

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

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The Printer's Pulpit

The printed page is the greatest pulpit that God has given to man:

Its message stirs the heart-strings in every tribe and clan.

It shouts to souls in silence or whispers to a crowd,

Gives courage to the humble or flags the monarch proud.

It prompts no false demeanor, upholds no vain display;

It pleads, persuades and reasons, at night or in the day.

It reaches into every cranny where men and women dwell,

Goes into unhappy mansions and into prison cell.

And whether book or pamphlet, a leaflet or in tomes.

It speaks in mart and factory, in tenement and homes.

It never shows resentment, though slighted for an age,

And brings the Light to children, to fools and to the sage.

This preacher has no equal; this pulpit has no peer.

The printed page lives on and on, to comfort and to cheer.

IT IS SO EASY

It's so easy to say "thank you,"

Such a simple way to show
Just some small appreciation

As along through life you go.

It's easy to say "thank you,"

For a worthy helpful deed

When someone stops along the way
To be a friend in need.

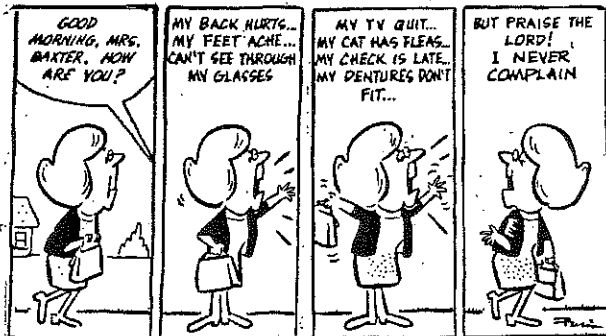
When you remember "thank you,"

You will learn it plays a part
In giving gratitude a place
To dwell within your heart.

TACT IS WHEN YOU PRACTICE RUBBING OUT ANOTHER'S MISTAKE, NOT RUBBING IT IN.

In Days Gone By

On August 1, 1790, the first U.S. census was completed, showing a population of 4 million people.



A LAUGH IN CHURCH

She sat on the sliding cushion,

The dear little girl of four;

Her feet in their shiny slippers,

Hung dangling over the floor.

She meant to be good; she had promised,

And so, with her big brown eyes,

She stared at the meeting house windows

And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher,

But she thought of the honey bees

Droning away at the blossoms

That whitened the cherry trees.

She thought of a broken basket,

Where, curled in a dusky heap,

Three sleek, round puppies, with fringy

ears

Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft warm bodies to cuddle,

Such queer little hearts to beat,

Such swift, round tongues to kiss,

Such sprawling, cushiony feet;

She could feel in her clasping fingers

The touch of a satiny skin,

And a cold wet nose exploring

The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter

Ran over the parted lips,

So quick that she could not catch it

With her rosy finger tips.

The people whispered, "Bless the child,"

As some woke from a nap,

But the dear little girl hid her face

For shame in her mother's lap.

Dr. Bob Jones - "A person can be saved in an instant, but it takes a lifetime to build Christian character."

WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT?

It is not what the church expects, it is not what your minister expects, but what God Almighty expects. Let's note some things:

1. He expects us to GROW. (II Thess. 1:3; I Pet. 2:2; II Pet. 3:18)
2. He expects us to GO. (Mark 5:19; Luke 14:23; Acts 1:8)
3. He expects us to GLOW. (Matt. 5:16; Luke 8:16; Phil. 2:15)
4. He expects us to SOW. (Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-8; Ps. 126:5-6)
5. He expects us to SHOW. (Psalm 92:1-2; Luke 8:39; I Pet. 2:9)
6. He expects us to KNOW. (I John 5:13; II Cor. 5:1; II Tim. 3:1-5) -Turnage

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IN THE WORLD

The most important question that could ever be asked of anyone is this: "Have you been born again?" The term "born again" has been beaten around the last few years because many who claim this new birth never show any evidence of it in their lives. Hence, many people dismiss this question with a laugh.

However, the term "born again" is a Bible term. Jesus Christ himself said this in John 3:3, "...except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Again in the same chapter He said, "Ye MUST be born again." The person who has never been born again and dies in that condition will spend eternity without God, without hope, in the fires of an eternal hell. The best thing that a person could do would be to consider what Jesus said before it is too late. We don't need man-made religion. What we need is truth, and truth is found in the person of Jesus Christ Who died for the sins of the world. Repent and trust Him today!

WHAT WOULD HE SAY

If He should come today and find my hands so full of future plans, however fair, in which my Saviour had no share, What would He say?

If He should come today and find my love so cold, my faith so very weak and dim, I had not even looked for Him, What would He say?

If He should come today and found I had not told one soul about my Heavenly Friend, Whose blessings all my way attend, What would He say?

If He should come today would I be glad-- quite glad remembering He had died for all, and none, through me, had heard His call, What would He say?

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER. You will find the answers in the references given.

1. Where did the swine go when Jesus cast demons into them? Mt. 8:32
2. Where did Jesus tell His disciples to go after His ascension? Acts 1:4
3. To where was the Apostle John exiled? Rev. 1:9
4. On what body of water did Jesus walk? Matthew 14:25
5. Where was Peter when he denied Christ 3 times? Mt. 26:69-70

Miscellaneous.

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OUR FRUIT MAY BE SEEN BY SOMEBODY ELSE

A young woman, who was a great lover of flowers, had set out a rare vine at the base of a stone wall. It grew vigorously, but it did not bloom. Day after day she cultivated it, watered it, and tried in every way to coax it to bloom.

One morning, as she stood disappointed before it, her invalid neighbor, whose back lot adjoined her own, called over and said, "You can't imagine how much I have been enjoying the blooms of that vine you planted!" The owner looked, and on the other side of the wall was a mass of blooms. The vine had crept through the crevices and flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

THOUGHT: So often we think our efforts are thrown away because we do not see their fruits. We need to learn that in God's service our prayers, our toil, and our crosses are never in vain. Somewhere they bear fruit and hearts will receive blessings and joy.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN CHURCH?

If you go to church looking to be offended, you'll succeed.

If you go to church looking for places where people fall short, you'll find them.

If you go to church looking for imperfection, you'll see it.

But if you go to church looking for an opportunity to worship alongside broken people (just like you), you'll find it.

If you go to church looking for a place to serve, you'll find one.

If you go to church to try to make it better, you can.

Ten out of ten times...you will find what you are looking for.

Look for Jesus.

Why wish upon a star when you can pray to the one who created it?

"To love means loving the unlovable, To forgive means to pardon the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

--G.K. Chesterton