

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

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A "Big Name" Preacher

A congregation had invited a "big name" preacher to preach for them one Sunday. As it turned out, however, he couldn't go and he sent his brother to speak in his place. As word got around the congregation, several people started to leave. The fill-in preacher then stood up and made this announcement: "Those of you who came to hear my brother speak may leave at this time; those of you who came to worship God may stay on."



In Days Gone By

On Sept. 13, 1814, the "Star-Spangled Banner" was written by Frances Scott Key.

On Sept. 14, 1919, Clayton Moore, the "Lone Ranger," was born.

On Feb. 14, 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Roosevelt succeeded him.

A Little Faith in a Great God

A woman was known for her simple faith, her faithfulness in Christian stewardship, and her peace and composure in the face of great difficulties. A stranger sought her out and asked, "Are you the woman with the great faith?"

"No", she replied, "I am the person with a little faith in a great God."

We may have faith in ourselves and fail, or faith in another person and be disappointed. But when our faith is centered in God, we can rest assured that everything will be all right. God will not disappoint us or let us down if we are attempting to do His will in our lives.

Reasons Why I Believe in God

Several years ago a scientist wrote an article entitled, "Reasons Why I Believe in God." He said, "Consider the rotation of the earth. Our globe spins on its axis at the rate of one thousand miles an hour. If it were just a hundred miles an hour, our days and nights would be ten times as long. The vegetation would freeze in the long night or it would burn in the long day; and there could be no life."

He said, "Consider the heat of the sun. Twelve thousand degrees at surface temperature, and we're just far enough away to be blessed by that terrific heat. If the sun gave off half its radiation, we would freeze to death. If it gave off one half more, we would all be crispy critters."

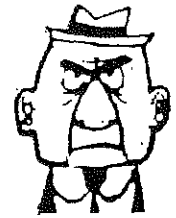
He said, "Consider the slant of the earth." I think he said twenty-three degrees. "If it were different than that, the vapors from the oceans would ice over the continents. There could be no life."

He said, "Consider the moon. If the moon were fifty thousand miles away rather than its present distance, twice each day giant tides would inundate every bit of land mass on this earth."

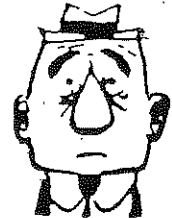
He said, "Think of the crust of the earth. Just a little bit thicker and there could be no life because there would be no oxygen. Or the thinness of the atmosphere. If our atmosphere was just a little thinner, the millions of meteors now burning themselves out in space would plummet this earth into oblivion. These are reasons," he said, "why I believe in God."

- Frank Pollard

WHAT KIND OF
GIVER ARE YOU?



Grudge Giving
"I hate to."



Duty Giving
"I ought to."



Thanks Giving
"I want to."

A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this. He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

Next he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what was done to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. "Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. "But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE..."

"You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

Count your blessings, not your problems. Never be afraid to try something new. And remember: amateurs built the ark...professionals built the Titanic.



TAX! TAX!

TAX!

Tax his cow, Tax his goat,
Tax his pants, Tax his coat;
Tax his ties, Tax his shirt,
Tax his work, Tax his dirt.

Tax his land, Tax his wage,
Tax his bed in which he lays;
Tax his tractor, Tax his mule,
Tax the books used in school.

Tax him good and let him know,
That after taxes he has no
dough;
If he hollers, Tax him more,
Tax him till he's good and
sore.

Tax his coffin, Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in which he lays;
Put these words upon his tomb,
"Taxes drove me to my doom."

And when he's gone they won't
relax,
They'll still be after
Inheritance Tax!

The
Lord's
Day is a
firm
founda-
tion on
which to
build a
six story
week.

Miscellaneous.

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THE SUPPORT SYSTEM OF OUR COUNTRY

Since our forefathers first came to stand on the shores of our country in 1607, the MORAL VALUES have been the support system of this country. Our nation was built on virtue and moral integrity and the teachings of God's Word. The founders were committed to strong moral principles based on individual liberty and personal responsibility. Today...we've come a long way downhill where good and right are considered by many as bad and wrong. I'm reminded of Isaiah 5:20 which says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..." Could it be that God's judgment has already set in on America? It's time to pray!

The English Baptist Preacher Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) gave this reply to those who have argued that the gospels never said Jesus laughed: "To me a smile is no sin, and a laugh is no crime. I never knew what the heart laugh and what the happy face meant till I knew Christ."

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Please don't judge people. You don't know what it took someone to get out of bed, look and feel as presentable as possible, and face the day. You never truly know the daily struggle of others.

Helping his wife wash the dishes, a minister protested, "This isn't a man's job." "Oh yes it is," his wife retorted, quoting 2 Kings 21:13: "I wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down."

Two things to remember in life : Take care of your thoughts when you are alone and take care of your words when you are with people.

"A great marriage is born the moment when a husband and wife decide to stop fighting against each other and to start fighting for each other."

The best thing about speaking the truth is you don't have to remember what you said.

Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.