

The Gospel is written a chapter a day
By deeds that you do and by words that you say.
Men read what you say, whether faithless or true.
Say, what is the Gospel according to you?
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It's easier to preach than to practice;
It's easier to say than to do.
Most sermons are heard by the many,
But taken to heart by the few.¹

—Author unknown

“We who believe the Bible is **ABSOLUTE** truth
should affirm the Bible as **AUTHORITATIVE** truth.”²

In other words, if we say we really *believe* God’s Word, then we
should *live* like it. (James 1:19-27)

¹from notes on James by Dr. J.Vernon McGee - ²From Faith in Action, by David W. Drullinger

The Nest Egg



When a retired woman entered the door with armloads of packages, her husband became overly concerned about their financial well-being. He expressed his concern by saying, “With all of these packages I can't help but wonder what's happening to our nest egg.” The woman snapped back, “I'll tell you what's happening to our nest egg. **This old hen got tired of sitting on it!**”

Saturday Evening Post, Nov./Dec. 1992, p. 34

The Answer to Stress



It's only natural that stressed-out people eat more desserts,
because
“stressed” spelled backwards is “desserts.”

Houston Post, Oct. 25, 1993, p. B-6

Chloroform, Scotland, and The Bible

Imagine surgery before the day of anesthesia. Patients were strapped down while scalpel and saw cut through tissue and bone, every slice and turn of the knife causing unimaginable pain.

One Christian physician determined to do something about it. Sir James Young Simpson (1811–1870) practiced medicine in Scotland. He became senior president of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh when only twenty-four, and in time received virtually every possible honor and position. He dreamed of finding a way of putting patients to sleep during surgery. On Monday evenings, Simpson periodically invited small groups of physicians to his home to experiment with chemicals, crystals, and powders, which were placed over a burning brazier while the doctors inhaled the fumes. Nothing worked until November 4, 1847. One of the men had purchased a crystal called chloroform in Paris. As the doctors sniffed the burning substance, they fell to the floor unconscious.

Simpson had his answer, but he soon encountered another problem. He was attacked by fellow Christians who claimed that pain was a God-ordained part of life. Freedom from pain comes only in heaven, and it is immoral to devise dangerous ways of escaping it on earth.

Sir James went to the Scriptures, seeking answers. He no sooner opened his Bible than he came to this verse : “And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.” Carefully studying the text, Simpson wrote an article entitled, “Answer to the Religious Objections Advanced Against the Employment of Anesthetic Agents in Midwifery and Surgery.” He ended his paper saying, “We may rest fully assured that whatever is true on point of fact or humane and merciful in point of practice, will find no condemnation in the Word of God.”

His critics were silenced, and a new day dawned in medical science.

From, “From this verse : 365 scriptures that changed the world,” by R.J.Morgan

God is no bully ...

Pastor Devers