

# LIBERTY

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## Life

Man's life means
Tender teens,
Teachable twenties,
Tireless thirties,
Fiery forties,
Forcible fifties,
Serious sixties,
Sacred seventies,
Aching eighties,
Shortening breath,
Death.
The sod.

### Days Gone By

God.

On April 18, 1775,
Paul Revere made
his famous ride
preceding the Revolutionary War.

When you do anything for your child that he is capable of doing for himself, you are forfeiting one of the greatest opportunities for developing responsibility.

# GLOBAL WARMING How Hot Will It Get?

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 fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (2 Peter 3:10)

As near as waves to a morning sea,
As near as wind to a murmuring tree,
As near as sunlight to golden days,
Is God, our Father, to one who prays.

### ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

There's work to do, deadlines to meet; You've got no time to spare, But as you hurry and scurry-ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest-ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries Are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather-ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, And He'll respond to all your needs A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

## What You Wear Says a Lot

(Read Isaiah 3:16-26).

What you wear not only says a great deal about you, but it also influences you. The clothing and jewelry worn by the wealthy women of Israel revealed pride, moral looseness and rebellion against God. That's why Isaiah pronounced severe judgment on them.

A restaurant owner said in a letter to an advice columnist that he has observed the difference clothing makes in behavior. When teenagers enter his establishment in Bermudas and jeans, they "act rowdy and eat like pigs." But when they come in the evening wearing pretty dresses and suits, "they behave like ladies and gentlemen."

This phenomenon was confirmed in a Pittsburgh area high school.

Sixty-nine students were suspended for refusing to dress properly. School authorities noticed that during the two weeks they were absent, the number of students needing discipline declined noticeably.

The custodians were amazed at the change in their workload. There was far less debris in the building and in the school yard.

When the suspended students returned properly dressed, their conduct improved and their grades climbed from a D average to a C!:

We are all image bearers of God. We are not junk! As God's creatures we are responsible to Him. When we look like slobs, we deny the dignity of our personhood. When we dress modestly, we please our Lord and reflect His purity.

Yes, what we wear says a lot. It has an impact on ourselves as well as others.

O Lord, we would please You in all that we do; In word and in deed we would always be true: And may we reflect in our manner and dress Devotion to Jesus, whose name we confess.

—The Burning Bush

The worry cow would have lasted till now If she hadn't lost her breath. But she thought that the hay wouldn't last all day, So she choked herself to death.

### Our Responsibility

We are found, to find another. We are told, to tell another. We are won. to win another.

#### GREENER GRASS



We battle weeds so they won't choke it: We fertilize and then we soak it: Persistently we strive to grow it; Then gripe because we have to mow it!

### SIMPLY TRUST HIM

Why the wrinkle in your torehead?

Why the furrow in your brow? Just remember, Jesus loves you; It will all work out somehow.

If you trust in Him completely, Yield to Him your heart and soul.

Then you need but hear His whisper.

Let Him have complete control.

I have found His way is sweeter When we follow near His side. He alone can give assurance That His Spirit does abide.

So, my friend, take courage, trust Him:

Let Him show His will and

You can better love and serve Him.

If His spirit has full sway.

By Ken Watts

After a teacher had told her class, "Now don't copy what other people write; simply write what's in you," one little boy submitted this:

"Liver, veins, heart, stomach, one pear, two eggs, a cupcake and a glass of milk."

#### WORRY IS A THIEF

To dwell in thought upon the fu-

And the sorrow it may bring, Is casting shadows on the path-

Where your heart with joy should

For worry can't prevent the heart-

Fate may chance to send your

It cannot dry tomorrow's teardrops:

It just robs you of today.

## FAITH DOES NOT FRET

---Jack M. Scharn

Kansas City

He need not fear the storms of life . whose trust in God is stayed. Though tempests roar, he hears God's voice, "Fear not . . . be unafraid."

Before the howling winds subside and whirling storm clouds cease. Faith does not fret, because it finds uninterrupted peace.

# Miscellaneous-

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\*STORIES

\*EVENTS

\*VIEWS \*NEWS

#### REPORT ON 31ST ANNUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

This last week we enjoyed our 31st Annual Missions Conference. It is exciting to be involved in sending missionaries around the world to preach the Word of God. After Jesus arose from the dead, and before His ascension back to Heaven, He gave His disciples the "Great Commission", the task of taking the Gospel into all the world. That commission is still in effect today for every Christian. Thousands of precious souls have been saved through the efforts of the people in our church who support and pray for the missionaries here at home and around the world.

It is vital and important for us to remain faithful in our Faith-Promise giving again this year. Also, continue to pray about our world-wide Tract Ministry. So far, we have reachinto over 150 countries with the Gospel. Thousands more have been saved through this ministry as well. Let's keep on praying, giving and working till Jesus comes. What a great privilege and honor it is to work for the Lord. Let's keep doing what the old hymn says, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

#### WHAT'S IN THE NAME OF A CHURCH?

Believe it or not, the following are names of churches:

- 1. Waterproof Baptist Church
- Fireworks Station Assembly of God
- 3. Battleground Baptist Church
- 4. Country Club Christian Church
- 5. Boring Assembly of God Church
- 6. Whiskey Junction Baptist Church

- 7. Boring Seventh Day Adventist Church, Pastor Elder Dull
- 8. No Hope Baptist Church
- 9. Greater New Old Ship of Zion Southern Missionary Baptist
- 10. Lilly Baptist Church (they toil not, neither do they spin.) Don't take this one too seriously.

#### YOU NEED A TRUE HEART

You cannot expect God to bless you when you come to Him with a heart filled with sin, wickedness, immorality, faithlessness, etc. You don't come to Him half-heartedly. Remember, He sees the heart. When we come to God through Christ we must do it with a true heart, a heart filled with love, humility and a dedication to Him. When you have a true heart you can even come to Him boldly. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."