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WHAT'S A GUY  
TO DO?





*Whatever you do, work at  
it with all your heart, as  
working for the Lord.*

Colossians 3:23



## *What's A Guy To Do?*

When mole hills seem like mountains, friends,  
and minor things go wrong,  
Does it throw you in a tizzy  
and take away your song?  
A lot of folks just fall apart  
when trials come their way,  
And they forget it came to "pass,"  
it didn't come to stay.

Some things are hard to handle  
and can make a day quite rough,  
You'd like to throw the towel in  
and say you've had enough.  
It seems that as we older grow  
it's harder just to cope;  
The things we used to handle well  
now makes us want to mope.

I wonder, what's a guy to do  
when things don't go his way?  
I think the best solution is  
to bow your head and pray.  
When you tell God your  
troubles, friend,  
and share with Him your heart,  
You'll find that He's been listening  
before you even start.



## *Listen To Your Heart*

You never know what you can do  
Until you make a start;  
There may be things you'd like to do  
Found deep within your heart.  
You may not have the money  
Or the courage to begin,  
But keep that little spark alive  
That you have deep within.  
Remember Grandma Moses  
And just how she came to fame,  
And if you listen to your heart  
You, too, might do the same.  
Some miracles and awesome things  
Still happen every day,  
So listen to your heart, my friend,  
Some good may come your way.



## *What Are You Looking For?*

If you're looking for problems  
I'm sure you can find  
It's not hard to spot them  
and fill up your mind  
With stuff that will haunt you  
far into the night  
And keep your heart troubled  
until morning light.

If you're looking for blessings  
then they are there, too,  
Just waiting for someone  
to claim them--like you!  
Sometimes we're near-sighted  
and don't see too well  
The blessings around us  
and which on us fell.

So set your sights higher,  
don't live with a sigh,  
There's lots yet to live for  
so give it a try.



## *Simply Trusting*

God really doesn't need advice,  
He knows just what to do,  
And if you'll let him have your heart  
He'll give what's best for you.

So often when we pray to God  
we ask for selfish stuff,  
Or, maybe we just call on Him  
when times are really tough.

I'll bet He likes it when we pray  
and don't ask for a thing  
But spend that time in giving thanks,  
and maybe even sing.

It must please God to have some folks  
who often say a prayer  
And ask for not a single thing,  
but trust to Him their care.

*He cares for those  
who trust in him.  
Nahum 1:7*



## *The Professional Worrier*

Is to worry your profession?  
Is it what you do the best?  
Have you achieved your worry goal  
and it leaves you depressed?

It's really not too smart to do  
for life has proved to us  
That many things we hassle here  
don't stop because we fuss.

It's really quite a waste of time  
to fume and live with stress  
And spend your nights with  
anxious thoughts;  
you could end up a mess.

It seems you'd be much better off  
if you would put your hand  
In God's big Hand and let Him make  
life better than you planned.



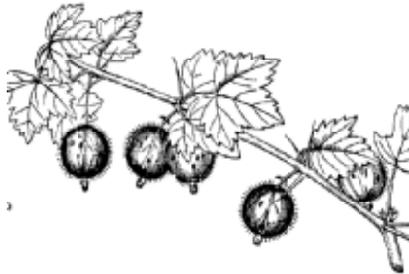
*Do not worry  
about your life,  
Matthew 6:25*

*(Read the verses  
that follow.)*

## *The Stress Test*

Now, have you gone to see the Doc  
to have your heart checked out?  
He just may order several things  
he thinks you need, no doubt.  
A stress test on a treadmill  
may be just the very test  
That he may think important  
as he wants for you the best.  
So step by step you walk along  
and get quite out of breath,  
But be assured, oh, friend of mine,  
he won't walk you to death.

I kinda' had another thought  
about that kind of test--  
A lot of folks live treadmill lives  
to keep up with the rest.  
Their stress is testing them each day,  
they huff and puff along,  
The fun is gone they used to have,  
they've also lost their song.  
So if you're on a treadmill, friend,  
and don't know what to do,  
God has a lot of answers  
that He'd like to share with you.



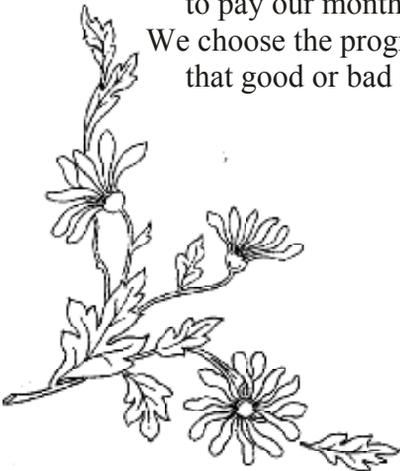
## *We Choose, and Choose, and Choose*

It matters not where you were born  
or who your parents were,  
You really didn't have that choice--  
of this we can be sure.

But later on you can decide  
what you would like to be,  
And making choices every day  
come oft to you and me.

We pick and choose what we will eat  
of junk or healthy food,  
And we select the friends we make,  
we also choose our mood.

We choose the kind of work we'll do  
to pay our monthly bills,  
We choose the programs we will watch  
that good or bad instills.



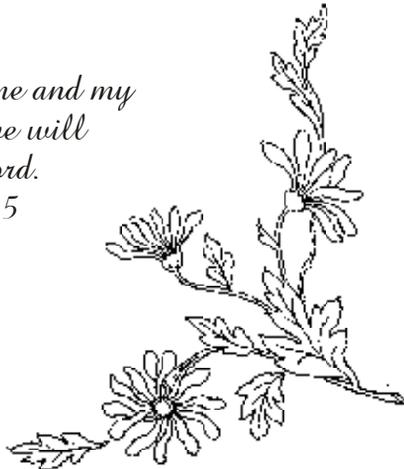
And then we choose a lifetime mate  
--a most important choice,  
And they can either make us sad  
or cause us to rejoice.

We choose what kind of car we'll drive,  
what kind of house we'll buy,  
We choose the place where we will live  
until we're called to die.

So life is made of choices, folks,  
it's up to us to choose  
What kind of life we'll have down here  
and if we'll win or lose.

But if you'd have the best in life  
you'll hold to God's big Hand,  
He'll help you choose and feel fulfilled--  
more than you could have planned.

*But as for me and my  
household, we will  
serve the Lord.  
Joshua 24:15*



## *Only Today*

So often folks will talk about  
their future plans and dreams,  
And it is good to plan ahead  
and work toward them it seems.

But we should keep in mind the fact  
we only have today  
So we should live it to the full,  
not fritter it away.

Tomorrow is not promised us,  
our yesterdays have passed  
And so we only have today  
to do the things that last.

So make today a special day  
and love, and sing, and pray,  
Then when tomorrow dawns on you,  
make it just like today.



## *Looking Nice For Those We Love*

I wonder why we human folks  
will get all gussied up  
To go into a restaurant  
where we relax and sup,

Or even to a social deal,  
or shopping, it might be--  
And we'll put on our dress-up clothes  
for other folks to see.

I wonder if we are mixed up  
for other folks don't care  
If we look really up to snuff  
in all the things we wear.

It seems to me we oughta' dress  
right pretty every day  
So we'll look nice for folks we love  
and live with every day.

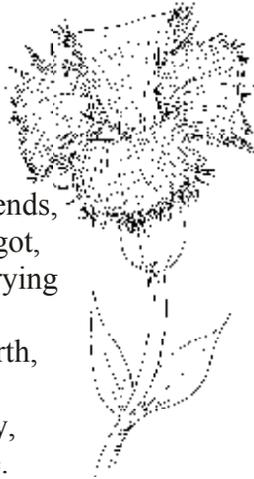


## *The Dusters*

I wonder if you get caught up,  
or stay a bit behind;  
I think I'm in the latter group  
with stuff to do, I find.  
But that is really not so bad,  
I like to take the time  
To sit and chat with friends a bit,  
and sometimes write a rhyme.

Now some folks get their dust cloth out  
and wipe the dust each day,  
But if they get too awful neat  
they kinda' waste their day.  
It's good to keep the house all clean  
and tidy up a bit,  
But don't be servant  
to your house,  
you want to live in it.

So take some time to visit friends,  
be glad for things you've got,  
And don't spend time in worrying  
about what you have not.  
Enjoy your days upon this earth,  
you're only here a while,  
So make the best of every day,  
and give the world a smile.



## *No Silver Spoon*

No silver spoon was in my mouth  
the day that I was born;  
No one made an announcement,  
and no one blew a horn.  
Some famous folks with lots of dough,  
and also lots of clout,  
Would have their babe's arrival  
told on TV news, no doubt.  
But I had something better, folks,  
than silver spoons and such,  
For I was born within a home  
that loved me very much.

We as a family went to church  
and had a Christian home,  
This taught me how I ought to live  
and not complain and moan.  
And what I didn't learn at home  
I learned at church and school,  
For things went better if we kept  
that old, old Golden Rule.

I thank my God that I was born  
within the U.S.A.  
Though it's not perfect, it's the best  
in all the world today.  
So I will count my blessings, folks,  
I like my family tree.  
Forget about those silver spoons--  
I'm happy as can be.



## *Th' Leanin' Side*

When you get up in the morning  
and th' clouds are hangin' low,  
You needn't drag on through the day,  
there's help for you, ya' know.

Just open up your Bible, friend,  
and read some good news there,  
Then bow your head, tell God your woes,  
and meet with Him in prayer.

If things are going bad for you,  
His arms will open wide;  
He'll take your guilt and gloom away,  
and prop your leanin' side.



## *Self Esteem*

Some folk have a problem with low self-esteem;  
They can't quite pull off the American dream  
And feel like they're someone important and great.  
Why is it they feel they are just second-rate?  
They buy fashion's latest, they drive a big car,  
The hotels they stay in are always five-star.  
They try to be seen with the heady, rich folk,  
(At all costs avoiding the common Joe Bloke).

"You must love yourself," they have read in a book  
And this you can tell by a glance or a look,  
For they have collected some beautiful stuff,  
And yet it just seems it is never enough  
To boost their esteem and make folk look their way,  
Now what's going wrong for them day after day?  
They've read the wrong book it is easy to see--  
They'll never feel good if they love only "ME."

They've not found the secret of life at it's best  
And not been successful fulfilling their quest.  
They need to love others and help them along;  
They'd have self-esteem, and yes, even a song.



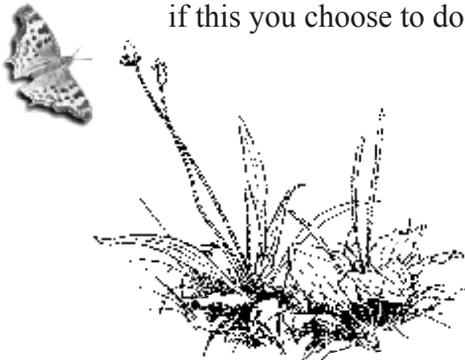
## *Nothing Tops Forgiveness*

Are you someone who holds a grudge  
deep down within your heart?  
To let that gnaw inside of you  
is really not too smart.

You might cook up an ulcer  
or some other dread disease,  
There's lots out there to get you, folks,  
as easy as you please.

The grudge you hold hurts you far worse  
than folks you've learned to hate,  
There's nothing like forgiveness  
to keep heart at proper rate.

Is spoiling life worth all that much  
that you would sit and stew?  
You'll miss an awful lot of fun  
if this you choose to do.



## *Always Prepared*

If life is hard and troubles come,  
and clouds are ominous,  
God's never, never caught off guard  
and He will care for us.  
He's never shocked, nor at a loss,  
nor taken by surprise;  
He knows just what tomorrow holds  
for He is very wise.  
He is prepared to take our case,  
He knows just what to do,  
So if you're in the doldrums, friend,  
look up! He'll see you through.



*If A Little  
Bird Tells You.*



Now gossip can be vicious  
when folks pass along bad stuff,  
To cope with problems every day  
can really be quite tough.  
If bits of unkind things are said  
and passed from mouth to ear,  
It will not make you feel too good  
to pass on things you hear.

A lot of folks will add some things  
to stories they have heard,  
And if the grapevine grows and grows  
by just a spoken word  
We may have hurt a struggling soul  
who tries to do his best;  
And if we fail to help the man  
we'll make him more distressed.

It's better far to tell someone  
that you can plainly see  
How well he does on several things,  
then name him two or three.  
It never pays to criticize  
another friend or foe,  
For we have defects all our own  
and hope they will not show.



## *Feeling Blue In The Morning?*

Do you feel blue when morning breaks  
and life has shades of gray?  
There's one thing to remember, friend,  
it need not stay that way.  
If you will change your attitude,  
for you've the power to choose  
The way you want to feel today  
and what technique you'll use.

You need to think on happy stuff  
and how your life is blest;  
By trusting God with all your heart  
His love can do the rest.  
You then can find that life is good  
and from it you'll not shrink;  
Instead of living with the blues  
you'll find you're in the pink.



## *Not Always to the Swift*

Some things I can no longer do  
for I've slowed down a bit;  
To do the things I used to do  
I am no longer fit.  
So now I've time to read a book,  
to visit, and to pray,  
What better way to spend my time  
as I go through the day?

God doesn't say I have to rush  
nor do I have to run;  
I thank the Lord I have the strength  
to still have joy and fun;  
So I will do the things I can  
and try to do my best,  
And count the blessings that I have,  
then He will do the rest.

Life isn't always to the swift,  
sometimes it's to the slow;  
That may include a lot of us  
with no get up and go.  
I really think God likes the folks  
who trust to Him their care--  
And whether I am fast or slow  
I know He's always there.



## *No Need To Worry*

No need to worry, friend of mine,  
God still is on His Throne,  
And He is watching over us  
so we are not alone.

Sometimes we're shattered by the news  
and things look pretty sad,  
And there are folks who up and quit  
because they feel so bad.

But don't despair and feel downcast,  
God still is in control;  
He sees all things on planet earth,  
e'en every living soul.

And some day Jesus will return;  
Believers then shall rise,  
And folks who've made their peace with God  
will meet Him in the skies



## *Counting What You Ain't Got*

Sometimes we feel quite overwhelmed  
with all our pains and aches;  
It's pretty hard to sing and hum  
with all the grace it takes.  
But when we're tempted to complain  
and life seems dark and grim,  
Count up the bad things you ain't got  
then life won't seem so dim.

You're not in prison for a crime  
another person did,  
Your child is not strung out on drugs  
you thought he might have hid.  
Your house has not been blown away,  
and no one stole your car,  
And you aren't kidnapped in the woods--  
you know right where you are.

You don't have leprosy or AIDS,  
you're not flat on your back,  
There're lots of bad things you  
don't have  
if you would just keep track.  
Yes, there are multitudes of folks  
who are worse off than you,  
So count the stuff that you ain't got;  
'twill change your point of view.



## *The Countdown*

When folks count up their problems  
and they name them one by one,  
They're sure to feel discouraged  
before they're half-way done.  
Self-pity moves right in and asks  
"What are you gonna' do  
With all the problems that you have  
and blessings all too few?"

Some folks will answer and respond  
and say with half a groan,  
"No one has problems like I have;  
I feel so all alone."  
If that's your choice so let it be,  
you have the right to choose  
If you will climb on top the heap  
or if you'll sing the blues.

I know some folks who won't allow  
their lives to be that way,  
And give their troubles all to God  
and thank Him when they pray.  
God knows the needs you have,  
my friend,  
He's always standing by  
To help the folks who trust in Him  
and don't sit down and sigh.

