

# What Will Be Your Epitaph?



# Epitaphs

ANN MANN

*She lived an old maid  
But died an old MANN.*

1708-1818

# Epitaphs

JOHNNY YEAST

1804-1899

*“Pardon me  
for not rising”.*

# Epitaphs

*In 1922,  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June,  
Johnny Fiddle  
went out of tune!*



# Epitaphs

*John Dunn*

*1809-1901*

*A Sinner,*

*A Cheat,*

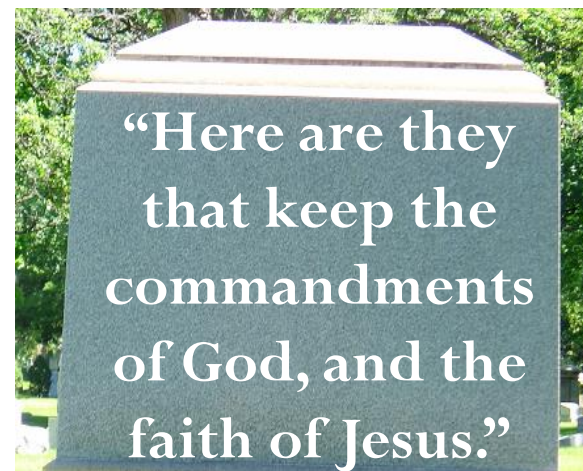
*And a Liar*

*---From His loving wife*

# Epitaph of the Saints in Heaven

## Revelation 14:12-13

- ***“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”***



**Based on your life....**

**What Will Be  
Your Epitaph?**

**Will it be GREAT or SAD?**



# How Will Your Epitaph Read?

*Your Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ *to* \_\_\_\_\_

*Loving wife.*

*Loving mother.*

*Faithful Christian.*

# How Will Your Epitaph Read?

*Your Name*

*\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_*

*“A faithful servant  
of Jesus Christ”*

# How Will Your Epitaph Read?

*Your Name*

*to*

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# GREAT Epitaphs in Scripture

- ***“He went about doing good.”***
  - **Acts 10:38**, Peter said of Jesus
- ***“A devout man, one who feared God”***
  - **Acts 10:2**, Luke said of Cornelius
- ***“The Encourager” (The Exhorter)***
  - **Acts 4:36 & Acts 11:23**, Luke said of Barnabas
- ***“She found favor in the sight of the Lord”***
  - **Ruth 2:13**, Ruth said Boaz



# GREAT Epitaphs in Scripture

- *“Lord, I am the woman who stood by you”*
  - **1 Samuel 1:26**, Hannah’s prayer
- *“She was for a time such as this.”*
  - **Esther 4:14**, Mordecai to Esther
- *“I have fought the good fight”*
  - **2 Timothy 4:6-7**, Paul about himself to Timothy
- *“He being dead yet speaketh”*
  - **Hebrews 11:4**, Abel & all the great heroes of faith in **Hebrews 11**



# SAD Epitaphs In Scripture

- ***“Left his first love”***
  - **Revelation 2:4**, God to church at Ephesus
- ***“Loved the present world more than God”***
  - **2 Timothy 4:10**, Paul about Demas
- ***“A fugitive and vagabond”***
  - **Genesis 4:12**, God about Cain
- ***“He that betrayed Him”***
  - **Matthew 26:48**, Jesus of Judas



# SAD Epitaphs in Scripture

- ***“Lied not to men, but to God”***
  - **Acts 5:4**, Peter to Ananias
- ***“Almost persuaded to be a Christian”***
  - **Acts 26:28**, Agrippa to Paul
- ***“Washed his hands before the multitude and shed innocent blood”***
  - **Matthew 27:24**, Matthew record of Pilate
- ***“Crucified both Lord and Christ”***
  - **Acts 2:36**, Peter to the Jews



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# Conclusion of the Matter

- **Headstone in a cemetery in England**

*Remember man, as you walk by,  
So you are now, so once was I,  
As I am now, so shall you be,  
Remember this and follow me.*

- **Later someone wrote...**

*To follow you I'll not consent,  
Until I know which way you went.*



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