

A WEEK OF GOOD THOUGHTS

*Suppose we start this very day
To live our lives in a different way;
Suppose we vowed and constantly tried
To help those in trouble on life's wayside;
If we showed by our deeds a hint of His love
Wouldn't earth be a bit more like heaven above?*

ON SUNDAY: Don't let worry and care depress you, or brush your joy away,
But arise and give thanks to God above, for His love and another "Blest Day."

ON MONDAY: Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own;
Give someone faith and hope, it's such a beautiful loan.

ON TUESDAY: Gather a thought that's kind, one that's sincere and deep;
Be sure to pass it along for such are too precious to keep.

ON WEDNESDAY: Forget yesterday's sorrows, mistakes, sadness, and pain.
Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.

ON THURSDAY: Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need.
A little thoughtful gift, some flowers, or a smile makes us all rich indeed.

ON FRIDAY: You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do.
Don't put it off till tomorrow or the chance may be lost for you.

ON SATURDAY: Today will soon be a memory so don't let it come to an end,
Without a smile, without a song, or just a word from a friend.

- Author Unknown -

Watching Nickels and Dimes!

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

This text teaches a very simple truth, but one that many of us find difficult to embrace. Parents try to rear their children by such principles as fairness, honesty and dependability with life's nickels and dimes and then, when they are adults, they will be able to handle dollars the same way.

But what we fail to realize is that as adults most of our lives are also made up of nickels and dimes—small things. Not many of us will write a book, be appointed to a president's cabinet, dine with a queen, or be burned at the stake.

Likely, we are going to have only small opportunities like giving a cup of cold water, visiting a nursing home, writing a note to a lonely person, or speaking a kind word to a distressed and burdened soul. We may only render such a service as kissing a child's skinned elbow or feeding a neighbor's cat.

Don't overlook the small things while waiting for some big thing that would prompt historians to style you as a great Christian. Don't yield to the temptation to be faithless in little while seeking to be faithful in much.

- Leon Cole

The Bible is old with age, but always fresh with the dew of heaven.

News & Notes

CONFESSION: Mae McMahan.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Josh and Katie Wilson on the birth of a daughter, Sophia Grace, June 26th. **Carol Stillwell** is the great grandmother.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, July 6th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's in Chester.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, July 6th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Next Sunday, July 7 about Noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our early afternoon worship service at 2:00p.m. at the church building.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: July 8-13 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Registration packets for campers are on the desk in the foyer. Also, volunteers are needed to help at the camp; use the sign-up sheet also on the desk.

SECRET SISTERS: Remember daily in prayer and with a small gift or remembrance once each month. Questions: see Latisha Brown.

PANTRY: Applesauce.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

WE STILL NEED THE BIBLE

"The earth is degenerating these days. Bribery and corruption abound. Children no longer mind their parents. Every man wants to write a book, and it is evident that the end of the world is fast approaching." Sound familiar? Read on.

"Our youth love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love to chatter in place of exercise. Children are tyrants. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food, and tyrannize teachers." Is this an apt description of today's situation?

You may be surprised to learn that neither of the foregoing observations was made with our time in mind. The first is taken from an ancient Assyrian Tablet dated 2800 B.C., and the second was written by Socrates nearly four hundred years before the days of Christ's flesh.

Have things really changed all that much in the years, the generations since? Styles of dress and living have changed. Science and technology are always advancing. But people, and problems they face, remain the same, regardless when, regardless where.

Thankfully, the "living and active" word of God (Hebrews 4:12, ASV), is still as relevant to our needs today as it was when first written. "The word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25). Have you read your Bible today?

- Dalton Key, via Gospel Gleaner, Mabelvale, AR