

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

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Kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world no matter what you look like.

TEN WAYS TO SHOW LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18).
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19).
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12).

FROM THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN

"I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold."

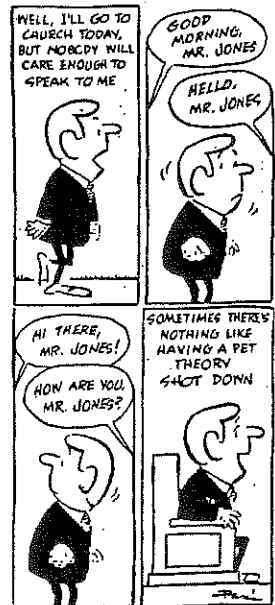
Susan, 4

"Angels don't eat, but they do drink milk from holy cows."

Jerri, 5

"When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets his breath out, somewhere there's a tornado." Daniel 7

THE SKEPTIC interrupted Billy Sunday with, "Who was Cain's wife?" The great evangelist looked at the man and replied, "Don't risk your salvation by inquiring too much after other men's wives."



In Days Gone By

On Aug. 7, 1789, the U.S. War Department began.

On Aug. 7, 1825, the running of the first locomotive took place,

On Aug. 9, 1945, Nagasaki was hit by an atomic bomb.

Once Every Seven Days It's Sunday Morning!

The chance of things going haywire on a Sunday morning are at least seven times greater than on any other morning of the week. Dead car batteries, hot water that is cold, milk that is sour, wet underwear, clogged toilets, stuck zippers, stained suits, cologne mistaken for mouthwash, lost Bibles, curling irons that hiss, nylons that run, sick puppies, power failure, touchy tempers, grumpy attitudes and daylight saving time. Thieves break in on Saturday nights just to steal one of a nicely matched pair of socks.

What is really happening? First, God is not honored. Attitudes for proper worship are formed in advance. Isaiah spoke of those who worshiped the Lord with their lips while their hearts were far from God (Isa. 29:13). It is next to impossible to worship God with the latest family feud still on your mind.

Second, God's Spirit is hindered. Enthusiastic song leaders grow discouraged trying to lead people who are still steaming over cross words fired 15 minutes ago. So what can be done to arrive for church on time with a minimum of frustration? Have the kids sleep in the car? Camp out in the church parking lot? Here are some ideas that may help.

Guard Saturday night func-

tions. Late Saturday nights are the prelude to chaotic Sunday mornings. Plan to get to bed early. "Early to bed, early to rise, makes Sundays a pleasant surprise."

Plan ahead. It was not raining when Noah built the ark. Set out clothes, shoes, socks, diaper bags, strollers and Bibles ahead of time. If sufficient hot water is a problem, schedule some family members for a Saturday night bath.

Dad, do you think you could help Mom get the kids ready while she prepares breakfast? This is particularly important when the children are small. She will love you for it. Set a departure time that does not require split-second timing and race-car driving. Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early. Spend those early moments in prayer and reading your Bible. Ask God to speak to you. He will!

Expect the unexpected. Satan will do his utmost to hinder your worship of God. I should add, if you find yourself running late on a Sunday, do not stay away. Just quietly slip in, smile at the usher, and hold up your watch and shake it. He will understand. We have all been there. See you in church Sunday.

—Copied

Conscience is not a safe guide because very often conscience won't tell you that you have done wrong until after you have done it. The Bible will tell you what is wrong before you have done it.

COMMUNISM

Communism is the religion of Satan and it is set up in direct opposition to the religion of God; or in other words, the kingdom of Satan is in exact opposition to the kingdom of God or of Christ.

Communism considers man a soulless animal. Thus communists can cruelly kill millions of people in nation after nation when they take control. American communists estimate that it may be necessary to liquidate fifty million Americans when they seize our country.

They can murder millions without any pangs of conscience because they consider man only an animal, the highest in the scale of evolutionary development. In order to build the perfect communist world, all persons tainted with the disease of religion or capitalism must be exterminated just as diseased animals are.

[Dr. Bruce Cummons (1924-2004)]

The airliner returned to the terminal because the pilot did not like the sound of the engines. As they taxied for takeoff, one nervous passenger inquired if the problem had been solved. "Yes, it has," smiled the flight attendant. "We changed pilots."

The gift of god is eternal

WIFE

The wages of sin is

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover, engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other Church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

NO GLASS BETWEEN

A poor little lad used to spend what time he could looking in store windows at the pretty things other little boys were to have. One day he was run over by a car and taken to a hospital. One of the nurses brought him a gift, a troop of soldiers. As he touched them he exclaimed, "There isn't any glass in between!" So it will be that someday the glass will be removed between us and the pleasures and beauties of Heaven.

Miscellaneous.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR TANK RUNS EMPTY

The whole world paused this morning. Do you know why? Because an 8-year old's tank was empty. The boys had already started their school day at their desks and I was preparing to leave for work when I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face. I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head. So I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him in my lap. I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled. He cried into my chest and I held tight. I asked if he could feel my love filling him up? A nod, and tears stopped... I waited a minute... 'Has it reached your toes yet?' He shook his head no... 'Okay man. We will take as long as you need. Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today, okay? Filling you back to the top. Is that good?' *nods* One more minute... 'Is your heart full of daddy's love now?' 'Yeah...' 'Looks in his eyes' 'I see it shining in there, you're full to the top, and you're smiling!' You may not be 8 - you may be 28, 38, 48 or whatever - but ALL of us run on empty just like he did. His week was so busy and so full and his little soul was just dry! We all have to pause, and take a moment to refill with the good things. prayer, sunshine, laughter, friends, hugs. Refill your empty, or you'll find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why. Take a moment. Refill. It's the most important part of your day!

GUESS MY NAME :

1. I am a man who was anointed king by Samuel. (I Sam. 16:13)
2. At my death, I told my son Solomon to walk in God's ways and to keep His commandments. (I Kings 2:1-3)
3. I wrote many Psalms while tending my father's sheep. (I Sam. 17:15; Psalms 23:51, etc.)
4. I slew Goliath, the giant, with a sling and a stone. (I Sam. 17:49)