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



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#### THOSE LIVING ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side. In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide, Grant me good health, for that I pray To carry on my work from day to day.

Keep pure my thoughts, my every deed, Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbor's needs. Spare me from fire, from floods, malicious tongues. From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.

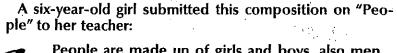
If sickness or an accident befall me,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,
hear Thou my call.
And when I am feeling low or in despair,
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear Because I feel Your presence ever near. God can lower the gate of warning, sound the bell, flash the light; but whether or not you cross the tracks is a choice He will leave up to you.

#### Days Gone By

On June 13, 1963, the
Supreme Court outlawed
Bible reading and prayer in public schools!
Liberals won a great
battle against God, the
Bible and good Christians everywhere.

I had plastic surgery last week. I cut up my credit card!



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People are made up of girls and boys, also men and women. Boys are no good at all until they grow up and get married. Men who don't get married are no good either.

Boys are an awful bother. They want everything they see except soap.

My ma is a woman and my pa is a man. A woman is a grown-up girl with children. My pa is such a nice man that I think he must have been a girl when he was a boy.

# Ten Duties for Dads

- 1. You shall so live as to transmit to your children physical bodies strong and clean.
- 2. You shall be the head of your home and model it after God's law in love and justice.
- 3. You shall preserve the love between yourself and the mother of your children and promote love among your children.
- 4. You shall not teach by precept alone but by personal example.
- 5. You shall so intently live to please and serve God that it will inspire the same zeal in your children.
- 6. You shall seek to develop your child's potential to its greatest degree for the glory of God and for the eternal blessing of his fellowmen.
- You shall provide and participate in recreational diversions and lead your family in having fun and wholesome frolic.
- 8. You shall be the instigator and the leader in a daily family altar. You shall conduct this time in such a manner that your children may develop a relish for God's Word and a faith in the exercise of prayer.
- 9. You shall set the example for going with your wife and children to all the services of the church, including Sunday school.
- 10. You shall make your primary objective the introduction of each child to Jesus.

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Ask great things of God.
Attempt great things
for God.

## ONLY IN AMERICA!

...are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.

...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight. (THIS ONE ALWAYS BUGGED ME!)

...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures.'

...do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

# School Daze

Teacher: "Jasper, I can scarcely read your handwriting. You must learn to write more clearly."

Jasper: "Aw, what's the use? If I wrote any better, you'd start complaining about my spelling!"

Sammy: "Do you think anyone can predict the future with cards?"

Danny: "My mother can. She takes one look at my report cards, then tells me exactly what will happen when my dad gets home."

Teacher (answering the phone): You say George Gage has a bad cold and can't come to school? Who is this speaking?"

Voice (with assumed hoarseness): This is my father.

## Get a Transfer

If you are on the Gloomy line,
If you're inclined to fret and pine,
Get a transfer.

Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom:

Get on the Sunshine train—there's room.

Get a transfer.

If you are on the Worry train, You must not stay there and complain;

Get a transfer.

The Cheerful cars are passing through

And there is lots of room for you; Get a transfer.

If you are on the Grouchy track, Just take a Happy special back; Get a transfer.

Jump on the train and pull the rope; It'll land you at the station Hope.

Get a transfer.

### BE READY

- 1. Some are ready to perish (Isa. 27:13).
- 2. God is ready to pardon (Neh. 9:17).
- 3. Be ready to speak (Isa. 32:4).
- 4. Be ready to go (Luke 22:33).
- 5. Be ready to work (Titus 3:1).
- 6. Be ready to testify (I Pet. 3:15).
- 7. Be ready to suffer (Acts 21:13).
- 8. Be ready for His appearing (Matt. 25:10).

-James Smith

#### When I Am Old

When wistful eyes have grown too dim

To trace the far horizon's rim And dull ears seldom catch the words

Of loved ones, never hear the birds—

Lord, grant me this: though flesh shall fail

And music cease and beauty pale,

Withdraw not Thy supporting arm

But still Thy miracles perform! As fail the things of sense and flesh,

Creator, fashion me afresh From Thine eternal loveliness And clothe me with Thy righteousness!

When these my busy hands grow still,

How sweet to rest within Thy will!

When shadows cloud my earthly sight.

Still glows for me Thy kindly light.

What though my ears hear not the birds?

Ah, lovelier far Thy whispered words!

Lord, all my sunset hours are sweet

When they are spent at Thy dear feet!

---Martha Snell Nicholson

† God forms man, sin deforms him, the school informs him, but only Christ transforms him.

# Miscellaneous-

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#### FOUND IN A GOSPEL TRACT

Years ago, in reading a tract for new Christians, I came across a statement that I have never forgotten, a statement that has had a lasting impression on my life. I'll share it with you and perhaps it might be of some help to you also. Here it is: "Turn from everything that you know is wrong and turn to everything that you know is right." It has stayed with me all these years and I've tried to put it into practice. It's good advice for Christians.

#### THREE REASONS FOR BEING HAPPY

A Christian, asked how it was that he always seemed happy, answered that he had learned to look three ways. First, he looked up to Heaven that he might remember that he was going to spend eternity there; second, he looked to the earth that he might remember that one day his body would return to dust, stripped of all earthly possessions; third, he looked within his heart, that he might realize how many people were worse off than he was.

—Donald Grey Barnhouse

#### THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IN NURSING SCHOOL

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned that her name was Dorothy.

#### A NATION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD

It was the leadership here at home that gave us strong American influence abroad and the collapse of imperial communism. Great nations have responsibilities to lead and we should always be cautious of those who would lower our profile, because they might just wind up lowering your flag.

Ronald Reagan