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DO SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL
FOR GOD





*Carry each others burdens,
and in that way you fulfill
the law of Christ Galations 6:2*

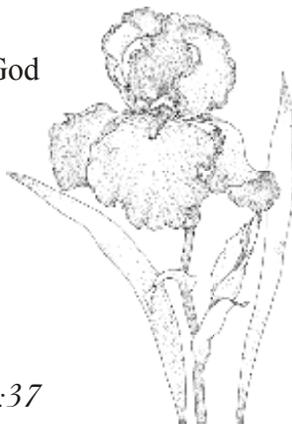


Just for God

It seems there comes to each of us
a time when we reflect
On what we want to do in life
and what we should expect.
Some fail to come up with a goal
and kinda' drift, no doubt,
Because they've not discovered yet
what life is all about.

Still others seem to plan ahead
on how to reach the top
And though the road is sometimes tough
they do not want to stop.
And if they have the Lord along
they'll find when they get there
A lot of things will turn out right
because they love and care.

And as I think on this a bit
I'd really like to say:
Do something beautiful for God
before you pass away.



*Whoever receives one of
these little children in my
name receives me. Mark 9:37*

Smile A Lot

Smile a lot, friends, smile a lot—
It makes folks wonder what you've got
That makes you laugh and smile and grin
As if you've something deep within
That's kinda' secret from the rest
And makes you look like you are blessed.
You need not have a lot of clout
To show what life is all about.
If you have joy it's gonna' show
So if you have it, let it glow.
A lot of folks could use a smile
And they are never out of style.
So spread your joy and just relax
Then you can live life to the max.



*When I smiled at them, they scarcely
believed it; the light of my face was
precious to them. Job 29:24*

Only One



I know that I am only one,
I can't do everything
But if I keep a cheerful heart
and kinda' hum and sing
It might get spread around a bit
and other folks might see
That it's not fun to live depressed
so sorta' copy me.

I know that folks can always find
a drummer with a beat
And if the drummer's beat is good
it could be pretty neat
To follow one who knows the score
and won't lead you astray
So you'll be happy in your heart
and smile from day to day.

It's pretty nice to be the one
who spreads some cheer around
For folks are always listening
to hear a joyful sound.
It doesn't take a lot of dough
to hum and sing and smile
And make folks glad you crossed their path
and talked with them awhile.



Love is the greatest force on earth,
the Bible tells us so;
If folks don't have it in their heart
it's really gonna' show.
The ones who harbor bitterness
and hatred in their heart
Will never live life to the full,
which isn't very smart.

Love has a language all it's own,
it's good just anywhere
For folks can understand a smile
no matter here or there.
The Chinese smile, the Russians smile,
the Indians do, too,
The Eskimos will smile the same
as folks in Timbuktu.

So if you find you have no smile
you better check it out
And find out what the trouble is
and how it came about.
You don't need words to show your love,
but folks, you oughts' smile
For it's the language of the heart
and makes your life worthwhile.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope
and love. But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*



The Encourager

If you don't have much for talent
 (AT least that's what you think),
Your doctor may confirm it
 if you've gone to see a shrink.
You cannot paint, you cannot draw,
 Nor can you give a speech,
And writing things is not for you,
 you certainly can't teach.
It seems that when you first arrived
 on good old planet earth,
No talents were passed out that day,
 at least no ones of worth.

And so you kind of lean 'way back
 and watch the other folk
Who seem to do so many things
 while you are tired and broke.
But really, none are born this way
 who cannot do a thing;
There're lots of folk like you and me
 who cannot preach or sing.
But there's one thing we all can do
 and do it every day,
We can encourage other folks
 by the kind words we say.

Today I'll Pray

I hope you take the time each day
To bow your head and softly pray
And tell the Lord what's in your heart
And how you want to do your part
To help someone along life's way
And make them feel they're loved today.

In all our busyness and toil
It's far too easy to let spoil
The close relationships we've had
With folks whose hearts are hurting bad.
Today I will take time to pray
And then, Lord help me on my way
When I will try to bring some cheer
And dry another's falling tear.



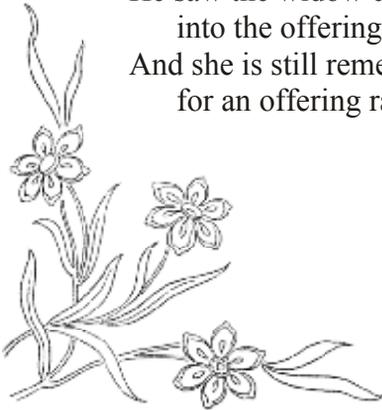
But encourage one another daily
Hebrews 3:13

The Healing Touch

Jesus healed a lot of people
when He walked down here on earth,
He didn't seem to care too much
about their earthly worth.
He preached to many thousands,
and the multitudes He fed,
And many were converted
when they heard the words He said.

But have you noticed what He did
and what was His technique?
He had a lot of feeling
for the sick folks and the weak.
He'd stop and touch a blind man's eyes,
He even raised the dead
And he also cured ten lepers
who lived in fear and dread.

He saw the widow drop her mite
into the offering plate
And she is still remembered
for an offering rated 'great.'



He loved the little kids a lot,
of course they loved Him, too,
And when folks love each other
they know just what to do.

Although Christ preached to multitudes
we notice that He spent
Some time with individuals
most everywhere He went.
He didn't wave a magic wand
and heal just everyone
He much preferred to touch the sick
and do it one by one.

I know there are evangelists
who preach with vim and zest
And they will reap a great reward
with preaching at it's best.
But lots of us are lesser folks
who love folks very much
And God will smile if we give folks
a heart-felt loving touch.

*... anyone who has faith
in me will do what I
have been doing.
John 14:12*



You Can Help

There's life beyond your windows, friend,
Don't let your world be small,
If things are bad and you're shut in
God hears you when you call.

If you can't travel 'round the globe
And see the needs out there,
There is a way to help those folks
By giving, and through prayer.

We may not speak with silver tongues,
We may not come to fame;
But we can help to heal life's hurts
By prayer in Jesus' Name



Set Free

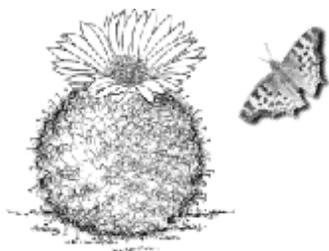
I had a thought the other day,
'twas kinda' new to me,
I realized that when you sing
it kinda' sets you free.

The problems that you're dealing with
will not seem quite so bad,
For if a song is in your heart
it lifts your load a tad.

It's hard to harbor hateful thoughts
if love is in your heart,
And it will keep your language sweet
if you'll just play it smart.

I've never seen how unkind words
expressed in fits of rage
Can mend a deed that's gone awry--
it won't turn back the page.

Forgiveness is the only way
to have your song restored,
So get your heart in tune again
and sing unto the Lord.

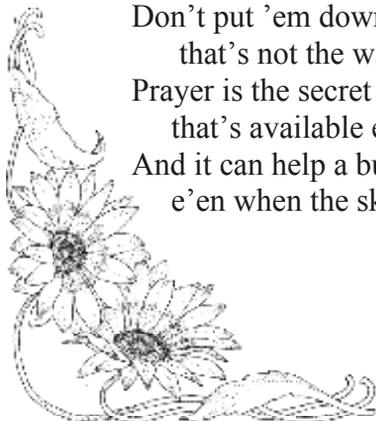


The Secret Weapon

Some folks find life is pretty tough
as they go through the day,
Sometimes they're disagreeable
in things they do and say.
They grumble and complain a lot,
they seldom have a song,
At times they're kinda' hard to love
when they come on too strong.

But there are ways to handle folks
who sometimes lose control,
It could be it's a cry for help
and have a hurting soul.
So put your heart on 'listen'
and with your stethoscope
You may hear sounds that tell you
they are trying hard to cope.

So don't give up on folks like this,
they need some help, you know,
Don't put 'em down or seek revenge—
that's not the way to go.
Prayer is the secret weapon
that's available each day
And it can help a burdened heart
e'en when the skies are gray.



The Climbers

It's not so much what happens, friend,
As what you do with it,
For if your life is in God's Hands
He'll process every bit.
He will not let unwanted stuff
Control your heart and mind,
And when things seem unfriendly here
He's sure to help you find

Peace can be yours, and help you cope
No matter what your lot
If you will put your faith in Him
And give Him all you've got.
It's not the things you stash away
And hoard from year to year
That makes you happy in your heart
And fills your life with cheer.

The givers are more happy
Than the takers every time;
No doubt these folks discovered
That this makes their spirits climb.



Love Is Stronger Than Cement

It was little things that counted much
Between a Mom and Dad,
Plus courtesies that meant a lot
With all the kids they had.
Some grown-ups seem to just forget
That they were once a child,
And praise made better acting kids
Than those who just ran wild.

A happy smile, a gentle hug,
Or just a loving kiss,
Is something that each child should have
And never, never miss.
For love is stronger than cement
Or any kind of glue,
And if you treat your children right
Their love returns to you.



Go Hands-On

We are God's hands and feet, you know,
there is no other way
For some to know who Jesus is
and what He has to say.
It's great to have folks write a check
for missions and the rest
But I have a suggestion
how God might like it best:

Have you thought of volunteering
for a couple months or so?
It might enlarge your vision
if you'd pack your bags and go.
To do some hands-on work for God
could set your soul on fire,
You don't have to be a genius
to give love and to inspire.

So keep on writing out your checks
just like you always do
But put your hands and feet to work
like Jesus wants you to.
You'd find that God would
fill your cup,
'twould even overflow,
And you would bless a lot folks—
more than you'll ever know.





Just Friends

The good Samaritan we know
was really a nice guy,
He helped a fellow in a ditch
who was about to die.
The Bible tells that other folks
who saw the wounded man
Just left him there and passed on by.
I wonder if they ran.

Some folks are not compassionate,
they just go on their way
Ignoring folks around them
who are struggling through the day.
But happy are the loving folks
who take the time to share
And look out for the hurting ones
and show them that they care.

It doesn't matter who we are
or how much stuff we own
We all need love and caring friends
so we are not alone.



Heart Fuel

Love's the Hallmark of the Christian,
it's the fuel of the heart
And folks who fail to live with love
may find life falls apart.
It seems the happy folks on earth
will laugh and smile a lot
For if there's sunshine in the heart
folks may know that you've got
A bit of Heaven in your heart
that makes you hum and sing
For if your heart is right with God
it changes everything.
A lot of folks search far and wide
and buy a lot of stuff
To try to fill their empty heart
but that is not enough
To fuel up their heart with joy
and love that overflows
So folks are glad when they pass by
because, you know, it shows.

Empty Hearts

If your heart seems cold and empty
there's something you can do
The Bible tells us lots of ways
to bring good news to you.
It says to think on happy stuff
like memories of the past
When things were going well for you
with skies not overcast.

And then you need to look ahead
and start to make a plan
Of something you would like to do
to help your fellow man.
We are God's hands and feet, you know,
and if we help folks here
We'll help to fill our empty heart
by giving hope and cheer.



Don't waste your days with bitterness
tucked deep within your soul
For if you do you'll surely find
that time will take its toll
And you will feel depressed and down
and lay awake at night
And stuff may churn inside your head
until it's broad daylight.

It's better far to sing and hum
and count your blessings, too
And be a little light for God
in things you say and do.
So many folks need lots of help
to bring them joy and cheer
So why not spread your love around
today and through the year?

