

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

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

There's a little statement I remember reading in one of my schoolbooks while I was a boy. It simply said, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again."

Abraham Lincoln said, "I do the very best I know how—the very best I can—and I mean to keep doing so." His life is the best example of his own words. Consider the chronology of his career:

- 1831 Failed in business
- 1832 Defeated for legislature
- 1833 Again failed in business
- 1834 Elected to legislature
- 1835 Sweetheart died
- 1836 Had nervous breakdown
- 1838 Defeated for speaker
- 1840 Defeated for elector
- 1843 Defeated for Congress
- 1846 Elected to Congress
- 1848 Defeated for Congress
- 1855 Defeated for Senate
- 1856 Defeated for vice president
- 1858 Defeated for Senate
- 1860 Elected president

Often our trials act as a thorn hedge to keep us in the good pasture, but our prosperity is a gap through which we go astray.

—C. H. Spurgeon

NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED!

I didn't have potatoes,
So I substituted rice.
I didn't have paprika,
So I used another spice.
I didn't have tomato sauce;
I used tomato paste—
Not half a can; a whole can.
I don't believe in waste.
A friend gave me a recipe.
She said you couldn't beat it.
There must be something wrong
with me—
I couldn't even eat it!

In Days Gone By

On May 22, 1906, the Wright brothers patented the first airplane.

God, yet man of Galilee,
Crucified on Calvary;
God, raised up and seated high,
Coming in the clouds of sky;
God, the King on David's throne,
Son of God and God the Son,
Jesus, Lord and Christ art Thou;
Let all glory crown Thy brow;
At Thy gracious feet we fall,
Own Thee, God, our All-in-All.

*** Foot-soldiers in the army. General Eisenhower one time rebuked one of his generals because he referred to a soldier as "just a private." Eisenhower told him that the army could function better without generals than it could without its foot-soldiers. He said that if the war was won it would be won by the privates, not the generals. We are not taking away from the importance and necessity of good leadership, but I believe the same thing is true in the Lord's army. The ordinary one-talent Christian is the backbone of the church. If the work of the Lord is to be done and if the Gospel is to be taken to the lost, it will be the "ordinary, everyday, faithful" Christians who will do it.

-Gleanings

TODAY!

*I have no Yesterdays,
Time took them away;
Tomorrow may not be—
But I have Today.*

"LORD, WHOSE FAULT?"

A young married couple was contacted to attend Sunday School and church. This is the record of their response:

The first Call: "We are going to start as soon as the baby gets old enough."

One Year Later: "Yes, we promised, but the baby's in that stage where she cries a lot. When she gets older..."

Three Years Later: "I know you think we are awful but Julie doesn't want to go and we hate to force her."

Eleven years later: "I'm glad you called. I want you or some of the deacons to speak to Julie. She is running around with the wrong crowd. Perhaps if the church would provide some kind of entertainment for her age group..."

Two years later: "Yes, Julie is married. They were awfully young, and he is not a Christian, but we hope it works out."

Ten years later: "Well, Julie has finally married a man who can give her the better things of life. This is her third husband, but she could not get along with the others. I had hopes that this one would become a member of the church, but the pastor preached a sermon on marriage and divorce, and he says he will never attend that church again. There must be something wrong with the church or else it would have a better influence on Julie. Maybe they need to change preachers, I don't know..."

Lord, Whose Fault? -Baptist Trumpet



Dr. R.G. Lee - "I believe the Bible to be the Word of God so strongly that if I had one hair in my head that did not believe the Bible to be the Word of God, I would pull it out, as badly as I need hair."

Does God have a telephone number? I believe that He does. It is JERE-333. That stands for Jeremiah 33:3 which says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

A Sunday School Teacher Asks a Question

"Why did Aaron make a golden calf?"

A bright little girl answered, "Because he didn't have enough gold to make a cow!"

-From Dr. Richard Dion's Baptist Breeze newsletter

NOW THAT IS REALLY FUNNY

A fellow went into the post office and asked for a dollar's worth of stamps. "What denomination?" asked the clerk.

"Well," came the reply, "I didn't know it would ever come to this; but if the nosy government must know, I'm Baptist."

IT REALLY HAPPENED! A pitiful, terribly deformed young man, was found dead. He left a will and gave all his property, about \$30,000, to a young woman in the town. At the end of the will he wrote, "She smiled at me one day."

Following the Rules

As I left the grocery store, I noticed two little kids, maybe six or seven years old, selling candy bars in front of the store to raise money for their school band.

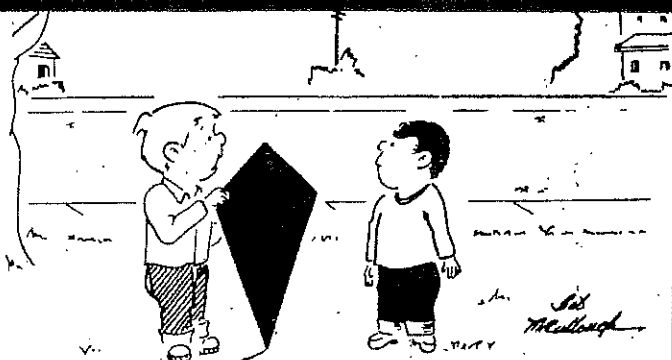
"I'll buy a chocolate bar on one condition," I said to the boys. "You eat it for me."

I bought one and handed the candy back to one of the boys. He shook his head. "I can't," he said.

"Why not?"

Looking me in the eye, he responded gravely, "I'm not supposed to take candy from strangers."

-Doc's Daily Chuckle



"I can't fly my kite today. God isn't breathing hard enough."

Miscellaneous.

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ONLY CHRIST CAN SATISFY THE SOUL

A prominent, conservative radio talk-show host converted to Judaism 10 years ago. According to her statements, she did everything she was supposed to do: she read the holy books, prayed, agonized and followed all the rituals of that faith. But recently she announced to her listeners she was quitting the whole business. She told them, "The spiritual journey in that direction--as hardcore as I was at it-- just didn't fulfill something in me that I needed." She said she envied her Christian friends who talked about their relationship with God, and that they felt connected to God. She said to her it was a mystery and she was very envious of those friends.

However, those friends have nothing more that what she could have if she would only come to Christ in the same humble, childlike manner in which they came to Him. She needs to seek God in the right place. The answer in its plainest form is found in Romans 10:8-13. If you have even the slightest desire to know and have the truth, turn there, read it and do what the Scripture says. It will change your heart, life and eternal destiny.

-reprint

AN INCREASE IN RANK AND STANDING

I served in the U.S. Army for two years, 1953-1955. During that time I received two increases in rank, PFC and Corporal. The next increase would have been Sergeant, but I chose to get out and come home. Increases in the armed forces mean more money, privileges, authority and respect.

Along this line of thinking, I read a very interesting story about a young private in Napoleon's army who received an unexpected increase in rank. Napoleon's horse had spooked and run away. The private chased and caught it, then returned it to Napoleon. Napoleon said to the young private, "Thank you, Captain!" What an increase in rank that was! The private believed Napoleon, received his new rank and uniform and enjoyed all the privileges and benefits of an officer.

In the Christian realm, think what happened to you when you were saved from being a lost sinner, bound for an eternity in hell, to that of a child of God, bound for eternity in Heaven. You just believed His Word, trusted Christ as Saviour and became a soldier of God forever. Now, all the blessings, benefits and promises of God belong to you.