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HE TOOK MY WHIPPING

There was a class of young people that no teacher was able to handle. Two or three teachers had been run off from school this year by these young people. Finally a young man out of college heard about the class and applied to the school. The principal asked the young man "Do you not know what you are asking for, no one has been able to handle these young people, you are just asking for a terrible beating." After a few moments of silent prayer, the young man looked at the principal and said "Sir, with your consent I accept the challenge, just give me a trial basis."

The next morning the young man reported for class. He said to the class "Young people, I came here today to conduct school, but I realize I can't do it by myself, I must have your help." One big boy, they called Big Tom, in the back of the room whispered to his buddies "I'll not need any help, I can lick that little bird all by myself." The young teacher told the class if they are to have school, there will have to be some rules to go by. He also added that he will allow the students to make up the rules and he would list them on the blackboard.

One young man suggested "**NO STEALING**". Another one shouted "**BE ON TIME FOR CLASS.**" Pretty soon they had 10 rules listed on the board. The teacher had then asked the class what the punishment should be for breaking these rules. Rules are no good unless they

are enforced. Someone in the class suggested that if the rules were broken, they should receive 10 licks with a rod across their back with their coat off. The teacher thought that was pretty harsh, and asked the class would they stand by this punishment. The class agreed.

Everything went pretty good for two or three days. Finally Big Tom came in one day very upset. He reported that someone had stolen his lunch. After talking with the students they came to the conclusion that Little Jim had stolen Big Tom's lunch. The teacher called Little Jim up to the front of the room and asked him to remove his coat. That little fellow came up the aisle with a great big coat on. Little Jim approached the teacher and said " I am guilty and am willing to take my punishment but please don't make me take off my coat." The teacher reminded Little Jim of the rules and their punishments and asked him again to remove his coat and take his punishment like a man.

That little fellow started to unbutton that old coat, and the teacher saw that he did not have a shirt on under the coat. The teacher asked Little Jim why he came to school without a shirt on. Little Jim said "My daddy's dead and my mother is very poor, I don't have but one shirt and my mother is washing it today. I wore big brother's coat to keep

warm." That young teacher stood and looked at the frail back and wondered how he could lay a rod on that little back without even a shirt on.

He knew if he didn't enforce the punishment, the children would not obey the rules, so as he drew back to strike Little Jim, Big Tom came down the aisle. Big Tom asked "Can I take Little Jim's whipping for him?" The teacher agreed and Big



Tom ripped his coat off and stooped over and the teacher began to lay the rod on that big back. But for some strange reason after only five licks, that old rod just broke in half. The young teacher buried his face in his hands and began to sob. He heard a commotion and looked up to find not

even one dry eye in the room.

Little Jim had run and grabbed Big Tom around the neck, apologizing to him for stealing his lunch, and explained that he was so very hungry. Little Jim begged Big Tom to forgive him. He told Big Tom that he would love him till the day he died for taking his whipping for him.

Aren't you glad that Jesus took our whipping for us, that He shed his precious blood on Calvary so that we can have eternal life in Glory with Him? We are unworthy of the price He paid for us, but aren't you glad He loves us that much?

Received from Rev. Jim Sparks

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

Here we are entering the eighteenth or should I say the twenty-fifth year as your pastor. It seems



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almost impossible to realize how quickly time has gone by. We are beginning the year 2015 and many people, including myself had at one time thought that we would never see this day come. It just goes to show us that we don't always have things figured out. So many were so sure that the Lord would come before the turn of the century but that has not happened. There will be many who will say that Jesus is not coming back and that our hope of His Second Coming is just a pipe dream. Yet I know in my heart that He is coming again. I have reached the place where I no longer try and estimate when He is to return. All I know is that the time is set and one glorious day, His Father will say, "This is Your Wedding Day. Go and bring Your bride home." This is the hope that gives us all the determination to go on.

As we see things happening all around us we can not but help thinking that the time is short. There are those who think they should hoard all the food they can and try and find a place they

can hide until Christ comes again. But Jesus plainly tells us, "... *Occupy till I come.*" **Luke 19:13** We are not told to sit and contemplate on when He might return or to what place He will come. But rather we are told to occupy, keep busy doing the work of the Lord, until He comes and takes us home to be with Him.

There is much to do and many people who need to be reached for the Gospel's sake and we must be "about our Father's business."

There are many people, including Church people, who are looking to the coming year with fear and apprehension. Yet Jesus tells us not to fear. He said to His disciples when they were in the storm, "*Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*" **Matthew 14:27**. If we have Christ in our hearts and lives, there is nothing to fear. We know that God is in charge and that He will make sure that everything that happens to us will be for our good. The fear enters our hearts and mind when we take ourselves out of Jesus' hand. When we begin to look at things from our perspective we can only see the bad and we fail to see the potential that God sees. The secret of removing the fear in our hearts is learning to accept God's love for us. When we have learned that God truly loves us and that He only seeks our betterment, there will be no room for fear. "*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*" **I John 4:18**

As we begin 2015, let us put aside everything that distracts us from fulfilling the will of God in our lives and trust Him to give us the victory and make this year the best year ever.

SCIENTISTS VERSES GOD

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man and after the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this, let's say we have a man making contest." To which the scientist replied, "OK, great!"

But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God just looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

GOING FISHING



A boy was taking care of his baby sister while his parents went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing and he had to take her along.

"I'll never do that again!" he told his mother that evening. "I didn't catch a thing!"

"Oh, next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his mother said.

The boy said, "It wasn't that. She ate all the bait."

Received by James Sparks

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

**MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 AM
& 11:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM**

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WEDNESDAYS

SOUP & SANDWICHES
5:45 PM

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BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM
LISA'S DINNER

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:
9:30 AM

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LADIES LUNCHEON: 1100 AM

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd

NAMING THE MOOSE

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCRAP BOOKING

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 AM

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th

AMERICAN LEGION: 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st

SENIORS ON THE GO: 12:00 NOON

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FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Funny how \$100 "looks" so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall.

Funny how we believe what the internet says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

Submitted by Katie Jackson

WHO AM I?

I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives: I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments, destroy churches, and ruin marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion. I spurn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses...

I AM CALLED GOSSIP.

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A first grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Their insight may surprise you.

Strike while the...Bug is close.

Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty.

The pen is mightier than the...pigs.

A miss is as good as a...Mr.

Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.

⇒ Received from Katie Jackson

I MIGHT BE OLD BUT I'M GRATEFUL

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement,

New knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes

I'm half blind,

Can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine,

Take 40 different medications that Make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia

Have poor circulation;

Hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

Can't remember if I'm 89 or 98.

Have lost most of my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

COAT HANGER ANGEL

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication for her daughter.



When returning to her car she found that she had locked her keys in the car.

She was in a hurry to get home to her sick daughter, she didn't know what to do, so she called her home and told the baby sitter what had happened and that she did not know what to do.

The baby sitter told her that her daughter was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door." The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car.

Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "Oh no Lord. This is what you sent

to help me?????" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car, I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car."

He said, "SURE." He walked over to the car, and in less than one minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "THANK YOU SO MUCH.. ... You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour.

"The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud....

"THANK YOU, LORD, FOR SENDING ME A PROFESSIONAL"

"ONE"

~~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN~~

*One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.*

*One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.*

*One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.*

*One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference,
You see it's up to YOU!!!*

WHERE # 3?

At a high school in Montana, a group of high school students decided to play a prank on the



school faculty. They let three goats loose in the school.

But, before they let them go, they painted numbers on the sides of the goats: "1," "2," "4."

Local school administrators spent most of the day looking for #3.

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*There were four who came up with the 30 Hidden Books of the Bible (October's quiz). Leanna James of Delta, Colorado, Katie Jackson of Scottsdale, Arizona, Geri Wiese of Napa, Idaho and Mert Horrocks of Onalaska. They all missed book of Hosea, found in the line **Those** able to find...*

Hopefully this months quiz will be a litter easier.

*I shot an arrow into the air
And where it fell I knew just where
It was to warn a friend of mine
The he might be RUNNING out of
time*

*I broke my heart to see him leave
For both of us its a time to grieve
And so we parted on that fateful
day
Our tears were shed as he walked
away*

*Now tell us what our name might
be
Both his name and the name of
me
And if you can I'm glad to say
A great bill smile will come your
way*

**THE DANGER OF
BEING LATE**

A local priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had also stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, and taken illicit drugs. I was appalled.

"But as the days went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies for being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and said: "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived. In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral: Never, never, NEVER-EVER be late.

CHILDREN'S WISDOM

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come **ALL** of

grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing.

She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

