

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

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## ANGRY WORDS

Be slow to anger—  
Because angry words  
are like a boomerang:  
They return to hurt  
the one who uttered them.  
No matter how hard you try,  
You can't remove the poison.

Like the arrow that has left the  
bow,  
angry words can't be pulled back.  
The hurt and pain that angry words  
inflict  
Cling and hurt long after the sound  
has been lost.

*Author Unknown*

## Little Things

Of'times it is the "little things" in life...  
that bring me pleasure.

The things that money cannot buy  
bring joy that's beyond measure.

I love to watch the sun set  
at the closing of the day...

The sounds of children laughing  
as contentedly they play.

I love to hear the rain falling gently in the trees...

The fragrance of the springtime...  
a cooling summer breeze.

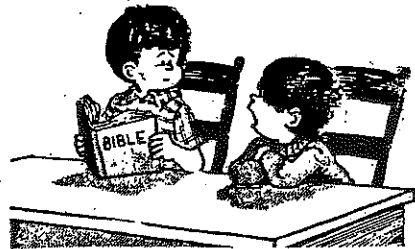
In this world of greed and discontent,  
with what the love of money brings,  
I'm glad that God has given me  
the love of "little things."

*Shirley W. Langley*

## In Days Gone By

On Aug. 29, 1809, the  
first Indian Reserva-  
tion was established.

On Sept. 3, 1939, World  
War II began.



If Paul had a thorn in the flesh, why didn't  
he just pull it out?

## DANGEROUS WORDS

1. "I heard....."
2. "They say....."
3. "Everybody says....."
4. "Have you heard?....."
5. "Did you hear?....."
6. "Isn't that awful?...."
7. "People say....."
8. "Did you ever.....?"
9. "Somebody said....."
10. "Would you think.....?"
11. "Don't say I told you....."
12. "Oh, I think it's perfectly terrible!"

# WHY DO YOU NEED A LOCAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

The local church is to a Christian what a home is to a child. The home provides shelter, protection, nourishment, instruction, love, fellowship, discipline, inspiration and encouragement. In time, it produces a productive, capable, mature adult—and so does the local church.

God commands the Christian not to forsake the assembling of himself together with other believers in the local church. (Heb.10:24,25) There are many important reasons for this. Through the ministry of the local church you will grow spiritually. You will become a stronger Christian in the following areas of your life:

1. Assurance of salvation — knowing for sure that you are going to heaven.  
Jn. 1:12, 3:16, 5:24, 10:9;  
Rom. 10:9,13; I Jn. 5:13

2. Believers baptism — the first step of obedience to Christ. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:41, 8:36-38; Rom. 6:2-5; Jas. 4:17

3. Bible study — knowing God's plan and purpose for your life. II Tim. 2:15; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12; I Pet. 2:2,3; II Pet. 3:18; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:1-3

4. Prayer — talking to God. Jn. 16:24; I Jn. 1:8-10; Matt. 7:7,8; Jn. 14:13,14; Eph. 5:20; I Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6,7; Jas. 5:16-18; Jer. 33:3; Ps. 51:10

5. Fellowship — mutual friendship and encouragement with other Christians. Acts 2:42, 4:32-37; Heb. 10:24

6. Surrender — submission to God's will in your life. Rom. 12:1,2;

Eph. 5:16; Luke 9:23; Rom. 6:13; I Cor. 6:19,20; Prov. 27:1

7. Separation — living a pure, victorious life. I Jn. 2:15-17; Jas. 4:4; Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 6:14-18; I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17

8. Stewardship — proper use of time, talent and money (possessions and resources). Matt. 6:33; Luke 6:38; Eph. 5:16; II Cor. 9:6,7; Mal. 3:10

9. Soul winning — winning your acquaintances to Christ. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Jn. 15:16; II Cor. 5:20; Ps. 126:5,6

Remember, God says that you need the local church. You should resolve right now to be baptized and join a gospel-preaching, Bible-believing church.

Grant G. Rice

## Faithful In Adversity :

Adversity is the wind or the fan which separates the chaff of flattery from the grain of solid friendship. The Shadow once said to the Body: "Who is a friend like me? I follow you wherever you go. In sunlight or in moonlight I never forsake you." True," answered the Body, "you go with me in sunlight and moonlight. But where are you when neither sun nor moon shines upon me?" The true friend is one who is faithful in adversity and who walks with us in the darkness of the night.

-Moody Monthly

# *If I Had My Life to Live Over*

*(by Erma Bombeck - written after she was diagnosed with cancer)*

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day. I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love yous" and more "I'm sorrys."

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute... look at it and really see it...live it and never give it back. Stop sweating the small stuff.

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what.

Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us.

Let's think about what God HAS blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, and emotionally.

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