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A Weekly Devotional from the  
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## Striking Matches

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Several years ago, I heard a gospel preacher (now deceased) tell of an incident that occurred early in his life. He was a young preacher, still in college, and working for a congregation. He was full of ideas. He was full of zeal and enthusiasm. And his zeal was evident to all. So much so, that one day, one of his elders came to him and said, "Son, you need to slow down. Don't you know you can't set the world on fire all by yourself?" To which this young preacher replied, "You may be right. I may not be able to set the world on fire all by myself, but when the Lord returns, may he find me striking matches!"

What a thought! What a response! Can it be improved upon? Friends, if the Lord returned tomorrow, would he find you striking matches? Give it some thought.