

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

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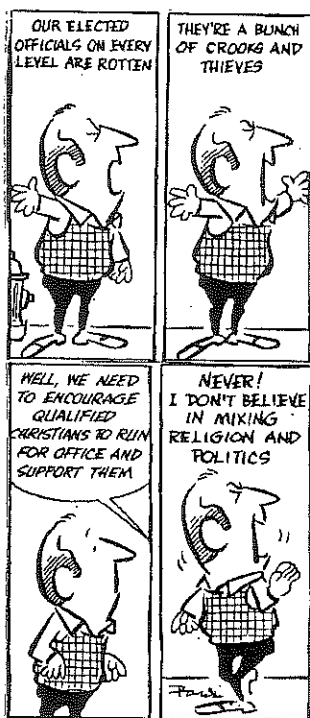
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My Drug Problem

I had a drug problem when I was young. I was drugged to the church on Sunday morning. I was drugged to church for weddings and funerals. I was drugged to family reunions regardless of the weather. I was drugged to the bus stop to go to school every week day. I was drugged by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers. I was also drugged to the wood shed when I was disrespectful to my parents.

Those drugs are still in my veins, and they will affect my behavior in every thing I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children has this kind of "drug" problem, America would certainly be a better place.

In Days Gone By

On March 21, 1621, the first Indian treaty was signed.

On March 21, 1963, the Alcatraz prison was closed for good.

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles;
It empties today of its strength.

A lady lost her handbag while shopping, and an honest little boy returned it to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmm... that's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are 20 one dollar bills." The boy replied, "Well, the last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER. References are given.

1. What disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant? John 18:26
2. Who said, "O Absalom, my son, would God I had died for thee." II Samuel 18:33
3. What did Judas do with the thirty pieces of silver? Matthew 27:5
4. What woman did Peter raise from the dead in Joppa? Acts 9:36
5. Whom did Jesus send to prepare the passover for the other disciples? Luke 22:8
6. What woman did Jesus speak to from the cross? John 19:26
7. Who was Timothy's mother? II Tim. 1:5
8. Before his conversion Paul witnessed the stoning of what Christian? Acts 7:58

GUESS MY NAME:

1. I am a Jew born in Alexandria; an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures. (Acts 18:24)
2. I was fervent in the spirit; spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only John's baptism. (Acts 18:25)
3. Aquila and Priscilla expounded unto me the way of God more perfectly. (Acts 18:26)
4. There were divisions in the early church; some said they were of Paul, some of Christ, some of Cephas, and some of me. (I Cor. 1:12)

EVOLUTION - Is there something to this theory of evolution as proposed by Charles Darwin? Maybe people did descend from lower animals, because some church members seem stubborn as mules about church work, Sly as a fox in their business deals, busy as bees in spreading the latest gossip, quiet as a mouse in spreading the Gospel, but they have eyes like a hawk to see the moat in a brother's eye. They are eager as a beaver about bar-b-ques but lazy as a dog about prayer meeting and mean as snakes when things don't go their way. They are noisy as crows in calling for the church to advance but slow as snails in inviting the unsaved. Many are night owls on Saturday night, but bedbugs on Sunday morning. They are slippery as eels on Sunday afternoon and scarce as hen's teeth on Sunday night.

IT COULD 'NT BE DONE

SOMEBODY SAID that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by
one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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Miscellaneous.

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WHERE DO YOU RUN TO HIDE FROM THE STORMS?

Spring is now here and along with Spring comes dangerous storms, and sometimes tornadoes. One year in Indiana the first tornado came on Palm Sunday and the last one on Thanksgiving Day. It was a long season. As a small boy one of my biggest fears was that of a storm with wind, lightning, thunder and rain. When it began to look like a storm was coming I would run in the house, get in a closet and shut the door. That way I couldn't see or hear it as well. My mother used to try to quell my fears but I always ran to my place to hide.

As children of God we go through many storms and trials, but God has provided us a place to hide. The Bible says He is our refuge and shelter. It's good to be able to run to the Bible and find verses that bring us security and safety. Let's look at a few of the verses that we can hide in:

1. When you are discouraged read Isaiah 40; II Cor. 12:9.
2. When seeking forgiveness read Psalm 32.
3. When lonely and fearful read Psalm 23; I Peter 5:7.
4. When in danger read Psalm 9.
5. When tempted read Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 6.
6. When sick read Matthew 9:1-8; James 5:13-16.
7. When in sorrow over death read John 11 and 14.
8. When weary and heavy laden read Isaiah 55.
9. When things go against you read Psalm 27.
10. When your faith is weak read Hebrews 11.
11. When you have the blues read Psalm 34, John 14.
12. When you are discontented read Psalm 37:7; Proverbs 16:8,
13. When you can't understand read Romans 8:28.
14. To find the way to God read John 14:6.
15. When you need help to overcome an inferiority complex read I Cor. 5:10; Luke 12:6-7; Acts 20:32.
16. If something is too big to handle read Philipians 4:13.

As a young pastor, when my church burned to the ground, I needed a verse to hide in. I found it in Romans 8:28. I went on, knowing that God would work it out for the good. He did, and here I am, almost 64 years of preaching later, still going strong for Him. Don't ever give up. Use God's Word where you can find refuge, strength, comfort and help for every storm that comes your way. God is good, all the time!

**Each prayer is answered, that is so; but
for our own good it may at times be "no".**

