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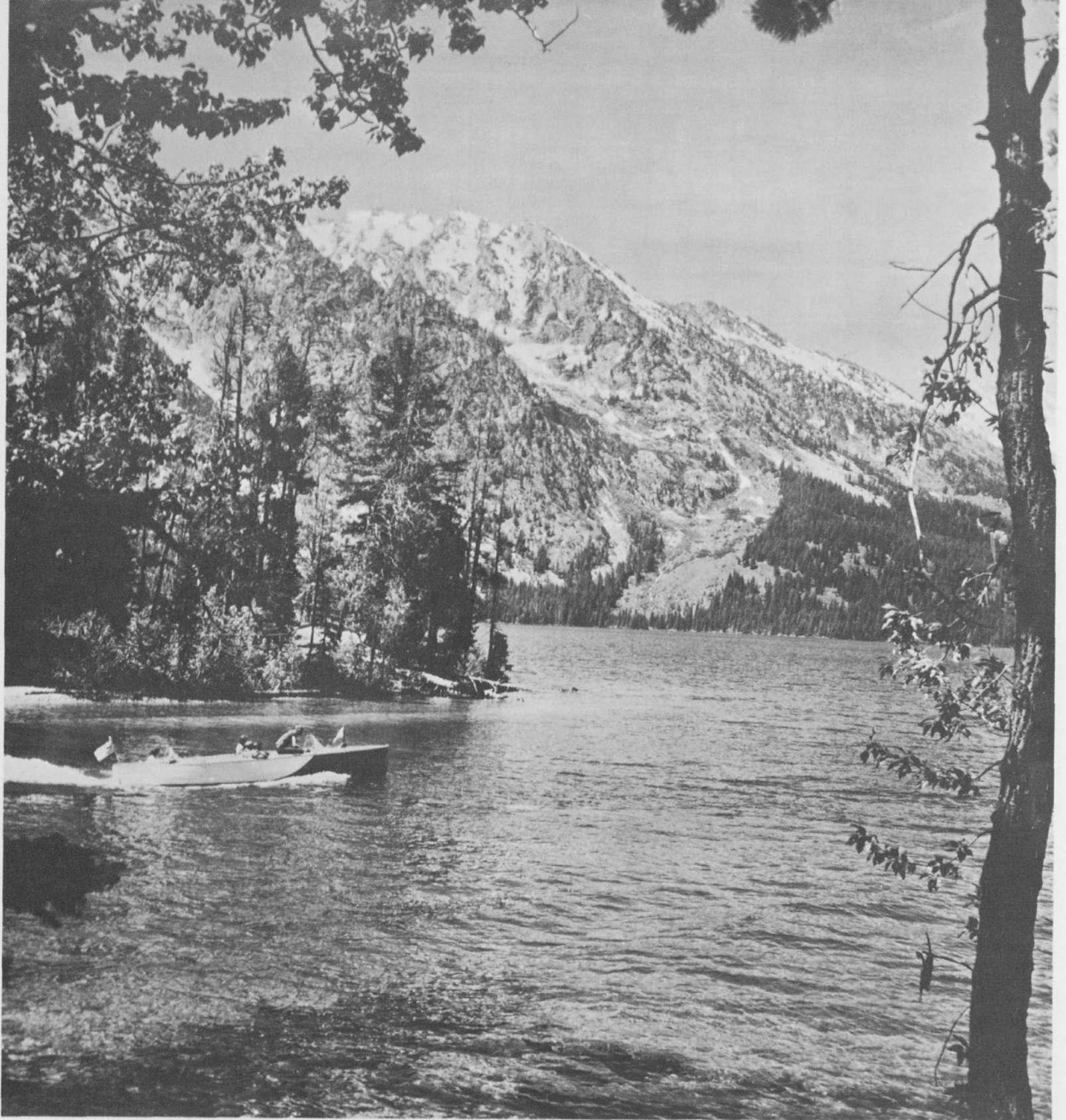
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How to Have a Really Good Vacation

By NAT OLSON

HAPPY VACATION DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN—and we're glad you can take a rest from the toils and trials of everyday living.

Everyone needs a vacation. Our bodies aren't machines. They're delicate instruments. We need to "come apart and rest a while" or we may just come apart.

A vacation should be a time of rest, relaxation, and recreation. But to make it a really *good* vacation, God must be in it. A Christian's vacation should mean more

than just a physical and mental tune-up. It should be a time of spiritual growth and influence.

For the Christian life is not a Sunday suit. It is everyday apparel to be worn at work, at school, at home—or on a sunny beach or mountain slope. The apostle Paul told Timothy to “be instant in season, out of season . . .” (2 Timothy 4:2). Even in vacation season!

As you set out for a good vacation, clothe your mind and your heart with His righteousness. Keep Christ uppermost in all your desires. Find your chief delight in courting His presence. Let your life shine for Him this summer.

May I suggest four ways you can have a really good vacation this year?

1. *Grow spiritually through quiet devotion and communion with God.*

The Lord loves to speak to a heart that is quiet. Vacation time offers this opportunity for spiritual solitude. Keep far enough away from the telephone and television so that you will be able to hear God’s still, small voice. “Be still, and know that I am God . . .” (Psalm 46:10).

Sit down in God’s great out-of-doors and feast on the chapters in the Bible that speak of His handiwork. The Psalms are full of heart-lifting thoughts about our Father’s world. Read Psalm 24: “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” And Psalm 121: “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Why not make it your goal to read the whole Book of Psalms on your vacation?)

Never shall I forget when I stood on the rim of the Grand Canyon and gazed on its grandeur. My soul was so thrilled I started to sing, “How Great Thou Art.” You may wish to invite your family and friends to join in a hymn-sing out somewhere under the blue canopy of heaven. Somehow songs of worship take on new meaning when sung out-of-doors.

Be sure to take along some choice Christian reading, together with your Bible. Fortify your soul against the temptation to be mentally idle or to let your mind wander in questionable directions, by having some good books and Christian magazines handy.

Before starting your vacation trip, check with your pastor or mission board to see if there is any home missions work you can see firsthand. Most highways pass the site of some gospel work that is worth seeing.

And make a firm resolve to attend church somewhere every Sunday. Church attendance is too good a habit to be broken during the summer.

2. *Live triumphantly for Christ by developing Christian attitudes of love and patience.*

You are a “living epistle, known and read of all men.” Some of the people among whom you vacation may not be reading the Gospel According to Matthew, but they will be reading the “Gospel According to You.”

Your friends—even your own family—will be watching to see how you act when the camp stove won’t light, or a tire blows, or when all the motel owners say, “Sorry, no vacancy.” The trials of traveling will give you a grand opportunity to show that Christ is your Lord and that the fruits of the Spirit are flourishing in your life.

If you run up against any amusement or activity that poses a problem or perplexes you—if you aren’t sure whether a Christian should participate—remember these words from J. Wilbur Chapman:

“The rule that governs my life is this: anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work distasteful or difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.”

Let your prayer each morning be:

*“My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done,
Leave countless marks for good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.
So this the wish I always wish,
The prayer I daily pray:
‘Lord, may my life help other lives
To find the Living Way.’”*

3. *Witness faithfully for Christ each day.*

You will rub shoulders with people from many different states and various walks of life. These people are seeking a change of scenery but what most of them need is a change of heart. While they’re searching for mental and physical rest, what they really need is spiritual rest. Christ is the answer. But He depends on you to introduce Him.

Share your blessings with others. You, as a born-again Christian, have the treasure they’re seeking, the peace they’re waiting, the joy they desire. If you have difficulty talking with strangers, at least you can hand them a gospel tract. It doesn’t take much courage to smile at the waitress or gas station attendant and offer a gospel tract when you’re paying your bill.

You’ll return from your vacation with the joy of the Lord in your heart if you follow John Wesley’s advice: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” Time is too precious to waste it—even on vacation.

4. *Be faithful to your regular duties.*

If you teach a Sunday school class, make sure there is someone to take your place while you are away.

If your neighbors or others depend on you for a ride to church, find someone who can take them while you’re on vacation.

And remember that church expenses continue while you are absent. Leave your tithes and offerings with the church treasurer before you make your exodus. Pay your pledges for missions and other ministries before you start your vacation, or you may find it hard to pay them afterward. Don’t create a “summer slump.” In other words, include God’s work in your vacation budget.

The devil never takes a vacation. When you take yours, let it be a vacation with God—not a vacation from God—and continue to “fight the good fight of faith” even while you’re away from home. There’s work to be done for Christ wherever you go.

Just one word more: Jesus may come while you’re on vacation. When He calls you, will you answer? Will you be somewhere working for your Lord?

—Based on a tract by Haven of Rest, Hollywood

Come As You Are

WHILE DRIVING THROUGH the country on your vacation, you may be content to patronize drive-ins and roadside diners for many of your meals, but occasionally you'd like to visit a high-class restaurant. It adds a delightful break to a long, weary trip.

The problem is that eating in a high-class restaurant usually is a dress-up affair, and you are "dressed for the road." Sometimes it's hard to find an eating place that is nice enough to suit your taste, yet informal enough to suit your casual attire.

How thoughtful it is of some restaurateurs to remove all doubt from the traveler's mind by displaying a sign which says, "Come in just as you are."

This is the gospel invitation. "Come just as you are," the Saviour says, and He will save you. Probably no hymn expresses it better than Charlotte Elliott's song—

*"Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!"*

Charlotte Elliott was an invalid living in England. One day Dr. Malan, a house guest from Geneva, broached the subject of personal salvation and asked Miss Elliott whether she ever had come to the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as her personal Saviour. The young woman resented the question, and quickly changed the subject. But the question set her to thinking, and later she said to Dr. Malan, "You spoke of coming to Jesus, but how? I am not fit to come." He replied "Come just as you are." She did so; and later, in her room, she wrote the lines of her hymn, one verse of which says—

*"Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come!"*

Sometime afterward, in relating her experience to a friend, she showed him the lines she had written, and somehow the words got into print. She was very surprised, but not displeased, when someone brought her a printed copy, and when people began singing the words to a tune composed by a New Englander, William B. Bradbury. Probably no hymn has been sung during invitation services more often than this one. It has been translated into many languages, and people of all walks of life—rich and poor, young and old, Ph.D.'s and illiterates—have knelt before God and sung it as their prayer of penitence.

"Come," the Bible says. Come with your problems and let God solve them. Come with your sins and He will wash them away.

Some people hesitate to come as they are. They think, like Charlotte Elliott, they are "not fit to come." They want to "dress up" first. But when they do, they frustrate the divine plan of salvation. Christ came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. All He asks of you is a confession of your need, repentance for your sins, and faith in His power to save. But don't delay. As Augustine said, "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance; but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."

*"Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come."*

—R.C.C.

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A 17-YEAR-OLD BOY named Joseph became one of history's most fascinating and exemplary characters. More pages in the Bible focus on his life than on that of any other person except the Lord Jesus.

There is a reason why God gave Joseph this prominence and why we remember him today. He proved he had what it takes to go through pits, prisons, betrayals, and finally prosperity. Like Paul, he knew "how to be abased, and how to abound." Perhaps he demonstrated greater nobility in his time of exaltation than in his humiliation, for it is true that "adversity has slain its thousands, but prosperity its tens of thousands."

The story of this man, who first made his mark as a victorious teen-ager, contains no record of spiritual lapse or failure. He kept his character and career clean and above reproach.

The five rules that Joseph followed to success can make us successful too. Here they are:

1. KEEP TRYING

God can open doors of service in the worst of places for those who refuse to give up. Instead of grumbling because he was a slave to Potiphar after dreaming of ruling, Joseph kept doing his best. He demonstrated such ability and faithfulness that he was soon promoted.

Then when he was wrongfully degraded by false accusation and imprisoned for years without trial, he kept trying.

Those in charge of the prison saw Joseph's willingness to do his best and eventually put him over all the prisoners. Whether as a slave, a prisoner, or a leader of men, Joseph did his best for the Lord. It paid off. .

2. KEEP SWEET

We are living in an unthankful age. Many indulge in grumbling, complaining, and criticizing, with far less reason than Joseph had. If he had pouted and sulked in the face of one injustice after another, no one could have blamed him. But he would not have been promoted either, and his name would long since have been forgotten.

Trials make us bitter or better. They make us better if we ask God to help us through them. Regardless of how unjust or unchristian your treatment seems to be, keep sweet! Believe that your God is bigger than your circumstances and that He has not forgotten you. This is the road to victory.

3. KEEP PURE

Flattery from Potiphar's wife did not tempt Joseph to impurity. He could have reasoned, "I am a long way from home, and nobody knows me here. . . . After all, everything went wrong for me when I did try to serve God. . . . Nobody will see. . . . It wouldn't be my fault. . . ."

But he didn't.

The reason Joseph could successfully resist temptation day after day is found in Genesis 39:9: "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" First of all, he called it a *great* wickedness. He did not try

Joseph's Five Rules

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to minimize sin as people sometimes do today. Second, he called it a wickedness *against God*.

In this day of a so-called new morality, it is important for us to understand the truth Joseph expressed here. To yield would not only be a sin against his master, and his master's wife, and against himself. It was not just a matter of his religion or that "my church is against this." *It would be a sin against God!* A full understanding of this principle will help keep us clean and pure.

His brothers had taken the coat of many colors, but Joseph had something more precious that they could not take away. And Potiphar's wife could have his jacket; but the important thing was that God still had Joseph.

4. KEEP BELIEVING

The fourth rule of Joseph's life must have been, "Keep your faith." He had a vision; and though things seemed to go backward for 13 years, he never gave up. It didn't look like a promotion when his brothers threw him into the pit, but he didn't lose his faith. He was the humbled one when hatred prevailed and his brothers sold him as a slave. But he believed that God would overrule. His faith did not falter when he was falsely accused and imprisoned. These experiences were an enigma to Joseph,

but God was using these strange chariots to carry him to the throne!

Yes, Joseph was on his way to a throne and he learned that God could make even the wrath of men praise Him. At the end he could say to his brothers, "So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

We are on our way to a throne too. When God sends you on a detour, "Be not faithless, but believing." For "we know that all things work together for good. . . ."

5. KEEP HUMBLE

When Pharaoh called him from the dungeon where it seemed he had been forgotten, he told Joseph, "I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it."

Joseph knew how much was riding on his answer. He knew a favored position awaited the man who could interpret dreams or foretell the future. But he would not

yield to the temptation to impress the king. He gave God the glory. "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

Satan still uses flattery to trap people into relying on sharp wits or unusual talent. But Joseph remembered, and so must we, that he had nothing except what God had given him. In his humility he bypassed a lesser position of honor, and God brought him to the throne.

As far as salvation is concerned, it is only God's grace that will bring us at last to the throne of the overcomer. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6).

Do your best in the worst of places! Keep trying! Keep sweet! Keep pure! Keep believing! Keep humble! The day of promotion is at hand, and standing in the presence of Jesus you will be grateful that by His grace you kept Joseph's five rules.

THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER FOR THIS NEW "RELIGIOUS" MOVEMENT



By L. A. STELLER

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OVER 30 YEARS AGO when I was a Bible school student in San Francisco, we used to ride the Haight Street trolley out to beautiful Golden Gate Park. The area just west of the park was filled with stately homes of the upper middle class, and there were signs of affluence everywhere. To live within a stone's throw of the world-famous park was a status symbol in itself.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Steller and I drove back to the familiar Haight-Ashbury section of the city. We had read about the new element that had taken possession and wanted to see for ourselves what has been called the world capital of the "hippies" and the psychedelic religious movement.

The grand old flats still rise tier upon tier on the lower slopes of Twin Peaks overlooking Haight Street, but no longer can they be called stately or dignified. The



entire area has degenerated into a vast slum which, according to William Zinzer, writing in *Look Magazine*, has become the center of the universe for thousands of girls and boys under 25. In an article in the issue of April 18 he told about the "love hippies" turning one another on, their bodies decked in ecstatic dress and their minds expanded by LSD to bright visions of brotherhood. The turn-on agent is, of course, LSD. Most of the thousands of kids have taken a "trip" at least once, and the majority take it with some regularity.

Well, we saw the kids. Driving slowly up and down Haight Street we shot rolls of movie and 35mm film. The hundreds of boys and girls hardly seemed to notice us or the others who had been drawn by curiosity. Walking up and down the sidewalks in packs, many appeared to be in a kind of daze. It was like a weird street carnival.

The long-haired boys in queer getup were matched by girls in ridiculous extremes of dress. Hindu reflecting discs were pasted on foreheads and others wore Buddhist charms.

I can still see one young fellow, maybe 21 or 22, sitting in a doorway all alone. He made no movement but gazed hypnotically at a single flower clutched in one hand.

Peddled at every corner and even in the middle of the block, the *Oracle* is a tabloid newspaper claiming to be the voice of the psychedelic religious movement. The current issue, for which we gave a quarter, is filled with obscenity, detailed directions for the use of LSD, marijuana, and certain mushrooms. There are pages upon pages of a dialogue between Timothy Leary, expelled Harvard psychology professor, now high priest of the LSD religion, and Allen Ginsburg urging the college youth to "drop out, turn on, and tune in." And thousands have done exactly that.

Walking aimlessly up and down the street, living in groups in flats that are bare except for a mattress pad, and going through the garbage cans for food, these youngsters live in a kind of twilight world apparently concerned with only two things, drugs and sex.

City officials are talking in terms of an invasion of as many as a hundred thousand "hippies" from other cities this summer and are greatly concerned. It all seems like a mad nightmare now and would be most difficult to believe if we had not seen it with our own eyes. On the walls of several buildings were scrawled in large letters the words *REVOLUTION NOW!*

Well, the revolution has come! It is a social and moral decay that, like a cancer, has fastened its roots deep into the heart of America. Haight Street in San Francisco is only one of the many festering sores.

We turned, and I drove down the hill and across the Bay Bridge with a sad feeling in my heart. After a long time my wife broke the silence. "Where are the parents of these kids? Don't they know where their children are, or don't they care?"

I had no answer. It was a sobering experience, and as we drove home to Portland, the strange, empty faces of those young people haunted me.

But the next Sunday night a teen-age choir sang in Portland's Northeast Assembly of God. The Young Americans from Portland Youth for Christ had just returned from a weekend rally at Lake Quinalt. Many of them had prayed for hours the night before, and they were radiant in their love and enthusiasm for Jesus Christ. They needed no drugs to "turn them on."

Suddenly the heaviness which had gripped my heart was gone. The inner radiance I had seen in these Christian boys and girls was really what those kids on Haight Street were looking for. Only this was for real! *They* had a counterfeit!

And I know that even though, as the Bible says, evil men shall become worse and worse (2 Timothy 3:13), the world is not going to pot as long as there is one young person left who, filled with the Spirit, has completely sold out to God!

Yes, I really believe it! The Christian teen-agers of our church, along with thousands of others just like them, are the answer—the only answer to Haight Street in old San Francisco!



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

In Mark 9:11-13, Jesus said, "Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things." Then He spoke of His sufferings. Did He imply that He was Elias?

The Elias of whom Jesus spoke was John the Baptist, who came "in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Matthew 17:13), heralding Christ's Messiahship at His first coming. But John was not Elijah the Tishbite (1 Kings 17:1).

Do you believe we will know each other in heaven as we do now?

We will know each other in heaven, but our relationships will be different. We now know each other as material beings related to the earth; we will then know each other as heavenly, spiritual beings. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now we know in part; but then shall we know even as also we are known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). I believe we will intuitively know each other much as the disciples Peter, James, and John knew Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:3, 4).

Don't you think the temptations of the present are much harder than that which came to Adam and Eve? They only had to resist fruit from a single tree; we seem to be attacked by every tree in the forest of life.

I believe there are many more kinds of temptation in our day, seeking to destroy Christian faith. These are evidences, warning us that we are living in perilous times. Jesus knew the problem would intensify and said, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Let us not cast away our confidence as the tides of unbelief roll in against us. The trying of our faith is more precious than that of gold. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:12).

Does the Bible refer to the Common Market?

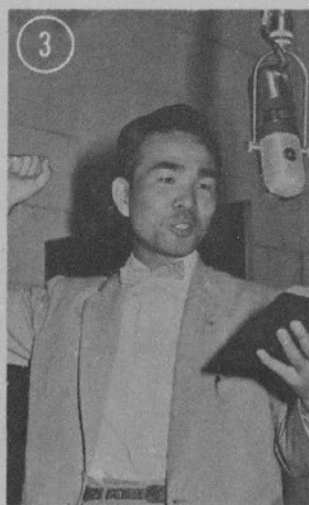
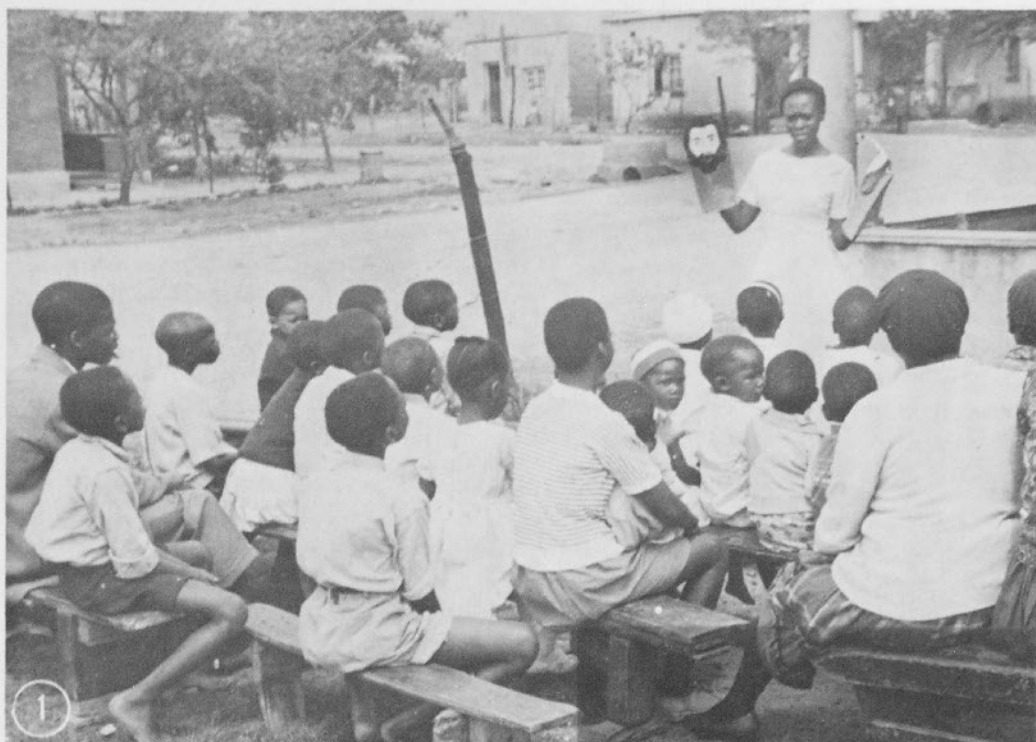
I do not think the Bible speaks specifically of the Common Market. It could be (but I do not know that it is) one of the developments leading to the end of the age. If it is, it is only one. There is much in political, religious, and industrial realms to indicate we are approaching the end.

The power of organized labor may be of significance, pointing to the time mentioned in James 5:1-5: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl. . . ." Demands made by labor leaders in some quarters have become dictatorial.

Then there are marks of apostasy in the effort to unite religious groups, at the sacrifice of foundational truths of the Bible.

All these could merge into a final condition when men can neither buy nor sell without having the Mark of the Beast. The Common Market might be a factor. We believe Jesus will come for the Church before the apostasy reaches its climax (2 Thessalonians 2).

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.



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NO MATTER what season of the year, the gospel of Jesus Christ must continue to reach the world. Whether a mass evangelistic meeting or a personal word of witness, missionaries and nationals must use every opportunity to spread the message of salvation.

Photo 1. An African girl teaches a Sunday school class using visual aids she made in Bible school.

Photo 2. Sunday school literature in their own language is important to these people from Peru.

Photo 3. National Pastor Yamada faithfully ministers over a radio program in Japan.

Photo 4. Liberians packed into a stadium to hear Good News Evangelist Paul Olson preach about a God

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who loves them and can save them.

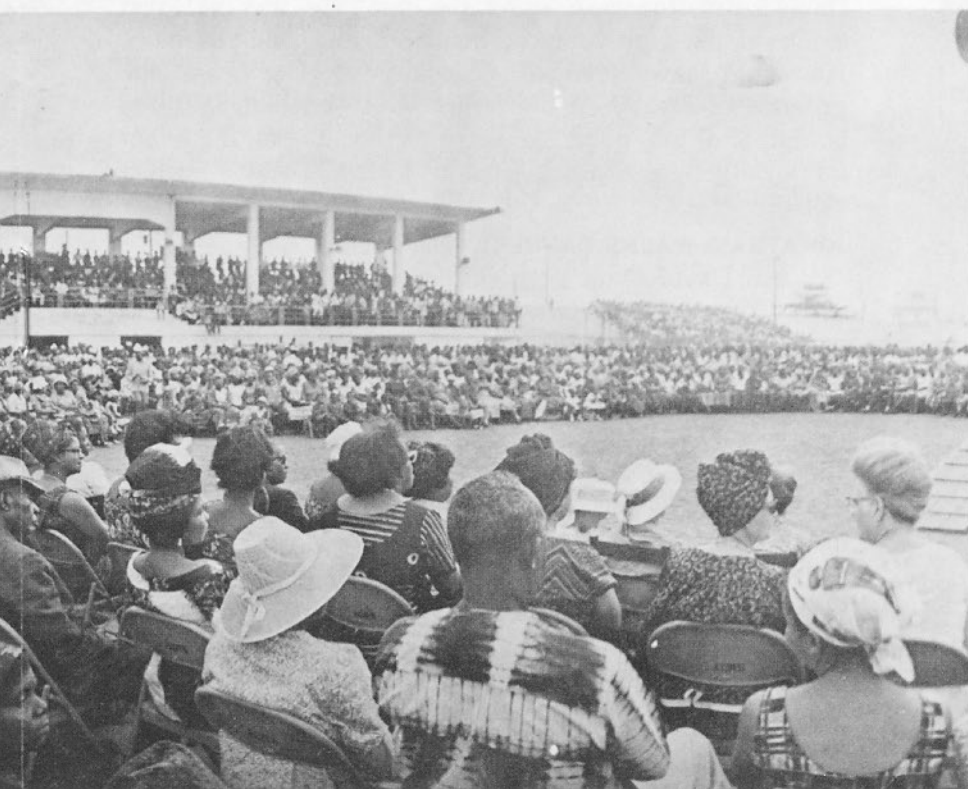
Photo 5. A national hands out Light-for-the-Lost literature in Bolivia during a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

Photo 6. National pastors in South Africa hold a baptismal service for those who have prepared to take this important step in declaring their faith in Christ.

Photo 7. A national evangelist from Peru, Lucas Muñoz, preaches at a ministers retreat in Bolivia.

Photo 8. Young people from Hong Kong kneel during prayer time at a Christian camp.

Activities like these are taking place all summer on the mission field. Your missionaries and the national Christians need your continued prayer and support.





Jonathan's Friendship to David

Sunday School Lesson for July 23, 1967

1 SAMUEL 20:4-15

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JONATHAN BEFRIENDS DAVID (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

Consider the following facts relating to the friendship between Jonathan and David.

1. *The friendship was begun by Jonathan.* Jonathan, son of Saul, was a brave warrior who almost singlehandedly defeated a garrison of Philistines (1 Samuel 14:1-16); yet he had not been daring enough to challenge Goliath. When he witnessed the great heroism of David and his faith in God's ability to give the victory, Jonathan's own heart responded at once. Being a truly "big" man, he loved David instead of being jealous of him.

2. *The friendship was based on common interests.* "Birds of a feather flock together" may be a cliché but it is often true. These two young men, possessing similar noble, courageous, holy, generous, and devout characters, were drawn to each other in one of the most beautiful friendships in human history.

FORBIDDEN FRIENDSHIP



"Friendship," one definition states, "is nothing else than a complete union of feeling on all subjects, divine and human, accompanied by kindly feeling and attachment."

Let us make friends with those who are friends of God and righteousness, and then strive to be as worthy of such a friendship as David was of the love of Jonathan.

3. *The friendship was completely unselfish.* The words, "and Jonathan loved him as his own soul," were not poetic exaggeration. Jonathan was heir apparent to his father's throne. He stood to gain nothing from David. He thought not in terms of what he could get out of David but of what he could give. Such is the nature of true love. Later, when Jonathan learned that David, instead of himself, was to become king, he was happy about the matter and showed no jealousy.

4. *The friendship was expressed by generosity.* Dressed in the rough garb of a shepherd, David was not prepared to enter a king's court. Jonathan came at once to his rescue and gave him his own royal garments and arms. This act expressed self-sacrificing friendship. It also publicly acknowledged Jonathan's friendship for David. It was indicative of many future acts by Jonathan—acts of sacrificial love by which he demonstrated the reality and depth of his friendship for David.

It also pictures Jesus, our "Greater-than-Jonathan," who humbled Himself, laid aside His heavenly garments and glory, and became poor and forsaken that we might be clothed with His garments of righteousness and made presentable for the courts of heaven.

JONATHAN INTERCEDES FOR DAVID (1 Samuel 19)

As we saw in our previous lesson, when Saul learned that David's fame as a warrior eclipsed his own, he was so gripped by jealousy and hatred that he tried to murder David with his javelin. When this failed, he induced David to engage the Philistines in battle. He thought they would kill David. Failing in this Saul "spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David."

What a test of Jonathan's loyalty and friendship to David! But Jonathan stood the test. He was as loyal to David the fugitive as he had been to David the hero. He could have justified disloyalty to David on the grounds of loyalty to his father. But Jonathan was too honest and too noble to sacrifice loyalty to the *right* for loyalty to a relative. God give all Christians such a spirit!

JONATHAN WARNS DAVID (1 Samuel 20)

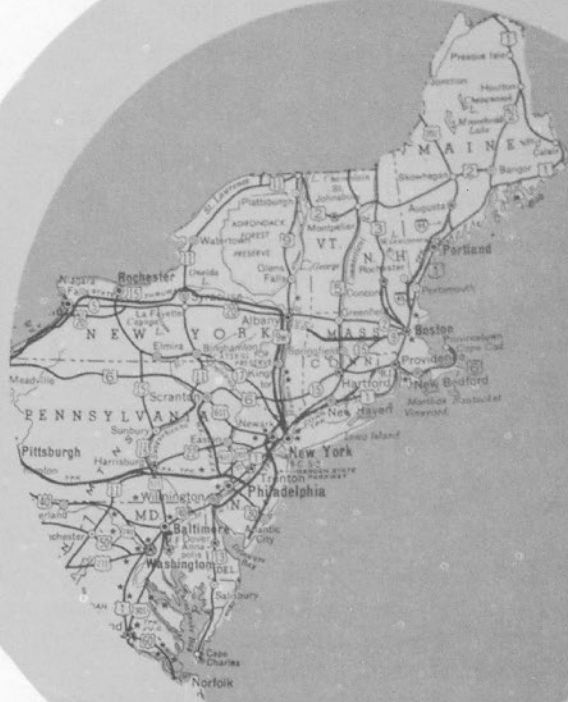
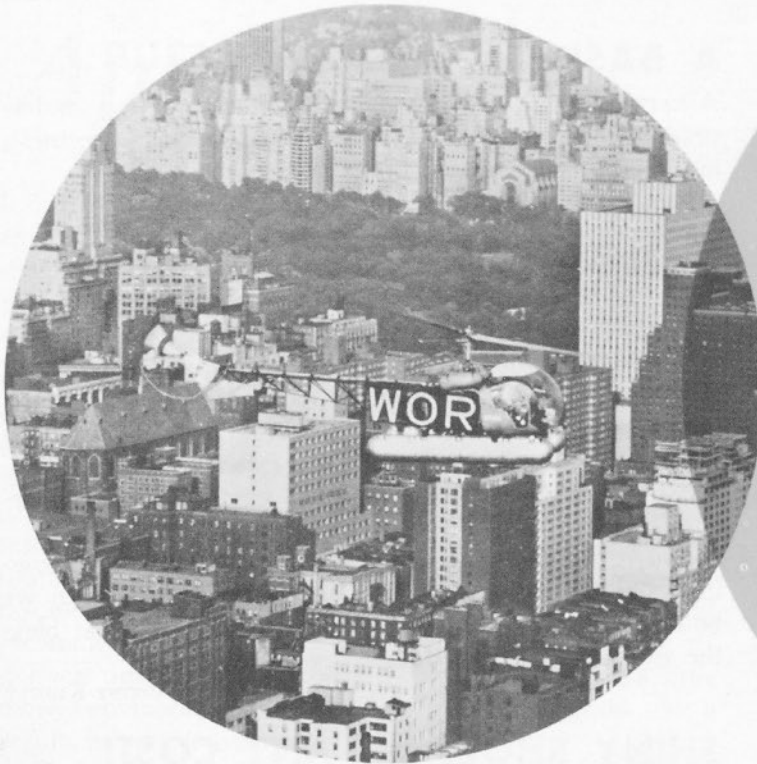
When David again distinguished himself in battle, Saul quickly forgot the promise he had made to Jonathan to spare David (1 Samuel 19:6) and once more attempted to kill David.

Convinced that Saul would not rest until he was dead, David fled from the court. Jonathan sounded his father out to see what was the real intent of Saul's heart. Discovering that David was right, he prepared to part from his dearest friend.

One thing Jonathan requested of David. Knowing he would not live long, he asked David to be kind to the surviving members of his family. The beautiful story of how David fulfilled this request is told in 2 Samuel 9.

For the sake of our "Greater-than-Jonathan," let us be kind to His other children.

POWERFUL STATION WOR ONCE AGAIN CARRIES "REVIVALTIME" TO NORTHEASTERN STATES.



Reaching Toward 17 Million Souls

PENTECOSTAL CHRISTIANS vacationing in the Northeastern states this summer will be delighted to have the companionship of *Revivaltime* when the Lord's Day draws to a close.

Ministering to vacationers is an important fringe benefit of radio evangelism. But *Revivaltime* is primarily aimed at reaching into homes untouched by the message of the full gospel.

Three months ago, the Assemblies of God broadcast service returned to WOR, the 50,000-watt, clear-channel New York station which blankets 14 heavily populated states. This one station's potential audience is 17 million persons!

Financial pressure had forced the Radio Department to remove the powerful—but expensive—release from *Revivaltime's* log two years ago.

The area covered by station WOR represents the "last frontier" of Pentecostal evangelism on this continent. Millions of Easterners have never been exposed to Pentecostal revivals like those which swept across other sections of the nation. Steeped in tradition, these people enter their family religion at birth.

In these Eastern states countless millions live behind doors closed to the full gospel. But *Revivaltime* goes behind closed doors—even in New England!

Month after month letters continued to arrive from areas no longer receiving the full-gospel radio ministry. Some contained offerings, even though the donors could

no longer hear the broadcast. "We are praying you will return to a station that reaches us," many would write to *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward.

Now their prayers have been answered! In April the Radio Department learned time was available on WOR at 10:30 Sunday nights, immediately following Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" broadcast.

Revivaltime's unannounced return to WOR brought enthusiastic letters from all sections of New England and the northern Atlantic seaboard.

"Brother Ward, the last time I wrote you I mentioned how sorry I was that you were no longer on the air Sunday nights in the New York area," wrote a listener in Trenton, N. J. "The next Sunday I was so surprised and pleased to hear your voice as just by chance I passed WOR on the dial. We are so glad *Revivaltime* is back in our area!"

Pastor Bely C. White of Shade Gap, Pa., wrote to express his appreciation: "We are now able to get *Revivaltime* loud and clear over your new release, WOR."

In the first eight weeks on WOR the Radio Department received letters from listeners hearing the powerful station in 138 cities, located in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

A listener in Port Jervis, N. Y., summed up the feelings reflected in most of the mail from the Northeastern states: "Praise the Lord that New York's 'prestige station,' WOR, has at last opened up to *Revivaltime*! I will pray for this new outreach."



THE STRONGEST UNIT

THE FAMILY is the oldest unit in human history, and God has repeatedly chose to use it to accomplish His purposes.

When He wanted a chosen race, He started with a single family. The ability to command his household and his children after him was one reason for the choice of Abram to be the father of the faithful.

When God sent His Son, He made Him part of a devout human family.

The Holy Spirit's first visitation to the Gentiles was upon Cornelius, a man who "feared God with all his house."

Even the humblest Christian home is a cradle of great virtues. Bound by a thousand cords to the home of the Father on high, it is a workshop where useful citizens and saints are produced. It is the strongest unit in the church, the nation, and the world. He who would destroy our nation must first destroy its Christian homes.

—MRS. MAX JOHNSON

HOW FAR AWAY IS HEAVEN?

*How far away is heaven?
Is it 'way beyond that star?
Is it many miles or light-years
To that precious land afar?*

*Can we measure it in time,
In minutes, days, or years?
Or maybe it is measured in
The shedding of our tears.*

*Perhaps it will depend upon
The deeds that I have done;
Or maybe it is measured by
The souls that I have won.*

*It really doesn't matter
When the Lord will call for me;
I'll just serve Him while I'm waiting
And then, soon enough, I'll see.*

—LYNNE WANGELIN

ANTISEPTICS AND ANTIBIOTICS

THERE IS A DEFINITE DISTINCTION between an antiseptic and an antibiotic. An antiseptic clears away surface germs from the outside of a sore, but an antibiotic goes deep into the system to stop a generalized infection at its source.

We have several antiseptics for cleansing the surface of our lives. Hypocrisy—"trying-to-fool-others"—is the weakest; self-deception—"thinking-oneself-good"—is just a trifle stronger; and work—"trying-to-be-good"—is the most stringent of all.

But no antiseptic will ever cure sin. Sin is a deep-seated infection that pervades the entire system and

cannot be healed by surface measures. To cure sin we need an antibiotic. The only remedy is the blood of Jesus Christ who died to save sinners. "Neither is there salvation in any other" (Acts 4:12). —LOIS DUFFIELD

A BASKET OF SUMMER FRUIT

A LITTLE CHILD bit into a plastic plum expecting tenderness. He encountered hardness. He expected sweetness, but found tastelessness.

It is possible for Christians to become like artificial fruit—not suddenly, but gradually, as the heart hardens through neglect of communion with the Lord and reading His Word. Such Christians might even keep the shining veneer on the outside—carrying their Bibles faithfully to church, going to all the right places, saying the things Christians ought to say.

But sooner or later, someone, seeing the outward form of godliness, will come to them expecting compassion, and find indifference. Someone will come needing tenderness and encounter hardness.

Only as our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to live in and through us day by day, can we be the concerned and compassionate Christians that bless the world and delight the heart of God.

—DOROTHY BOONE KIDNEY

SHINY SHOES AT ANY COST!

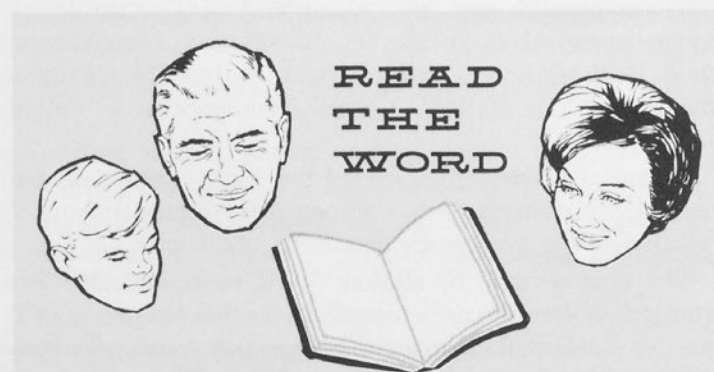
I SAW THE LITTLE GIRL walk into the store. Glancing at her new shoes, she noticed they were covered with dust. Quickly she yanked at her lovely headscarf and wiped the new shoes clean.

A customer chuckled to see the child sacrifice her pretty headscarf to remove the dust from her shoes.

But doesn't God look on with sorrow when He sees one of His children sacrificing his beautiful robe of righteousness in order to keep in step with the trends of the world?

May our "whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord" (2 Thessalonians 5:23).

—GARNET SKILES



CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16-23

Sunday	2 Sam. 17, 18	Thursday	1 Kings 1, 2
Monday	2 Sam. 19, 20	Friday	1 Kings 3, 4
Tuesday	2 Sam. 21, 22	Saturday	1 Kings 5, 6
Wednesday ..	2 Sam. 23, 24	Sunday	1 Kings 7, 8

"I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (2 Samuel 22:4).

Tested and Approved

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

A LITTLE OLD LADY stood between the pews. "I have served God more than 50 years," she said, her frail voice trembling, "and He has become more wonderful and sweeter each year. I want young people to know how wonderful serving God is."

A teen-age boy in the congregation listened to her testimony with skepticism. But every time he attended the country church, the little old lady stood up and gave her testimony admonishing young people to serve God and recommending her way of religion.

Each time she testified, the young man became a little more convinced that serving God must be good. As a result, he was converted.

Clyde King, now pastor of the Assembly of God in North Platte, Nebraska, was that teen-ager.

Some elderly people don't realize how valuable their testimonies are. But to the young person, their voices of experience are the guarantee on the product. Youth may wonder if the elderly person, who has lived for God most of his life, regrets giving all to God and never indulging in the pleasures of sin. The testimony of the elderly person, sincerely spoken, puts the "tested and approved" stamp on the Christian life.


"Grow old with me," Robert Browning said, "the best is yet to be. The last of life, for which the first was made."

God has work for the elderly to do. Why do they sometimes doubt their usefulness? Actually they are more qualified than younger folk to spread the Christian testimony.

The elderly person knows what he is talking about. The gospel he preaches is documented by his years of experience. He has seen the Lord provide food in times of need. He has experienced the Lord's healing when there was no doctor. He can testify to God's indwelling peace in times of disaster. He has been subjected to temptations, frustrations, and disappointments—yet he has found that living for God brings joy and satisfaction. By the hour he can relate events which illustrate how much God loves His people and will care for their desires and needs.

Elderly persons who stay in tune with God generate an atmosphere of sweetness. Even on their deathbeds, they give memorable testimonies.

Shortly before D. L. Moody died he said: "Earth recedes. Heaven opens before me. It is beautiful. If this is death it is sweet. There is no valley here. God is calling me; I must go."

The world needs the "seal of approval" on the Christian way of life that only the elderly can give. 

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A SUCCESSFUL PASTOR, BURDENED FOR A COUNTY OF 70,000 PEOPLE WITHOUT AN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WITNESS, LEAVES HIS CHURCH TO PIONEER ANOTHER.



The parsonage, adjacent to First Assembly, will become church property at a future date.

CALLED to PIONEER

in North Carolina

By JAMES D. KELLY • Shelby, North Carolina

WHAT CLEVELAND COUNTY NEEDS is more of what is taking place today," remarked Mayor Hubert Plaster as he brought greetings and a welcome to our congregation. It was during the dedication service of First Assembly in Shelby, N. C. (April 16, 1967).

Our hearts were overjoyed as the Holy Spirit swept over the congregation. Less than eight months ago, this new congregation held its first service. Now we were dedicating a new church and parsonage.

Our 30- by 60-foot block and brick church was designed for and will become the educational unit when a larger auditorium is constructed. The auditorium accommodates 100 people comfortably, and the building contains six Sunday school rooms and two rest rooms.

Because of the church's other obligations, my wife and I assumed responsibility for the parsonage. This will be turned over to the church as soon as it is strong enough to carry the load.

As the buildings were being dedicated to the Lord, I

Superintendent Charles Cookman preached the dedication message at Shelby's First Assembly. Seated on the platform are James Parton (left), sectional presbyter; and Mayor Hubert Plaster.



thought back over the events that brought me to Shelby and Cleveland County.

While I was pastoring a wonderful group of people at Callaway Assembly in Panama City, Fla., the Lord began to deal with me concerning a change in my ministry. This was a hard decision to make. There were no major problems in my church. But God was laying upon my heart a heavy burden for Shelby where there was no Assembly of God church. (In fact, there was no Assemblies of God witness in all of Cleveland County.) God kept reminding me of the 70,000 people in that county, very few of whom had ever heard of the Assemblies of God. I did not know a single person there.

On July 16, 1966, my wife and I made a full commitment to the task to which we knew God was calling us. From that moment, we have enjoyed God's blessings in a greater measure than before. At our farewell service our church gave us a shower and a love offering.

We moved to Shelby on August 15 and rented a two-story house in which to live and conduct services. From the very first service it was evident this was God's time for a church to be established here. Within a few weeks God gave us the opportunity to buy beautiful and ideally located property worth far more than the \$1,400 asked for it. By faith we paid \$100 down and trusted God to supply the other \$1,300 in 60 days—although we didn't know how He would do it.

Tom Whidden, our district secretary-treasurer, visited our services one Sunday morning and handed us a check for \$800 (\$500 from the National Home Missions Department, and \$300 from the District Home Missions Department). Then the C.A.'s of the section gave us \$100. The WMC's of the Ruth Assembly also contributed \$100 and the WMC's of the Morganton Assembly gave \$50.

In addition to these generous gifts, we received through BGMC and the Gospel Publishing House 50 free song-

books and special consideration on our Sunday school literature (free for the first six months, and at half price for the next six).

We obtained a loan from the National Home Missions Department and started construction of the building. Much labor was donated by pastors and their men from neighboring towns. They often worked in the rain or cold, and late into the night.

Another important source of financial help was my home church, Dirego Park Assembly in Panama City, Fla. It has long been a missions-minded church. Pastor James Shelley has a heart for home missions as well as for foreign missions. When we came to Shelby, this church gave us \$200 on moving expenses. They also gave us \$40 a month for support. In addition to this, when we started to build, they gave us \$300 to purchase the blocks. On another occasion they loaned us \$500 with no interest.

If all strong churches would support home missions the way this one has, the story of many of our districts would be far different, and the load on the pioneer pastor would be much lighter.


We praise God that we were able to find desirable property and erect a new church building in only eight months. Many obstacles have been overcome, but we now face the challenge of finding families, in addition to the



This group of people attended the dedication of First Assembly in Shelby. Pastor Kelley is at the left on the back row.

few we have, who will help us pray and establish this new work.

Vocational volunteers willing to come to this area and find work could be a great asset. In Shelby are located several textile mills, a Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant, and Fiber Industries.

Pray that God will make our church a blessing to the people in this city and the surrounding area. 



Merrilee is giving the sign for "Jesus."

A Testimony of Healing

'GO LIVE YOUR LIFE'

WHILE I WAS A STUDENT at Central Bible College School for the Deaf in Springfield, Mo., I began to suffer from extreme fatigue and shortness of breath. One morning in November 1964 as I climbed the stairs for a class on the third floor, I found myself going unusually slow. I could hardly get my breath.

When I talked with Miss Riekehof (dean of women) about my trouble, she suggested that we make an appointment with the doctor for a checkup. The doctor made tests and reported that I had chronic granulocytic leukemia. I learned later that this is a usually fatal form of leukemia, affecting the bone marrow.

Naturally, I was shocked to hear this, but I knew that the Lord must have a purpose in allowing it to happen to me. The doctor gave me medication to lower my white cell count; it was 115,000 at the time.

Many people began to pray for me, including my pastors, Brother and Sister Paul W. Carlstrom of Seattle, Wash. My mother flew to Springfield to be with me. I

told her I would not be surprised if God healed me before I went back to the doctor.

When we did go for my next appointment, the nurse in the laboratory reported to the doctor that my white cell count had dropped to normal (8,000 to 10,000). He thought she had made a mistake in her report, and immediately went back to the laboratory and checked with her. She assured him that the report was correct.

My mother and I will never forget the look on the good doctor's face when he returned. He was all smiles as he told us the good news. But he warned us that the report did not necessarily mean I was cured; that it could be a "remission of symptoms." But we felt that our miracle-working God had answered the prayers of the many people who had been praying for me.

The doctor told me I could stop taking the medicine and said, "Go live your life."

It is now more than two years since I stopped using the medicine. A Seattle doctor has examined me several times, and each time the report has indicated that my blood count remains normal. I was able to hold a 40-hour-week job as well as participate in my church's activities. In 1966 I returned to Central Bible College and was graduated from the School for the Deaf in May 1967.

I praise God for what has happened, believing it is for His glory. I have committed my way to Him, trusting that His perfect plan and purpose will be accomplished. I want to go where He wants me to go and *live my life* for His glory.—Miss Merrilee Campbell, Seattle, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor Paul W. Carlstrom, Calvary Temple Church for the Deaf, Seattle, Wash., who writes: "I have known Merrilee Campbell and her mother, both of whom are deaf, since they began to attend our church in September 1959. To the best of our knowledge everything in this report is correct.")



Traders All

By LON WOODRUM

A MAN WHO WITNESSED A MURDER by hoodlums was warned not to testify at the trial. The witness was frightened, but after an ordeal of spirit he took the stand and told the truth.

In retaliation he was assaulted by thugs and almost killed. When the press asked for a statement the injured man said, "I traded a good body for a good conscience. My body will heal. My conscience wouldn't have, had I lied on the witness stand."

Over and over again in the Scriptures there is the implication that righteous people are traders. They give one thing and they gain another.

"Give!" That is a New Testament command. But the command is identified with the pledge, "and it shall be given you."

A man said to me, "We should never do anything as Christians expecting a reward." That is a noble attitude. However, it does not quite agree with the thought of the Early Church. Jesus was always talking about the rewards of goodness. So were Paul and the other spiritual minds of that era.

Paul wrote, "I count all things but loss. . . ." Why? "For the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." He had traded the lesser for the greater.

Life is a vast trade mart. We are forever trading one thing for another. In the early days, Americans traded one item for another, such as a keg of molasses for a wagon wheel. In our time we exchange money for commodities. But we are all swappers. We are always getting rid of something and getting something else.

The spiritually minded man soon learns that to keep some things is to forfeit inner joy. The cry of the flesh must be silenced for the hymn of angels.

"We are the children of God," said Paul, "and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with

Christ." This is a high state. But Paul qualified this by adding, "If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together!" We cannot have the "glory" Paul talked about without giving something for it.

A child came to me with a broken toy; but when I put out my hand to take it, he drew back. He was afraid I would keep the toy. How could he know I had no use for the bit of metal? I persuaded him to let me have it and I fixed it. But when he received it again, it wasn't the same toy he had given me. It was a better thing.

And in God's World we are always promised the better of the bargain when we give up the earthly for the heavenly. We are guaranteed against disappointment! "Give!" commanded Jesus. And if we give, it will be given back to us—pressed down, heaped up, shaken together, and running over! Trade a half-full basket for an over-full one. That is the guaranteed offer.

It does not matter that we often come to life's marketplace with small items to trade. We are not told that the Wise Men who came to the stable offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh were classified according to the value of their gifts.

Jesus said the widow's mites were the largest gift. Our small gifts, may be large in God's economy. The lad with the five loaves and two fishes couldn't have fed five people; but he fed 5,000 by surrendering them to Christ.

It was said of Jesus that He "endured the cross." He who had been offered a kingship took a gangster's stick. But see the whole statement: "For the joy that was set before him [he] endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down on the right hand of God." He who appeared to have traded an earthly crown for a humiliating cross actually traded it for a crown of eternal glory.

Those who deal with God cannot lose.

