

BOOST

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"*Boost, and the world boosts with you,*
Knock, and you're on the shelf;
For the world gets sick of the man who kicks,
And wishes he'd kick himself."

When a motor starts knocking it stops pulling. There are a number of reasons for a motor to knock, but perhaps one of the most common is that the oil is either very low or is gone completely. We are told that oil is made up of thousands of tiny particles, which if magnified many times would resemble tiny ball bearings. These small particles come in between the moving surfaces and prevent friction. Oil and nothing else has that power to make the motor run smoothly.

Many places in the Bible, oil is given as a type of the Spirit of God. In the very beginning of the Scriptures, when there was only chaos and confusion, the Spirit of God was over the face of the deep. It was exercised greatly during the creation. The Spirit or power of God brought all creation to its perfected form—out of chaos and darkness into light and order and beauty.

In the same way when God's Spirit was withdrawn there remained only sin, confusion, and trouble in its wake. When the Spirit of the Lord left Saul only evil was with him unto the day of his death. So it was with other characters throughout the Bible. As long as God's Spirit was with them there was blessing; when removed, trouble.

Are *you* a knocker? If you are, you may know what is wrong. You need oil, God's oil of the Spirit. If God's oil of the Spirit is in you, your life will run smoothly with vibrations of love. If God's Spirit is not in you, you will be a knocker until you finally burn out (Rom. 8:9). If you have symptoms of becoming a knocker, better get a fresh supply while the oil is obtainable. Remember the five foolish virgins! They were left outside.