The story is told of Benezet, a poor French school teacher who lived in Philadelphia. He was so kind and helpful that when he died nearly the whole city came to his funeral. One of the generals of the Revolutionary Army said: “I would rather be Anthony Benezet in his coffin than General Washington in all his glory.” A life of service and sympathy is worth more to the world than the career of the statesman or conqueror.—By Kay M. Adams, Signs of the Times, April 1925.

Quote: “Some people are so pitiably poor that they do not have so much as two ideas to rub together while waiting for the train.”—By Robert Louis Stevenson, Signs of the Times, February 2, 1926.

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Many years ago a cow kicked over a lantern in a Chicago barn. Soon the straw on the floor was ablaze. The fire spread. In those days (1871) fire-fighting apparatus had not been developed to its present-day efficiency and soon the whole suburb and a sizable portion of the city was in flames. By the time the fire was brought under control, 17,000 buildings had been razed, 100,000 people were homeless, and the estimated damage climbed to a colossal $200,000,000. All this was the result of a “little thing”—just the overturning of a common hurricane lantern.

The wise man, Solomon, declares that it is “the little foxes, that spoil the vines.” (Song of Solomon 2:15.)—By Robert H. Pierson, These Times, March 1952.

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Craig and Patricia had been married twenty-five years. During that time they had
worked hard and denied themselves much. Both had held down jobs. They had never
taken a vacation—a vacation out of town that cost money. They did not go to the movies;
either of them smoked or drank. All during the twenty-five years of their hard work
together they had had a plan. It was a plan to retire when they had accumulated a
predetermined amount of money that they had mutually agreed upon. A little while ago
they achieved their goal.

Week by week through the long, hard years they had watched their little fortune grow.
They needed the stimulus of seeing the actual cash, so they had saved currency,
changing small bills into larger ones as the right amount was saved. Patricia kept the
currency upon her person, to make sure nothing would happen to it. At last they had
enough--$43,500. (This was written in 1953.)

Then something terrible happened. At last report no one seemed to know just what
happened to the money. As near as Patricia knew, it had got mixed with some trash and
had been burned up in the back yard. A lifetime’s savings! $43,500! Gone up in smoke in
a few moments of carelessness, after all their hard work!

Yes, he knew that Craig and Patricia had a considerable sum of money that they were
going to deposit in the bank sometime soon, the banker told reporters. But no deposit was
made.

Patricia had intended to go to the bank on Monday afternoon, but had worked overtime
at her job.

On Tuesday the money was gone. All of it.

How careless many of us are! And how many ways there are to lose money! We fix our
eyes upon a material goal, disregarding the spiritual things of life. We bend every energy
to achieve our aim. Denying ourselves human pleasures along the way. We count on
some future time for happiness. God calls us to stop and consider Him and His ways, but
we are too busy. We must have the money, the house, the car—all the material things.
Finally we are about to reach our goal. Just a little further—and it has gone!—By R. E.
Finney, Signs of the Times, November 24, 1953.

Quote: “If our doubts do not prevail so far as to make us leave off praying, our prayers will
prevail so far as to make us leave off doubting.”—By Henry Hickman, Signs of the Times,
May 17, 1910.

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A life-boat went out on a dangerous coast to the relief of a shipwrecked vessel. The waves ran high, and threatened to swamp the boat. At last the coxswain said:

"Mates, shall we turn back? We are going to certain death. The ship has sunk, and doubtless all hands have gone down with her."

There was a moment’s hesitation, and then one man cried out: "No, let’s go on. As I ran down the beach, I passed two ladies on their knees praying for the lives of the men in yonder wreck. I believe God will hear them. I believe we may yet find some alive." His words had such an effect on the crew that they plucked up courage and rowed on midst the breakers. They picked up five poor fellows, one by one, clinging to the wreckage or otherwise supporting themselves.—Selected, Signs of the Times, January 28, 1897.

Quote: “Bring prayers close together. They will put sins far apart.”—By Charles G. Bellah, Signs of the Times, January 21, 1930.

Dr. Pentecost met an infidel who declared that the reason he did not believe the Bible was that he did not know the Author.

"Do you know the author of the multiplication table?" asked Dr. Pentecost.

“No,” replied the skeptic.

"Then I suppose, being a scientific man and a conscientious skeptic, you never use the multiplication table."

“Oh, yes,” was the reply, “that proves itself to be true by its works.”

“Then may we not also know that the Bible is a work of absolute authority, because its works in its own sphere prove itself true?"

“By their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20), the Bible tells us, and I am sure that you accept this as a sufficient rule.—By Earle Albert Rowell, Signs of the Times, July
20, 1926.

Quote: “Evils in the journey of life are like the hills which alarm travelers on the road. Both appear great at a distance, but when we approach them we find they are far less insurmountable than we had conceived.”—By Colton, Signs of the Times, December 21, 1954.

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I have met many persons who said they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but they were quite hostile to the claims of the commandments of God. They have told me they live far above the law; they live high up in the realm of the Spirit, and not down on the level of the law. May I illustrate this point as follows:

Here is a small boy who comes up to his mother and puts his arms around her neck and says to her: “Mother, I love you dearly. I really do.”

The mother is quite pleased with this demonstration and with these ardent words of love told her by her little son. Suddenly she remembers that she has something for him to do. So she says, “Well, my boy, I’m very glad you love mother. I have something for you to do right now. The coal bucket is empty, and the wood box also needs filling. So, my boy, I shall be happy to have you bring up a bucket of coal and fill the wood box.”

Wouldn’t the mother be surprised to hear the little boy say, “Oh, mother, I don’t love you down there among the coal buckets and the wood boxes. I love you away up in the Spirit.”—By Charles T. Everson, Signs of the Times, September 5, 1939.

Quote: “The heart which can carry the burdens and sorrows of even the most forsaken, which can make room for the griefs and toils and cares of the hapless multitude, is filled without measure with the life and love of God.—By Charles Miel, Signs of the Times, February 20, 1940.

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