

Daily Devotional, December 13, 2020 Have a Good Laugh or Two!

Benefits of Sunday School

A little boy asked his dad, "Did you go to Sunday school every week when you were a kid?" His father replied, "I sure did son." The little boy responded, "I'll bet it won't do me any good either."

False Hope?

At one of Bob Hope's Christmas shows he was asked about his schedule. He replied, "I do benefits for all religions - I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

Phyllis Diller Quote

"I'll give you an idea how bad my cooking really is. Last Christmas the family chipped in and bought me an oven that flushes."

Sign in a department store: "Make this a Christmas your spouse will never forget! Charge everything."

Blooper in a church Christmas bulletin: "The choir will sing 'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.'"

Sign in front of a Catholic Church: Premarital workshop, July 18-19. Grief Recovery, Starts July 21st.

Sign in front of a Baptist Church: "Jesus Saves." Sign directly across the street at a grocery store. "We Save You More."

Why did God create man before woman? He didn't want any advice.

A Nebraska church listed the sermon topic as "Gossip." Immediately following was the hymn, "I love to Tell the Story."

Parrot

There was a mild-mannered pastor who just retired and was still living at the same parish rectory where he had been pastor many years. Friends noticed he seemed a bit depressed and unsure what to do with himself. So, they suggested he get a pet, thinking he'd want a dog or cat.

So, the retired Pastor went to a local pet store. There he saw a sale sign for exotic parrots. The Pastor had a particular weakness for buying things on sale, so he purchased a parrot.

Now, the parrot had previously been owned by someone else and had a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was a curse word. The pastor tried very hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of. Nothing worked.

One day in a moment of desperation, he put the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he heard the bird squawking and kicking and screaming, and then, suddenly, there was quiet. The pastor got frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto his extended arm and said: "I'm sorry that I might have offended you with my language and actions and sincerely ask for your forgiveness. I will endeavor to correct my behavior."

The pastor was astounded at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what had changed him. Before he could ask, the parrot looked back toward the freezer and said, "May I ask what the chicken did?"

The secret of long life

A young man met a cowboy who was 104, still active and in good health. He asked the old-timer what the secret was to his longevity.

The old man said, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal every morning see. If you do, you'll live to a nice, ripe old age."

So the young man did this religiously every day for the rest of his life, and sure enough, lived to the age of

100.

When he died he left behind 6 children, 10 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren...and a 16 foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

A Rabbi, a Hindu and a lawyer were driving late at night in the country when their car suddenly breaks-down. They set out to find help, and come to a farmhouse. When they knock on the door, the farmer explains that he has only two beds, and one of the three has to sleep in the barn with the animals.

The three quickly agree. The Rabbi says he would sleep in the barn and let the other two have the beds. Ten minutes after the Rabbi leaves, there's a knock on the bedroom door. It's the Rabbi, exclaiming, "I can't sleep in the barn; there is a pig in there. It's against my religion to sleep in the same room with a pig!"

The Hindu says he would sleep in the barn, as he had no religious problems with pigs. However, about five minutes later, the Hindu suddenly enters the bedroom door saying, "There's a COW in the barn! I can't sleep in the same room with a cow! It's against my religion!"

The lawyer, anxious to get to sleep, says he'd go to the barn, as he has no problem sleeping with animals. In two minutes, the bedroom door bursts open and the pig and the cow enter...

I was given a bag of peanuts which was blessed by the Pope....
I gave them away. I hate religious nuts.

Last Rites

A man lay dying and he began to yell out, "I need a priest, I need a priest!"

Another man came along and asked what was wrong.

The dying man said, "I need a priest to give me last rites, I'm dying," the man said.

"There are no priests around here, but maybe I can help." I'm not a religious person myself, but I have lived next to the Catholic Church my whole life and I hear their ritual all the time. I think that I can say it for you."

The dying man said, "Thank You."

So the helpful man leaned close to the dying man and in a soft voice repeated the ritual as he has heard it so many times:

"B-6, N-33, G-52, I-24, ... Bingo."

Clerical Collar

A little boy, not accustomed to seeing a priest in his "work uniform" went up to the priest and asked, "Why do you dress so funny?" The priest replied, "This is the uniform that I wear when I work."

The child, still staring at him, asked, "Do you have a boo boo?"

The priest was somewhat puzzled, but quickly figured out that the child was looking at his white and black Roman collar. The priest pulled out the white plastic insert and showed it to the child telling him that it was also part of his uniform.

On the back side of the collar there was some writing: "Wash with warm soapy water." The priest showed this to the little boy, then asked him "Do you know what these words say?"

The little boy, obviously much too young to read, stated, "I sure do."

The priest a little taken aback then replies, "OK then, tell me what they say."

The little boy then replies, "Kills fleas and ticks for up to six months."

Leave It The Way You Found It

A pastor places his order at the pet store: "I need at least 50 mice, 2000 ants and as many of those little silverfish you can get."

The clerk replies, "We can probably do that, but it might take some time. Mind if I ask why you are placing such an unusual order?"

The pastor replied, "I've accepted a call to another church and the congregation council told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it."

Hymns of the Lukewarm Church

1. A Comfy Mattress Is Our God
2. Joyful, Joyful, We Kinda Like Thee
3. Above Average is Thy Faithfulness
4. Lord, Keep Us Loosely Connected to Your Word
5. All Hail the Influence of Jesus' Name
6. My Hope is Built on Nothing Much
7. Amazing Grace, How Interesting the Sound
8. My Faith Looks Around for Thee
9. Be Thou My Hobby
10. O God, Our Enabler in Ages Past
11. Blest Be the Tie That Doesn't Cramp My Style
12. Oh, for a Couple of Tongues to Sing
13. He's Quite a Bit to Me
14. Oh, How I Like Jesus
15. I Lay My Inappropriate Behaviors on Jesus
16. Pillow of Ages, Fluffed for Me
17. I Surrender Some
18. Praise God from Whom All Affirmations Flow
19. I'm Fairly Certain That My Redeemer Lives
20. Self-Esteem to the World! The Lord is Come
21. Sit Up, Sit Up for Jesus
22. Special, Special, Special
23. Spirit of the Living God, Fall Somewhere Near Me
24. Stick Nearby, It's Getting Dark Outside
25. Take My Life and Let Me Be
26. There is Scattered Cloudiness in My Soul Today
27. There Shall be Sprinkles of Blessings
28. What an Acquaintance We Have in Jesus
29. When Peace, Like a Trickle. . .
30. When the Saints Go Sneaking In
31. Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following
32. God of Taste, and God of Stories
33. Lift Every Voice and Intellectualize

Hope these lifted your spirits a bit. Blessings on your weekend!
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