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

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We mutter and sputter We fume and we spurt, We mumble and crumble, Our feelings get hurt! We can't understand things, Our vision grows dim, When all that we need is, More time with Him!



MATHEMATICALLY it is a tenth. . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."-Gen. 28:22.

SCRIPTURALLY it is a law. "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase."—Deut. 14:22.

MORALLY it is a debt. "... Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."-Mal. 3:8.

ECONOMICALLY it is an investment. "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."-Matt. 6:20.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."-Luke 6:38: 🛴

SPIRITUALLY it is a blessing. "I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal.3:10.

#### NO YESTERDAYS

Life is like a calendar;

When a page is turned, it's gone. And no matter what you do next week. No yesterdays will dawn.

#### CHRISTIANS WHO FALL

Someone asked why so many Christians fall. Here is one answer in a parable: When a little boy was asked why he fell out of bed, he replied, "I quess it's because I stayed too close to the place where I got in."

### Thoughts For The Day

The greatest handicap: fear

The best day: today

The most useless asset; pride

The greatest mistake: giving up

The greatest comfort; work well done

The most disagreeable persons: the complainers 1

The worst bankruptcy: loss of enthusiasm.

#### A DUMB OLE COUNTRY BOY

I'm just a dumb ole country boy,
That ain't so very smart;
And when I talk I get mixed up,
My gears are hard to start:
It seems I don't have many brains,
Like other folks I know;
And when it comes to s'ciety,
My dumbness there I show.

I found it don't take brains, my friend,
The best in life to gain;
It's not your wealth or what you are;
Prestige you might obtain:
It only takes just simple faith,
Eternal life to find:
No matter who or where you stand,
There's grace for all mankind.

I went down to the jailhouse once
To witness for the Lord;
I told them how the Lord saved me-They sure looked mighty bored:
They nudged each other and they smiled.
They thought that I was dumb:
But they stayed in and I walked out,
When leavin time had come.

I'm still a dumb ole country boy,
I hope I'll always be;
Just dumb enough to trust the Lord
For all eternity:
And so I'll just keep travelin' on,
No brains and not too smart:
I'm just a dumb ole country boy,
With Jesus in my heart.

Walt Huntley

### Meal-time Prayer

We thank thee, Lord, for this our food; for life and health and every good; Let manna to our souls be given; The Bread of Life sent down from heaven.

Amen

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### HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH

- 1. Talk about your pastor in a critical manner. Repeat it often to others.
- 2. Make no preparation for your church responsibilities. Don't study your lesson or give any time to your duties as a committee member.
- 3. When you teach, tell your class how disappointed you are with their attendance and with what they're doing. Keep them discouraged.
- 4. Don't visit. This is what the church staff is hired to do.
- 5. Don't give. What does the church need money for, anyway?
- 6. Go other places on Sunday. Go anywhere but to church.
- 7. Show disrespect for church property. Leave the church building dirty and untidy. Drive nails in the wall and write in the hymnals.
- 8. Refuse to take a job in the church. Think how little time you have for yourself.
- 9. When you go to Sunday school, be sure to leave before the worship hour. Make this a habit.
- 10. No matter what proposal comes before the church, object to it! There certainly must be something wrong with it. Keep looking until you find it.

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THE AVERAGE MAN has five senses: touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing. The successful man has two more: horse and common.



THIS IS IMPORTANT. If you sit down with someone on a train, or a plane, or a bus and don't begin talking within the first five minutes, you probably won't speak at

all during the entire journey. As Christians who are interested in opening opportunities of witness, it is good to begin a conversation right at the start.

-Warren Webster

## FOR THOSE

## WHO LIVE Flone

I live alone, dear Lord, Stay by my side. In all my daily needs, Be Thou my guide.

Grant me good health.
For that indeed, I pray,
To carry on my work
From day to day.

Keep pure my mind, My thoughts, my every deed. Let me be kind, unselfish In my neighbor's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood, Malicious tongues From thieves, from fear, And evil ones.

> If sickness or An accident befall, Then humbly, Lord, I pray, Hear Thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low, Or in despair, Lift up my heart, And help me in my prayer.

> I live alone, dear Lord, Yet have no fear, Because I feel Your presence Ever near.

# WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- 1. Admit your sins Rom. 3:23
- 2. Repent Acts 3:19
- 3. Confess 1 John 1:9
- 4. Forsake Isaiah 55:7
- 5. Believe Romans 10:9
- 6. Accept John 1:12

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### IT, BUT

Faith isn't anything you can see.

It is not anything you can touch, but you can feel it in your heart.

... Faith is what keeps you trying...

when others would have given up.

It keeps you believing in the goodness of others,

And it helps you find it.

Faith is trusting in a power

Greater than yourself and knowing that whatever happens,

This power will carry you through anything.

It is believing in yourself,

And having courage to stand up for what you believe in.

Faith is:

Peace in the midst of a storm.

Determination in the midst of adversity and safety in the midst of trouble.

For nothing can touch a soul

That is protected by faith.

"Some simple tasks we do below will one day be no more, For heaven won't require them, for what God has in store. There'll be no need for scrubbing, there'll be no clothes to fold, Cause we won't need a clothesline as we walk the streets of gold. Some days earth seems so tiresome, our labors wear us down. But we won't take them with us-we'll trade them for a crown. One day we'll see our loved ones, we never more will roam,

And won't our hearts be joyful when the Savior takes us home."

## Amen!

Before listening to her young patients' heartbeats, a pediatric nurse at the hospital would often fit the stethoscope over their ears and allow them to listen first.

One four-year-old boy was awed by the sound. The nurse asked him, "What do you suppose that is?"

The child, a regular at Sunday School, answer, "Is that Jesus knocking?"