

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

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## THE RENTED HOUSE

My body is a rented house  
 Whose tenant is my soul;  
 The lease is for a few brief  
 years,  
 Of time's unending scroll.  
 Some day my Landlord will  
 arrive,  
 And tarry on His way,  
 To post this notice on my  
 door,  
 "Vacate this house today."  
 -Wilbur Trimble

## JUST FOR YOU

There is no man living  
 who can do the work  
 that God has got for  
 me to do. No one can  
 do it but me myself. If  
 our work is not done,  
 we will have to answer  
 for it when we stand  
 before God's  
 (judgment) bar.



-- D.L. Moody



**YOU'RE GROWING OLDER...**

**"WHEN!"**



**Everything Hurts And What Doesn't  
Hurt, Doesn't Work.**

**You Feel Like The Night Before and  
You Haven't Been Anywhere.**

**Your Mind Makes Promises Your Body  
Can't Keep.**

**You Know The Answers, But Have  
Forgotten The Questions.**

**You Sit In A Rocking Chair and Can't  
Get It Going.**

**Your Back Goes Out More  
Than You Do.**

**The Best Part of Your Day Is Over  
When Your Alarm Goes Off.**

## In Days Gone By

On March 7, 1850, in a  
 three-hour speech to  
 the U.S. Senate, Dan-  
 iel Webster endorsed  
 the Compromise of  
 1850 as a means of  
 preserving the Un-  
 ion.

**As a man grows wiser, he talks less and says more**

## I WANT MY BOY TO HAVE ALL THE ADVANTAGES I CAN GIVE HIM---

Such as having to earn his allowance by running errands, cutting lawns;  
Such as getting good grades in school--getting them because he wants to, and not because of what it would do to me if he did not;  
Such as being proud to be clean and neat and decent;  
Such as standing up and standing proud when his country's flag goes by;  
Such as addressing elder friends as "sir" and "ma'am";  
Such as having to earn his own way in the world and knowing he has to prepare for it by hard work, hard study, and sacrificing some of the pleasures and ease his friends may get from too-indulgent parents.

These are the advantages I want my son to have, because these are the things which will make him self-respecting, self-reliant, and successful. And that is the happiness I want him to have!

--Walter Sawsey

## I SAW GOD WASH THE WORLD LAST NIGHT

I saw God wash the world last night  
With His sweet showers on high,  
And then when the morning came  
He hung it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass  
And every trembling tree;  
He flung His showers against the hills,  
And the billowy sea.

The white rose is cleaner white,  
The red rose is more red,  
Since God washed every fragrant face  
And put them all to bed.

There is not a bird, there is not a bee  
That wings along the way  
But a cleaner bird and bee  
Than it was yesterday.

I saw God wash the world last night.  
Ah, would He have washed me  
As clean of all my dust and dirt  
As that old white birch tree.

## THIS IS A CH CH

What's missing? Don't let  
this happen to you next Sunday!

## "DAD, I'LL BE LIKE YOU"

To get his goodnight kiss he stood  
Beside my chair one night  
And raised an eager face to me,  
A face with love alight.

And as I gathered in my arms  
The son God gave to me,  
I thanked the lad for being good,  
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck,  
And then I heard him say  
Four simple words I shan't forget--  
Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,  
On secrets no one knew,  
They startled me, I hear them yet;  
He said, "I'll be like you."

-Herbert Parker

## SOME SOUND ADVICE

Before you speak, listen.  
Before you write, think.  
Before you spend, earn.  
Before you invest, investigate.  
Before you criticize, wait.  
Before you pray, forgive.  
Before you quit, try.  
Before you retire, save.  
Before you die, give.

## TRUE, GENUINE GRIT

Once Daniel in the lion's den  
Said to the king of beasts,  
"I'm not concerned about your roar,  
And I care not for your feasts;  
For when I gaze upon your crowd  
I have a certain hunch,  
You'll never dare to chew me up  
Or eat me for your lunch!"

The leader looked at Daniel bold--  
He's not like other men;  
I think we'd better pass him by  
And chase him from the den.  
It wouldn't do to eat this man  
I'm sure he isn't fit,  
The most of him is pure backbone,  
And the rest is simply grit!"

## THE DIRTY KID

"I wish you would let me take my bath in the morning instead of at night," said the kindergarten boy to his mother.

The mother asked, "Why?"

"Well, our teacher always asks us whether or not we have had a bath today and I haven't been able to say 'yes' all year," he said.

# Miscellaneous.

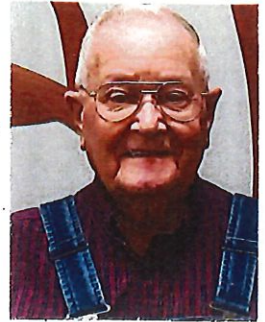
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## BRO. DICE TURNS 88 YEARS OLD

I thought you might like to know that this old preacher, and Editor of the "Liberty" paper, just turned 88 years old. I entered the ministry in August, 1958, and pastored three churches in Indiana for over 40 years. For the last 16 years I have been Assistant Pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois. The "Liberty" paper began in October, 1982 and has been published continuously since then. It's been a wonderful part of my ministry.



Leonard Dice  
"Old Fashion Day"

## WHO ARE THE MOST UNHAPPY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD?

The most unhappy people in the world are not those who did not get what they wanted. The most unhappy of all people are those who got what they wanted and found out it wasn't as wonderful as they expected. The secret to a happy life is not to get what you want, but to learn to live with what you've got. Most of us spend our lives concentrating on what we do not have instead of thanking God for what we do have. Then we wake up, our life is over, and we've missed all the joys of it.

## WE ARE TO BE DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

Separation for the Christian is DISTINCTION! True believers in Christ are to be distinct from disbelievers in many ways. Satan has done all he can to blur those lines of distinction. The carnal lifestyle of talk, dress, entertainment, relationships, etc., has permeated our churches and Christian families. The enemies of distinction are the world, the flesh and the devil, and all pressure us to "fit-in" with the sinful environment. Conformity is easier than distinction. Distinction is thinking and acting like Jesus in every situation. The Bible says in Romans 1:2, "And be NOT CONFORMED to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

## DON'T COME OUT LOOKING BACK

When Lot's wife came out of Sodom, she came out looking back over her shoulder. She made a physical move to come out of Sodom, but Sodom did not come out of her. Christian, don't look over your shoulder at the world. It is a sure recipe for failure!