



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

LIBERTY

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THE DECIETFULNESS OF SIN

1. Sin will take you farther than you want to go!
2. Sin will cost you more than you want to pay!
3. Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay!

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

Proverbs 27:1



Many Problems In The Home Could Be Fixed If There Was Real Love In Them!

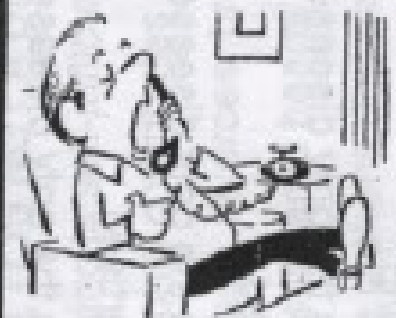
Proverbs 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

Excuses You'll Never Hear



"I'm staying home for several days. I don't like the way they do things at work."



"We're not going boating this afternoon. Sunday is the only day we have to rest."

Days Gone By

On Jan. 13, 1777, the Virginia Statute for Religious Liberty was drawn.

On Jan. 15, 1778, the Hawaiian Islands were discovered. It is now a part of the United States.

If Alcoholism Is A Disease

If it is a disease:

- It is the only disease by an act of will.
- It is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it.
- It is the only disease that is bottled and sold.
- It is the only disease that requires an outlet to spread it.
- It is the only disease that is habit forming.
- It is the only disease socially gained.
- It is the only disease that is advertised.
- It is the only disease with germ or viral cause; and there is no human, corrective medicine.
- NO, IT IS NOT A DISEASE; drinking is self-inflicted.
- Alcohol contributes more to carnage, divorces, broken homes, and shattered hearts and creates more orphans and half-orphans than any other continuing force among men.

During a house visit, while the woman patient chattered on, the doctor interrupted her and said, "Now, Mrs. Smith, put this thermometer beneath your tongue and keep your mouth closed for two minutes."

When the doctor finally removed the thermometer, the woman's husband, who had been an interested observer, took the doctor to the side and whispered: "Say, what will you take for that gadget?"

Will History Repeat Itself?

The Roman Empire was once powerful and proud. People thought it would last forever. No one dreamed it would fall, but it did! It fell and it fell hard!

We in America should read the reasons listed below for the Roman Empire's fall, and then do some serious thinking about our own country.

In 1787, Edward Gibbon Completed his masterful book, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Listed below are the five reasons he gives for the fall of that Empire:

1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the people.
3. The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming more exciting and brutal every year.
4. The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion . . . faith fading into mere formalism, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

Shall we ignore the causes of the fall of other nations? Shall we go on and on to our national doom, without repentance, without a return to the God of our Fathers?

• Dr. J. Harold Smith

Wesley once said, "There are some men who preach so well when in the pulpit, that it is a shame they should ever come out of it; and when they are out of it, they live so illy that it is a shame they should ever enter it."

There is a story of a man, a doctor of divinity, who lived with his son, a doctor of medicine.

One day the telephone rang, and the D.D. answered. "Is this Dr. Franks speaking?"

"Yes," was the answer.

"Are you the one who preaches or the one who practices?" came the startling query.

It Is the Way It Is

- The fellow who keeps on sawing wood is the one with the biggest woodpile.
- You may be a fine, upstanding citizen, but it makes little difference on a slippery sidewalk.
- Doing nothing all day gets pretty tiresome because you can't stop and rest.
- Sooner or later a person who busies himself carrying tales will wind up making a monkey of himself.

Miscellaneous.

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THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK STARTED AFTER WORLD WAR II

I was 8 years old when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Thousands of soldiers were killed and wounded. America immediately entered World II, and it did not end until the United States dropped atomic bombs on two Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This newfound power to annihilate large populations set off a race for nuclear supremacy among many nations, and that race continues today in nations around the world.

Today, nearly 14,000 nuclear warheads are in the arsenals of nine nations: the United States, Russia, China, the United Kingdom, France, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea. That is enough capability to extinguish the earth many times over. Tiny Israel alone, with its nuclear arsenal, holds a vast group of hostile nations at bay in the Middle East.

Two years after the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the "DOOMSDAY CLOCK" was started and is maintained by members of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, and symbolizes the threat and probability of a man-made global catastrophe. Factors influencing the clock's setting are nuclear risk and the state of our environment.

The Doomsday Clock's original setting in 1947 was seven minutes to midnight. It has been set backward and forward many times since then. The most recent officially announced setting is 2 minutes to midnight. That was set in January, 2018. Global destruction remains very real.

The Bible tells us what this world is headed for, and we can read about it in II Peter 3:10- "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Where will you be when the world is on fire? The only safe place will be in Jesus Christ. Your greatest need is to trust Christ as your Saviour and you will be safe for all eternity.

NEW GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER FOR GRANDMA AND GRANDPA DICE

My wife and I now have 31 great-grandchildren with the birth of little Ruby Ann on December 27, 2019. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Ryan Schwegman of Richmond, Indiana. Grandparents are John and Vickie Dice of Greenwood, Indiana. Little Ruby joins her 4-year-old brother, Nolan. This makes us 31-great-grandchildren, 16 girls and 15 boys.

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