



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

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MUCH, MUCH MORE BEYOND

*We only see a little of the ocean,
A few miles distant from the rocky shore.
But, oh, out there beyond—beyond the eye's horizon,
There's more—there's more!*

*We only see a little of God's loving.
A few rich treasures from His mighty store.
But, oh, out there beyond—beyond life's horizon.
There's more—there's more!*



A Purpose True

Lord, make me quick to
see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do;
Oh, grant me strength, I
pray,
With lowly love each day
And purpose true—
To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent,
Myself forgot;
Supplying human needs
By loving words and
deeds,
Oh, happy lot!

—Robert M. Offord

In Days Gone By

On Feb. 20, 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

Which Three Rs?

The three Rs used to be readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic.

Today they are rioting, rebellion and restlessness.

If this condition continues, we'll have regret, rot and ruin.

What we need are respect, religion and responsibility.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:30 AM

How to Express Your Christian Faith

In the home: by love and unselfishness.

In business: by honesty and diligence.

In society: by purity, courtesy and humility.

Toward the unfortunate: by sympathy and mercy.

Toward the weak: by helpfulness and patience.

Toward the wicked: by overcoming evil, without compromise.

Toward the strong: by trust and cooperation with good.

Toward non-Christians: by witnessing to Christ and His Gospel.

Toward the penitent: by forgiveness and restoration.

Toward the fortunate: by rejoicing with them without envy.

Toward God: by reverence, love and obedience.

Toward life: by being God's steward.

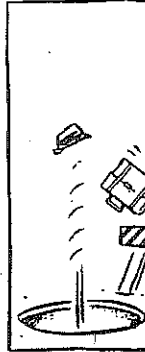
SOME GOOD CANT'S

1. Can't accomplish right by doing wrong.
2. Can't strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. Can't eliminate the poor by taking from the rich.
4. Can't reap good fruit from bad seed.
5. Can't preach goodness and practice evil.
6. Can't give without getting.

THE BIBLE SAYS
GOD HAS
PROVIDED ANGELS
TO WATCH OVER
US



HOW WONDERFUL
TO KNOW WE'RE
UNDER SUCH
PROVIDENTIAL
PROTECTION



BUT I GUESS
GOD EXPECTS US
TO USE
REASONABLE
CAUTION



MEASURE OF IMPORTANCE

Some day when you're feeling important,
Some day when your ego's in bloom,
Some day when you get to feeling,
You're the most important person in
the room,

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Stick your hand in up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that remains,
Is a measure of how much you'll be
missed.

You may splash all you wish when you
enter,

Stir the water around galore,
But you find when you finally leave it,
It's exactly the same as before.

So, as you follow your daily agenda,
Always do the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man!

If alcoholism is a disease, it is the only disease that is contracted by an act of the will, the only disease that requires a license to propagate it, the only disease that is bottled and sold, the only disease that promotes crime, the only disease that is habit-forming, the only disease that is spread by advertising and the only disease that is given for a Christmas present.

—Peter L. Ream in *Home Life*

What more canst thou hope for than the fulfillment of this great promise, "I will be their God"? This is the masterpiece of all the promises. Its enjoyment makes a heaven below and will make a Heaven above. —Charles Spurgeon

PLEASURE AND SORROW

I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!

ROBERT BROWNING HAMILTON

I never knew a night so black
Light failed to follow on its track.
I never knew a storm so gray
It failed to have its clearing day.
I never knew such bleak despair
That there was not a rift, somewhere.
I never knew an hour so drear
Love could not fill it full of cheer!

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS

MY DAILY PRAYER

If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.

GRENVILLE KLEISER



The FAMILY CIRCLE -- Unbroken In SUNDAY SCHOOL

Most People Receive
Their First Spiritual
Awakening in Sunday
School.

You Are Never
Too Old To Attend

An Unlikely Preacher

God will use the fellow who makes such a surrender and means it. God will use him mightily. The field is wide open.

I should have never been a preacher as far as human reasoning is concerned. I was an introvert. I was so timid I wouldn't give oral book reports. I would take an F. I never did fake a faint, but if I had thought of it I would have!

I was timid. I should not have been used of the Lord. God has brought me farther than I ever ought to have been. God wasn't looking for somebody who had a lot of ability. God was looking for somebody who would surrender.

Give Him what you have.

—Dr. Curtis Hutson

Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT THROWING DARTS?

A young man named John relates an experience he had in a Seminary Class, given by his teacher, Dr. Smith. He says Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons. One particular day, John walked into the seminary and knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target, and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture. John's friend drew a picture of a boy who had stolen his girlfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. John drew a picture of a former friend, putting a lot of detail into his drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. John was pleased with the overall effect he had achieved. The class lined up and began throwing darts with much laughter and hilarity. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. John looked forward to his turn and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith asked the students to return to their seats because of time limits. As John sat thinking about how angry he was because he didn't have a chance to throw any darts at his target. Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall. Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A complete hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face, and His eyes were pierced. Dr. Smith said only these words ... "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40 No other words were necessary; the tear-filled eyes of each student focused only on the picture of Christ. Maybe we should look for the Christ in people before we throw darts. ~Author Unknown

I asked for strength... and God gave me difficulties to make me strong. I asked for wisdom... and God gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity... and God gave me brains and energy to work. I asked for courage... and God gave me danger to overcome. I asked for love... and God gave me troubled people to help. I asked for favors... and God gave me opportunities. I received nothing I wanted... But... I received everything I needed.