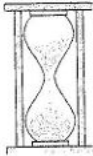


If You Could See Your Sand



As a kid I could get mesmerized by a sand timer. It's such a simple device made of simple parts, but the way it keeps up with such a complicated thing like time still captures my attention. Sand timers point out a simple but important fact - whether we see it or not, time is passing by and it's piling up right in front of our face.

Moses penned long ago, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). More than likely Moses had quite a bit more sand than you or I have, but his sand still ran out. If you could see the sand that represented all the time that you have in life passing by in front of you, would it cause you to do things differently? Would you appreciate each grain more? Would the "big things" seem a little smaller and the "little things" seem a little bigger? Would you think more often about what will happen when that sand runs out?

What we do with the sand we are given is important because one thing is for sure, after the sand runs out here there won't be any need for sand over there (Matthew 25:46).

- E. Adkins, Church of Christ at Keltonburg, Smithville, TN; via *Bulletin Digest*

OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make,
All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare
To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.
Though I call it mine and boast its worth,
I must give it up when I quit this earth.
All that I gather and all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I wonder, often, just what shall I own
In that other life when I pass alone.
What shall He find and what shall He see
In the soul that answers the call for me?
Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through,
That my soul had gathered some riches too?

Or shall at the last, it be mine to find,
That all I had worked for I had left behind.

- Author Unknown -

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

News & Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: George Wiersbicki (brother of Ed) - address on the bulletin board; Marjorie Wright (friend of Helen Hornbeck) will have surgery tomorrow in the Cleveland Clinic; Michael Hanlon (son of Michelle), send cards to: 241 Harshaville Road, Clinton, PA 15026.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Help the ladies with this good work.

PANTRY: Oatmeal & cereal.

AREA-WIDE SING: Friday, August 6th, 7:00 p.m. at Weirton Heights.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION: See the bulletin board for details and sample labels to save for Mid-Western Children's Home.

THOSE WITH MEDICAL CONCERNS: Linda White, Jackie Parsons, Fred Rayl, Marilyn Miller, Harry Nice. In Iowa: Jack Board. Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.

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GOD'S LOVE

We call it *mercy* — It is God's forgiving love.

We call it *providence* — It is God's caring love.

We call it *kindness* — It is God's understanding love.

We call it *Christ's passion and death* — It is God's proven love.

We call it *happiness* — It is God's encouraging love.

We call it *the will of God* — It is God's unerring love.

We call it *heaven* — It is God's rewarding love.

We call it *eternity* — It is God's unending love.

- Mary Gemma Brunke - via Midtown Church of Christ, Victoria, TX

- UNUSUAL BIBLE TRIVIA -

- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
A. Ruthless.
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- Q. Who was the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?
A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.