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JOHNSON'S GEMS AND JINGLES

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Part 1 INTRODUCTION

I am sending forth another little booklet, Johnson's Gems and Jingles.

The writing of the Jingles have been inspired by many but varied circumstances. No claim is made as a poet. These are some of the rhymes that have come to me as I have traveled along the Road of Life. The Gems have been gathered from many sources. They have been suggested by many and a variety of speakers as well as the gleanings from many books.

The tools I have worked with have been hammered and shaped by the blessing and reverses that have come to my life. My deep gratitude goes to the many contributors to my life. But all honor and praise be to my wonderful, wonderful Lord.

W. H. Johnson

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Part 2 A PASTOR'S WISH

I wish the folk that like to snooze,
Then come in late at church
Could feel the pain the pastor feels,

And know just how this hurts.

I wish the folk that talk too much,
Could see their sin real quick.
This often hinders the work of God,
And makes the pastor sick.

I wish the folk would work together
And show God's love and grace
All work together for the lost of earth,
Fit in just any place.

I wish the folk that always frown,
Would learn to smile once more.
Smiles are the kernels and fragrance of life
Frowns are just the core.

I wish the folk that want to be petted
Would get the grace they need.
Many a pastor has had this problem
And it caused his heart to bleed.

I wish the folk would do their duty,
And bring the tithes all in.
This would bless the pastor's heart
And fill God's store and bin.

I wish the folk that want to be boss
Could see themselves for awhile.
They often get the church in a great mess,
And give the poor pastor a trial.

I wish the folk that want to make Heaven,
Would always be true to their place.
Let love rule supreme and show to the world,
What God can do with His grace.

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Part 3 GEMS

We are not running for anything, nor from anyone.

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Some have outrun their spirituality.

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It is wonderful to be holy and have the full consciousness of what it cost to be holy.

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How much eternal value does what you are doing have?

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Faith never goes home with an empty heart. Let him that heareth say or pray come.

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The presence of the Saviour stimulates inquiry

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

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God give us men without fear and without reproach.

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Part 4

OUR WONDERFUL CHRIST

I saw a man bound hard and fast,
To loose him no one would tackle.
But he called on the Man on the middle cross,
Christ broke every band and shackle.

I saw a woman bowed down to the ground,
She was sick, battered and broke.
But she touched the Master with a touch of faith,
And her broken body soon awoke.

I saw a cripple at the beautiful Gate,
He was a beggar for they told me so.
When he shock the hand of the Son of Man,
You should have seen that cripple go.

I saw the Master at a wedding feast,
He was there I suppose as a guest.

The water He turned into wine that day,
They said it was the best.

Whatever you need for body or soul,
Be the need great or small
Have faith and call on Him today,
He is Lord and lover of all.

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Part 5 GEMS

After you are through talking, God will have the last word.

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We must have Pentecost at any cost.

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The truly great man never thinks he is great. If he decides he is great he ceases to be great.

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John the Baptist -- "I must decrease." Not many personal decreases.

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Be careful who you put your future in the hands of. Some hands are deceitful and dirty.

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Paul wrote from prison what he probably would not have written from anywhere else.

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A good suggestion is that most people need their tongue shortened. A good case of old time religion will do this.

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Coming To Grips With Sin

Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross met sin with its blackest robe. There Christ shined His eternal light into sin's darkest cavern and placed hope in man's deepest despair.

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When the glory of God falls' people are made happy or afraid.

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If we would have a revival we must preach what God commands. No truth of His revealed will is to be withheld however severe its denunciation of sin or however distasteful it may be to the carnal nature.

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Part 6

THE MODERNIST CROWD

A man with a goatee approached me one day,
Wearing a sheep skin for a shroud.
He was rotten at heart though appeared so nice,
He belonged to that modernist crowd.

His words were sharp and all in their place,
Of course, he had a great mind,
When it comes to truth, it was easy to see he was blind,
Yes, totally blind.

He held his head high and threw out his chest,
No doubt, you have seen such stuff.
He questioned the miracles, tried to wreck
My faith, running a modernist bluff.

Give me God and the Bible with miracles true.
I know the road will be rough.
I had rather have Jesus with the Comforter true,
Than all this modernist stuff.

He smiled at our standards, made sport of our don'ts;
When we preached he got in a huff.
But he is going to Hell with the rest of the sinners,
Drinking that modernist stuff.

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Part 7

GEMS

When someone passes you in the race of life, do not quit! Keep running, Heaven is ahead.

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There is only one true God.

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A preacher should preach to flatter no flesh on earth.

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Talking Money

If money talks, and it seems to -- it is interesting what it is saying.

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The Committee on the State of the Church

The title of this committee suggests an honest appraisal of the church. The church is an institution that originated with God, made out of human beings for their spiritual welfare here on earth and their eternal happiness in heaven and for the everlasting companionship and pleasure of our Great and Holy God.

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You can measure your religion by the size of the things that keep you away from church.

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A joyless profession of holiness is a modern contradiction and religious tragedy.

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Do you want the blessings of God or the blessings of the devil.

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A demonstration of vain glory is a man strutting around over receiving an honorary doctor's degree.

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Part 8

I SAW THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET

I saw the people on the street,
There were many tribes and races;
I saw the color of their eyes,
The expressions on their faces.

A woman coming down the street,
She holds her head up high;
She couldn't see just common folk,
No matter if she tried.

An old man leans upon his cane,
His hair is silvery gray;
He is moving slowly down the walk,
Of course, he's served his day.

A blind men holds an old tin cup
And leans against the wall,
And people pass him lightly by,
A beggar, he is called.

Two soldiers now are passing by,
They hold their heads up proud;
A drunk man staggers down the street,
Talking wild and loud.

A man is passing by, just now;
He looks just like a pout;
He is big and tall and eyes like halls
And a stomach rounded out.

What a world we're living in,
With folks of every kind;
The rich and poor, old and young,
With eyesight and the blind.

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Part 9
GEMS

Would the Holy Spirit be missed if He left the church where you attend?

Being Dead to Being Different

Luke 6 :22-23 -- "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy . . ." This is a blessing most people don't want.

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It is as close from your heart to the Throne of Grace as it is from the heart of anyone else.

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The average American member instead of moving their family into Sodom like Lot did -- they moved Sodom in the form of television into their home. It is almost impossible to rescue these people, especially their children.

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If God is your partner, find a big job, use your partner and do the job.

As far as human beings are concerned, there is loneliness on the top of the mountains. Not many put forth the effort to climb to the high places. It is the same spiritually. Moses got the law on the mount. Jesus prayed all night on Mount Olivet and purchased our salvation on Mount Calvary.

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Part 10

WHEN ITS SPRING TIME IN THE OZARKS

When it is spring time in the Ozarks,
And the Dogwoods are in bloom.
The whippoorwill sings his song,
Over by the big lagoon.

When it is spring time in the Ozarks,
And the robins show their breasts;
There the red buds show their color,
As by nature they are blest.

When it is spring time in the Ozarks,
And the Easter lilies are in bloom;
Then your feet begin to itching,
And you are reaching out for room.

When it is spring time in the Ozarks,
And the lovely shadows fall;
Everything in mother nature,
Says that God is over all.

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Part 11 GEMS

A confirmed hypocrite never repents'.

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Saints reach heaven by pulling the hills here on earth.

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Salvation doesn't change the size of the gun, but it does change the direction of the shooting.

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When the church digs in, it ceases to dig out.

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You can have as much grace as anyone, depending on your faith and the size container you have to receive it.

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Compromisers' acid is used to destroy the vital part of Christianity.

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A man is not saved until he is saved from the world within himself and without himself.

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The world will lose its power over us only when we are dead to the world.

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A pattern of Christian living that pleases everybody -- never pleases God.

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Christianity is never popular and at the same time pure.

Lord, help us to be loyal to the blood that stained the old rugged cross in this day when the popular thing is to be liberal.

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The church is trembling under the grip of the world when the world should be trembling under the grip of the church.

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The Church of Christ is built with all manner of precious stones, and no genuine personality is so utterly strange that it cannot be incorporated in the living temple.

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Part 12

A SPOT THAT IS PRECIOUS TO ME

On the slopes of an Ozark mountain,
In the shade of an old black oak tree,
Is a little shack made of logs;
This spot is so precious to me.

I can see the spring house in my memory,
And the gourd dipper that hung on a tree.
The little log house was my Mansion,
That spot is so precious to me.

I can hear a cowbell in the distance,
And a mockingbird singing so free.
A mother calls from that cabin,
That cabin made precious to me.

I have seen mansions that cost in the thousands,
And high like a great oak tree.
But none can compare with that cabin,
Made of logs, and down by the lea.

I admit that I am a little lonesome
Although my conscience is free.
That homesick feeling has got me,
For a log cabin so precious to me.

Memory goes back to the hill side,
Where I ran and played on the lea.
Breathed God's pure air in abundance,

By that cabin so precious to me.

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Part 13 GEMS

Men must die if the church survives. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone."

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There are many beautiful characters in the church like the many kinds of flowers in the Garden of God; not all alike but their greatest beauty is seen when they are properly related.

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Many people will instruct, amuse, and govern us, but only One can save us -- Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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When God in His providence, whether by preacher, things, or a dumb beast like Balaam rode, a man is reproofed; he will profit by the reproof or begin to striking at whatever seems to be hindering his progress.

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David and Samson wrecked their lives over women. Judas and Balaam over money. Saul and Lot over compromise.

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The victory is won by men and women who are drunk on pomegranate and grape juice from the land of Canaan, and have been sweetened with honey from the same land.

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Some are striving to get to the moon when they should be trying to get to heaven.

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Part 14 I LOVE THE WIND

I love the wind that bows the trees,

That climbs the hills and scales leas.
The wind that is the breath of God,
That touches the sunflower and makes it nod.

I love the wind, its sweet caress
Just like God's' spirit in my breast.
The wind that cast the waves up high,
That inspires man to live or die.

I love the wind that takes the kite,
Moves through space without our sight.
On land or sea the whole earth around,
Its hiding place has never been found.

I love the wind now at my door,
That sweeps the rug that's on the floor.
Carries clouds across the skies,
Upon its breast the birdies fly.

I love the wind, I love it more
Upon its crest the eagles soar.
The wind that is so strong and free,
God gave the wind for you and me.

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Part 15 GEMS

Nothing is really hard when you are walking in the light.

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TV selectivity and dram drinking are alike.

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My Prayer

Lord, help me that my signals will be clear.
My sounds will be certain.
My steps will be steady.
My grip upon God will be strong.
My shoulders will be broad.
My heart will be humble.

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Material things have been catered to. Education and many honorary degrees have been tried. This has produced pigmies with weakness when we need men who are tall, who can bow low, that believe that God chose the weak things of the world, and things that are not to bring to naught things that are.

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They have put wheels under man's feet and wings over his head, but have failed to put peace in his heart.

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I am what I am because of some things and in spite of some other things.

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It is easy for an organization instead of being society's obedient servant, sometimes become its master.

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The organization which was supposed to furnish the tools for the church has instead used its power to bind and enslave.

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Part 16

I WATCHED FROM THE CURB

I stood at the curb on a downtown street
And watched the people to see how they greet.
Some with a smile and some with a frown,
A few from the country and some from the town.

All in a hurry to get there and get back.
They are loaded down like a soldier with a pack.
From morning 'til night they move at swift pace,
With zeal that is equal to a lad in a race.

Where are they going, your guess is like mine.
Looking for a sale to save a thin dime.
They burn up their gas and wear out their shoes,
Then close out the day with a good case of blues.

Say, when the day is over, "What a dunce I have been
To crowd around among the women and men."
They spent more coming and going 'tis true,
Than they saved from the sale and all they went through.

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Part 17 GEMS

Only eyes that have been washed clean with tears can see man and God as they should.

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The command to be filled with the Spirit and the desire to be filled with the Spirit is fulfilled when these two meet.

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I well remember a fat dog that had a very bad case of the mange. No one brought his poor dog to play with the mangy dog with the idea of fattening the poor dog. Everyone knew the fat dog was fat in spite of the mange and not because of it.

I saw a man that seemed to be a spiritual man in spite of the fact he had a TV in his home. I thought of the above story.

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Life is short but long enough to prepare for eternity.

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Must have the right attitude toward man before you can have the right relationship with God.

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It is natural for the sanctified to resist evil.

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Men in many instances have lost the spiritual power shining and polishing the machine.

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There is a beauty in holiness we ought ever to grow, a perfection which everyone can feel,
yet which none can explain.

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The man that fails to sneak his convictions will soon be without convictions.

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True, reasonable and vigorous individuality is of fundamental significance to Christian
growth.

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Part 18 HE LOST HIS HAT

That man of mine is a genius, you know,
He loses his hat wherever we go.

He loses his hat when we go to eat,
He blames the proprietor, and calls him a cheat.

He loses his hat if we go to church,
Says someone moved it right off its perch.

He loses his hat when on neighbors we call,
Then leaves in a huff, and I want to bawl.

He loses his hat wherever we roam,
Then often finds it when we get back home.

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Part 19 GEMS

The first Easter outfit was the broken body of the Son of God. The first Easter bonnet was a
crown of thorns on the Son of God.

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There will be times that you will be unable to see God, but there will never be a time when
He cannot see you.

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God's Word is the calendar of life. Read the newspaper for the date on the calendar.

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Christian Science -- They claim to be healed from something they deny they ever had.

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The artificial will not stand the strain of time.

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Heart culture is brought about by thought, prayer, actions, and experience. For no man can walk with Christ and have a small or cold heart and there is no such thing as a hard-hearted Christian.

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The conscience is a helpful compass. that the Spirit will use to guide men out of darkness.

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In spite of appearance, that which does not go deep down and does not rest on the Eternal Rock lacks reality and permanence. Whatever is not founded upon God, although built with silver, gold, and precious stones, is essentially false and doomed to failure.

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On the morning of the resurrection we will take our harps from the willow, our mourners will be musicians, our graves will be filled with flowers, our epitaphs will be glowing. Hallelujah!

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The hope of the resurrection is one of the flowers of the soul.

Death is subdued in conversion, conquered in sanctification, and destroyed in the resurrection.

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The only recorded sin that kept Jesus from doing mighty works was the sin of unbelief.

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Part 20
MY OLD HOME

The old house stood upon the hill,
With chimney strong and high;
It is to me an ideal spot
I will try to tell you why.

It was here we children used to play,
Shouts would our silence break;
Go hunting rabbits in the field,
Or fishing in the lake.

Father brings in the team,
We hang the harness high;
When I think of shucking corn,
My brother seems so nigh.

When the sun was sinking in the west,
We could hear the cattle be;
Mother singing at her work
The rooster, he would crow.

I can see the old house now,
Attic and fireplace, too.;
Hear Mother frying bacon,
Just like she used to do.

Feeding, chores have all been done,
Supper now is called;
The boys come from the porch,
The girls from the hall.

A happy group now, smiling,
Are seated in their place;
All bow our heads in reverence
As Father says the Grace.

I love to think of by-gone days,
Though many miles I roam;
The reason it looks so good to me,
It was my childhood home.

-- W. H. Johnson

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Part 21
GEMS

There are many footprints going many different directions. It is safe to follow the good as they follow Christ.

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Man is the only one of God's creatures that has the privilege of prayer.

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Sin severed the communication of Adam and Eve from their God.

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Many people are more interested in outer space than in inner peace.

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The Ten Commandments is an instrument with ten strings. Blessed is the person that has had his soul tuned to this God-given instrument.

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Like David, playing for Saul, many a person has played a tune to try and calm the anxieties of a backslidden heart.

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A man by what he fails to say reveals what he believes, and sometimes more than by what he actually says.

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Part 22
A GOOD OLD MAN

An old man sat in front of a store,
On a nail keg scared by a knife.
He stroked the whiskers that grew on his chin,
As he told the thrills of his life.

He told the thrills of his boyhood days,
When he killed the squirrel with a rock.

He won the race at the crossroads store,
When they counted corn by the shock.

He tells of killing a coon when a boy,
With hide thick and tough.
A long chase with the best of dogs,
But they caught him down by the bluff.

He raises his voice a little high,
Then tells of his courtship free.
The girl of his charm, how he held her arm
As they walked along the lea.

He mentioned the day she became his bride,
The joy she brought to his heart.
But he bowed his head when he said, "She is dead,
In June we had to part."

The listeners can see the tears in his eyes
Then they run down over his face.
He tells how she fought the battles of life,
Then went to a better place.

Then he shuffles his feet, and shakes his head,
All know he is, ready to start
His stories are old and many times told,
But they always touch my heart.

I can see him moving slowly along,
With the hickory cane in his hand.
And I say from my soul when I get old,
Let me be a good old man.

By W. H. Johnson.

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Part 23
GEMS

Convenient is a strong word with Satan, but has no place in the life of anyone that wants to go to heaven.

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If a man has heart holiness he will thrill at the privilege of telling about his crisis experience, as well as many added benefits.

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We as a church were born in the fires of revivals, but may die in the smoke or embers of a burned-out past.

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In some situations, the wisest and most honorable thing to do is withdraw from dangerous persons, places, and, practices.

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When temptation cannot be evaded with honor, it must be fought boldly, promptly, and decisively, even at the cost of blood and a cross.

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Part 24

MY PRAYER TODAY

Lord, let me be this day,
Just as a lump of clay
In the potter's hand, I pray,
That Thy love I may display.

Lord, let me walk by Thy side,
Hold Thy hand when I am tried,
Under Thy wing I may abide,
And in Thee I will confide.

Lord, let me lean upon Thy breast,
It is in Thee I find sweet rest.
By trusting Thee I know I am blest,
That helps me now to do my best.

Lord, let me lean upon Thy strong arm,
Trust Thy hand without hurt or harm.
Jesus, Thou my real heart charm,
No cause have I for great alarm.

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Part 25

GEMS

There has never been anyone like me. But I have been like a lot of people.

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The direction you travel is more important than the speed.

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God planned salvation and common sense at the same time.

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No doubt, but what David slept better as a shepherd than as a king.

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If a man wants to govern, he wants it that he may be seen.

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The Valley of Decision is a dangerous place. To hesitate here is to be eternally lost.

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It is surely a double tragedy when religious acts are done with low motives.

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Jesus Christ is the great champion who is always opposed to Satan and his government. We can be successful in this great war only as we oppose evil in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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You can serve God with two brown and callused hands as same as Gabriel with two white wings.

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God spared not His own Son but freely delivered Him up for us all. God will freely mingle His grace with His children's suffering.

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To love God is to love truth which knows no error, beauty free from the suspicion of fault, righteousness in which there is no darkness at all, love which can have no taint or selfishness. In this perfection we are to have a growing delight.

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Part 26

WHAT I LIVE FOR

I live for those in trouble,
To make their life more sweet.
To scatter sunshine as I go,
At home or on the street.

I live to be a blessing
To others tired and blue.
When going through the greatest trial,
Prove what God's grace can do.

I live to scatter sunshine and make
The world look bright.
A little light shines brightest
In the darkest of the night.

I live to hang a rainbow
For others I must work.
Regardless what the task may be
It never pays to shirk.

I live to plant some flowers along
The road of life.
That others may smell their fragrance here
In this world of strife.

I live to meet the end;
It is coming soon my way.
In summer, fall, or winter,
I do not know the day.

I live for those who follow,
Some may find the way.
I want the arrows along this road
To point to endless day.

I live to build some bridges
For others to cross some day,

Make life's load a little lighter
I am sure it will pay.

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Part 27
GEMS

The broad and narrow ways are completely irreconcilable. God and mammon will not mix.

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Death could be a minister instead of a monster.

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Do not let what you do not know disturb your faith in what you do know.

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Some confuse unnatural with supernatural acts.

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Wisdom is the right application of knowledge.

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Don't place a gun in the hand that is careless.

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Some people are as confused as a termite in a yo-yo.

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In order to do heaven's work we need to talk heaven's language. Conversation in heaven.

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Have seen lots of spiritual storms -- many have been clouds and wind without much rain.

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Are you building ecclesiastical towers or a spiritual kingdom?

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Part 28
SOME OF MY FAULTS

If some of my faults were told to me free,
It would uncover my life and help me.

Many a life has been wrecked as they ride,
That might have been saved if someone had tried.

The faults of his own weren't told to his face,
He was finally brought down in sin and disgrace.

If a very dear friend had told him in tears,
No doubt, it would have helped down through the years.

But he traveled down life's road without knowing his faults,
When he struck on a rock, what a tragedy was wrought.

Put shoulder to shoulder but to not abuse,
Talk heart to heart and tighten the loose screws.

And when it's all over, your duty is done,
A life you have saved and a soul you have won.

Let me be true to my neighbor and friend,
If some I can help, it will pay in the end.

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Part 29
GEMS

God has set one day so that all days may be regarded. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy."

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First see that your heart is in tune with God. Then by prayer tune your spirit, soul, and body by the same key.

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Policy or Principle -- WHICH

This is an age when a lot is said about policy. The policy of a certain political party-the foreign policy is commended or condemned. Policy, according to Mr. Webster means, -- the act or method of government management of public affairs, course of conduct, prudence, cunning. Certain churches have certain policies.

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I thought some people were big until I saw them do so many little things.

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The man loaded with ego acted Has anyone seen me today?

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There are many fellow travelers that are not fellow servants.

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A prophet or preacher who speaks to their generation for God is not supposed to appease and conform. They are to irritate and oppose.

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This world is a world of rebellion.

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The need of the church -- holy enthusiasm instead of human enthusiasm.

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Part 30

WHEN SHALL I BE A MAN?

When shall I be a man, a lad
Asked this question of his dad.
When I have lived and grown up tall,
And wear your big overalls?

Will a lot of greenback and gold
Make me a man when I grow old?
Or honor such as man can give,
Make a better world because I lived?

No, my son, these are not the things,

Across the years real manhood brings.
Nor will a lot of man's. applause,
Make you a man when grown up tall.

Real manhood does not grow on trees,
Nor ride on wings of honey bees.
But it's one thing gold can't buy,
That all men want when they come to die.

It is that something when out of sight,
That causes you to do what is right.
When you are seen by God alone,
Honor sits upon your throne.

Real manhood is better than being a king,
It is the best of everything.
Being real honest and truthful, too,
This will help to make a man of you.

Put God first, this you should do
If you want your life to count clear through.
Son, keep your life in the path that is straight,
As a real man you will enter Heaven's gate.

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Part 31 GEMS

Don't sacrifice grace to save face.

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LIGHT

We need Divine light instead of lime-light.

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Some confess the other fellow's faults and pray for themselves.

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If your troubles were hung on the clothes line with your neighbor's trouble, you would be glad to get your own back.

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If some people would get normal spiritually, some people would think they were abnormal.

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A careless tongue is a very dangerous weapon.

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The road your heart goes -- your tongue will follow.

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Abraham could be followed by the altars he made.

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What do you think when you are free to think what you want to think?

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How do you employ yourself when you are not employed?

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Discipline and joy are close kin.

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Part 32

HEAVEN

There's a place, we call it Heaven,
The streets are made of gold.
In that land of peace supernal
We will never more grow old.

We will sing with voices unbroken,
In that blessed home above.
There live with Jesus forever,
Resting sweetly in His love.

When I hear the angels singing,
And my Saviour shows His face
Live with the Saviour forever,

Praise Him for His love and grace.

Nothing there to mar our happiness.
We will live through countless years;
Pain and sorrow all forgotten,
Never more a scalding tear.

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Part 33 GEMS

For The Preacher

It is easy to be busy about a lot of business that is not the Father's business.

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It is always safer to get on your knees before you get on your feet.

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It is easier to raise budgets than it is to raise dead souls.

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The Kingdom of God suffers violence so we must be valiant. There are no such things as mild Christians.

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It is much easier to listen from the balcony than preach from the platform.

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If we are not right with God now, the chances are we will never be.

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God is looking for a crack in your armor so He can get in where you are.

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Shall I keep the good grace of my church or the good grace of my God?

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You must touch a heart with a heart.

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A gentleman gives back to this world more than he gets.

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A politician is thinking of the next election. A statesman is thinking of the next generation.

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FOR THE PREACHER

To walk from house to house and not faint is hard work.

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Men sinned in the dark in the yesterdays, but they are sinning in the light now.

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Part 34

GOD IS NEAR

You feel His strong arm in the darkness,
Like a mother cuddling her babe,
Or a breeze from the ocean in summer
While resting out under the shade.

So keep your faith firm in the darkness,
Never make room for a doubt.
The God of the Bible is the greatest,
And will bring His children all out.

The faith of prophets and sages
Held firm tho' they went to the stake.
The God of the Bible is with you,
I know He will never forsake.

Keep your eyes on the cross as a Christian,
Be bold and stay in the fight.
The saints who have won through the ages,
Are those who would die for the right.

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Part 35 GEMS

Agonization should precede organization.

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You can't reach everybody, but you can reach some.

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If we support a position because of its powerful influence, we are worshipping at the shrine of power and principles are in great danger.

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If you touch some people you will find out how touchy they are.

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Some prefer to be a little man for the devil than to be kings and priests of God.

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Lots of people are still trying to get to the promised land without going through the wilderness.

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The kind of material your friendships are made out of is revealed when put under strain.

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Some people serve the Lord in an advisory capacity only.

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We are to be channels -- not storerooms; springs -- not cisterns.

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We need evangelism in our church today; this is neither apologetic, compromising nor defensive.

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If you think the heat is on, you just remember the Hebrew boys that were really under the heat.

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Many have climbed the tree of knowledge -- failed to discern the bad limbs.

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God might call some people if they were close enough to Him to hear His call.

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Part 36

GOD WASN'T STINGY WITH US

God measured out the space,
There is plenty of room for all,
If you are short and skinny,
Or if you are big and tall.

God poured the water from His hands,
He filled the oceans good and great.
There is plenty for us all,
And not a single moment late.

God made the air and on it,
The planes and birdies ride.
They never go so far,
But our God is by their side.

God made the greatest thing of all,
When He made amazing grace.
He made a plenty and to spare,
For every single tribe and race.

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Part 37

GEMS

Some of the tragedies known today are not history to some of us, but they are biographies we helped to write.

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The Christian who fails to discipline his own life, God will discipline.

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The number of people you reach depends on your out reach.

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Don't try to grow a Goliath-just turn God's David loose with his sling.

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God has dealt with weak spines and yellow backs for many years.

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Joseph must first be Egypt's prisoner before he could be Egypt's governor.

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A lot of this know-it-all crowd think they know a lot of things that ain't so.

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A strong part of a sermon can be like the rabbit's tail -- just a suggestion.

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The man that prays much won't look at TV much. The man that looks at TV much won't pray much. [Would it not be better to say: "The man that looks at TV won't pray much." For, probably most who begin to watch a little TV soon watch much TV. -- DVM]

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Some are late to work in spite of frozen orange juice, jiffy pancake mix, and instant coffee.

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God did not promise the Christian a smooth voyage, but a safe landing.

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Treason is when you regard man more than you do God.

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Don't try to serve God without offending the devil.

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Part 38

HELL

A land where the sun never shines, this is true,
Here the people that are there will always be blue.
No hand will ever shake yours in the dark,
No musician will play about love on his harp.

But the imps will shriek in their lone despair,
People will curse themselves' for being there.
The flames will burn and the demons groan,
Sinners will wail, "No home, no home."

As time goes on for millions of years,
There never will come any peace or cheer.
The blackness of night no language can tell
What horror will be for a man lost in Hell!

Never a chance to amend for your wrongs,
And no Christian mother to sing a lullaby song.
No hope, no hope on the hills of despair,
Forever and ever your soul will be there.

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Part 39

GEMS

Some are trying to make a great reputation swatting flies.

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Some are dealing with. symptoms but are afraid of the cost of the cure.

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No one can successfully serve Christ who is afraid of the antichrist.

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BEWARE -- When bad becomes good because worse has come along.

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Murmuring is music manufactured by the devil.

SEEKING POSITION

Get your hands in the political pie and your fingers will get in a mess.

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When men leave the highway of Holiness they easily change to Tolerance Street which leads on to Diplomacy Avenue which leads to Compromise Boulevard, then to the Broadway This is in direct line of Sins Road which leads to Disgrace Detour that lands all its travelers into Hell.

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Faith and fear never live in the same house. When one moves in the other moves out.

A prayer I heard --

Where I am short
Give me length,
Where I am weak
Give me strength.

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Lord help me to pray and not worry; work and not hurry; look to God and not be afraid.

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We should deny the physical wherever it intrudes or interferes with the spiritual.

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Part 40

THE JUDGMENT

They will come from countries both near and far,
To answer their call at the judgment bar.
Death and hell shall send forth their dead,
To appear at the judgment while records are read.

The rich and poor; bond and free,

When the trumpet shall sound will all bow their knee,
As shepherd divides the goats from the sheep
At the great separation, oh, how men will weep.

Husband and wife shall stand in their place,
And now life's record each one must face.
The great men of earth shall sink in despair,
When the Judge of the earth shall their record declare.

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Part 41 GEMS

Hard jobs are easy for God if He can get the right kind of men to help Him.

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What is in your world? Things or God -- Grace or gold?

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Some have God in their thinking but not in their hearts.

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Prayer is a sweaty business. Jesus sweat as it were great drops of blood.

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Many a man has traded godliness with contentment for physical comfort and thrills.

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The prayer of many these days is for relief from physical suffering instead of ease from a sick and suffering soul.

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The desire to be approved by the group is a sickening social evil much out of proportion in our day.

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There is no such thing as respectable sin.

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Bartimaeus opened his mouth before he got his eyes opened.

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Love brought Jesus from Heaven. Love will take you to Heaven.

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Lord, help me to go slow enough so Your slightest check can stop me.

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Lord, help me to go fast enough to stay out of other people's way.

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Itching ears are easily developed and hard to cure.

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Be careful about jumping at conclusions -- you may land in a mess.

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Part 42

A RICH MAN

The richest man I have ever seen,
Is not the one with the big machine,
That has its bumpers big and bright,
Has plenty of money and holds it tight.

The richest man I have ever seen,
Is a man who lives with conscience clean,
Has confessed every sin to God and man,
On God's promises has learned to stand.

This rich man walks in the light,
And does the things he knows is right.
He will not bow to things that are wrong,
Keeps in his heart a cheerful song.

This rich man talks of second grace,
That establishes the heart and shines the face.

He loves every man on this old earth,
And knows something of a soul's worth.

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Part 43
GEMS

Clashes -- Wolves sometimes put on sheep's clothing, but sheep are not inclined to put on wolves' clothing.

Bible -- The only book in the world that tells you what you are, where you are and where you are going.

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Preaching without unction is a major tragedy.

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Aim your Gospel gun low enough to hit a boy's head and you will strike a man's heart.

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It is fast coming to the place in most Holiness Conventions where it is necessary to have a Doctor's Degree in order to be called on to pray. What is vain glory?

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It is hard to find a hook small enough to catch some people.

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A boy's lunch in his own hand was just enough for one. This same lunch in divine hands would feed a multitude.

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Humility -- the taller you are the lower you can bend.

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It is easy to see men so much that we fail to see Christ.

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Don't build the walls of your denomination higher than you do the Kingdom walls.

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Big in every way except in his own estimation.

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A lot of the church has heeded the admonition -- "Sit ye here."

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It does you good sometimes to do without.

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Part 44

NICODEMUS

When Nicodemus came to Christ, His words you could not mend,
But Jesus said, "Now Nick, old boy, you must be born again.

Now this ruler beat his brain and tried to comprehend,
The Lord said, "Flesh is not enough, you must be born again."

Men do a lot of thinking, get their mind into a spin,
Our Lord has never changed His text, ye must be born again.

That which is born of flesh is flesh and it belongs to men,
But if you have the Spirit sir, ye must be born again.

When you stand at the judgment bar the question will be then,
Have you repented, confessed, believed, and been born again?

If you are ever sanctified and your all for Jesus spend,
First you will need to pray clear through and be born again.

Ye must be born again, friends, ye must be born again.
Leave the land of Egypt and now confess your sins.

Turn your back upon the world and leave the ways of men,
The blood of Christ will pardon you when you are born again.

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Part 45

GEMS

Any man is a coward who will trim his sails to catch a passing breeze of popularity.

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If you aren't generous when it is hard, you won't be when it is easy.

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Christ did not come to make life easy. But He came to make you strong.

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No one sang at God's birth or sobbed at His funeral.

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If you really want to wear spurs, you had better grow them or quit crowing so loud.

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Are we just sparring or are we fighting to win? God only knows how sincere we really are.

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A man wrapped in himself makes a very small parcel.

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The church is built by attraction.

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Divinely called and divinely placed.

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Part 46

FAITH LIGHTS THE WAY

Faith lights the way to the City of God,
The Saints who this vale of tears here have trod.
Faith holds the torch for the man in despair,
Breaks the shackles of sin now held in Satan's snare.

Faith lifts the soul of the happy or sad,
Drives away sorrow and makes free and glad.
Faith tells of a country where angels all sing,
Where we will live in the city with the King of all kings.

Faith lifts fallen man from deep chasms of sin,
Hangs hope in the Heavens where we have never been.
Faith points to a stable where Bethlehem's Star,
Gave hope for men's souls, swinging sin's gates ajar.

Faith points to the love of the Saviour of men,
Tells of Calvary's remedy, it is freedom from sin.
Faith inspires courage for the battles of life,
Makes the life happy and free from all strife.

Faith tells of a City where I surely want to go,
Where sin is locked out and no chilly winds blow.
Faith tells of a country where the Eternal Springs
Flow out from the throne and all the saints sing.

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Part 47 GEMS

I will not knowingly allow one drop of traitor acid in my cup of righteousness.

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Some people are bounded on the north, south, east, and west with a good border of themselves.

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The task of saving men is the major work of our Saviour and His bride.

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Peace is the undertow of the Spirit and joy is the overflow of the Spirit.

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Joy is love working to make itself known.

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Don't visit the devil's store unless you expect to buy from him.

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Some of this preacher counseling is giving mental respiration to spiritually sick people.

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It is possible to have faith in one area of Christian living and have doubts in another.

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I have heard it said many times that the Bible is a set of principles and not a set of rules.
But I have decided it is both a set of rules and principles.

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When greater spiritual fires are built, prayer and obedience will build them.

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Part 48

THE LIGHT OF MY SAVIOUR

I can see a light in the distance
Its glory shines clear in my face.
Now drives back the shadows and sorrows
I feel I must quicken my pace.

This light has shined on so faithfully
While others have flickered and died.
A constant Companion and Saviour
Is now up close to my side.

This light shines bright at death's river,
Although the crossing is near.
The beams from the light of my Saviour
Has brought constant comfort and cheer.

This light will shine through the ages;
Grow brighter through millions of years.
In a country where comes no sorrows,
No sighing, no heartaches or tears.

I lift my face toward the city;

That city where angels have trod.
I'll meet loved ones and friends by the millions,
And live in the light of our God.

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Part 49
GEMS

Prayers for conflicts are usually prayed in the hours of leisure.

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When the heart gets cool the eyes get dim.

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A strong weapon to hold in time of argument is the tongue.

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Without Holiness no man wants to see God.

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My mind worked from birth until I got up to speak.

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Carnality is a desire to be independent of God.

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If you expect to wear a crown, it will take a strong backbone to hold it up.

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Some have lost most of their steam-blowing their whistle on the siding.

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Doubts are the seed of all sin

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A gentleman's agreement is good only if gentlemen are involved.

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A good hen will have a mating season. She doesn't lay eggs and molt at the same time.

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Men trembled at the thought of Sinai, but they weep at Calvary.

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The strength of the man is revealed in how strong he believes in those things vital to his eternal salvation.

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Part 50

GOD IS THE SAME THROUGH THE AGES

When the footprints of man have been washed,
From the shore of swift sifting sands,
God knows every need of His creatures,
He knows every heart beat of man.

When crape is all gone from the door knob,
And the past unfolds like a scroll,
God is not worn with the ages,
He never, no never, grows old.

When the stars have slipped from their sockets,
And the moon is all dripping with blood,
God will not change with earth's changing,
He giveth men grace like a flood.

Mountains may change to a valley,
The valley may change to a plain.
But, God is the same through the ages,
He remaineth always the same.

The rich man may change to a pauper,
The pauper may soon garner gold,
But God is the God of your tomorrow,
He will never, no never grow old.

When our last earthly journey is over
And our last moral debt has been paid,

We will fold up our tent like a wise shepherd,
Go to rest for our record is made.

For the Lord Who is Lord of the morning,
Is also the Lord of the night.
He never forgets His own children,
Will always bless those who do right.

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Part 51 GEMS

Big words are often used to cover up little thoughts.

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The torch is in the hands of the church. May we keep it lit and hold it high.

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Elijah got to eat angel food cake.

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It is the tree that bends with the wind and keeps its roots down firm that survives the storm.

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Get all of the education you can keep anointed with the spirit of humility.

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Only God can discern between human flaws and character defects.

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All truth in the Word of God has value but not the same value.

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Words are the preacher's tools. Select the best ones for the particular job to be done.

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The words Holiness or Entire Sanctification are sweet to my spiritual taste -- like honey in the honeycomb.

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Extreme remedies must be used to cure serious diseases. Blood from the Immaculate Son of God is the only remedy for sin.

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Part 52 THERE IS HOPE

I cry, laugh or shout and sometimes play--
Do all or part of these most every day.

If the sun fails to shine and maybe also some rain,
What matters after all, we will see the sky again.

No cloud has ever rose so black, but what there came a change
And no winter so cold and bleak, but what we had a spring.

With so much darkness all around
This is no time for us to growl, pine, and frown.

Lift up your head and turn toward God on high
I know a land where darkness never goes and people never die

I'll smile if things do go a little hard.
There is a place where people will work but never get tired.

So I roust see that land, no matter what comes my way.
Tho' troubles arise and clouds hang low, there will come a Golden Day.

And when my feet shall leave this earthly sod
I'll bid this world good-bye, for I am going home with God.

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Part 53 GEMS

Money won't get you where you want to go, but you can't get far these days without it.

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Workmen are known by their tools. A preacher by his words.

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What is Faith -- Because the Lord has said it, I believe it.

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God does not make saints out of any material but sinners.

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We have many prayer meetings. May God see fit to give us some believing meetings.
"Without faith it is impossible to please Him."

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Man can control an automobile, an airplane, a space ship, an ocean-liner, but can't control himself. Only with God at the control will man go right.

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It is refreshing to find a great person that does not know he is great.

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It is not real happiness that makes some people happy. It is the happiness they think the other fellow thinks they have.

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The great appeal made to man these days is made to his pride and not his purity.

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Part 54

JUDAS ISCARIOT

Judas Iscariot was as slick as an eel--
A financial wizard right off the reel,
Would take the offering as slick as a peel--
Could get the money when he made an appeal.

He was great at talking but slow to give,
You could easy tell this by the way he would live
He was full of deceit, like holes in a sieve,

Would put in the pennies and keep all the bills.

He had a good line of talk and would give it to you,
Would lead out in prayer or sing a song through.
Kept a tab on the money, I am sure this is true,
It would stick to his fingers and he knew when 'twas due.

You can find other fellows now under his yoke,
You know I am right-this is not any joke.
They can get all your money at about one stroke
And you are the fellow that's left in the soak.

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Part 55 GEMS

Long prayers and short thanks is the general rule.

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Some are talking about cooperation when they are just posing.

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Peter was the keynote speaker at the Pentecostal Convention at Jerusalem.

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There are great dangers in changing your ideals.

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Much more is said these days about getting along with God. Getting along with men tends to make for happiness here, but getting along with God makes happiness here and hereafter.

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My reservations are in for a chariot ride like Enoch and Elijah took.

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Men in all ages and in all professions claim they are hunting for truth, but many are searching in the wrong place. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" John 14:6.

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The world by wisdom knew not God, but by faith and obedience any man can know Him.

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Some are nice, but not good. Some are good, but not Holy.

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Man is often like a bee -- puts his life in a sting.

The Church of the Nazarene has changed its emphasis from preparing the Bride to building a denomination.

The world is trying to find happiness in the things the Holiness people have thrown away.

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Part 56

WOMAN, THE UNCROWNED QUEEN

When God started to make something grand,
He took a rib from His Masterpiece, Man.
Did a grand job, I surely do believe;
For His finished product, He called her name Eve.

Many wonderful women have come to bless man,
But Eve was the first to live in this land.
She was given to Adam to be a help mate;
When Satan passed out the fruit she quickly ate.

Women are the Queens, although many uncrowned.
The secret of her strength, none have ever found.
She is a marvel for courage, no one can deny.
For the needy of earth she is willing to die.

Women are the mothers of our wonderful race.
She is a crown blessing, none can take her place.
We are now thankful for the women of earth.
She gave to the world, our Saviour in birth.

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Part 57

GEMS

He that pays honor, truth, and virtue for the fruit of happiness is paying too much for the apple. It will become sour and turn to acid.

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In writing life's record, some of my reverses are some of my best verses.

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The brains are hard to get together.

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Dying is the price man pays for living.

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Spiritual freedom stirs the emotion of joy.

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God gives us the things that help us to more fully appreciate Calvary.

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You are doing better than you know often in your work for the Kingdom -- The long results are far more than we thought.

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You can hear a lot and still know very little.

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God has extraordinary power to meet extraordinary needs, even in this day.

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The Gospel of Christ has shaken thrones -- effected the destiny of kingdoms, changed the march of humanity. I am not ashamed of this Gospel.

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God never fails to have a man to match the need of the hour.

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I have seen preachers close one gate to worldliness and in a few minutes open a new gate.
An ordinary farmer knows better than to do that.

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"Brains wasn't what I professed," a man said, "I am a New Dealer." [Is it FDR's "New Deal" politics to which the author refers? -- DVM]

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Part 58 GOD'S MASTERPIECE

God hung out the stars, the sun, and the moon.
Measured the space and made plenty of room.
He did some grand work on the sea and the land,
But made His Masterpiece when He made the first man.

God did a grand job on the animals that creep.
There's Tony, the lion, and the Grizzly that sleeps.
He did a grand job, there was surely a plan,
But He made a Masterpiece when He made the first man.

God made dogs that can bark, and cats that will mew.
He made all creation and made it all new.
This universe great, I am sure He can span,
But He made His Masterpiece when He made the first man.

God made every crevice you find in the rock.
He knows all of the mountains from bottom to top.
He made every creature and He made some demands,
But He made His Masterpiece when He made the first man.

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Part 59 GEMS

Some people will pat your wrist with one hand and reach for your throat with the other.

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Carnality is the seed-bed of sin in the unsanctified soul.

If I Could Choose My Own Troubles -- It would be very interesting if we could choose

the reverses that are to come to our lives.

There was a young couple married. He was handsome, intelligent, and industrious. She was a beautiful bride -- kind, gracious, sincere in her efforts to be a good wife; kept well her own house, became a fond, loving mother of two lovely children. Suddenly she came down with a dreaded, incurable disease. She fought like a good soldier, but gravely lost. Must go' to a Sanitarium and spend the rest of her life. This husband with the pressures of life -- sick wife, care of children and home had a nervous break--was soon in a hospital under constant care. They could not see this dreaded situation when they started out in life together. Had they been able to choose their own troubles, no doubt, they would have gone some other way.

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Praise and popular applause will not cleanse the blood from the hands of unfaithful watchmen.

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When you let time go by not properly used, you are squandering the gold of life.

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Your attitude can determine your altitude.

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Part 60

THE PASTOR'S WIFE MUST MOVE

When the pastor starts to move
His wife is apt to get the blues.
And I don't blame her at all,
Even tho' she bawls and bawls.

For she must stop and say good-bye,
Take some time to cry and cry.
Now and then she bows her head,
She thinks of all that has been said.

The good and the had she has learned to know,
But say "good-bye" for she must go.
But some will smile and some will frown
The day they know she is leaving town.

But she is leaving, this must be
And some she loves she will never see.

The tears haven't dried on her face
When she gets to the other place.

Then she will shake hands with some, that's true;
And smile a bit, for they'll expect her to.
She will then learn this house from door to door,
Just like she did the other one here before.

And hear stories, good and bad,
About preachers' wives that they have had.
But she will smile and sympathize
And keep her mouth shut if she is wise.

For some will smile and some will frown,
The day they know she is leaving town.

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Part 61 GEMS

Some are trying to build the church with soup kitchens, cheap theaters, athletical activities.
These are poor substitutes for the presence of a Holy God.

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There need be no strain if we do right.

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Some preachers seem to be more interested in the subject of the sermon more than the
object of the sermon.

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Don't try to fatten a hog on the north wind.

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You cannot look at truth and go away the same.

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Words should be tested before they are spoken.

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The exchange of spiritual benefits between Christians is very beneficial in the developing of the soul. You receive and give something with everyone you meet.

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When you pray and do not receive the answer -- what you asked for would be injurious to you or God has planned for something better than what you asked for.

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You can't beat God. If you give to God, He will give to you. If you witness for God, He will witness to you.

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THE END