

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



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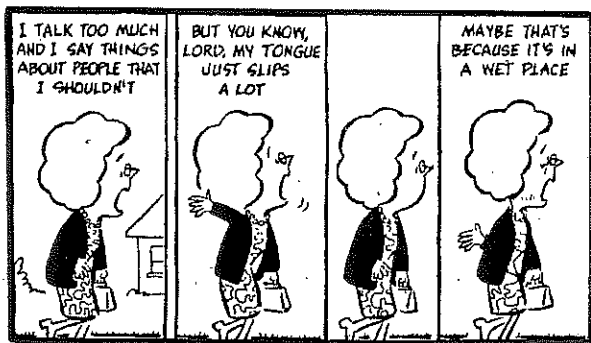
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In Days Gone By

On October 19, 1949, Stuart Hamblen was born again at 4:30 in the morning. He wrote the great Christian song, "It Is No Secret."

Someone asked why so many Christians fall. Here is one answer in a parable: When a little boy was asked why he fell out of bed, he replied, "I guess it's because I stayed too close to the place where I got in."

OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor has a thankless job
In many different ways;
He gets a lot of helpful hints,
But gets so little praise!

The time he has is not his own---
He's not like other men;
Just when he thinks some time is his,
There rings that phone again!

Someone is sick or needs advise,
And asks for him to call;
& as God's man they know he'll
come,
And hardly mind at all.

The wisdom of King Solomon
Is all he needs each day,
To lead his flock and keep them safe,
From Satan's cunning ways!

Like Jesus he prays for his sheep---
Prays faith will never dim;
But when we lift our prayers to God
How many pray for him?

So let's be faithful to that one
Who helps us day by day
Let's not forget our man of God
When we kneel down to pray!

from The Sawdust Trail

GUESS MY NAME :

1. I am a Levite of the country of Cyprus. (Acts 4:36)
2. I sold my land and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4:37)
3. Paul and I went on a missionary tour together. (Acts 13:4)
4. Later, I left Paul and took John Mark and sailed into Cyprus. (Acts 15:39)

YOU WANT HIM FOR A PASTOR?

Someone tells the following story: "A church was in need of a pastor. One of the elders interested in knowing just what kind of a minister they desired, wrote a letter, as if he had received it from an applicant, and then read it before the pulpit committee. 'Understanding that your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications I think you would appreciate. I preach with power and have had some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone. Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place more than three years. In some places I have been driven out of town, after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not too good, and I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I have not gotten on too well with the religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some of them have threatened me, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records, I have even been known to forget whom I baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work to help with my support.' After reading this letter the elder asked the committee if they were interested in the applicant. They replied that he would never do for their church. They were not interested in any unhealthy, contentious, trouble-making, absent-minded, ex-jailbird; in fact, they felt insulted that his application had even been presented. The committee asked the name of the applicant, whereupon the elder answered — 'The Apostle Paul.'"

Few churches indeed would want such an individual, and yet — Paul was God's chosen vessel!

IF I TELL THE WORLD...

D. L. Moody told of a little Norwegian boy who stood up at the close of one of his meetings to testify of his faith in the Lord. He had difficulty speaking English, yet he wanted the congregation to know that he had been saved and that he loved Jesus. Standing speechless for a moment at the front, he trembled as the tears trickled down his cheeks. Finally he choked out the words, "I'm up here because Jesus wants me to be a witness. He promised that if I tell the world about Him, He'd tell the Father about me!" That's all he managed to say, but in those two sentences he actually communicated more than several others who were glib of tongue. Moody remarked, "That boy's testimony went straight to the heart of everyone present. 'If I tell the world'—yes, that's exactly what the Bible means when it says we must confess Christ!"

If you love the Lord, it's your duty to witness to others. Often a simple sentence or two is sufficient. Maybe this is all you'd say to a needy soul, "O how I wish you knew Jesus! He means so much to me as my Savior and Guide." You will be surprised what such a simple, straightforward testimony can accomplish. Determine today to "tell the world."
—H.G.B.

See It Through

When you're up against a trouble,
Meet it squarely, face to face.
Lift your chin and set your shoulders;
Plant your feet and take a brace.
When it's vain to try to dodge it,
Do the best that you can do.
You may fail, but you may conquer;
See it through!

Black may be the clouds about you
And your future may seem grim,
But don't let your nerve desert you;
Keep yourself in fighting trim.

If the worst is bound to happen,
Spite of all that you can do,
Running from it will not save you;
See it through!

Even hope may seem but futile,
When with trouble you're beset;
But remember you are facing
Just what other men have met.
You may fail, but fail still fighting;
Don't give up, whate'er you do.

Eyes front, head high to the finish—
See it through!

—Edgar A. Guest



SMILE AWHILE

A man asked his doctor if he could help with his problem of snoring. "As soon as I go to sleep," the man said, "I snore. What can I do to cure myself?" "Does it bother your wife?" the doctor asked. "Oh, it not only bothers her," the man said, "it disturbs the entire congregation."

A mother, her arms filled with purchases, got on the bus with her five-year-old daughter. The little girl paid the two fares, then feeling that some explanation to the driver was necessary, said in a clear strong voice: "I'm paying the fare today because my mother is loaded."

A little boy ran to his father. "Wow!" he exclaimed, "you oughta see our new neighbors' neat lawn mower! It doesn't need gas or anything — all you have to do is push it!"

At first I wanted to be a cop, but you have to be 6'1", know karate, and carry a gun. Then I thought I'd be a schoolteacher, but you have to be 6'1", know karate, and carry a gun.

Four-year-old Jason rode to the bank with his mother. When they stopped at the drive-through teller's window, he smiled politely at the teller and sang out, "I want a hamburger, French fries and a coke, please!"

Foreman: "That apprentice carpenter you just hired, hammers like lightning." Contractor, grinning: "He's that fast, eh?" Foreman, scowling: "No, he never strikes twice in the same place."

"Dad, did you see the stork that brought me?" the youngster asked. "Only his bill, my child, only his bill."

Love never looks to see what it is going to get in return. Love does its work and makes no bargain.

But We See Jesus

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."—Heb. 2:9.

Miscellaneous.

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What to Do in Uncertain Times

During an earthquake that occurred many years ago, the inhabitants of a small village were very alarmed...and at the same time surprised at the calmness and apparent joy of an old Christian lady, whom they all knew. At length one of them, addressing the elderly lady asked: "Aren't you afraid?"

"No," she replied, "I rejoice to know that I have a God that can shake the world."

When your future seems uncertain and worries abound you, you can gain peace and confidence. What are you most worried about today? What are you most uncertain about?

We need to remember that the Bible was written to people who lived in uncertain times. Whether it was Moses leading people out of slavery, David facing Goliath, or Peter preaching to the crowds on Pentecost, all these people lived in times of uncertainty.

"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." (Proverbs 19:21).

"For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations." (Psalms 22:28)

Larry Fitzgerald

God Who Made The Earth

God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea, who gave the light it's birth, careth for me.

God who made the grass, the flower, the fruit, the tree, the day and night to pass, careth for me.

God who made the sun, the moon, the stars, is he who, when life's clouds come on, careth for me.

God, who made all things, on earth, in air, in sea, who changing seasons bring, still cares for me.

Sarah Betts Rhodes (1830-1890)

Happiness in marriage is a moment by moment choice. A decision to love, forgive, grow and grow old together
