



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

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Home Rules

Always be honest (Prov. 12:22).

Count your blessings (Ps. 34:1-3).

Bear each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2).

Forgive and forget (Mic. 7:18).

Be kind and tenderhearted (Eph. 4:32).

Comfort one another (I Thess. 4:18).

Keep your promise (Rom. 4:21).

Be proud of each other. (Acts 20:35).

Be true to each other (Rev. 15:3).

Look after each other (Deut. 15:11).

Treat each other like you treat your friends (Matt. 7:12).

Love one another deeply from the heart (I Pet. 1:22).

Commit Thy Works to the Lord

Proverbs 16:3

GIVE TO GOD...

...the first hour of the day.

...the first day of the week.

...the first portion of your pay.

the first consideration in decisions.

...the first place in your heart!

In Days Gone By

On March 12, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his first fireside chat on the radio. (I was 9 days old -LRD)

On March 12, 1789, the first United States Post Office was completed.

WILL YOU KNOW THE PERSON DOWN THE ROAD?

In thirty, forty, or fifty years you'll meet a person down the road. Whether that someone is kind and gentle or selfish and demanding, depends on what you do today. If you live only in terms of what you can get out of life, this person will be crabby, self-centered, and spiteful. But if you open your life to others and live as a giver, this person will be kind, open and generous.

This somebody you meet down the road some day is you. The person you will be tomorrow depends on the life you live today. Every day, in every way, you are becoming more and more like yourself. Make sure the person you are becoming is someone you'll enjoy being around.



POEMS

by Sharon



"SENIOR CITIZENS"

When the "Spring" of life is over
And "Summer's" taken flight,
Then comes the golden "Autumn"
With many a precious sight.

The hair is turning silver
And slower is the gait,
The eyes are growing dimmer,
Hearts beat a slower rate.

It takes a little longer
To do the tasks each day,
And speech must be much louder,
To hear just what you say.

But one thing is for certain,
Our thanks be unto "Him",
To recall the days of yesteryear,
The memory is not dim.

To tell of days of childhood
Is truly a joyful task,
And many a senior citizen
Would love for you to ask.

Oh, the younger generations
Could gain a wealth of wisdom,
If only they would listen to
The grey-haired "Senior Citizen."

-Sharon Dice

(for: Senior Citizen Banquet,
April 24, 1990)

SALVATION

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the exclusive Saviour. Eternal salvation is exclusively in Him. The world has many religions, but God has provided only one salvation. The greatest of sinners can be saved through Him, but the least sinner cannot be saved outside of Christ. Trust Him as Saviour today. There is no other way. Acts 4:12- Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Spurgeon's Note to a Dying Friend

Upon hearing that a pastor friend had received a diagnosis of a terminal illness, the famous English preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, wrote him the following letter, dated June 12, 1884.

Dear Friend,

I casually heard from Mr. Abraham that you were ill, but I had no idea that it was a serious matter. Now Mr. Rochfort has kindly given me further news. I feel sad about it, but I am sure you do not. The loss will be ours. Heaven and you will gain.

Dear, loving brother, you have nothing now to do but to go Home—and what a home! You will be quite at home where all is love, for you have lived in that blessed element and are filled with it.

I shall soon come hobbling after you and shall find you out. We are bound to gravitate to each other, whether here or in Glory. We love the same Lord and the same blessed truth.

May the everlasting arms be underneath you. I breathe for you a loving, tender prayer: "Lord, comfort Thy dear servant; and when he departs, may it be across a dried-up river into the land of living fountains."

I am fifty next Thursday and you are near your Jubilee. In this we are alike. But Jesus is the highest joy. Into the Father's hands I commit you, "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

Your loving brother,
C. H. Spurgeon



Ten Rules for a Successful Marriage

1. You must marry the right person, one you love and one who loves you; and both of you must be in love with Jesus Christ.

2. Give-and-take is a necessity. Let love cover the disagreements which will come in any marriage.

3. Never carry into tomorrow the petty troubles of today. Forgive at the end of the day and then forget.

4. Don't discuss your disagreements and personal problems with others. You will soon forget these quarrels, but others will remember them forever. Go to the Lord for the advice you need.

5. Try to live within your financial means. Don't try to keep up with some other couple; keep within your income. Be sure to set aside something for the Lord's work.

6. Keep your love as romantic as possible. Appreciate each other. Express that appreciation in actual love and affection in the home.

7. Never, never, never even think of divorce as a solution for your marriage problems. You took your vows "until death do us part." So often, divorce never settles anything!

8. Keep your eyes on the person you have married and don't bother looking around for someone else. Wandering eyes benefit no marriage.

9. Read God's Word and pray together every day. To pray together is to stay together.

10. Let Christ shed the love of God abroad in your hearts and you will be sure to have love for each other.

Miscellaneous.

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CELEBRATING MY 90TH BIRTHDAY

What a great weekend it was! They came from all directions including Iowa, Nebraska, Alabama, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. These were my family members including our sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law and many of our 38 great-grandchildren.

My family and church, Grace Baptist in Pittsfield, Illinois, planned a big surprise for my 90th birthday, totally unknown to my wife and me. All of my 6 sons had called me on my birthday (March 3) and I thought they were all at their homes. Instead they were all traveling to Pittsfield to help me celebrate my 90th birthday

They used the Crossroad Center here in Pittsfield that has beautiful facilities which has large meeting rooms, a big kitchen and dining area and a beautiful gym, etc. The little ones had big bouncehouses and other things to entertain them. At noon we had a great meal, great fellowship and some great music provided by our families who brought their musical instruments to play.

We all went to church on Sunday morning where many of our family members took part in the services. I was privileged to bring the morning message and got to sing with my wife.

Pastor Love and our church members were perfect hosts and everything worked out just right. The church had a big meal at noon and we continued the celebration during the afternoon services where our six sons related memories of growing up in our home.

We received many messages from people around the world, some as far away as Australia. Also, we received several precious gifts including a recliner lift chair...and money...and gift cards.

It was an exciting time where we got to see some of our great-grandchildren that we hadn't seen for a long time. We are thankful and grateful for the love and kindness of each one. I will remember my 90th birthday for a long time.

-Leonard Dice, Asst. Pastor
and Editor of the "Liberty"

IT'S NOT HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN AROUND THAT COUNTS. IT'S WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE LORD SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN AROUND!