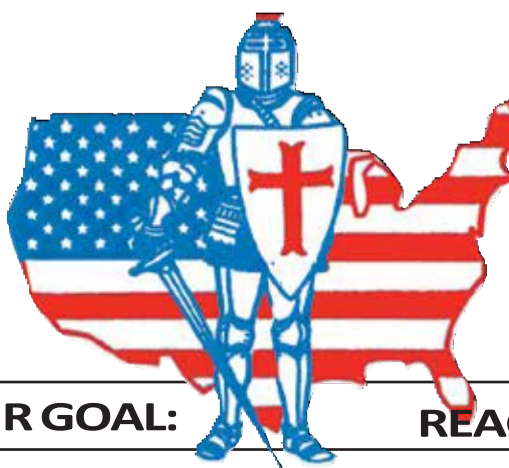




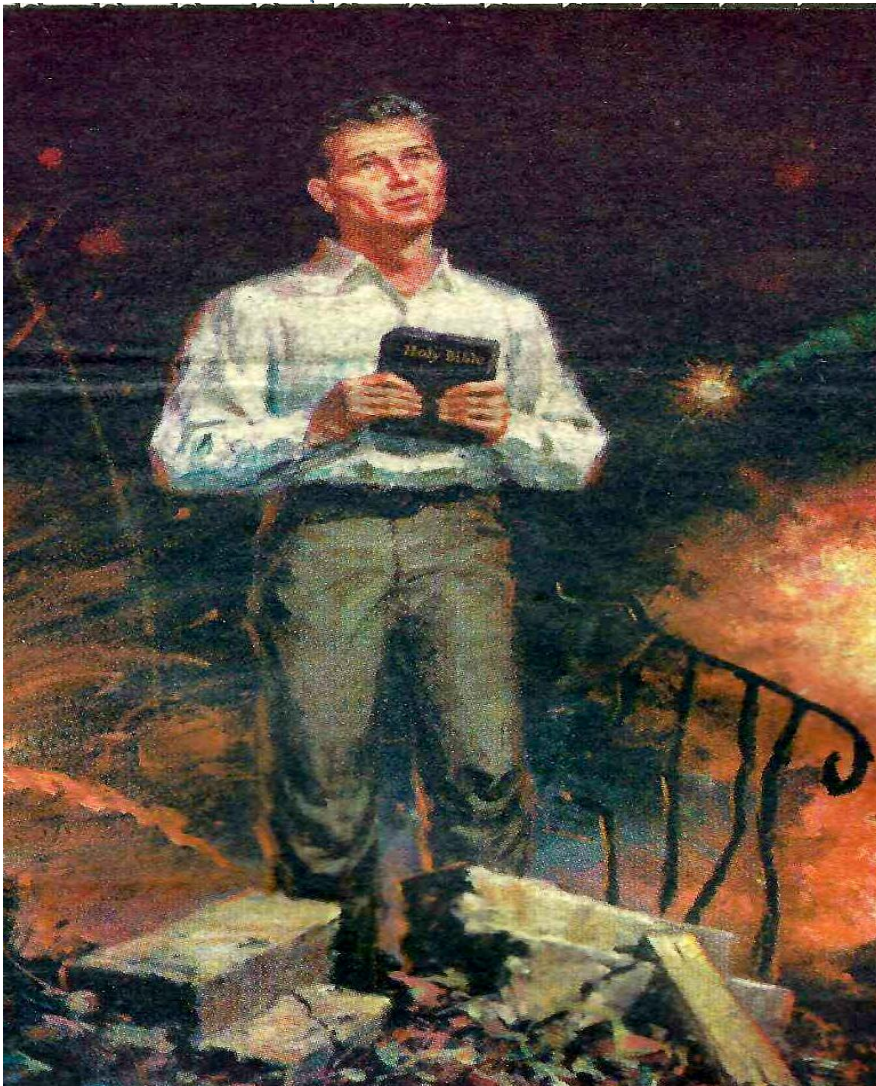
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The Bible Stands

*The Bible stands like a rock undaunted
Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with truth eternal
And they glow with a light sublime.*

*The Bible stands like a towering mountain
Above the works of men;
Its truth by none can be refuted,
And destroy it they never can!*

*The Bible stands and it will forever
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I'll obey.*

*The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its author is divine,
By grace alone I hope to live it
And prove it, and make it mine*

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**CHRIST IS
THE ANSWER**

Greetings to the Saints of God!

Pastor Junior & Brenda Tingle



Dear Readers,
I hope this letter finds you well and blessed. I want to share with you something that is continually on my mind. It is the urgent need to reach out to the lost. The lost are those who do not know Jesus Christ. They are those who are living in sin, darkness, and hopelessness.

They are those who are headed for eternal separation from God and His love. They are those who need the gospel, the good news of God's grace and forgiveness.

The Bible tells us that God loves the world so much that He died on the cross for our sins, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) The Bible also tells us that God does not want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) The Bible also tells us that Jesus is the only way, the truth, and the life, and no one can come to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6)

These are the truths that we have received and believed as Christians. These are the truths that have changed our lives and given us hope and joy. These are the truths that we are called to share with others. The Bible tells us that we are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20) The Bible also tells us that we are the light of the world, and we should let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16) The Bible also tells us that we are the salt of the earth, and we should preserve and flavor the world with God's love and truth. (Matthew 5:13)

These are the roles that we have been given as Christians. These are the roles that require us to reach out to the lost. These are the roles that demand us to be faithful and obedient to God's command.

The Bible tells us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. (Matt 28:19-20) The Bible also tells us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Jesus for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38 and teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us. (The Bible also tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to do good to everyone, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 5:14; 6:10)

These are the commands that we have been given as Christians. These are the commands that motivate us to reach out to the lost. These are the commands that enable us to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

My dear readers, I urge you to join me in this mission of reaching out to the lost. I urge you to pray for them, to care for them, to serve them, to befriend them, to invite them, to witness to them, and to lead them to Christ. I urge you to use your gifts, talents, resources, opportunities, and platforms to share the gospel with them. I urge you to be bold, courageous, compassionate, and humble in your approach. I know it is not easy. I know it is challenging. I know it is risky. But I also know it is worth it. I know it is rewarding. I know it is pleasing to God.

Remember what Jesus said: "There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Let us reach out to the lost with love and power. Let us reach out to the lost with urgency and passion. Let us reach out to the lost with faith and hope. Let us reach out to the lost for God's glory. Thank you for your continual prayers for this work of God and your support.

Sincerely, Brother Jr. Tingle

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Security In Stormy Times

When I consider the terrifying events of the end time as portrayed in the Book of Revelation, I am enthralled with the fact that man's antagonism to God has so little effect on affairs in heaven.

While a man of straw is strutting around on earth "showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2 :4), there is not so much as a tremor in heaven. Elders, angels, and cherubim unperturbedly continue to pervade the celestial atmosphere with holy adoration.

Of so little significance to God is man's effrontery against Him that He laughs at it! If there is such a thing as humor in the Scriptures, I think it is indicated by the attitude of God as described in Psalm 2 : "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision." So little does man's audacity disturb God.

Can you imagine God hurriedly rearranging heaven to guard against atomic fallout or anticipated invasion? Ulcers, frustration, anxiety, and fear are all unknown to God. In the light of the serenity of His eternal existence, how glorious is the Biblical promise to all who rejoice in the Lord and who trust in Him: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4 :7).

Sad to say, the stress and strain of the days in which we live have disturbed many. Their dilemma recalls the sorry picture depicted in Isaiah 59 : 10, 11 "We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men..

We look for salvation, but it is far off from us." But no one need grope like the blind in the midst of the present day confusion and distress.

FRIGHTENING NEWS OF THE DAY



Salvation is not far off from us. As the apostle Peter declared, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2 :21). Peter made this declaration on the Day of Pentecost. In his address he spoke of ominous events which would transpire in the "last days." He said that before the great day of the Lord comes, "the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood." But in saying this Peter was driving to the overriding conclusion "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." As the apostle viewed the end time, it was not the ominous which captured his attention, but the fact that the risen Lord is still reaching humanity with His saving power !

In spite of everything the gospel remains "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16). We find further assurance in John 1:5 which states, "And the light shineth in darkness,, and the darkness comprehended it not. "That light broke out on the Day of Pentecost, when tongues of fire

proclaimed to the world that the weakness of God is stronger than men, and that the foolishness of God is wiser than men (1 Corinthians 1 :25). It shines on in today's darkness, and happy are they who walk in the light of it. In that sordid picture which Isaiah painted, God not only consoles His people with the knowledge that He is greater than His own adversaries, but He states He is greater than theirs. He warms the hearts of those who trust Him, helpless though they may seem, by saying, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59 :19). In this glorious promise God is not speaking of heaven's defense against an enemy. He is speaking of man's defense the security of every child of God.

Is it possible for God to loom too large upon our horizon of faith? Silly question! Solomon said that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him. Yet we try to wrap Him up in the rags of human predicaments ! What we need to remember is that it is "not by might, nor 'by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Our repose as Christians is in the fact that God is God. A logical appendage to this fact is that it doesn't matter a whit what predicament we are in, if faith sees God in proper perspective !

For the child of God to be smothered by the heavy layer of futility covering the earth today is to be oblivious of the One who still sits upon the throne, whose ways are not our ways, and whose thoughts are as much higher than our thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth. (See Isaiah 55 :8, 9.) Above all of earth's pompous boasts and spit wad satellites, the predestined program which God ordained before the world began is soaring to completion.

Bathed in the love of God the people who know the Lord stand secure in the most troubled times, watched over by an Eye that never slumbers nor sleeps, upheld by the Everlasting Arms, the people of God may rest in peace. For it is written : "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever" (Psalm 125 :1. 2). Richard Philp

Speaking In Tongues

AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST

Let me relate one reason more why I believe that the speaking with other tongues is the evidence of the Baptism.

We have fellowship with all believers who love the Lord Jesus, and yet the Pentecostal movement is strangely ostracized by the churches. In spite of the fact that some hundreds of thousands of people have already received the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues, and also that the speaking with other tongues? is in exact conformity to the Word of God, the churches have opposed this movement. The opposition is exceedingly strong. For no other reason than that the person has spoken with tongues, has many an individual been excommunicated from a church, and yet there is no scripture to justify such an action, but rather to condemn it, for it expressly says: "Forbid not to speak with tongues."

Why should so vigorous an opposition arise against the speaking with tongues? If the churches that oppose the Pentecostal movement conformed themselves to the New Testament pattern and sought for the speaking with other tongues and received the like gift, their opposition would be the more forceful, but outside the Pentecostal movement, there is to be found hardly a single individual who has received the infilling of, the Spirit with this initial evidence. The keenness of the opposition makes one appreciate therefore the importance of the experience. Either the speaking with other tongues is absolutely and undeniably the evidence of the Holy Ghost indwelling, or it is absolutely and undeniably a counterfeit of God's gift! One must either be for it or against it. If we should deny the speaking with other tongues as the evidence of the Baptism, we should be in fellowship at once with those who oppose this movement. In accepting the evidence, we are cut off from the churches at large. Which course shall we take? The first thing we have to do is to search the Word of God and order our lives accordingly. In the Scripture, it clearly states that on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost fell, the disciples in the Upper Room were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Nor is this incident 'in Acts 2 an isolated experience. When Peter went down to Caesarea and preached to Cornelius and his household, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them that heard; and those who accompanied Peter were astonished because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost "For, they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46)..Again when Paul met certain disciples at Ephesus who had not been filled with the Holy Ghost, he laid hands on them, and the Holy Ghost came on them; "and they spake with tongues, and prophesied"(Acts 19:6). And Paul, in 1 Corinthians 14, reminds us that in Isaiah it is written, "With men of other tongues and other lips will (the Lord) speak unto this people."

When we refer to this passage in Isaiah 28 we note the Lord's comment on this manifestation: "This is the rest . . . and this is the refreshing." And further, the Lord in Isaiah 28:12 foretells the present attitude of Christendom toward this manifestation: "Yet they would not hear."

We therefore take our stand on the side of revealed truth and claim that those who receive the like experience as the Apostles did at the beginning, are baptized with the Holy Ghost.

A Hundred Ripples

Drop a stone into the water

In a moment it is gone

But there are a hundred ripples

Circling on and on and on.

Say an unkind word this moment -

In a moment it is gone

But there are a hundred ripples

Circling on and on and on.

Say a word of cheer and splendor -

In a moment it is gone

But there are a hundred ripples

Circling on and on and on.~

Author Unknown

Give Lavishly, Live Abundantly

**The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret
The more you do, unselfishly,
The more you live, abundantly ...**

**The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare
The more you love, the more you'll find**

That life is good and friends are kind ...

**For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.**

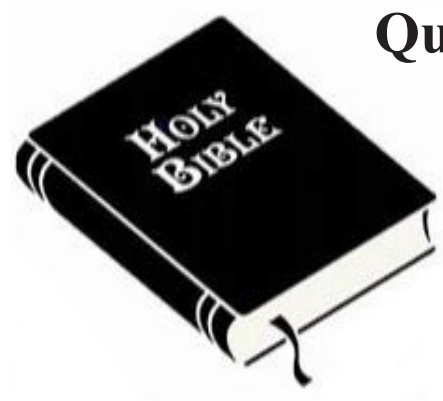
~ Helen Steiner Rice

The Bend in the Road

**Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And He knows it's only a bend -
The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.
So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load**

Encouragement

**Encouragement like flowers
Can brighten a way,
Turn storms into rain
Paint colors from gray.
Find good in the bad
Bring laughter from pain,
Lift up a spirit
Even loosen a chain.
Rainbows from darkness
Or a peek at the sun,
Blessings enjoyed
Or a moment of fun.
Sharing is easy
With a little each day,
Blossoms of joy
To brighten the day.
~ Jim Ness**



Questions & Answers

Question:

In the Bible we are told when you have done all you can to stand, stand how is that telling us how to stand

Answer:

The Bible verse you are referring to is from Ephesians 6:13, which says: "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." This verse is part of a larger passage that instructs Christians to put on the spiritual armor that God provides, such as truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the word of God. These are the weapons that we need to fight against the devil and his schemes.

An example of how you would stand in this context is to remain faithful and obedient to God, even when you face trials, temptations, or persecution. You would not give up or compromise your beliefs, but rather trust in God's promises and power. You would also pray and seek God's guidance and help in every situation. You would resist the devil and his lies, and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. You would stand firm in your place, fully prepared, immovable, and victorious.

Question:What can I do to trust God more?

Answer:

Trusting God more is a desire that many Christians have, Trusting God means relying on His wisdom, power, and goodness, and not on our own understanding or abilities. Trusting God also means obeying His commands and following His guidance, even when we don't see the outcome or the reason. Trusting God is a way of honoring Him and showing our love for Him. There are many ways to trust God more, but here are some practical steps that you can take: Pray to God. Prayer is a way of communicating with God and expressing our dependence on Him. We can pray to God about anything and everything, and ask Him for help, guidance, strength, peace, and more.

We can also thank Him for what He has done and praise Him for who He is. Prayer helps us to align our hearts and minds with God's will and to grow closer to Him. As the Bible says: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) 1

Read the Bible. The Bible is God's word to us, and it reveals His character, His promises, His plans, and His ways. The Bible also contains stories of how God helped people in the past who trusted Him. Reading the Bible helps us to know God better and to trust Him more. The Bible also gives us instructions on how to live according to God's will and how to avoid sin and evil. As the Bible says: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16) 1

Remember God's faithfulness. God is faithful, which means He always keeps His word and He never changes. He has proven His faithfulness throughout history and in our own lives. He has fulfilled His promises, He has answered our prayers, He has provided for our needs, He has protected us from harm, He has forgiven our sins, He has saved us from death, He has given us eternal life, and He has never left us nor forsaken us. Remembering God's faithfulness helps us to trust Him more and to be grateful for His love. As the Bible says: "Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies" Psalms 36:5

Question : Why do people have a hard time believing we are in the last days the coming of the Lord ?

Answer: Many people believe that we are living in the end times, as prophesied in the Bible. However, there are also many who do not believe this to be true. According to a recent survey about 39% of adults in the United States believe that humanity is living in the end times, while 58% do not .

There are many reasons why people may have a hard time believing that we are in the end times. One reason is that it can be difficult to accept that the world as we know it may come to an end. Additionally, some people may not believe in the religious texts that prophesy the end times

Another reason why people may have a hard time believing that we are in the end times is that they may not see any signs of it happening. However, there are many signs that some people believe point to the end times, such as natural disasters, wars and conflicts, and political unrest however the word of God plainly lays out the events of the last days that will be our source to show us where we are.

6 The Bridegroom's Coming

THERE IS EVERY REASON to believe this may be the final hour of the Church Age. God is bringing His ancient people back into the center of the world scene. The Israelis firmly believe they are living in the days of the Messiah. Their eyes are still blinded to the truth that Jesus of Nazareth is He; but just as surely as the Lord has restored them nationally, so surely will He restore them spiritually. "For the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel" (Micah 6 :2).

As we see the world ripening for the end-time judgments can we not hear the Spirit calling to all who name the name of Christ to draw near to Him and be prepared to meet Him in the clouds? How much longer He will tarry we cannot tell. The next great event on God's calendar may be the rapture of the Church preparatory to the marriage supper of the Lamb. It is time the Bride had "made herself ready" for her wedding to Christ (Revelation 19 :7) .

The hour in God's day of grace is growing late. The later the hour, the easier it is to become drowsy and begin to nod. It was at midnight that the cry was heard, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25 :6). The ten attendants, however, fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom. Their purpose was to escort him to the place of the wedding, where the bride was waiting, but he did not appear at the time expected. He "tarried"-and during the delay the attendants grew drowsy. We might be inclined to excuse the attendants for falling asleep at that late hour, but our Bridegroom expects better things of us. We are not the attendants; we are the bride. His admonition is to watch gregoi-eiw, "keep awake." He said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

It was not the bride who slumbered and slept; it was the attendants. Perhaps the bridegroom's delay made her restless, but she did not grow tired of waiting. She may have been a bit impatient, but she certainly was not drowsy. This was her wedding day. It was the event she had anticipated so long. Her heart was beating fast with excitement and her eager mind was wide awake. How unspeakably precious is the heart communion between Christ and the members of His Church, His bride ! There are times when the Spirit makes His presence so real it seems we could reach out and touch Him.

We are moved to pour our hearts out to Him in adoration and inexpressible love. The spirit of worship within us reaches such intensity it seems our hearts may burst! If communion with Him now is so wonderful what will it be when we see Him face to face, and hear His tender voice !

Are you a lover of Jesus ? Are you preparing yourself for the sacred nuptial day? As the hour draws near, yield yourself fully to your Lord and to His service. Abide in His love and let His Word abide in you. Let Christ "dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3 :17-19). Christ is coming for a bride who loves Him supremely, worships Him fervently, and serves Him with all her power. R.C.C.

Nothing Is Impossible

Nothing is impossible
With the Lord in our lives,
He causes doors to open
So we can walk inside

To brand new opportunities
We never knew before,
To a new exciting level
In our walk with the Lord

With faith in our hearts
And our hand in His hand,
We can cross any canyon
And through seas on dry land

For He will make a way
As in faith our walk begins
What seems to us impossible,
Is possible with Him

When feeling like it's all too much,
Remember in the past
How God had made a way for you
When you came to Him and asked

And He again will answer you
And show you so much more
As you keep on trusting Him
And walking with the Lord.

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

Joanna Fuchs

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving,
Between the Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors,
He worketh steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride,
Forget he sees the upper,
And I, the underside.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly.
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reasons why.
~ Author Unknown

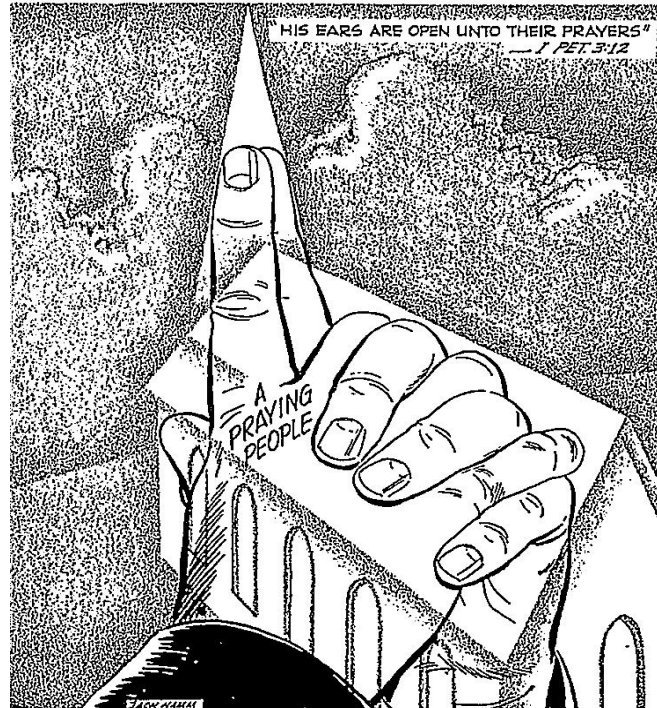
"And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength . . . God has always had a man whom He could use in critical times of the world's history. Such a man was Jehu. There came a day when King Solomon in all his earthly glory and splendor passed off the scene of life. His son, Rehoboam, came to the throne, but instead of easing the burdens of the people, he listened to the wrong counsel and made the load heavier. The people became more restless, and finally the kingdom was divided into two sections. The ten northern tribes, under the leadership of Jeroboam, separated themselves from the two southern tribes of Benjamin and Judah. These ten tribes retained the name of Israel, and the two lower tribes took the name of Judah. As these two kings failed God, they were removed from the scene and others followed, some of them serving the true and living God and others following the idolatrous worship of pagan gods. The day of wicked King Ahab came and passed, and Jehoram ruled in his place, a wicked and corrupt man.

Elisha, that great spiritual prophet being led of God, sent one of the sons of the prophets to anoint Jehu to be the next king of Israel. The young man went to Ramothgilead and there found Jehu in a council with the captains of the hosts of Israel. He led him into a private room and there told him of the plan of God. Jehu went back to his men and tried to conceal the mission of the young servant of God. He did not know how these men would receive this news that he was to be the new king of Israel. In the natural sense, Jehu had a good position the chief captain of all the armies of Israel.

That is one thing to be admired about this man. He was not seeking a great office. He seemingly had no desire to shoulder the responsibilities of a royal monarch. But after the captains encouraged him to tell all, he told them the truth. Once and for all, Jehu made the decision to go all the way for God. After this slight moment of hesitation, he was constantly driving toward his goal-the will of God. We can see him as he looks them in the eye and with grim determination informs them that he has been ordained of God and anointed to be the new king of Israel. His fears were useless. He had nothing to worry about. At once the men put their garments under his feet and blew the trumpets, by these acts signifying their pleasure at the new order

Jehu at once set out to accomplish his task. God had not only given him a commission to be king but had also sent the message that he was to destroy the wicked king Jehoram and his family. "God's man" Jehu set out in his chariot to the city of Jezreel, where he was to find Jehoram. As he came close to the city a watchman on the tower called down that a company

THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF A CHURCH



of men were coming. King Jehoram and the visiting king Ahaziah from Judah sent out a messenger to see what was causing the commotion.

The messenger came out and repeated the words he had been told to say. "Is it peace?" he cried. The question was brushed aside and the messenger was compelled to follow along with the company and was not permitted to go back and report on his mission. Another messenger was sent with the same question and achieved the same results. The watchman on the tower cried out to the fearful kings that the messengers had come to the troop and had not returned. Notice what that watchman said, "And the watchman told saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously." (11 Kings 9:20.) That phrase characterized this man Jehu- "he driveth furiously." After he had once given all for God, his purpose was sure and his goal certain. Someone has said that in our present age the situation is desperate but the people of God are not! Such is the sad truth. If there has ever been a time when God needs men who will drive furiously, it is today.

We have saints in many places who can only testify of the good old times long since past and the glorious by and by. God wants men to work here and now. One noted American evangelist today makes the true claim that many people in the church of the living God are trying to substitute a cushion for the cross, that they are acting like they were on an excursion but had better prepare for an execution. How true! How sad it is to hear someone always giving forth the idea that we cannot have revivals today like we once had. God has not changed! He is only looking for men and women who will drive themselves furiously along the path that He directs. Perhaps one man cannot bring a revival to the masses, but he can have the revival in his own heart and do much toward spreading it among others.

When Jehu arrived at the gates of the city, the wicked kings became frantic and rushed out in their royal chariots to meet him. The king who had lived a life of sin and moral degeneracy, caring nothing for the things of God, suddenly changed his tactics and asked, "Is it peace?" Then when he saw that his sinfulness and his worldly goods could not bridge the gap between him and his former chief captain, he turned and fled. "And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot." (11 Kings 9:24.) When this man drew the bow with his full strength, he hit the mark! The reason many don't accomplish spiritual goals might be due to the fact that they don't try hard enough. If Jehu had pulled back the bow with only half of his strength, the arrow would have fallen harmlessly at the king's feet, but he used his FULL STRENGTH! He hit the target. The devil is going around as a roaring lion, but we can shoot an arrow of faith into his evil intentions if we will pull back the gospel bow with our full strength.

There was once a man named Samson who was called of God yet he did not fully follow, his call. In fact He finally left God so far out of his life and became so entangled with the world about him, that he ended up in Gaza with his eyes put out, grinding at the Philistine mill. However, he repented of his wrongs and when the opportunity afforded it, Samson determined to accomplish one final work for the Lord. (cont on next page)

Full Strength Christians

He had a young Philistine lad lead him to the main pillars of the temple where the pagan worshipers had brought him to make sport. Then with a prayer on his lips he pulled back the "bow" with his full strength. We might say that he didn't use a bow. No, he didn't use a physical bow, but the principle was the same. He pulled back the bow with his full strength, and the temple came down and the idolatrous Philistines. He slew more of them at his death than he had killed in his lifetime. Today the Devil would like to blind our spiritual eyes and have us grind grain for the hordes of darkness. The world would like to see us fall and then make sport of us after we had become its prisoner, but if we walk with God we have a supernatural supply of His strength. As Jesus hung on brightness of the day a veil of sorrow, the disciples deserted their Master. They had been taught of Him for three years; they had heard His prophecies of His own death; now the day of sacrifice had come, and they could not remain faithful. The hordes of hell had chased the Lord from the manger to the cross, and now their fiendish plan was consummated by the death of the Savior. Where were His followers? Where were they who said they would remain faithful and true? They were in a room with the doors locked; they were afraid of the Jews. They thought that they could not afford to expose themselves. After all, their leader was in the grave. However, the grave loosed the Lord of Glory, and He walked again with those same disciples. Then He went away into heaven and sent the Holy Ghost to be their Comforter and source of power. When He came into their hearts on the day of Pentecost, they were no longer cowards hiding from their own shadows, but they received power to pull back the bow with full strength and shoot the arrow of faith into the camp of the enemy.

Peter, who had once followed afar off and denied God, cursing when he declared that he had never known the God-man, came to the front and delivered the message which thrills yet today the hearts of true saints of God everywhere. He pointed his finger in the face of the hypocritical Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes and preached Jesus to them. "Him (Jesus) being delivered by the determined council and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." (Acts 2 :23, 24.)

It isn't easy to pull back the bow and shoot the enemy. It takes full strength. But as one writer has said, we haven't been invited to a frolic but to a fight, a fight not against flesh and blood but against the powers and faces of darkness.

A young college student sitting at the foot of her grandmother's death bed, sarcastically asked me this question: "Why is it you Pentecostal people do everything the preacher says? I think the preacher is just like anybody else. He's no better than I am and I don't have to do what he says."

She went on to express herself, challenging even the authenticity of the Bible.

And so it must be answered! Why do we Pentecostals respect and honor the man of God so greatly? Does he have a right to delve into our habits and practices and have so much to say about how we dress and live?

God takes a weak man, empowers, emboldens and enlightens him, and puts the destiny of human souls in his hands. This man stands often in God's stead, becoming the voice of God as he speaks under the anointing of God. He is backed by every power in heaven and earth. We call him a pastor, because like a shepherd he watches over us, guiding us through life toward heaven. Everyone desperately needs a pastor!

The Galatians head Paul say, "Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus" {Galatians 4:13-14}.

History says Paul was small, ugly, had a shrill voice, bad eyes and there was nothing appealing about his bodily person. Yet they treated him as an angel of God. As an angel? Yes!

The pastor should be honored and paid due respect. Martha was worried about how the house looked when Jesus was there and Mary was concerned about Jesus' feelings and His teachings. Both were right, though one chose the better part and sat at His feet to listen. Zacchaeus made Jesus the honored guest by inviting Him to dinner.

So intent were the Galatians in their love, Paul said, "(you Galatians) would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me." All of this for a preacher? Why?

The Thessalonians were told {1 Thess: 5:12-13}, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the" Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake ... "

Paul told the Corinthians they should pay him well, that the minister should not be muzzled financially. The minister preaches the gospel and he should live from the gospel.

A local assembly can make a slave out of an angel by just letting the minister have the bare necessities of life. His value to the Lord's work is greatly depreciated when the pastor has to worry about finances. In fact, 1 Timothy 5:17-18 teaches that he is worthy of double honor in both respect and finances.

On the shores of the Mediterranean Sea there knelt a weeping, sorrowing company of men. Paul had called the Ephesian elders together at Miletus, reminded them of his work, honesty, and sacrifice among them, and gave them a charge to "Take heed unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." While he commended them to the care of God, he opened his calloused hands in their sight, showing them work-hardened hands that had served them. "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me" {Acts 20:34}.

Take a look at your pastor's hands. "These hands" have opened the Word of God to you, served the communion, held your hand in trouble and lifted you. We could say, "These feet, these eyes, this heart. .. "

What would you do if there were no pastor? The force of his personal diplomacy and the wisdom of his advice has often single-handedly kept you out of trouble. The strength of his work, which has so often proven right, guides you through rocky paths as God uses him in wisdom and knowledge. He can say with Paul. "To the one we are the savour of death unto death: and to the other the savour of life unto life."

Because you need him so badly, wouldn't it be right to always respect him, honor him, and obey him in the Lord?

A Positive Note

By: JAMES L. KILGORE

1 Cor. 14:78 -"And even things without life-giving sound, whether piped or harped, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? ... For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Indefiniteness forms no part of God's methods. His word is definite; His commands are definite' His promises are definite. Therefore, our obedience and our faith must be intelligent and definite also.

This is a day of compromise and indefiniteness as to almost every truth in the word of God, and every species of error is cloaked by a veil of indistinct utterances, which may mean anything, but which always go to favor that which is false.

We who sound the trumpet of the Lord God, whether it be the gospel to the world or the truth that edifies and gathers the people of God, should see to it that they understand distinctly whereof we speak. And that they utter in no obscure or uncertain way the testimony they have to deliver.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POSITIVE

The dictionary tells us it means "to be clearly expressed, actual, explicit; overconfident; dogmatical; settled; incontestable; not admitting of doubt; that which may be affirmed; reality."

Our lives should be positive. We should not live, and preach in the negative. We need definite convictions and stand upon them. Our yea must be yea and our nay must be nay.

One of our older ministers once made the statement, "Our liberal views today are more or less going to be our doctrines of tomorrow." If this be true then certainly the Church of tomorrow will depend upon the convictions of the youth today.

I have recently read an article written by a minister who sat in on the recordings between some army officials and of the soldiers who were taken captive as prisoners of war in the Korean war. One of the most outstanding discoveries was that those who had succumbed to the brain-washing program had no convictions about spiritual and moral matters.

Therefore they yielded to the brain-washing because they had no positive convictions.

POSITIVE ON THE DOCTRINE

1 Timothy 4:1, 4-16 -"Now the spirit speaketh expressly (Or clearly or distinctly), that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ... Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, a them that hear thee. "

We must be positive on the doctrine. This cannot be a hit or miss proposition. Our sounding out should be clearly that there is one God, and His Name is Jesus. There is one Faith, and that is the Faith of the Apostles that we are contending for today. There is one Baptism, and that is being born again of the water and the spirit even as Jesus instructed Nicodemus and later had its fulfillment on the day of Pentecost. The message Peter preached on the day of Pentecost is still the positive message for the world today.

POSITIVE ON HOLINESS

It seems there are many messages preached here of late on Holiness, and we read many articles written along those lines. But, there is too much at stake for us to be uncertain along these important lines. Look at other churches who have let off the standard of Holiness. No longer do you hear a positive note in their churches on this important subject. So many of them are no different from the world. They have become the spineless victims of the devil's brain-washing programs. Their resistance is gone.

If we allow our children to go to the picture show today, they will continue to do so tomorrow. Many mothers have allowed their daughters to wear blue jeans, shorts and cut their hair, thinking they were so young there would be harm. But many of the same mothers have wondered in later years why their children are unsaved. The example must be set now, not later. Our example must be positive for Holiness. I can remember how saints have testified through the years how God delivered them from the picture shows, yet many of the same ones who gave those



testimonies sit now in a darkened living room and watch the same movies on a television. Have we lost those good testimonies? Must the trumpet give an uncertain sound about this present day evil? We must speak distinctly and be clearly expressed about the matter.

OUR MINISTRY MUST BE POSITIVE

1 Cor. 9:26-27 -"/ therefore so run not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; But I keep my body and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway."

As far as the Apostle Paul was concerned this was no shadow-boxing experience. He was hitting at something; he was fighting against something; he was positive about his preaching.

The Apostle Peter meant the same thing when called before the council after the miracle healing of the lame man in Acts 4:18 ... "And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all not teach in the name of Jesus. " The Apostle answers in verse 20 ... For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. "There was no backing down. It may mean me harm, and it may mean me hurt, and people may not accept it, but we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard.

Our preaching must be with a positive note regardless what people think or say about it.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me..**

~ Psalms 23:4

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

"YE ARE EPISTLES" II CORINTHIANS 3:2

Epistles are sacred and ritualistic articles in the New Testament, usually a letter of an Apostle to a Church or individual. Paul spoke of the epistles he had written to the churches. Acts 15:32, 23:33; I Thes. 5:27, II Thes. 2:15, 3:14.

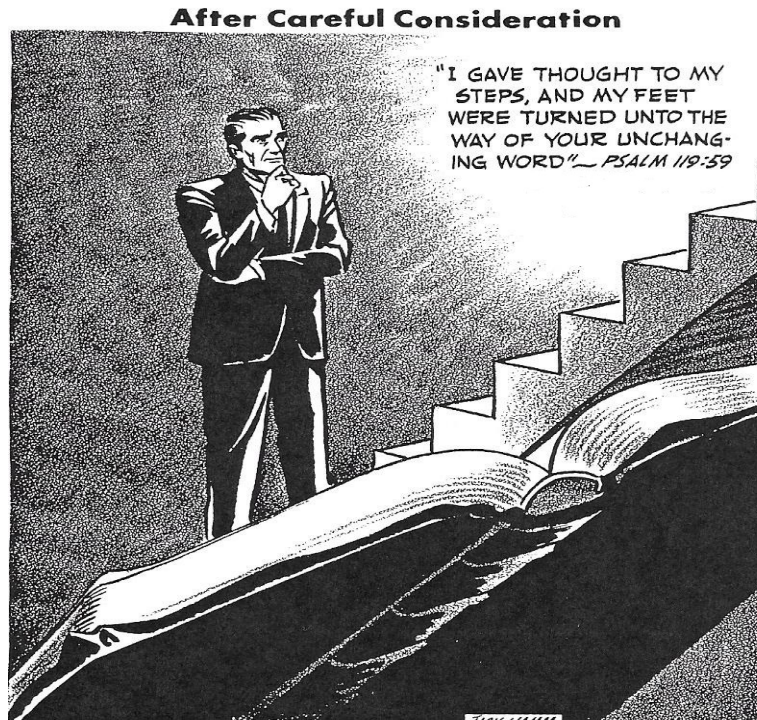
In the epistle written to the Corinthian Church, we read: II Cor. 3: 1-5 "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;"

There were some at Corinth who endeavoured to blast Paul's reputation. He apologized to them for sounding as if he were commending him-self. He said he was not desirous of vain glory. He needed no verbal commendation to them as some others did, meaning the false apostles and teachers. His life and ministry among them was without controversy, even though some thought it to be.

The commendation and good testimony for Paul from the Corinthians was that God was with him and that he was sent from God. This delighted Paul, and it was dear to him that the Corinthians were his epistles, "written and read of all men." Paul wanted all praise to be unto God, not assuming too much to himself. He said the Corinthians were the epistles because the law was written in their hearts. The epistle was not written with ink but with the spirit of the living God.

We are not sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God. What a privilege to be called as epistle of God, to be "written and known of all men."

It is said that people do not read the Bible but they read you. This really places a responsibility on anyone who calls themself a Christian. We must remember that we are making some type of impression, good or bad, on every-one. We are epistles. Acts 11 :26 tells us that the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. Christian means Christ-like.



The early Christians were ready to help, they gave themselves. They worked. They were not busy-bodies, nor did they live double standard lives. They lived only to manifest Christ to a lost world. God was manifested in the flesh when He came in His Son, Jesus. I Tim. 3:16. However, He is still manifesting Himself in the flesh by living in His people. These are born again men, women, boys, and girls whose lives are changed. This is not the Charismatic group who claim to speak in a heavenly language and then keep on living in sin. They continue drinking, smoking, cursing, dancing, and all worldliness that God hates. "If you love the world you are God's enemy." We must "come out from among them and be separate," saith the Lord. If men follow their old habits and do not change their lives, there is something wrong. God delivers from sin. Old things are left behind and one becomes a new creature.

How and why do we become enemies to those we tell the truth and reprove of their evil ways? They only profess and do not possess. Our daily walk and our conversation will reveal who we are. Pant suits are not for Christian women; neither is short hair. "You are an epistle, known and read of all men." The impression we make affects the church. Holiness and living a separate life is still God's standard. "You are epistles, written and known of all men." This includes your neighbors, your children, your friends, and your family. They know who you are. No wonder our world has lost confidence in religion.

The youth of today are looking for something that will change their lives and give satisfaction in this bewildered generation. They see that so-called religion has not changed the modern Church world. Obviously, they do not desire this. God still has men, women, boys, and girls who have been

delivered by this great salvation. They are epistles of the delivering power of God. They manifest a Christ-like spirit and shine as lights in the world.

Our state is a great state with a standard of holiness for which we can be proud. We are written and known by all men as epistles of straight preaching. Ye are Epistles.

By Mrs. W. Lawson Williams

Stand in faith

Even when you can't see your way Stand in faith

Even when you feel like you can't face another day Stand in faith

Even when the tears want to flow from your eyes Stand in faith

Knowing that our God will always provide Stand in faith

Even when you feel that all hope is gone Stand in faith

Knowing that He is always there for you to lean on Stand in faith

Even when you feel like giving up Stand in faith

Because He is there, saying, "Just look up" Stand in faith

Even in those times you feel so all alone Stand in faith

Hold on and be strong, for He is still on the throne Stand in faith

Even when it's hard to believe Stand in faith

Knowing that He can change your situation, suddenly Stand in faith

Even in those times you feel it's hard to pray Stand in faith

And believe that He has already made the way

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

So stand in faith

Because you already have the victory!

--Evangelist Johnny Chandler

God Is Even There

God is even there ~
Where it seems you shouldn't be
That place along your journey
Towards your destiny

That place where things look strange
Where right before your eyes
You're going through some trials
That you just don't recognise

God is even there ~
Your valley's not too low
He listens to your prayer
He wants to let you know

It may look this way now
"There is no rhyme or reason"
This may be how you feel
But friend, it's for a season

For all things work together
To those who love the Lord
They work together for good
So you can be assured

He promised never to leave you
You may not understand
Just trust your Heavenly Father
Tomorrow's in His hand

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What Will Matter

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to
someone else.
Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.
So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to do lists will expire.
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.
It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at
the end.
It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.
So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?
What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got
but what you gave.
What will matter is not your success but your significance.
What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.
What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that
enriched,
empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.
What will matter is not your competence but your character.
What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a
lasting loss when you're gone.
What will matter is not your memories but the memories that live in those who
loved you.
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.
Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.
Choose to live a life that matters.

ONE

One tree can start a forest;
One smile can begin a friendship;
One hand can lift a soul;
One word can frame the goal;
One candle can wipe out darkness;
One laugh can conquer gloom;
One hope can raise your spirits;
One touch can show you care;
One life can make a difference,
be that one today.

The Voice

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long,
"I feel that this is right for me,
I know that this is wrong."
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
Or wise man can decide
What's right for you - just listen to
The voice that speaks inside.

If You Think You Are Beaten

If you think you are beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win but think you can't,
It's almost certain you won't.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later, the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.

Hard Preaching

Howard Goss

Excuses

You quit going to church,
When you were offended some way,
But when offended at work,
You go back the next day ..

You don't go to church,
When you don't feel just right,
But then during the week,
You go somewhere every night.

You don't go to church;
Services are too long you say.
But at your favorite sport,
You sit there half a day.

After working all week.,
You must rest one day,
So it's the Lord's day you take.,
To stay home to work and play.

Now you don't go to church,,
Because of hypocrites you know,
But if you 're not born again,
You don't go to church

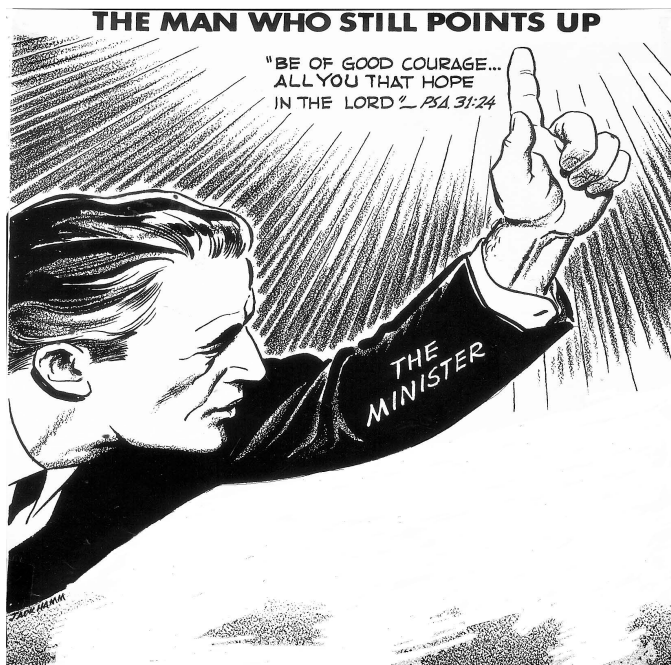
If it just rains a bit,
Or if relatives or friends
Drop in for a visit.
You don't go to church,

But, "I'm saved,"you say.
If God is your Heavenly Father,
Why not visit Him on His Day?

A wise minister usually tries to get his audience warmed up in some way or manner before he begins to hammer the gospel home. This is especially true if his message is along lines generally called Hard Preaching, by which is meant that he is forcefully driving home to the hearts of the hearers a message on the lines of holy living.

Forceful and hard preaching in a cold audience is like a blacksmith hammering cold iron. You can shape cold iron, but it is so much easier to mold it when it is hot; to hit cold iron with sledge hammer blows may break it instead of shaping it into whatever is desired. Let us always remember to do our best to get our audience warmed up good by prayer and worship, and some good illustrations of the love of God.

Jesus said that we should, Make disciples of all nations, and to do this the prejudices must be removed and the emotions aroused before the Word of God can get into the human mind and heart. The reason is that the Lord works only when our emotions are aroused and conviction grips the heart.



Jesus in His teaching used many illustrations to appeal to the natural mind, then brought spiritual truths home to the hearts of the hearers. He aroused their mental and emotional appetites so as to give and feed them the bread of life. He always took advantage of the circumstances and opportunities, such as sowing, fishing, meals and fasting. It was during one of the feast days (while the people were fasting) that He gave those wonderful words of truth in John 7 :37-39, In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He knew that the people were hungry and thirsty for they had had nothing to drink that day, and no doubt it was hot and dusty. Many believed in Him because of the saying.

When we preach the crucified Christ we should endeavor to have a crucified life ourselves and have a humble and contrite spirit. Jesus said that He was meek and lowly and His disciples should be the same. We must not drive and whip the people, but as a shepherd lead them with kindness cattle are driven, sheep are led. Do not try to rule your congregation with an iron list, or hand, or with harsh and stern words, have love and compassion as your Master had, for He was the embodiment of love, tenderness and compassion.

For The Heart

My heart needs Thee, O Lord, my heart needs Thee !
No part of my being needs Thee like my heart !

All else within me can be filled with Thy gifts.

My hunger can be satisfied by daily bread.

My thirst can be allayed by earthly waters.

My cold can be removed by household fires.

My weariness can be relieved by outward rest.

But no outward thing can make my heart pure.

The calmest day will not calm my passions.

The fairest scene will not beautify my soul.

The sweetest music will not make harmony within.

The breezes can cleanse the air; but no breeze
ever cleansed a spirit.

This world has not provided for my heart. It has
provided for my eyes; it has provided for my ears;
it has provided for my touch; it has provided for my
taste; it has provided for my sense of beauty but it has
not provided for my heart.

Provide Thou for my heart, O Lord!

George Matheson.

**Count your blessings
Instead of your crosses
Count your gains
Instead of your losses
Count your joys
Instead of your woes
Count your friends
Instead of your foes.**

A Hundred Ripples

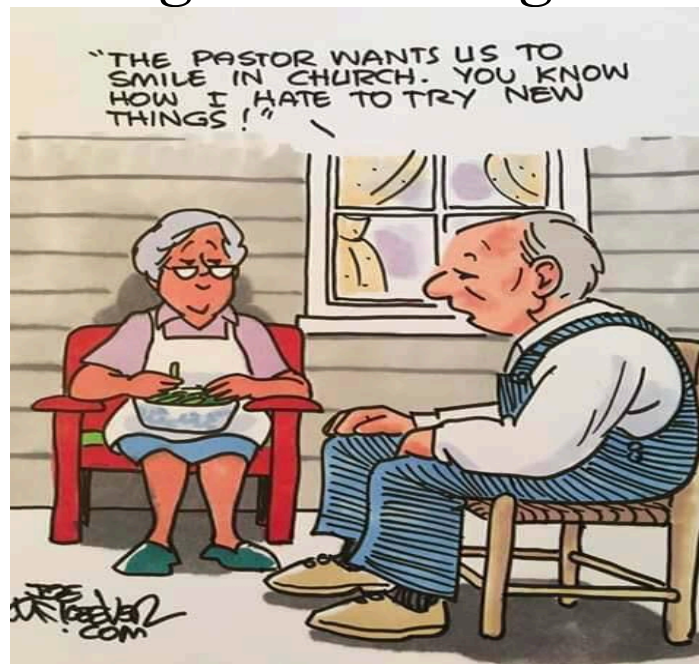
Drop a stone into the water
In a moment it is gone
But there are a hundred ripples
Circling on and on and on.
Say an unkind word this moment -
In a moment it is gone
But there are a hundred ripples
Circling on and on and on.
Say a word of cheer and splendor -
In a moment it is gone
But there are a hundred ripples
Circling on and on and on.

~ Author Unknown

Take It With You

"You cannot take it with you"
We hear some people say"
And so they lightly squander
What they've gained in life's short day.
But the truth of such an adage
As yet I've failed to find;
And I plan to take "it" with me
It'll not be left behind
Our status in the future
Those never ending years
Is the product of the way that
We spend our substance here;
A misspent life wilt follow
To prey upon the mind
Of all who face God's judgment,
They'll not leave that behind!
The "rich man died ... was buried,"
The sacred Scriptures tell;
Too late he asked for mercy,
Lifting up his eyes in hell,
When in the flames tormented
For some relief he whined;
Since haunting ghosts of memory
He could not leave behind.
But righteous deeds and holy
In God's "show-up" will appear;
And seeds of acts unselfish
That we have scattered here
We'll harvest in the future,
As golden sheaves to bind;
They'll follow us to heaven
They won't be left behind.
True riches of this lifetime
Are not mere lands and gold,
Nor forms of worldly pleasure
That some so tightly hold;
Let's look at all things earthly
With eternal views in mind,
For true and lasting riches
We will not leave behind.
Lord, help us use our substance-
Our talents and our time,
That when we've made our move
To heaven's blessed clime,
We'll not regret one moment
Through all this earthly grind
As we meet them. over yonder
For they won't be left behind!
Clarence Way

Thought Provoking Gems



Nothing Is Impossible

Nothing is impossible
With the Lord in our lives,
He causes doors to open
So we can walk inside

To brand new opportunities
We never knew before,
To a new exciting level
In our walk with the Lord

With faith in our hearts
And our hand in His hand,
We can cross any canyon
And through seas on dry land

For He will make a way
As in faith our walk begins
What seems to us impossible,
Is possible with Him

When feeling like it's all too much,
Remember in the past
How God had made a way for you
When you came to Him and asked

And He again will answer you
And show you so much more
As you keep on trusting Him
And walking with the Lord.

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Broken Pieces

**If you are broken by life trials
and weary from life's defeats.**

**If you have been badly battered
and have no joy or peace.**

**Give God your broken pieces
so He will mold them back in place.
He can make them better than
before**

**with a touch of His sweet grace.
If your dreams have been shattered
after much struggle and pain.**

**Even if your life seems hopeless
God can restore you again.**

**God can take broken pieces
and He can make them whole.**

**It matters not how badly broken
God has the power to restore.
So we are never without hope
no matter the shape we are in.**

**God can take our fragmented lives
and put them together again.**

**So if you're broken beyond measure
and you don't know what to do.**

**God specializes in broken things
so His glory can shine through.**

--Lenora McWhorter

The thorns I have reaped are of the tree I planted.

Cheap things are never counterfeited.

It is easier to bear injuries than to revenge them.

Talking too much often follows thinking too little.

All that you will have when you go will be what you
have shared with others.

If you can hold your tongue you can hold your temper.

Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go
and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and
the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our
bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go
back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies.
"Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away
and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either
comin' or goin'!"

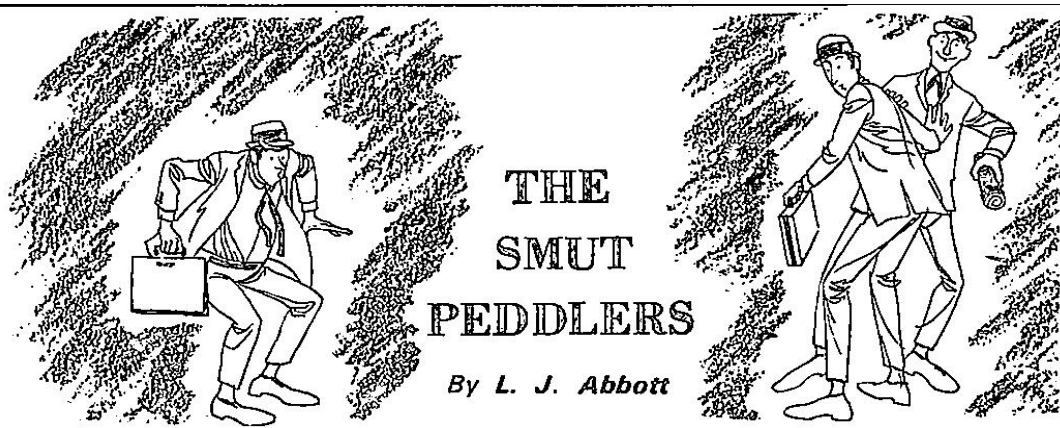
God's Eternal Blessings

God's eternal blessings
Flows down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love

So He can always use us
And stretch us in our faith,
So we may be a blessing
To others by His grace

For everything we need,
God will graciously provide,
Through His eternal blessings
That's abundant in our lives.

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This is a day when the art of mass deception has nearly reached its peak. What you see on the surface is not always what you will find underneath.

In the field of modern writing this skill is used to full advantage. We have a new breed of writers, or so called authors in our midst. They are masters of the smear tactics. They can proceed from a half truth or a simulated injustice and blow it up out of all proportion. They play on the surface sympathy of the public with a sordid tale of an unfortunate harlot or a confirmed libertine and make a hero or heroine of them.

In the process, they attempt to pull down every decent thing that exists around the simulated injustice. They are past masters at casting a shadow upon everyday virtue, purity to them is a sin, and base passion is a virtue. Every decent person should awaken to the terrible onslaught against Christian principle. Just as Godly men were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the Word of God, so men of diabolical spirit are inspired to write a gospel of deception.

They glibly call it the age of reason and of public enlightenment. They press their filth upon our educators, who in turn, in many cases make it required reading for our children. If a minister or an aroused people take exception to the printed or displayed filth, they are cleverly portrayed as enemies of academic freedom of expression, and are ridiculed before the public.

The modern writers of today in carrying their banner for freedom of censorship, impose their foul philosophy upon all they can reach. They make sex the center of the universe. they place a harlot on the throne as their goddess. The modern best seller is their bible, and the extra marital adventure is their

salvation. They publicly and boldly describe every perversion in the most lurid manner possible.

With the printed page and the art of photography in their hand, they have long ago outdone the Roman Empire in its most decadent state. They have reached every level of society with cheap paperbacks. The supermarket and the corner drug store distribute the poison and only God knows the extent of the terrible harvest.

The conspiracy of evil leaves nothing alone. They hate good and attack the source of good or God Himself. They label His book (The Bible) as an archaic collection of fables, and the followers of the book as Victorian prudes.

Four letter words make up most of their vocabulary, and they glory in their power to swing the public over to their way of thinking and away from the time tested principles of morality.

I am shocked, shamed and troubled when I face the lurid book racks in our stores. The harvest of crime in this favored country is a sad commentary on the results of the display of filth.

For less than this an ancient world expired in the flood of God's wrath. The vain and unnatural citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah became cinders as they writhed and twisted under the onslaught of melted molten rock that flowed like a river of judgment. When any government will close their eyes to the seduction of our youth through the printed page, and evil suggestion by radio or television, then judgment cannot be far away. "In last days perilous time shall come, without natural affection. incontinent, fierce, despiser's of those that are good, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God from such turn away 11 Timothy 3. Is your soul vexed with this unrighteousness God cannot withhold his judgment too much longer. Your only safety is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Call Upon Him today!

Give Me The Truth

If you are my friend, if you are concerned about my soul, give me the truth. Do not flatter me. Do not praise my virtues while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear that the truth will offend me. Do not treasure our friendship, our friendly relations, above my salvation. Do not think that by ignoring my sins you can help. Do not think that being blind to my sins will prove yourself charitable. However I may react to it whatever may be my attitude toward you after you have done it, give me the truth! For the truth, and only the truth, can make men free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathway of righteousness and lead me to the joys of heaven. If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful; if I have been overtaken in a trespass, if I have been drawn into the pleasures of the world; if I have left first love; if I have been led astray by error; or if I have done none of these, but simply need to grow in knowledge and be edified, give me the truth!

by B. Crews

Truth Is Binding

When a religiously honest man sees that he is mistaken, he ceases to be one of two things: either he ceases to be honest or he ceases to be mistaken. He cannot remain in error and retain his honesty. Many religious people have remarked, "Well, I don't believe everything my church teaches." If the church of which you are a member is in error, then you are obligated to either change that church or get out. Truth can have no fellowship with error. We must not give aid to any false teacher (2 John 9-11).

Truth Will Judge

In the resurrection day, you will not be judged by what your mother believed, what your father taught you or by what everyone else was doing at the time. You will be judged by the words of Christ (John 12:48). What you know about the truth and your reaction to it will determine what He will say to you on that final day. This newspaper will always give you that truth from the word of the Lord, pass it on so others might also be receive the truth.

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