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Work & Success

"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tributes."

- Proverbs 12:24

WORKING
WILL!

"(Personal) Industry is the way to preferment. Solomon advanced Jeroboam, because he saw that he was an industrious young man, and minded his business (1 Kings 11:28).

Men that take pains in study and serviceableness, will thereby gain such an interest and reputation as will give them a dominion over all about them, by which means many have risen strangely.

He that has been *faithful in a few things* shall be made *ruler over many things* (Matthew 25:20-23). ... and those that are diligent when they are young will get that which will enable them to rule, and so to rest, when they are old. Those who are diligent and honest when they are apprentices, will come to be masters; but those that are otherwise are the fools which, all their days, must be *servants to the wise in heart.*"

- Matthew Henry Commentary

Thankful for Work

"Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, *whether you like it or not.*

Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and contentedness, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never knew." - Charles Kingsley

"... extending ...

unemployment compensation benefits decreases the incentive to get out and look for a job."

APPRECIATION for a Job

"The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without it."

MOTIVES for Lying

"The fallen human heart is not ultimately committed to truth. It believes what it wants to believe, and there are many motives for believing a lie, including financial gain, pride, prestige, conformity, and security or avoiding trouble." - copied

"If you come into the church ... and expect to get among angels, you will be mightily mistaken; and if the brethren should receive you, and hope that they are receiving angels unawares, they will be mistaken, too."

"A do-nothing professor is a merely nominal member, and a nominal member is a real hindrance. He neither contributes, nor prays, nor works, nor agonizes for souls, nor takes any part in Christian service, and yet he partakes in all the privileges of the church. Is this fair?"

Mom's 'Golden' Rule

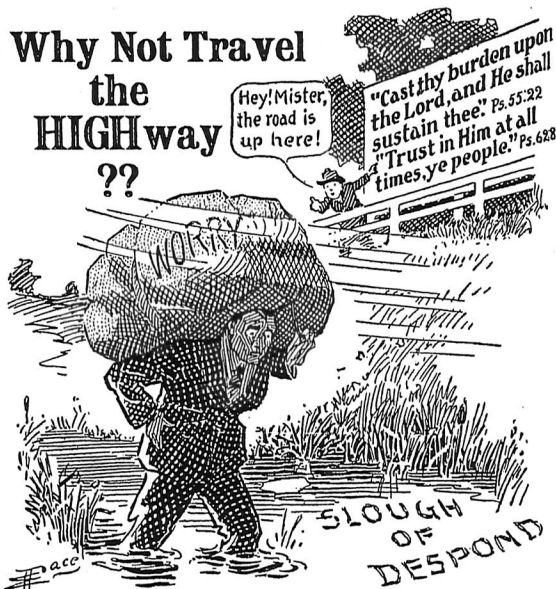
"While my mother believed in the *Golden Rule*, she also advocated a second maxim, which she termed her *Iron Rule*:

"Don't do for others what they wouldn't take the trouble to do for themselves!"

**"Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
and why art thou disquieted within me?
hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
who is the health of my countenance,
and my God." - Psalm 42:11**

Why Not Travel

the
HIGHway
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"Don't judge a church by its worst example."

"Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies."

"Never miss an opportunity to keep your mouth shut."

"It is hard for an empty sack to stand upright."
- Benjamin Franklin

"What psychotherapy attempts to improve or heal, God has already condemned."

"Man's freewill is part of God's Sovereign will."

"Most of what is called 'Christianity' today has been made too popular to be genuine."

**"COURAGE is the mastery of fear,
not the absence of fear."**

"God gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him."

"The Bible is unimproveable."

"It is impossible to send the gospel to the wrong place."

Divisions, Differences & Contentions between the Godly and Ungodly

There are going to be differences, even conflicts, between people who are Christians and those who are not.

Because there is such a difference between them in lifestyles, there is an understandable and expected natural and spiritual uneasiness between the two.

The Bible includes many verses showing this. As you read these verses, notice words such as *'contend', 'against', 'abomination', 'avoid', 'separation', 'difference', 'profane',* etc.

Luke 12:51

(Jesus said), "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather *division.*"

Proverbs 28:4

"They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law *contend* with them."

Proverbs 29:27

"An *unjust man* is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked."

Ezekiel 22:26

"Her priests have *violated* my law, and have *profaned* mine holy things: they have put *no difference* between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean ... "

Psalms 94:16

"Who will rise up for me *against* the evildoers? or who will stand up for me *against* the workers of iniquity?"

1 Peter 2:12

"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that whereas *they speak against you* as evildoers ... "

Jude 3,4

"... exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith ... "

Ezra 9:1

"... The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not *separated* themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations ... "

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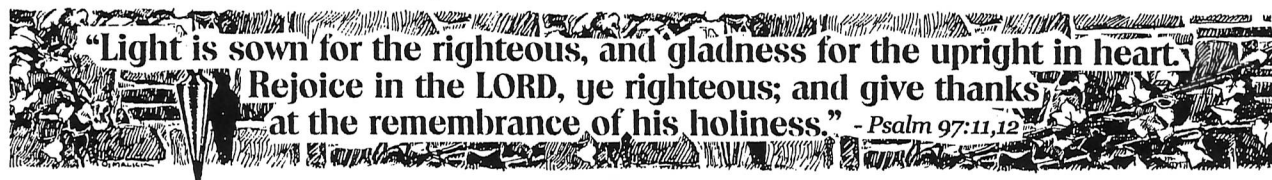
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Romans 16:17

"Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary ... and avoid them."

II Corinthians 6:17

"... come out from among them, and be ye *separate*, saith the Lord ... "



"Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

**Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks,
at the remembrance of his holiness." - Psalm 97:11,12**

Two Kinds of Forgiveness

If a Christian's sins are forgiven, why do they need to 'confess' them?

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins ...", 1 John 1:9

"This is because there are two kinds of forgiveness: (1) Judicial forgiveness; and (2) Paternal or parental forgiveness. To put it simply, *Judicial* forgiveness is the forgiveness of a judge, and parental forgiveness is the forgiveness of a father.

Judicial forgiveness takes place once-for-all at the time of conversion; *parental* forgiveness takes place every time a believer confesses and forsakes his sin.

The first term is taken from the courtroom and the second from the home."

- copied, William MacDonald

"The Bible, rightly understood, is the voice of God."

The DIGNITY of Labor

LABOR raises honest sweat;
Leisure puts you into debt.

LABOR gives you rye and wheat;
Leisure gives you naught to eat.

LABOR makes your riches last;
Leisure gets you nowhere fast.

LABOR makes your bed at eight;
Leisure lets you stay up late.

LABOR makes you swell with pride;
Leisure makes you shrink inside.

LABOR keeps you fit and prime; but
Leisure steals from you every time."

- Robert Bersohn,

'The Norton Book of Light Verse'

FROM
THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Bible Claims

"Over 2,000 times the Old Testament claims to be the Word of God; and the New Testament makes the same claim 500 times."

- Fred John Meldau

Pornography

"A study from German researchers ... show that viewing pornography could harm the brain by shrinking it and reducing neural activity."

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Los Angeles Threatens

"The California city of Los Angeles is threatening Pastor John MacArthur and his church with jail or \$1,000 daily fines for non-compliance with the mandate to not congregate for church services."

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Euclid

"The city of Euclid is named after ... Euclid, sometimes called Euclid of Alexandria, to distinguish him from Euclid of Megara, who was a Greek mathematician, often referred to as the 'founder of geometry' or the 'father of geometry'. He was active in Alexandria during the reign of Ptolemy I (323-283 BC).

CALIFORNIA CHURCH REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH RENEWED LOCKDOWN ORDERS

Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, pastored by John MacArthur (age 81), is defying the governor's new orders banning church services. The church met on Sunday, July 26, with a full house.

Following is MacArthur's statement on the matter: "Christ is Lord of all. He is the one true head of the church (Ephesians 1:22; 5:23; Colossians 1:18). He is also King of kings - sovereign over every earthly authority (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; 19:16). Grace Community Church has always stood immovably on those biblical principles. As His people, we are subject to His will and commands as revealed in Scripture. ... God has established three institutions within human society: the family, the state, and the church. Each institution has a sphere of authority with jurisdictional limits that must be respected. A father's authority is limited to his own family. Church leaders' authority (which is delegated to them by Christ) is limited to church matters. And government is specifically tasked with the oversight and protection of civic peace and well-being within the boundaries of a nation or community. *God has not granted civic rulers authority over the doctrine, practice, or polity of the church.* ... When any one of the three institutions exceeds the bounds of its jurisdiction it is the duty of the other institutions to curtail that overreach. ... It is apparent that those original projections of death were wrong and the virus is nowhere near as dangerous as originally feared. Still, roughly forty percent of the year has passed with our church essentially unable to gather in a normal way. Pastors' ability to shepherd their flocks has been severely curtailed. ...

Therefore, in response to the recent state order requiring churches in California to limit or suspend all meetings indefinitely, we, the pastors and elders of Grace Community Church, respectfully inform our civic leaders that they have exceeded their legitimate jurisdiction, and faithfulness to Christ prohibits us from observing the restrictions they want to impose on our corporate worship services" (John MacArthur, "Christ, not Caesar, Is Head of the Church," July 24, 2020, gty.org).

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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How to Understand the Bible

The other issue involved in understanding the Bible is simply this: to find the Truth, you must first decide to obey it, whatever it is. We fail to understand the Bible, not because it is hard to understand, but because it is hard to obey! And our own perverse nature then makes up excuses, even blaming the Bible itself, rather than admit our own disobedience. If the problem were really the difficult King James Version, then by now, with all these easy versions around, the quality of Christianity would be much improved! If that has happened, I haven't noticed it yet where I live. - copied

COVID-19 Info

To get some accurate and up-to-date information on the Coronavirus, see www.wayoflife.org "Coronavirus Good and Odd News" (literature - home page).

ALSO reference
www.flattenfear.com

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

- II Timothy 1:7