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"My parents and I have finally reached an agreement...They tell me what to do, and I do it."

ONLY ONE SHIP

There are many bridges over the Mississippi River, but only one Bridge spans the chasm between a sinful man and a holy God and that is Jesus.

There are many roads from New York to Los Angeles, but there is only one Road to Heaven and Jesus is that Road.

There are many ships that ply the waters from New York to London, but there is only one Ship that will take you to Heaven and that is Jesus.

-W. Herschel Ford

Days Gone By

On Nov. 30, 1835, Mark Twain was born in Florida, Missouri.

The Gospel According to Me

Help me remember.

When others I-see

That they're reading the Gospel According to me.

Matthew and Barnabas

Peter and Paul:

The world looks upon them As names—that's all

For verses of Scripture

Lost men merely grope, But my life goes under

The microscope.

Make me a text, Lord,

Easy to see

When men read the Gospel According to me.

-Gwen Sanders

Just a Little More

The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it—so fine that we are often on the line and we do not know it.

How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience would have achieved success!

-Elbert Hubbard

LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END!

A boy once received a telescope for his birthday. He later complained to his dad that it was no good. Everything looked small and far away. His dad smiled and said, "Son, you're looking through the wrong end. Turn the telescope around." Oftentimes in our lives we look at things through the wrong end. We look at things from the view of selfishness, self-centeredness, through a critical, complaining spirit. Let us turn ourselves around and see things as God would have us see them. "For as a man thinketh...so is he."

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER

- 1. What disciple objected to Jesus washin his feet? John 13:8
- 2. Who wiped Jesus' feet with her hair?
 John 11:2
- In whose tomb was the Lord Jesus buried? Mt. 27:57-58
- 4. Who preached Christ to the Jews in Rome? Acts 23:11
- 5. What disciple made a feast for Jesus?
 Luke 5:29
- 6. Who was known as the first Christian martyr? Acts 22:20

THE IMPORTANCE OF GREY HATR!

Grey hair, the experts tell us is, A rather certain sign, That indicates intelligence, A mind that's super-fine. It is the outward mark of one, Possessing high IQ, The learned, or the studious, Life's upper crust, it's true. Just look about at businessmen, Or those with intellect, And somewhere on their heads I'm sure, Some "star-dust" you'll detect. Professors and top surgeons, and I say this not in jest, All proudly wear this badge that sets Them high above the rest. Now these are facts, and all quite true, And surely I should know, For underneath this old soft hat, My hair is white as snow!

MAY GOD HELP US TO ...

To give and not count the cost;
To fight and not heed the wounds;
To toil and not seek for rest;
To labor and not ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Thy
will, O Lord, our God.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE WE?

Sometimes when you are feeling important, Sometimes when your ego's in bloom, Sometime when you take it for granted That you're the best qualified in the room;

Sometime when you feel that you're going would leave an unfillable hole-Just follow these simple instructions
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water, Put your hand in it up to the wrist; Pull it out and the hole that's remaining Is the measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please as you enter, You can stir up the water galore; But stop and you'll find in a minute That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example Is to do the best that you can; Appreciate yourself, but remember, There's no indispensable man.

THERE ARE TWO SEAS IN PALESTINE. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their roots to sip its healing water. Along its shores the little children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills, so it laughs in the sunshine, and men build their houses near it, birds make their nests, and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. There is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy about its waters and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink. What makes the difference in these neighboring seas? Not the River Jordan; nor the soil in which they lie; nor the country about.

The difference is the Sea of Galilee receives and gives. The other sea receives but keeps every drop. Its name is the DEAD SEA!

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine. -B. Barton

WE WANT GREENER GRASS!

We battle weeds so they won't choke it; We fertilize and then we soak it; Persistently we strive to grow it— Then gripe because we have to mow it!

Miscellaneous-

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VIEWS





If It Smells Like a Skunk ... Jay Launius

Last week when entering the church building, we were met with an all-too-familiar odor. Unfortunately, some of us know firsthand just how bad a skunk can really smell. Whether you've encountered a skunk one-on-one or not, when you smell the distinctive odor produced by these little varmints, you can immediately identify it. If it smells like a skunk, then it probably is a skunk. Sin is like that. If some action or emotion feels like it could possibly be sinful, then there's a good chance that it probably is:

- If it feels like pride, then it probably is.
- If it sounds like gossip, then it probably is.
- If it seems to be petty, then it probably is.
- · If it feels lukewarm, then it probably is.
- If it looks like it might be a sin...

You get the idea. The Christian life is a constant growing experience and God wants us to continue to learn about Him and His will through study and meditation of His Word. Outlined in the Scriptures are corrections and guidance to help us avoid the stench of sin. (Philippians 1:9-10)

What a Horrible Dream!

I dreamed that the Lord took my weekly contribution to the church, multiplied it by ten, and turned this amount into my weekly income. In no time I lost all my furniture and had to give up my automobile. Why, I couldn't even make a house payment! What can a person do on \$10.00 a week?

Suppose the Lord took your offering and multiplied it by ten and made that your weekly income. How much would you earn? This question might give you some fresh insights into the stewardship needs of the church.

Wonders – After a geography class studied the Seven Wonders of the World, the students were asked to list what they considered were the Seven Wonders of the World. They voted for (1) Egypt's Great Pyramids, (2) Taj Mahal, (3) Grand Canyon, (4) Panama Canal, (5) Empire State Building, (6) St Peters Basilica, (7) China's Great Wall. A girl took some extra time with her list then told the teacher, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are (1) to touch, (2) to taste, (3) to see, (4) to hear, (5) to run, (6) to laugh, and (7) to love."