

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

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## THERE ARE TIMES TO JUST SIT STILL

"Their strength is to sit still."—Isa. 30:7.

One of the hardest things to do in the Christian life is to sit still. We live in such a transitional society where everything is constantly moving and changing. People are always on the move, trying to better themselves, to work to a higher position, to move up in this world and sometimes just to keep up!

However, there are times to "sit still" in the Christian life and the wise Christian learns when those times are. It is dangerous to move when God has not moved us.

—Dr. Dan Reed

A funny friend of mine named his dog "5 miles" so he could tell people he walked 5 miles every day.

But today he ran over 5 miles.

## JESUS LOVED US, AND GAVE HIMSELF...

For our sins - Galatians 1:4

For me - Galatians 2:20

For us - Ephesians 5:2

For the church - Ephesians 5:25

For all - 1 Timothy 2:6

## HELL...THE LAKE OF FIRE

1. A lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).
2. A bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1).
3. A horrible tempest (Ps. 11:6).
4. A place of everlasting burnings (Isaiah 33:14)
5. A furnace of fire (Matt. 13:41, 42).
6. A devouring fire (Isaiah 33:14).
7. A place of torments (Luke 16:23).
8. A place of everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46).
9. A place where people pray (Luke 16:27).
10. A place where they cry for mercy (Luke 16:24).
11. A place where they wail (Matt. 13:42).
12. A place where they curse God (Rev. 16:11).
13. A place where they never repent (Matt. 12:32).
14. A place of filthiness (Rev. 22:10, 11).
15. A place of weeping (Matt. 8:12).
16. A place of sorrows (Ps. 18:5).
17. A place of outer darkness (Matt. 8:12).
18. A place where they have no rest (Rev. 14:11)
19. A place where they gnaw their tongues (Rev. 16:10).
20. A place of blackness and darkness forever (Jude 13).
21. A place where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:48).
22. A place where they are tormented with brimstone (Rev. 14:10).
23. A place from which the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever (Rev. 14:11).
24. A place where they do not want their loved ones to come (Luke 16:28).

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

## In Days Gone By

On April 24, 1800, the U.S. government moved to Washington.

On April 25, 1865, John Wilkes Booth was shot to death.

On April 25, 1945, the United Nations was founded by 46 nations.

## GAMBLING IS ADDICTIVE

Gambling in any form is potentially addictive. It is a social evil that feeds on greed and sells a set of fantasy values that exploits people. It harms especially the poor, who can least afford to forfeit their financial resources on the promise of instant wealth.

The tragic end result is often deepened poverty and increased welfare rolls, to say nothing of the emotional damage and disillusionment experienced by the vast numbers of planned losers.

Gambling undermines the eco-

nomie base of a nation in that it reduces the purchasing power of the people. Money gambled by wage earners cannot be spent to purchase goods and services of constructive and productive businesses.

Compulsive gambling causes the individual's character to be weakened and to disintegrate. It leads to indolence and self-delusion, breaks up families and can lead to crime, loss of jobs and even suicide.

—Dale Crowley, *The Capital Voice*

## UNLIMITED RESOURCES MADE USELESS

One New Year's Day, in the Tournament of Roses parade, a beautiful float suddenly sputtered and stopped. It was out of gas. The whole parade was held up until someone could refuel the vehicle. The amusing thing was this float represented the Standard Oil Company. Despite the company's vast oil resources, their truck still ran out of gas.<sup>16</sup>

Often, I fear Christians are just like this oil company. We have unlimited resources at our disposal, and yet we do not tap into them. We have a great salvation and the power of the almighty God of the universe, but our spiritual tanks are empty.

A young man who had been hired by the personnel department of a large supermarket chain reported to work at one of the stores. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, handed him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store."

"But," the young man said, "I'm a college graduate."

"I'm sorry," the manager said. "I didn't know that. Here, give me the broom and I'll show you how."

## BE A FRIENDLIER CHURCH

1. Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for someone else to take the lead.
2. If you don't know him or her, introduce yourself.
3. Wear a pleasant expression. If you have to be grumpy and sour, do it somewhere besides at church; a great church was never built on frowns.
4. Take Will Rogers' testimony as your motto: "I never met a man I didn't like."
5. Memorize and practice Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

## WISDOM FOR EVERYONE!

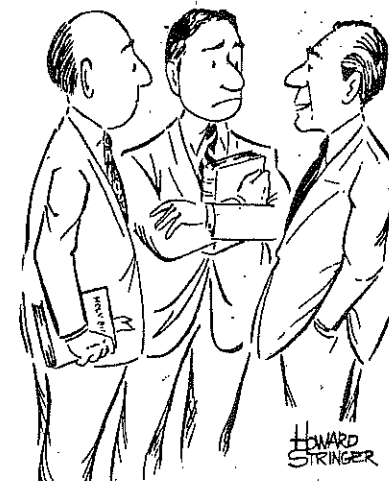
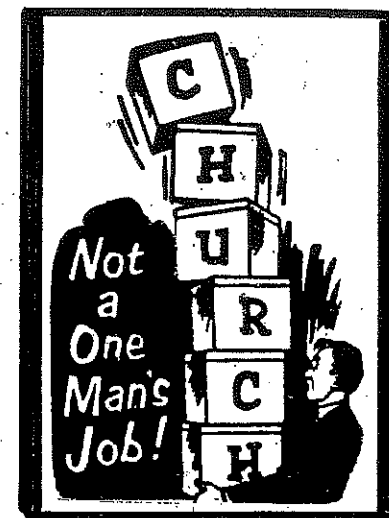
- Somebody said, "Frequent naps will keep you from getting old, especially if you take them while driving."
- Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenge against one makes you but even with him; forgiving him sets you above him.
- He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.
- Trust Him when dark doubts assail you; trust Him when your strength is small; trust Him when simply to trust Him seems the hardest thing of all.
- You never test the resources of God until you attempt the impossible (F. B. Meyer).
- The smallest good deed is better than the greatest intention.
- "I must do something" will always solve more problems than "something must be done."
- Lord, grant that the fire of my heart may melt the lead in my feet.
- It's no good to sit up and take notice if we just keep on sitting.
- After all is said and done, there is usually more said than done.
- He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it.

## Take a Good Look!

Acts 20:18-38

1. A backward look (vss. 18-20)
2. A forward look (vss. 22-25)
3. An inward look (vss. 26, 27)
4. A warning look (vss. 28-31)
5. A hopeful look (vs. 32)
6. An exemplary look (vss. 33-35)
7. An upward look (vs. 36)
8. A final look (vss. 37, 38)

—Henry J. Heydt



MY BOSS WOULD FIRE ME IN A MINUTE IF HE KNEW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN... LUCKILY, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP IT A SECRET.

# Miscellaneous.

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## DOES GOD REALLY CARE ABOUT ME?

Everyone has a basic need for knowing that no matter what happens in our life there is someone who cares. We are told that the "silent scream" inside is caused by a suffering person feeling that no one cares.

Most every person in the world, sooner or later, will be brought to a place where they will ask, "Does God Care?" Sometime or somewhere in your life that question will come your way. The answer, of course, is "YES!" He does care. He always has and He always will.

God cares no matter what the world may think. It is wonderful to know that God takes notice of one little sparrow (Luke 12:6-7) and we're of more value than all the sparrows put together. The world may not put much value on a person, but Jesus cared enough to go to Calvary for you and me. He cares regardless of what people may think or say.

God cares no matter how low you may have sunk. No matter where you are in life, God still cares what happens to you. Sin will rob you and bring shame and loss, but the Lord cares for your soul and desires for you to have joy in your heart. No matter where you are, He has His eye on you.

God cares no matter what the uncertainties of life may be. Sometimes the demands of life seem to push us to the very edge and, if we're not careful, we will ask if life is worth the fight. But life is not a dead-end street.

We should individually make it our goal to let someone know that we care. Very often a person can be lifted out of a depressed state by knowing that someone does care. Here is a wonderful promise that God gives us in I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

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## LOST? Try G.P.S. God's Plan of Salvation Acts 2:38

"If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big'." — Elisabeth Elliot

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The most wonderful places to be in the world are: In someone's thoughts, someone's prayers, and in someone's heart.