



A teacher was having trouble teaching arithmetic to one little boy. So she said, "If you reached into your right pocket and found a nickel, and you reached in your left pocket and found another one, what would you have?"
 "Somebody else's pants," said the little boy.

STRANGE BUT TRUE U.S. LAWS:

- It's against the law to drink milk on a train passing through North Carolina.
- Oregon prohibits citizens from wiping their dishes; dishes must drip dry.
- It's illegal to ride a camel on Nevada highways.
- Kentucky law requires that every person in the state take a bath at least once a year.
- California law forbids sleeping in kitchens but allows cooking in the bedroom.

"My old mama would say that certain people were like clouds, I wonder what that meant?"

"When they went away it turned into a beautiful day."

Here is a poem by *Annie Johnson Flint*

It was quoted at the funeral of Henry P Crowell, the founder of the Quaker Oats company. I don't know the title.

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today,
 He has no feet but our feet to lead me in His way.
 He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died,
 He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read;
 We are the sinners' gospel, we are the scoffers' creed;
 We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word;
 What if the type be crooked, what if the the print be blurred?

What if our hands are busy with work that is not His;
 What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is;
 What if our tongues are saying things His lips would spurn;
 How can we hope to help Him, or hasten His return.

The best way to stay hungry for God is to stop snacking on sin.

Don't use the Word of God as a microscope to pick everyone else apart. Use it as a mirror to examine your own heart.

THE "NEVER AGAIN" LIST

Never again will I say, "I can't," for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Never again will I cower before fear; for "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7).

Never again will I bow before weakness; for "the LORD is the strength of my life: (Ps. 27:1), and "the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Dan. 11:32).

Never again will I confess supremacy of Satan, for "greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

Never again will I fall into defeat, for "God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus" (II Cor. 12:14).

Never again will I live with worries and frustrations for I am "casting all my cares upon Him who careth for me" (I Pet. 5:7). In Christ I am "care-free"!

Never again will I live in bondage, for "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Cor. 3:17). My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Never again will I confess condemnation; for "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.

-Capital Voice

What About the Hymns



The words to the hymn “Rock of Ages” first appeared as a poem in *The Gospel Magazine* in 1776 under the heading “A Living and Dying Prayer for the Holiest Believers in the World”. Written by Augustus Montague Toplady it also appeared in *Toplady’s Psalms and Hymns*. Toplady was born November 4, 1740, in Farnham Surrey, England. He accepted Christ as his savior at the age of 16. He attended Westminster School in London as well as Trinity College in Ireland. He was ordained in 1762.

A story says the lyrics were written when Toplady took shelter from a storm under a rock overhang near England’s Cheddar Gorge. There is even a plaque there today. However, there is no substantial proof of this story.

The music for “Rock of Ages” was composed specifically for the words by Thomas Hastings in 1830. Hastings was born in Washington, Connecticut. He began his career as a music teacher and later became editor of the “Recorder” in New York. He later trained choirs and helped develop religious music until his death. He wrote hundreds of hymn texts and many more hymn tunes. His son remembers him writing up until three days before he died in 1872.

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
(Originally-When my eye-strings break in death)
When I soar to world’s unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO

WHEN YOU GROW UP?

A Group of boys and girls were standing together and talking about their future. Billy said, “*When I grow up, I’m going to be a fireman and save people from burning buildings.*” “*Well,*” said Susan, “*I am going to be a nurse in a big hospital and take care of lots of sick people.*” As their conversations went on each one told what he or she would like to be. Some wanted to be teachers, preachers, carpenters, mechanics, secretaries, moms, missionaries and on and on the list went.

How important it is now that we begin to teach the children about their future. Of course most of them will change their minds a thousand times before they get to be 16, but there are some basic thoughts that we need to impress upon their hearts.

THREE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IN YOUR FUTURE:

1. IT SHOULD BE THE LORD WHO SHOWS US WHAT TO DO WHEN WE GROW UP.

Proverbs 3:6 tell us: “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Boys and girls ought to be taught early that the Lord should be asked about everything we do. Young people today have no goals, nothing to look forward to. Much of this comes from not asking the Lord what He wants them to do. Teach your children to pray and ask the Lord what he wants them to do.

2. EVERY CHILD SHOULD OFFER HIMSELF AS A SERVANT FOR THE LORD.

Children should consider whether God may call them into some special service, such as a pastor, missionary, teacher, etc. Isaiah 6:8, Romans 12:12.

3. WHATEVER IT IS – WE SHOULD DO IT WELL.

Whatever it is that we do, we ought to do it well, to the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31.

AGAIN, WE NEED TO STRESS THAT WE PREPARE FOR ADULT LIFE WHEN WE ARE CHILDREN. CHILDREN NEED TO BE TAUGHT THAT EVERY JOB GIVEN THEM, OUGHT TO BE DONE WELL AS IT WERE THE LORD JESUS HIMSELF WHO WAS OUR BOSS.

“The greatest judgment which God Himself can, in the present life, inflict upon a man is, to leave him in the hand of his own boasted free will.” -Augustus Toplady