



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

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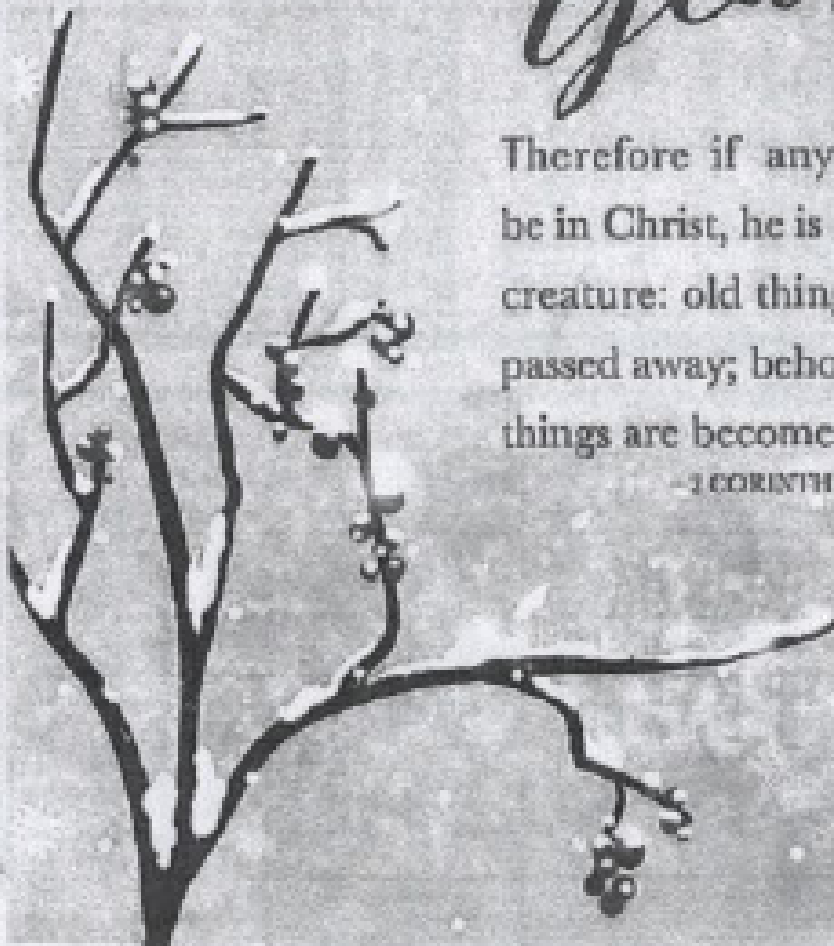
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*Happy  
New  
Year*

Therefore if any man  
be in Christ, he is a new  
creature: old things are  
passed away; behold, all  
things are become new.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Our  
Hope  
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## LAST WORDS

Richard Baxter: "I have pain, but I have peace."

Edward Payson: "The battle is fought; the victory won."

John Wesley: "The best of all is, Immanuel—God, with us."

Charles Wesley: "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness."

The mother of the Wesleys: "Children, I am going; lift a song of praise."

John Fletcher: "I am like a bird escaping from its cage."

Prince Albert: "Rock of ages, cleft for me."

Dr. Cookman: "Hallelujah! I am sweeping through the gates!"

Mrs. Hemans: "I hear the music of His voice."

Lady Huntington: "I am going to my Father tonight."

Philip Melancthon: "Nothing now, but Heaven."

Edward Ferronet: "All hail the power of Jesus' name!"

Dwight Moody: "Heaven is opening; earth is receding; God is calling; I am going."

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary, tells us concerning the departure of his dear wife, that when the hour came, he said to her, "Darling, do you know that you are dying?"

She answered with surprise, "Can it be so? I feel no pain, only very weary."

"Yes," he answered, "you are dying. You will soon be with Jesus."

"I am so sorry," she said; and then pausing as if fearing she might be misunderstood, she added, "not because I am to be with Him, only because I have to leave you!"

## Country Wisdom

Don't name a pig you plan to eat.

Country fences need to be horse high, pig tight, and bull strong.

Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

Keep skunks, lawyers and bankers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.

A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.

Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

Meanness don't happen overnight.

To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.

Lawyers, bankers, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.

Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.

Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.

Don't corner something meaner than you.

Man is the only critter who feels the need to label things as flowers or weeds.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You can't unsay a cruel thing.

Every path has some puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

## ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry,  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality time" is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest.  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather.  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And He'll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

## Tomorrow!

He was going to be all that a mortal should be

—Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he

—Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he knew,

Who'd be glad of a lift and who needed it too,

On him he would call and see what he could do

—Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write

—Tomorrow

And thought of the folks he would fill with delight

—Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed; he was busy today

And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;

More time he would have to give others, he'd say

—Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would have been

—Tomorrow.

The world would have known him had he ever seen

—Tomorrow.

But the fact is he died and he faded from view;

And all that he left, when living was through,

Was a mountain of things he intended to do

—Tomorrow.

—Edgar A. Guest

Satisfied forever

When Thy face I see;

Changed into Thine image

Evermore to be;

Fully satisfied

Just in Thee to hide;

Happy, oh, so happy,

Happy, Lord, with Thee.

# Miscellaneous.

Dr. Leonard R. Dice, Editor and Asst. Pastor

\*STORIES  
\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## PASTOR AND MRS. DICE HAVE RETURNED FROM ISRAEL.

Pastor and Mrs. Dice have returned from a wonderful 10-day visit to the country of Israel. They had an enjoyable time visiting the many places where Jesus walked and where many great Biblical events took place.

Pastor Dice has already incorporated many of his experiences in his messages. In our Watch-Night service on Tuesday, December 31, - 8 p.m. to midnight - he will be showing many videos and pictures, highlighting the places they visited.

We will also have many other things for the service, including a meal, so we hope you can join us as we pray the old year out and the new year in.

## A GREAT BIG TEST OF LOVE

A young soldier called his parents after his release from the military service. He asked them if he could bring his buddy with him. "You see, Mom, he said, "my friend was pretty badly wounded in battle. He has only one leg, one arm, and one eye." After a long pause the mother said grudgingly, "Of course, son, he can stay with us a little while." Her voice however carried the strong message that they would not like to be burdened very long with such a severely handicapped person. Two days later they received a telegram saying their son had plunged to his death from a hotel window. When his body arrived for burial, his mother was heart broken, for he had only one leg, one arm and one eye! Her memory of her last conversation with him still lingered with her. She remembered what she said, "He can stay with us for a little while!" It was too late to take back those selfish words.

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT DURING THE NEW YEAR

- \* Rumor is one thing that gets thicker as you spread it.
- \* A church is a hospital for sinners.
- \* God has called us to be "witnesses," not lawyers.
- \* Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough.
- \* Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pocket.
- \* Few people get dizzy from doing too many good turns.
- \* No one ever gets very far pacing the floor.
- \* He receives most favors who knows how to return them.
- \* Hearing is a gift; listening is an art.
- \* Just because you find fault doesn't mean you have to report it.
- \* Discontent is the penalty we pay for being ungrateful for what we have.
- \* The best way to praise your mate is often.
- \* No one is too big to be courteous, but some are too small.