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



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### It May Not Be Easy, But...

It is not easy to apologize; to endure success, to begin over, to profit by mistakes, to be unselfish. to forgive and forget, to take advice. to think and then act, to admit error, to keep out of the rut, to face sneers, to make the best of little, to be charitable. to subdue an unruly temper, to avoid mistakes. to maintain a high standard, to keep on trying, to shoulder a deserved blame, to be considerate. to recognize a silver lining; But it always pays!

### In Days Gone By

On Oct. 24, 1929, the
Stock Crash and Depression began.
On Oct. 24, 1945, the
United Nations was established.

I'd rather hear a man say, "I seen," when he has seen something, than to hear a man say, "I have seen," when he ain't seen nothing. Bob Jones, Sr.

### FINDING SOMEONE

In this busy world it's refreshing to find Someone who still has the time to be kind; Someone who still has the faith to believe That the more you give, the more you receive; Someone who's ready by thought, word or deed To reach out a hand in the hour of need.

---Helen Steiner Rice

FOR SALE: The farmer had been taken in so many times by the local car dealer that when the dealer wanted to buy a cow, the farmer priced it to him like this:

Basic cow, \$200; two-tone extra, \$45; extra stomach, \$75; product storage department, \$60; dispensing device, four spigots at \$10 each, \$40; ganuine cowhide uphelstery, \$125; dual horns, \$15; automatic fly swatter, \$35,

### ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

If your car started four out of five times, would you consider it faithful?

If your watch ran 23 out of 24 hours each day, would you consider it faithful?

If your druggist filled your prescription correctly 9 out of 10 times, would you consider him faithful?

Now then apply the above to your church attendance and your giving. Are you faithful?

### TRY SMILING AWHILE!

- When the family returned from Sunday morning service father criticized the sermon, daughter thought the choir's singing was offkey, and mother found fault with the organist's playing. The subject had to be dropped when the small boy of the family said, "But it was a good show for a nickle, don't you think,

THE FELLOW TOOK a Civil Service examination in an effort to get a job as a rural mail carrier. "How far is it from the earth to the sun?" was one of the questions. He looked at it briefly and threw up his hands. "If you're gonna put me on that route, " he wrote, "I resign before I begin!

- At least one thing can be said for ignorance: it sure starts a lot of interesting arguments.
- Never question your wife's judgment. Think what a reflection that would be an the fine gentleman she married!
- We are told that healthy babies should be a delicate pink. However, most are robust yellers.
- All loud speakers are not necessarily hooked up.
- The word "cooperation" is spelled with two letters - WE.
- Inflation has affected everything except the wages of sin;

First Man: I wonder if that ugly, ugly woman is trying to flirt with me? Second Man: I can easily find out by asking her... she is my wife!

\* IT IS SAID that one in every four Americans is unbalanced. Think of your three closest friends. If they seem CK, then you're in trouble.

\* SHE: If I refuse to be your wife, will you really commit suicide?

HE: That has been my usual proceedure.

Policeman: "Name please."

Motorist: "Wilhem Von Corquerinski Popolavawitz "

Policeman: "Well, don't let me catch you speeding again."

Question: What does the story of Jonah and the great fish teach us? Answer: You can't keep a good man down.

Boy: Couldn't you learn to love me? Girl: Well. I learned to eat spinach.

### THANK YOU...LORD

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning.

Thank You, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible,

Thank You, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising,

Thank You, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedfast.

Even though the first hour of the day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short,

> Thank You, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies' magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, Thank You, Lord, for the food we have.

There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to work, There are many who have no work.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest,

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of life.











### SPEAKING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

A story still making the rounds is told about Calvin Coolidge when he was vice president. The Coolidges lived in the famous, luxury Willard Hotel in Washington. A fire alarm in the middle of the night brought every guest into the lobby in a variety of negligees and fancy pajamas. Mr. Coolidge speedily surmised that there was no danger and started to trudge back to his room.

"Nothing doing!" said the fire marshal. "Get back in that lobby!" "You are speaking to the vice president," said Coolidge with

some dignity. "Okay, then," said the marshal, "go ahead." A moment later he

called suspiciously, "What are you vice president of?"

"The United States," said Coolidge.

"Come right back here!" ordered the marshal. "I thought you were vice president of the hotel."

## Miscellaneous-

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\*STORIES
\*EVENTS
\*VIEWS
\*NEWS

#### THE SHEPHERD BOY AND HIS PRAYERS

A little shepherd boy was watching his sheep one Sunday morning and he heard the bells of the church ringing. And watching the people walk along the pasture where he was, he happened to think to himself, "I would like to communicate with God! But, what can I say to God?"

He had never learned a prayer. So, on a bent knee, he began to recite the alphabet. Repeating this prayer several times, a man passing by, heard the boy's voice and peeked through the bushes.

He saw the young boy kneeling with folded hands, eyes closed, repeating the alphabet. He interrupted the boy. "What are you doing, my little one?" he asked.

The boy replied, "I was praying sir." The man seemed surprised and said, "But why are you reciting the alphabet?"

The boy explained, "I don't know any prayers, sir. But I want God to take care of me, and to help me care for my sheep. And so I thought, if I said all I knew, He could put the letters together into words, and He would know all that I want and should say!"

The man smiled and said, "Bless your heart, God will!" And he went on to church knowing full well that he had heard the finest sermon he could possibly hear that day.

#### WHY SHOULD A PERSON GO TO CHURCH?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu of a single one of these meals. But I do know this...They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had now gone to chruch for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."