

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

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**READ YOUR
BIBLE DAILY**

FIRST BIBLE

A little boy's first Bible
Is the greatest thrill he's known;
There's a sweet unique excitement
In a Bible all his own;
And yet my heart is smitten
As this touching sight I see --
Has his reverence for that Bible
Depended much on me;
As I see him with his Bible
I bow my head and pray:
"May he always love that Bible
The way he does today!"
I love my Bible better
Since I've seen the beaming joy
This wonderful possession
Has afforded to my boy!
May I seek to give mine daily --
A devotion he can see;
For the love he bears his Bible
Will depend a lot on me!

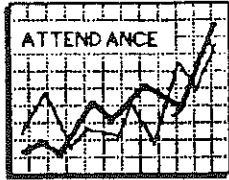
THE WATCHER

She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.

And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe,
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all for us,
She never could forget!
And so I think that where she is,
She must be watching yet.

Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late --
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning from Heaven's gate.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

WHAT MY ABSENCE DID

1. It made some question the reality of my religion.
2. It made some think I was a pretender.
3. It made some think that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.
4. It weakened the effect of the church services.
5. It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
6. It discouraged the brethren and therefore robbed them of a blessing.
7. It caused others to stay away from church.
8. It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.
9. It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
10. It encourages the habit of non-church-going.

WHAT MY PRESENCE DID

1. It caused people to have confidence in me.
2. It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of great importance.
3. It had a good effect on the services.
4. It made my friends feel welcome.
5. It encouraged the brethren and helped the preacher in his work.
6. It caused others to come to Christ, and say, "I believe that"; "I believe its philosophy"; "I believe that is enough to save a man."
7. It made life stronger for another week.
8. It removed stumbling blocks from sinners paths.
9. It pleased God and I was happy.
10. It caused others to say: "HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED!"

† If the world is ever to get on its feet again, the church will have to get on its knees again

Signs of Backsliding

1. When you grow bolder with sin, or with temptations to sin than you were in your more watchful state—then be sure something is wrong.
2. When you make a small matter of those sins and infirmities which once seemed grievous to you and almost intolerable.
3. When you settle down to a course of religion that gives you but little labor and leave out the hard and costly part.
4. When your God and Saviour grows a little strange to you and your religion consists in conversing with men and their books and not with God and His Book.
5. When you delight more in hearing and talking, than in secret prayer and the Word.
6. When you use the means of grace more as a matter of duty, than as food in which your soul delights.
7. When you regard too much the eye of man and too little the eye of God.
8. When you grow hot and eager about some disputed point, or in forwarding the interests of some party of Christians, more than about those matters which concern the great cause of Christ.
9. When you grow harsh and bitter towards those who differ from you, instead of feeling tenderly towards all who love Christ.
10. When you make light of preparing for the Lord's Day and the Lord's Table, and think more of outward ordinances than you do of heart work.
11. When the hopes of Heaven and the love of God do not interest you, but you are thirsting after some worldly enjoyment and grow eager for it.

SOME DONT'S for CHURCH GOERS

1. Don't just visit; worship.
 2. Don't hurry away; speak and be spoken to.
 3. Don't dodge the collection plate; give as God enables you.
 4. Don't stare blankly while others sing, read and pray; join in.
 5. Don't wait for an introduction; introduce yourself.
 6. Don't monopolize your hymnbook; be neighborly.
 7. Don't stay away from church because of company; bring them with you.
 8. Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect; how lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.
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WHAT YOUR DOLLAR SAYS

Dug from the mountain side, washed in the glen,
Servant am I or the master of men.
Steal me I curse you; earn me, I bless you;
Grasp me and hoard me, a fiend shall possess you.
Lie for me, die for me; covet me, take me;
Angel or devil, I am what you make me.

Test Question. Four high school boys, not yet into the spirit of the new school year, skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to their teacher that their car had a flat tire. Much to their relief, she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test this morning, so take seats apart from one another and get out your notebooks." When they had settled down, she said, "First question: which tire was flat?"

JACOB'S TWELVE SONS

In Genesis 49 you will find the names of Jacob's 12 sons. Try to find them in this word search. They may be backwards, up or down, across or diagonal. Circle each name when found.

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E	R	D	M	H	G	D	R	K	E
O	A	I	S	S	A	C	H	A	R
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No Time For The Bible

January — A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

February — Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

March — I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was elected president of the P.T.A. and he used me to prepare a speech.

April — Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading First Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than do some other people in my own household.

May — I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

June — I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full

of newspaper clippings — one of the girls was married.

July — They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

August — Still in the suitcase.

September — Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they.

October — They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick.

November — Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.

December — The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again — just as I am every Christmas.