



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

*I have to thank God for all the people who God sent into my life. The people who gave their best so that I could learn to give my best. I want you to know “**You are one of them**”.*

Please read the poem. It may not be a “serious” poem, but its message is powerful. I have seen it credited to Dr. Tennyson Guyer (1913–1981), a senator from Ohio, and at other times as “anonymous.” Other readers suggest that this poem was originally written by Joy Lovelet Crawford and that it fits the style of her other works. No matter the author, its message is important for us to reflect on.

The World is Mine

Today upon a bus I saw a girl with pretty golden hair;
She seemed so gay, I envied her, and wished that I were half so fair;
I watched her as she rose to leave, and saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and wore a crutch, but as she passed--a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two legs—the world is mine.
Later on I bought some sweets. The boy who sold them had such charm,
I thought I'd stop and talk a while. If I were late, t'would do no harm.
And as we talked he said, “Thank you, sir, you’ve really been so kind.
It’s nice to talk to folks like you because, you see, I’m blind.”
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two eyes—the world is mine.
Later, walking down the street, I met a boy with eyes so blue.
But he stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do.
I paused, and then I said, “Why don’t you join the others, dear?”
But he looked straight ahead without a word, and then I knew, he couldn’t hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
Two legs to take me where I go,
Two eyes to see the sunset’s glow,
Two ears to hear all I should know,
I have two ears—the world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I’m blest, indeed, the world is mine.

*As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we not only humble ourselves before God to praise Him for all we have and are, but to praise Him for who He is! It is a special time to love the Lord, to renew our commitment to Him and to allow our gratitude to spill over in deep appreciation for all the people He has brought into our lives. We are especially grateful for our family and our friends. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18 says, **“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”***

As you are aware, motorcycle activities are ongoing in the winter months. I am sure we will meet many people who need Jesus at the scheduled indoor biker events. Please remember people in the motorcycling community are very observant: they are watching to see how we act in face of challenges. In our task of spreading the gospel and getting people to see how the Word of God can impact their lives, we must also give them a non-judgmental ear. The best method is still person to person or, as the old adage goes, “Each one, reach one.”

If you have not invited Jesus into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Let Him take control of your life. When we turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him be the rider and we the passenger, it is a blessing to know that He is in charge. He knows what lies around the next corner, He knows how fast we can take the curves, and He knows how to maintain us and keep us going. When we want to shout directions from the pillion seat, God will not force us to go down the roads that He knows are best. However, what a blessing when we allow Him to take us where He wills.

May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God’s presence in it.

I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Season as we all rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation!

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road. Love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

*Riding with Jesus,
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God bless America

Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates

***Jesus said, “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God’s good news to one and all.”
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***