

MAY 2019



SUPER SIXTIES



Memory IS PRECIOUS

My mother stands beside me,
Though she's been gone for years.
My thoughts of her, though wistful,
Brings smiles instead of tears.

A recipe grease - spattered,
Marked "good" in her writing dear.
A favorite quote heard once again
Makes me feel that she is near.

Attitudes implanted
By loving example set
Still serve me daily,
And I know she's with me yet.

~Patty McCoy Horton



FOCUS -Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with the patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin. (Hebrews 12:3-4)

I just heard a person snap his fingers and then in a firm voice say, “Focus!” He undoubtedly felt he did not have someone's attention. There are times in each of our lives that we need adjustments or point of conversation.

The writer of Hebrews, while using the language of an athlete, speaks of all the fellow believers who have run the race of life before us but are now in the surrounding grandstands. We can look to their lives and be encouraged by their finish.

Their witness should not only encourage us in our race, but also warn us against allowing encumbrances and anything that would ensnare us. Causing us to run impaired. We are told to “lay aside” that which hinders in the same way that a snake would shed his skin.

It's the next truth that is the most liberating “keeping our eyes on Jesus.” ***Turning away from all else, we focus on Him.*** Victory is ours simply because. He is victorious.

~John Campbell

NEWOOD

The poet Henry W. Longfellow was a vigorous man in spite of his old age. Someone asked him his secret and he pointed to an apple tree loaded with blossoms and said, “That tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms on it than it now bears.” And then he said, “That tree grows new wood each year. Like that tree I like to grow a little new wood each year.”

Now we know that the years take their toll on our bodies but, oh, beloved, our spirits can be continually renewed as we move nearer to our heavenly home.

Believing God's promises in the Word, spending time in prayer and trusting God through all our trials will help us to grow “new wood.”

ALWAYS UNHAPPY

Have you heard about the lady, well up in years, who was never thankful for God's blessings but always worried and unhappy? One year her pastor heard about her excellent apple crop and figured that at least he had found one thing about which she could not possibly grumble.

“Well sister,” he said, “I know you are happy. I've heard a lot about the apple crop.” The lady glared at him as she replied, “Oh, I guess they'll do...But where's the rotten 'uns for the pigs?”

**“Always remember to forget
The troubles that pass away,
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.”**



THE SENT OF SPRING

Purple lilacs in the sunlight
 Reveal God's love for me;
 Since I've come to know Him,
 His Word has set me free.

Rain like tears of mercy
 Speak of God's almighty grace;
 I turn my eyes toward heaven
 As I feel His warm embrace.

God whispers His sweet blessings
 On an early morning breeze;
 I respond with joyful praises
 For it's Him I long to please.
 ~Shelley Anne Richter

GOD'S PAINT BRUSH

In 1933, during the midst of the Great Depression, our farm home in North Texas badly needed paint. The old paint on the porch columns and yellow walls was curling up and flaking off. A new coat of paint was out of the question. Dad could hardly pay the taxes.

My proud mother refused to let it get her down. In her usual happy spirit she began digging in the flower beds beside the huge forty-foot front porch. When I asked her what she was doing, she replied, "Painting flowers."

A few weeks later she laced string across the porch. "It looks awful!" I told her.

"You wait a few weeks, she replied as she wove fragile vines on the string.

Soon the entire porch front was covered with emerald-green vines. Then one sunny morning all the vines seemed to blossom at the same time. It was a lovely sight to behold. People who passed by saw no peeling paint, only morning glories that reflected the beauty of God. ~Ruth E. Reuther

MEMORIAL DAY ~Edgar A. Guest

These did not pass in selfishness; they died for all mankind.
 They died to build a better world for all who stay behind;
 And we who hold their memory dear, and bring them flowers today,
 Should consecrate ourselves once more to live and die as they.
 These were defenders of the Faith and guardians of the truth;
 That you and I might live and love, they gladly gave their youth;
 And we who set this day apart to honor them who sleep
 Should pledge ourselves to hold the Faith they gave their lives to keep.
 If tears are all we shed for them, then they have died in vain;
 If flowers are all we bring them now, forgotten they remain;
 If by their courage we ourselves to courage are not led,
 Then needlessly these graves have closed above our heroes dead.
 To symbolize our love with flowers is not enough to do;
 We must be brave as they were brave and true as they were true.
 They died to build a better world, and we who mourn today
 Should consecrate ourselves once more to live and die as they.



PRAYER IN MAYTIME

New green carpet
 wall-to-wall
 cushions apple-blossoms' fall.
 Purple lilacs moist with dew
 rival heaven's clearest blue.
 Springtime dresses
 maple trees;
 cherry blossoms
 scent the breeze;
 sunbeams dance
 bright ad clever.
 Please, God,
 Can't May last forever?
 ~Shirley Adwena Harvey

Father Abraham's May Quiz "Family Ties"

1. What was the name of Moses' Mother?
2. Name Naomi's two daughters-in-law.
3. How many years did Jacob have to work for his bride, Rachel?
4. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
5. Who was the mother of Jacob's last child Benjamin?
6. In the New Testament, what was the name of Timothy's grandmother?
7. What nationality was Boaz's wife, Ruth?
8. In the Old Testament, who took her son to serve in the temple alongside the priest Eli?
9. Who named her son Ichabod when she heard of the death of her husband and father-in-law?
10. In the New Testament, what was the name of the tent maker, Aquila's wife?

ANSWERS:

1. Amram 2. Ruth and Orpah 3. 14 4. Mary
5. Rachel 6. Eunice 7. Moabite 8. Hannah
9. The wife of Phineas, son of Eli 10. Priscilla

The Super 60's Cracker Barrel

Happiness is five green lights in a row.

I remember the place
And remember the name,
But now that I'm here,
I can't recall why I came.

**When the electricity goes out,
There's one thing That I dread -
A drawer full of flashlights
With batteries that are dead.**

When I told my granddaughter her hair looked
like a mop, stringy and flat,
She stared at me in puzzlement,
"A mop? What is that?"

**The mistake a lot of politicians make is
in forgetting they've been appointed
and thinking they've been anointed.**

Remember when a bunch of tables set up in a
yard meant a picnic – not a yard sale.

**I know I'm not in good health, because I never dare
Catch anything, NOT covered by Medicare!**

QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

If you are jealous of another person, one of three things is true: he knows more, he has more, or he can do more.

~J. Frank Norris

Deliberately tell God that you will not fret about whatever concerns you. All our fretting and worrying is caused by planning without God.

~Oswald Chambers

You cannot bury your sins so deep but they will have a resurrection by and by – unless they have been washed away by the blood of Christ.

~ D. L. Moody

Live so that when the final summons comes, you will leave something more behind you than an epitaph on a tombstone or an obituary in a newspaper.

~Billy Sunday

Make me as much like Jesus as a redeemed sinner can possibly be.

~R. M. McCheyne

God is... not a talent scout looking for someone who is "good enough" or "strong enough." He is looking for someone with a heart set on Him, and He will do the rest.

~Vance Havner

Do what God calls you to do and you are a success.

~T. DeWitt Talmage



GOD'S VISIT TO EARTH

Ah, Lord Jesus! You were rich –
 As God the Son You reigned.
 And yet for us You came to earth,
 In human form contained.
 You came in humble circumstance
 To do the will of God:
 To bridge the wall 'twixt God and man
 This sin-filled world You trod.
 For at the end You saw the cross
 On which You'd pay the price
 For all the sins of those who would
 Accept Your sacrifice.
 Thank you!
 ~Muriel Larson

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Is there a biblical formula for us to follow that will shower our lives with blessings? Many modern saints will reply: "Not one, but many!" And they will quote favorite Scriptures, such as Matthew 6:33 and Romans 8:28, to mention just two.

But, if by blessings, we mean freedom from the ups and downs of life, that's something else! In all of the precious promises found in the Bible, not one assures us that nothing painful will happen in our life. But as those whose lives are committed to the Lord, there are two promises we can definitely claim: We will never be out of God's presence (John 14:16), and his grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9). A line from a gospel song reminds us that just because Jesus lives, we can face our tomorrows – whatever they may bring.

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GRANDMA ON THE PLANE

For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children. She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren. "Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me...what do you think of my grandchildren?"

CHILD SENT TO BED

A small boy is sent to bed by his mother...

[Five minutes later]

"Mom..."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

[Five minutes later]

"Mom..."

"WHAT?"

"I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a glass of water??"

"I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!"

[Five minutes later]

"Momm..."

"WHAT?!!!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"



TONGUE TWISTERS

See if you can repeat these tongue twisters three times rapidly without any errors. Teach them to your grandchildren.

- Truly rural
- Sixty-six sick chicks
- Strange strategic statistics
- Tie twine to three tree twigs
- Six long slim slick slender saplings
- Pre-shrunk shirts
- Shy Sarah saw six Swiss wristwatches
- Double bubble gum bubbles double
- Does this shop stock short socks with spots?

Sandy, a young Scot, went to London for a holiday. On his return, a friend asked how he had fared. "All right," he said cautiously. "But they're funny folk down there."

"How's that?"

"Well, one night very late - it must have been about 2:00 in the morning - a man came banging on my door. He shouted and yelled and was in a nasty temper. 'It's two o'clock, man!'"

"And what did you do?"

"I didn't do anything. I just went on quietly playing my bag pipes."