

# A Short-Sighted Bishop

Steve Goodier, an ordained United Methodist minister, author and founder of *Your Life Support System*, a widely read newsletter, tells this story.

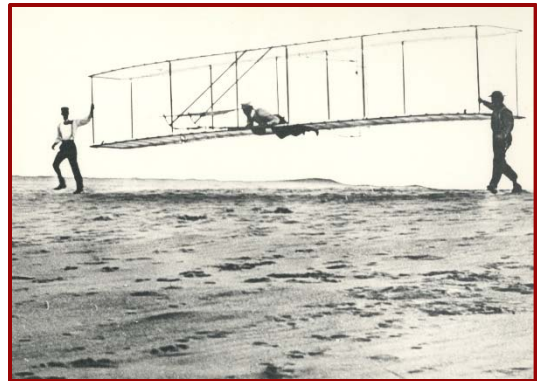
A bishop back in the 1870s had charge of a small denominational college. Annually, he visited the school and stayed in the home of the president.

The bishop was a narrow thinker with a dim view of the future. He told the school president during one of those visits that everything that could be invented had already been invented.

The administrator disagreed. "In 50 years," he contended, "people will learn to fly like birds."

That kind of talk greatly disturbed the bishop. "Flight is reserved for birds and angels," he said emphatically, "and you, sir, are guilty of blasphemy!"

The name of the bishop was Milton Wright. That name may not have a great deal of meaning to you, but something else will. You see, back at home, this clergyman had two enthusiastic sons – Orville and Wilbur – who were fascinated about the future and the pursuit of a dream.



The rest of the story is one of an enthusiastic belief in tomorrow. You know how it ends.

The late U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey – 38<sup>th</sup> vice president of the United States – was once asked about the "good old days." He said, "They were never that good, believe me. The good new days are today, and better days are coming tomorrow. Our greatest songs are still unsung."

Do you believe that your greatest songs are still unsung? Will you joyously welcome tomorrow and all the tomorrows to come – that better days are coming?

*There is hope in your future, says the Lord (Jeremiah 31:17 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter