

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

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Faithful  
Men

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Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

II Timothy 2: 1, 2

No God  
No Love  
Know God  
Know Love

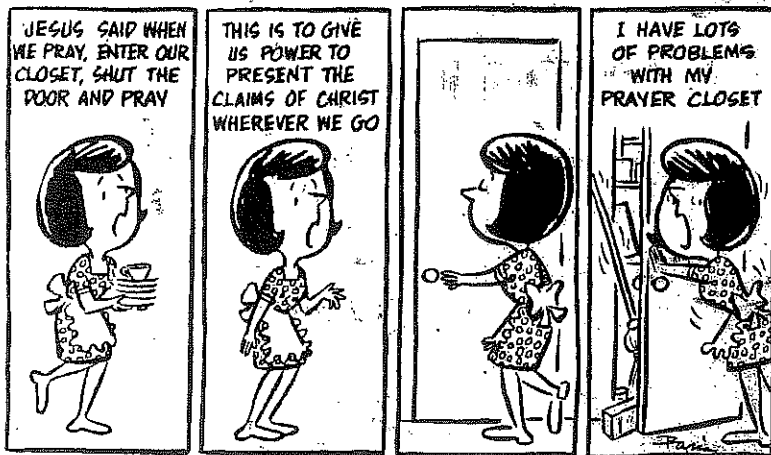
"For God so loved the world"...John 3:16

*Garments of righteousness  
never go out of style*

JOHN WESLEY traveled two hundred and fifty thousand miles in forty years; he preached forty thousand sermons; produced four hundred books; knew ten languages.

At eighty-three he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at eighty-six he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day.

He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.



### JUST A DAY IN A PIONEER CHURCH

I looked at Elaine, Elaine looked at me. We both looked at the clock. There could be no hiding the disappointment that must have been written over our faces. It was now 9:48 on a beautiful Sunday morning, and not a soul had showed up for Sunday School which was scheduled to begin at 9:45.

After all, we tried vainly to rationalize, it is Labor Day weekend, and folks out here in Montana take their vacations and holidays seriously. In fact, as a general rule, nothing interferes with the pursuit of pleasure. No, not even the Lord's Day -- or should I say, especially the Lord's Day.

There had been Sunday and Wednesday evenings when my wife Elaine, and son Bruce, were the congregation. But this was the first Sunday morning service and apparently no one was going to respond.

I am sure that passersby must have thought that I was an expectant father the way I was pacing up and down in front of the window. Well, the truth of the matter is that I was expectant. Was I destined to be disappointed?

And then they came! No, not thirty, but just three. Three little sisters, ages 6, 9 and 13, were the prettiest sight that this pastor's eyes had beheld in a long, long time. It's hard to explain but, you know, I couldn't have been more thrilled if it had been three hundred.

God sent those three little girls to us, not so much for what we would mean to them, but for what they would mean to us. And they meant so much -- and we were grateful

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II Peter 2:4

*The wicked shall be turned into hell,  
and all the nations that forget God  
(Psalm 9:17).*

II Peter 2:4

### JUDGMENT DAY



Will Jesus say on  
Judgment Day these words?

I know you went to college,  
And you've passed each I. Q. test;  
So I've reserved a place for you  
That's better than the rest.

And for you folks with riches  
I have mansions built of gold;  
And the angels I've assigned you  
Will do everything they're told.

As for you who were famous  
In music, arts, or sports,  
I have planned for you great honors  
Of every type and sort!

But if you were just average,  
And your skin not colored right,  
I must void your claim to heaven,  
For you're not a shining light.

So depart from Me forever  
All ye pilgrims cursed with strife;  
For just the proud and arrogant  
Have won eternal life!

Or -



Will Jesus say  
on Judgment Day  
these words?

I know your secret longings --  
All the things that you have done;  
And how you've been a helping-hand  
To almost everyone!

You were my faithful servant  
Who used all your talents well;  
And the good news of salvation  
To many you did tell!

I know you've been My witness  
To the lost and to the poor;  
And how each day you seemed to love  
Your Savior more and more!

I know that you were color-blind,  
For you knew I made each soul;  
And that sharing Me with others  
Was life's most precious goal!

I know that you were honest,  
Gracious, meek, and undefiled;  
And your love has been implicit --  
Like a dear little child's!

So claim your priceless treasures --  
On my right hand you may stay;  
For my Lamb's Book has you listed,  
And right now is Judgment Day!

# Bible Trivia Questions

Who am I? No one knows who my parents were but my name means "God is Jehovah." I did not write any of the books in the Bible. The fury of a woman one time filled me full of fear. I was one of two persons who came and talked with Jesus when He was transfigured. Some who were standing by the cross of Jesus thought He called for me.

(The Old Testament prophet named Elijah)

Once to every man and nation  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with falsehood  
For the good or evil side.

But to every man there openeth  
A high way and a low  
And every man decideth  
Which way his soul shall go.

## IT CAME TO PASS

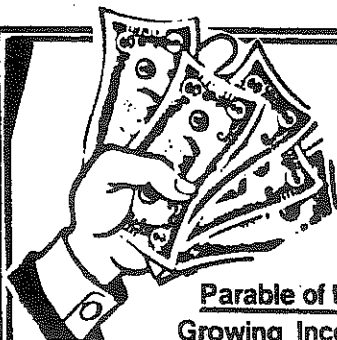
An elderly gentleman in the church had little formal education, but spent a lot of time with the Bible and was always finding things in the Scriptures that others missed.

At one service, the pastor asked those in the congregation for their favorite verses from the Bible. When it was the man's turn, he stated his favorite verse was, "And it came to pass. . . ."

All were puzzled, so the pastor asked if he would explain his selection a bit further.

The old gentleman responded, "When trouble comes and I don't know what to do, I take heart that the Bible never says, 'And it came to stay.' But it is chock-full of places where it says, 'And it came to pass.'"

---Hillsvale, VA



## Parable of the Growing Income

A man knelt with his pastor and asked for God's blessings as he committed himself to tithe. His income that first week was \$100.00, and his tithe was \$10.00. As the years passed, he became more and more prosperous, until his tithe reached the level of \$500.00 per week. Alarmed at the rising amount, he sought out his pastor and asked what he could do about the problem.

"When I made the promise, I only had to give ten dollars," he explained, "but now it's \$500.00. I just can't afford to give away money like that"

"I can see that you really do have a problem," the pastor replied. "Maybe we can kneel right here and ask God to shrink your income so you can go back to giving ten dollars a week again."