



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

LIBERTY

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I Am Your Good Friend...

To the man who prizes sanity, peacefulness, pure-mindedness, social standing and longevity, I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories: memories of brides, memories of mothers, memories of boys and girls, memories of the aged as they grope their ways down the shadows.

I live in the lives of the young and in the dreams of the old.

I lift up the fallen, strengthen the weak and help the distressed.

I show mercy and bestow kindness.

I give the gifts that gold cannot buy nor kings take away—given freely to all who ask.

Sometime, someday, some hour in the near or far future, you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your local church.

IF I SHOULD CHOOSE

Of all the things I'm thankful for,

If I could choose just one

To place above all other things

When all is said and done,

I'd choose just this: My God is there

In joy or yet in pain!

My God is there! He walks with me,

Yes, even in the rain;

Not only when the roses bloom,

Not only in the spring;

Not only when the world is gold,

The sun on everything,

But all the time—God's always there,

He's with me day and night;

I cannot wander from His care

Nor leave His precious sight.

Phyllis C. Michael

In Days Gone By

On July 9, 1818, Philip

Bliss died. He was a famous songwriter, including Whosoever Will, Almost Persuaded, The Light Of The World Is Jesus, and many others.

**A GENTLEMAN
NEVER SWEARS;
HE HAS
A BETTER
VOCABULARY!**



Aspirins Don't Work on Sunday

(Letter to an Aspirin Company)

Dear Sir:

You manufacture aspirins that relieve suffering, colds, and fevers. The mixture used in your tablets makes it possible for people to get out of bed and fight off headaches, muscle spasms, and bad nerves.

I have noticed those tablets work wonders on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays—especially well on Saturdays. But people who take them on Sundays seem to get no relief. They cannot get rid of their headache and pains and are not able to attend church on Sundays.

Is it possible for you to examine your tablet and put in an ingredient that will work on Sundays?

Why God Put Me Here

I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me That maybe we are stationed where God wanted us to be;

That the little place I'm filling is the reason for my birth, And just to do the work I do He put me on this earth.

If God had wanted otherwise I reckon He'd have made Me just a little different, of a worse or better grade.

And since God knows and understands all things of land and sea, I fancy that He placed me here just where He wanted me.

Sometimes I get to thinking, as my labors I review, That I should like a higher place, with greater tasks to do.

But I come to the conclusion, when the envying is stilled, That the post to which God sent me is the post He wanted filled.

So I plod along and struggle in the hope when day is through

That I'm really necessary to the things God wants to do. And there isn't any service I can give which I should scorn, For it may be just the reason God allowed me to be born.

—Author Unknown

Why should a believer not marry an unbeliever?

The basic principle upon which a believer approaches marriage is found in II Corinthians 6:14: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" I Corinthians 7:39 states about a widow that "she is at liberty to be married to whom she will: only in the Lord."

In Deuteronomy 7:3-4, the Lord declared to Moses about the Canaanites: "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly."

In this case the future generations of God's people would have been affected, and this principle is still true today. The believer and the unbeliever will have distinct differ-

ences in viewpoints about life which will adversely affect their offspring. The saved person who marries an unbeliever not only faces a life of possible conflict and misery but also the possibility of seeing his or her children reject Christ.

Moreover, the dedicated believer who marries a lukewarm Christian runs a similar risk. The dedicated believer will create friction when he expends his time, energy, and money in God's service. The lukewarm Christian mate will be a weight to hold him back and also a constant source of temptation to cool his zeal. When children come, they will recognize the conflict and become part of it. They will be pulled by both parents and experience frustrations similar to those of the children of the Christian and non-Christian. Therefore, it is imperative for a believer to seek a mate who is not only saved but also equally dedicated to the Lord.

James E. Bellis, Ph.D.

SMILE AWHILE

A MOTORIST, after being stuck in a muddy road, paid a passing farmer five dollars to pull him out with his tractor. He told the farmer, "At those prices it seems to me you would be pulling people out of the mud day and night." "Can't," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole!"

YOU'VE REACHED middle age when all you exercise is caution!

AN ATHEIST cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.

Miscellaneous-

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How to Live a Happy Life - *John 13:17*

Introduction. Do you desire a "Happy Life"? Follow these rules and you will enjoy happiness that cannot be found in "things" of this world.

Count your blessings, not your troubles. Though we have many problems in life, we are still richly blessed. The plaque on the wall stated, "I grumbled and complained because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

Live one day at a time. Regardless of what Satan may throw at you, it can be handled "one day at a time" (James 4:13-15). You can control and conquer if you will take on obstacles one day at a time.

Learn to say, "I love you" to those near and dear. Break the shackles and learned restraints and express your love and appreciation to as many as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).

Be a giver, not a getter. Often if you fail to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to GET instead of GIVE (Luke 6:38).

Seek good in everyone and everything. Be a "good" seeker. Try hard not to be a "fault finder." When faults are present, deal with them lovingly.

Pray every day. Always take the time to express to God our appreciation for blessings and ask Him for guidance (Luke 18:1).

Do a good deed each day. The "grandest intention" is not as good as the "smallest deed." Follow the Lord's example (Acts 10:38).

Watch your priorities. Keep the important things in first place (Matt. 6:33).

Fill your life with good. Throw away the "trash" from your life and replace it with good thoughts and deeds (Phil. 4:8).

Laugh and cry. Laughter is good medicine. A good sense of humor overcomes many "ills and problems" of life.

Learn to practice the happiness habit. Smile, and the world will smile with you (Phil. 4:4). Make up your mind to "be happy."

Let go and let God control your life. To find peace and happiness, you must let God completely reign on the throne in your life. You must totally follow His will. It is for your own good.

Paul Sain

LISTEN & SILENT are spelled with the same letters. Think about it.

Death leaves a heartache only Jesus can heal. Love leaves a memory no one else can steal.