking chair Were put there, of course, to be seen and admired, A boy has no business to ever be tired. The beautiful roses and flowers that bloom On the floor of the darkened and delicate room Are not made to walk on—at least not by boys; The house is no place, anyway, for their noise.

Yet boys must walk somewhere; and what if their feet, Sent out of our houses, sent into the street, Should stop 'round the corner and pause at the door Where other boys' feet have paused oft before; Should pass through the gateway of glittering light, Where jokes that are merry and songs that are bright Ring a warm welcome with flattering voice, And temptingly say, "Here's a place for the boys?" Oh, what if they should! What if your boy or mine Should cross o'er the threshold which marks out the line 'Twixt virtue and vice, 'twixt pureness and sin, And leave all his innocent boyhood within!

Oh, what if they should, because you and I, While the days and the months and the years hurry by, Are too busy with cares and with life's fleeting joys To make 'round our hearthstone a place for our boys! There's a place for the boys. They'll find it somewhere; And if our own homes are too daintily fair For the touch of their fingers, the tread of their feet, They'll find it; and find it, alas, in the street, 'Mid the guildings of sin and the glitter of vice. And with heartaches and longings we pay a dear price For the getting of gain that our lifetime employs, If we fail to provide a good place for the boys.

Trivia Bible Questions

1. What was it that David had not seen when he was old? Psalm 37:25
2. How did Judas die? Matthew 27:3-5
3. Why is it more hospitals bear the name of Saint Luke rather than Matthew, Mark or John? Colossians 4:14
4. What person in the Bible said that "the laborer is worthy of his hire"? Luke 10:7

Miscellaneous.

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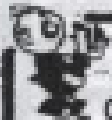
"LIBERTY" OBSERVES 37TH ANNIVERSARY

This November, 2019, marks the 37th year of continuous publication of the "Liberty" church paper. As near as I know I have never missed a week's publication, though I have had to work around sickness and other interruptions at times. It is a ministry of the local church and there is no charge for printing or mailing.

The "Liberty" is small, compact, easy to read and filled with good poems, articles and information, especially for Christians. Many preachers use and enjoy this paper, along with our church people and others who receive it.

My early background was in newspaper work and printing, so this has been one way for me to keep enjoying one of the things I love to do. I plan to keep on doing it as long as the Lord allows. -LRD

THE DOCTOR WHO MAKES HOUSE CALLS - There are two kinds of illness, physical and spiritual. When we are physically ill we go to the doctor to get our health restored. Most of us have done that many times, but what about our spiritual illness? This has to do with the condition of our soul, and if you are still lost you are spiritually, desperately ill. This is why the Great Physician, Christ himself, came all the way from Heaven to make a house call to you. Your body's health is important, but your soul's health is far more important. Without God's forgiveness of sin, without that spiritual healing, it means an eternal, spiritual death forever. The good news is that there is a perfect cure for spiritual illness: repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to save, heal and forgive you of your sins if you will receive Him as your Saviour.



LAUGHTER

Of all the gifts God made to man laughter is one of the rarest, subtlest and most precious. It has neither nationality, politics, nor religion. As an equalizer, it has no equal. Even science, which can do so many things, can't teach us to laugh. Mirth is from God, dullness from the devil; for when we laugh we agree with God that all is good.

A brave man is a man who dares to look the Devil in the face and tell him he is a devil.

—James A. Garfield