

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

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Blind but Happy

O what a happy soul am I

Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world

Contented I will be;
How many blessings I enjoy

That other people don't!

To weep and sigh because I'm blind
I cannot, and I won't.

—Fanny Crosby (8 years old)

Days Gone By

On July 30, 1863, Henry Ford was born.

On Aug. 1, 1779, Francis Scott Key was born. He wrote our National Anthem.

When you do anything for your child that he is capable of doing for himself, you are forfeiting one of the greatest opportunities for developing responsibility.

The One, the Other

Two people looking through colored glasses: one said, "The world is blue." The other—"It is bright."

Two boys eating their dinner: one said, "I would rather have something better than this." The other said, "This is better than nothing."

Two men went to see New York: one visited the saloons and thought New York wicked. The other visited the homes and thought New York good.

Two people looking at skaters: one said, "See how they fall." The other, "See how they glide."

A servant thinks a man's house is principally kitchen; a guest, that it is principally parlor.

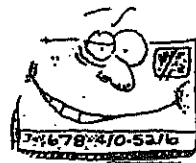
Two people having a bee—one got honey and the other got stung. The first called it a honeybee; and the other, a stinging-bee.

Two poor people got each an apple. One was thankful for the apple. The other was dissatisfied because it was not two.

"I am glad that I live," says one man; "I am sorry that I must die."

—Sword of the Lord

A Credit Card Broke my Heart



I first saw him when I was in college. We met through one of those computer services, and I was told he was generous and the type who would be there whenever I needed him. He was a very bright and a real card, but my friends warned me he was nothing but plastic. Nevertheless, we began to go everywhere together. CC bought me dinners, jewelry, expensive clothes, and almost anything I desired! A month later I met Bill, who was waiting for me when I went to pick up my mail. He seemed nice at first, but when I asked him what his interests were, he said 21.6%! It was evident that all he was after was my money. To make matters worse, Bill said CC would never go out with me again if I didn't pay. The two had their little trick planned all along. P.S. - A word to the wise is sufficient.

**This is my Father's world—
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems
off so strong
God is the Ruler yet.**

The Heavenly Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago, and one day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store." As I got a little closer, the door came open wide and when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels who were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "Child shop with care." Everything a person needed was in that store, and all you couldn't carry you could come back for more.

First I got some patience; love was in the same aisle. Further down was understanding, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of wisdom and a bag or two of faith.

I stopped to get some strength and courage to help me run this race. By the way my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some grace. Then I started toward the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything.

As I went up the aisle, I saw prayer — I just had to put that in. Peace and joy were plentiful — they were on the last shelf. Songs and praise were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe you?" He smiled and said; "Take them everywhere you go." Again I smiled at him and said, "Really, how much do I owe?" He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

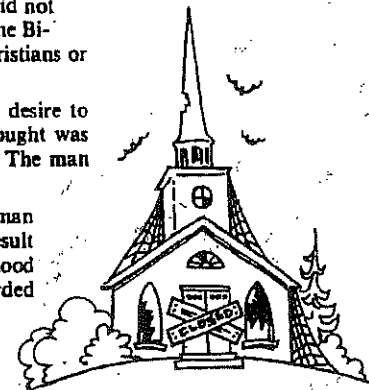
Yes, truly it's all paid in full and He gave us this promise in (Phil. 4:19): "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." So just take Him at His word and ask. God bless and keep you is my prayer.

Joining a Church

Someone once called a pastor to say he wanted to join the church. But, he went on to explain that he did not want to worship every week, study the Bible, visit the sick, witness to non-Christians or serve as a leader or teacher.

The pastor commended him for his desire to join, but told him the church he sought was located in another section of town. The man took the directions and hung up.

When he arrived at the church, the man came face to face with the logical result of his own apathetic attitude. There stood an abandoned church building boarded up and ready for demolition:



Church Attendance

If the Christian is not in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day with the Lord's people, it is practically certain that he is not doing anything else that a Christian should be doing. He is not praying, not studying his Bible, not giving, nor witnessing to others.

TIME TO BE "JUDGMENTAL"

Columnist George Will says it is time to be "judgmental" about America's illegitimate kids. The birthrate to unmarried women has increased almost a percent a year for 21 years. Most are in poverty, which means exploding cost in health care and welfare. He cites William Buckley's words, "The most readily identifiable tragedy of modern life is the illegitimate child."

A county in Texas has turned down an \$80 million complex which Apple Computer had planned to build there. It would have meant 700 employees and vast spending. BUT Apple Computer let it be known that they grant health benefits to partners of sodomites (gays and lesbians). County commissioners and other townspeople of the area agreed that morality was more important than money. They stood by their convictions, much to the derision of "gays" and the indignation of the Apple people.

A PARADOX?

A real Christian is an odd number, anyway. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see; expects to go to Heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible; hears the inaudible; and knows that which passeth knowledge.

—A. W. Tozer

Miscellaneous.

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~The Window Through Which We Look~

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this." The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN ATHEIST IS?

The child of a missionary was attending a liberal school in Europe. On the first day of school, the child's teacher introduced herself as an atheist. She asked the children how many atheist were in the class. Not too sure what atheism was but wanting the teachers approval, all of the children raised their hands except the missionary kid.

"Do you know what an atheist is?" the teacher asked the missionary kid.

"Yes, I do," the child replied.

"Then why aren't you one?" the teacher asked.

"Because I'm a Christian and I believe in God."

The teacher, noticeably upset, then asked the child why she is a Christian.

"My parents are missionaries, and I was brought up knowing all about God and how He sent His son to save us. My mom is a Christian, and my dad is a Christian, and I am a Christian, too."

The teacher was now quite angry. "That's not a good reason," she shouted. "What if your mom was a fool and your dad was a fool? What would that make you?"

The child shrugged her shoulders and replied, "Then I'd be an atheist."