

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

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Sunshine Pie

A pound of patience, you must find
Mixed well with loving words, so kind

Drop in 2 pounds of helpful deeds
And thoughts of other people's needs.

A pack of smiles, to make the crust,
Then stir and bake it well you must.

And now, I ask that you may try,

The recipe of Sunshine Pie.

Good, better, best:

Don't let it rest

Till your good is your better

And your better is your best.

In Days Gone By

On Aug. 21, 1858, the Lincoln-Douglas debate took place.

On Aug. 24, 1814, the Brits burned the Capitol and White House.

Someone

In this busy world it's refreshing to find
Someone who still has the time to be kind;
Someone who still has the faith to believe
That the more you give, the more you receive;
Someone who's ready by thought, word or deed
To reach out a hand in the hour of need.

—Helen Steiner Rice

In Christ You'll Find What You Have Been Looking For

1. A love that can never be fathomed
2. A life that can never die
3. A peace that can't be fully understood
4. A hope that can never be disappointed
5. A light that can never be extinguished
6. A strength that can never be overcome
7. Resources that can never be exhausted

—Blue Ridge Baptist Temple,
Kansas City, Missouri



Drinking Drivers

by
J. Harold Smith

Thousands die each year because of "drinking drivers." Other thousands are jailed for life. King Alcohol is the only thing in all the Universe we allow to stay on his throne and kill and maim so many year after year. Our politicians are "sold out" to the liquor lords and the beer barons. Our preachers are frightened by the threats of their drinking church members into absolute silence. The average "Mr. Citizen" doesn't want to incur the ill-will of his drinking neighbors, so he tolerates this brutal slaughter of the innocents on our highways. It is high time someone cried out, "We have had enough of this slaughter and murder by drinking drivers."

All drinking drivers are potential and prospective killers. On the average week-end if you drive Friday, Saturday, or Sunday after 9:00 p.m., one out of every ten cars you will meet will have a potential killer at the

wheel. These murderers kill 24,000 people each year. What if one of our nuclear plants blew up and killed 24,000 good American citizens each year? The bleeding hearts and do-gooders would be marching and screaming to high heaven. Why are we so silent about drinking drivers? Why are our laws so lenient toward these murderers? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, between 1983 and 1987 there were 117,392 alcohol related traffic deaths in the United States. Drinking drivers are killing one person every 22 minutes in America.

Alcohol is a drug. It is a depressant, like anesthesia. It makes it more difficult to make the decisions that drinking demands. It slows reactions. It causes drowsiness, loss of alertness and concentration. It reduces and blurs vision.

Don't ever forget that alcohol is a drug, a sedative, a depressant. It's a

mind and a mood altering drug that slows down people's reflexes. Alcohol is a narcotic, a poison, a curse, and an abomination to any people. It is so easy for a driver to overdose on this drug. It is too much, even if you take just one drink and drive. It's not the bleary-eyed, staggering, falling down drunk driver that is killing people on the highways...it is the social drinker; the person who has been out to lunch or dinner, or returning from a ball game and has had a couple of beers and then gets in his car to drive home...that are killing the innocent. Every drinker or drunk driver has robbed me and mine the right to get on the highway and live.

These murderers are also the kids coming from a prom or a graduating party, and it's the cocktail crowd. We need to educate our kids and their parents not to drink. We permit our kids to be brain-washed by alcohol advertising with its constant insinuations that drinking, having fun, and being athletic are synonymous.

THE "HUNT AND POKE" BIBLE STUDENTS

John Huffman tells the classic story of the man who was in a difficult situation, and in desperation turns to the Bible. He didn't know where to look, so he let the book flop open and he laid his finger on a verse, which said that Judas "went and hanged himself." After a moment's thought, he decided to turn to a different verse for help; he repeated the process and read, "What thou doest, do quickly."

Too many of us are "hunt and poke" Bible students, and it's no wonder we have so little understanding of God's Word for us. The Bible requires and deserves our serious attention and study.

THE PAINTING OF "THE LAST SUPPER"

When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece "The Last Supper", he sought long for a model for his Christ. At last he located a chorister in one of the churches of Rome who was lovely in life and features, a young man named Pietro Bandinelli.

Years passed, and the painting was still unfinished. All the disciples had been portrayed save one - Judas Iscariot. Now he started to find a man whose face was hardened and distorted by sin - and at last he found a beggar on the streets of Rome with a face so villainous, he shuddered when he looked at him. He hired the man to sit for him as he painted the face of Judas on his canvas. When he was about to dismiss the man, he said, "I have not yet found out your name." "I am Pietro Bandinelli," he replied, "I also sat for you as your model of Christ."

WILL IT PLEASE JESUS?

Sunday School Builds the Church - Starts at 9:30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

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Don't Say Anything If...

1. You are in the heat of anger (Proverbs 14:17).
2. You don't have all the facts (Proverbs 18:13).
3. You haven't verified the story (Deuteronomy 17:6).
4. Your words will cause the weak to stumble (1 Corinthians 8:11).
5. You are joking about sin (Proverbs 14:9).
6. You would later be ashamed of what you said (Proverbs 8:8).
7. The issue is none of your business (Proverbs 26:17).
8. You are tempted to tell an outright lie (Proverbs 4:24).
9. Your words would damage someone's reputation (Proverbs 16:27).
10. Your words could destroy a friendship (Proverbs 16:28).
11. You are cursing someone (James 3:9).
12. It's time to listen (Proverbs 13:1).
13. You are continually complaining (Proverbs 19:13).
14. You are just flattering someone (Proverbs 28:23).
15. You are supposed to be working instead (Proverbs 14:23).

Editor's Personal News: Our 36th great-grandchild, Mary Marie, made her arrival on August 8. She was born to Cindy and Andrew Willard, Trinity, North Carolina, and joins her two little sisters, Amanda and Faith. Her grand parents are Philip and Dora Dice, also from North Carolina. My wife Sharon and I now have 18 great-granddaughters and 18 great-grandsons.

-Leonard Dice

GUESS MY NAME:

1. I am a man who became very angry because God did not respect my offering to him. (Gen. 4:5)
2. I brought an offering to God of the fruit of the ground. (Gen. 4:3)
3. The Lord set a mark upon me, lest any finding me should kill me. (Gen. 4:15)
4. I rose up against my brother Abel and slew him. (Gen. 4:8)