

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

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STRANGE

Isn't it strange that princes
and kings
And clowns that caper in
sawdust rings
And common folks like you
and me
Are builders of eternity?
To each is given a bag of
tools
A shapeless mass and a
book of rules;
And each must make, ere
life is flown,
A stumbling block or a
stepping-stone.

In Days Gone By

On Feb. 21, 1885, the
Washington Monument
was dedicated.

On Feb. 22, 1732, Pres-
ident George Wash-
ington was born. He is
known as the father
of our country.

What should not
be heard by lit-
tle ears, should
not be said by
big mouths!

SPLIT BATHS

ON THE WAY

TO CHURCH



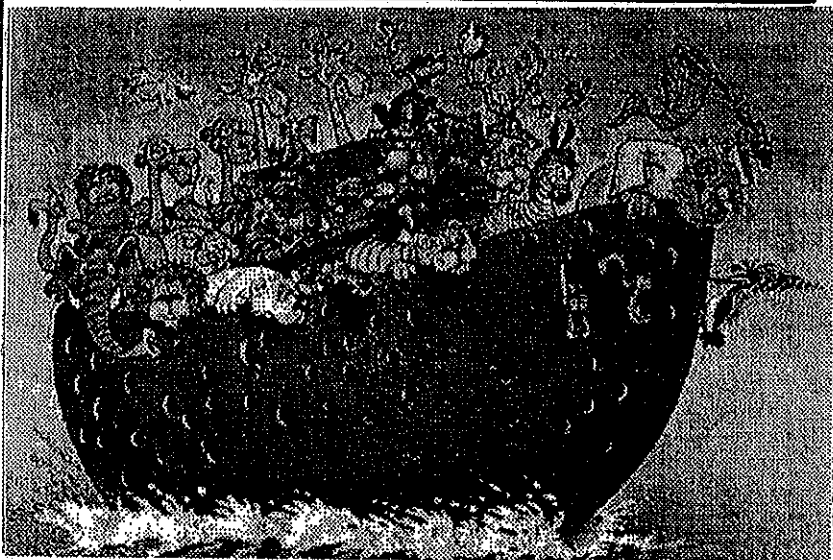
Of all the curses known to youth
(I tell you this in somber truth)
There's none that ever could be worse
Than having Mom reach in her purse,
Take out her hanky, start her search
And give us spit baths on the way to church.

At home our dad has guaranteed
That all us boys are clean, indeed.
He's checked us all with manly skill,
And we're all satisfied - until
Our Mom begins her sputtering search,
And we get spit baths on the way to church!

Oh, would some pow'r us deliver
When Dad starts up the fam'ly fliyyer,
And we're all dressed in Sunday best
And Mom begins her weekly quest,
Attacking while we yelp and lurch,
Bestowing spit baths on the way to church!

I'll have you know, when I'm a Dad
And all my boys are Sunday-clad,
Even though they're smeared with jam or hash
And have a milky-way mustache,
I'll make my wife just keep her perch -
There'll be no spit baths on the way to church!

The woodpecker might have to go!



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- One:** Don't miss the boat.
Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
Six: Build your future on high ground.
Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

The doorbell rang and the lady of the house discovered a workman, complete with tool chest, on the front porch.

"Madam," he announced, "I'm the piano tuner."

The lady exclaimed, "Why, I didn't send for a piano tuner."

The man replied, "I know you didn't, but your neighbors did."

Happy Day, Happy Face

We love to sing Phillip Doddridge's song "Oh, Happy Day." The first verse and chorus say:

Oh, happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Savior and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice
And tell its raptures all abroad.

Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray
And live rejoicing ev'ry day.
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!

It is hard to explain our joy to the unsaved, but we should show it to them by our happy Christian lives. Often Christians do not show their joy the way they should. They are happy down inside, but troubles in this world cause them to get their eyes off Christ and they appear sad.

A lad named John was saved one night and seemed extremely happy. However, something happened which dimmed his joy a bit. One said to him, "Johnnie, what happened? You seemed so happy the night you trusted Christ. Is it gone already?"

He replied, "Oh, no; I am happier now when I am not happy than I used to be when I was happy."

Obedience means marching right on whether or not we feel like it. [Remember] faith is one thing; feeling is another. —D. L. Moody

MY RECORD WILL BE THERE

† In a day that is not far,
At the blazing judgment bar,
Even now the awful summons I can hear;
I must meet the mighty God,
I must face His Holy Word,
I must stand before the judgment bar.

† I must meet each broken vow,
That I hold so lightly now,
Every heartache I have caused, each
sigh, each tear;
Things that time cannot erase,
I must meet them face to face
When I stand before the judgment bar.

† I must meet my cankered gold,
For whose greed my life was sold,
It shall mock me in the judgment's
lurid glare,
Saying ye have sold for nought,
All the Saviour's blood had bought,
And you stand before the judgment bar.

† Let me turn and seek the Lord,
Let me trust His Holy Word,
Let me bow and call upon Him while He's
near;
Then when I my record face,
He will answer in my place,
When I stand before the judgment bar.

—J.A. Brown

Dem Cajun Storie

Tee Boy was cum home from da school playground with a bloody nose, a black eye and torn clothes.

Tee Claude figue he had dun been in a fight and lost. While Claude was help patch him up, he was ask what happen?

"Well, I was challenge Larry to a duel and I was give him da choice of weapons."

"Uh-hun," say Claude, "Dat sound fair."

"I know," say Tee Boy, "but I never tought he'd choose his big sister!"

Miscellaneous.

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THE ATHEIST DID NOT ANSWER

Replying to an atheist, who had mailed him some infidel literature, one Christian gave the following excellent answer:

"My Dear Sir:

"If you have anything better than the Sermon on the Mount, the Story of the Prodigal Son, and that of the Good Samaritan; or if you have any code of morals superior to the Ten Commandments; or if you can suggest anything more consoling and beautiful than the Twenty-Third Psalm; or if you can supply anything that will throw more light on the future and reveal to me a Father more merciful and kind than the New Testament does, Please send it along."

There was no answer.

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ALWAYS LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYE

When someone is talking to you or you are talking to someone, try to maintain eye contact. If the conversation is lengthy, of course it's alright to glance away. But look back at the person.

If you look away while someone is talking with you, it might indicate that you have no interest in what he or she is saying. And if you're trying to communicate with someone, it is difficult to get the message across if the person is looking away.

While preaching a sermon, I have many times knocked on the pulpit as if knocking on a door, simply to get the attention of the audience. I've often said, "Look up here a minute," and then continued with the message.

The same is true when witnessing to an individual. Many times I have said, "If you don't mind, look at me."

When our children were small, I never tried to communicate with them unless they were looking at me.

Looking people in the eye helps to communicate a clear message and demonstrates that we're interested in what others are saying to us.

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