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



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"It is not our business to make the message acceptable but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it but that they get it."

- Vance Havner

## In Days Gone By

On Oct. 4, 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on British troops at Germantown, Pennsylvania.

### YOU SET THE EXAMPLE

Most everybody has a less-than-perfect family, so go on and serve God anyway, and set the example for the rest!

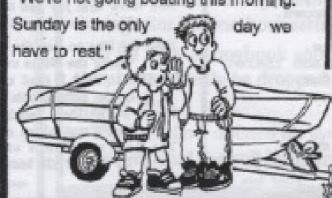
## Watching What You Watch!

"Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."—I Thess. 5:6.

- Watch your thinking! (Phil. 4:8).
- II. Watch your activities! (I Thess. 5:22).
- III. Watch your lifestyle! (Phil. 1:27).
- IV. Watch your friendships! (Prov. 13:20).
- Watch your values (3:1–6).
- Watch your giving! (vss. 9, 10).
- VII. Watch your expectations! (Mark 13:31–37).

-Dr. Shelton Smith

## "We're not going boating this morning. "I'm staying home for several days. Sunday is the only day we liden't like the



I don't like the way they do things at work."

## SCHOOL ROOM COUNTRY ONE THE



And my school books were a load. Walking up that dusty road, It was early in September

I was a school boy from the farm, My school books beneath my arm, With my lunch pail, in my hand I hope you understand

There were chores that must be done Before I started off to school. And there seemed to be a rule, I'd get up at break of dawn

All my clothes were clean or new hair must be combed or curley, So we could play a game or two. would try to get there early, R

Or guess colors, white or brown. We'd play such games as Blackman, London Bridge is Falling Down, Sometimes Shinney (bat the can)

Evary school house had a Bible,

Teacher read, a verse here and there. Floyd Cain Where we spent more time in learning, For that one room country school, We bowed our heads in reverence, Por a little morning prayer. To obey the golden rule. Somehow I have a yearning

Upon the top of the teacher's desk As my teacher used to do: "d like to hear the teacher say, For every child to see;

"Before we work or play, dear ones,

I want to read to you."

That makes God's purpose plain That makes one's soul rejoice. And ere the youngsters went to work, Repeat those words of truth and faith And lift with reverent care the Book I'd like to see the teacher stand I'd like to hear her voice Before the class again

And watch the children's souls shine out At the message they had heard Pill that dear room, each nock, And know that joy had come to each When teacher read the Book, I'd like to see the sweet content I'd ine to see her face light up At each resplendent word,

Book of books is wisdom's gate In the schoolroom of the free God's metchless gift of love. Where the Bible used to be, I want my children taught to know To that bright home above. I'd like to bear it read aloud

Yes, I'd like to see the Bible placed

## Common Cold Could Cause a Positive COVID Test

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) posted on its "Test for Past a positive COVID antibodies test. On their website, the Centers for An explosive fact has come to light: the common cold could cause

Infection (Antibody Test)" page:

However, there is a chance a positive result means that you have antibodies from an infection with a virus from the same family of viruses This means the common cold could lead to a positive antibodies "If you test positive: A positive test result shows you may have antibodies from an infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. (called coronaviruses), such as the one that causes the common cold."

test result for COVID-19, even if the patient never had been exposed -Mat Staver, LIBERTY COUNSEL to or contracted COVID-19.

# he Perils of Mail-in Ballots

It's a "myth." USA Today insists. "Rare," writes NPR. Either way, the New fork Times argues, "It doesn't affect elections." That's interesting, the Heritage Foundation points out, because they've counted more than 1,285 cases of this rare myth of vote fraud that doesn't affect elections in the last four years—and they're convinced that's not all of them.

Cheaters have prospered and they'll continue to prosper, voters worry, if the Left's campaign for universal mail-in balloting succeeds.

-Tony Perkins, freaction.org

If you can't cash a check or get on an airplane without a valid EDITOR'S COMMENTS: The same people who want to have mailin ballots are also against voter I.D. and especially picture I.D.

The freedom to vote matters and the integrity of that vote matters picture I.D., you should also have to have something similar when you go to vote.

Sword of the Lord

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One preacher was reportedly so dry that the people were all dozing after his one-hour sermon.

tion, but suddenly he dropped it, and it fell on the head of an So he took a songbook and waved it to attract their attenelderly man.

The old fellow opened his eyes slightly and said, "Somebody nit me again. I can still hear him.

\*STORIES
\*EVENTS

\*VIEWS





No one with his eyes open can fail to see that there is today much war upon the old Book, as we have it. I am sorry to say that this war is most aggressively carried on in our institutions of léarning, many of them operating under a Christian name and supported by Christian money.

I have watched the trend of the day with reference to this matter with painful interest. I have watched young men in the ministry who have come out of such institutions. I have observed

their progress in the work. I have in mind now such a case:

I was present at his examination for the ministry. He stated frankly that he did not believe in the inspiration of the Book as a whole. He was finally ordained. His ministry has been a failure. He would have made far better progress in any line of business.

I have studied carefully the biographies of the great spiritual men of the past. The men who have moved this world Godward have been men who held fast to the old Book, believed it,

preached it and tried to live by it.

Christ Himself did not waver concerning the Scriptures. Every mooted section of the Old Testament Jesus quoted or in some way used in His short ministry. He never was heard to doubt the authenticity of any of it. He even quoted "Jonah and the whale" (Matt.12:39, 40).

Surely where Christ went we may venture to follow! The church or the preacher that does not accept the Scriptures as the whole truth might as well exchange the Bible for any work of philosophy—aye, for a patent medicine almanac, so far as the salvation of this world is concerned!

"But," says one, "I cannot believe; what am I to do?" Quit the pulpit! The failure to sound the certain note is spreading death among the churches and sending souls to perdition. Mere philosophizing about salvation will never reach the desired end.

Give us the old Book, the Book of our fathers, the Book we believe, the Book we stand on.

-Len G. Broughton

### JUST DOING NOTHING BUT LIVING

Five-year-old Maurice was so quiet his mother became suspicious of his whereabouts. She found him sitting on the floor perfectly quiet, just doing nothing. When asked what he was doing, he replied, "I'm just living."

There are many professed Christians in our churches of whom the same might be said. Some, we fear, are not even born yet. -Prophecy Monthly

## SOMETHING BETTER THAN OUR LOVE

A man over 90 years of age was asked this question by his pastor, "My dear friend, do you love Jesus?" His deeply furrowed face lit up with a smile that many years had imparted, and, grasping the pastor's hand with both of his, he said, "Oh, I can tell you something better than that!" "What is that?" asked the pastor. "Oh, sir, he said, "He loves me!"