

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

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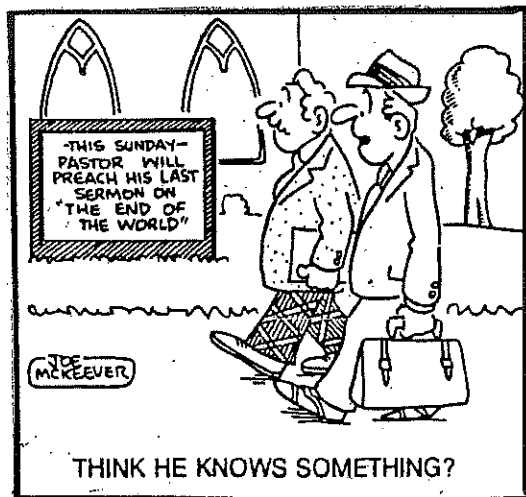
**The first to apologize is the
bravest.**

**The first to forgive is the
strongest.**

**The first to forget is the
happiest.**

Days Gone By

On May 16, 1868, The U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.



PRAYER IS DYNAMITE!

Prayer is the mightiest force
that men can wield,
A power to which Omnipotence
doth yield;
A privilege unparalleled—a way,
Whereby the Almighty Father
can display,
His interest in His children's
need and care.

All things are possible if men
but pray
And if God did but limit to a
day,
The time when He would note
the upward glance,
Or fix the place and name the
circumstance,
When, where, or why petitions
could be brought,
Methinks His presence would by
all be sought.

But since He heareth prayer at
any time,
For anything, in any place or
clime;
Men lightly value Heaven's
choicest gift
And all too seldom do their
souls upright
In earnest pleading at the
throne of grace.

Oh, let us then more often seek
His face,
With grateful hearts,
remembering while there,
To thank our Father that He
heareth prayer.

Answer to Agnostics

Some people pride themselves on being agnostics. That is, they say that religious teachings are very well for those who care to be so stupid that they want to believe in God and Heaven, something they cannot see. The agnostics, however, pride themselves on believing only those things which they can prove and understand. This reminds me of a story from a conversation in a hotel lobby.

"I will not believe anything that I do not understand," said a man one day.

"Neither will I," said another.

"Nor will I," said a third.

"Gentlemen," said one who sat close by, "on my ride this morning I saw some geese in a field eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Certainly," said one of the three listeners.

"I saw the pigs eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Of course," said the three.

"I also saw sheep and cows eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Of course," was again the reply.

"Well, the grass turned to feathers on the backs of the geese, to bristles on the backs of the swine, to white wool on the sheep and to hair on the cow; do you believe that, gentlemen?"

"Certainly," they replied.

"But do you understand it?"

FACING OLD AGE DANGERS

As we grow older in years and in our Christian experience, Satan is less able to tempt us to the sins more prevalent among youth; but it is then that he often succeeds in souring our spirit, making us critical and at times outright mean.... It has been my constant prayer that, if the Lord permits me to grow old, I may be a kindly old man, sweet in mind and spirit wherever I may be.

I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible.

THE CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN

A Christian gentleman will be slow to lose patience—a Christian grace.

A Christian gentleman will look for a way to be constructive, even when provoked.

A Christian gentleman will not envy the good fortune of others.

A Christian gentleman will refrain from trying to impress others with his own importance.

A Christian gentleman will have good manners.

A Christian gentleman will not be "touchy," even when he feels the right of resentment.

A Christian gentleman will think the best, not the worst, of others; he will try to be as wise as the serpent and harmless as a dove in handling others.

A Christian gentleman will not gloat over the wickedness of other people.

Above all else, a Christian gentleman will exhibit the love of Christ in his heart and life.

L. NELSON BELL

They Had Vision

"America needs about six months of old-time Hell-fire-and-damnation preaching; but the trouble is that we do not have rugged preachers to do that kind of preaching.

"There are very few prophetic voices in the pulpits of America. Preachers have become pretty good executives, and they know how to oil the machinery of their churches; but they have lost the old, rugged, prophetic, knockdown-and-drag-out preaching that this nation had in the country districts when the writer was a little boy.

"I do not know in this nation today any preacher who can preach as the old country preachers used to preach when I was a boy. Some of the old country preachers said, 'I seen,' instead of, 'I have seen,' or, 'I have saw,' instead of, 'I saw,' but they HAD SEEN, and they MEANT what they said. They had vision. They had courage."

—Bob Jones, Sr.

† Thank God for the Bible! The atheists have bombarded it, the agnostics have ridiculed it, the infidels have blasted it, the skeptics have sought to destroy it, the Roman hierarchy denied it to their people, the modernist preachers have tried to scuttle it—in fact, all the agencies of Satan have hammered away at it. But it still stands as the imperishable, indestructible Word of the eternal God. It still changes lives, transforms homes, elevates communities, blesses nations. Thank God for the Bible!

—Dale Crowley

"That's What It Cost Me"

Said a worldly young lady to a dedicated Christian, "I would give the world to have your peace of mind!"

"That's exactly what it cost me—the world, with its ephemeral, sinful pleasures."

How wise Moses was in his choice long ago, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25).

The Christian life in its full-orbed blessedness begins when we sincerely say, in the words of Fanny J. Crosby,

Take the world, but give me
Jesus;

All its joys are but a name.
But His love abideth ever,

Thro' eternal years the
same!

—Walter Knight

Sentence Sermon



Smile Power

A smile is the magic language
that even a baby understands.

Miscellaneous-

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SHOULD A CHRISTIAN MARRY A NON-CHRISTIAN?

An important question like this MUST be answered by the Bible. The Bible is God's perfect Word and should be our sole guide to any question, big or small. On this subject the Scriptures are very clear. In a nutshell, the answer is, "No." The problem is, "Will we accept it?"

First, in II Corinthians 6:14 we read, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Then, in I Corinthians 7:39, we read, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; ONLY in the Lord."

The believer and the unbeliever have distinct differences in viewpoints about life that will adversely affect their children. The Christian is born again, made righteous, becomes a new creature in Christ and has the light of the Lord within. The thoughts, motives and actions are completely different than before. The saved person who marries an unsaved person only faces a life of possible conflict and misery and the strong possibility of seeing their children reject Christ.

The same thing can be said of a dedicated Christian who marries a lukewarm Christian. The dedicated believer will want to use their time, energy and money in God's service, but the lukewarm Christian mate will be a weight to hold them back and be a temptation for them to lose their zeal for the Lord. When children come, they will recognize the conflict and become part of it. Being pulled by both parents, they experience frustrations similar to those of the Christian and non-Christian.

In answer to the question above, it is IMPERATIVE for a believer to seek a mate who is not only saved but is also equally dedicated to the Lord. Otherwise, you are asking for problems, turmoil, burdens and heartaches that could have been avoided by doing as the Bible mandates, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

BEING A CHRISTIAN doesn't immunize us against temptation or insulate us from the painful consequences of our mistakes and sins.