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*Being God's
Hands and Feet*





*Lord when did we
see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and
give you something
to drink?*

*The King will reply
“I tell you the truth
whatever you did for
the least of these brothers
of mine, you did for me*

Matthew 25:37, 40

Dressing Up

Some folks will get all gussied up
and wonder where to go
Because they want to show stuff off
and strut about, ya' know.
I wonder if they realize
folks really aren't impressed
By all the trappings and their gold
and if they look well dressed.

I think a lot of folks I know
like folks who love and care
About the needs of other folks
so help 'em out and share.
It's nice to have some fancy stuff
to wear and to enjoy
But happy are the loving folks
who bring to others joy.



Leaving Footprints

It's kinda' hard to hold our tongue
And not judge other folks--
When they don't do the things we do,
We think they are a hoax.
We like to think that we are right
In things we do and say
And though we don't agree with them,
We love them anyway.

If we are living like we should
Folks might want what we've got.
And if we tell 'em what we have
'Twould please the Lord a lot.
Sometimes we might be careless
And think "no one watches me,"
But let me tell you, friend of mine,
You're wrong as you can be.

If Jesus' love shines through you
And comes from inside out
You'll leave your footprints on their heart,
I've not the slightest doubt.



Helping Others

If you show kindness to someone
I'm sure that you will find
Not only are they happy
but you'll have peace of mind.
It's kinda' strange it works that way
but sure enough it will
For while you're helping other folks
the Lord your cup will fill.

To help some folks by doing stuff
is never out of style
And if you want to do it right
you'll do it with a smile.
If someone is a problem
that you work with day by day
It could be if you'd smile at them
some good might come your way.

Some folks are quite a challenge
to love them in your heart
But why not tackle lonely folks
and kinda' do your part
To make them feel important
and you'd like to be their friend—
It could be that some TLC
a hurting heart could mend.





*Living
in
Style*

Some people are so busy
Climbing ladders to success
They miss a lot of joys in life
And so end up a mess.
Instead of watching sunsets,
Making friends, and smelling flowers
They're bent on being "big shots"
Throughout the daylight hours.

I'm not too sure that lots of dough
Brings happiness of heart
Unless they help some hurting folks
And kinda' do their part.
So take time for all the good stuff
God made for us to see
And folk who take the time to look
Are happy as can be.

And so if God has blessed you
Try to spread His love around
For lots of folks would like to hear
A happy, joyful sound.
Life is kinda' what we make it,
We can growl or we can smile.
Forget about those ladders, folks,
And live your life in style.



*Brighten
Someone's
Day*

If you talk about your problems
when you're chatting with your friends,
They may be looking for the time
your conversation ends.
They've troubles of their own, you know,
and sometimes life is tough,
And if they're working hard to cope
they've problems quite enough.
So don't unload on those you love,
they'll hate to see you come
If all the things you say to them
will leave them down and glum.
It's better far to tell your friends
how blest you are today,
And greet them with a smile and hug
and brighten up their day.

*Shining
for
Jesus*



Let the love of Christ shine through you
As you live from day to day
For lots of folks need cheering up
To drive the blues away.

Some travel on a lonely road,
At times that trail is rough
And they could use a smile or hug
So they'll have strength enough
To make it through life's winding road
And maybe even smile
For if they have a song inside
It makes the trip worthwhile.

The same is true for everyone
Who treads this earthly sod--
We all need some encouragement
Till we're at home with God.

Getting A Song



When you read the morning paper
does it fill your heart with cheer
Or do you kinda' wince a bit
at things you read and hear?
I know we need to know some stuff
that's going on today
But could the news folks add good things
that happen every day?

Not everything is bad ya' know,
some good things happen, too,
And how we'd like to hear some stuff
that's happy and is true.
It would be nice to hear about
some folks who volunteer
And do nice things for hurting folks
that bring them joy and cheer.

Some folks would like a phone call
or a knock upon their door
That lets them know that they are loved
e'en if they're sick and poor.
God smiles on folks who show their love
by things they say and do
And He's aware of everything
so gives a song to you!

Happiness

When we went to Church this morning
I heard the pastor say
That if you own a lot of stuff
it's really quite okay
But it won't make you happy
and give you peace of mind
'Cause you can't take it with you
up to Heaven you will find.

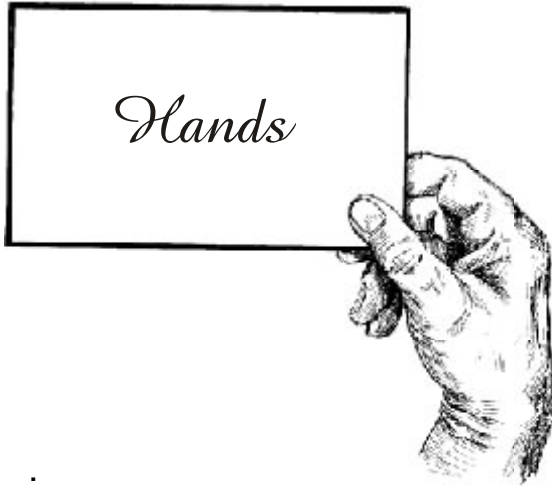
You're better off to love the Lord
and give Him all your heart--
To love your neighbor as yourself
is really pretty smart.
Sometimes we need to think a bit
about how blest we are
And share the good stuff that we have
with folks not up to par.

I've lived on earth a long, long time
and I can plainly see
That people who are givers
seem as happy as can be.
I've seen some folks with lots of dough
that buy and buy and buy
But they cannot buy happiness
no matter how they try.

God gives to us so we can give
and spread God's love around
For lots of folks sure need to hear
a happy, joyful sound.
And if you give someone some joy
and kinda' lift 'em up
You'll find that God will bless you
and even fill your cup.



*remembering the words the Lord Jesus
himself said: "It is more blessed to give
than to receive." Acts 20:35*



God made us in His image
so He gave us hands, ya' know.
For if we didn't have them
we'd have no get up and go.
We couldn't write a letter
and we couldn't sign a check
Nor could we play our table games
and shuffle up the deck.

We couldn't even tie our shoes
or cook a tasty meal
For if a person had no hands
how could he onions peel?
How would one clean the kitchen floor
and tidy up the house
Or even put a bit of cheese
to trap a wayward mouse?

We couldn't use computers
nor could we pick a flower
Life would truly be a hassle
every day and every hour.
We couldn't hold our children's hands
when walking in a park
And give their hand a little squeeze
when it is getting dark.

Sometimes we do not realize
how blest we really are
That God gave us a pair of hands
and made us up to par.
We know His Hands stay busy
looking after folks down here
And He sets the example
that we oughta' spread some cheer.

So take a look at your own hands
and thank the Lord today
That He has made you like you are
and fold your hands and pray.
And when you get up off your knees
you may soon want to start
To use the hands He's given you
by blessing someone's heart.

*Whatever your hands find to do,
do it with all of your might.
Ecclesiastes 9:10*

Opportunities

Most of us are common folk,
we haven't come to fame,
And there are some who've blown the chance
to get a famous name.
But if, my friend, this sort of thing
has come to pass for you,
You need not throw the towel in—
there's stuff that you can do.

God knows what you are doing
and watches you a lot
So help some folks around you
and give it all you've got.
If you are working for the Lord,
my friend, do it with class
For He keeps track of things you do,
He doesn't let it pass.



So whether you are rich and great,
or whether you are small
God knows what you are up to
and if you're standing tall.
It seems to me since God loves us
we oughta' play it smart
And work for Him the best we can
and give Him all our heart.

Comin' in First

It's kinda' strange how some folk feel
that they are number one
And that they're more important
because of what they've done.
If they would think on this a bit
they just might come in last
Because they glorify themselves
and live their life too fast.

The Good Book says both loud and clear
that common folks may find
That they may come in first, ya' know,
and have great peace of mind
Because they help the hurting folks
and lend a listening ear
And take the time to spread around
some love, and hope, and cheer.

It's when we are Christ's hands
and feet
and do the things He'd do
That gives folks some encouragement
if they are feeling blue.
Don't envy other folks you know,
but humbly do your part,
It well may be you'll come in first
and God will bless your heart.



*The
Givers*



Not many folks have servant's hearts,
folks find so much to do,
And so we find that helping folks
is done by just a few.
But those who go as volunteers
and cheer folks up a tad
Arrive home feeling mighty fine
and in their heart they're glad
They took the time to help someone
and went the second mile
For if one gives part of ones-self
how can he help but smile?

Not many folks with selfish hearts
will hum and sing a song--
And if they think they're number one
their focus is all wrong.
We find that joy and peace and love
the servant's heart will bless
For folks who spread their love around
find they have happiness.

Not many folks have servant's hearts
for it takes time, you know,
To spend some time and energy
with folks whose steps are slow.
It seems the world keeps rushing on
and some folks cannot find
The happiness they're looking for
and quiet peace of mind.

No matter if they shop and shop
and have more than enough
They can't fill up an empty heart
with selfish kinds of stuff.
The Bible says that happy folks
will love and serve a lot
So why not go the second mile
and give it all you've got?



Your Greatest Gift

The greatest gift that
you can give
to God or anyone

Is giving of yourself, ya' know.

It's really number one.

Some folks will write a check to help
or maybe send a card,

And both are really, really nice
if someone's way is hard.

But if you give them of yourself
and chat with them a while

It lets them know that they are loved
and may bring them a smile.

There're lots of ways to show your love
so folks know that you care

It might be just a simple thing
like combing someone's hair.

It may be you could baby sit
so Mom could get some rest

Or if the laundry bag is full,
to wash it may be best.

I'd guess God blesses servant folks
who work for Him and smile

And if you're working for the Lord
do it, my friend, with style.



If you find jealousy and pride
Tucked deep down in your heart
It's best if you get rid of it
And really play it smart.
Your heart can only hold so much
So let it overflow
With love and kindness, peace and joy,
Wherever you may go.

A lot of folks are hurting
And they need a joyful sound
And that's why it's important
To spread your love around.
The world does not need bitterness
And other worthless stuff
So brighten up your corner
And keep it up to snuff.

If you will smile and sing and hum
You'll find your life is blest
Because a heart that's full of love
Is what God likes the best.

Smiles Help

Don't knock a fella' down, my friend,
by unkind words you say,
You won't feel good about yourself
to spoil another's day.
Instead just look folks in the eye
and give a great big smile,
It could be it might make their day
and bless them for a while.

A lot of folk need cheering up
for sometimes life is tough,
They even get depressed and down
when life's not up to snuff.
So give folks smiles instead of frowns
and try to cheer them up
And you will find when you do this
the Lord will fill your cup.



Face To Face

As you look into the mirror
When you've just crawled out of bed
What is the face that greets you,
Does it smile or look half-dead?
Some folks will get up cranky
And it takes a little while
For them to get all gussied up
And then put on a smile.

But what's behind that face of yours,
Does it show strain and stress?
The face you wear quite simply shows
What's in your heart, I guess.
So keep your heart tuned up and full
Of love and joy and grace
So when you get your mirror out
You'll see a happy face.

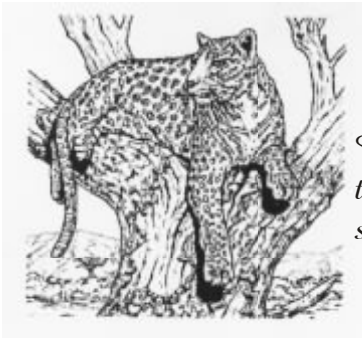


Staying On Top th' Heap

Do you have much to sing about
or is life pretty drab
And all you have to think about
are things that once you had?
Your heart can get quite empty
if you fail to prime your pump,
For if your attitude is bad
you'll fall into a slump.

Sometimes we get quite out of breath
to stay on top th' heap,
So its important that we know
that God our soul will keep.
So when you're feeling kinda' blue
and life has let you down
Look up, and count your blessings,
wear a smile and not a frown.

God cares for people everywhere,
no thing is new to Him,
So give your troubles all to God
when life is bleak and dim.



*Cast all your cares on
the Lord and he will
sustain you; Psalm 55:22*

*Living
to the
Max*



Be careful what you think about,
It could affect your health;
And if you live down in the pits
It could affect your wealth.
The Bible says a happy heart
Is like a medicine
And so our health may quite depend
By what we find within.

If we are angry and upset
It gets us off the track,
It isn't worth the hassle
To let our lives get out o' whack.
Then we do stuff we shouldn't do,
And say an unkind word
And folks are disappointed
By the things they've seen and heard.

So think good thoughts,
And even try to whistle now and then,
If you encourage other folks
They may wonder where you've been.
To think on happy things, my friend,
Is what you oughta' do
So you can live life to the max
And be a blessing, too.