



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

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A little girl said to her mother at bedtime, “Mother, I have had such a happy day today.” The mother smiled and said, “Really? What made this day different from yesterday?” The child thought a moment, then said, “Yesterday my thoughts pushed me around and today I pushed my thoughts around.” There is a world of wisdom in that child’s observation in making the journey successfully.

## NAGGING NELLIE NEVER WINS

If you try to change your marriage partner by browbeating, you are sure to lose. More people are changed by love than by yelling. All of us stiffen our defenses when we are yelled at. We may do what we are told for fear of retaliation, but we will hate the person for telling us.

So if you want your own way do not nag—love. Warm affection has changed more of the world’s history than all the Spanish Armadas put together. It was love that caused a king to abdicate his throne. It was love that prompted thousands of France’s best young men to leave their homes and follow Napoleon across the wilds of Russia. Love changes our loved ones.

## Days Gone By

On Feb. 17, 1865, the city of Columbia, South Carolina, burned as Confederates moved out and Union forces moved in. Who set the fire is still undetermined.

Strength for today is all that we need,

As there never will be a tomorrow;

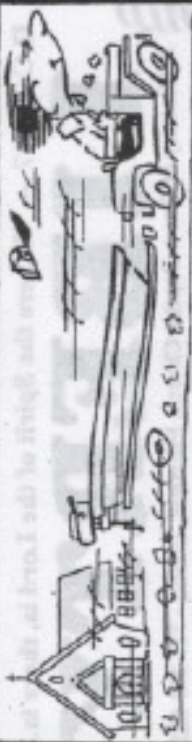
For tomorrow will prove but an other today,

With its measure of joy and sorrow.



A TRAVELER was about to board a plane, but stopped long enough to take out a million dollar life insurance policy. On his way to the boarding gate, he stepped on a weight scale that also told him his fortune. He cringed when he read the card: “Your recent investment will pay off today!”





## How to Be a Church Member without Being Religious

1. Put your name on the membership roll, but let everyone know that you don't want to get involved.
2. Be sure to take off for the lake most weekends so you can worship God in the great outdoors.
3. Do whatever gives you the most pleasure. After all, you can always ask for forgiveness later.
4. Squeal loudly when someone gets on the subject of money. Jesus never asked anyone for a donation.
5. Criticize the leaders of your congregation. They probably need someone to keep them humble.
6. Don't assume any responsibilities in the life of the church. It might cause you to spend too much time away from your family.
7. Chauffeur your children to and from Sunday school. Let God know that you are trying your best to be a Christian parent.
8. Never bring your faith into your home or business life. People might label you a religious fanatic.
9. Daydream during your pastor's sermons. You've heard all that stuff before.
10. Keep a Bible on display in your living room. It looks nice when company comes.
11. Pray if you ever get in a really big jam. This lets God know you're still around.
12. Spend Sunday mornings at home so you won't have to associate with all those hypocrites who go to church.

## MY PORTION

To try each day His will to know;  
 To tread the way His will may show;  
 To live for Him Who gave me life;  
 To strive for Him Who suffered strife  
 And sacrifice through death for me---  
 Let this my joy, my portion be.

## PROVERBS.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearteneth unto counsel is wise."  
 Proverbs 12:15

## YOU CAN BE SAVED - AND KNOW IT.

... "Sir, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."  
 Acts 16: 30-31

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.  
 John 3: 36

That believeth on the name of the Son of God, and that which the Father hath sent the Son to do, the Father will give life unto him that so believeth. And he that believeth not on the name of the Son of God, shall not see God.  
 I John 5: 13

## Bodies of Water

Bible lands are not noted for an abundance of water, but various bodies of water are mentioned in Scripture. Can you identify those alluded to in the clues given below?

1. What four rivers flowed from the river that came out of Eden?
2. Naaman was told to bathe in what river?
3. Naaman preferred to bathe in what two rivers of Damascus?
4. Deborah was to win a battle over Sisera by what river?
5. Jacob wrestled with an angel after crossing what stream?
6. In the Bible the Dead Sea is called by what name?
7. What "sea" (lake) figured prominently in the life of Jesus?
8. Jesus was baptized in what river?
9. Jesus healed a man by what pool of water in Jerusalem?
10. Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at what famous well?

- Answers
1. Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, and Euphrates, Genesis 2:10-14
  2. Jordan, 2 Kings 5:10
  3. Abana and Pharpar, 2 Kings 5:12
  4. Kishon, Judges 4:7
  5. Jabbok, Genesis 32:22
  6. Salt Sea, Genesis 14:3
  7. Sea of Galilee, John 6:1
  8. Jordan, Matthew 3:13
  9. Bethesda, John 5:2
  10. Jacob's well, John 4:5

## The God Of Great Oceans

The God of this planet's great oceans,  
 Who delights in the spray and the foam,  
 Is aware of each fin He created,  
 And guides the wild albatross home.

The same God who gave refuge to Noah  
 While the water-logged scoffers took note,  
 And the God who gentled the tempest  
 When crowding waves threatened the boat  
 Is the God who knows all of my flounderings,  
 My undertow struggles, and He  
 Holds my head up when swept by the billows,  
 And He bucks every ebb tide with me.

## Sentence Sermon

Don't Block the Track



Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

# Miscellaneous.

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## DOES GOD CARE ABOUT OUTWARD APPEARANCES?

Some people will tell you that God does not care about outward appearances, but the Scriptures teach differently. Some say that God looks on the heart, and that's true, but He also looks on outward appearances. He looks on every aspect of our lives, both on the inside and the outside. He wants the inside and the outside to be clean, presentable and useable. Here's what He told the Pharisees about the cup and the platter: Matthew 23:25-26- "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

He not only wants the inside clean, but wants the outside to follow. God commands that we love not the world, and not pattern ourselves after the world, or find pleasure in worldly things. He has called us to come out of the world and be different.

He tells us to dress modestly, and not with the attire of the harlot (Proverbs 7:10-27). We should not only dress modestly, but act modestly. We are to be modest in our speech and temperament. A sensual spirit will cause us to turn away from the God who saves and keeps us. We must walk in faith and not in the flesh.

For those of us who are born-again children of God, He wants us to walk right, talk right, dress right, think right, and be right, inside and out. Outward appearances do matter to our Heavenly Father.

## GRACE BAPTIST PURCHASES TWO GREAT BUSES

It is necessary from time to time to upgrade the buses we use in our bus ministry. Pastor Dice, Ryan and Amy went to Ohio recently and brought back two beautiful buses that are in excellent condition, and have been professionally painted. Both are white, one with blue trim and words, and the other has red trim and words. These buses will serve our church efficiently and safely for many years. We use 3 buses and a van for our bus ministry. Buses bring many people to church that otherwise could not come, especially children. Many people have been saved through church bus ministries and have gone on to serve the Lord in many areas, and many have become preachers and missionaries. This is an extremely important ministry. Pray for our bus drivers, captains and workers who sacrifice much to do this great work. Pray for their safety. Pray for more CDL drivers to help.