

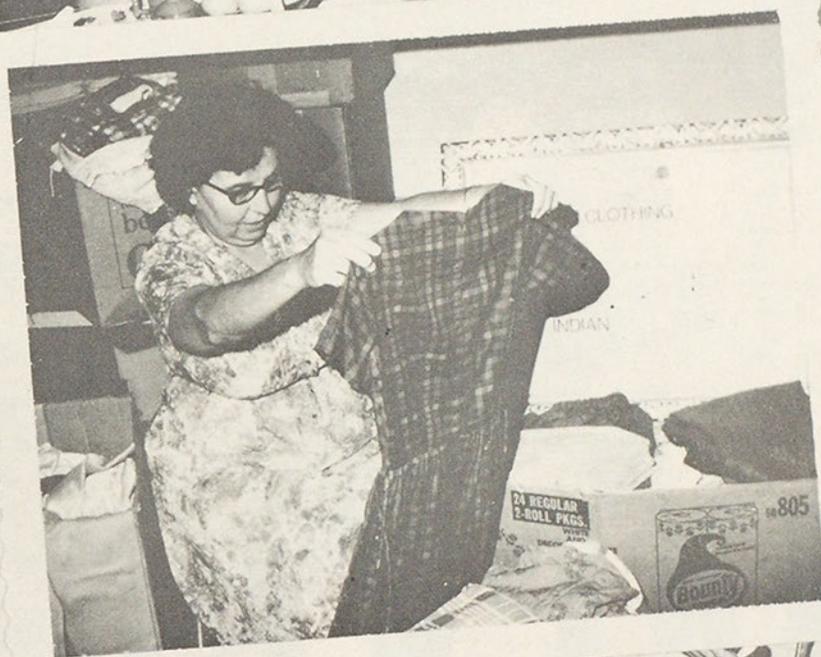
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IT HAPPENED AGAIN. A group of people boarded a jet and headed south. Their tickets read: "Miami, Florida." But when they stepped out of the plane, they were in Havana, Cuba. Their plane had been hijacked. They started for one place and ended up in another.

Hijacking has become a serious, costly problem to the airlines and a hazard for travelers. When a man buys a ticket to Miami, he doesn't necessarily want to go to Havana!

Most of us will never know what it's like to fly in a plane taken over by a man with a gun. But spiritually speaking, multiplied millions are flying on hijacked planes. They are not going where they thought they were. And when they step off the plane, they will have the surprise of their lives. But it will then be too late.

The devil is the greatest hijacker who has ever existed. He doesn't care one iota that you have started for heaven, for he knows it is where you land that counts. All during the flight he would be very pleased for you to sit back and enjoy yourself, thinking that everything is all right. He delights in knowing that once your plane sets down—when life is over—it will be too late for you to do anything about it.

The hijacker's strongest weapon is deceit. He wears no sign around his neck telling everyone who he is.

Neither does he whisper it around the airport. No one must suspect what he is planning to do.

Sin, the Bible says, is deceitful. To be successful in what he has set out to do, the devil has to make sin appear to be the norm. "Everybody's doing it!" is the strongest argument sin has. If sin wore a large sign announcing that it intends to hijack your plane and take you to hell instead of heaven, you would never allow it on board.

HIJACKED HOMES

Satan has hijacked many thousands of homes. Maybe yours is one. You started out so well. Your heart was filled to overflowing with happiness and love. There was no question about it; yours would be the perfect marriage.

But now your marriage has been hijacked. It isn't going in the direction you originally planned. The love you once were so sure of has given you cause to lie awake at night and wonder. Your eyes, once sparkling with happiness, are now often wet with tears. Your lips no longer speak words of affection and endearment; now they flow with cruel accusations or they pleadingly ask, "Why?"

Once you sought every opportunity to be with that special one. Now you dread those moments of being alone. You wish you could end the whole thing, but for



HIJACKED!

the sake of the children you try to keep your marriage together.

This wasn't what you planned when the sparks of love first burned in your heart. What has happened? Your marriage has been hijacked by the devil. He is forcing you to go in a direction you never intended. Unless he is overpowered and defeated, he will ruin you completely. That is his goal, you know; he has no intention of doing you any good.

HIJACKED CHURCHES

Satan is not only hijacking homes; he is also hijacking churches. That sounds startling until we recall that in Revelation 3 Jesus is standing on the outside of a church that bears His name, seeking an entrance.

The devil doesn't try to tear down church buildings and scatter congregations to the four winds. He found out, many years ago, that persecution of that sort only causes the church to grow by leaps and bounds.

So he decided to hijack it. His strategy is to keep the plane in the air, make everything appear normal, but little by little veer away from the charted course.

You can see how he is succeeding in many churches today. The plane is still flying. The form of godliness continues. But the original fire is completely gone.

Book reviews and philosophical discourses are now delivered from pulpits that once blasted sin and the

devil. The mourners' benches are gone. No one ever says anything about being born again. And tears of Holy Ghost conviction on the face of the sinner would cause some to wonder if he came to church drunk!

This hijacking didn't take place all at once. Men began to use reason instead of "thus saith the Lord." Critics slowly tore page after page from the inspired Scriptures. Preachers found that life went smoother when they trimmed the sharp teachings of the Word to fit the members of their congregations. Pastors and church officials began to be chosen or disapproved by personal feelings rather than by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Yet the plane soars on. The passengers enjoy the friendly service and the excellent accommodations. The food is good. The flight is smooth. And no one wants to be told the plane has been hijacked—that they will not land where they thought they would. Anyone who dares utter such a warning is a crackpot!

Oh, how the Church of the living God needs to get back on course in these last days!

HIJACKED LIVES

Why has Satan successfully taken over so many homes and churches? His greatest victories are won by hijacking lives. He does not want your house or your church building—he wants you! And until the day you leave this world, he will constantly and consistently try to steer you off course.

Think back a moment. Remember how God used to speak to your heart—even when you were a child? You believed in Him then. Your heart was still tender. You saw men living sinful lives and you said to yourself, "I'll never do things like that." Yet you are doing them now. You are everything you once determined you would never be. What has happened to you? You know the answer. The devil has hijacked your life. He has steered you off course, and you know it.

You thought you were the pilot of your plane. You boasted that you would fly it anywhere you chose, anytime you chose. You still throw words like that around, but in your heart you know they are just words. You don't decide anything for yourself anymore.

You brag about being a man, yet you cannot lay down one little habit of sin. You scoff at the saints of God, but you wish you had the freedom they enjoy. The devil has taken over the cockpit of your life. You are helpless—and you know it.

Those people forced to go to Havana were allowed to come back home. But when your plane finally lands, it will never take off again. Your destiny will be forever sealed.

What are you going to do? Whether the problem is in your home, your church, or your life the solution is the same. You can't manhandle the hijacker—he is too strong for you. You can't outsmart him. You have only one hope. There is only One who can come to your rescue—Jesus Christ. Find a private place somewhere on that plane—it won't be easy. Get down on your knees and send out a spiritual SOS. Pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Then sit back and wait for a miracle. Jesus Christ will enter that cockpit. He will overcome the hijacker and take control of your plane—and of you. Then He'll see that you get on course again and land safely in heaven. Will you let Him do it?



By **BILL POPEJOY**

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The Gate of Heaven

SOLOMON BUILT A MAGNIFICENT HOUSE for God, and it seems that men have been trying to match it ever since. They have poured fortunes into beautiful temples, stately cathedrals, and ornate churches—motivated, no doubt, by the thought that a “house of God” should be the finest house they can build. But the fact is often overlooked that “the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands” (Acts 7:48). God prefers pure hearts, rather than pretentious houses, for His habitation.

When we dedicate a “house of God” we should remember the Most High will only dwell there insofar as He dwells in the hearts of the people who congregate in it. There is a trend toward extravagance today. Even Christian people find it hard to be happy with the simple things that once satisfied them. Affluency has created a demand for elegance—both in private dwellings and in houses of worship. We believe it is commendable for church members to build a meeting-place that has quality and comfort equal to their private homes, and we recognize that cheaply constructed buildings may prove to be the most expensive over a period of years; but we need to remind ourselves that the spiritual atmosphere of a church building is much more important than its physical appearance or furnishings.

Probably there is no more beautiful name for a church than “Bethel,” for it means *the house of God*; but it is doubtful whether the original Bethel was a place of physical beauty. In fact, the Bible seems to indicate it was merely an outdoor spot—and a rocky bit of ground, at that—for it states that Jacob “took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.” It was there he dreamed of the ladder that reached to heaven, and it was there he heard the voice of the Lord. Afterward he named the place Bethel, saying, “This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven” (Genesis 28:17). Just an open spot under the stars, but it was a hallowed place for it was there he received a revelation of the Lord.

Wherever it be that we really meet with God, that place becomes to us the house of God—whether it be an outdoor meeting, a brush arbor, a storefront church, or a costly temple. The emphasis in our Assemblies is not on architectural grandeur, nor ceremonial worship, nor eloquent preaching, but rather on the presence of the living Christ and the revelation of His glory in the midst of His people. May it always be so. May our churches ever be “the gate of heaven.”

—r.c.c.

THIS WEEK the *Evangel* again brings you true stories of God's grace, healing testimonies, church news, and numerous articles to inspire and bless your heart. After reading this issue please pass it along. Let others share the blessings.

NEXT WEEK there will be significant articles on prophecy, revival, the victorious life, and Christian concern for the underprivileged. What happened at the Evangelists Seminar? How does the Year of Revival affect the young people? What is Christian forgiveness? Why are Christians so different from each other? Watch for answers to these and other questions in next week's *Evangel*. The editorial staff is praying you will find just the spiritual help you desire in every issue.

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HE FOUND A HOME

By GEORGE HOLMES

THE BULLETIN BOARD SAID, "Worship Service, 11 a.m." Bill Shaney parked his car. It was 10:50 a.m. He smiled as he approached the church, reflecting this was the fifth he had visited since being transferred from the midwest. He recalled the words of the friend who had counseled him when he received Christ as his personal Saviour just three months ago: "Remember, wherever you are, find a church home." He was trying to do this, but *you have to work at it*, he thought.

In the past six weeks he had more than once felt the chill of loneliness. His new job had brought a certain strain. Then there was Betty, his wife. She felt he was going too far with religion by going to church every Sunday. Oh, well! A good worship service—that's what he needed.

He stepped into the foyer and was thankful he didn't have to work his way through a barrier of effusive talkers. An usher smiled a welcome and beckoned him through inner doors into the sanctuary. It was like entering another world as an atmosphere of peace encompassed him. The mellow tones of the organ softly screened off the problems of the week. He felt in accord with those seeking God.

He bowed in silent prayer as the usher left him, then he took a discreet look around. Several worshipers were reading their Bibles. Good idea. . . . "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary" (Psalm 63:1, 2).

In the sanctuary—this was it! He yearned to see God's power and glory in the sanctuary. He raised his eyes, following the contour of the arched beams. They pointed upward, away from himself and his problems.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1). It was the warm compelling voice of the minister and Bill, hardly aware that he had entered the pulpit, had no need to change mental gears. Somehow, for him, the service had commenced as soon as he entered the sanctuary. However, those incomparable words brought solid comfort to his soul.

With the congregation, he stood to sing. The feeling and enthusiasm with which his fellow-Christians sang made Bill one with this worshipping brotherhood. "Thank you, Lord," he murmured aloud—and was surprised at his daring.

Now all the worshipers were lifting their voices in praise to God. It was spontaneous and it swelled as the sound of many waters. Then it changed to song:

*"Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art; How great Thou art."*

It was a crescendo of thanksgiving. The entire congregation had become a choir controlled by an invisible Director. *It must be the Holy Spirit*, thought Bill.

After a while this particular movement quietly subsided. Then from another part of the sanctuary he heard a man's voice apparently talking to him, for he seemed to be acquainted with Bill's personal circumstances, tensions, and doubts. Bill held his breath so he wouldn't miss a word. How did this man know about him, anyway?

The speaker went on, assuring Bill that God's presence was with him on his perplexing pathway and would bring him to a place of spiritual blessing and joy. Bill was suffused with a warm glow. God had, indeed, drawn very close to him.

Ushers were now preparing to receive the offering. What an honor, thought Bill, to serve in this way. In the majestic framework of this service Bill realized for the first time that giving to God was an act of worship. In this service the receiving of gifts brought no disruption of the spirit of worship. Nor did the brief announcements.

The minister, he could see, was bowed in prayer—no doubt asking God to make him a fit channel for His Word. "Please help him, Lord," breathed Bill.

Listeners were invited to find the Scripture passage and join in the reading. Then the minister began to unfold the meaning of the passage read. Though it was from the Old Testament he showed that it had a here-and-now application. Skillfully, he probed to the central truth of the passage and this shed light on the rest. Bill liked the step-by-step presentation. He knew he would remember the main divisions of the message because they were so simple and logical. The sermon mounted to a climax and when it ended Bill felt the speaker stopped too soon. He wanted more.

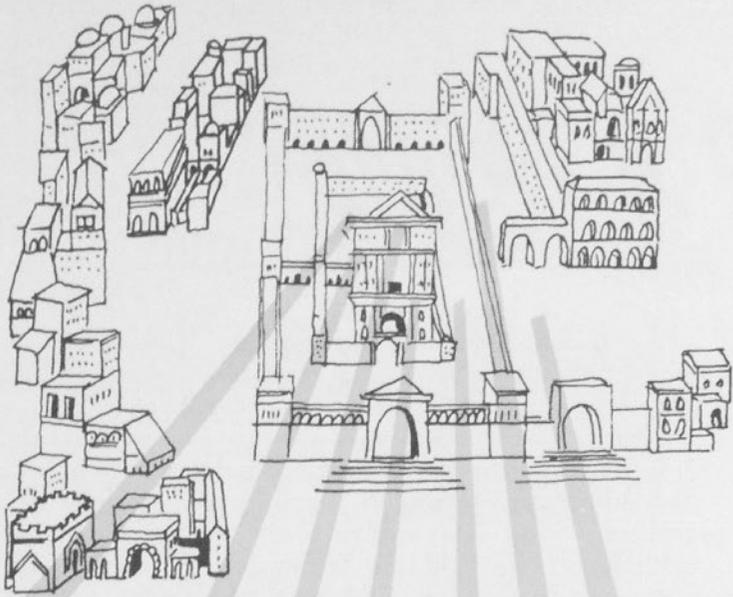
The final hymn and prayer seemed to express a commitment he wanted to make. Deeply satisfied, Bill turned to leave the pew. His neighbor, an elderly lady, offered her hand. Bill told her how aware of God's presence he had been in the service and then said, "May I ask you a question?"

"Go ahead," encouraged his new friend.

Glancing toward the far side of the sanctuary Bill asked, "What made that man say those things when he did?"

Quickly the lady opened her Bible and pointed to a verse. Bill read, "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3).

"Well," Bill agreed, "it certainly comforted me." He smiled and added, "I'll be back for more of this." This was the church he was seeking. He had found a home.



CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMING KINGDOM

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TRAVELING NORTH OUT OF Kansas City, Missouri, a motorist made a belated decision to take the left exit where the dual highway divides. His car ricocheted off the wedge of steel rails at the "Y" where the routes part. The dent on the mammoth post struck by the airborne auto was seven feet from the ground. Bouncing back, the car landed wheels up.

The motorist must have known a parting of the road was rapidly approaching. His vision was unobstructed, there were no other vehicles to deter his course cor-

rection, and his steering mechanisms were fully operative. But he made a wrong decision about executing the turn. Either he miscalculated or postponed his decision until too late. In either case, the results were the same—a near fatality.

This incident dramatizes the life crisis being faced by contemporary Christians. It is written into the basic nature of man to be concerned about his future. Thoughts of tomorrow produce mixtures of joys and anxieties. Erroneous or postponed decisions regarding eternity can be disastrous.

The Scriptures are filled with references to the future and to the coming kingdom of God. Jesus spoke more about the Kingdom than any other subject. He taught about repentance, about the love of God, and of God's wrath, but none of these subjects occupied a prominence equal to the Kingdom.

Jesus came to earth with a mission. While it is true that He came to "seek and to save that which was lost," His mission upon earth was introduced in different terms. John the Baptist introduced the mission of the Lord by saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2). Jesus' first message was, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). The establishment of the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God (the terms are used interchangeably in the Gospels) was a primary purpose in the Master's ministry.

In the Epistle addressed to the Hebrews, the writer assumes a common knowledge that the day of the Lord is approaching. But the knowledge of that coming day is more than mere common knowledge—it is a prophetic certainty.

Throughout his ministry in many cities, Paul's standard procedure was to go first to the synagogues. He was preaching the kingdom of God—to the Jews first. Late in his ministry Paul is found in Rome, living as a trusted prisoner in a leased house. The Jews again rejected his message of Christ. Paul quoted Isaiah's prophecy which foretold of this Jewish rejection. The apostle then made clear his purpose to direct his ministry to the Gentiles and his message was *the kingdom of God* (Acts 28:31). Throughout the Bible there is movement toward the Kingdom which is to come.

The Kingdom is coming because Jesus said it would. He foretold Jerusalem's destruction, saying the Gentiles would trample the holy city and take its citizens captive to all nations. This would continue, Jesus stated, "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). The same Lord who foretold Jerusalem's destruction which occurred in A.D. 70, also prophesied an end to the times of the Gentiles. According to Jesus, the coming of the heavenly Kingdom is an ever-approaching certainty.

The Kingdom is coming because angels foretold it. When Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1), two men in white apparel gave an assuring witness to the bewildered observers: "This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

He who was spoken of as King of kings and Lord of lords will return. His kingdom is approaching even though many are not expecting it. It is not known when His coming will occur, but when it does, the

King will have a kingdom. Today His kingdom is invisible; it is spiritual. The day is rapidly approaching when it will be visible to all.

The letter to the Hebrews provides guidelines for proper attitudes regarding this coming Kingdom. The writer of this Epistle eagerly anticipated the coming Kingdom and knew it was a certainty, for he wrote, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37).

It is vitally important that Christians today anticipate the coming of the King. Facing the coming Kingdom is somewhat like entering an unknown element, and it is human to fear the unknown. The Christian need have no fear, however, for there are many things he can do in anticipation of God's coming kingdom.

1. *Reassess the resources available in Christ.* It is desirable to reassess our available resources in Christ as we face the uncertainties of the future. A Christian who draws upon these spiritual resources will find himself battling from a position of spiritual strength against the forces of evil.

One great resource of spiritual strength available to us is intimate communion with Christ. Before Christ's death, the veil in the temple barricaded man from an intimate encounter with God. But when Christ died on Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was ripped from top to bottom. No more was man separated from God's presence. Through faith in Christ, a believer can go beyond the former barricade to enjoy spiritual intimacy with the King Himself. With this unrestricted access to communion with God, man has a resource of virtually unlimited spiritual strength.

A second available resource is confidence of attitude which goes far beyond an acquired poise. It is a fact that positive attitudes will produce a poised confidence. Even if one's environment does not change, a man's success in that environment can be enhanced by a positive mental attitude. He needs nothing outside of himself to produce this change. It is a totally subjective process of readjustment.

The confidence of a Christian's approach to God goes far deeper than that. It is produced, not by a change within his mind, but through a meaningful relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is based upon something outside himself—upon the deeds of Christ. A Christian's confidence finds confirmation in external sources such as revelation, history, and the testimonies of others. His personal experience in approaching God also bears witness to this confidence.

The Son of God has been made Ruler over God's affairs among men. He who rent the veil of the temple is our Mediator and Counselor. He is the believer's contact with the Father. He is the prime Resource of spiritual strength—a Living Channel of access to the power of God.

What resources! To reassess these is to be renewed in hope. Yet, to be of value, these resources must be utilized. Undeveloped resources are of no practical value. We must claim our potential possessions in Christ.

2. *Seek a closer communication with God.* Communication has become an important word in contemporary society. Some analysts of social forces tell us that communication is one of today's major problems. Some of

society's problems are caused by the lack of communication, and others by faulty communication with each other.

The problems of living by and expressing Christian faith in the light of the coming Kingdom also relate to communication. According to the author of Hebrews, man should seek to have a more intimate communication with God as he senses the approach of the Second Advent. By drawing near to the Lord (Hebrews 10:22), faith is strengthened.

Absolute sincerity should characterize one's approach to God. Hebrews 10:22 urges us to "draw near with a true heart. . . ." Superficiality in today's situation could result in spiritual suicide.

Meaningful communication with the Lord can only be achieved if there is no conflict of interest. The cleansing spoken of in Hebrews 10:22 is not an external cleansing of the flesh, but a spiritual catharsis, emptying the human spirit of all selfish interests as God reveals them to us.

There is no need for timidity in one's quest for communication with God. Rather the attitude of approach can be one of confidence and certainty as one enters into meaningful communion with his Maker. He can draw near "in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22).

Active and meaningful communication results in an easier adherence to one's Christian hope (see Hebrews 10:23). Possession of this hope is vital to successful Christian living in these pre-Kingdom days. The will to persist comes from this hope. The desire to endure originates here. Personal inspiration is received through the steadfast confession of hope. This hope is the motivator of sober and disciplined Christian experience and is indispensable to one's strategy in the present day.

3. *Seek to inspire others.* The Epistle to the Hebrews admonished faithful assembling of the believers (Hebrews 10:25). While the exhortation unquestionably embraces organized services for spiritual worship, it also includes informal meetings and the personal associations of individual Christians. Here is the area of virile spiritual fellowship. The person-to-person sharing of spiritual experiences can be occasions for inspiring faith, hope, and love in another Christian. It is in these confrontations that one succeeds or fails in evoking the love and good works which may be latent in a fellow Christian. We need to encourage and exhort one another. Inspiration is indeed an indispensable ingredient in a believer's present-day strategy.

Never has there been a more dramatic and dynamic period of history than the present. Pages of prophecy are bursting from the Bible into newspaper headlines. The believer is in a dynamic situation daily. As prophecy is fulfilled before his eyes, the believer's spiritual resources can be utilized to produce a refinement of Christian character. Proper strategy can effect a strengthened faith. Through dynamic interpersonal relationships, a believer can play a redemptive role in a sin-belayed society.

As the day of Christ's second coming approaches, a sincere believer will find it difficult to refrain from overexertion. Hebrews 10:25 ("so much the more as ye see the day approaching") will prod him into an accelerated program of spiritual involvement. For the Kingdom is approaching—and with it, the King. 



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Belief in God Unnecessary for Objectors

The U.S. Congress has directed the Selective Service System to delete reference to a "Supreme Being" from forms used by individuals requesting conscientious objector status. Both the old and new laws exempted anyone from military service "who by reason of religious training and belief" was conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. But the old law specified that "religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation. . . ."

Three years ago the Supreme Court ruled that an applicant need not believe in God to satisfy the "Supreme Being" definition, but need only hold a sincere, meaningful belief that occupies a similar place in his life.

Seven Million Alcoholics in U.S.

Andrew C. Ivy, M.D., professor emeritus of physiology of the University of Illinois and researcher in the problem of alcoholism, recently estimated the country's alcoholics at seven million men and women, and estimated 12,400,000 others are afflicted with a "dependency on alcohol."

Alcoholic beverages and economic and human waste resulting from them are costing the American people a spiraling \$39½ billion, and unless curbed can "cause our country to die drunk, defeated, and broke."

This report was given to guests at a banquet sponsored by the Florida Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Alcoholism Blamed for Ghetto Unemployment

Alcoholism is being underscored by the U.S. Labor Department as a major cause of ghetto unemployment.

"Alcoholism is a factor to be faced in placing participants in national manpower training and development programs which aim at full employment in an expanding economy," the department's Manpower Administration said.

"A good job is also a factor in helping such persons battle their problems," it said.

Crime Index Increases 19 Percent

Nationally, the Crime Index recorded a 19 percent increase during the first nine months of 1968 over the same period in 1967. The violent crimes, as a group, increased 21 percent and the more voluminous property crimes 19 percent.

During the first nine months of 1968, firearms were used to commit 65 percent of all murders and 23 percent of the aggravated assaults. Serious assaults with a firearm rose 26 percent in 1968 over 1967.

He Died for the U.S.

Sgt. Jeff Davis of Brownsburg, Indiana, was killed in Vietnam. But before he gave his life, he had sent his wife a letter to be opened only in the event of his

death. It read: "I died for the guys with the long hair and protest signs. The draft-card burners, the hippies, the anti-everything people who have nothing better to do. . . . I died so these people could have a little longer time to get straightened out in life. God knows they need it. . . . I died for the United States."

Catholics Support National Bible Week for First Time

This year the U.S. Roman Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs has joined in support of National Bible Week to be held October 12-19. This will be the first time in history for such a joint effort. Purpose of the annual program is to encourage Bible reading and study.

Another area of joint Protestant-Roman Catholic activity involves cooperative planning by the American Bible Society and the Catholic Biblical Association for the 1969 Worldwide Bible Reading program, October 12 to November 27.

Color Hope Green, Carl Henry Urges

Evangelical Protestants today should use a sign and a song for immediate identification, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, the retiring editor of *Christianity Today*.

"Show the color green," Dr. Henry told the World Missions Congress at the popular Canadian Keswick Conference, "and make it the evangelical sign of hope."

Courageous evangelical young people "could infuse a spectacular spiritual initiative into modern history," Henry told a youthful audience. "The modern mind has broken down. The modern outlook has deteriorated into unending debate. The time to herald good news is now."

He said the lyrics for the identifying song of joy should be as simple as "We Shall Overcome."

"The sign too should be simple," he added, "as ordinary as bread and water and other symbols our Lord used."

And why the green color? "What is green is not yet fully mature," he explained, "but it is vigorous with life and bright with future prospect."

"The hour has come," said Henry, "when evangelical Christians must give visibility and audibility to the Christian hope."

U. S. Jews Numbered 5.8 Million in 1967

More than one-half of the world's Jewish population of 13,628,000 lives in the Americas, according to the 1968 *American Jewish Year Book*, and New York City has more Jews than Israel. Statistics cited in the annual publication, issued by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society, New York, represent population as of Dec. 31, 1967.

Of the total, 5,800,000 Jews live in the U.S. The Soviet Union is listed as second with 2,568,000. Israel has a Jewish population of 2,365,000; France 535,000; and Great Britain and Argentina 450,000 each.

New York State is the home of 2,520,155 Jews. Of this number 2,381,000 live in New York City and its immediate suburbs.

21 Million Americans Quit Smoking

The American Cancer Society reports that half of all the doctors who had previously smoked have given up the habit. They are numbered among the 21 million Americans who have quit smoking. The society also reported that 40 million less cigarettes were smoked during the first six months of 1968, compared with the same period of 1967.

Karl Barth Dead at 82

Death, as he slept, took theologian Karl Barth in Basel, Switzerland, on December 10. Barth was the author of 10 volumes stressing the spiritual nature of true religion—faith in Christ, the church of Christ, and the Bible as His witness.

As a young clergyman during World War I, Barth published his first bombshell attack on the dominant "liberal" theology of the day. He was an outspoken critic of the Third Reich as a professor at the University of Bonn and was arrested, tried, found guilty of "seducing the minds of German students" and expelled from Germany in 1935.

Solomon Lightfoot Michaux Dies

Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, founder of a sect that attracted thousands of both black and white adherents in the 1930's and 1940's, died recently in Washington, D.C. The Negro preacher's formula consisted of spirited singing (accompanied by handclapping and dancing) and of social work, both of which found a ready response among people particularly during the depression years. His meetings were broadcast nationally.

ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF NOTED HISTORIAN



DR. KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE noted church historian and prolific author of some 80 books, was working on several more at the time of his accidental death on December 26, 1968. Among these was a history of the 152-year-old American Bible Society, a work commissioned by the Society's Board of Managers in 1962.

For years a close friend of the Society and a staunch supporter of its work, Dr. Latourette was named an honorary life member of the American Bible Society at

its 150th annual meeting in 1966. The citation presented to him on the occasion paid recognition to the man whom many called "the greatest living church historian" for "your 56 years as teacher and as distinguished historian of the Christian missionary movement."

Dr. Latourette died when struck by an automobile in Oregon City, Oreg.

Expressing the regrets of the Society, Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary, said:

"The Bible cause throughout the world has lost one of its warmest friends and most enthusiastic advocates. From his early days as a youthful China missionary to his mature years as church historian and mission statesman, Dr. Latourette saw the importance of providing the gospel to men everywhere in the languages they speak and at prices they can afford to pay. He frequently spoke of the 'distinctive genius' of Protestantism as being its emphasis on the Scriptures as the record of God's dealings with man and of the salvation which He wrought through the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of His Son."

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

How does a man through the Law become dead to the Law? (Romans 7:4).

In salvation man becomes dead to the Law because Jesus, who fulfilled the Law in our behalf, took our place in judgment, suffering the curse of the Law. This delivers the redeemed man from the penalty of the law which man had broken. (See Isaiah 53:5.)

A prominent Christian writer says Adam and Eve did not have a conscience until they had sinned. I thought conscience is part of our being.

If he refers to a moral feeling of conscience, the writer is probably correct.

The dictionary defines conscience as "consciousness of the moral goodness or badness of one's conduct or motives, together with a feeling of obligation to do right, or be good."

Conscience is a God-given quality in our nature which approves us when we do right and condemns us when we do wrong.

We sing the song, "When Gabriel sounds the trumpet loud." Will it really be Gabriel who will blow the trumpet when Jesus comes for His own?

The Bible says that the coming of Christ will be "with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Michael is definitely spoken of as an archangel (Jude 9), and evidence indicates Gabriel is also. In one of the apocryphal books, he is spoken of as "one of the four great archangels."

Since Gabriel stands out importantly in the Bible and seems to be the messenger of good tidings, it is easy to think it might be he who will announce in thunder tones, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh." But we are not told this. Gabriel explained to Daniel concerning the vision (Daniel 8:16; 9:21). He announced the coming birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:11-20), and the coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38).

What is the "sin in the flesh" that Jesus condemned? (Romans 8:3).

It is the tendency to evil in the natural man, spoken of as "the old man" or the old self. It is also known as "the Adamic nature" since this opposition to the will of God is inherited.

Man may possess many good qualities, but with these there is also the principle of evil or moral disharmony. See Romans 7 for a study of this conflict between righteousness and unrighteousness in human nature. While there is desire for integrity and delight in the law of God (v. 22), there is also "another law" in us "warring against the law of [the] mind" (v. 23). This is the law of sin, the principle of evil.

Jesus provided redemption not just to forgive us our sins but by the indwelling Holy Spirit to deal with and deliver us from the bondage of evil (Romans 8:1-4).

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.

THE SEA SPRAY mingled with Miriam Farrow's salty tears. Alone, but for the calling, circling gulls, she aimlessly trudged along the water's edge on sand packed by the ceaseless pounding of the Pacific surf.

Wisps of persistent afternoon fog seemed tangled in the trees atop the nearby cliffs. And looming ahead she saw the massive form of Haystack Rock, its loneliness accented by the swirling gray mists of this second Sunday in October.

How deserted the Oregon Coast seems in the weeks after the tourists have gone! Miriam shivered in the wind and thought, "But not so bleak and empty as my life!"

Every October had been a time of severe depression since she and Ralph purchased the beach-side motel three years ago. It wasn't the work of getting the place "buttoned-up" for winter that bothered her. That was now finished; and never in her 45 years had Miriam found work depressing. Inactivity was what she dreaded.

Ralph seemed to share her dislike for doing nothing. His solution was simple: hit the road—enjoy a long, well-earned winter vacation in the southland. Fun, fun, fun! That was Ralph's answer to everything since he sold the hardware store to buy the resort motel.

At first she thought it a wonderful idea—a break from the grind. Maybe it would bring their marriage together. Now Miriam sadly shook her head.

She was wearing Ralph's windbreaker, having snatched it up as she rushed from the dinner table in tears. She explored the big pockets, looking for a handkerchief, and found one—but what was that box she touched? Cigarettes? No, it was her husband's transistor radio.

In no mood to listen to music, she replaced the tiny radio in the pocket, then used the handkerchief to dab at her eyes. "I've got to think things out," she told herself as she headed for a familiar pile of driftwood that formed a secluded hideaway.

Once inside the alcove formed by the heaped logs and timbers, Miriam seated herself on the cool, soft sand. Her shelter reduced the wind's sound to a murmur. In the silence her mind cleared.

She remembered the kind words of Mrs. Cargill, the young widow who stayed with her two little girls in Number 14: "What you really want, Mrs. Farrow, is the peace that I have found in Jesus Christ." Miriam could almost see the quiet gray eyes that evidenced the younger woman's serenity. After a week of daily visits, which included several talks about things in the Bible, Miriam finally agreed on the last day of Mrs. Cargill's stay to accompany her to church.

Something about that Sunday evening service at the Assembly of God was different from any other church Miriam had visited. Not that she visited very many. She went to Sunday school as a child; and as a mother she sent her children, too. But, she admitted, Ralph provided a convenient excuse for her religious truancy.

When the sermon ended, Mrs. Cargill offered to pray with her at the altar bench. Haltingly Miriam had

prayed: "Dear God, I know I am a sinner. Forgive me for my sins. I believe Jesus died for me"—and other words in an awkward, self-conscious voice.

But that was a week ago. Her Christian friend had to leave the next day, and Ralph mocked the whole thing, so what was the use?

Miriam looked at her wristwatch—3:25. "Now there was something I wanted to remember to do at 3:30 today," she paused in thought. "Oh, yes! That's the time the minister said to listen to the radio on Sunday afternoon—and I've got Ralph's transistor right here. Why not?"

She drew the little radio from the coat and thumbed the control knobs, listening to station after station for a clue to the right program.

"... And crown Him Lord of all!" The strains of choir music filled Miriam's alcove, and the announcer said: "It's *Revivaltime*—across the nation and around the world!" Then the joyous voices sang another phrase, before the announcer went on: "Around the world the Assemblies of God presents *Revivaltime*..."

These words assured her she had found the right broadcast, so Miriam placed the strong-voiced little receiver on the timber by her side and settled against the curve of a log to listen in her "driftwood church." When the choir sang "He Rolled the Sea Away," she could actually look out and see the great Pacific. She enjoyed the other songs, too, but could not hold back her tears when she heard the words of "My Father Watches Over Me":

*"I trust in God wherever I may be,
Upon the land or on the rolling sea—
For, come what may from day to day,
My Heavenly Father watches over me."*

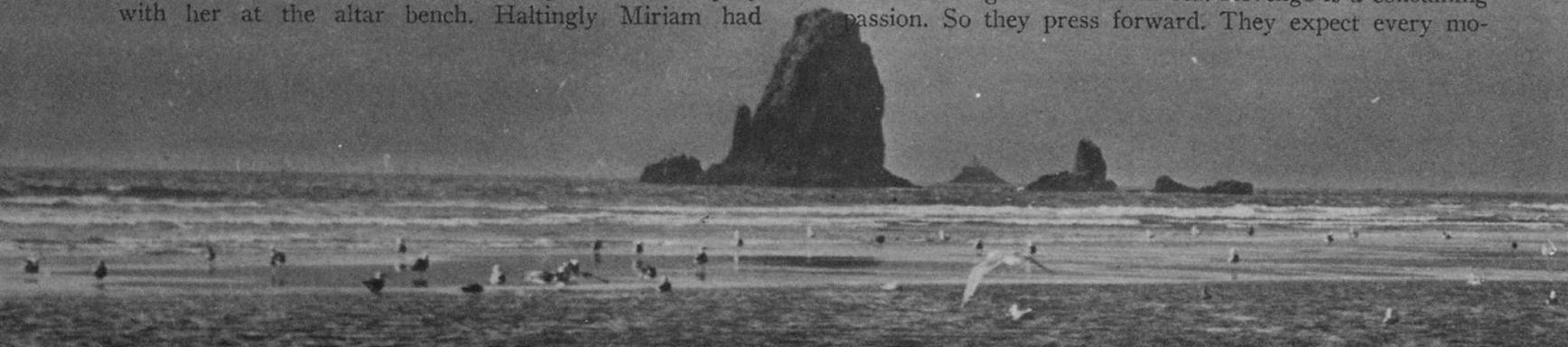
Then the radio preacher, Evangelist C. M. Ward, was introduced. He spoke with dramatic emphasis, picturing Israel going across the Red Sea on dry ground: This was one of Mrs. Farrow's favorite stories, because her namesake—Miriam—was a part of it.

The speaker's voice captivated the woman on the beach:

"Israel has come to the point of extremity. They are lost among barren hills and desert plains. The moaning sea sings the dirge of all their hopes..."

"The moment has struck. Moses lifts the rod. God makes a way where there seems to be no way. The command is heard, 'Go forward!' And all night the tramp of the multitude goes on between the walls of water. The same cloud is a buffer of darkness between Israel and Egypt and a penetrating light to show the way to the people of God.

"Suddenly Egyptian sentinels alert the armies of the Nile; a mist-covered Israel has moved. Chariots and horsemen are poised, ready to pursue. They plunge forward. The *cloud* lures them. In the swirling mist they cannot distinguish land from sea. Revenge is a consuming passion. So they press forward. They expect every mo-



ment to break through the retreating cloud and fall upon their prey. No empire in the world has ever been destroyed so thoroughly.

"Now, mister, this same God is our God forever. We have only to trust Him and obey Him, and He will be our Guide and Deliverer. I believe that. His presence is the complete answer to every attack upon my life and destiny as a child of God."

At the next words Miriam shifted, looking intently at the radio.

"There is something else I want to say to you in this service. Go forward! That is the direction of faith and fortitude. Only despair cries surrender. To stand still, when the voice of God's providence cries go forward, quenches the light of hope in the heart and opens every avenue of the soul for the advance of the powers of darkness.

"Do not be afraid in that moment when it becomes one or the other. God often instigates such moments. It is then you must make a personal choice—a choice that is eternal, without privilege of exchange. You either submit abjectly to hell or you take a step of faith, and say, 'I believe. I will follow the divine presence. I will trust my life all the way. If I die, I will die going forward, heading toward heaven, instead of back toward hell.' I know this from God's Word and personal experience. The way will open as you take a step of faith.

"There is a testimony meeting on this planet that declares that a sea of troubles cracks open before you when your life is tuned to the divine command. It says that trials and hindrances which you now fear will all vanish before the first firm and resolute step in the right direction."

Miriam sat bolt upright as the evangelist's words took what seemed a remarkably personal tone.

"I have a feeling as I preach that I am speaking to someone who must decide, forever, whether you will follow Christ and be saved, or hesitate and falter until you are swallowed by the waves of worldliness and temptation tumbling in upon you.

"I ask you to think. What would have happened had the Hebrews not advanced? When Moses gave the word, we have no reason to suppose that the waters would have divided, or that Israel would have escaped a return to worse bondage than they had ever suffered before in Egypt—had they not gone forward in obedience to the Word. Faith is the victory. You are saved by grace through faith. Take God at His expressed Word!

"Go forward is the watchword of progress for the

By E. S. CALDWELL

GO FORWARD!

world and it is salvation for the soul. It takes the propeller off the old piston-engine plane and gives us the quiet thrust of the new, mighty intercontinental jet. The same exercise of personal faith in the unlimited resources of a mighty God can pull your life out of impending defeat and threatened drudgery and start you toward new landscapes of freedom and power.

"There is only one way to go! Press toward the mark. Forget the things which are behind. Reach toward the prize. There is a way! Insurmountable difficulties yield to God's command. Always remember this!

"One side of that cloud is bright and beckoning. The other side is foreboding and friendless. The same cloud that saves can destroy. God is either your Defender or your Judge. That is what this text and this story teach.

"When you are ready to go in the direction God has chosen for your life, your night will turn to day. Follow God's will—go forward—and you will find the sunny side of life."

In a few moments the sermon ended, then the radio evangelist invited his listeners: "Kneel with me at this altar in the next few seconds." Miriam went to her knees and prayed silently as he led:

"Jesus, meet us all at this altar. We believe Thy promise—'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.'

"We accept the complete authority of Thy Word. We believe God sent our Saviour, His only begotten Son, Jesus of Nazareth. We believe we are saved and accepted by what Jesus has done for us.

"We thank Thee for righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. We thank Thee for lifting the load of guilt that was dragging us down. We thank Thee that now we are on the bright side and the right side. Amen."

The kneeling woman opened her tear-washed eyes. "How will I ever convince Ralph? He knows I've been as sinful as he has."

Once again the persistent voice of C. M. Ward gripped her attention:

"Before I leave this altar and my ministry to you here, let me pray directly for that soul, bowing in the shadows, almost out-of-sight, who feels that God has brought her to an impasse where there is no visible means of escape or deliverance.

"All you can see right now are your enemies. Look! The 'cloud of God's presence' stands between you and your accusers. Leave your past in God's hands! Believe the way will open for you as you take a step in faith and go forward. I commend you. I feel like rejoicing as you place yourself unreservedly in God's care. God bless you!

"Affirm this fact—that it is 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.'"

If you could have looked at the twisting, cavorting trail of footprints leading from her driftwood hideaway to the motel, you might have recognized this Miriam, too, danced by the sea.



PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

Sunday School Lesson for February 23, 1969

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 17:20-37

CHRIST'S TEACHING here was directed first to the Pharisees who resented His claims of Messiahship and held false concepts concerning His Kingdom, and then to His disciples—to prepare them for discipleship in view of His coming Kingdom.

THE KINGDOM (vv. 20, 21)

"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." This means that the kingdom of God does not come with strict observation of religious regulations. And neither is it recognizable by outward signs of pomp and display of power.

"Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." The Greek word *entos* may mean either "within," "among," or "in the midst of." The real Kingdom is both *within* and *among*. It *was*—and *is*—"within"; that is, it is the rule of God in the hearts of men who are governed in their actions by recognizing His kingship and obeying

His laws. It is "among" men in the sense that those who have the kingdom within them manifest this reality in the social order around them.

THE KING (vv. 22-29)

Christ told His disciples that He was indeed coming to set up a kingdom on earth—this was a fact on which they could depend. But they needed to recognize that:

1. *His coming would be both sudden and apparent* (compare Matthew 24:23-27). Christ warned His followers against false Messiahs, against deceivers who would spring up unnoticed in various parts of the earth. His coming would be like lightning—so spectacular and sudden it could not go unnoticed.

2. *His coming in glory must be preceded by suffering.* "But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation." The fact that a glorified Messiah must first be a suffering Messiah was a stumbling block to the Pharisees and a source of perplexity to His disciples.

3. *His coming would occur in connection with certain specific conditions on earth.* "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Eating and drinking and marriage are matters which in themselves are not wrong, but men in Noah's time were overly preoccupied with these things and completely forgot God. Noah's age is strikingly similar to our own.

"As it was in the days of Lot." Lot's civilization was especially characterized by unspeakable sensuality and sex perversion. Today's appalling increase and spread of sex perversion and sensuality fulfill Christ's words; they are a significant sign of His imminent return and coming judgment.

THE JUDGMENT (vv. 30-37)

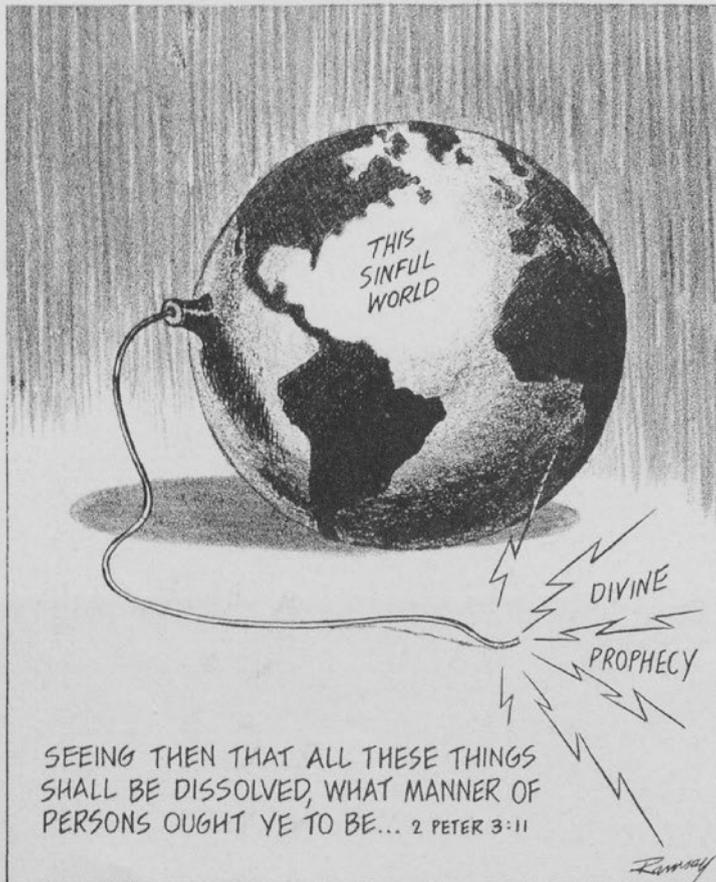
Christ's return to earth to set up His Kingdom will result in blessing and honor to the redeemed and in dreadful judgment upon the lost.

1. *Lot's wife symbolizes the unprepared.* Christ pointed to her to illustrate the danger of disregarding the preceding warning (v. 31). This verse points out that the Christian is to live with a loose hold upon all he possesses, to live so that he will be ready to abandon all earthly treasures at a moment's notice. Lot's wife illustrates that a person may be geographically separated from sin without being inwardly separated from it.

2. *Those upon whom judgment will fall are likened to food for vultures.* Christ spoke of the division between the righteous and the wicked at His coming to earth. He spoke of those who were to be "taken." His disciples asked Him where they were to be taken. His answer was, "Whosoever the body [carcass] is, thither will the eagles be gathered together" (v. 37). The word *eagle* means "vulture" or "buzzard"; for no eagle will eat carrion. These words of Christ agree with Revelation 19:17, 18.

3. *Those who will be judged are those who are continually seeking to save themselves.* "Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it" (v. 33). Those who give their lives to Christ and lose themselves in Him and in His cause are the happiest here on this earth; and they will enter into a life of infinitely greater fullness with Christ in His Kingdom.

THE FUSE IS ALREADY IGNITED





HAPPINESS THROUGH SHARING

By JOHN R. WHITTAKER

AS A THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT at the University of Cincinnati, I was working as a psychiatric extern at a local hospital.

One evening about 8:30, my call number was flashed on the screen and I went to the nurses' station to answer the call. The nurse told me a woman in her late 30's was having tremors of the lower extremities. Since she had no history of a disease showing these symptoms, I checked her chart for possible drug reactions. The nurse said this patient was scheduled to go home that week, and since her difficulties were mostly family problems, including an illicit love affair, her psychiatrist felt these symptoms resulted from a mental reaction to going home.

I went to the patient's room to speak with her, and in discussing her difficulties she mentioned that a minister had been in several times but had never prayed with her. At this point the Lord spoke to me and I felt a very strong compassion for this soul. I asked her about her spiritual life and what Christianity meant to her. She told me she had been saved at the age of 24 but had lost contact with Christ as she became more involved with the world.

Just before I began quoting Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," she stated that the minister had told her she had sinned and must repent. But she felt the affair she was involved in had been beautiful and she did not feel it was sin.

When she said this, I became discouraged for I knew she must confess her sins in order to have them forgiven. But the Lord impressed me to pray, so I asked her if she would mind if I prayed for her.

As I prayed, she began weeping. I soon realized these were tears of joy, for when I stopped praying she raised her head and, with a big smile, reached for her hand, pulled off a ring, and handed it to me. She told me that it belonged to one for whom she could no longer feel as she had the last few years, and she wanted me to throw it away.

I replied that I could not do that for her, she must do it herself and only Christ could give her the strength she needed to break this sinful bond. I told her Christ could be there the following day and all the days throughout her life if she would accept Him as Saviour.

I then asked her if she would like to pray with me, and she consented. So there, in the hospital, Christ came into that woman's heart as she asked the Lord for forgiveness.

When I went back to see this woman on Tuesday, I was greeted with one of the happiest smiles I had ever seen. As I talked with her she kept saying over and over how happy she was that she had again found Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

One thing I learned from this, and one prescription I would write for every Christian, is this: if you want true happiness, witness for Christ every day. Tell someone about the wonderful things Christ has done for you that day. You will find yourself living one step closer to heaven with Christ continually in your heart. 

CURE FOR FRUSTRATION

By GLEN D. MILLER / *Pastor, Central Assembly, Columbia, South Carolina*

WHY ARE PEOPLE RESTLESS AND DISCOURAGED? Why do they lack spiritual power? The number one reason, I believe, is prayerlessness.

I realize this each time I go to prayer and wait in His presence until the Holy Spirit begins to flow in and through me afresh. Then I feel that unspeakable inner warmth, that marvelous inner peace and tranquility for which there is no substitute.

Paul said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also" (1 Corinthians 14:15). Most people begin by praying in their own understanding. Then as they wait, worship, and let the Spirit express Himself, they begin to pray in the Spirit.

I have found that great faith, assurance, and confidence come to me when the Spirit begins to pray through me. Try it! Get alone with God in a secret place; let yourself reach out through your spirit; wait until there comes that sweet and wonderful inner glow; then let the Spirit make intercession through you.

Businessman, are you restless, frustrated, nervous?

Workman, do you go on the job uncertain, troubled with an inner restlessness?

Housewife, is your day a cluster of unorganized, frustrating complexities?

Young person, are you worried about schoolwork, dating, world conditions?

If you are a Christian, and especially a Spirit-filled Christian, let prayer have precedence—prayer and praise in the Holy Ghost. What you do, say, and pray in your own strength will be inadequate. But when the Holy Spirit prays through you, He will cause you to be adequate for the day. He will calm you. He will give stability and ability to do the things you have to do.

Ephesians 3:20, 21 will help you: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." 



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HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?



By BARTLETT PETERSON

WITH ONE MAJESTIC WORD the Creator hung celestial chandeliers in the dome of the firmament and placed the moon in its assigned orbit, but it has taken man centuries of speculation and scheming, fraught with formidable dangers and costs, to arrange a travel schedule to that satellite. Even now no one can make an authentic announcement as to the feasibility of squatting on its surface.

Man's travel pace, capacity for distance, and measurement of distance still seem to be tied to the concept of going 600 miles down the turnpike to a comfortable motel. Conversely God holds the vast unmeasured universe in His hand and comprehends each minute computation thereof while man feeds banks of computers with miles of estimates, guesses, and calculations all based on the mere basic inch, the 1—2—3's, and the abc's.

With the unprecedented increase in knowledge, God's ways are still past finding out. Man's understanding remains totally limited to the finite except for the miracle of divine revelation through God's Word which declares that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Isaiah asked three pertinent questions in three verses and gave the answer in the fourth: "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counselor hath taught him?"

The title of this article is the theme for the National Women's Missionary Council Day, February 23, 1969. The author is general secretary of the Assemblies of God and also executive director of the Women's Missionary Council.

With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?" Next is the comprehensive answer: "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isaiah 40:12-15).

In the light of the immensity of God's measures, we feel compelled to ask: have we given *enough* in service, gifts, sacrifice, and devotion? Measure the answer by the expansive and limitless reaches of the Creator; His unspeakable Gift; the patience of His everlasting mercy; and His unrelenting, inexhaustive love. Measure by the Master's prayer-filled nights, His testings by Satan, the rejection by His own, mistreatment by the mob, His self-emptying, His lonely death, and by His death-cry—"It is finished." Measure by the blood-marked path of pioneer witnesses, by the falsely imprisoned, and by those valiant stalwarts of the faith who have been burned to death at the stake or boiled alive in oil. Measure by those who have forsaken all, given all, become all things to all men, and who have counted all things but loss that they might by all means save some.

The measures and calculations of men pale into insignificancies and inadequacies. The creep of the surveyor's chains, the soundings of the mariner's plumb line, the reach of the astronomer's telescope into nebulosity will not tell us when it is *enough!*

Where can the needed measure be found? It is in the Book of God which says: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained

promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens . . . others were tortured . . . and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented . . . they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (Hebrews 11:32-38).

Measure by the steady tread of singing saints marching in defiance of rulers' decrees and hell's threats. Theirs is not a meaningless limerick born of fickle fantasy or idle ramblings bouncing off as irresponsible ravings of a frenetic delirium. These are the facts and values of life, lived for and died for by men and women who have known no limits on sacrifice and service for the sake of the Pearl of great price and for the love of One who first loved them.

"How readest thou?" "Understandest thou what thou readest?" How do *you* measure? Has our gift in service and devotion been a full and munificent sacrifice? Have we carried out the orders fully, or must it be said of us as it was by Samuel of Saul's failure to destroy the spoils of battle, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Have we found it easier to mock by using hired substitutes, buying an inferior sacrifice in the temple lobby, making long prayers for a pretense, burying our talent, or by hiding our lamps under a bushel?

Do we measure by the cubits of men, or of angels; by the bushels of earth, or the open windows of heaven; by the pleasure of a moment, or eternal bliss; by a one-hour prayer watch or life forever with the Lord?

Is it *enough* to give to a traveler a *cup of cold water* in behalf of One whose expansive strides make the planets of the universe His stepping stones?

Is the giving of a sacrifice even as supreme as Abraham's *enough* to the Author and Maker of life? Nay! Required was a Lamb without blemish upon whom could be laid the iniquity of us all, One who was oppressed and afflicted but brought dumb as a lamb to the slaughter, One who would make His grave with the wicked dead and whose soul could be made an offering for sin.

Can it be said to be *enough* if we, like the rich young ruler, contemplate giving up houses and lands for One who had a lesser abode than foxes and birds and who is now preparing mansions for us?

Is it *enough* to offer a second mile to One who descended first to earth and then into the lower parts of the earth to snatch "the keys of hell and death"?

Are we satisfied that it is *enough* to give up one of *two coats* in the name of One whose garments were given up in total to the gamblers at the foot of His cross, and whose nakedness was exposed while He was dying for us all?

Is it *enough* to turn the other cheek when His entire face was besmirched by the spittle of a venomous mob and His visage marred more than any man's?

How could it be *enough* even to offer to die for One who is the Resurrection and the Life?

Can it be called *enough* to give up the appearance of evil for One who became sin for us?

How do you say, I have given *enough* to the One who "though he was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich"?

Can it be considered *enough* to forgive our brother seven times or seventy times seven when God's mercy to us endures forever and He offers to justify us and to present us faultless before His Father?

How can we justify our sacrifice and service as *enough* by saying to Him (as Peter did) that "we have forsaken all and followed thee" when He was forsaken by God in covenanting that He will never forsake us?

Is it *enough* to merely declare our dedication, or shall we borrow Mary's measure? "And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner . . . brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with ointment" (Luke 7:37, 38). As far as she understood, this was ultimate self-emptying to Christ. She had gone to the extent of destroying the plans for her own funeral by using the ointment for His!

Will we say it is *enough* to offer a pitcher of water to a thirsty visitor, or will we adopt Rebekah's measure which included watering his camels also?

There will be *enough* if we heed His Word: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Tell us again, Paul, is it *enough* to receive forty stripes save one in the name of One upon whom was laid the iniquity of us all and by whose stripes we are healed?

Abraham, how much intercessory prayer is *enough* to save a sinful city? The friend of God responds: "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city . . . forty-five . . . forty . . . thirty . . . twenty . . . ten . . . ?" (Genesis 18:28-32).

How many will it require to fight the greatest battle of all? Two will be *enough* if they agree in prayer!

How much preaching will be required to convert the mighty but leprous Naaman? The fervent but simple testimony of a little maid will be *enough*!

What pomp and logic will be required to convert the learned scholar of Gamaliel, the persecuting Saul? Let him but see "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" die a martyr's death with an open heaven.

This will be enough!



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WMC's offer opportunity for service to all ages.

Missionettes sing at Indian Village Church, Livingston, Tex.



The Vernon L. Klemins, missionaries, receive their field outfit from WMC commissary.

NATIONAL WMC DAY FEBRUARY 23

WMC's Contribute to Total Ministry of the Church
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Without Measure

FEBRUARY 23 WILL MARK the 18th annual observance of National WMC Day in the Assemblies of God—a time designated to recognize the contribution women and girls make to the total ministry of the church. More than 8,000 congregations will participate in anniversary services and the once-a-year offering dedicated to the support of the National WMC Department.

Members of the Women's Missionary Council and its auxiliary, Missionettes, will be participants in a program titled, "How Much Is Enough?" Music and dialogue of

the service are especially appropriate for the Year of Revival. Questions like "How much worship is enough?" and "When have I given enough?" will be answered in a manner relevant to the times.

It is hoped that everyone attending will be stirred by the theme to seek revival in his own heart, then to begin thinking of himself primarily as a personal witness of Jesus Christ, turning everyday life situations into soul-winning experiences.

In an effort to help local WMC members answer the question proposed by the program "How Much Is Enough?" district WMC leaders of Kansas are encouraging a revival of devotion and service among their women through a monthly reminder series arranged in three parts: *Spiritual Emphasis*, thought for the month; *Spiritual Exercise*, a personal evaluation relating to the *Spiritual Emphasis*; and *Spiritual Expression*, a suggestion for action utilizing the thought for the month.

Intercessory prayer will be reemphasized in the National WMC Day service—recalling the importance given to prayer in early-day Pentecostal meetings and the Council on Evangelism.

A missionary wrote: "I was just reviewing the issue of WMC Slant in which the studies featured our country. I felt I must take a minute to let you know of the wonderful answers we have had to the prayer requests printed there. All but one have been definitely answered. Our first plea was for a spiritual outpouring among our people. Last month 65 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The churches are now forming teams to go out to witness for the Lord. Having the spiritual backing of the WMC's has given us confidence to tackle the 'impossible' for the Lord."

Sacrificial giving will have its place in the special observance. The combined annual offerings of WMC's and Missionettes to World Ministries has again passed the two-million-dollar mark. Missionaries have been supplied with whole field outfits of clothing and household

WMC's supply linens for A/G Bible school in Durango, Mexico.



Two boys (below, left) at Highlands Children's Home display their gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Farris, early-day ministers (below, right) receive a Christmas offering from the Southern Missouri WMC's.



furnishing. Overseas institutions have received indoor equipment and library books. Benevolence institutions and their residents have been helped extensively.

In 1968 Southern Missouri WMC's prepared a special Christmas offering for the aged ministers of their district in appreciation of past service to God and people.

When the WMC Day question, "How much is enough giving?" is asked, WMC members may be startled, for they have no idea of discontinuing their gifts as long as there is need.

"How far shall I go to reach the lost?" is another question that will prod the WMC Day worshiper. WMC's specialize in outreach in the community. During the past year it was reported to the National WMC Department that approximately 650,000 calls were made by local group members. The sick were ministered to, the bereaved comforted, the needy clothed and fed, the prisoners visited, and the unsaved led to the Lord.

WMC's in Burton, Ohio, where C. E. Grable is pastor, joined in an outreach project of the church during the county fair. From the Assemblies of God booth over 7,000 pieces of literature, including a special issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, were distributed. Teams of personal workers were on duty throughout the day. (Special helps for this kind of witnessing project are available from the Public Relations Department of the Assemblies of God.)

WMC groups are being encouraged to establish children's Bible clubs and Bible-study coffee hours in their neighborhoods. Local organizations in college towns make an effort to carry the story of salvation to foreign students.

WMC's of the Eastern District join in a perpetual sacrifice offering for starting new churches. A contribution received each time the local group meets represents the price of a new article of clothing, a dinner delicacy, or some other luxury the giver has foregone. At a recent district council, WMC's presented \$6,000

WMC's of Burton, Ohio, joined in an outreach project of the church during the county fair. Two WMC's are shown with Pastor C. E. Grable.



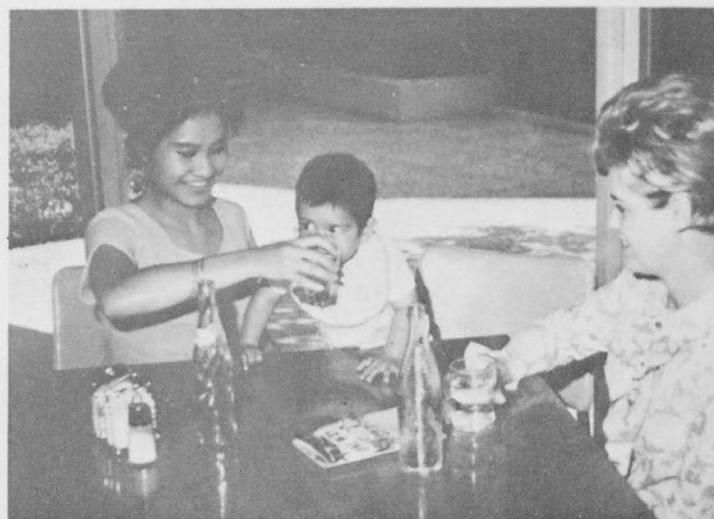
WMC's open Bible club in an underprivileged area.



for building purposes to the pioneer church in South Hills, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The money was saved in Tupperware containers that were later emptied and given to the missionaries.

When the question, "How much do we owe the generation which will follow us?" is asked, WMC's can answer with satisfaction, for besides setting an example of practical Christian living, they provide a complete program of Christian training and service for all girls and young women of the church and community from ages 7 to 24.

Members of the auxiliary, Missionettes, are enlisted in the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program. They become familiar with the Bible through controlled reading schedules and put their knowledge to work immediately in witnessing to their friends. Many of the clubs make regular visits to rest homes and state institutions carrying with them the gospel message in song and gifts. Club members plan Christian social events for the aged and underprivileged of their community and join in the visitation outreach of the church. Whole families have



YWMC member visits with foreign student.

been won to God through the efforts of the young girls.

Missionettes are schooled in the doctrines of the Bible and encouraged to give consideration to a life of Christian service at home and abroad.

Prims, the youngest of all, are led to an experience of salvation and taught the principles of Christian living early in life.

Thousands of girls who were once Missionettes have now grown to adulthood. Most of them are active members of the church, rearing their families in the paths of truth. Some are witnesses in the professional field. Others serve as missionaries in foreign lands.

WMC's work hard at providing a spiritual legacy for the girls who tomorrow will fill their places. They offer a support ministry to the youth of the church who participate in the AIM (Ambassadors in Mission) project. The women will provide about \$8,000 for room and board for the 1969 group.

Seeking revival for themselves and sharing that renewed spirit with others—contributing to the total ministry of the church—is the aim of WMC's for 1969. They are saying, "This shall be *my* year of revival!"

The question goes beyond "How much is enough?" to "How much more can I do?"



T. R. Hoover helps one of the students during a class session of Bethel Bible Institute.

São Paulo Needs a Bigger Bible School!

By T. R. HOOVER / *Missionary to Brazil*

BRASIL MEANS BIGNESS! The Amazon forest has enough lumber to build a house for every person in the world. Three states in Brazil are larger than Texas. The mighty Amazon, the "river-sea," contains one-fifth of all the fresh water in the world.

Much of Brazil's greatness is due to the city of São Paulo, proudly called by its inhabitants "the locomotive that pulls the rest of Brazil." One of the fastest-growing cities on earth, it boils and bubbles with round-the-clock activity as it pushes convulsively outward.

São Paulo represents the largest concentration of industrial and financial power in all of Latin America. There are 8,000 restaurants and a new house is finished every eight minutes.

The botanical gardens have 32,000 varieties of orchids, and the public library—20 stories high—is the largest in South America. A sign that São Paulo is outgrowing itself is that 200,000 people are on the waiting list for telephones.

We have lived in this megalopolis for most of our two terms in Brazil, and it was here in 1964 that we founded Bethel Bible Institute.

If Brazil is big, so are its problems. In a country where half the population is less than 19 years old, over five million children attend no school whatsoever. There are not enough schools to go around. Fifty-one percent of the population is illiterate. Shortage of school buildings in São Paulo makes it

necessary for some schools to operate four shifts a day! A very large proportion of high school and college students attend classes only at night.

Brazil's Pentecostal movement is also vigorous and growing, led by the Assemblies of God with over one million members. Yet when we went to Brazil some 11 years ago, the Assem-

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blies of God did not have one Bible school. Few workers had even completed high school. An extremely small number had ever formally studied at a Bible school.

If all that is needed to start a school is a teacher and pupils, then we had the basic requirements. Jesus taught successfully from a boat and from a hillside. We began with 12 students in the corner of a large church auditorium.

One of the 12 was Manoel, a former gang leader and marijuana planter. Another was Sylvio. Fifty years of age, Sylvio was one of our best students and became our first valedictorian. Manoel is now a preacher and plans to go to Portugal, his birthplace, as a missionary. After graduation, Sylvio joined the staff of B. B. I.

In our second year the student body grew to 20, and in the third year to 50, as the Norman Andersons joined us in São Paulo. Our first two graduating classes had nine students each.

Brazil has one of the highest growth rates of any country in the world and will soon have 100 million people. São Paulo keeps on growing, pacing the rest of the nation. The Assemblies of God continues to expand, as new congregations sprout almost weekly in the suburbs of Brazil's great cities. Not to train workers to care for these new groups of believers would be to miss one of the outstanding missionary opportunities of today. Bethel Bible Institute must expand too.

And expand it will! Evening classes are being supplemented by correspon-

dence and extension courses. Day classes are soon to follow. To make this program function successfully, we must stop paying high rent and buy a permanent home for the school. Friends are asked to help with prayers and special offerings so that São Paulo and the nation of Brazil may be evangelized.

UPPER RIGHT: Manoel, one of the school's first students, plans to preach in Portugal. RIGHT CENTER: Staff and student body of BBI. LOWER RIGHT: Crowd marching to a baptismal service held outside of Sao Paulo. BELOW: Sylvio was the school's first valedictorian.



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MIRACLE PERFORMED BEFORE PARENTS' EYES

WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR 13-year-old girl, our hearts are filled with thanks to God because she walks, runs, and plays as normally as any other child.

Our baby girl was born to us on March 27, 1955, but the joy was mixed with sorrow when the doctor told us of her deformity. Both feet were turned sideways; she had clubfeet. One foot was almost twice as large as the other.

The bone specialist told us Marlina would have to wear casts until she was six months old or until she tried to stand. After that she would have to take special treatments until she was three years old. Then she might have to wear braces to walk.

My wife and I had been saved about two years and we believed the Lord could help us. We asked the pastor and our church to pray that God would touch our baby so she would not have to go through life as a cripple.

The doctor had arranged for us to bring Marlina to his office to change the casts on Marlina's feet on Wednesday, April 6. (He had put the first casts on her in the hospital.)

After the doctor and nurse removed the casts, the doctor spoke to the nurse and left the room. The nurse began to put ointment on the baby's legs and feet to keep them from blistering or chafing while in the casts. When the baby began to cry, I reached over and began to talk to her and comfort her. The nurse said I could hold her if I didn't mind getting the ointment on my clothing. When I took her, the nurse also left the room.

My wife and I were standing there with Marlina and looking at her feet when I noticed her feet were becoming straight. We began to pray and while we watched, her feet straightened and became normal. The Lord had performed a miracle on our baby before our eyes!

When the doctor and nurse returned, they looked at us and then at Marlina. The doctor said that she looked good and he thought she was going to be all right, but he wanted to put a brace on her right foot again—the one which was larger than the other. We told him that we thought she was fine, but if he wanted to put the cast on her foot to go ahead since he was the doctor. He did so

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

and told us to return the following Wednesday, April 13.

When the doctor removed the cast on that date, he said she was okay but to bring her back for another checkup when she was six months old.

By the time Marlina was six months old, she had begun to stand and jump and play in her crib. So we never took her back to see the bone specialist.

We praise the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy to us and our daughter.—John D. Smith, Lawton, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. H. Davis, Bethel Assembly, Lawton, Okla.)



SON RESTORED AFTER NEAR ELECTROCUTION

OUR FAMILY HAS A SPECIAL REASON to praise God. God spared the life of our 10-year-old son Scottie on July 15, 1968.

From January until early November my husband was traveling throughout Missouri for a paint company; he was ministering part time. On July 15 we were up early because he had to leave us for an 8 a.m. appointment some distance away.

It was a rainy day, hot and humid. In the afternoon a neighbor boy came to play in the garage with Scottie and his younger brother Rondal. Soon the sun began to shine. The heat was stifling, so I asked the boys to raise the garage door.

Just as I returned to my duties, I heard screams. Running to the garage, I found Scottie's body molded to the guard rail of the garage door, and his right leg molded to a water hydrant about 12 inches from the rail. (This overhead door had been installed three years before we moved to the house. Later it was discovered that a screw in the overhead rail was also touching a live wire in the ceiling. By contacting both the guard rail and the water hydrant, Scottie had become grounded, and 115 volts of electricity passed through his head and out his leg. It knocked him unconscious immediately.)

I used much force to pull Scottie away from the metal objects. (The doctor later told me he did not know how I did this without feeling the electrical shock.)

Scottie's body was completely limp. I thought he was

already gone. As I laid him on the lawn, I was praying and crying for help. His eyes were rolled back and his jaw had begun to set.

A man working in the next yard came and began giving artificial respiration. Once my son's chest began to move slightly and then his body went limp again. This man told me later he was not a praying man but he prayed then. Two other men came to assist; they too thought Scottie was gone. One man tried but was unable to find a pulse.

At the hospital the doctor cautioned me, "Be prepared for your son to have some brain damage or memory loss when he awakens due to the electrical current that passed through his head."

I knew God could perform a miracle. There was no way for me to contact my husband, but I made some phone calls and these relatives and friends called others. In just a few minutes groups of people in Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri were praying.

Scottie awakened within 30 minutes and he had no memory loss whatever. His first reaction was to cry. Then he looked up at me with, "Mother, I have so much to be thankful for, don't I!"

The doctor knew it was a miracle; the nurses knew it too. I will never forget the expression on the doctor's face when he released Scottie. He looked at me, shook his head, and said, "It's hard for me to understand, but your son is leaving here with not even a burst eardrum. That's the least that could have come from such an accident."

Our family is thankful for God's miracle power and for the many people who prayed for our son's recovery.—Mrs. Loyle D. Boyd, Sedalia, Mo.

(Brother Boyd is now pastor at Westside Assembly of God, Sedalia, Mo.)

DYING BABY MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

My daughter is now married and has three husky boys. I am so thankful and praise God with all my heart for His healing power, for she was dying in infancy.

When my daughter was ten months old, she suddenly became violently ill. When I took her to the doctor, he said she had a lump in her side but he did not know what it was. He gave medicine and promised to come to see her in the morning.

When my husband came home from work, she was very ill. We called the doctor, and he prescribed another medication which was unsuccessful. We prayed, but still our baby grew worse. She began vomiting blood.

When the doctor came in the morning, he said we should take her to the hospital. Twelve doctors examined her; they decided she needed an operation.

The surgeon was unable to come immediately, and we believe the delay was ordered of the Lord. We returned home and began to pray earnestly. The Holy

Spirit helped me to pray, "God, You can heal my baby without the knife if it is Your will, or You can take my baby without the knife if this is Your will." With this commitment, I became calm.

When we returned to the hospital, the specialist was awaiting our consent. We told him we had decided against the operation and explained that she was in the hands of God. The surgeon disapproved and told us so.

By this time our baby was dying. She had turned black around the mouth; her eyes had set. And she was too weak to expel the blood which was still coming up in her mouth. A nurse told me my baby would not live with or without the operation.

We waited in the hospital until midnight and then returned home, fully expecting to receive a call anytime that she was gone.

The next morning I went to Brother and Sister W. A. Akridge who are now in the ministry. While they were praying with me, the Lord gave me a vision. I saw a drop of blood leave our Saviour's side and fall upon my baby. I had the sweetest peace, and on the way to the hospital I kept singing, "Victory ahead! Through the blood of Jesus, victory ahead."

When I entered the hospital room, my baby recognized me and began to throw her little hands and feet. I was overjoyed and lifted my hands and said, "She is healed."

Our doctor came and said that something had happened to our baby but they did not know what. Again he asked for permission to operate if necessary. Our answer was no.

They gave her glucose and a blood transfusion. In giving the glucose, they cut her on the ankle. Soon she began to run a temperature. The doctors did not know what was causing it. After a week we signed a hospital release and took our daughter home.

Her leg swelled, and I again took her to the doctor. He insisted she must have tuberculosis of the bone. He lanced her leg and said it would heal if it were not T.B. For six days the leg drained; then it began to swell again.

One day the Lord spoke to me, "I healed her when she was dying; I can heal her of this." The following Sunday we had her prayed for again. During the night the Lord opened a place between the first cut and the lance mark, and all the corruption drained out. Her leg healed beautifully, and she has had no trouble since.

The doctors said it was a higher power than man for she could not have lived with what they diagnosed as obstruction of the bowel and pneumonia.

Our daughter is living for the Lord. We give Him all the glory for this miracle.—Mrs. John Forhertz, O'Fallon, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor I. T. Beard, Washington Park Assembly, East St. Louis, Mo.)

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This is First Assembly in Arnold, Mo. Kenneth Brown (inset) is pastor. Although only six years old, the Arnold assembly has sponsored a new church at Meramec Heights.

NEW CITY CHURCH OPENS NEW SUBURBAN CHURCH

By **LESLIE W. SMITH** / *Home Missions Representative and Promotions Coordinator*

THERE ARE SEVERAL METHODS of opening new Assemblies of God churches. The following is one—and a well-proven one indeed: *the established church sponsoring an autonomous assembly, nurturing and assisting until it too becomes established.* This is the bighearted, compassionate method we now call *sponsoring*.

There are a variety of ways in which this branching-out comes about. In the case of First Assembly, Arnold, Missouri, it was simply a matter of acting upon a scriptural burden.

On June 9, 1968, the new assembly at Meramec Heights was dedicated on the sixth anniversary of the sponsoring church, with Nelson Sachs, assistant superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, bringing the dedicatory message.

But how did this splendid effort take shape? The pastor of First Assembly, Kenneth Brown, became burdened. Even though his congregation had recently completed its second building project, he felt something further should be done to reach the unsaved of his community. He continued to seek God in prayer, not certain upon where the burden focused.

Finally he came to the conclusion that God's Spirit was leading him and his three-and-one-half-year-old congregation to sponsor another assembly. Meramec Heights was the target.

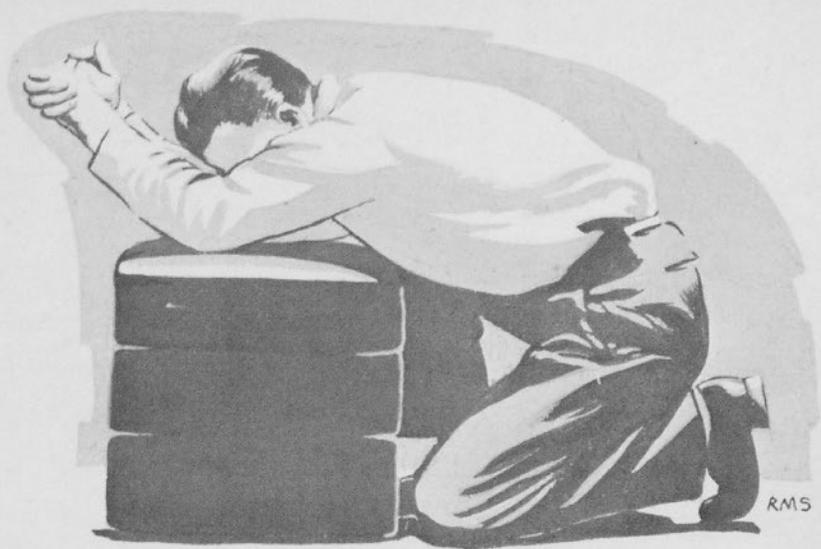
"Much logical argument was available against this

venture," Brother Brown recalls. "We were such a young church. We had worked hard and sacrificed much to arrive where we were. It seemed such a big request to ask of the people who were just heaving a sigh of relief at the finish of another building project. The burden would fall upon those who lived in the Meramec Heights area. They were such fine loyal supporters of First Assembly. It meant a sacrifice to lose them. But the burden continued. . . ."

While attending the General Council in Long Beach, California, Brother Brown submitted to the will of God in the matter. The message of the General Superintendent had emphasized so strongly the need of branching out that Pastor Brown responded to the altar call with a total dedication to branch out for God in his "Jerusalem."

He went back home on fire with the prospect. At a church business meeting he shared the burden of his heart with the congregation. Being a congregation bold in faith, they approved the plan of sponsoring a new church in Meramec Heights in the immediate future.

The groundwork was laid for establishing a new work. Donald Golden, a deacon and an influential leader in the church, had felt the call into the ministry. After much prayerful consideration, Brother Golden agreed to pastor the new work while maintaining his present employment. Negotiations to purchase ground and finance the work were begun.



REVIVALS BORN IN PRAYER

EVERY GREAT REVIVAL in the history of the Christian Church has come in answer to earnest, fervent prayer.

It was after 120 people, men and women, met in an upper room in Jerusalem and cried to God without ceasing for several days, that the Holy Spirit was poured out and 3,000 souls were born into the Kingdom of God. A short time later 5,000 more were converted.

These early Christians were not only saved but were filled with the Spirit and they went out witnessing, in all directions, with the result that multitudes in many lands were led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us recall some of the early American revivals and see how they were born in heartfelt prayer.

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In the early part of the 18th century, Christianity was at a low ebb in New England. There was little spiritual life in the churches, with the result that young people were turning to excessive pleasures and vice. In that time of moral and spiritual decay, God stirred the heart of a tall, slender, grave young minister named Jonathan Edwards to seek His face for a spiritual awakening. The young minister became deeply concerned. He gave himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word for eight years. Then something happened. The Spirit's fire suddenly fell at Northampton. Conversions began to take place throughout the town. Pleasure-loving young people were marvelously transformed into dedicated Christians as the news of one conversion led to another. Tears of penitence were mixed with tears of joy in the sanctuary, and the whole congregation was transformed.

John Shearer wrote: "Young converts read their Bibles with such eager intensity that their eyes became dimmed and they could not distinguish the letters. The tavern was emptied, and in the streets men paused to speak to one another of the beauty and matchless love of Christ.

"Ministers from other parts came to witness these wonders of divine grace. When they recounted them to their people, the Spirit used their testimony, often in a remarkable way. The fire spread not only through-

out New England; it passed also to other lands."

During this revival, missionary interest in the Indians was aroused. God used a young man named David Brainerd in this work in a marvelous way.

A. J. Gordon told how the missionary travailed in prayer for the heathen. "When Brainerd first began his work among the Indians, he had little success. His health became impaired. He retired from the work for a time. He was offered a pastorate among wealthy and kindly people, and his heart went out in love toward the daughter of Jonathan Edwards. But day by day he heard in his soul the pitiful cries of the poor lost Indians who were so degraded and steeped in sin.

"He made a great decision. He deliberately gave up the life of ease and comfort, and went back into the wilderness to proclaim the gospel. He went from place to place, preaching to various Indian tribes. His tours covered more than 3,000 miles through forests, over dangerous mountains, in fierce rains and freezing cold.

"As time went on, Brainerd realized more and more that it was only through the mighty power of God, and the fire falling from heaven, that the hardened hearts of the stolid Indians could be changed. He decided to give himself unreservedly to intercessory prayer. He spent whole nights in agonizing prayer in the dark woods, his clothes drenched with the sweat of his travail.

"As a result, the windows of heaven were opened. Suddenly, the Spirit was outpoured upon the whole region of the Susquehanna. There came streaming in upon him from all sides a host of men and women, who pressed upon him, and begged him to tell them the way of salvation. . . . The woods were filled with the sound of a great mourning, and beneath the Cross every man fell as if he and the Saviour God alone were there.

"As the days passed, Brainerd had full proof that a heaven-sent revival had come. Once he preached through a drunken interpreter; that was the best he could do. The man was so intoxicated he could hardly stand; yet scores were converted through that sermon. We cannot account for it, only that the tremendous power of God was behind him. The wretched victims of 'firewater' were delivered. The Indian camps were cleansed from

both their physical and moral filthiness. The light spread through all that dark region, and a strong Indian Church was established."

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Another revival born in prayer was the Great Awakening of 1800. One of the most spectacular events in this revival occurred at Cane Ridge in Bourbon County, Kentucky, where Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians united for meetings. Barton W. Stone made the following statement about the Cane Ridge meeting:

"The roads were literally crowded with wagons, carriages, horsemen, and footmen who were moving to the solemn camp. . . . It was judged by military men on the ground that there were between 20,000 and 30,000 collected. Four or five preachers were frequently speaking at the same time in different parts of the camp but without confusion. They were of one mind and one soul, and the salvation of sinners seemed to be the great object of all. The numbers converted will be known only in eternity. Many things transpired there which were so much like miracles that, if they were not, they had the same effect on infidels and unbelievers as miracles, for many of them by these were convinced that Jesus was the Christ, and bowed in submission to Him."

We are told that in Kentucky and the west, this awakening was preceded by seasons of earnest prayer. Christians entered into a solemn covenant to spend a definite portion of time in prayer for the salvation of men. A half hour at sunset Saturday and a half hour

before sunrise on Sunday were the times usually agreed upon for this purpose.

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In the 19th century Charles G. Finney was mightily used of God to awaken sinners in our land. Concerning him, George T. B. Davis has written:

"Finney was God's chosen instrument to kindle revival fires in many parts of the U.S., and to exert a powerful influence in molding the future of the nation. As a lawyer in the State of New York he purchased a Bible, read it, and was convinced that it was what it claimed to be—the Word of God. Sometime later he was thoroughly converted and received a tremendous infilling of the Holy Spirit.

"He said that wave after wave of 'liquid love' passed through his body and soul. Like the apostle Paul, he was given a vision of Christ. He said he seemed to see Christ standing in the room. He fell at His feet, bathed them with his tears, and the Holy Spirit flooded his soul with glory. He gave up his law practice and began to preach the gospel in ever-widening circles.

"On one occasion Mr. Finney was asked to conduct a series of revival meetings in Rochester, N.Y. Night after night he preached eloquent sermons in the power of the Holy Spirit. He had a prayer helper named Abel Clary. This man did not attend the public services, but while Finney was preaching Abel Clary was in his rented room agonizing in prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit and the salvation of souls.

"As a result of the meetings, practically every lawyer

THE REFINING FIRE

By NATHANAEL OLSON

THE LORD CERTAINLY MUST LOVE ME," a Christian said.

"Why?" asked his friend.

"Well, He sure chastises me!" replied the afflicted one.

He was referring to the scripture: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. . . . Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:6, 11).

Never forget that trials and troubles are not necessarily signs that you are out of the will of God. In fact, they often may be proofs that you are *in* the will of God.

Moses was in God's will, but he still had headaches and heartaches by the hundreds.

Job, the most godly man in his day, lost his health and all his wealth. But he still was in God's will.

The apostle Paul was buffeted by an unpleasant "thorn

in the flesh." But through this trial he discovered a truth: that God's "grace is sufficient . . . [His] strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Jesus Christ did "the will of the Father" perfectly. Yet He was tempted and tested more severely than we ever could be.

Unless your Heavenly Father definitely reveals that you are out of His will, don't believe it. Don't let Satan tell you that your troubles mean you are disobedient. Problems and sorrows face every true child of God. You are not alone in the refining fire!

Job said, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). He had confidence that he would not be burned.

Someone has said, "The goldsmith is never far away when the gold is in the fire." What a comforting thought this is! Remember that the heavenly goldsmith is not trying to destroy the gold in you, but the dross.

Also, it is said that the goldsmith looked longingly into the molten metal for the reflection of his own face. When he saw that, he turned off the fire.

Perhaps the Lord wants to see more of Himself reflected in your life. We all have carnal "dross" which He must remove. Why? Because someday He wants to present us faultless to God the Father.

God is for you. God is with you. God is *in* you, if you are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, lift up your head and say: "O God, help me hold steady through this trial. Let this refining fire burn up the dross in my heart. Make me pure gold so I may reflect Thy love, Thy peace, and Thy joy." 

in Rochester was converted. The revival spread throughout the surrounding district."

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Another prayer helper in many of Finney's meetings was "Father" Nash. Frank G. Beardsley gave the following description of "Father" Nash:

"He possessed remarkable power in prayer. It was his habit to make a 'praying list,' consisting of the names of those for whose salvation he prayed daily and often several times during the day. Sometimes the answers to these prayers were almost miraculous, for he did not confine his list to those whom he thought would be reached by the revival, but the most obdurate and unlikely cases were often made the subjects of prayer, with results that were truly astounding."

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In 1857 there was a serious economic depression accompanied by a great spiritual awakening throughout America. The chief characteristic of this revival was noonday prayer meetings. In New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago hundreds—sometimes thousands—gathered at noon each day to read the Word and pray for the conversion of sinners. Of this revival, John Shearer wrote:

"The greatest means, and that which was preeminently blessed, was united prayer. Indeed, the American Awak-

ening should be known as 'The Revival of the United Prayer Meeting.'

"When the American church awoke to the full consciousness of the miracle it found that from East to West and from North to South the whole land was alive with daily prayer meetings, and it was in these daily united prayer meetings that the great majority of the conversions took place.

"Two of these meetings are noteworthy. Jeremiah Lanphier, longing intensely for revival, begged a few of his fellow-Christians in New York to meet with him. For some time he was alone in the appointed place of prayer, on September 23, 1857. Later in the day he was joined by five others. This was the origin of the famous Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting in New York, which continued for a hundred years.

"In Jayne's Hall, Philadelphia, 4,000 met daily to wait upon God. Drawn from every class, they were massed together in a great stillness, broken only for a while by the sobs of the penitent. Then brief, earnest prayers would be offered, often only a few broken sentences. The presence of God, vividly realized, produced a marvelous quietude. Brief exhortations, the repetition of a single text, pierced the heart like a knife. At the end of the hour, the multitude quietly dispersed and returned to business, but they looked as Jacob must have looked when the sun rose upon Peniel.

"Reporters were detailed to narrate the progress of the meetings. Startling headlines called the attention of the public to the latest 'Revival News' of the day, and for the time being politics, criminal trials, casualties, and so forth were overshadowed by the remarkable religious interest which had been awakened.

"At one time the New York dailies published several 'Extras' filled with accounts of the progress of the work in various parts of the land. Dr. Lyman Beecher declared that this nationwide revival was 'the greatest work of God and the greatest revival of religion that the world has ever seen in so short a time.'

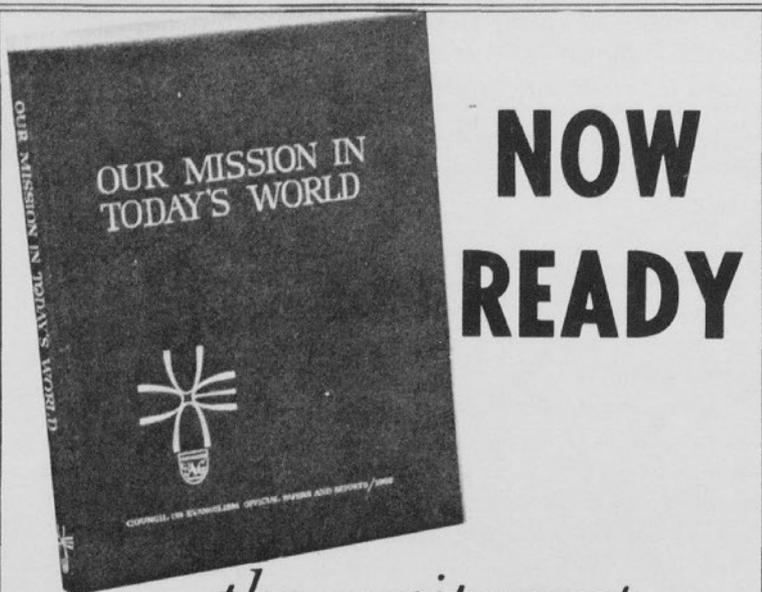
"For a period of six to eight weeks, when the revival was at its height, it was estimated that 50,000 persons were converted weekly throughout the country; and as the revival lasted for more than a year the sum total of conversions reached an enormous figure. Conservative judges have placed the number of converts, in the spiritual awakening of 1857, at 500,000."

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From these records of past revivals it is evident that it was when people prayed—ferently and in faith believing—that the windows of heaven were opened and the saving power of God was demonstrated.

Will not the same kind of prayer bring a similar revival today, if we seek the Lord as earnestly and claim the Scripture promises with the same childlike faith? Whatever sin may be in the way, whether it be the sin of unbelief, or of prayerlessness, or of disobedience along any other line, let it be confessed and removed through the cleansing Blood, that the Church may be revived.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1, 2).



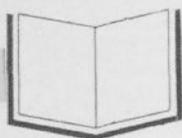
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A SOLID FOUNDATION

By JOHN H. BOSTROM

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19).

THIS IS MY FAVORITE VERSE of Scripture because the truths that it states have been a source of comfort and strength to me. Every time I read it or quote it, it seems to have more potency.

The foundation of God has no cracks of uncertainty, skepticism, or vain imaginations. It is the prerequisite for the entire structure. It is not a faulty, weak foundation in danger of collapse, for "The foundation of God standeth *sure*." Of this I am certain, and therefore I can rely on its secure stability. There is nothing more solid or more durable than the foundation of God.

The rest of the verse says that there is a seal on this foundation which states, "The Lord knoweth them that are his," or, as another translation states it, "The Lord knows those who really belong to him." What a wonderful inscription! What an unalterable fact!

The Almighty God knows me because I belong to Him; and since I am His child, He—my loving heavenly Father—has me in His care, and gives me joy, peace, and confidence. The indwelling Holy Spirit takes these comforting words of Scripture and makes them real to me.

John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, California, is a veteran evangelist in the Assemblies of God.



WITHIN SIGHT OF HOME

THE CORONER'S JURY VERDICT was, "Dozed while driving." An autopsy revealed no sign of drinking. The absence of any particularly dangerous curves or bad pavement left only one conclusion—the young man had fallen asleep at the wheel!

After fighting the traffic for hours, he was almost home. Being able to see the lights of home probably made him relax. He rested his vigilance, dozed, and in a moment's time he lost his life.

As Christians we see signs of the end times being fulfilled everyday and realize we are almost Home. We cannot afford to doze spiritually! Let us be on guard against compromising with the world, letting down Christian standards, or allowing the daily rush to crowd out family devotions, personal prayer, and Bible study. Jesus admonished us to "watch . . . and pray *always*" (Luke 21:36).

It isn't necessary to indulge in deliberate disobedience to God. A gradual slackening off of effort, resting at

ease, being content with what we are brings spiritual slumber—then spiritual death!

We must not be lulled to sleep as we near home. We must stay alert to the moving of the Holy Spirit and keep pressing forward to the prize of life eternal.

How tragic to be almost home—but lost!

—KATHRYN WHEELER

UNSHAKEN IN A SHAKING WORLD

WHEN AN OLIVE CROP IS HARVESTED, the trees are often shaken or beaten with sticks until the olives fall to the ground. However, there are always olives left in the topmost branches; these are too high to be affected by the shaking.

We live in a world of turmoil today, and if our position in Christ isn't secure, we are shaken in a shaking world.

We are involved in the sentiments, prejudices, hatreds, pressures, and turmoil of our world whether we like it or not. But as Christians it is our duty to remain unshakable and true to Christian values.

This unshakability is ours only as we have the inner peace of Christ in our lives. And inner peace comes through repentance, submission, and humility before God. It enables one to withstand the pressures of this shaking world and gives an outer peace amid the turmoils of life.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). With this peace of Christ in our hearts, we *can* remain unshaken in our present times.

—FRANCIS MCGIVERN

A PRAYING MOTHER

BILLY SUNDAY TOLD OF A MINISTER who was making calls. He came to a home and asked for the mother, but the child opening the door answered, "You cannot see Mother because she prays from 9 to 10 o'clock."

The minister waited 40 minutes to see that mother. When she came out of her prayer closet, the light of glory was on her face. He knew then why that home was so bright; he knew why her two sons were in the ministry and her daughter was a missionary.

"All hell cannot tear a boy or girl away from a praying mother," said Mr. Sunday.

—Great Commission Prayer League Memo

SIN HURTS AT ANY AGE

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY I was walking with my father one day when I stubbed my toe. It really hurt! Then I thought, "When I get big like father, if I stub my toe it will not hurt." I thought bigness and years would take the sting out of pain. I have lived long enough to know pain hurts whether we be children or adults.

So it is with life. Sin hurts conscience and destroys character as fully when a person is older as when he is young. And it has awful consequences. When a person is young he may have his life before him in which to overcome his problems. But when an older person breaks away from righteousness his opportunities to recover his character and reputation are greatly reduced.

—E. S. WILLIAMS

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



First Assembly in Toms River, N. J., recently dedicated this new building to the Lord. "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. Ward was the dedicatory speaker. Donald Richardson (inset) is pastor.

EVANGELISM ACTIVITIES NECESSITATE THIRD BUILDING PROGRAM FOR NEW JERSEY CHURCH

TOMS RIVER, N. J.—The congregation of First Assembly here recently dedicated its new church to the Lord. *Revivaltime* speaker, C. M. Ward was the dedicatory speaker.

This was the third building program for the church since 1961. The new church, attached to the former building, provides seating for over 500 with the balcony and overflow room.

The basement contains a large fellowship hall (which also serves for classes), two department rooms, WMC room, kitchen, and supply room.

The former sanctuary has been divided into a chapel seating 60, a nursery, and a toddler room.

The new addition cost \$150,000. The total church property is valued at over \$225,000.

When Pastor and Mrs. Donald Richardson came to Toms River in 1960, the congregation was wor-

shipping in the VFW Hall. In the spring of 1961, ground was broken for the first building which would seat 100. The building was enlarged to seat 200 in 1964.

In 1966, a garage was built to house the primary department. The senior high department at that time met in a nearby home, and the junior department met in the parsonage.

Pastor Richardson attributes the growth of the church to a strong evangelism emphasis, visitation, and the Sunday school.

For four consecutive summers tent meetings were held, the first of these lasting nine weeks. During these evangelistic crusades, many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Follow-up visitation resulted in church growth, and these new members were taught and trained to win others through the Sunday school.

WITH CHRIST

JAMES S. HENDRICKS, 65, of Seattle, Wash., was called into the presence of the Lord on November 29, 1968. Ordained by the Northwest District in 1939, Brother Hendricks served the Lord as a pastor in Burien, Snohomish, Lyman, Toledo, and Yelm, Wash. He is survived by His wife Marie, a son, and two daughters.

MATTIE E. STEPHENS, 85, of Sapulpa, Okla., went to be forever with Jesus on October 19, 1968. She was ordained in 1931

and served the Lord as an evangelist. Sister Stephens was the founder and last surviving charter member of First Assembly in Sapulpa. She is survived by a son.

EMMITT E. FULLERTON, 70, of Elk City, Okla., went to his eternal reward on June 28, 1968. He was ordained in 1935 by the Oklahoma District. He served the Lord as evangelist and also held pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas. He is survived by his wife Viola and five children.

KANSAS CHURCH COMPLETES FIRST PHASE OF REMODELING PROJECT

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—First Assembly here recently completed the first phase of a remodeling and building project.

Special homecoming-dedication services were held to dedicate the new addition and to honor Pastor and Mrs. Russell Rexroat for their 10 years of faithful service to the church. Former pastors Robert Morrison and J. L. Boulware, and Kansas District Superintendent Paul Lowenberg were guest speakers for this occasion.

In this \$35,000 building project,

the sanctuary was completely remodeled. The walls were paneled, and a new ceiling and lighting installed. The church furniture was refinished in tones to blend with the paneling, and the sanctuary, foyer, and nurseries were carpeted.

Two new classrooms were also added during this remodeling, and the property adjoining the church was purchased to allow for extension of the parking facilities.

Plans are for the second phase of the building project to begin in the near future.

SYCAMORE, ILL.—Evangelist W. Glenn West of Dayton, Ohio, recently concluded a series of special services at Bethel Assembly here.

Each evening Lutheran, Baptist, and Nazarene church members were present for these meetings. The final Sunday of the campaign set a near-record attendance of 106.

—Douglas Rose, pastor

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BEAVER DAM, KY.—First Assembly here recently concluded special services with Evangelist D. M. Price of Henderson, Nevada.

During these meetings eight were

saved, including a husband and wife; 17 were reclaimed; one was baptized with the Holy Spirit; and one refilled with the Spirit.

The church is praising God for these victories.

—Jean Hale and Barbara Turner, pastors

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WEST MONROE, LA.—The Cheniere Assembly here was blessed during a week of special meetings held by Evangelist Kenneth Ross.

Two were saved, one reclaimed, and three refilled with the Spirit during these meetings.

—James E. Downs, pastor

SPIRIT OF REVIVAL EVIDENT AS CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES

BYNG, OKLA.—Pastor Charles E. Dean recently led the congregation of the Assembly of God here in dedicating its new church to the Lord.

The dedicatory message was brought by Robert Goggin, Oklahoma district superintendent, and the prayer of dedication was offered by J. E. Frady, sectional presbyter.

Valued at \$26,400, the structure

cost only \$14,900. The new building contains 2,160 square feet of floor space, and the sanctuary will seat approximately 200. The building also contains four Sunday school rooms, nursery facilities, and a pastor's study.

Pastor Dean states, "In the new facilities all departments of the church are being blessed by the Lord, and a spirit of revival is evident."





**NEW PROMOTIONS
DIRECTOR FOR
CA DEPARTMENT**

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Dale Harmon, Tacoma, Wash., has been

named promotions director and coordinator of the Christ's Ambassadors Department here. He replaces Charles Reed who resigned the position to become pastor of First Assembly in Great Bend, Kansas.

In his new position, Brother Harmon will coordinate the annual nationwide Bible Quiz and Teen Talent competition for the CA Department and will spearhead planning and promotion of the youth camp, National Youth Week, and National CA Day activities.

He will also assist Norman Correll, national secretary of the CA Department, in administrative matters.

Brother Harmon had pastored in Tacoma since 1964. Prior to this he spent five years as CA

president and Sunday school director for the West Central District. He has also held pastorates in Iowa and served as a district presbyter.

COLUMBIA, S.C.—Over 400 first-timers attended a one-week crusade held in Central Assembly here by Evangelist Bob Larson of McCook, Nebr.

On the last night over 600 came to hear Brother Larson's message on "Rock and Roll." About 50 were saved or reclaimed. Many more young people came forward to rededicate their lives to Christ.

Other evangelical churches in the city cancelled services so their young people could attend the crusade.

More than 200 students from

Columbia Bible College were present the last night. They responded by holding a late consecration service on campus to smash their rock 'n' roll records.

While in Columbia Evangelist Larson was interviewed on two major TV stations and on a leading radio station.

—Glen D. Miller, pastor

TYLER, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Darrell Logue of Seminole, Okla., recently held special services at First Assembly here.

There was a wonderful move of God among the young people. One was saved, three were reclaimed, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—B. L. Greene, pastor

SHAFTER, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here started out the new year with a successful meeting held by Evangelist Frieda Palmer of Taft, Calif.

Seven persons were saved, and 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several visitors attended, and the whole church was blessed by Sister Palmer's ministry.

—J. W. Dollins, pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Prichard	A/G	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Bob Larson	James Kofahl
Ariz.	Laveen	Indian	Feb. 11-16	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Harold Hanson
	Phoenix	Glad Tidings	Feb. 17-Mar. 2	Charles Hudspeth	David J. Geist
Ark.	Texarkana	First	Feb. 9-23	Sammy & Mrs. Hayes	B. J. Smith
	Vendor	Big Creek	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Dennis Thrasher	Bobby Gasaway
Calif.	Alpine	Bethel	Feb. 9—	L. L. & Mrs. Ferguson	Eva Bailey
	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Feb. 4-16	John & Robert Stephens	S. E. Bowler
	Chowchilla	First	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	S. B. Douglass	Floyd W. Baker
	Patterson	¹ A/G	Feb. 23-28	Charles Senechal	Merel Thornton
Colo.	Greeley	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 2	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	H. I. Maley
Fla.	Okeechobee	Trinity	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	Don & Sharon Parker	Robert McNew
	Orlando	Calvary	Feb. 19-28	Lorne Fox Team	Eddie Barg
	St. Petersburg	First	Feb. 23-28	Ernie Eskelin	F. Don Rippy
	Sarasota	Faith	Feb. 16-21	Ernie Eskelin	David Norris
Ga.	Griffin	First	Feb. 5—	Richard Ronsisvalle	Claud Johnson
	Riverdale	A/G	Feb. 12-16	The Singing Lunsfords	W. H. Fisher
Ill.	Aurora	First	Feb. 11-16	E. A. Manley	Paul V. Brewer
	Hamilton	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Kenneth File
Iowa	Vinton	A/G	Feb. 12-Mar. 2	Ken Krivohlavek	Lloyd A. Graetz
La.	Alto	Victory	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	Ada E. Lear	Mrs. H. O. Etier
	Shreveport	Glad Tidings	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	J. Mitchell Cason
	Springhill	First	Feb. 16-23	Travis & Mrs. Corder	Wm. R. Craighead
Md.	Cedarville	Full Gospel	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	W. W. Martin	W. M. Johnson
	Midlothian	Trinity	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	George & Evelyn Butrin	Rufus Richendrfer
Mich.	Bay City	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 2	K. E. Matschulat	Daniel Kolenda
	Detroit	Christian Trinity	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	Wesley Wibley	Donald Matthews
Minn.	Floodwood	A/G	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	Paul & Ilene Anderson	Robert Scharnberg
	Pillager	A/G	Feb. 18—	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	W. T. Haley
Mo.	Edina	A/G	Feb. 11-23	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	E. E. Hembree
	Kansas City	Bethel Tab.	Feb. 23-Mar. 9	Glenna Byard	Robert A. Sites
	Lathrop	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Knott-Olson Team	Ralph McCaulley
	Springfield	Central	Feb. 23—	Arne Vick	E. E. Krostad
Nebr.	Big Springs	A/G	Feb. 11-23	Milo Harmon	Henry Stiles
N. J.	Iselin	A/G	Feb. 12-23	George & Evelyn Butrin	Samuel Clutter
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Highland	Feb. 19-23	Darrell Logue	Paul W. Savage
	Raton	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	I. D. Rayborn	Allen E. Davis
	Tatum	First	Feb. 16—	Kenneth Erwin Team	A. R. Vaughan
N. C.	Elizabeth City	Greenleaf	Feb. 23-Mar. 9	Roland Blount	M. Q. Spencer
Ohio	Orrville	Calvary	Feb. 2-9	Wayne & Vi Marshall	James M. Bryan
Okla.	Ardmore	Northwest	Feb. 16-23	Eddie Swartout	Ervin Donaldson
	Checota	A/G	Feb. 16-23	J. B. Woolums	J. R. Moreland
	Hollis	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Dennis Millat	H. E. Barnard
	Tulsa	Capitol Hill	Feb. 19—	Glen Shinn	Armon Newburn
	Tulsa	Suburban Hills	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Bobby & Sharon Jones	George E. Smith
Oreg.	Oakridge	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 2	Paul Clark Team	James Nielsen
Pa.	Duncannon	A/G	Feb. 12-16	Byron D. Jones	Paul Parrish
	Quakertown	A/G	Feb. 16-21	James Snyder	Walter A. Stuart
Tex.	Cleveland	Hi-way Tab.	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Chas. & Judy McKnight	H. Travis Freeman
	El Paso	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 9	Arthur & Anna Berg	Wm. F. Hageman
	Freepport	Velasco	Feb. 12-23	Ervin Asiatico	O. H. Dockray
	Gainesville	Clement St.	Feb. 23-Mar. 9	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	R. C. Logan
	Grandfalls	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 2	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	F. G. Harper
	Jayton	First	Feb. 10—	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	Wm. M. Harry
	Sinton	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	Mike & Linda Murdock	Joel Mayfield
	Snyder	First	Feb. 18—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	L. R. Lewis
Va.	Front Royal	² First	Feb. 16-26	B. Harold Conant	Alden A. Yates
	Isle of Wight	Pine Grove	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	H. B. Kelchner	Wm. J. Swain
	Virginia Beach	First	Feb. 15—	The Singing Kolendas	Samuel Beiler
Wash.	Hartline	A/G	Feb. 11-23	Dan & Marty Womack	R. R. Mayfield
Canada	Toronto	Evangel Temple	Feb. 19-23	Desmond Evans	Price-Smith

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SCC MISSIONARY INTERNS SERVE WELL

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Six students were sponsored by the Missionary Assistance Program of Southern California College here for ministry in Alaska and Hawaii last summer. Good reports and expressions of appreciation continue to be received from the fields where they served.

Besides preaching in almost every assembly on the island of Maui, Jim Burton and Earl Nordby assisted Pastor and Mrs. Larry Elies in Napili. They helped rebuild and redecorate a run-down,

termite-eaten church building located in Lahaina where Brother Elies is pioneering.

After extensive work Jim and Earl had the satisfaction of seeing the more attractive building used as a place of worship. In addition they helped build the congregation by canvassing and witnessing in the area.

The girls, Alice Clark and Pat Poppoff, spent the summer in a home missions work at Kaneohe, Hawaii, with Missionary Bernice Procter. Their ministry included

Southern California College missionary interns for 1968 stand with Alfred Cawston (left), dean of students, and John Lackey (right), academic dean. Interns are: (back row, left to right) Mel Ming, Tim Cantrell, Jim Burton, and Earl Nordby; (front row) Pat Poppoff and Alice Clark.



Lahaina church in Hawaii after the interns helped redecorate it.

vacation Bible school, a children's camp, CA rallies, visitation, and participation in the regular services.

Sister Procter wrote: "Alice and Pat worked hard and faithfully. They both have wonderful talents and capabilities to use for the Lord."

The other two interns, Tim Cantrell and Mel Ming, were a blessing to several assemblies in Alaska.

Tim took over pastoral duties at Delta Junction Assembly while the Robert Stuarts were on leave for a month. Pastor Stuart reported recently: "Our people told us Tim's sermons were well prepared and well given. He did a good job in leading the services and letting the Spirit direct him."

During this time Mel helped rebuild a church at Larson Bay on Kodiak Island where Harry Coffman is missionary.

Both Mel and Tim assisted Pastor Don Brown at Fairbanks in rebuilding the church basement. They also made preparations for and assisted in the Alaska District Council which convened in Fairbanks. In addition they spent almost three weeks at family camp, kids kampf, and youth camp in Wasilla.

Tim was able to stay two extra weeks; he spent them helping Pastor Gilbert Mort in Anchorage.

All six students had exciting experiences; all brought back glowing reports. Mel related his most thrilling experience: A deaf boy who shared the same cabin as he did at camp was instantly healed in an evening service as Mel prayed for him.

In whatever the missionary interns from SCC found to do, they bore positive witness to the saving, strengthening, and sustaining power of Jesus Christ.

GOD CONTINUES TO MEET THE NEED AT NBI

GREEN LANE, PA.—Northeast Bible Institute had the highest enrollment in its history—284 students—for the fall semester.

With this student increase there is an urgent need for additional classrooms which a building now under construction will provide, according to President Paul J. Emery.

Engineering problems and lack of finances delayed the start of construction last summer. When it was time to begin, it was impossible to obtain local labor.

Then Robert Lafferty, pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly, Clearfield, Pa., spent two days laying cement blocks. Students assisted him and they worked at a fast pace getting the walls started.

A few hours after Brother Lafferty had to return to his pastoral duties, word came that further

help would be available to the school.

Early the following Monday morning, Ellsworth E. Kennedy and his 86-year-old father were on the job. The younger Brother Kennedy has recently returned from eight and a half years of self-supporting missionary service in New Zealand. He is a block-layer by trade.

These two men worked every day except Sunday (sometimes in the rain) for several weeks. Students continued to help with the construction during free periods.

Two churches in the Northeast region have each contributed \$1,000 to this project. "Although both churches have heavy local and foreign missions commitments, they also have a vision for preparing future pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers,"

NBI President Emery stated. Less than half the finances for this project have been received,

but NBI is rejoicing in the way God's people are continuing to respond to the need.



Ellsworth Kennedy (left) is assisted by his elderly father as he lays block for the new building at Northeast Bible Institute.

SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE NOW ACCREDITED

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—The Junior College of Southwestern Assemblies of God College has recently received full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Announcement of the approval, on December 4, brought a surge of joy and thankfulness to students, administrators, and faculty. For the students it means that course credits earned can now be transferred more easily.

The advance of Southwestern Junior College in this area is hailed as a great milestone in the history of this college.

In making the announcement President Blake L. Farmer gave a brief history of the college. He noted that the first steps to provide academic education were taken in 1945 by adding the junior college to Southwestern. It thus became a pioneer in the liberal arts program in the Assemblies of God.

Southwestern also continues its

Bible college program which is accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.



Blake L. Farmer, president of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, placed a phone call to the college announcing the accreditation of the junior college.



The hall on the main floor of North Central Bible College became the "general store" during Pastors Week.

NCBC PROJECT BLESSES PIONEER PASTORS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—North Central Bible College students here recently gave cash and groceries amounting to almost \$1,000 to benefit 25 pioneer pastors in Minnesota and contiguous states.

The students implemented their project during Pastors Week, a yearly NCBC event sponsored by the Pastoral Studies Department of the college. Cyril E. Homer, pastor of Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, was speaker.

Pastors involved in various pioneer ministries visited the college

this year to lay the groundwork for Pastors Week. They gave effective challenges in chapel services and in specially called prayer meetings of the missions prayer groups.

To further emphasize the importance of and appreciation for the pioneer pastor, each year the students raise funds and collect groceries for them by means of "Ye Old Country Store." Through this novel method students purchase the groceries they wish to donate and simultaneously raise money for pioneer pastors.

WHAT'S A MAN TO DO?

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bidden. So she had done more than put off the old; she had put on the new.

Read the list in Ephesians 4 and 5. It might help you if you make two columns—one for the old nature and a second for the new. Whenever an opposite is mentioned, put it in the second list as a substitute for the old. Then look carefully at the second list. You will see how full and satisfying the new life is to be. It is a far cry from "never doing anything."

What's a man to do? Contrary to some gospel songs, he is not to be empty. There's no satisfaction, no power to emptiness. Nor does one have to wait out this life in a vacuum until he reaches heaven, there to be filled with the glory of God. It is a full life *now*; not just full in the sense of busyness, but full of joyful, satisfying Christlikeness.

A song of some years ago said, "I would be nothing, nothing. . . ." But the new nature is *something*. It is positive, satisfying, joyous. We agree that the old self-life is nothing in the sight of God, but this is the new man—letting Christ express His life through us.

Wonderfully, we do not stand passively with Him operating through us. We are not the old persons with a separate sort of life flowing through us. We *become* new men. That new man, however foreign to the old one, is *really you!* You are not what you were.

How many testimonies speak of us as though we were still the old persons—saved, it is true, but still overcome by the old nature, always desperately trying to hold on until Jesus comes. Such people are living below their privileges in Christ, for the new life is satisfying beyond imagination; it is positive and active; it is pleasing to God; it influences others and attracts them to our Lord.

That's what a man's to do: he is to put off the old nature, true; but he is to give the greatest amount of time, energy, and interest to putting on the new—and living in the power of it.



SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

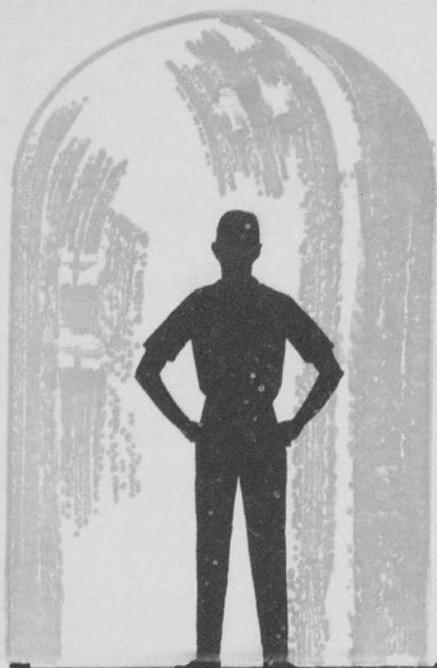
DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 17-23

Theme of the Week: **TAKING COURAGE**

Monday Joshua 1:1-18	Thursday Psalm 27:1-14
Tuesday .. 1 Sam. 17:31-54	Friday Daniel 3:1-30
Wednesday .. Esther 4:1-17	Saturday Daniel 6:1-24
	Sunday Acts 4:1-22

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

ARE YOU TRYING
THE IMPOSSIBLE
TASK OF LIVING
IN A VACUUM?



WHAT'S A MAN TO DO?

By MAXINE WILLIAMS

ROBERT RIPLEY, in a column a number of years ago, described a "never-never boy." He had never smoked, never danced, never sworn, never gone to movies, never taken a girl on a date—and on and on went the list.

Is that living? To never do anything? For some Christians the height of Christian living seems to be to say: "I don't do this or that."

The Christian involved in living like this—emphasizing what he doesn't do—still finds unrest and dissatisfaction. In spending all his time putting off the old nature, he is, paradoxically, spending his time concentrating on his sins. Whoever found true satisfaction in sin? Or even in the absence of it? This person is trying the impossible task of living in a vacuum. He is constantly pushing out the old nature without replacing it; and back into his life come tumbling those characteristics of the old life.

Yet putting off the old nature is a scriptural practice. "Put off," said Paul, "the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9). He named many of those deeds, too: lies, anger, exasperation, stealing, foul language, bitterness, wrath, resentment, quarreling, slander, malice, sexual impurity (Ephesians 4 and 5). In other epistles the list is extended.

What's a man to do? He is to put off the old nature; but he is to do more. He is to *put on the new man*. Here is where he should spend the greatest amount of time and effort. As the new nature grows and grows, the old finds less and less room. That's where one's satisfaction lies; that's where he gains strength—not by putting off, but by putting on.

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God has often told us what to put on. Check again Ephesians 4 and 5. Notice that the same sentence that tells us to quit lying also says to tell the truth, especially with the realization that we are members of His body. (Would one part of the body try to deceive another part? Would one damage his own body?)

The man who used to steal is now to work instead. And he goes beyond merely working to earn the things for which he stole before; now he gives to needy persons. That's the new man. That's satisfaction. And he doesn't face the emptiness of merely "not stealing."

The coarse jesting, the foul language, the worthless talk are to go; and in their place comes wholesome talk—the kind that helps others know Christ better, talk that pleases God.

Years ago a woman was saved from a very rough life in which swearing was commonplace. In her new life the former words came unbidden to her lips. She went to God in her distress about this, and He spoke to her heart to praise Him instead. As a result she said, "Praise the Lord!" in strange places (for one would not always praise God in the places where he used to feel like swearing). She testified that in the end she lost the impulse to swear—and now the praise came un-

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IF I FOLLOW CHRIST

By ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI

If I follow Christ,

*My life is not my own;
My resources are at His disposal;
My time is His to occupy;
My thoughts are His to direct;
My emotions are His to control.*

If I follow Christ,

*My residence is not mine to choose;
Luxury cannot dictate my course;
Earth cannot entangle me;
Pleasure cannot entice me;
Prisons cannot discourage me.*

If I follow Christ,

*The lost must be my passion;
The broken man, my burden;
Human need, my cause for being;
The world, my sphere of service;
The cross, my motivation.*

If I follow Christ,

*I must stoop,
Labor,
Weep,
Bleed,
Die.*

"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord" (Matthew 10:24).