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Some "Pithy" Statements

Pithy: brief, forceful, and meaningful in expression; full of vigor, substance, or meaning; terse; forcible: *a pithy observation.*

The Bible is full of "pithy" statements, such as "spare the rod, spoil the child," "God is love," "Jesus wept," and longer ones like "Is anything too hard for God?" and "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

But men have come up with some good ones as well and they also communicate God's truth. Here are a few.

A French moralist once wrote: "Almost all your faults are more pardonable than the methods you think up to hide them."

That statement reflects the tendency we have to try to cover our sins instead of confessing them. Yet, God knows everything we've done; we are simply deceiving ourselves when we fail to admit what God already knows.

Here's one of my favorites:

Amateurs made Noah's Ark, professionals the Titanic.

Man thinks they can do anything and most people think men have done just about everything. Yet, for all their accomplishments, man has proven, time and again, that no man is God — sometimes with spectacular and disastrous results.

Children seldom misquote you; they repeat what you shouldn't have said word for word.

When you have a child, you learn pretty quickly that there are no family secrets any longer. Kids have a way of revealing the true character of mom and dad. So walk circumspectly (Eph. 5:15), not just around your children, but at all times.

I like the following for its implication about consistent Bible study: If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six hours sharpening my ax. — Abraham Lincoln

Here are a few that need no explanation:

- Forgiveness is like the fragrance a flower gives after it's been stepped on.
- Worrying about something is like paying interest on a debt you don't even know if you owe. (Mark Twain)
- When life knocks you to your knees, you're in position to pray.
- A man may make many mistakes, but is not a failure until he starts blaming someone else for them.
- It seems like every time history repeats itself, the price doubles.

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- It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are most likely to be remembered.
- If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins.
- The greater the man's talent, the more becoming his modesty.
- The truth often hurts, but it is the lie that leaves the scar.
- Most people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited – until you try to get into their pew. (George Goldtrap)
- Too many of us spend the first six days of the week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure. (Fred Allen)
- Do you know the three times that most people “go to church”? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched. (Lowell B. Yoder)
- Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong. (Joseph P Dooley)
- If a church wants a better preacher, it can get one by praying for the one it has. (Robert E. Harris)
- A lot of church members who are singing “Standing On The Promises” are just sitting on the premises. (Monique Rysavy)
- We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers. (Donna Maddux)
- I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay away from. (Denny Brake)
- Some minds are like concrete; thoroughly mixed up and permanently set. (Denny Brake)

Here are a couple of longer quotes that communicate powerful biblical truth:

Robert Fitch, from a 1959 article entitled *The Obsolescence of Ethics*:

“Ours is an age where ethics has become obsolete. It is superseded by science, deleted by philosophy and dismissed as emotive by psychology. It is drowned in compassion, evaporates into aesthetics and retreats before relativism. The usual moral distinctions between good and bad are simply drowned in a maudlin emotion in which we feel more sympathy for the murderer than for the murdered, for the adulterer than for the betrayed, and in which we have actually begun to believe that the real guilty party, the one who somehow caused it all, is the victim, and not the perpetrator of the crime.”

“Satan's masterpiece is not the prostitute or the skid-row bum. It is the self-sufficient person who has made life comfortable, who is adjusting well to the world and truly likes living here, a person who dreams of no better place to live, who longs only to be a little better – and a little better off – than he already is.”

Larry Crabb, “Shattered Dreams,” p. 126

Centrality of the Cross/Christ

The cross is centered between hell and heaven, pain and healing, sin and holiness, criminals and kings, rejection and acceptance, earth and clouds, darkness and light, despair and peace, tragedy and hope, sadness and joy, separation and unity, death and life, chance and second chance, wrong and right, old and new, poverty and riches, shame and glory, loss and gain, time and eternity, weakness and power, evil and good.

And the best quote of all...(among these):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:1-3, 14**