

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

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I'M GLAD YOU ASKED

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters; 773,746 words; 31,173 verses; 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The word "Reverend" occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest, the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

A marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth. "Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Ephesians 5:33

It Takes so Very Little to Please a Child

We complain about the competition of television, deplore the plethora of sophisticated, over-realistic toys. Yet even as we provide them we notice that for the child himself nothing can destroy his own instinctive joy in simple things.

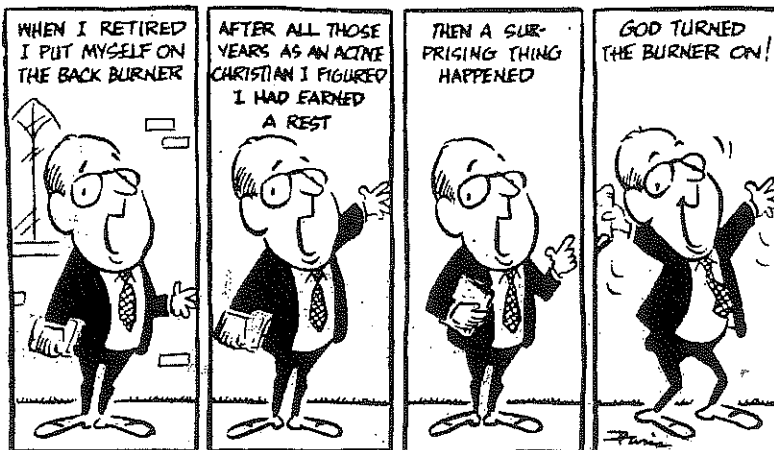
Such as: Swinging on doors . . . climbing into cardboard cartons and scrooching down to hide . . . dialing time or the weather . . . cutting pictures from a magazine . . .

Skipping rope, chasing a butterfly, throwing stones . . . helping mother roll out pie dough or daddy build a birdhouse . . . hunting four-leaf clovers . . . curling up on somebody's lap or at his knee and listening to a story.

Sometimes when we hear ourselves contrasting the simple pleasures of our own childhood with the way things are today ("We made our own wooden airplanes, we drew our paper dolls") let's pause to remember: It's only the adults who change; children will always be the same.

How long has it been since you've turned off the TV or resisted the impulse to provide another super-toy, and said; "Let's go for a walk . . . let's bake some cookies . . . let's read a story."

- Ben Holden



I DID NOT STAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

I came to Sunday school today, but I did not stay for worship services. By so doing:

I told my church I do not need it; I received all the spiritual power I needed during Sunday school.

I told the children in Sunday school it is not necessary for them to stay for church in order to be the right kind of church member.

I told the stranger passing by the church door that we do not like our worship program or our pastor's preaching.

I told my unsaved friend that I am not interested in helping him find Christ as his Savior. I realize that unless he is saved

I told God that I had seen enough of Him today. I do not care to sing praises to His name. I do not care to hear His Word read any more.

PERSONAL NOTE from Leonard Dice, Editor

My wife Sharon and I now have 39 great-grand children, 19 boys and 20 girls. Our grandson Michael and his wife Anna are the parents of a new baby girl named Alice Jojean, born on December 4. She joins her little brother Vincent. They all live in Nebraska. Grandparents are Kevin and Lori Dice, Washington, Iowa.

THE BIBLE, THE WORD OF GOD

Our Bible is our sword and shield --
Road-map to heaven too;
And every word and every verse
Is perfect and is true.

So precious are its promises
From first page to the last!
It tells about the future and
The present and the past.

The love of God is manifest
On every sacred page;
And oh what comfort and what joy
It gives in every age!

It tells about the Lamb of God
Whose blood was shed for me;
And what great price my Savior paid
To set my poor soul free!

Sweet blessed Book! My help and guide!
It lights the path I trod;
How God does bless 'cause I possess
This Holy Book of God!



Heaven

*When you get to Heaven
You will likely view
Many folks whose presence
Will be a shock to you.*

*But keep very quiet,
And do not stare;
Doubtless there'll be many
Surprised to see you there.*

The Bible is the Golden Milestone of the ages. It has been for thousands of years the grand center of all the noblest thought, purest love and holiest life of the world. All roads converge here. The great highways of human progress radiate from this shining center.

From this great Book proceeds the inspiration of the best literature, the most unselfish philanthropy, the most faultless morality which the world has ever known.

—Arthur T. Pierson

DON'T STARVE YOURSELF!

Several years ago in England a man wrote to the editor of the *British Weekly*. He said he couldn't remember any sermons preached in church and he questioned whether they were all that important. "I have been attending a church service for the past 30 years and have heard probably 3,000 sermons," he wrote. "To my consternation I discovered that I cannot remember a single sermon!" Many readers responded in the Letters to the Editor column, but this letter settled the issue: "I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals — mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago."

RUNNING FROM SIN

THE story is told of a young girl who accepted Christ as her Savior and applied for membership in a local church. "Were you a sinner before you received the Lord Jesus into your life?" inquired an old deacon. "Yes, sir," she replied. "Well, are you still a sinner?" "To tell you the truth, I feel I'm a greater sinner than ever." "Then what real change have you experienced?" "I don't quite know how to explain it," she said, "except I used to be a sinner running *after* sin, but now that I am saved I'm a sinner running *from* sin!"

"You're Going to Kill It!"

A devout preacher whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offering would be taken for missions and asked for liberal gifts.

A selfish, well-to-do man said to him, "You're going to *kill* this church if you go on saying 'Give.' No church can stand it. You're going to *kill* it!"

After the sermon, the minister said to the people, "Brother Jones

told me that I am going to kill this church if I keep asking you to give. But, my brethren, churches don't die that way. If anybody knows of a church that died because it has been giving too much to the Lord, I'll be very much obliged if my brother will tell me where that church is, for I'm going to visit it. I'll climb on the walls of that church and cry, 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord!'"

—The Expositor

WITHOUT DELAY!

Fred D. Jarvis

A heathen world now lost in sin
Must be our deep concern.
We must be moved to earnest prayer,
Our hearts with passion burn.

Why should we preach to hardened hearts
And Countless times retell
The truth that they have oft refused
While heathen go to hell.

Why should we preach a thousand times
To those within the fold,
And leave a thousand million souls
Unreached, unsought, untold.

In distant lands these millions die,
But friends, we are to blame
That they have never heard the truth
Of how the Savior came.

While millions in their lost estate
In darkness groan and grope,
We must proclaim the Saviour's Name,
He is their only hope.

O Christian friends let us arise
With speed the Gospel tell.
We must not let these dying souls
Go to a heathen hell.

We must in haste reach every land,
The near and far away.
These millions must be told of Christ,
Must hear without delay.

Go ye into
all the
World...



"THE WAY OUT!"

In 1849, Louis Harms, a discouraged pastor of a small, indifferent congregation, in a country church in Germany, after prayer and study of the Word, announced his purpose "to initiate a vital missionary program as 'the way out.'" The response of eight volunteers to the mission field started his program.

After seventeen years conducting the missionary enterprise, the little church, with barely 60 members enjoyed the unprecedented, perennial revival, of bringing 10,000 members into the church fold.

On the mission field by 1883, thirty years after the first missionaries sailed, 375 missionaries had established 30 mission stations gathering from the heathen 3,920 communicants and 8,520 adherents.

Contemplating going to the poorhouse thirty years ago, that struggling little church had been enriched until it was the envy of practically all of Christendom.

--Baptist Bible Trumpet