



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

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NOTHING FOR CHURCH

He said he wouldn't make a pledge unto the church at all. That he would give just when he felt the urgency — the Call. But still he bought a car and pledged to pay it off some day. And then a house in which to live and each month he would pay. He pledged to pay his telephone, electric and his gas. He pledged to pay his water bill — he never let it pass. He pledged to pay his taxes, too, upon his house and sod. But not one cent he'd ever pledge to the house of God!

(Giving measures our love — think about it!)

WINNER OR LOSER

A WINNER says, "Let's find out."

A LOSER says, "Nobody knows."

A WINNER goes through a problem.

A LOSER goes around a problem.

A WINNER makes commitments.

A LOSER makes promises.

A WINNER says, "I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be."

A LOSER says, "I'm not as bad as a lot of other people."

WHEN A WINNER makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong."

WHEN A LOSER makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."

AFTER WORK

Lord, when Thou seest that work is done,

Let me not linger on,

With failing power,

Adown the weary hours—

A workless worker in a world of work

But, with a word,

Just bid me home,

And I will come

Right gladly—

Yes, right gladly

Will I come.

Oxenham

In Days Gone By

On January 19, 1995, a presidential news conference was televised for the first time with the permission of President Eisenhower. On January 20, 1783, The American Revolution ended.

No one is so old that he cannot live yet another year, nor so young that he cannot die today.

—F. De Rojas

THE CREATION

If you'll go with me away back there
Before there was a here or there,
A this or that, a when or where,
I'll tell you how the world was made—
Without machinery, pick or spade.
But here into existence came
By the Word of God through his own name.

The earth was void without form,
Engrossed in darkness all forlorn;
No sun to rise at the early morn.
But God commanded that the light
Should banish all the shades of night.
Then light into the darkness came,
By the Word of God through his own name.

No place was there a trace of land,
No mountain peaks nor grains of sand,
But only water on every hand.
But God said, "Let the land appear
And bring forth the roasting-ear.
Then land and fruit at his Word came
By his own power, through his own name.

There was not a star in sight;
No sun by day nor moon by night.
God was himself the source of light,
But he commanded them to shine
And rule the seasons and the time,
Then sun and moon and stars all came
By the Word of God through his own name.

There were no fish in all the seas,
There were no fowl nor little bees,
Till God created all of these.
He is the Author of their life,
He gave them power to multiply,
So birds and fish and bees all came
By the Word of God through his own name.

There was not a beast of prey,
No cows, nor horses to eat hay
Until the dawn of the sixth day.
When God's own Word went forth again
And the result was just the same;
For all the brute creation came
By the Word of God through his own name.

And now what you would like to know,
Did man just from a monkey grow?
And does he have a living soul?
In God's own image he made man
To answer his most holy plan.
So man from God, not monkeys came
By the Word of God through his own name.

- V.C. Wilson

Hitchhikers on the Church Roll

Highways aren't the only places where you'll find hitchhikers. Almost every church has plenty of members who are also looking for a free ride. They demand all the privileges and responsibilities

of church membership without supporting the congregation with their money, time, and service.



Don't be a hitchhiking Christian. Get fully involved in the life and ministry of your church. Aren't you glad Jesus wasn't looking for a free ride as he faced the decision of going to the cross on your behalf? Church membership that costs you nothing is worth exactly that.

No man is truly educated who lacks a knowledge of the Bible.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A teacher called for sentences using the word beans. "My father grows beans," said one farmer's child. "My mother cooks beans," said another pupil. Then a third answered, "We are all human beans!"

Would You?

"Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow—
This shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting-place,
You will bear the shining image of the Master in your face."

Bible Trivia Questions

1. What Old Testament prophet prayed one prayer that was never answered? I Kings 19:4 _____
2. What Old Testament man loved one son more than his other children? Gen. 37:1-4 _____
3. How long should a marriage last? Rom 7:1-3 - _____
4. What Old Testament man was known as the "grass-eating" king? Daniel 4:33 _____
5. What kind of instrument will be used to wake up the dead? I Cor. 15:51-52 _____

Miscellaneous.

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SWEARING- A VERY "CHEAP" PRACTICE

Swearing is often regarded as being confined only to blasphemy, using improperly a Divine Name or attribute. However, there is a broader meaning which includes "affirming or threatening with an appeal to anything held sacred." In effect then, swearing and profanity is putting words to a sinful and improper use so that sacred things are treated with levity or irreverence.

Sad to say, Christian people are often habitual users of expressions which the dictionary terms "minced oaths." A commonly used word is "Gee." Webster's New International Dictionary gives this definition; A form of Jesus, used in minced oaths. Two other words are "Golly" and "Gosh." "Golly" is a euphemism for God, used in minced oaths; and "Gosh" is used as a substitute for God. Some people call these mild oaths that use the name of God and Jesus in a profane way:

Jesus was very emphatic in His condemnation of swearing and profanity. In Matthew 5:34 and 37 He says to swear not at all; let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil (the evil one).

Rev. Peter McKenzie once asked a commercial traveler, into whose society he had been thrown, "Are you paid anything for swearing the way you do?" "No," was the answer, "I do it for nothing." "Nothing!" cried the famous preacher; "You work cheap! You throw aside your character as a gentleman, inflict pain on your friends, break God's commandment, and endanger your own soul...and all for nothing? You certainly work cheap--TOO CHEAP!"

YES, SWEARING IS A "cheap" practice in more respects than one. Worst of all, it is a terrible sin which grieves the heart of God! Watch the "fountain" of your lips today. Read James 3:10-11.

H.G.B.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SHAMROCK?

A preacher was on a street corner in an Irish town giving a Gospel message to a crowd that had gathered. In the crowd was a drunkard who was heckling the preacher. This he did by asking, Preacher, what do you know about the shamrock?" The preacher went on with his message, ignoring the heckler. But again he shouted, "Preacher, what do you know about the shamrock?" Once again the preacher ignored his question and went on with his message.

The heckler was persistent, and shouted a third time, "Preacher, what do you know about the shamrock?" This time the preacher stopped and, looking at the heckler, said, "On Christ the Solid Rock I stand. All other rocks are sham rocks."