

# THE TRENTON BULLETIN

## Sleep When The Wind Blows (Paul R. Blake)

Years ago, a farmer owned land on the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for field hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged in from the ocean, wreaking havoc on buildings and crops. As the farmer called applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals. Finally, a small man, well past middle age, approached the farmer.

"Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him.

"Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.

Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The fellow worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer was satisfied with his work.

Then, one night, the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook him and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie everything down before it all blows away!"

The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No, sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows." Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot.

Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away.

The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

Can you sleep when the wind of adversity blows? Can you rest well when the Adversary rages against you? When you're spiritually, emotionally,

mentally, and physically prepared, you have nothing to fear.

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" (Matthew 7:24-25).

**3 STEPS TO VICTORY**  
**1 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**  
**2 FINISH THE RACE**  
**3 KEEP THE FAITH**  
**2 TIMOTHY 4:7**

## Parenting At 35,000 Feet (Selected)

Each time you fly, you'll hear a little spiel that almost anyone can recite. "In the unlikely event that we should lose cabin pressure, an oxygen mask will drop in front of you. Place the mask securely over your nose and pull firmly to activate the flow of oxygen. If you are traveling with a child, place the mask over your face first, then proceed to place a mask over your child."

It's a nice speech, but it goes against our nature. As parents, we tend to think we must take care of our children first. Yet the airline says to take care of yourself first. Their reasoning is simple: our children depend on us.

If we don't receive the breath of life to sustain us, we won't be able to assist our children, and both

lives will be lost. By taking care of ourselves first, we will be able to save both them and us. The spiritual connection is obvious.

If we neglect the life-sustaining breath of God in our lives, then we will promote the spiritual destruction of both parent and child. So, take a deep spiritual breath today – your children are counting on it.

Could I climb the highest place in Athens, I would lift my voice and proclaim: "Fellow citizen, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth and take so little care of your children, to whom one day you must relinquish it all?" (Socrates; 469–399 B.C.)

### Beatitudes For Married Couples (Selected)

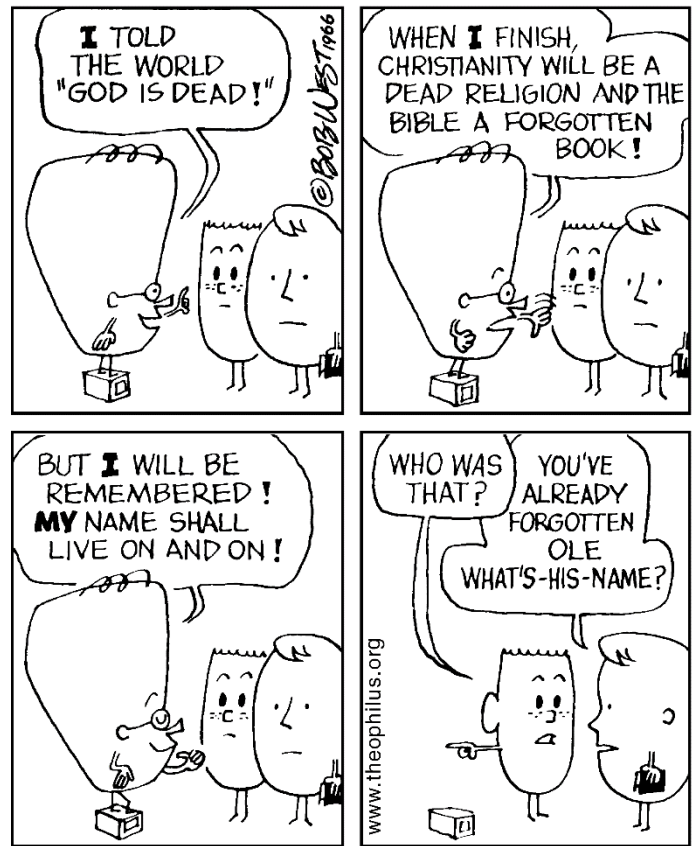
- Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate, and loving through all the days of their life together.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who have a sense of humor, for this will be a handy shock absorber.
- Blessed are they who love each other more than any other person in the world and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity as husband and wife.
- Blessed are they who thank God for their blessings and who set aside some time each day for the reading of the Bible and prayer.
- Blessed are they who never speak harshly to each other and who make their home a place of mutual encouragement and love.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out their problems without interference from relatives.
- Blessed are the husband and wife who dedicate their lives and their home to the advancement of Christ and His kingdom.



**MAKE WORSHIP A FAMILY AFFAIR**

### THEOPHILUS

*His Claim to Fame*



### Ten Keys To Creative Living

1. Do something to solve your problems.
2. Accept and meet your obligations.
3. Adjust to the necessary.
4. Plan ahead with conservative optimism; set realistic goals.
5. Welcome new experiences; test new ideas.
6. Use your God-given talents.
7. Think, investigate, and decide for yourself.
8. Put your best into everything you do.
9. Share your joys and sorrows with others.
10. Reach out to help other people.



When you see a dirty face in the mirror, you wash the face, not the glass. Don't try to make God's word read differently, but rather, bring your spiritual activities into alignment with it. Remember, friend, it isn't the mirror – it's you.

*A successful person is one who went ahead and did the thing  
the rest of us never quite got around to doing.*