

SECTION VI.

Amusing Grace

A small boy's prayer: "Dear God, I hope you take good care of yourself. "Cause if anything happens to you, we would all be in a terrible mess."

"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

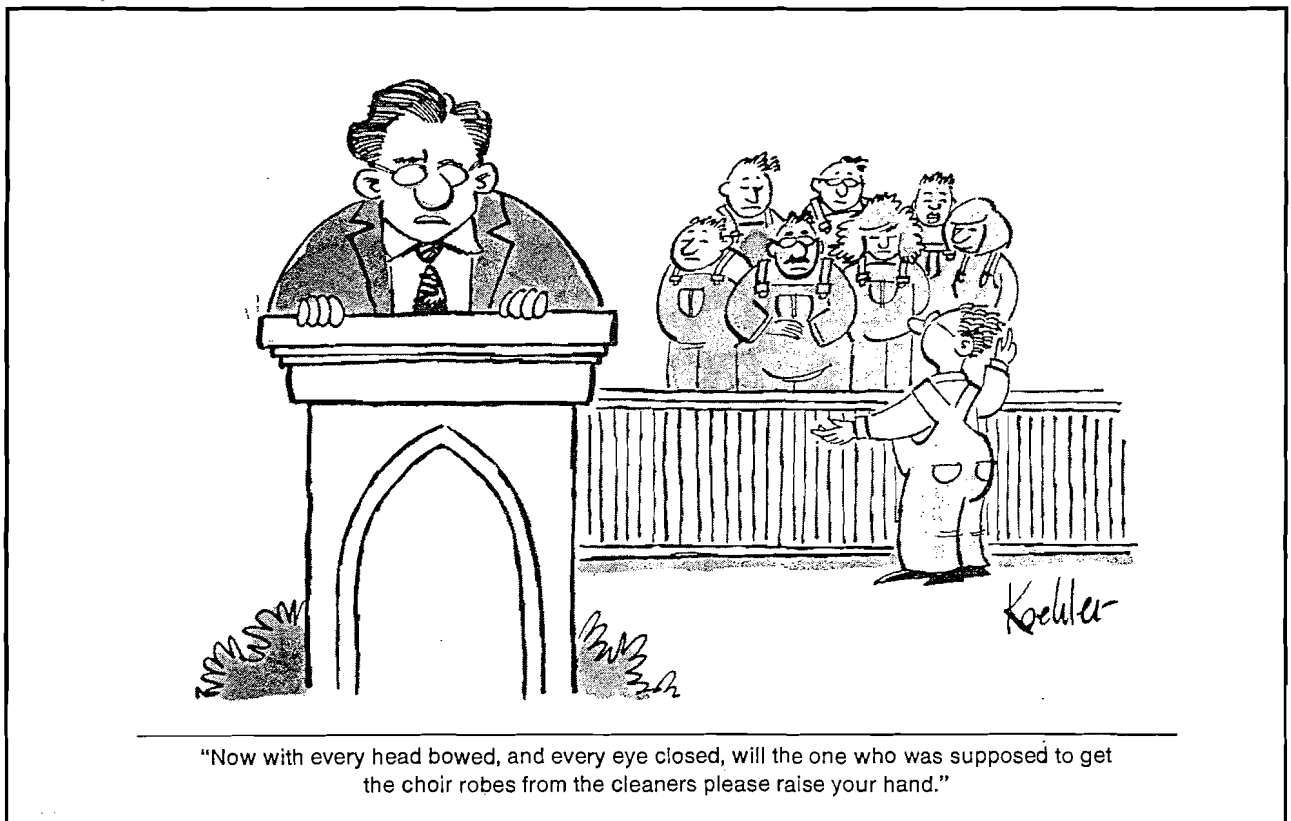
Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)

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A little boy was asked to name the first man. He promptly answered, "Adam." Then, he was asked to name the first woman. He pondered long and hard and finally suggested, "Madam."

After the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. They passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden. One of the boys asked, "What's that?" Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

From a bulletin: "The church dinner was like Heaven. Many we expected to see were absent."



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Four year old Jill, the pastor's daughter, was raised in the church, first going to the nursery and then to children's church. The first time she visited "big people's church", she witnessed her dad conducting a baptismal service. She almost shivered as she saw people being dunked under the water. Her mom explained that dad was "baptizing." The following night, Jill, crying uncontrollably, ran into her dad's home study. "Daddy, Daddy," she screamed, "Jimmy's upstairs baptizing my best doll!"

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A group of boys at church camp were asked the meaning of an archangel. No one knew. Then, one boy asked, "One of the angels that came out of the Ark?"

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A soprano who sang in a choir  
Soared earnestly higher and higher,  
Till her uppermost note  
Got stuck in her throat  
And lifted her clear through the spire!

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Once a committee opens a can of worms, the only way to re-can them is to use a larger can. Old worms never die, they just worm their way into larger cans.

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Most churches need three monkeys--one who seems no upheaval, one who hears no upheaval, and another who speaks no upheaval.

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After an atheist died, a friend looked at him in the casket, shook his head and remarked--"All dressed up and no good place to go."

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A Baptist family had a death in the family while their minister was out of town. They asked the local Methodist minister to conduct the funeral service. He called his bishop and asked, "Can I bury a Baptist?" The bishop quickly replied, "Sure, bury all the Baptists you can!"

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A missionary, deep in the jungle, came upon a witch doctor who was pounding heavily on a drum. "What is going on?" asked the frightened missionary. "We have no water," explained the native. "I see," said the religious leader. "So you're praying for rain?" "No," said the witch doctor, "I'm sending for the plumber."

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The minister had a special filing drawer for his bills. It was labeled "DUE UNTO OTHERS".

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Righteous indignation: jealousy with a halo.

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A pastor quizzed a boy, "What is the Trinity?" The boy had a weak voice and answered somewhat quietly, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." The pastor commented, "I can't understand you." To which the bright young Christian replied, "You're not supposed to--it's a mystery!"

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Many of us need the prayer of the old saint who prayed, "Lord, keep me alive while I'm still living".

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Question: What do you get when you cross a praying mantis and a termite?

Answer: A bug that says grace before eating your house.

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Deacon: "How do you like the new pastor?"
Church Member: "Don't like him much. He preached so long I couldn't keep awake, and he hollered so loud I couldn't go to sleep".

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A Catholic priest and a Methodist minister were driving rather rapidly down a country road headed to the golf course. The priest ran over a rabbit that was in the road. He stopped the car, took a vial out of the glove compartment and said to his companion: "I am really very sorry I did that. At least I can give the poor creature the last rites." Then, he anointed the rabbit with holy water.

The Methodist then took a bottle out of his golf bag and sprinkled some of its contents on the apparently lifeless bunny. Immediately, the rabbit came to life, jumped into the air, and in a moment had run across a nearby field.

The priest was astonished. "I didn't know you Methodists used such potent holy water", he remarked.

"We don't," replied the minister. "That was hare restorer".

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