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PRESCRIPTION

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THE PSALMIST SAID, "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?" (34:12).

The answer to this question should be quite obvious. Innate within each of us is a desire for a good life. Many people, however, are somewhat frustrated in their attempt to realize this objective.

The Psalmist, in his further comment beginning with Psalm 34:13, presents a clear-cut prescription for a good life: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

You possibly have asked, "What can I do to get the most out of life? How can I find utmost happiness? How can I realize the greatest good and live a long time upon the earth?" The Psalmist has given us a very wonderful answer to these questions.

THE FIRST INGREDIENT

The Psalmist placed the important element of desire first. A desire and hunger for something better is the motivation which causes us to aspire and achieve. Many have reverted to mediocrity in their Christian experience for lack of drive born from a fervent desire to rise to greater spiritual heights. Nothing brings greater spiritual demoralization than a smug complacency that reflects itself in self-satisfaction.

Dwight L. Moody ably stated that there are three

general classes of Christians: the satisfied, the dissatisfied, and the unsatisfied.

In the first group (the satisfied) is the subtle feeling of sufficiency and completeness that tends to inactivity.

The second class (the dissatisfied) often reflects a critical and fault-finding attitude. This condition usually comes from spiritual lukewarmness resulting from prayerlessness and relegating the things of God and His service to a secondary place. The work of God has been greatly hindered by those whose experiences lack the active manifestation of the Christian graces of love, longsuffering, meekness, etc.

The third group (the unsatisfied) is composed of those who are "satisfied with an unsatisfied satisfaction."

8th Pentecostal World Conference

WHAT MAY BE "the largest gathering of Pentecostals ever," the eighth Pentecostal World Conference, meets in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 18-23.

Scores of writers have called Rio the most beautiful city in the world. This southern metropolis, the home of 4,000,000 people, is indeed a unique international city.

But the heart of the city is her people—many thousands of whom have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some of the world's largest Pentecostal churches are in Rio de Janeiro.

The Pentecostal revival that has swept Brazil is one of the most amazing religious awakenings of the 20th century and has drawn worldwide attention. More than 1,500,000 Pentecostals in Brazil welcome the conference to their country.

Sessions of the Pentecostal World Conference will be held in the 30,000-seat Maracanazinho Stadium. Evangelistic rallies will be in the neighboring 200,000-seat Maracana Stadium—making possible one of the largest Pentecostal gatherings ever. Headquarters hotel is the Gloria Hotel.

In the 20 years since the first Pentecostal World Conference was held in Zurich, other conferences have been held in Paris, London, Stockholm, Toronto, Jeru-

They are deeply grateful for every blessing and victory but they are seized with an insatiable desire for more of God. They cry, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1). Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). The good life is for those who desire it!

THE SECOND INGREDIENT

The next step toward the good life is control of the tongue. The Psalmist declared, "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

Homer, the ancient Greek poet, spoke of the "windy satisfaction of the tongue." One of the pointed proverbs of the Greeks regarding the tongue says, "The boneless tongue, so small and weak, can crush and kill." A Persian proverb says, "A lengthy tongue, an early death."

The deep significance of all these statements is expressed in the Arab's proverb, "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart." We express with our tongues that which is in our hearts. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." The apostle James pictured our conversation as the outpouring of a fountain—the fountain, of course, being the heart.

It is amazing how our speech betrays us even when we try to deceive. Peter learned this when he cursed and swore that he did not know the Lord, for his manner of speech exposed him. In the truest sense our speech is a word picture of ourselves. Therefore, it behooves us to keep our hearts filled with thoughts which are "true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report."

THE THIRD INGREDIENT

The third step toward a good life is to "depart from evil and do good." This is a twofold process. It is like repentance and faith; one is negative, the other positive. No one has ever found the good life who did not leave the bad one. If a ship is ever to find a better port, it must cut loose from the present one. "No man," Jesus said, "can serve two masters." There

are two roads, the broad and the narrow, and we cannot walk in both at the same time.

If our lives are ever to be good, we must refrain from sin. We must measure our lives by the ideal set forth in God's Word and exemplified in the life of Christ. The Bible is God's means of revealing our sins on the one hand and the will of God on the other. The first and main objective in our struggle for a better life is to depart from evil. Sometimes it is a desperate struggle, but it is the only road to a good life.

THE FOURTH INGREDIENT

The final element suggested by the Psalmist in his prescription for a good life is, "Seek peace and pursue it." There is nothing this strife-ridden world needs so much as peace—peace among nations, peace in the commercial and industrial world, peace in the individual heart. There can be no good life for us collectively or individually in a world of strife. God in His wonderful provision for us makes possible a peace that passes human understanding. This peace comes from God when our hearts are in right relation with Him. As long as sin and wrong rule in the human heart, strife and uneasiness will result.

By personally accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour, and by exercising faith in His precious blood by which our sins are washed away, we find peace, wonderful peace—the peace that only God can give. Regardless of the turmoil and strife that may run rampant within your soul, God has a peace for you in all circumstances.

Briefly review the steps that the Psalmist gave us to pursue this good life: The first ingredient is based on desire—the desire for a good life. The second is keeping the tongue from speaking evil. The third is departing from evil and doing good. The fourth is seeking peace.

Your life may have its ups and downs. You may have an aching void that this world cannot fill. I am happy to tell you that God can satisfy the hunger and longing of your heart, making it possible for you to rejoice and sing, "I'm a child of the King." 

saalem, and Helsinki. This year is the first time the meeting has ever gone south of the equator.

Theme for the conference is "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ," and is based on John 16:13, 14: "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come . . . he shall glorify me." The theme stresses the spiritual nature of the conference and relates the ministries of the Holy Spirit to conditions prevalent in today's world.

Speakers for the conference will represent six continents, and delegates are expected from every major nation of the world—indicating the worldwide impact of the Pentecostal revival during this century.

Printed programs will be trilingual—in English, Spanish, and Portuguese (the national language of Brazil). Interpreters will translate the services into English and Portuguese.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God (USA), is chairman of the advisory

committee in charge of conference planning, and A. P. Vasconcelos (Brazil) is secretary. Serving on the committee with them are: P. L. Macalao and F. P. Nascimento (Brazil), P. Crudo (Argentina), A. Flores (Chile), Lewi Pethrus and Willis Sawe (Sweden), Eino Manninen (Finland), Erling Strom (Norway), E. Lesnusa and H. L. Senduk (Indonesia), P. Duncan (Australia), Tom Johnstone (Canada), G. Wessels (South Africa), P. S. Brewster (Wales), Erwin Lorenz (Germany), Samuel M. Crouch, Wade H. Horton and Howard P. Courtney (USA).

The editors of the *Evangel* urge our readers worldwide to pray for the eighth Pentecostal World Conference—that a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit shall come upon all who attend, and that this anointing shall remain afterward and accompany them to their home countries to promote a new spiritual awakening and hasten the return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 

Remove the Roadblocks

WE LIVE IN DAYS OF REVIVAL. God is visiting every nation and pouring out His Spirit on all mankind. As in King David's time, "the Ark is coming up the road." Let's remove every roadblock and welcome the blessed Holy Spirit to come in all His fullness.

It was a happy day when the Ark was carried into Jerusalem. It is written in 2 Samuel 6:15 that "David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet." The Ark represented the Divine Presence and the scene must have been as hilarious as that of the Day of Pentecost; for the people were shouting God's praises and David was dancing for joy. They left no roadblocks standing before the Ark. They prepared a way for the Lord, and He came into the city.

Let's be sure there are no roadblocks to prevent the Holy Spirit from coming into our midst today.

If you have wronged a Christian brother or sister, that is a roadblock. Has your conduct been such that they have lost confidence in you? Have you slighted someone, either deliberately or unintentionally? If you have spoken against him, or hurt him in any manner, the way to remove the roadblock is to go to your brother and humbly ask his forgiveness (Matthew 5:23, 24).

A humble approach usually breaks down the barriers. John Wesley once rebuked a young fellow-minister for having done wrong, but the young minister denied it. "Then it is my duty," said Wesley, "to ask your forgiveness if I have misjudged you." This humble attitude on Wesley's part caused the young man to break down and confess, and to ask forgiveness.

If you are holding a grudge against another Christian, that too is a roadblock. Perhaps you've been told he wronged you, but it may not be true. Instead of discussing your grievance with others, go to him and ask whether the report is correct. If it is false, you surely do not wish to spread a lie; and you do not wish to be an "accuser of the brethren," either, for that is Satan's work.

Lovelessness may be the roadblock. Perhaps you have permitted a gulf to come between you and a brother; you have become cold and distant. Try to cultivate a warm brotherly spirit. If you remain separated from your brother you may eventually find you are separated from God; for the Word says, "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

Lovelessness toward God, in particular, is a roadblock that will keep back the blessing. Remember Christ's words to the church at Ephesus: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." It may be that your love for the Lord has been displaced by a love for someone else, or something else. It may be that you love His service more than Himself. Maybe you love His gifts and His blessings more than you love Him.

Look around for roadblocks. "Prepare ye the way... cast up the highway; gather out the stones... Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him" (Isaiah 62:10, 11). Have you grieved the Lord by mixing with the world and ceasing to testify of His grace? Have you become lukewarm toward the One who died for you? Have you indulged in secret sins? These are roadblocks waiting to be removed so that God's mighty presence may be manifested in your life through the reviving power of the Holy Spirit.

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Orders for the Saints

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is soon to return to this earth. Many signs given in the Scriptures point clearly to His soon coming. Among these signs is widespread apostasy. The corruption of the churches is the final, critical corruption which precedes the judgments revealed in the Book of Revelation.

The apostasy is a time of confusion—a time when even the godly, the righteous may be deceived. Clear orders are necessary when battle lines are not clearly defined. The Book of Jude simply and directly gives orders to the people of God for these troubled times. The orders are terse, sharply clear, and very personal.

ORDER NUMBER ONE: “Earnestly contend for the faith.”

The *Living Letters* paraphrase of the Epistles helps sharpen the focus on this order: “Stoutly defend the truth which God gave, once for all, to His people to keep without change through the years.”

The Book of Jude anticipates the fact that the last corruption of the church is *apostasy*. Jude says, “For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” He infers that the light of gospel truth will burn low in the closing hours of this age of grace.

Apostasy literally means “falling away.” It refers to the denial of the revealed truth of God’s Word. It includes the denial of truth, either by direct repudiation, or by truth being weakened and diluted so that the truth itself is nullified.

Meaningful examples of this are not hard to find. I found several clear illustrations in one issue of *Look* magazine. An Episcopal layman declared, “The church can’t prove to my 18-year-old son that God is worth worshipping!”

The same article reported that two University of California sociologists polled laymen throughout the USA and then boldly stated: “Protestants can no longer sing, ‘Christ crucified, risen, and coming again,’ with one voice. *Less than half of the total American Christendom really believes it true!* The new cleavages,” say these two sociologists, “are not over such matters as how to properly worship God, *but whether or not there is a God it makes sense to worship!*”

No wonder Jesus queried, “When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8).

In the midst of such confusion, the believer is exhorted to know the truth of God’s Word and to stoutly defend it. Our defense is not in the realm of debate, but in manifesting the peace and joy that faith in the truth brings. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

In the tragic American Civil War a battle raged in a Southern farmyard. Southern soldiers were startled to see a farmer’s wife stride out of her home. She held a poker in her hand and wore a determined look on her face. “Mother, you can’t fight those Northerners with a fire poker,” one of the soldiers yelled.

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“Maybe I can’t, but I can let ‘em know which side I’m on!” she replied.

Let the world *know* which side you are on! Witness! Contend for the faith!

ORDER NUMBER TWO: “Remember the prophecies.”

“But, beloved, *remember ye the words* which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that *they told you* there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own lusts.”

God’s plan is not a closed secret. It is clearly revealed in His Word. And God’s plan has not failed. It is on target! It is on time! Study His plan. Read the prophecies carefully. It will reassure you to understand that God is on His throne. He rules and reigns in the affairs of men.

Prophecy is history written in advance. We are not following cunningly devised fables. The passage of time has demonstrated the accuracy and dependability of God’s Word.

Study the prophecies, and you will see that God’s plan is on course. You will be more and more convinced that we stand at the threshold of the manifestation of God’s eternal Kingdom.

ORDER NUMBER THREE: “Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.”

Now we turn to the inner depths of the believer’s life. Above all else, says Jude, strengthen the foundations of your spiritual life. A strong word used in the New Testament is *edify*. It means “to build.” A study of the use of this word in the New Testament reveals many ways in which believers may develop spiritual strength. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for this purpose (1 Corinthians 14:4). Paul says that prophesying is a mighty tool in the hands of the Spirit in building up the believer in the everlasting truth.

ORDER NUMBER FOUR: “Pray in the Holy Ghost.”

What a command! Here is prayer in the truest, purest

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Healing for SOUL and BODY

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THE VICTORY OF JESUS CHRIST WAS TWOFOLD. HE OFFERS BOTH SALVATION AND HEALING — IF YOU WILL BELIEVE.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS, He not only bore our sins, but “Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses” (Matthew 8:17).

Paul reminds us that our redemption is twofold: “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s (1 Corinthians 6:20). Surely God is glorified in the healing of our bodies today, as He was in the days when the Lord Jesus was on earth.

David linked spiritual and physical blessings together when he said, “Bless the Lord, O my soul... Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.”

Our God is a lifegiving God. “The last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” He quickens the soul, according to Ephesians 2:1, and the body, according to Romans 8:11. Jesus came into the world to restore to us that which Adam lost through the Fall, and Adam certainly lost the blessing of good health as well as moral virtue.

It is interesting to note that the same Greek word (*sozo*) which means to make or keep sound or safe, is applied in the Scriptures both to the salvation of the soul and to the healing of the body. For example, the word *sozo* is translated *saved* in Acts 16:31: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” In Matthew 9:21, where the woman with an issue of blood pressed through the crowd to Jesus, the word is translated *whole*: “If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.”

A SEARCHING QUESTION

Since Jesus came to heal as well as to save, why are not more people healed today? The disciples asked a somewhat similar question in their day: “Why could not we cast him out?”

Jesus replied, “Because of your unbelief.” It is the will of God to heal if we believe. James 5:14 is just as comprehensive as John 3:16.

Of course, God can and does act in a sovereign manner, healing some without apparent faith on their part; but this is the exception rather than the rule. At various times God has taken the initiative in showing His power for a purpose, as in delivering His people from Egypt. Ten times over God revealed Himself on behalf of Israel in miraculous ways until He brought them out at last in triumph through the Red Sea.

In these great manifestations of His power we do not read that God required any special faith by His people. But when God got them safely to the other side of the Red Sea, it was time for their first test in faith. Did they pass it? No, they failed. Up went their hands in horror, and they cried, “Where is God? We wish we were back in Egypt.” God tested them 10 times, and 10 times they failed to pass the test.

“Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it” (Hebrews 4:1,2).

Again we read in the Gospels how God took the initiative in visiting mankind in the person of His Son. And we see how, in the beginning of His ministry, Jesus did not require faith on the part of the people; but after a time He began to say, “According to your faith be it unto you.”

At the beginning of this century God took the initiative in sending a worldwide revival. There were many miracles of healing as well as many conversions and many baptisms with the Spirit. The time had come for God to send the latter rain, and He did it. However, it is

evident, both from the Bible and from observation, that God does not keep taking the initiative in dealing with His people. Having manifested His power, He then expects faith on our part. Miracles should produce faith, and that faith in turn should produce more miracles.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

All of us who are parents desire the development of our children. There comes a time when you let the little fellow down and take hold of his hand. He may cry, "Carry me, Daddy." But you say, "No, Sonny. I will hold your hand. Just use your legs." The Bible says, "We walk by faith, not by sight."

When you first went to school, you were given simple problems to work. But although you may have had the same teacher for the next year and the next, were you always given the same problems? Of course not; otherwise, how could you gain an education?

Hebrews 13:8 is a text which suffers violence at the hands of some. For although Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, it does not follow that He always works in the same way in dealing with His people. He did not do this when He was on earth.

If your prayers are not answered as quickly now as at the beginning of your Christian experience, this does not prove that God is unwilling to answer you. Elijah did not get his prayer for rain answered the first time he prayed, nor the second, but the seventh time. He was expected to exercise the faith he had developed in his God.

THE GREAT CONDITION

There is one thing God never turns down in any age, and that is faith. For "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). It is the prayer of faith which saves the sick. We are given many examples of acceptable faith in Hebrews 11, and in every case we find that action follows belief.

A young man sat down at his desk and figured out that a human body should float in water because it is lighter than its own volume of water. He was quite correct, but that was not faith: it was just good calculation. Then he went down to a swimming pool and saw men floating easily in the water. That convinced him further that his theory was right, but that was not faith. Then he jumped into the water. That was faith. When he floated, that was faith rewarded.

There are some who, fearful of sinking, would prefer to keep a toe in the bottom of the pool. But one cannot float that way.

What have you got your toe on? It may take more prayer and consecration for you to dare to draw up your toe and wholly trust the Lord. You must settle this thing for yourself. Is He trustworthy? Are you prepared to trust Him wholly?

A couple touring a large manufacturing plant saw several containers of molten metal. The guide told them that if they would first dip their hands in a liquid, they could then safely dip them in the molten metal. The man said, "I'll take your word for it"—he declined to try—but his wife took off her glove, dipped her hand into the liquid and then into the metal. She felt no harm. The guide smiled and said to the man, "I

do not doubt that you *believed* me, but your wife *trusted* me."

How much do you believe in God? How far do you trust the God of the Bible? Do you believe He is what He says He is? He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

HOW DOES FAITH INCREASE?

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). The Word of God is compared to bread, the staff of life. We know that natural strength comes through the food we eat. It is possible to eat just enough to sustain life yet not enough to keep us fit and strong. John wrote, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you." Feast your soul on the Word of God, accept the great panoramic view of His mighty acts as they are recorded, and put your confidence in Him for your own needs.

Faith also comes by a life of obedience and fellowship with God. John said, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." And again, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

In order to keep the Lord's commandments, we must read His Word and find out what He requires of us. We are so used to expecting shortcuts these days, even from God, that we are getting short circuits instead, resulting in darkness rather than light.

Diligence in seeking God also plays a very important part in building our faith. God is a rewarder of those who *diligently* seek Him. Perhaps this is where some of us fail. Do we diligently seek God for all He has promised?

In a certain assembly was a woman with a withered arm. Two members of the church determined to fast and pray until she was healed. Their diligence was rewarded; the woman was healed within two weeks' time.

Several years ago I was asked by a friend to come with him to pray for a member of his choir who had something wrong with his head, a problem which might require an operation. In prayer, I will admit, I was somewhat long-winded, and the enemy whispered, "You will weary these people with your long prayer." I pushed the thought away and continued to pray. Soon there came into my soul the sweet assurance that my prayer was heard. At the same time the brother for whom we were praying said he felt something "click" in his head—and he was healed.

If I had stopped praying sooner, I believe I would have prayed only the prayer of *hope*; but as it was, I felt I had prayed the prayer of *faith*.

In Hebrews 11:1, we read, "Now faith is a well-grounded assurance of that for which we hope" (Weymouth). There is a difference between the prayer of faith which presses through and the prayer of hope which falls short of assurance.

God has promised that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." This is the reward of them that diligently seek God for what He has purchased and promised to us.

JAPANESE PRODIGAL

I WAS BORN AND RAISED a Buddhist in the land of Aomori in northern Japan. My uncle, my brother-in-law, and the father of my brother's wife are all Buddhist priests, and my household had to be devout in Buddhism. I, myself, believed it all and sat down before the household Buddhist shrine every morning and every night.

Though my parents wanted me to be a priest, I was studying to be a statesman. My education was interrupted, however, when I became sick and had to come to Tokyo.

When I recovered, I worked as a tailor. I worked hard and made good progress, but I started to deceive the officials of my company and swindled about 150,000 yen (\$420).

Having money and youth, I went to bars every night with my friends. I continued this kind of living for about two years, and then my company broke up. I opened my own business with the money I had swindled and some which I had inherited from my

father. I was praised by my friends, but because of my extravagance I was far in debt and finally was forced to give up my business.

About four months before I lost everything, I recognized my defeat. Not only my money but also my friends had gone from me. At this time I turned to a sect of Buddhism called Nichiren Religion. I had brought a shrine from my home in Aomori which I had put up in my shop and every morning and night I cried and prayed before it, "I don't want to lose my business. Please help me! Help me not to be defeated. Teach me the right way to live, please. Why didn't you teach me the right way before? Help me, help me!" This was my prayer for four months, but no help came.

At last I believed no more in the Buddhist shrine. I crushed it under my feet and threw it out.

Completely discouraged, I decided to kill myself. On September 14, 1962, after I had made all preparations for

suicide, I went for a walk in Kawasaki City (between Tokyo and Yokohama) and noticed a church sign which read, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

After some inward struggling, I knocked at the church door thinking I would soon be dead anyway and it wouldn't hurt to be turned away again.

The pastor talked with me for three hours, showing me verses from the Bible; and for the first time in my life I recognized that I was a sinner. I knelt down and followed the pastor in prayer, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

At that same time the Lord taught me, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This truth entered into me and from then I have known the true and the living God.

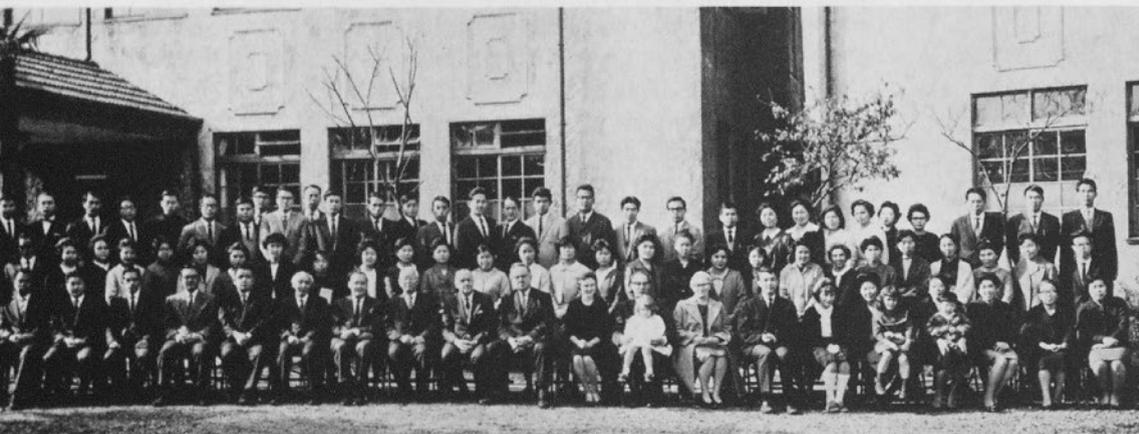
My experience with Christ ended all plans for suicide. I went to a pawn shop where I pawned my coat for 1,000 yen (\$2.80). With this money I bought a Bible, a songbook, and some bread. I spent the next few days reading the Bible and eating the bread. I found that the true and living God who made the world could answer all questions and problems.

Mr. Sano, president of the company for which I had worked, not only forgave me but canceled the debt I owed. He and his household now have become Christians too.

My many sins have been forgiven, and I live with great joy every day. At present I am a student at Central Bible Institute in Tokyo, preparing to be a minister of this wonderful gospel.



Central Bible Institute in Tokyo is preparing many young men and women for the task of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Japan.



BARCELONA, Spain's main industrial city of two million people, is now feeling the impact of the full-gospel message.

At the beginning of 1967 we announced to the Evangelistic Center that we were going to call this "A Year for Growth." When we received the letter confirming Evangelist Harold Herman's coming campaign, we felt God was beginning to answer our prayer for growth. We immediately began preparations, including a chain of prayer for the campaign.

For the first time in Spain we were able to place announcements in the two largest daily newspapers of Barcelona. Many people arrived at the church with the newspapers or the clipping in their hands and asked if they would be permitted to come.

Also we were able to keep the door of our church open during the day so that a sign in the lobby that announced the campaign could be read by the hundreds who passed by.

Thanks to Light-for-the-Lost, we printed and distributed 3,000 handbills.

A reporter called us several times a day, even before the evangelist arrived. (He had seen our announcement in the paper and wanted a personal interview with Brother Herman.) He said his report would go out to papers in the Americas as well as Spain. He was hungry for the gospel, and it was possible for us to witness to him and give him a New Testament before he left. He expressed gratitude for the interview and our testimony.

God was with us from the very first of our eight-day campaign. He worked mightily—saving souls, healing sick bodies, and blessing the local congregation. Each night the church was well filled, and the last Sunday night there was standing room only.

In each service many new people are in the congregation. The newspaper announcements are continuing to pay dividends as new ones who didn't attend the campaign are coming as a result of the publicity.

Among those who testified of heal-

ing is one man of another denomination who began coming during the campaign. His wife was in bed with cancer; but the last four tests the doctors have taken have proved negative, and she has begun to sit up more each day. Thank God for His healing power!

Another healing was that of an evangelical pastor's daughter who had an incurable disease and could neither walk nor sleep. She is now improving steadily.

Brother Herman's anointed ministry was such a blessing. Now we must take advantage of every new opportunity afforded us to get the gospel out to the people of Spain. 

Barcelona

GOOD NEWS CRUSADE

By **ETHEL GONZALEZ** ■ Spain

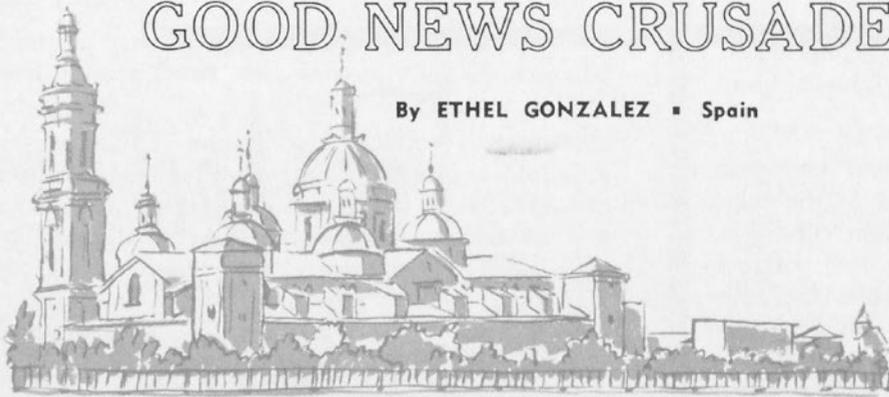


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Barcelona (above) was the site of one of Global Conquest's "Good News Crusades" with "Good News" Evangelist Hal Herman. Announcements were put in the newspapers (below, left), and many of the people who attended the meetings came as a result of reading the announcements.



All He Wanted Was the Title

IN BOLD LETTERS one of Nigeria's newspapers carried a headline which read, "Chief Fined for Assuming a Title."

These words so fascinated me that my thinking was immediately provoked. The words, "Fined for assuming a title," kept running through my mind.

Poor unfortunate chief! How he must have loved and coveted the title. He envisaged the honor it would add to his name. "What a loss if I do not own this title," he must have said to himself.

Yet this man should have known the proper steps to official recognition as a chief. After the preliminary investigations of lineage and character, the village elders make sure the man who wants to be chief meets certain tribal requirements. They recommend the man to the clan elders, who send their recommendation to the state officials. The state officials publish their decision in the government gazette, and the man is sworn in by proper legal authorities. The announcement of the appointment of a chief is made by a high authority in the community. Only then is the man free to use the title of chief. Any shortcut is unconstitutional.

It is possible one of the men of the town may have suggested to this wealthy man that he use his money as a shortcut. "Since you have the money, there is

nothing to debar you from taking that title. Just get a good number of people together, offer them sufficient money, drinks, and food. At the end of our enjoyment together we shall reward you with that title."

This would seem to be a solution, so let us imagine how lavishly he complied.

It was a day of jubilation when the crowd he had bribed declared him the title-holder.

His joy, however, was short-lived. For no sooner had they paraded around the town with music and dancing than a few policemen rounded them up and arrested the chief and several of his king-makers. They were taken to the court for judgment. The chief and some of his leading men were found guilty and fined.

The chief's great mistake was that he did not want to follow the traditional way whereby his right to own the title could have been validated. *He did not aspire to qualify; all he wanted was the title.*

To me this was a big lesson. All over the world today the most misused title is that of "Christian." Thousands have assumed this title without qualifying for it. As a result, three-quarters of our Federal prison population in Nigeria are so-called Christians. Among them are rogues, murderers, drunkards, lawbreakers, and other irresponsible citizens.

When we trace the word *Christian* to the time it

I NEVER CEASE TO WONDER how a woman can plan her meal so each item on her menu comes to the table at exactly the right time and exactly the right condition.

It takes a master cook to know when the potatoes are to be mashed and the gravy made, when the rolls are to be put in the oven so everything will be ready at the right time.

A farmer raising crops and cattle must know when is the best time to plant, to buy, or to sell. He must manage to get his produce or cattle on the market at the right time to get the best price.

Timing in business is often the key to success. Some men gain their wealth by an uncanny sense of timing. Nearly worthless property sometimes multiplies in value overnight when a road goes through, a plaza is built, or a subdivision goes in. Some folk just seem to know how to wait. They make a fortune just by waiting for the right time.

Did you know that God's sense of timing is perfect? Never too slow, never too fast. When God runs a man's life, the schedule is perfect. It's so important to believe this.

We are tempted to become impatient with the time it takes for God's will to be done. We forget that

Perfect
Timing

By MICHAEL P. HORBAN
Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada

submitting to God's will means submitting to His schedule.

The man who has learned to trust God never questions when things don't work out the way he thinks they should. Of course, it's difficult sometimes. But going back to the analogy of cooking: God knows the proper ingredients to put into a man's life and He knows the exact proportions, the correct temperature, and the right time to take him out of the "oven." Just be patient. His timing is perfect. 

was first used, we see that this group of believers who were so called did not assume the name themselves. It was rather a descriptive name given them by others. They lived, walked, and acted like Jesus. There was a perfect resemblance. (A group of drunkards, fornicators, rogues, liars, deceivers, and wicked men could not have been so called or recognized.)

In the Book of Acts, chapter 9, we read about Simon who pretended to be a Christian when he was not. His speech and action revealed the true condition of his heart. He had nothing divine in his heart but he burnt his charms and declared he was for Christ as he had seen others do. He was baptized and thus became a communicant, considering himself one of the group even though he knew that evil remained in his heart.

The words of Peter in rebuking the hypocrisy in Simon were drastic and devastating: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right with God" (Acts 8:20, 21).

Simon did not want to dedicate his heart and life to God in order to receive His power and blessings. He simply wanted "the new wine in the old bottle." He is typical of many who think they can buy anything with their money, even salvation and eternal life. Many—like the presumptuous chief—are not willing to take the necessary steps to qualify in the sight of God as a Christian.

To be a Christian one must be born again, at which time the Spirit of Christ will possess him. In Romans 8:9 we read: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." In 2 Corinthians 5:15 we read: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new."

To become a new creature is a must, because Christ cannot dwell in the heart that is controlled by sin and remains unchanged.

A Christian then is one who by hearing the message of the gospel is converted from his old sinful life to a new and righteous life in Christ Jesus. He has voluntarily, because of his conviction, decided to live for Christ. No amount of religious rites without this personal change of heart can make one a Christian.

In the Book of Revelation the Lord's words against false assumption are very stern: "I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. . . . Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Revelation 2:9 and 3:1).

Friend, are you a Christian? This is a personal question and requires a personal answer. It is a positive experience which one must have if he is to be a Christian. Do not be deluded. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). Note the word *beareth*. It does not say, "shall bear," as of future. You can know it now.

The Bible warns: "But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). THINK!

—Nigerian Evangel

Orders for the Saints

(Continued from page five)

essence of its meaning. For true prayer is vastly more than a mental art. True prayer is not a matter of words. Rhetoric and beautiful phraseology appeal to the human mind, but prayer is more than beautiful phrase-making.

A news reporter related the events of a great public gathering. He commented on the bishop's prayer, saying, "It was the most beautiful prayer ever offered to a Boston audience!" What a significant statement! Do we pray to impress people? Or do we pray to communicate with God?

Prayer in the Holy Ghost is that spiritual tide that sweeps in cleansing power through the mind and spirit of man and reaches out to touch the throne of God. The reality and power we must have in prayer is found by "praying in the Holy Ghost." The unction and guidance of the Holy Spirit give prayer its true depth and power.

ORDER NUMBER FIVE: "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

Literally, this is an exhortation to keep yourself in the *consciousness* of God's love. Or, as *Living Letters* says, "Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you."

To do this, you must move where God's love moves. You must see to it that nothing breaks your fellowship with God. This is why the apostle John warned, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

This order is of the highest importance! In a world filled with strife and bitterness, the believer's environment must be the love of God. For "in him we live, and move, and have our being."

ORDER NUMBER SIX: "Others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire."

Work for God! Work with the desperation of those who seek to rescue persons trapped in a burning building. The *Living Letters* paraphrase of this passage reads: "Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt. Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them. . . ."

Recently some pictures of the last flight of the zeppelin *Hindenburg* were shown. The zeppelin had successfully flown across the Atlantic. It was preparing to dock at the hangar in New Jersey when flames ignited the vast, gas-filled bag. The gondola housing the passengers was engulfed in flames. In seconds the frame was white hot as the zeppelin plunged to the earth, pinning the gondola beneath it.

The pictures hold one in horrified silence. How could anyone escape? And yet, even as you watch, people pour out from the midst of the flames, running to safety.

This is the picture which Jude paints. We live in a world aflame!

Christian, these are your orders! Reach out in compassion. Everyone you can win is saved from fiery destruction.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

Canadian Evangelicals to Build New College

A new liberal arts college will rise soon on a seven-acre site in Toronto. Property which once housed a Canadian Army arsenal has been leased from the Canadian government to build the conservative evangelical institution which is called Richmond College.

The leaders are Dr. John Wesley White, associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; his brother, Dr. Hugh White, a geophysicist; and their brother-in-law, Elmer McVety, a minister. About 100 students are expected in September.

Dead Sea Scroll Exhibited at Expo '67

The 2,000-year-old Commentary of Habukkuk, one of the seven Dead Sea scrolls discovered in 1947, is on exhibition in the Israeli pavilion of Expo '67, Montreal, Canada. The scroll measures five and one-half inches wide by four and one-half feet long. The oldest exhibit at the exposition, it is insured for \$15,000,000. It is made of strips of leather parchment sewn together with flaxen thread.

Caltech Experts Revise Book of Predictions

Advances in technology are outrunning their prognosticators. In 1957 Professors James Bonner, Harrison Brown, and John Weir at the California Institute of Technology made certain predictions in a book about *The Next Hundred Years*. Recently they held a con-

ference to update their forecasts. In just 10 years, world population has raced ahead much faster than expected; a global food crisis foreseen for the next century may be here in another decade; and the "prosperity gap" between the haves and have-nots has stretched even wider than the Caltech experts predicted.

Stalin's Daughter Found "It Was Impossible to Exist Without God in One's Heart"

Svetlana Alliluyeva, who left Moscow last December to convey the ashes of her late husband, Brajesh Singh, to his home in India, decided to come to the USA rather than return to the USSR. On arriving in New York, the only daughter of Josef Stalin said:

"In recent years we in Russia have begun to think, to discuss, to argue, and we are not so much automatically devoted anymore to the ideas which we were taught.

"Also religion has done a lot to change me. I was brought up in a family where there was never any talk of God. But when I became a grown-up person I found that it was impossible to exist without God in one's heart. I came to that conclusion myself, without anybody's help or preaching. But that was a great change, because since that moment the main dogmas of communism lost their significance for me."

Says Many Catholics No Longer Listen to Pope

Charles Davis, the theologian who renounced the Roman Catholic Church and the priesthood, recently said that many Catholics no longer look to the Pope for guidance. On his arrival in Toronto for appearance on a Canadian television network's public affairs program, the British theologian said there are signs of disintegration within the Roman Church.

"There is no doubt it is in the process now," he said. "The birth control controversy is one sign. Many Catholics have ceased to listen to the Pope for moral guidance."

LATIN AMERICA

Roman Church in Latin America Appraised

A Roman Catholic author deplors the fact that the church in Latin America is not nearly as strong as it appears. In his new book *Missionary Crisis and Challenge in Latin America*, Robert Wood states that although 90 percent of the population of Latin America (200,000,000) are baptized Catholics, only 33 percent ever receive their



Alaska's Governor Walter J. Hickel (right) examines the Alaska Centennial Edition of "The Pentecostal Evangel" presented to him by Roy J. Davidson (left), pastor of Bethel Assembly of God in Juneau. The governor said he was thrilled with it and extended congratulations for such a fine edition. The C.A.'s of Bethel Assembly plan to distribute copies of this "Evangel" among visitors in the capital city this summer. The girls will wear centennial dresses while giving out the copies. Other C. A. groups and churches throughout the state will also distribute thousands of copies of this special May issue.

first communion; only four percent of the men and 10 percent of the women "make their Easter duty" (attend the mass on Easter Sunday); 70 percent are without basic instruction in the Roman Catholic faith; and 50 percent of the marriages occur outside the church.

Mr. Wood feels that after 400 years of strong authoritarian presence, overwhelming ecclesiastical prestige, and much political power, this is a poor showing. He also notes that Protestants are increasing numerically; they are establishing national roots hard to eradicate or change; and they are stressing the role of the laity in witnessing.

Guatemalans Rapidly Becoming Evangelicals

A research team which recently reported to the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association says that evangelical Christianity in Guatemala is growing rapidly. A graph displayed at EFMA's annual convention in Los Angeles indicated that if the 426,307 evangelical Christians continue to grow at the present rate of 11 percent each year and the national population continues to increase at 3.1 percent, half the population of the Central American country will be evangelical in 20 years.

WORLDWIDE

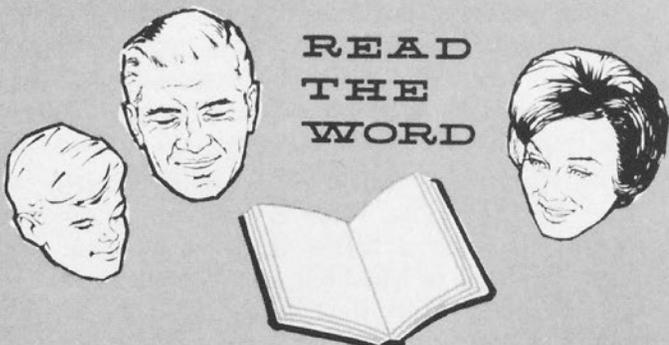
Hindu Gives Up Fast Seeking Ban on Cow Slaughter

For 73 days a Hindu religious leader fasted to pressure his government into banning any slaughter of cows, but on the 74th day he gave up and drank some coconut milk. It was the second attempt to force the government into giving concessions on politically explosive issues.

The cow is sacred to Hindus because it is said to incorporate a total of 380,000,000 Hindu deities. But India contains many non-Hindu minorities who eat beef, and any federal ban would affect them.

Spanish Evangelicals Allowed to Advertise

For the first time in more than 30 years evangelicals have been allowed to place advertisements in Spanish newspapers. Four Barcelona papers carried announcements of united evangelistic meetings recently. Leaders of the meetings said the notices attracted a good number of people who had not previously attended.



**READ
THE
WORD**

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4-11

Sunday	Joshua 15, 16	Thursday	Joshua 23, 24
Monday	Joshua 17, 18	Friday	Judges 1, 2
Tuesday	Joshua 19, 20	Saturday	Judges 3, 4
Wednesday ..	Joshua 21, 22	Sunday	Judges 5, 6

"There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass" (Joshua 21:45).



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What did Jesus mean when He said to the disciple: "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead"? (Matthew 8:22).

One commentary says it was common among the Jews to consider any that walked contrary to the Law as dead. We might speak of such as backsliders. If this commentary is correct, we may consider that the man to whom Jesus spoke was the only one of his family walking with God. To put Jesus' words into our language, "Let the sinners of the family bury their sinning parents. Let the disciple follow Jesus." In other words if there is a conflict, we are to put Christ first. That Jesus would have parents properly cared for, however, is evident in His concern for His mother when He was dying.

Jesus said, "Call no man your father upon earth" (Matthew 23:9). Is it wrong for children to call their earthly father by that name?

In Matthew 23:1-10 Jesus was rebuking the desire for titles and honors among men. Jesus meant, "Let not esteem for titles, or because of titles, appear among you. All ye are brethren." The title of "father" was bestowed on a high rabbi or teacher, and at times prophets were also spoken of as fathers (2 Kings 2:12; 7:21). It is right to give honor to whom honor is due, but we should avoid giving or seeking honors only to bolster human pride. Children are to honor their fathers and mothers. It is therefore right that children speak of their parents as father and mother.

First Corinthians 13:10 says: "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." What does this mean?

It means that when we reach heaven and enjoy our perfect state, that which we now know only in part (because of our limitations) will be done away. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (v. 12).

It does not mean that now, since we have the New Testament Scriptures to guide us, all spiritual manifestations such as are recorded in the Book of Acts are done away.

The early disciples met on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). Does this not teach that the Lord's Supper should be observed each Sunday in remembrance of Christ's resurrection?

Jesus did not specify how often the Lord's Supper should be observed. The Bible says, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup..." (1 Corinthians 11:25). The church should have regular times for observing the Lord's Supper. Many of our churches observe it on the first Sunday of each month.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



SAUL'S SELF-WILL

Sunday School Lesson for June 11, 1967

1 SAMUEL 15:10-23

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

SAUL'S FIRST ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE is recorded in 1 Samuel 13. After that act, Saul went from bad to worse. Self-will and hypocrisy became a part of his character. According to chapter 14, Saul attempted to cover up his wrongdoings by seemingly religious acts. Saul's conduct proved that the whole bent of his heart was away from God, and for this reason he was finally rejected as king over Israel.

SAUL'S EXPOSURE

For 400 years the Amalekites had been bitter enemies of Israel. Because they were guilty of intolerable wickedness, Saul was explicitly commanded to destroy them—to spare neither man nor beast. Yet Saul, motivated in part by greed and pride, saved the best cattle and the king of the Amalekites, Agag. Then Samuel appeared on the scene.

1. *The False Profession.* Saul said, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord" (v. 13). How deceitful is the human heart! Blinded by self-will, Saul may have imagined that his own way was right. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man" (Proverbs 14:12), but it ends in death to the soul. Did Saul actually think that the man who had told him the whereabouts of his father's asses could not tell him about the sheep he had spared? Sin makes a fool of the wisest men!

2. *The Searching Question.* "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep?" (v. 14). Saul's sin had found him out. Sin always betrays the sinner.

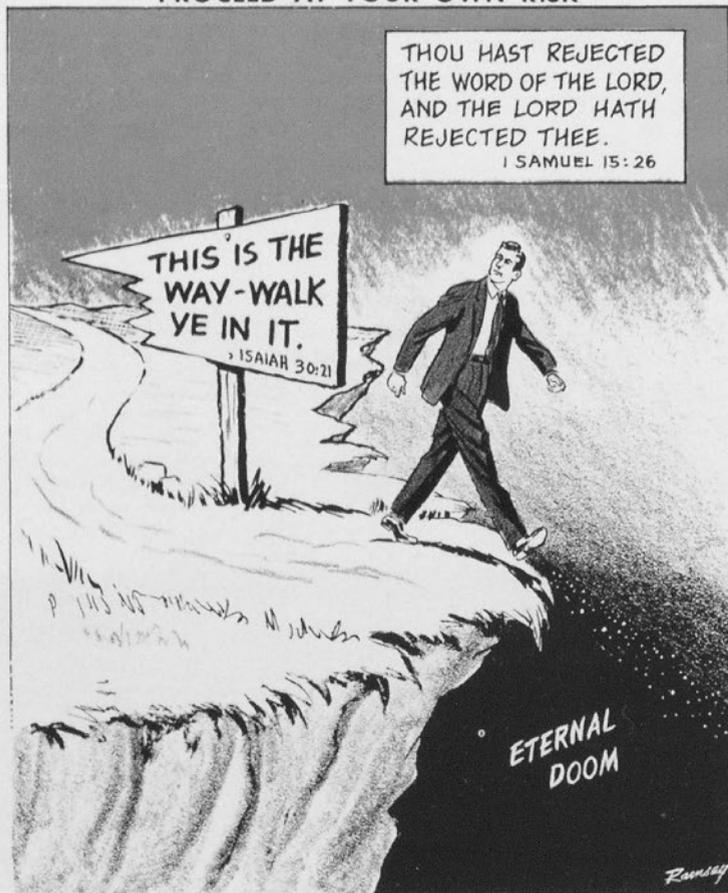
A mother gave her son some corn to plant. After planting a number of rows under the hot sun, the lad grew weary, buried the rest of the seed in a hole, and told his mother he had finished his job. She doubted his story and said, "Jake, you have told a lie, and the corn will tell on you." Within a few days the corn sprouted, and the mother marched her son into the field to show him the crowded stalks springing from his wholesale planting!

3. *The Flimsy Excuses.* Sin is habit-forming. Wrong tendencies, if given expression, weaken and undermine character. When confronted with his disobedience, Saul did exactly as he had done previously (1 Samuel 13:11, 12):

(a) *He blamed others.* "The people spared the best of the sheep" (v. 15). If Saul's statements were true, then he showed weakness as king in permitting them to do the wrong; if untrue, then he was guilty of dishonesty.

(b) *He claimed good intentions.* "To sacrifice unto the Lord" (v. 15). Saul claimed the sheep were spared for religious purposes; actually they were saved for selfish gain. Sin is so deceitful it will prompt people to perform religious acts to cover a guilty conscience.

PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK



SAUL'S REJECTION

1. *The Cause of Disobedience.* "When thou wast little in thine own sight... the Lord anointed thee" (v. 17). Samuel reminded Saul of the modesty and humility that characterized him when he was installed as king. Later pride, the opposite of that virtue, caused his disobedience and brought about God's rejection of him.

Pride drove Adam and Eve from the garden, cast Lucifer from the heavenlies, Nebuchadnezzar from his kingdom, and Saul from his throne. Nothing will stop genuine humility of heart!

2. *The Value of Obedience.* "To obey is better than sacrifice" (v. 22). This verse is the very heart of the lesson. It sets forth a divine truth which Saul would not learn although it had been pointed out to him previously. Samuel's words were a rebuke to an erroneous idea which is so common—that correct ritual will secure God's blessing.

No man—by any amount of good resolutions or religious acts—can persuade God to overlook his secret sins and un-Christlike inconsistencies! Instead men must come to the Cross and in its light judge themselves to be guilty sinners. They must turn from their sin to full obedience, and look to the Lord for the grace that freely pardons through the precious blood of Christ. Only then can they receive forgiveness of sin and blessing from a holy God.

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A GIANT FORWARD STEP has extended *Revivaltime's* worldwide radio outreach. Through the powerful facilities of Radio Station KGEI, San Francisco, California, the broadcast service is now heard in virtually every part of Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands.

Supported jointly by Glad Tidings Tabernacle in San Francisco, and First Church of the Assemblies of God in Oakland, the broadcast is released over the Latin American shortwave facilities of Far East Broadcasting Company. The 50,000-watt station's three antennas combine to radiate a total power of three million watts.

Twenty thousand letters were received at KGEI last year from listeners in 20 Central and South American Republics. The station broadcasts in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian.

While it is difficult to determine exactly how many of the station's listeners are English-speaking, a recent article by Pan-American Broadcasting Company presents some revealing figures: "Today, 250 million of the world's people (nearly one in ten) use English as their primary language. And 600 million people (nearly one in four) understand it to some degree."

According to KGEI statistics, 90 percent of their radio audience is under 30 years of age. And 41 percent of the listeners are students and teachers.

These are the persons who will decide the future of Latin America. Whether we like it or not, the church of the Lord Jesus is engaged in a worldwide communications conflict with the forces of evil, and the souls of millions of men and women are hanging in the balance.

In their efforts to woo friends and influence nations in the uncommitted regions of the earth, the Russians and Chinese rank among the leading disseminators of English.

As a result, English today has very little competition as the worldwide language of commerce, diplomacy, science, scholarship, and propaganda. It is written, spoken, broadcast, and understood on every continent.

Keenly aware of the tremendous effectiveness of radio,

especially in areas of high illiteracy, missionaries welcome evangelistic broadcasts.

In small Mexican villages, where people cannot afford radios, little "PMs"—Portable Missionary radio sets—are being distributed. Pretuned to KGEI, these loaned sets are often the only witnesses of the gospel in some remote areas.

Here is one heartening letter sent to KGEI from Mexico: "Senor Gomez reported that 40 to 80 people listen to his PM radio nightly, and that many have been helped spiritually through KGEI broadcasts. He has connected a large speaker to his PM so the entire village can hear the gospel in sermon and song. He says that the whole village has been blessed through this means. In fact, the majority of the people in this village are Christians now."

KGEI is an extended hand of friendship, reaching long-neglected persons in remote mountain and jungle villages, and teeming metropolitan cities. *Revivaltime* is honored to be a part of this effective Latin American ministry.

Through radio, isolated areas, which might take a missionary weeks to penetrate, are now being reached in less than a second's time. The unlimited possibilities of this ministry to the lands south of the United States is a compelling challenge to the Radio Department of the Assemblies of God. Now *Revivaltime's* evangelistic broadcast service can bless and inspire the vast audience that tunes in to "KGEI—Voice of Friendship," just as it has inspired hearts in many other countries throughout the world.



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with cancer of the brain and given just a few short months to live. Crushed, helpless, despairing, we gave her to the Lord then—willingly. And God gave her back. But He had proved a point. He wants total commitment from us.

After that it was a question of placing all our children on the altar. And God took our son. It was the deepest trial we had ever known, but the peace that sustained and undergirded us has never left us—never.

Once there was a little boy with a lunch which was exactly enough for him. But when he trusted it to Jesus, it suddenly became enough for thousands. That is what we need: enough for ourselves and enough to share with others in need. But we will never have this overflow experience until we have given ourselves and all we have to God.

He never refuses what is given to Him. He is more eager to receive us than we are to give ourselves. In His nail-scarred hands there will be the breaking, but there will also be the blessing. And we will have not

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I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I ever related commitment to surrender. It was in a morning prayer meeting in a Tucson, Arizona, Assembly of God. A tremendous conflict seized me, and the years of teaching against the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit were thrown at me by the enemy of my soul.

Around me the people were all praying, and with such liberty. To them the presence of God was very real. But I felt nothing. Turmoil raged within me. At last in desperation I said silently, "God, I don't know anything to do but to commit this to You."

Instantly there came a message in tongues. The interpretation assured that what is committed to God, He will keep forever.

Oh, the joy! What release in spirit! A small prayer from my heart, and God had heard and moved upon His people immediately to answer back. He responded, as He always does, to commitment.

I think of the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus—all of it. Jesus blessed his "all" and it fed a whole multitude. When we live in our own little worlds and make our own little plans, we miss God's best by a million miles.

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

I shall never forget when God spoke to my heart and asked me to lay my children on the altar. This was commitment too. I drew back and said, "No, Lord, not my children." I was afraid that if I gave them to Him, He would take one of them from me; and I loved them so very much. But aren't we naive? As though our lack of commitment can keep God from touching something we love!

It wasn't long until our oldest daughter was stricken

only all we need but enough to share with those who come to us in need.

Commitment is not only for crises; it is also for everyday life. It does not rely upon some high peak of experience to carry us through the week, but on daily prayer and daily reading God's Word. This is our lifeline to God.

And there needs to be a commitment for service. We sing, "Oh, to be His hand extended!" and we give Him our hand, all right; but too often we keep back our feet from going, our lips from telling, and our hearts from caring. Yet it is to us God entrusted His message to the world. What are we doing with it? In a very real sense we are His feet, His hands, His lips, His heart. God yearns to work and to move through every Christian, but only to the extent we are committed can we be used of Him.

Commitment as pictured in Romans 12:1 is the presentation to God of the whole person—body, mind, soul, and spirit. The life of total commitment to Jesus Christ is a life of presenting—every day. Paul said, "I die *daily*." Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross *daily* and follow me."

The surrendered life is not one of dread or drudgery. Rather, it is the life of victory, peace, and maximum blessing. May each of us present to Him anew all that we are or ever shall be, and then allow Him to use us for His eternal glory!