

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

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What's Wrong With Being Old-Fashioned?

In the America of yesterday you paid your debts as quickly as possible—and went without things to do it.

You disciplined your children— but disciplined yourself first.

You spent less than you earned—and demanded your government do the same.

You went to church and took your children to Sunday school; you held daily prayers—and no court would have dared to interpose any law into your private religion.

You would have been horrified at—and quick to change—men in high places who made "deals."

You expected to prosper by individual initiative—by doing a better and better job.

You obeyed the law—but took active enough part in government to see that the laws were just. You "walked softly but carried a big stick."

And that was the character which brought this country victory in two world wars, built it back from a shattering depression, and fed and saved the civilized world.

If all this is "old hat," so be it. It needs resurrection.

—Idaho Power Company, Reddytorial

AS I GROW OLD

God keep my heart attuned to laughter

When youth is done;

When all the days are gray days, coming after

The warmth, the sun.

God keep me then from bitterness, from
grieving,

When life seems cold;

God keep me always loving and believing

As I grow old.

In Days Gone By

On October 10, 1821, Charles G. Finney was saved.

On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis,

A MORNING PRAYER

Dear God, I pray

I'll not take for granted today

The daily blessings you give

Like the sweet smell of a flower

And the grassy hill.

May I not walk at such a pace

That I miss the beauty of the place,

Nor the smile of a child at play

Or the song of the blue jay.

And may I travel not so fast today

That I fail to help someone

Along the way.

- Gene Minix

OLD AGE CAN BE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN!

The lovely fall season is upon us, with its cool breezes bringing a welcome change from the hot summer winds.

One of the delights of fall; in many places, is the changing of the leaves from their summer green to an exciting array of red, gold, rust and many shades of brown. People take special trips to see the turning of the leaves. They gather them for decorations.

Leaves are common but in many ways uncommon. Isaiah reminds us, "We all do fade as a leaf" (64:6). Only God can make a leaf. Each leaf has life of its own and denotes the plant, bush or tree from which it fell. As we pick it up we can tell if it is a fresh new leaf, young in days, or an older one, dry and about to crumble as it fell from the tree.

In this respect, human beings are quite like the leaf. God takes some in the young and tender years; others are left to weather the storms of life until they wither and fade. Some fall in the midst of the summer of life to become soiled and wrecked long before their time.

Like some leaves, some believers grow more beautiful as they grow older. Some develop most beautiful traits of character as the hair whitens under winter's blast and the face becomes lined with the sorrows of summer.

Others, sorry to say, become unruly, hard to live with, fault-finding and critical. Some are like the leaves of the cottonwood tree and the peach tree. There is nothing attractive there, nothing of beauty. These leaves fall in the wind, are swept away and never missed.

Leaves are born to die, as are human beings. James 4:14 says, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Some leaves cling to the limb through every stormy blast of winter and do not fall until the new life in spring gently removes them. These leaves remind us of the believers who will be alive at the time of the rapture, to be renewed and glorified at His call.

Leaves are not fruit. Leaves in the Bible speak of a profession which may or may not be accompanied by fruit. Our Lord was displeased with the fig tree on which there was "nothing but leaves" (Mark 11:13). He expects fruit for His glory and the good of our fellowman. Without fruit, leaves mean nothing.

God saw through the fig leaves that Eve made as a covering for herself and Adam. God Himself covered them with skin of animals which He slew. So today, leaves of profession cannot cover sin. Only the blood of the Lamb, Christ Jesus, can take away sin in an unregenerate heart.

—Adapted from Walter Wilson.



**The HARVEST is plenteous,
The LABORERS are few;
The FIELD is white . . .
WHERE ARE YOU???
WE NEED HELP!!!**

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me." 1 Chronicles 4:10

THE EMPTY PEW TALKS

What Jonathon said to David... "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty"... might often be said of church members. And the empty seat has an eloquent tongue, though its message is often unpleasant.

To the preacher it says: "Your message is not worthwhile."

To the visitor it says: "You see we are not quite holding our own."

To the stranger looking for a church home it says: "You had better wait awhile."

The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.

A minister met an absentee member in the street. He met him face to face and there was no escape. The man knew he was "in for it," as the minister had often spoken to him about church attendance. So he thought he would take the sting out of the attack this time by a frank confession.

"My seat was empty on Sunday," he said. "Oh, no!" replied the minister quickly, "it was not." "What," said the offender, "who was there?" The minister said to him, "Satan was there leering up at me and saying, 'I've got him again.'"

**That man may breathe, but never live,
Who much receives, but little gives.**

"SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD!"

I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they could not see his countenance.

He went on and on until the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisle and cried, "Mr. Edwards, have mercy!"

For three days Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food. Over and over again he had been saying to God: "Give me New England! Give me New England!" and when he rose from his knees and made his way into the pulpit they say that he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God.

They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience. Other men caught hold of the backs of the pews lest they should slip into perdition. I have seen the

—J. Wilbur Chapman

Miscellaneous.

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A 30 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

1. Pray for your family and your home.
2. Pray for your neighbors nearest to you by name.
3. Pray for anyone you know who is sick or struggling.
4. Pray for your community schools, principals and teachers.
5. Pray for the churches in your community.
6. Pray for the mayor of your city/town.
7. Pray for those without and needing employment.
8. Pray for local law enforcement, first responders, etc.
9. Pray for those in your city who don't know Christ.
10. Pray for the homeless and poor in your city.
11. Pray today without asking for anything.
12. Pray for your church, Pastor, church staff and key leaders.
13. Pray for those influential in your spiritual walk.
14. Pray for your governor, state legislators, and key issues.
15. Pray for children in the foster care system.
16. Pray for those in prison and their families.
17. Pray for the marriages of people you know.
18. Pray for those trapped in human trafficking.
19. Pray for your friends going through hard times.
20. Pray that people across your nation will know Christ.
21. Pray for our nation, President, and all branches of the military.
22. Pray for our House, Senate and Supreme Court.
23. Pray for a "hot issue" relevant to our country.
24. Pray for people around the world who are hungry.
25. Pray for churches and Christian leaders around the world.
26. Pray for those unemployed around the world.
27. Pray for millions of orphaned children and widows around the world.
28. Pray for persecuted churches and Christians around the world.
29. Pray for those in modern day slavery around the world.
30. Pray for the name of Jesus to be known globally.