



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

LIBERTY

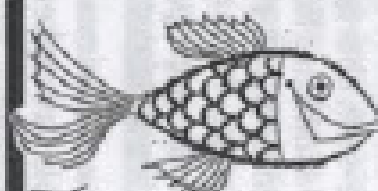
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FRESH FISH FOR SALE

A man starting in the fish business hung out a sign, *Fresh Fish for Sale Today*, and invited his friends to the opening.

All congratulated him on his enterprise, but one suggested his sign might be improved. Said he, "Why the *Today*? Of course it's today, not yesterday or tomorrow." So the fish merchant removed the word.

Another said, "Why the *For Sale*? Everybody knows that, else why the store?" And off came those words.

Another complained, "Why the word *Fresh*? Your integrity guarantees every fish to be fresh."

Finally, only *Fish* remained, but an objector said, "Why the sign? I smelled your fish two blocks away!"

In like manner, the church that tries to satisfy everybody ends up pleasing nobody.

So let's put up our sign and stand by it!

-J. H. Dampler

CAN'T FOOL GOD

You can fool the general public,
You can be a subtle fraud,
You can hide your little meanness,
But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,
You can self-achievement laud,
You can load yourself with riches,
But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible;
You can be a selfish clod;
You can lie, swear, drink and
gamble;
But you can't fool God!

You can magnify your talent,
You can hear the world
applaud,
You can boast yourself somebody,
But you can't fool God!

In Days Gone By

On Feb. 9, 1773, the ninth President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Virginia.

THE OLD MAN AT OUR HOUSE

An old man came to our house
And decided he would stay;
And there was nothing I could do
To make him go away.

I tried to just ignore him,
And pay him never mind;
But I'll tell you, it's hard to do,
He's never hard to find.

When lifting something heavy,
Or when trying to do my best,
That old man just hangs around,
Urging me to stop and rest.

I've tried to make him go away,
And let me toil alone;
But, no, he always interferes,
Keeping me from being strong.

I've finally come to realize,
He will not go away;
There's nothing more that I can do,
I know he's here to stay.

The old man that I'm speaking of
Is very plain to see;
He's not a friend or relative,
For that old man is ME!

But, I thank the Lord for every year,
For the life He's given me;
For His blessings of each day
And salvation full and free.

The future for every child of God,
In the Bible we are told;
Is a land of peace and joy and love,
Where we'll never again grow old.

—Pastor Leonard Dice

In Every Human Heart

Down in every human heart, there is a need for the gospel and a secret longing for that which God in His infinite mercy has deposited in the heart of every Christian. And in the heart of every Holy Spirit-filled Christian, there is a longing to bring that knowledge and experience of salvation through Christ to every lost soul.

Illinois Abortion Bill Worse Than New York's

The Illinois Senate voted 34-20...to pass a bill that is even more extreme than New York's infanticide law. The "Reproductive Health Act" repeals the state's ban on partial-birth abortion, allowing abortions through nine months, and requires insurance companies to provide coverage.

Democrat Governor J. B. Pritzker, who has campaigned to make Illinois the most progressive state in the country for abortion, hugged and congratulated supporters of the bill on the Senate floor after the vote. Pritzker has vowed to sign it into law.

SB 25 strips all rights from unborn children, changes the definition of viability, and legalizes abortions through all nine months of pregnancy, up to the moment of birth, for any reason. The bill eliminates the Abortion Performance Refusal Act so that medical professionals will be forced to recommend, perform or assist in abortion procedures. This legislation also compels insurance plans to provide "coverage for abortion care" and all licensing requirements for abortion facilities would be removed.

SB 25 repeals the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and "removes any penalty for performing late-term abortions, allows nurses to perform medication abortions and eliminates licensing and health and safety inspections of abortion clinics." It also eliminates waiting periods and spousal and parental consent. Minors would be able to obtain abortions without parental notice and parents would be forced to pay for it, even if they objected and did not consent to the abortion....

Liberty Counsel founder and chairman Mat Staver said, "These are horrific days when Illinois lawmakers celebrate eliminating all protections for unborn children, allowing infanticide, removing conscience protection laws for healthcare workers and allowing minors to freely obtain abortions without parental notification. This has nothing to do with healthcare. This is a crime against humanity. Yet tragically, Governor Pritzker brags about it," said Staver.

—LIBERTY COUNSEL

There are a lot of football fanatics around our city. I was seated next to one—a lady—at a football game not too long ago. There was an empty seat beside her. "It was my husband's," she explained. "Oh, I'm sorry," I said. Then as an afterthought I asked, "Isn't there someone else in the family who could use the ticket?" "No," she replied, "they are all at the funeral."

I Still Can Try

My sad mistakes are numerous. I often wish that I could start my life on earth again and never tell a lie. I wish that now I could erase some words that I have said—in foolish criticism of the living or the dead. I wish I were a child again without the smallest fear, and God would understand that I am faithful and sincere. But there is no turning back; I must go on my way, and everything that I have done belongs to yesterday. I cannot change the record, but I can begin anew—as God will give me grace for all the good I want to do.

—James J. Metcalf

The warmth of a home is not necessarily determined by its heating system.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Admit your sins — Rom. 3:23
2. Repent — Acts 3:19
3. Confess — 1 John 1:9
4. Believe — Romans 10:9
5. Accept — John 1:12

Miscellaneous.

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THE PLAGUE OF RELIGIOUS GRASSHOPPERS

It's sad to see so many church members hopping from one church to another, finding fault and criticising. It hurts the work of God, the man of God and each church they join. One day these people will have to face God and give an account for the damage and hurt they have done. If people truly love God and serve Him they won't have time to criticize and complain. When I think of these church-hoppers I am reminded of two stories:

First Story: A man who hopped from one church to another asked his "temporary" pastor one day what he thought about joining another church. "I think it is all right in your case," the pastor advised. "You see, it never hurts to change the label on an empty bottle."

Second Story: A man was marooned on an island for 20 years. One day another man floated in on some driftwood and was met by the first man. He was informed that he was the only one there. The second man said, "But I see three buildings. What are they for?" The first man said, "The middle building is where I live. The second building is where I go to church," "What about the third building," asked the newcomer. "Oh," replied the first man, "that's where I used to go to church!"

THE REASON SHE REJOICED

During an earth quake that occurred a few years ago, the inhabitants of a small village were generally much alarmed. They were, at the same time, surprised at the calmness and apparent-joy of an old lady whom they all knew. At length, one of them addressed the old lady and asked, "Mother, are you not afraid?"

"No," she said, "I rejoice to know that I have a God that can shake the world."

WHAT HAPPENED? DID SOMEBODY DIE?

A preacher who found no one at prayer meeting for the mid-week service, began to toll the bell. A dozen folks came running in, and one asked the preacher, "Who is dead?"

The preacher looked at him, continued to pull the rope, and said to the man, "The Church Is Dead!"

I wonder if people realize they can kill their church by not attending the services.