

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

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Shouting Time in Glory

When we see the Saviour coming;
When His shout shall split the
air,

It'll be Shouting Time in Glory,
The time to meet Him there.
He shall split the graves wide open,
Much to this world's surprise;
It'll be Shouting Time in Glory,
When His call comes from the
skies.

The living saints will answer;
The dead shall hear His cry;
It'll be Shouting Time in Glory,
When we bid this world
goodbye.

Then upward into Heaven,
The saints of God will go.
The Lamb of God will lead us;
The One who loved us so.
Then it'll be, "Welcome Home, My
children,"

We'll hear our Father say.
It'll be Shouting Time in Glory,
When He wipes our tears away.
— F. M. Riley

A Tribute to the Pastor's Wife



*In the shadow of the parsonage
Stands a figure oft obscure.
Just behind the faithful pastor
Is his wife, devout and pure.
She is with him every moment
Helping make his work progress,
And you can't discount her portion
In his measure of success.
Oft behind the scene of action,
Often never seen or heard,
Yet she stands forever ready
Just to give a helping word.
It is not in active service
That her worth is really shown,
But in bearing heavy burdens
That to others are unknown.
With encouragement and vision
She must urge God's servant on,
When the shadows are the darkest
And his courage's almost gone.
With her home forever open
And her work quite never done,
She is ever his lieutenant
In the battles fought and won.*

—T. R. Buzzard

DEACON TRUE sez . . .

"Now ef ye find
thet a quarter
goes jest as fer as
it uster go, it's
purty likely thet
ye'r sittin' in
church."



In Days Gone By

On Nov. 13, 1879, Herb Buffum was born. He wrote more than 10,000 Christian songs. He wrote, "When I Take My Vacation in Heaven" and "I'm Going Higher Some Day."

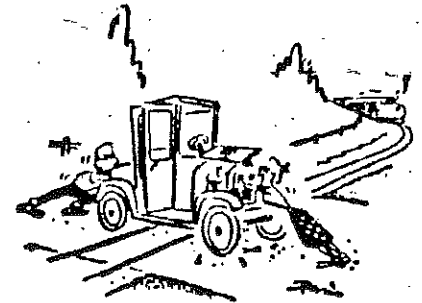
CHURCH IS HARD...SOMETIMES!

CHURCH IS HARD! Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgment. Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body. Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world. Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't. Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service. Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families. Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service. Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child. Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics. Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader. Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man. Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love. Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate. Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes. Church is hard for the sinners. Church is hard for me. It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives. But, here is the beauty of church— Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation. Church is a body. Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love. Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace. Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors. Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration. Church is a lesson in faith and trust. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope. Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories. Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come. So even on the hard days at church— The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away. I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

The only earthly possession that parents can take to heaven is their children. Are you taking your children there? Are you going? Some things need serious consideration!

CAN YOU REMEMBER WHEN DAY-CARE CENTERS WERE CALLED HOME? There is no one who can take the place of parents!

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE!



"I am pushing!"

A MAN MAY GO TO HEAVEN...

Without health
Without wealth
Without fame
Without a great name
Without learning
Without big earning
Without culture
Without beauty
Without friends
Without 10,00 other things:

BUT, HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST!
John 14:6 - "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

HAVE YOU GOT IT?

Of Salvation it is said
God Thought it,
Christ Brought it,
The Spirit Wrought it,
The Blood Bought it,
The Bible Taught it,
The Devil Fought it,
Love Sought it,
Faith Caught it,
Happy is the man who can say,
"I've GOT IT.!"

DEACON TRUE sez . . .

"Now ain't it strange that there's seldom time t' do a job right, but allus time t' do it over again."



Deacon True, Coshocton Ohio

Miscellaneous-

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10 Rules for a Happy Day

1. **TODAY I WILL NOT STRIKE BACK:** If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind. I will not respond in a like manner.
2. **TODAY I WILL ASK GOD TO BLESS MY ENEMY:** If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask GOD to bless that individual. I understand the "enemy" could be a family member, neighbor, co-worker or stranger.
3. **TODAY I WILL BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I SAY:** I will carefully choose and guard my words being certain that I do not spread gossip.
4. **TODAY I WILL GO THE EXTRA MILE:** I will find ways to help share the burden of another person.
5. **TODAY I WILL FORGIVE:** I will forgive any hurts or injuries that come my way.
6. **TODAY I WILL DO SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE, BUT I WILL DO IT SECRETLY:** I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another.
7. **TODAY I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WISH TO BE TREATED:** I will practice the golden rule - "Do unto others as I would have them do unto me" - with everyone I encounter.
8. **TODAY I WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF SOMEONE WHO IS DISCOURAGED:** My smile, my words, my expression of support, can make the difference to someone who is wrestling with life.
9. **TODAY I WILL NURTURE MY BODY:** I will thank GOD for my body.
10. **TODAY I WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY:** I will spend a little more time in prayer today: I will read something spiritual or inspirational today; I will find a quiet place (at some point during this day) and listen to GOD's voice.

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Where there is love, there is life. Where there is life, there is hope. Where there is hope, there is faith. Where there is faith, miracles happen. Where there is peace, there is God. When you have God, you have everything.