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DIRECTIONS FOR DRINKERS

THE BIBLE has much to say about strong drink. In Proverbs 20:1, for example, we read, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

In spite of the attractive ads and the widespread custom of social drinking, the truth is that strong drink is dangerous and is better left untouched. Alcoholic beverages can destroy the body, darken the intellect, drown one's sense of responsibility, deaden his noble instincts, drive away his self-respect, decrease his chances of success, diminish his income, and finally damn his soul. The Scriptures state that drunkards cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

It is a sin to imbibe much wine; but there is no warning against imbibing the wine of the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, the New Testament says, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

There are reasons why the Scriptures compare the imbibing of wine with the imbibing of the Spirit of God. There are similarities between the two. They both offer stimulation, exhilaration, and a sense of abandonment that gives liberty of expression to that which is within one's heart.

Satan would like us to seek this sense of freedom in alcoholic drinks but these actually produce bondage instead of liberty. God would have us to find this bliss in partaking of His Spirit. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink," Jesus said, speaking of the Spirit. J. B. Phillips says Ephesians 5:18 may be translated as follows: "Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls."

On the Day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord Jesus were acting very strangely. They were exuberant, talkative, and excited in a manner quite different from the usual decorum with which they worshiped in the Temple or synagogue. Some of the onlookers were dumbfounded by their strange behavior. Others mocked and said, "These men are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the other disciples, denied they were drunken. He said they were not under the influence of poured-out wine at all, but were under the control of the poured-out Spirit of God (See Acts 2:12-18).

God is pouring out His Spirit today wherever hungry hearts wait on Him in prayer and yield to His mighty influence. The Spirit is given to those who come to Jesus and drink. Some people will not drink—they do not want to lose their decorum. Others will drink a little but will not drink enough to be filled. They forfeit the unspeakable blessing of being inebriated with the Holy Ghost, intoxicated with the love of Christ, and fully abandoned to God.

We would place no premium on physical demonstrations, for we realize that when God pours His Spirit upon a person there may be some manifestations of the human spirit mixed in with the manifestations of the Holy Spirit; but we do contend for a New Testament experience. Being "filled with the Spirit" should mean as much to us as it meant to the Ephesians. They received the Spirit some 23 years after the initial outpouring at Jerusalem, but they experienced the same heavenly ecstasy, the same overwhelming baptism, the same speaking with tongues (Acts 19:6). Be sure you have a New Testament experience. Face the question that was put to the Ephesians: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

—R.C.C.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers, who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved, and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL TO BE SPIRITUAL? Just what type of a person is truly spiritual and what sort is not?

The word *spiritual* is prominent in our vocabulary. We have tossed it around until it has become hackneyed and worn. By snap judgment we categorize this aspect of people's lives.

Sometimes we classify degrees of spirituality, but too often it is either black or white—he is either spiritual or he isn't. Our church is spiritual, but the larger one across town isn't. Our school is spiritual but another Bible college tends to be worldly. We use the term as glibly as if it were the simplest word in our language, and yet many of us would be poles apart in defining just what it means or how we arrive at our hasty conclusions.

Some years ago a young lady rocked me back on my heels when she expressed an opinion that "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was a worldly song. When I asked her for an example of a spiritual one, she cited a fast-moving, modern song that held forth the hope of heavenly rest to the weary. In her opinion the tune of the old hymn is stodgy and reminiscent of highbrow music. Because of her life and background she decried any such

thing and hence classified it as unspiritual.

My appraisal was just the opposite. The majestic words of the hymn made it, to me, the very essence of spirituality. The basic difference was that she was judging by the melody, and I was evaluating the words.

What does this matter of spirituality involve? Can we start on common ground and come to a mutual understanding of what it is? What are its traits, evidences, and earmarks?

To arrive at a clear understanding let us use a process of elimination. Erroneous ideas, misconceptions, and other fallacies must first be swept away. By knowing what are misleading evidences we can better see the true ones.

MISLEADING EVIDENCES

Spirituality is not living the life of a recluse. It is not the hollow holiness of a hermit that is produced solely by isolation. It is not pretended piety that draws in its skirts and shuns the sinner, whether by actions or attitude. It is not the haughty, pharisaical attitude that emanates from an ivory-tower existence and shows disdain for the workaday world.

Spirituality is not merely abstaining from outward evils. When I was preaching in Norway several years ago, a man told me he had a donkey that was a Christian. I didn't know whether to laugh or to congratulate him. In fact, I thought perhaps the language barrier was playing a horrible trick on me. When I looked a bit quizzical, he repeated the statement and then explained. "My donkey doesn't blaspheme; he doesn't work on the Lord's Day; he doesn't drink alcoholic beverages or even use tobacco. He refrains from all the things that a Christian should." If one could be a Christian by refraining from wrong things, then that donkey would be a true Christian! This, however, is not a test of spirituality. One can cease being worldly and still not be spiritual.

Spirituality is not mouthing pious phrases. Although the spiritual person will speak appropriate words as an indication of what is in his heart, yet merely using the right sounding words is not an indication of a true spiritual state. It is far too easy to build a facade by the glib use of words—and thus camouflage the true condition within. Anyone who judges spirituality by spoken words is very gullible.

Spirituality has nothing to do with mannerisms. Whether or not a person is demonstrative in his worship or activities at church is no gauge of his spirituality. None of his mannerisms indicate spirituality nor does a lack of certain ones indicate a spiritual void. Mannerisms, whether studied or natural, are extraneous.

Spirituality has nothing to do with emotions. One can be highly emotional and deeply spiritual at the same time. Another can be a stolid, unemotional type of person and still possess the utmost in spiritual qualities. Although emotions play a vital part in our lives and worship, they have no role in the evaluating of spirituality.

Spirituality is not indicated by a periodic exercise of spiritual gifts. Perhaps this is the most surprising of all misconceptions. If a person exercises a spiritual gift, is that not a sure indication he is spiritual? The average person would so judge, but the Bible gives a concrete example to the contrary. The gifts of the Spirit were prevalent in the Corinthian church, even to the extent of excesses. In spite of that, Paul wrote to that church,

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HE THAT IS SPIRITUAL

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal" (1 Corinthians 3:1). A person can be yielded to the Spirit on a given occasion and still lack those qualities that constitute true spirituality.

TRUE EVIDENCES

Spirituality is an inner quality of life. It is that which is implanted by God's Spirit and which glorifies God in our lives. Its basis is within the heart, and it eventually works out through our lives and actions. The God who looks on the heart has the capacity to judge spirituality, while we who look on the outward appearance cannot do so. Too often we set ourselves up as judges but miserably fail. Our basis of evaluation is all exterior and hence can prove very faulty.

Spirituality is linked to the Spirit. It is an inward work in our lives which is wrought by God's Spirit.

There are three basics to such a spiritual life. First, a man must be born of the Spirit. Jesus said, "Except a man be born... of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Then, he must be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Finally, he must be led by the Spirit. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

There are outward evidences of inward spirituality mentioned in the Word of God. Basically, however, they are attitudes rather than actions—and more difficult to feign.

He that is spiritual has a discernment and an insight others don't have. Paul wrote, "The spiritual man, on the other hand, has an insight into the meaning of everything, though his insight may baffle the man of the world" (1 Corinthians 2:15, Phillips). In the next verse he averred that such a person is taught the things of God by the Spirit of God. This insight is bound to be evident.

He that is spiritual exhibits maturity. To the same church at Corinth Paul wrote, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:1). Then he listed envying, strife, and divisions as proofs of their carnality and immaturity. He thus inferred that had they been spiritual, they would have evidenced a far greater maturity. Maturity is a real evidence of spirituality.

He that is spiritual has the welfare of the transgressor at heart. This is one of the very important marks of spirituality, but one that is usually overlooked. To the Galatians Paul wrote, "Brethren, if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). The spiritual man does not rebuke for the sake of rebuke but for the purpose of restoration. His reprimands are not to punish or to get revenge, but are given to bring the erring brother back into the pathway of truth and righteousness. The objective and prime goal is restoration. This is the spirit of Jesus who rebuked the sinner but still loved him enough to die for him. It takes a spiritual person to do that.

Spirituality is a quality that comes from God and can only be evaluated and adjudged by Him. It is a state in which we grow and develop as we walk in the Spirit. Like an iceberg, the part below the surface is about seven times as large as the part above. This makes appraisal difficult from our vantage point.

So if you must judge spirituality, or the lack of it, let it be in your own life—rather than in the lives of others!

A MOTHER'S

THESE ARE MY TREASURES!
Laughing, singing, trusting me to know what is best for them.

And oh, sometimes I am not sure...

When you are nine, grown-up years seem far away. And even when you are twelve, you are very, very young.

I am glad my daughters have taken Christ as Saviour. And I pray that in the turbulent teen years and in all that is beyond, their faith shall grow and never waver.

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But even as I bring my plea before my Heavenly Father, I know some of the answer lies with me.

Day by day as we gather around the Bible in family worship, they must have opportunity to express their faith—yes, and their questions.

"Why is it wrong?"

"How do we know what's right?"

"Are you sure...?"

I can give them the Word of God, and I can set an example before them, but there may be differences in the area of personal conviction.

If they are to be led of the Spirit when they are "on their own," then I must begin now to teach them to recognize His voice.

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It is not especially easy to rear children today, is it? The sharp line between right and wrong which kept my own feet from straying seems somehow to have faded in places to a misty gray.

Why?

Sin hasn't changed.

Right and wrong are still the same...

But times change.

Fashions change.

Customs change.

(I remember my father's story of how his church once forbade its members to eat a certain ice cream concoction because it had the word sundae as part of the name!)

I would be less than honest with my children if I did not admit the fact of change.

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But *principles* of godly living do not change, And I must impress them with this truth.

I must show my children by example and encouragement that regular attendance in God's house is important.

They need the strength and opportunities to serve that come with belonging to a company of God's people.

When someone asks my children what they believe, I want them to have a positive answer, not merely a set of do's and don'ts.

Not even a faithful echo of my own convictions.

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God, keep my treasures.

Living, loving, growing, trusting through all life's changes in the unchanging Christ.

Amen.

—J. Margie Shields

AMBITION



Rosalia Pickering

a thoughtful
message to
parents
by Lon
Woodrum

THE ROD OR THE ROCKS?



THE ANCIENT HEBREWS were proficient stone-users, employing them for purposes ranging from construction of buildings to the destruction of criminals.

The Hebrew law which invoked death by stoning not only extended over the civil and religious domain; it also reached into the homes. "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father . . . Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him unto the elders of the city. . . . And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shalt thou put away evil from among you; and Israel shall hear and fear" (Deuteronomy 21:18-21).

This order shocks us. But Israel was confronted by a harsh world, and only the most rigorous discipline could effect her survival. Strict retribution was an essential of the Hebrew penology. Punishment served not only as a means to "put away evil" in the person who had committed it, but as a deterrent of evil among the survivors: "Israel shall hear and fear."

To be sure, things are different now. We do not stone disobedient children and other offenders. Capital punishment—where it is practiced today—is generally more sophisticated.

However, is it possible that we have gone too far in another direction? Looking about us at the explosion of lawlessness and encroaching anarchy, we might well wonder if the trend toward condoning evil is not a disastrous thing.

The Bible teaches that righteousness and firmness are not necessarily incompatible, and that they who defy and undermine the forces of law and order are in error. Even in the New Testament the sword-bearing lawman is represented as "the minister of God" (Romans 13:4).

Although none of us would choose to revert to the harsh ways of ancient Israel in dealing with incorrigible offspring, they may still teach us the value of discipline. Hebrew parents, confronted by a law which demanded death for disobedient children, accepted the awesome responsibility of keeping their children from such a fate. Because of this they became concerned with a symbol of discipline—the rod. They set great store by it. It became an emblem both of human and divine discipline. The Shepherd Psalm envisions the Lord as a rod-carrier as well as a staff-bearer.

Nor is that symbol absent from the New Testament. Chastening is not a disgrace; it is a sign of sonship. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6). The final book of the Bible refers to One who will "rule the nations with a rod of iron" (Revelation 12:5).

The long-ago Israelites faced a choice: should their sons suffer discipline or death? Should they undergo the rod of love or the rocks of judgment? The maxim-makers reflect the choice that was made: "A rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding" (Proverbs 10:13).

The father who failed to discipline his son was not only guilty of a misdemeanor as far as society was concerned, he was lacking in affection toward his son: "He hates his son who fails to ply the rod; the man who loves his son chastises him" (Proverbs 13:24, Moffatt).

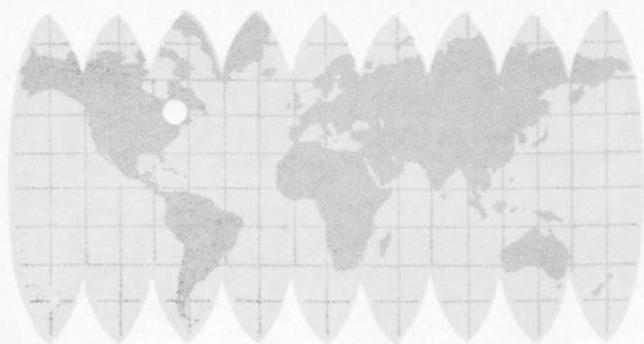
The vision of a son perishing under a barrage of rocks may have prompted the admonition to "leave not your child unpunished; if you whip him, you save him from death. You must whip him with the rod, and so preserve his life" (Proverbs 23:13, 14, Moffatt).

To be sure, the word *rod* is a disturbing one for us, especially when we read of mindless sadists beating helpless offspring. Still, in neglecting legitimate discipline, we may unwittingly choose death for our sons.

Death is a large word; it has many meanings. There is a kind of death which awaits those who, unhampered by discipline in the vital years of youth, run disastrously down life's dead-end roads. There may be death for the body, death for the mind, death to the will to follow good. Above all is the sure death of the sinful soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Concerned Christians do not discipline their children for purely social reasons. They do not view Christianity as merely a means of serving man's needs in the present life situation. They believe in eternal death as well as in eternal life. So they choose the rod of love instead of the rocks of the judgment, looking forward to the Day of the Lord. Their children are disciplined to respect the law of God; for the Law is a schoolmaster to bring them to Christ.

Redeemed by God's grace, the concerned Christian parents accept the disciplines that grace demands, both for themselves and for their sons, that when they come before God at last, they may echo the words which Jesus shall say to His Father: "Here I am, and the children whom God has given me" (Hebrews 2:13, NEB).



PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN QUEBEC

By SAMUEL BUICK | Canada

FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO Jacques Cartier sailed his ship into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and claimed a new country for his king. He staked France's claim to this part of North America by erecting a huge cross bearing the inscription: "Vive le Roi de France." (Long Live the King of France.)

The following year Cartier returned and this time penetrated hundreds of miles up the St. Lawrence River. He stopped at a place where a mountain overshadowed the shining waterway and called it Mount Royal, from which the city of Montreal was to take its name.

An estimated 6,000,000 people live in the Province of Quebec today. Five out of six are French-speaking. The population is 82 percent Roman Catholic. There are some 50,000 men and women in convents, monasteries, and nunneries throughout the province.

Numerous Roman Catholic churches, huge crosses on the hillsides, places of pilgrimage—all these confront the traveler, reminding him that Quebec is in every respect a cultural stronghold of Roman Catholicism.

More than 100 towns have a population exceeding 5,000. Many of these, not to speak of the numerous villages, are without any evangelical witness.

Before I moved to Quebec from Ireland it was my privilege to visit the province in 1966. I traveled some 3,000 miles and preached 87 times. As a missionary who labored in France for 10 years, I was impressed by the spiritual needs in French Canada.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada have not overlooked this great mission field in their country. Since the first meetings in French were held in Montreal in 1919, they have made great efforts to spread the gospel in Quebec.

Today the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada have 34 workers in this province—more than any other denomination. Some 19 churches have been established in various towns and cities, besides two groups which meet in homes.

The superintendent of the French Conference of the PAOC (*La Conference Francaise*) is Roland Bergeron. The conference has a sevenfold outreach in the province:

1. *The Local Church Program.* Sunday schools, prayer meetings, evangelistic meetings, visitation, etc. Each church is trying to make an impact on its community.

2. *Telephone Ministry.* The largest church in the French work is *Le Centre Evangelique* (the Gospel Center) on Papineau Avenue in Montreal. This fine assembly has put into operation a telephone ministry. One outlet was used at the beginning but was not sufficient to meet the need. Today, four machines are used to send out the Word of God. When the number is dialed by someone in

need, a recorded message of comfort, encouragement, and faith is released automatically.

3. *Radio Broadcasting.* On June 4, 1944, *La Bonne Nouvelle* (The Good News) first went on the air over CHLT, Sherbrooke, Quebec, under the direction of E. L. Lassegues. This gospel broadcast is now heard over four stations: Montreal, Sherbrooke, Valleyfield, and Baie-Comeau.

4. *Television.* In 1960 the French Conference purchased time from CKRN to telecast monthly gospel programs from Rouyn. This is believed to be the only French Pentecostal telecast in the world. A follow-up has resulted in definite conversions and meetings in new areas. Three churches cooperate in putting these monthly programs on the air.

5. *Bible School.* Situated on Henri-Bourassa Boulevard, Montreal, is the Berean Bible Institute, a French Bible school with a three-year program, dedicated to train young French-Canadians. E. L. Lassegues is the director. Evening classes are also in operation.

6. *Pioneer Evangelism.* The French Conference has at its disposal the talents of a gifted young evangelist, Andre Gagnon. He is devoting his time entirely to evangelism in existing churches and in areas where no church has yet been established.

7. *Family Camp.* Each summer for two weeks a family camp is conducted in the hills about 60 miles from Montreal. This is good for the French-speaking Christians and also reaches interested, but unsaved, families with the gospel.

This all may seem impressive. Yet we are only scraping the surface. The great need calls for much greater efforts. As you consider the mission fields of the world, don't forget Quebec. Pray that God will send laborers into this harvest field.

—The Pentecostal Testimony

Interior of "Le Centre Evangelique," largest French Pentecostal church in Montreal.



Editor's note: Attendance at Expo 67 passed the 50 million mark. Whether or not you were privileged to visit Montreal and help Canada celebrate its Centennial, you may wish to know something about the spiritual life of Canada's largest province.



The changing of the guard outside Amalienborg Palace, the Royal Family's residence, is one of Denmark's tourist attractions.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK—wonderful, friendly, and hospitable Copenhagen—has been caught up in exciting festivities for her 800th birthday.

Founded in 1167 by Bishop Absalon, Copenhagen early had to struggle for survival against Lubeck forces that time after time assaulted the city. In 1417 the bishop's city became the royal city when the Danish king took possession and made it his permanent seat of government.

By the 1500's Copenhagen had grown until it was the greatest city in the realm and home port of more than 100 ships. The Reformation became established in Denmark under the

CANDLES FOR

THE CAPITAL OF DENMARK

reign of Christian III around the middle of the 16th century, and by the end of the 1700's the population of Copenhagen exceeded 100,000.

The festive air of Copenhagen's 800th birthday typifies this city, which is said to wear a perpetual smile. The highlight of the year's activities was Festival Week last June.

The Danish spirit of living may be seen in the Smorrebrod, an open sandwich piled high with edibles. It is a point of honor for the bread to be concealed, and housewives compete in the game of seeing whose husband has the best, biggest, or most unusual Smorrebrod for lunch.

There is also a very serious side to the people of Copenhagen. During World War II Germany invaded Denmark and occupied it from 1940 to 1945. Even under hostile circumstances, however, the Danes held their heads high. When the Nazis required all Jews to wear Star-of-David brassards, Danish King Christian X appeared in public wearing one of the armbands, and so did thousands of his non-Jewish subjects.

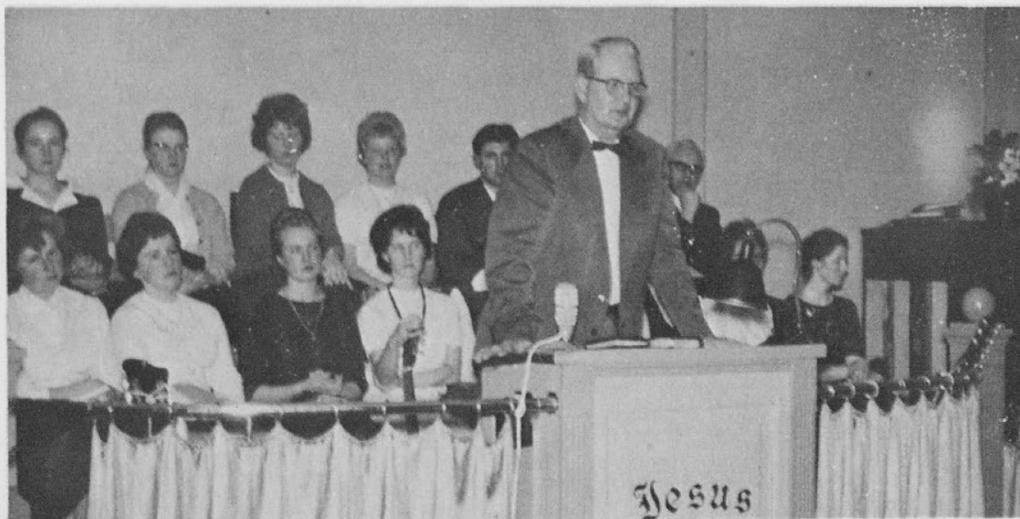
Greater Copenhagen now has a population of nearly 1,500,000 with about half of the people living outside the city proper.

The first missionary to the barbaric people of Denmark was Willibrord, a Saxon monk. His missionary work began in A.D. 690. when he went to Frisia. Having had little success there, Willibrord proceeded into Denmark, where he was met with about the same enthusiasm. In an attempt to Christianize Denmark, he took Danish youths to France with him to train them for future missionary efforts in their own homeland.

It was through the influence of the Reformation that the Lutheran Church became the State religion. Denmark's present reigning family descended from the royal house of Lyksborg, which ascended to the throne in 1863. The law states that the king must be of the State Lutheran Church, to which over 97 percent of the population belong.

The Pentecostal message came to Copenhagen in June 1907, when several Lutheran ministers invited Pastor

Former Field Secretary for Europe V. G. Greisen speaks at a convention in Aarhus, Denmark.



COPENHAGEN

CELEBRATES ITS FOUNDING IN 1167

T. B. Barratt of Oslo, Norway, to hold meetings in that city.

Mr. Barratt had previously visited the Pentecostal revival at Azusa Street, Los Angeles, and had returned to his home country to preach on the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Within a few days 20 Norwegian believers had received this Pentecostal experience. It was then that Mr. Barratt was invited to go to Copenhagen.

The first meetings were held in the Salvation Army *Betaniakirken*, where there were more people than seats, as day after day crowds gathered to hear the news about the Pentecostal outpouring.

On July 2, 1907, Mr. Barratt wrote, "The Spirit of God continues to work. There is not a meeting where souls are not saved and God's children baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire. No two meetings are alike as we all give ourselves to the leadings of the Spirit. We do not have the count of how many received the Holy Spirit, but the last eight days the number increased tremendously."

The revival continued and the

crowds increased until there was not a hall in Copenhagen that could accommodate the people. However, the Pentecostal movement suffered a division in 1922 to 1925 that greatly hindered the advancement of this great revival.

In 1952 Assemblies of God Missionary V. G. Greisen, himself of Danish descent, promoted a Pentecostal Bible school in Denmark, the first of its kind in all of Scandinavia. The school, now functioning as a combined high school and Bible school, uses the Berean Bible Courses, printed in Danish, as part of its curriculum. At this time over 800 young men and women have graduated, and many of these are pastors or workers in the churches throughout Denmark.

Denmark's 52 full-gospel churches are united under a general council much like that of the Assemblies of God in other countries. Theirs is the great responsibility of reaching the nearly five million Danish people with the Pentecostal message.

We congratulate Copenhagen on her 800th birthday and wish her peace and prosperity in the years ahead. 🐦



ABOVE: Copenhagen's City Hall was the center of all jubilee activities. BELOW: The Stock Exchange of Copenhagen with its spire of entwined dragon tails is the oldest active stock exchange building in the world.



V. G. Greisen, pictured below with his wife promoted the first Pentecostal Bible school (left) in the Scandinavian countries.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

WBT Founder Celebrates 50 Years of Service

William Cameron Townsend, 71, founder and general director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, celebrated his 50th anniversary of missionary service in Guatemala in October. Several Latin American countries were officially represented at anniversary ceremonies in Guatemala City. Townsend was honored at a banquet at which Guatemala's minister of education spoke.

Townsend arrived in Guatemala in 1917 as a Bible colporteur. Concerned with missionaries' inability to communicate to the Indians in their own language, he determined to translate the New Testament for the 150,000 Cakchiquel-speaking Indians.

From this first effort, published in 1934 by the American Bible Society, has grown the worldwide ministry of the Wycliffe Bible Translators named after John Wycliffe who translated the scriptures in the 14th century. More than 2,100 Wycliffe translators are now active in 50 or more countries, including Vietnam.

Giving to Religion Totals \$6.5 Billion

Ever since there has been a record of American philanthropy, religious sources have been credited with about half of the total, according to *Giving USA*, a compilation by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, Inc.

Giving to religion in 1966 totaled an estimated \$6.5 billion. Total philanthropy that year reached an all-time high of over \$13.5 billion.

Giving USA also reports the approximate value of visible religious wealth as \$79.5 billion. The breakdown is: Catholic, \$44.5 billion; Protestant, \$28 billion; and Jewish, \$7 billion.

Construction of religious buildings has made considerable gains in the past two decades. In 1946 new religious construction was valued at \$76 million. The 1966 figure from the U.S. Department of Commerce was \$1.25 billion.

WORLDWIDE

Deacons to Reappear in Roman Catholicism

Clergymen with the permanent rank of deacon—including married men—are soon to reappear in Roman Catholicism after a lapse of centuries.

Pope Paul issued an order restoring the diaconate four days after he had upheld the ancient law of celibacy for priests themselves. The pronouncement leaves the initiative in establishing a diaconate to the Church's hierarchy in each country.

According to *U. S. News and World Report*, reestablishment of the diaconate should alleviate some of the unrest within the Church over reaffirmation of the celibacy rule for priests. The new rank is also seen as

helping the Church deal with problems caused by severe shortages of priests in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Candidates must undergo three years of special training. Upon ordination they can preach, teach religion, and work with lay groups. When a priest is unavailable, a deacon can also distribute Holy Communion, conduct prayer services, and preside at baptisms and funerals, but he cannot celebrate mass or hear confessions.

Viet Cong Won to Christ in Prison

Some 200 Viet Cong suspects in the Quang Ngai prison have accepted Christ as their Saviour, according to W. C. Stemple in the *Alliance Witness* (August 16, 1967).

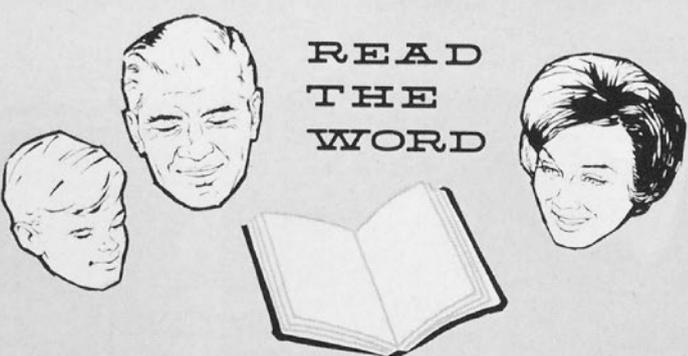
Over a year ago Pastor Chau of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam began holding weekly meetings in the prison which holds about 2,000 persons. Each week the pastor, a missionary, and some young people preach to an audience of about 500.

Because of the openness and response to this effort the church has sought other ways of reaching the Viet Cong. Biweekly meetings are held at the "open arms" center where hard-core Viet Cong turn themselves in and undergo a period of rehabilitation.

The Evangelical Church of Vietnam is a product of the missionary efforts of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (USA) over many years.

FEBC to Install Transmitters in Indian Ocean Area

The island government of Seychelles has invited the Far East Broadcasting Company to install two high-powered transmitters there, according to *Christian Times*. FEBC's programming will beam gospel programs from this Indian Ocean archipelago into India and Pakistan.



READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-10

Sunday	Job 3, 4	Thursday	Job 11, 12
Monday	Job 5, 6	Friday	Job 13, 14
Tuesday	Job 7, 8	Saturday	Job 15, 16
Wednesday	Job 9, 10	Sunday	Job 17, 18

"For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole" (Job 5:18).

The Seychelles station will be installed, staffed, and financed by the Far East Broadcasting Associates of Great Britain.

The site for the station is a group of 92 islands with a population of just under 50,000. Low-power test transmissions are expected to begin by mid-1968.

Missionaries Welcome, Says Mauritania President

During a recent state visit to Monrovia, Liberia, Moktar Ould Daddah, president of nearby Mauritania, said that Christian missionaries from Liberia would be welcome in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. He pointed out that his country's constitution guarantees religious freedom.

President Daddah, himself a Muslim, reminded Monrovia's Muslims that the Koran instructs them to respect their superiors and leaders. He said that if the peoples of Africa learn to respect one another's religion, then peace and tranquillity will prevail on the African continent.

He paid tribute to Liberia's President Tubman "for creating an atmosphere of religious freedom in a country predominantly Christian."

No Apes Found in the Family Tree

"The accepted view on evolution of man from the ape is absolutely incorrect and without any scientific basis," stated anthropologist Louis Leakey at the Israel Academy of Science and Humanities. "The human race did not descend from the ape in a way accepted in the past."

But, by no means does this scientist reject the whole theory of evolution. His declarations and the frequent revision and amendments made to the theory merely indicate that evolution is not the established fact some think it is.

High school and college students would do well to study the history of the theory, its claims, its concessions, and its contradictions. The last chapter has not been written yet.

Missionaries Die in Jungle Air Crash

Don Roberson, a veteran flier of eight years with Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and Curtis Findley of New Tribes Mission, were killed in the Venezuelan jungles near Puerto Ayacucho when a MAF Cessna 180 crashed October 6.

The accident was the first fatal mishap in the 23-year, 15-million-mile history of the American MAF which serves 40 mission societies in 14 countries.

Roberson is survived by his wife and three children; Findley, by his wife and son.

Term "Missionary" Is Dying, Says Australian

The term *missionary* is dying out in many areas for political reasons, according to Anglican Archbishop Frank Woods of Melbourne, Australia.

Archbishop Woods explained that many countries will no longer grant visas to "missionaries." Terms now in favor include "educationalist" and "agriculturalist," he said.

Many Russians Consider Themselves "Religious"

A first-of-its-kind survey in the city of Kazan, 450 miles east of Moscow, revealed that 21 percent of the people considered themselves "religious."

The official magazine of Soviet atheism, *Science and Religion*, said the survey took two years to complete. Evidently the editors published the report to warn that religion still has a hold on a large part of the public.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

In Acts 28:2, 4 there is mention of barbarous people on the island of Melita. Were they savages?

Not necessarily. Among the Greeks and Romans, any people who did not speak their languages were considered barbarians. The inhabitants of Melita (the modern Malta) spoke a foreign language. The dictionary says: "A barbarian was a foreigner, a term used depreciatively by Ancient Greeks or Romans concerning one outside their civilization."

How can some Christians, who claim to have the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts, continually make serious trouble in a church?

Among the believers at Corinth were some who exercised spiritual gifts from God but who were undeveloped in Christian character (1 Corinthians 1:5, 6, 10; 3:1-3).

The exercise of spiritual gifts does not denote Christian character, and neither does it create character. He who has been filled with the Spirit must walk in the Spirit and be Christlike. Spiritual manifestations are enjoyable, but character-building is of first importance. Paul's prayer for the believers was that "Christ might dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love... might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Carnal Christians are a detriment to the church; Christlike members are a blessing.

Are spiritual gifts distributed among members of the church, or ought each individual to seek that he may have all the gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).

The Bible says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts. And yet show I unto you a more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31). Before paying special attention to "gifts" let us realize that the first and highest purpose of having the Holy Spirit is that the life and character of Christ might be developed in us. Gifts alone will not do this. There must be the grace of a humble, sanctified life to provide the proper soil for the gifts.

The gifts are ever the Spirit's gifts. No true gift can be exercised except as the Holy Spirit is the energizing force. If people attempt to display their gifts on their own initiative, they soon run into either fanaticism or hypocrisy, trying to put on something they do not have.

If the Holy Spirit finds a person whom He can trust, He may use that person many times. Or it might be that the Spirit would use a person once and never use that person again in the same way.

The Bible tells us to desire spiritual gifts, and we may ask God to bestow His gifts upon us. When He does so, we must remember that the gift is never separate from the Giver. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit operating through us.

Keep in mind that Christian character is greater than spiritual gifts. (Read 1 Corinthians 13.)

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.

Daughter of Ceylonese convert says

RADIO PENETRATES BUDDHIST-HINDU STRONGHOLDS

By RON ROWDEN

KKNOWN AFFECTIONATELY by its people as *Lanka*, the "Resplendent," the pear-shaped island of Ceylon, just off the coast of India, has long been a challenge to the missionary outreach of Christianity.

Most of the Ceylonese people have remained true to their Buddhist and Hindu faith through over four centuries of domination by the Portuguese, Dutch, and British respectively. Today, little more than 10 percent of the island's 11 million people are even nominally Christian, and the great majority of these are Roman Catholic.

In this area that has so stubbornly resisted the efforts of the church, radio remains a most effective method by which to preach the gospel.

Through the facilities of Far East Broadcasting Company, *Revivaltime* is taking advantage of this expanding communication medium. Currently five shortwave releases are beamed toward Ceylon, and enthusiastic letters from English-speaking listeners report excellent reception.

Though statistics are difficult to find, Ceylon does have a literacy rate of more than 80 percent, and most of the education is under the British system, with English as the primary teaching medium.

Among the letters received from Ceylon is this one from a young man in the capital city, Colombo:

"I took my place at your radio altar, and God has given me victory over Satan. Now I realize that the battle is the Lord's.

"My heart is deeply burdened for the unsaved people of Ceylon. Millions here do not know God. The government does not allow missionaries or evangelists to enter this country; but I am confident that through prayer and the ministry of radio, the Lord can raise up young men here to evangelize all of Ceylon."

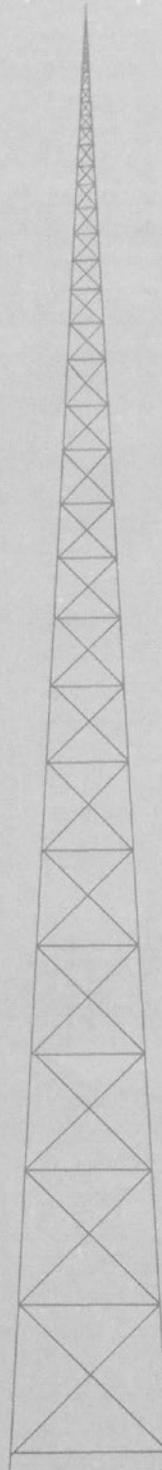
Wanting to know more about the situation, I chatted recently with Miss Sarah Cole, a native of Bombay, India, now studying at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri.

Sarah's father is an Indian pastor. Her mother grew up in Ceylon and was won to Christ through the efforts of Missionary Tommy Evans, affiliated with the Australian Assemblies of God.

Discussing the similarities of the culture of India and Ceylon, Sarah said:

"It must be remembered that in that part of the world there is great respect for one's parents. I am a woman; but until I marry, I am expected to follow the wishes of my father.

"This attitude prevails throughout most of the Asian



In a recent interview, Sarah Cole, a native of Bombay, India, presently a student at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., stressed the vital importance of radio evangelism in southern Asia. "In my country," she declared, "even if the people cannot afford a pair of shoes, they somehow get their hands on a radio. And 'Revivaltime' is one of the most popular broadcasts sent to us via Far East Broadcasting Company."

countries and must be recognized as a great difficulty in converting Buddhists and Hindus to Christianity.

"If my mother had not moved to India and married my father, she would have been forced to marry a Buddhist businessman and might never have become a Christian."

Pausing a moment to think about her childhood experiences, she added:

"Another factor I feel is the unchristian conduct of those who for so long controlled India and Ceylon. Much has been done for our people by the British in the way of education, cultural refinement, etc., but some of their representatives were often unfair. Their harsh treatment of their subjects was hardly a noteworthy example of the Christianity which their missionaries preached."

Despite these and many other difficulties in presenting the gospel to the people of southern Asia, Sarah feels the task can be accomplished and that radio is a key factor in achieving that goal.

"Before coming to Springfield," she commented, "I worked with the Shell Oil Company in India. Traveling extensively, I saw many areas of my country. One thing impressed me; everywhere I went there was radio. People may have no shoes, but they somehow get a radio."

The impact of missionary evangelism via radio is il-

lustrated in this letter from a middle-aged businessman in Kayts, Ceylon:

"Your program this morning was just what I needed. The message was timely and seemed pointed just at me. How I thank God for your ministry.

"I was kneeling at your broadcast altar at the close of the message, and God met me there."

Every transistor radio that comes off modern assembly lines represents another opportunity for evangelism. In Ceylon and other Asian countries the potential listening audience is staggering.

Non-Christian agencies recognize this communications challenge and are putting all their efforts toward reaching the masses via radio. Thank God, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit *Revivaltime* can still pierce the curtains of pagan backgrounds, ethnic prejudice, and cultural tradition!

In the fierce battle of the airwaves now going on, Christianity has an undeniable advantage over its competitors; for its message is not man-created. It is a plan of salvation that carries with it the unique ability to literally reshape and renew human lives. And the living God has promised that this Word shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish the divine will.

ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?

NAPOLEON IN EXILE once pointed to a map on which England was shown in red and remarked ruefully, "If it had not been for that red spot, I would have conquered the world."

Satan can say the same as he looks at Calvary. That spot, stained with the blood of Jesus Christ, is the only reason Satan has been unable to keep all mankind in bondage.

No wonder Peter spoke of "the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19). His blood brings us *pardon*. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7). Who does not need forgiveness?

His blood brings us *cleansing*. "Jesus Christ . . . washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5). No other fountain can cleanse the heart from the guilt of sin. Pilate washed his hands in a basin of water in a vain attempt to prove his innocence. But nothing short of the blood of Christ can bring spiritual cleansing to the guilty soul.

*"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!"*

When Martin Luther saw the great truth that justification is by faith in Christ's atonement, he cried, "Calvary seems as though it were only yesterday!" This pardon, this cleansing is real, and it makes all the difference in our lives.

The blood of Christ brings us into a *peaceful relationship with God*. "We have peace with God through our

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST IS THE THEME OF OUR SONG FOR TIME AND ETERNITY

By JAMES M. BRYAN | Pastor, Calvary Assembly, Orrville, Ohio

Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). He is our Mediator, our only Advocate. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Blood transfusions have saved thousands of human lives. Spiritually, the Son of God is the great universal Donor, bringing eternal life to all who trust in the blood He shed for our redemption.

Are you trusting the power of the blood of Christ to pardon and cleanse from sin? Do you have peace and fellowship with God? These priceless benefits were purchased for you at Calvary by the blood of Jesus, but you must accept them by faith. When you do, every day will become a thanksgiving day.

We accept the national freedom purchased for us on the battlefields of the world by the blood of our honored war dead. How much more gladly should we accept the personal freedom from sin and its consequences purchased for us by the precious blood of Christ!

*"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, I come."*

The Bible says there is no way our sins could possibly be remitted except through the shedding of the precious Blood. Let us be thankful for His blood as long as we live, until the day we join the happy throng in heaven who are constantly praising "him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5).



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Sunday School Lesson for December 10, 1967
1 PETER 1:22 TO 2:8

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

SALVATION THROUGH THE WORD

"You are born anew" (1:23, Moffatt). In their natural state all men are said to be "dead in trespasses and sins" and possess a sinful nature. (See Ephesians 2:1-3.) Men need a new life and a new nature, the very life of Christ and the nature of God. Such is made possible through the Word of God, "the good news which was preached to you" (1:25, Amplified).

Peter spoke of the Word as seed which as men hear and obey, is divinely implanted into the "soil" of their hearts. Through hearing, believing, receiving, and acting upon the good news of Christ's death for man's sins (and His resurrection) men become "new creations," that is, receive new life in Christ, and a new nature. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4; Ephesians 2:1, 4-6.)

The "seed" by which men are saved is imperishable, in contrast with the perishable nature of all things natural and human. This seed yields eternal life to those who

receive it. It is called "the living seed" because, through receiving and obeying it, men receive spiritual life.

SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE WORD

"Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth" (1:22). It may be argued that the two references to being born anew and having purified your souls are synonymous, and that both refer to initial salvation. Even if that is true, they also demonstrate the distinction between the need for the new birth and cleansing from sin in the initial experience, and the equally important need for *maintaining* the state of purification from all evil as a consequence of the new birth.

It is through "obedience to the truth" (that is, to the Word of God) that sanctification is maintained. This sanctifying power of the Word is emphasized throughout the Scriptures. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? *By taking heed thereto according to thy word*" (Psalm 119:9). "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:25, 26). As the Christian walks through a defiled world, what a need he has for daily inner cleansing which is effected by prayerful perusal of God's Word and walking in the light of His Word.

Peter was quick to point out that the purposes of this privilege of sonship and of sanctification are practical and must issue positively in a sincere love for the brethren—an intense love for fellow Christians. Negatively, certain enemies of Christian love and harmony are to be "put off" as a garment which is no longer becoming to one who belongs to Christ.

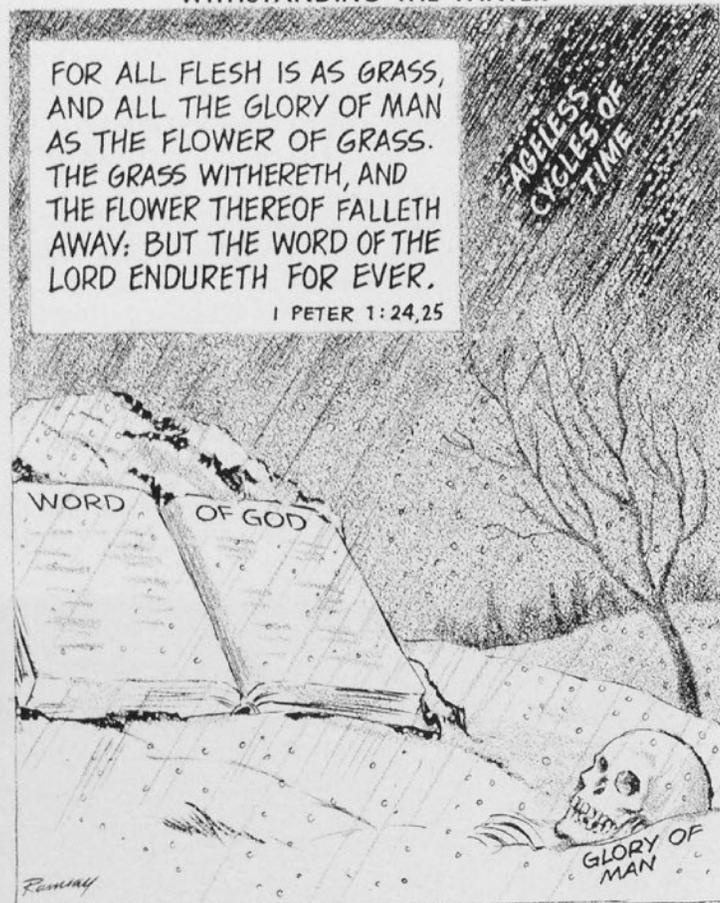
"Malice" is ill will toward others. "Guile" means trickery and craftiness; "insincerity" comes from the Greek word from which we get the word "hypocrite." The Christian is not to be a pretender or actor (which is the meaning of the word *hypocrite*). "Envy" is the resenting or begrudging of the good fortune or possessions of others. "Slander" is the vicious and undisciplined use of the tongue. All these are to be decisively "put away."

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH THE WORD

"Like newborn babies, you should . . . thirst for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow" (2:2, Amplified). Peter had likened the Word to "seed." Here he changed the figure, likening it to "milk." There is no thought of rebuke here, such as is found in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. Just as babies depend upon milk for growth and long for it, so the Christian depends upon the spiritual nourishment of the Word of God. Men may be attracted by the rhetoric and eloquence of the preacher; but if they do not feed on the Word, they suffer from spiritual malnutrition.

"Desire the sincere milk of the word . . . if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (2:2, 3). A good appetite, other things being equal, is a sign of good health. Loss of appetite is occasion for alarm. Just so, those who have experienced the loveliness and graciousness of the Lord as He is revealed through the Word yearn more and more to feed upon Him. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Thank God, we may develop an appetite for the Word. The more one feeds upon the Word, the more completely he will obey the truth, and the greater the appetite he will develop for that food which nourishes his spiritual life.

WITHSTANDING THE WINTER



LET'S SAVE THE SHIP!

SUDDEN TRAGEDY STRUCK the *USS Forrestal*. A Skyhawk taking off on a routine flight over Vietnam apparently spilled fuel. The fuel ignited. Flames reached a missile aboard another plane. This launched, striking the fuel tank of a third plane.

Within minutes flames spread over the deck of the great aircraft carrier, igniting bombs. Explosions tore holes in the deck, allowing a river of fire to spill into the six other decks.

The men who survived knew their ship was in deadly danger. If further missiles exploded, the carrier would be destroyed. Those men might have tried to save their own lives. But in that moment of crisis every man aboard became a hero. Men struggled, throwing live missiles overboard, not knowing at what moment they might explode.

Life magazine reported that one of the survivors was asked, "What saved the ship?" He replied quietly, "Prayer; prayer and work, prayer and work." Then, perhaps as he remembered his close friends who had died in the disaster, he added, "And one more thing, *sacrifice*."

We face a world in deadly peril—a world aflame. Unrest, riots, hatred, conflict, racial confrontation are spreading over the world like a river of fire.

Faced with the tragedy of world conditions, what can we Christians do? Simply save our own lives? Do we stand by helplessly asking, "What can I do about it?" Or can we become heroes?

"God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." So every Christian must do his best to save men.

To do this we must throw overboard the bombs that threaten the ship. What are they?

Indifference is one. No man should stand idly by in this hour of crisis. We must cast away lethargy. We must pray and work.

Selfishness and *greed* are others. James warned us of the sorrows that face the rich in the last days (James 5:1-6). Money can lose its value overnight. Why not put what we have into the task of saving men? This is the

time to obey Christ and lay up treasures in heaven!

Hatred is another bomb that threatens civilization. Have we forgotten God's command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"?

Who is my neighbor? The man who has fallen among robbers; the person who is wounded and in need. My neighbor is the one who needs my help, of whatever race or color he may be.

Christ taught a practical religion. "I was ahungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." In such acts of mercy and lovingkindness as these we can demonstrate God's kingdom here on earth.

Then we must also saturate the ship. Something is needed to extinguish the flames. And there is nothing as effective for this as the Word of God.

Recently a Christian publisher in South Africa heard a riot was about to break out in one of the townships. He took thousands of gospel tracts (a tract called, "Peace with God") and these were distributed door to door by young people of an Assemblies of God church. Almost overnight the atmosphere in that township changed. There was peace instead of bloodshed.

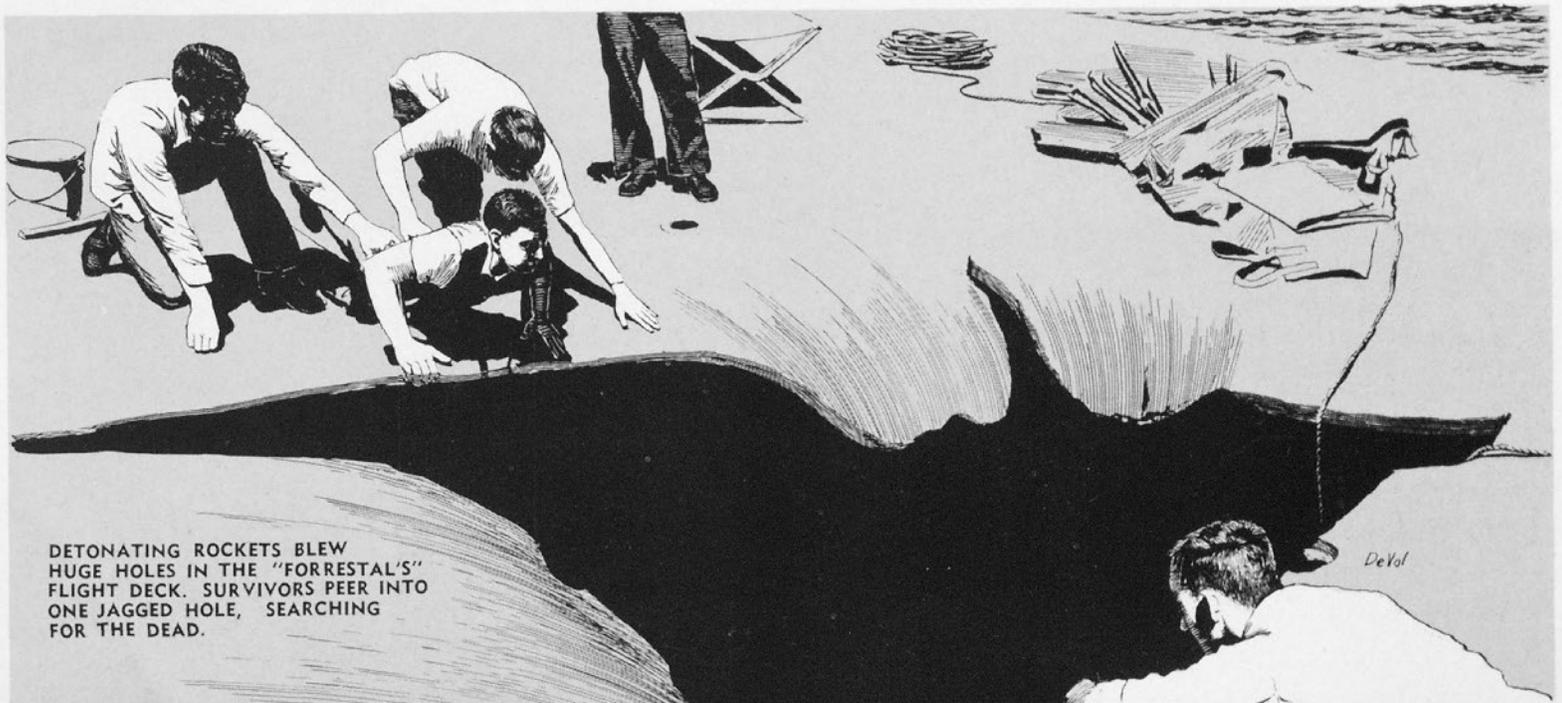
We must saturate the schools, the hospitals, the prisons, and the homes of the world with attractive, dynamic gospel literature. We must send out Bible correspondence courses that lead men to God. We can offer reality in a world full of sham, certainty in a world of uncertainty, love in a world of hatred.

If we believe that God's Word has the answer for world problems, we must spread this gospel of peace. We must pray and work, pray and testify, pray and distribute God's Word.

And let us not forget the final factor: *sacrifice*. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Let's say with Paul, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

By God's grace let's save the ship!



DETONATING ROCKETS BLEW HUGE HOLES IN THE "FORRESTAL'S" FLIGHT DECK. SURVIVORS PEER INTO ONE JAGGED HOLE, SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD.



FOR THE MAN WHO HAS 'EVERYTHING'

By G. WEATHERLEY / *England*

GIFT SHOPS FEATURE EXTRAVAGANT ITEMS for the man who has "everything." God also has some priceless gifts for such a person. And these gifts are available to all, without money and without price.

A man who had a good wife, attractive children, a beautiful home, adequate income, and radiant health made the mistake of thinking he had everything worthwhile. When invited to church he replied, "Why should I go to church? What else do I need?"

Pity such a man when trouble strikes! Material possessions certainly have value. Yet if they are all we have, there are serious needs still in our lives; for "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." For life is more than food, and the body than the clothes that cover it. A man can enjoy material advantages for years and at the same time be living in appalling spiritual poverty.

A certain man had a Christian wife and enjoyed all this world had to offer, but he was blind to his own spiritual need. When his wife died, the man was silent and broken. For the first time he realized that life was more than things. He had lost his most precious treasure, and there was no comfort in all his material wealth.

There is no answer to the guilt problem in a bank account. A psychiatrist spent years analyzing mental illness and concluded that 95 percent of his patients suffered from unresolved guilt. Financially they were able to pay him to listen to their troubles, but their money could not buy the forgiveness they needed.

Material blessings cannot guarantee us security for the future. Nothing we have can purchase assurance of a happy life in eternity.

Direction in life, comfort in sorrow, forgiveness of sin, and certainty for the life to come are blessings we are all eager to grasp—even the man who has everything.

None of these are offered in the gift shops of the world, but all of them are offered in Christ. "Come unto me," He urges. He brings into the lives of those who trust Him the resources of eternity. Where there is frustration, He brings unity of purpose. Where there are questions, He is the answer. Where there are heartaches, He is the Comforter.

In the time of uncertainty He offers divine guidance. "I will . . . instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go."

He came to "bind up the brokenhearted," and "to comfort all that mourn." Ours is the God of all comfort.

Christ deals effectively with the guilt problem when we turn our lives over to Him. "We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." No gift shop offers such a present at any price.

Our future is secure when we know Christ. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Whether you have "everything" in the eyes of the world, or whether you have very little, you are eligible for these priceless gifts of God that money cannot buy. Open your heart to receive them now.

