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**"STOP FREDDIE...OR YOU'LL RUIN THE LADY'S STOCKINGS!"**

**The Christian Viewpoint**  
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**CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY**  
 By M. H. MOORE  
 Under the 1960 amendments to the Social Security law, survivors of any worker who died between March 31, 1953, and January 1, 1960, (and who had worked under social security for at least a year and a half before his death) many now get benefits.  
 The original Social Security Act provided benefits only for retired workers. When the law was changed in 1939 to make benefits payable to the survivors and dependents of workers, no provision was made to pay monthly benefits to the survivors of a worker who died before 1940.  
 Under the new law, payments can be made to the widows of workers who died after March 31, 1939, and before January 1, 1940; to the aged dependent parents of these workers and to other disabled sons and daughters.  
 To qualify for benefits, a widow or dependent mother of a worker who died before 1940 must be 62 years of age or over. A dependent father must be 62 or over. A disabled son or daughter must have a disability so severe that it keeps him or her from doing any substantial gainful work and the disability must have begun before the child's 18th birthday.  
 If you believe that you may qualify for these payments, get in touch with your social security office as soon as possible. October 1960 is the first month for which benefits can be paid, but you must make an application before payment can start.  
 Millions of people are denied the right to buy Bibles, hymnals, and Church School literature. Another area for which we are grateful is the Christian Church. The church has benefited mankind in so many ways. This includes hospitals, orphanages, colleges, doctors, skilled technicians, and hope. These are fruits of Christlike concern. The world is learning compassion, it is learning it because the church of Jesus Christ has held high the banner of her Lord. I am grateful for having been born in a land that believes in a church.  
 "Bless the Lord, O My soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and forget not all His 'benefits'." (Psalms 103:1,2)

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
 BY DR. KENNETH ESTERMAN  
 Phil. 4:10-12  
 Devotional Reading: Philippians 4:1-12  
**Strength In God**  
 Lesson for November 27, 1960

**Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch**  
 SAYS  
 DEAR MISTER EDITOR:  
 I see by the papers where some feller has writ his Congressman asking fer Thanksgiving to be changed from Thursday to Friday. He says this would give the working man three days off in a row, while now he gets off Thursday and has to come back to work Friday.  
 From a practical standpoint, the idea ain't bad. I reckon we could change a heap of dates and make it a easier world. Fer instant, we could change Income Tax Day from April 15 to February 29 and save three year of misery. But as a matter of principle, I'm agin monkeying with tradition. I hope the Congress just leaves Thanksgiving where we got it.  
 Well, Mister Editor, I'm mighty thankful this Thanksgiving fer a heap of things. First off, I'm thankful I ain't as hard to please as Ed Doolittle. He said he didn't vote fer either Nixon or Kennedy, said he didn't like the farm program of either one of them. Ed allows as how he's waiting fer a candidate to come along that'll offer control of the weather.  
 Coming right after a national election, I'm special thankful that we not only got free speech in this country but that we ain't got no law making us listen to some of it.  
 I'm thankful, not only fer all the new wonder drugs we got to prolong human life, but I'm thankful fer the progress we've made in other fields of science. My pore old Grand pa, fer instant, never knowed what 'it him when he come down with tired blood, Grandma never knowed the thrill of shaving the fuzz off'n a peach with a electric razor, and neither of em ever had a chanct to count the A's and B's coming through the stomach valves.  
 It would be a better world if all f us would be more thankful fer the things we've got and less bitter over the things we ain't got. We need more of the spirit of the ole lady that got up at a church revival two teeth, but thank the Lord they hit!  
 It's a great world we're living in and I'm thankful fer ever bit of it. I'm even thankful fer how well all my neighbors seems to git along despite the fact they disregard all my good advice.  
 I'm thankful fer a million things.

among them my personal freedom to say and write what I think and to worship as I please. In short, Mister Editor, on this Thanksgiving Day of 1960 I'm thankful fer all the blessings God has bestowed on you and on me and on all us feller Americans.  
 Yours truly,  
 Uncle Pete

**BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST**  
 By Ella V. Pridgen  
 Let's not forget to be Grateful!  
 The story of Joseph is one of most dramatic in the Bible. Potiphar, Joseph's Egyptian master had cast him into prison. In a brief time he had risen to a trusted position as overseer. The Pharaoh's head butler and baker had also been cast into prison. They were troubled about the dreams they had one night and sought an interpretation. Joseph offered to do this for them. They accepted.  
 In Genesis (Chapter 40) we read that Joseph told the butler that he would be restored to his place of authority under the Pharaoh. The baker, he said, would be hanged within three days. Both dream interpretations came to pass. The butler had agreed to refer Joseph's unfortunate plight to the Pharaoh. Having been restored to his former authority however, "the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him."  
 Finally the Pharaoh dreamed a dream and asked for an interpreter. Only then, after two years, did the butler remember Joseph, who year ned to be remembered, had waited a long time for the butler to show his appreciation. In the New Testament, a similar story of ingratitude is told. Nine (of an original ten) lepers who were cured by Jesus in a certain Samaritan leper colony did not return to give him thanks. Only one returned to Jesus. They

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**GRACE AT THANKSGIVING**  
 Dear Lord, may we who gather 'round this board  
 In love and peace ask one more boon of Thee—  
 Give us Thy grace to know how blest we are  
 Who live in this fair land; we who are free  
 To live, to work, to worship as we please!  
 And when the feast is done, we pray Thee then  
 Help us to share with all men everywhere  
 This blessed heritage of ours.  
 Amen.

Maureen Murdoch

**Strength Against**  
 When you read the 6th chapter of Ephesians you get the impression that life is a fight, even for the Christian. Yes, that is true, we must say especially for the Christian. The non-Christian doesn't try to swim against the tide, he goes with the crowd. If a man sets out to be a Christian he soon enough discovers that it is no bed of roses. He discovers where strength is needed; for one thing, against the pull of temptation. Strength of body may help, but one's very physical strength may be a source of temptation. Strength of mind may help; but a strong mind again may itself be a temptation to doubt and pride. It is strength inside, strength of spirit, that counts most in the fight against temptation. Many an alcoholic, or other who find liquor a real temptation even if not rated "alcoholic," knows how this is! Just to say NO—how hard it is! Other people can help, but the fight is really on the inside of the one who is tempted. The battlefield may be out of sight, but the battle is terribly real.

**Strength For—**  
 Just as a Christian needs inner strength to hold out longer against temptation of all kinds, so he needs strength within so as to keep his good intentions going. All of us have generous impulses. We aim to do something for some one. We have a picture of ourselves helping some one out of trouble... and that's all it ever is, a picture. We hang the walls of our mind with pictures of ourselves, all noble... but pure imagination. They are pictures of what we intended doing, what we maybe started to do but never finished.  
 Or perhaps we really do get going on these fine projects, but get too tired too soon. We are like the grain in Jesus' parable that fell on rocky soil. It came up all right, but a few days' sun and it was gone. There was life in the plant but it had no staying power. What we need is inner strength, the "will that says, Hold on!"

**How To Find Strength**  
 One thing should be kept in mind at all times: inner, spiritual power is not like physical or mental power. Some people are born with better physiques than others. Some are born with high IQ's and the low-IQ people just never will catch up. Not everybody, in short, can be an athlete, not every one can be a "brain." But every one can have the inner strength about which we have been talking. If every one does not have it equally, and some not at all, it is not because any are barred off by God's decree. It is because some do not fulfill the conditions.  
 The very first condition, and the continuing one, can be put in a question: Do you want it? Here as in other matters, God is more willing to give than we are to receive. We do not have to make ourselves ready or fit before God's spirit comes into our hearts. We do have to do one thing, quite seriously. We must put ourselves at the Spirit's disposal. The Spirit of God will not come to the help of any one who uses, or tries to use, the Spirit for his own private ends. Only the Spirit of God within us is able to give us that inner strength which we so continually need. But the Holy Spirit is not to be bought, wheedled, harassed or controlled. Only those who welcome the Spirit and yield to Him may have Him.

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