

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

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A church that has to be supported by tea parties, ice cream socials and fried chicken is as weak as the tea, as cold as the ice cream and as dead as the chicken.

"They eat their peas with honey; They've done it all their lives. It makes the peas taste funny, But it holds them on the knives."

Think About This:

If you think it is hard to sit through a sermon, try preaching one.

If you think the pew is hard, try the pulpit.

If you think the singing should be better, try leading the songs.

If you think the teaching is not plain enough, try explaining the lesson yourself.

If you think the church is not friendly, try speaking to someone before he speaks to you.

You will be amazed at what you discover!

—From Pulpit Helps



PRAYER



In order to have more time for prayer, we must be willing to sacrifice physical comfort, companionship, and fellowship with man so that we may have fellowship with God.

"Away with work that hinders prayer,
'Twere best to lay it down;
For prayerless work, however good,
Will fail to win the crown."

If prayer will help me out of trouble, it will surely help me to keep out of trouble.

In Days Gone By

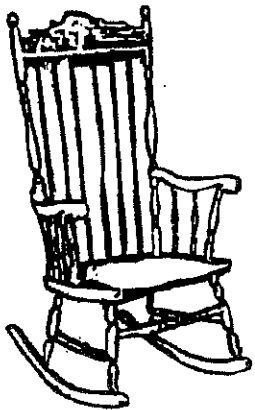
On May 8, 1541, De Soto discovered Mississippi.

On May 8, 1884, President Truman was born.

On May 8, 1945, we celebrate V-E Day. World War II ended.

HOW TO REPAY KINDNESS

D. L. Moody on a certain occasion had shown great kindness to a friend. In thanking him, the friend said that he hoped one day that he would be able to repay the kindness to Moody. In his quick, abrupt way, Moody answered: "Don't wait for me! Do it to the first person who comes along!"



I Sit and Rock Alone

Just yesterday it seems my children
Played upon the floor,
And I wiped countless fingerprints
From window pane and door.

I kissed away a thousand tears,
And darned sock after sock,
And tried to keep pace with the hands
That raced around the clock.

And often when at end of day,
Too tired to sleep, in bed I lay;
I'd think how nice when, children
grown,
My time again should be my own.

So now I sit and rock alone,
My hands at rest, the work all done;
No little tots upon the floor,
No fingerprints upon the door.

No socks to mend, bruises to kiss—
Ah me! How could I know I'd miss
The very things I grudged to do?
They're all gone now, it makes me
blue.

Dear God, if only there might be
Someone again who needed me!
To fill my life, my hands, my heart,
Gladly I would do my part.

TO MY PASTOR

Dear Pastor:

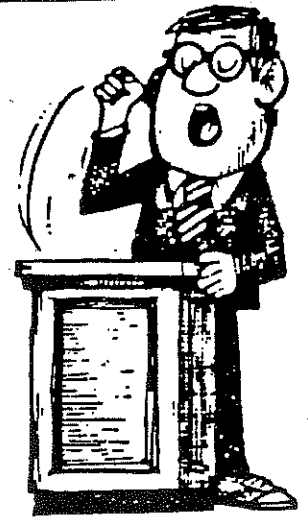
You often stress attendance at worship as being very important for a Christian, but I think a person has a right to miss now and then. I think every person ought to be excused for the following reasons and the number of times indicated to the right:

Christmas (Sunday before or after)	1
New Year's (party lasted too long)	1
Easter (get away for the holidays)	1
July 4 (national holiday)	1
Labor Day (need to get away)	1
Memorial Day (visit home town)	1
School closing (kids need a break)	1
School opening (one last fling)	1
Family reunions (mine and wife's)	2
Sleep late (Saturday night activities)	4

Death in the family	4
Anniversary (second honeymoon)	1
Sickness (at least one for each member of the family)	5
Business trips (a must)	3
Vacation (three weeks, but you can catch us at home in case of emergency)	3
Bad weather (ice, snow, rain, clouds)	6
Ballgames	4
Unexpected company (can't just walk out)	5
Time change (spring ahead, fall back)	2
Specials on T.V. (Super Bowl, etc.)	3

Pastor, that leaves only two Sundays per year. So, you can count on us to be in church on the Fourth Sunday in February and the third Sunday in August, unless providential-ly hindered.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Ima Faithful Member



PEOPLE OF FAITH IN HEBREWS CHAPTER 11

Find the words below in the puzzle.
The word "faith" is hidden seven times!
Can you find them? Remember, words
may be found by reading in ANY direc-
tion—even backward!

Joseph	Enoch	Rahab
Sarah	Abraham	Moses
Noah	Samson	Joshua
Jacob	Samuel	David
Abel	Gideon	

A B R A H F A I T H E N
G I D E P S E N O M C H
H C O N E A F A O I T H
R A H A S R A S H A B E
S A M S O N E A A B A A
J S A R J S A M E R H D
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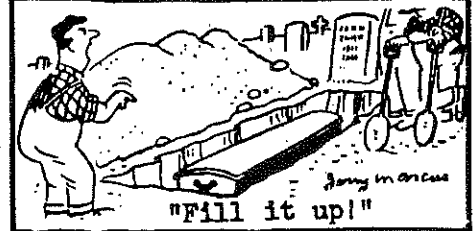
Most folks can keep a
secret; it's the folks
they tell it to who
can't!

—A philosopher is a
person who says he
doesn't care what side
his bread is buttered
on because he eats
both sides anyway!

—A grouch is a person
who has sized himself
up and is pretty sore
about it.

—Some folks get elect-
ed because they are
well known. Others get
defeated for the same
reason!

IF YOU DO RIGHT A THOU-
SAND TIMES, you may not
hear of it once; but if
you do wrong once, you
may hear of it a thou-
sand times!



Miscellaneous-

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*EVENTS
*VIEWS
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MISTAKES IN THE BIBLE? READ ON!

Some people fail to acknowledge the above written fact about the Bible. Some people deny that there are any mistakes in it at all. Others simply choose to ignore this obvious fact. Make no mistake, our Bibles are filled with them. From Genesis to Revelation, there's hardly a book that is without an abundance of mistakes. Here is a brief list of five mistakes in the first half of the book of Genesis alone:

Genesis 3:6-13. Adam and Eve made the mistake of disobeying God.

Genesis 4:1-15. Cain made the mistake of offering an unacceptable sacrifice to God and then made the mistake of killing his brother in jealousy.

Genesis 6:1-8. The world made the mistake of thinking God did not care how they conducted themselves.

Genesis 18:9-15. Sarah made the mistake of laughing at what God said was possible.

Genesis 18:16. Sodom and Gomorrah made the mistake of abandoning all that is right and pure.

Conclusion. There are still sixty-five books left in the Bible with more mistakes than we could possibly list. Perhaps, now that this has been cleared up, the next time someone says to you, "The Bible is full of mistakes," you can then reply, "I know it is!" Just be sure to explain to them what you REALLY mean by that. Perhaps these examples will help us in the future. Someone once said, "A fool learns from his mistakes. A wise man learns from the mistakes of others!"

Jason Hart

Things to Make You Ponder

What disease did cured ham actually have? Why is it that people say they slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours? Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV? Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground? If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him? A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired. What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.