

## NEEDING NOTHING

Few uninspired men give us a better example of contentment than John Fawcett (1740-1817). He is the author of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", which has such great meaning to us. Despite his humble circumstances, his "Essay on Anger" came to the attention of King George III. The king offered him "any benefit a king can confer." With great simplicity he responded, "I need nothing a king can supply."

In our world crammed full of "things" this statement seems surprising. How was it possible to have such a contentment that nothing a king has is of any attraction. We cannot but admire such a man in so many ways; we should desire to have this attitude. This kind of attitude can be possible when we learn some lessons.

**God Is Our Source.** Fawcett desired nothing of the king's because he looked to a better source. Trusting man for our needs is risky business. Man can fail. Man can die. Man can change his feelings and we are left with nothing. Yet God, who promises to supply our every need when we put Him first, changes not.

**Man Needs To Learn Simple Living.** A good test of our dependence on "things" is this: Look at everything you own and determine how often you have used it in the last year. If you haven't used it, it is very likely you do not need it. We hoard our possessions and justify this by saying, "I might need it one day." God's promises to us are for our *needs* to be supplied not our *wants*. (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19). Someone has well said, "Man needs little here on earth, and doesn't need it very long."

**The Spiritual Is More Precious Than The Material.** If we have a wealth of spirituality, it matters little how much we have of the material. Few men have suffered and sacrificed as did the apostle Paul. In his last days he needed his cloak to be brought to him, for winter was coming. He must have had only one (2 Timothy 4:13, 21). His worldly possessions were scant. Yet he could write that he lived "*as having nothing, yet possessing everything*" (2 Corinthians 6:10).

- via Bulletin Digest -

### My Unchanging Lord

Changing world, changing time,  
Another song, a newer rhyme.

Through it all one stay I find

In my unchanging Lord.

Changing seasons, changing styles,  
Changing faces, changing smiles.

My soul has traveled many miles

With my unchanging Lord.

Unchanging Lord, unchanging love,  
Forever flowing from above.

Unchanging truth, unchanging Word  
Praise His name! Oh, precious Lord.

- Shirley Harvey -

### True Humility

When James Madison completed his eight years as President, he retired to his Virginia Plantation and filled the office of Justice of the Peace. No wonder he had climbed up, for he knew how to climb down. He didn't have to appear to be great, for he was; and no office could make him less. His meekness was not weakness. His humility was not humiliation.

The truly great person never feels any worthy task too low for him.

*"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life."* (Proverbs 22:4)

Prevent truth decay; brush up on your Bible.

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Rico Brown & family at the passing of his uncle, Eddie Brown in Florida.

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

**POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME DONATIONS:** Our members gave \$1783 and this was matched from the church treasury for a total of \$3566. Thanks to all who supported this effort.

**HOME VISITS:** "Getting better acquainted visits" will be made this week.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make little stuffed bears for kids.

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Begins next week, June 17-21, 7:00 p.m. Classes for all ages; Adult Class: Steve Smithbauer, preacher at the Weirton Heights congregation.

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**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP:** Friday, June 28th.

**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.

**MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Resumes September 3rd.

**PANTRY:** Fruit cocktail.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Cam Adamson, Lois Hissom, 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.

### Abundant Living

**PRAY** - it is the greatest power on earth.

**LOVE** - it is a God-given privilege.

**READ** - it is the fountain of wisdom.

**THINK** - it is the source of power.

**BE FRIENDLY** - it is the road to happiness.

**GIVE** - it is too short a day to be selfish.

**PLAY** - it is the secret of perpetual youth.

**LAUGH** - it is the music of the soul.

**WORK** - it is the price of success.

**SAVE** - it is the secret of security.

- Author Unknown -

Looking back - Thank HIM  
Looking ahead - Trust HIM  
Looking around - Serve HIM  
Looking up - Expect HIM

### GRATITUDE

I want to get up each morning grateful that I am able to get up, for many cannot get out of their beds.

I want to offer thanks for my daily bread, for many have no bread for which to be thankful.

I want to go off to my work with a cheerful heart, for multitudes of people have no work.

I want to be thankful for my family, for many have no families.

I want to live my life under the realization that I shall someday go to heaven, for most people of this world will not go there.

- Gene Carroll, Bulletin Digest -