

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

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## RIGHT THINKING

Worrying does not empty tomorrow  
of its troubles;  
It empties today  
of its strength.

If your ship hasn't come in—  
Swim out to it.

Time is not measured by clocks  
but by moments.

Most folks are about as happy as they make  
up their minds to be.

## In Days Gone By

On June 27, 1950, the U.S.  
took its first military action  
against North Korea.

On June 27, 1844, the Mormon  
leader Joseph Smith and his  
brother, Hyrum, were killed  
by a mob of people in Car-  
thage, Illinois.

Around the dial of a  
clock in a church in Stras-  
burg, Germany, are these  
words: "One of these hours  
the Lord is coming."

## LIFE IS SO SHORT

Let's smile and be kind—life is so  
short

And most of the way so rough,  
The times are trying, the road  
upgrade,

And always trouble enough.  
Yesterday's hurts we'll try to  
forego—

And tomorrow's cares can wait,  
Today with diligence let us keep  
Our hearts from the stain of  
hate.

Life is too short for spite and  
revenge

And paying back wrong for  
wrong—

Try patience and love and for-  
giveness,

Meet slights with a smile and a  
song;

The sad world with all its repin-  
ing,

Its bitterness, care and tears,  
Needs the wealth of your loving  
kindness

To sweeten the sin-soiled  
years.

Yes, life is too short to be hateful  
Or scorning any you meet,  
Then strive to be pleasant and  
gentle,

To always smile and be sweet;  
For the sunshine of love is needed  
To warm the world with its  
light,

And to shed abroad its effulgence  
To bless humanity's night.

Margaret Scott Hall

## "EVEN THIS WILL PASS AWAY"

Once in Persia reigned a king,  
Who upon his signet ring,  
Graved a maxim strange and wise,  
Which when held before his eyes,  
Gave him COUNSEL at a glance,  
Fit for every change or chance--  
Solemn words, and these are they:  
"Even this will pass away."

Trains of camels through the sands,  
Brought him gems from other lands;  
Fleets of galleys o're the seas,  
Brought him pearls to rival these;  
But he counted little gain,  
Treasures of the mine or main:  
"What is WEALTH?" the king would say,  
"Even this will pass away."

'Mid the pleasures of his court,  
At the zenith of their sport,  
When the palms of all his guests,  
Burned with clapping at his jests;  
Seated 'midst the figs and wine,  
Said the king: "Ah, friends of mine,  
PLEASURE comes, but not to stay--  
Even this will pass away."

Towering in a public square,  
Forty cubits in the air,  
Stood his statue carved in stone,  
And the king, disguised, unknown,  
Gazed upon his sculptured name,  
And he pondered, "What is fame?  
FAME is like a fleeting day,  
Even this will pass away."

## JUST KNOW HIS WILL

To give and not count the cost;  
To fight and not heed the wounds;  
To toil and not seek for rest;  
To labor and not ask for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do Thy  
will, O Lord, our God!

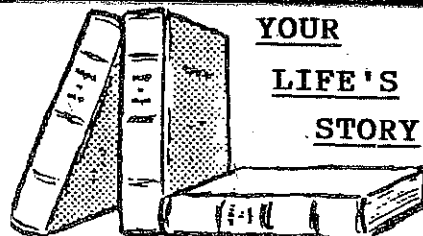
## Let Me Be Big Enough

Let me be big enough, Lord, this I pray,  
Let me be big enough, just for today:  
Let me not nurse a slight,  
Keep me turned toward the right,  
Let me be brave to know,  
Hurts serve to make me grow,  
And on the morrow again I will say,  
"Let me be big enough, just for today."

Let me be sweet enough, Lord, this I pray,  
Let me be sweet enough, just for today:  
Sweet to unravel life's tangled knot,  
Sweet for whatever may be my lot,  
Sweetness enough to show  
All the world's good I know,  
And on the morrow again I will say,  
"Let me be sweet enough, just for today."

Let me be big enough, Lord, this I pray,  
Let me be sweet and big, just for today:  
For these I need, O Lord:  
Hold me in right accord:  
Thus may my love abound  
For each and all around,  
And on the morrow again I will say,  
"Let me be big and sweet, just for today."

—Annette Fowler



Life is a story in volumes three—

The Past  
The Present  
The Yet-to-be.

The first is finished and laid away,  
The second we're reading day by day,  
The third and last of the volumes three  
Is locked from sight;  
God keeps the key!

—From Biblical Research Monthly.

THE NAMES OF ALL 66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE can be found in the puzzle below. Names are in lines that are straight and may run horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Also, they may read forward, backward, up or down. The Song of Solomon is found simply as Solomon. Use the listing in the front of your Bible that gives the list of all 66 books.

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P H I L I P P I A N S G E N E S I S A O F T M

LITTLE KATHY tried to quiet her younger brother during Sunday church. "Hush," she warned him. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why?" he asked. "Who'll stop me?"

Kathy pointed to the rear of the church. "You see those men standing back there?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well, they're the hushers!"

# Miscellaneous.

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## HOW TO STAY SAFE IN TODAY'S WORLD

We all have a God-given sense of well-being and we try to avoid anything that will hurt or harm us in any way. We also call it self-preservation. The government, becoming more intrusive into our lives every day, issues all kinds of guidelines, regulations, rules and orders until they become absurd, burdensome and downright stupid, otherwise a description of being politically correct. Here's a tongue-in-cheek article I found to be humorous but makes more sense than some of the other stuff we have to deal with. Don't let some politician see this or Congress will be passing some more senseless laws. Here's the article on how to stay safe in today's world:

1. Avoid riding in an automobile because they are responsible for 20 percent of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17 percent of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14 percent of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail or water because 16 percent of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33 percent, 32 percent of all deaths occur in hospitals. Above all else, avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001 percent of all deaths occur in worship service at church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given time is at church.

Bible study is safe, too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

For safety's sake, attend church and read your Bible! So there you have it. What do you think?

## THE DICE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN KEEP ARRIVING

Our 34th great-grandchild, a little boy, Leo Micah Dice, was born on June 10, 2021. His parents are Micah and Hannah Dice, New Salem, Illinois, and grandparents are Gary and Pam Dice of Baylis, Illinois. For us, Leonard and Sharon Dice, this makes 34 great-grandchildren, 17 girls and 17 boys. Another baby is due in July and the tie will be broken.