

A French philosopher recently said, "The whole world is on a mad quest for security and happiness." As we live today, we see continual and convincing proof of this statement. Our materialistic world rushes on with its eternal quest for the fountain of happiness. This happiness for which men long, is bound up in business success, financial security, social acceptance, and worldly pleasure. It may be said that man has been successful, to a degree, in this quest for happiness. Vast amounts of knowledge have been gained, living standards are at a new high, and the opportunities for worldly pleasure offer a wide choice to any moneyed partaker.

But let us notice what the Bible says of this way. There is a God of heaven. This God is active in world affairs. He has a plan for your future and the future of all mankind. God's divinely inspired revelation to us is the Bible. Let us see what *God* says of man's way today!

Concerning social acceptance, Jesus has said, "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake" (Luke 6:22).



#### Social Acceptance?

and financial security? "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19, 20).

## In Quest

## of Happiness

by Calvin Burrell

God inspired Solomon to write, concerning worldliness, "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich" (Proverbs 21:17).

Turn in your Bible to II Timothy 3. Begin reading with the first verse, and read slowly, to fully grasp what is being said. Read down through the sixth verse, then notice especially



the seventh. "Ever **Worldliness?** learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Can you think of any one prophetic scripture that more accurately describes man today? Think of the brilliant men—scientists, physicists, mathematicians, chemists, doctors, psychiatrists, experts in all fields of fact and theory. These men, in all their brilliance, *are*

*generally ignorant* of the basic plan, *God's plan*, for mankind in this earth. Read the seventh verse of II Timothy 3 again.

What is the basic happiness for which men should search? The word, "blessed," in each of the verses, Matthew 5:3-12, may be interpreted "happy." These nine beatitudes, or beautiful attitudes, are God's rules for happiness. Turn in your Bible and read them, replacing the word "Blessed," with "Happy." Then begin to apply them in actual practice in your life.



#### Business Success?

I challenge each reader to actively join this search for *eternal* happiness. Surely such a rare and precious commodity is worth any sacrifice we may be called upon to make.



# Nothing To Do

by Calvin A. Burrell



No Christian is as short-sighted as the one who constantly says that there is "nothing to do." Such a person must either be a hermit with no outside contacts, or else a self-centered person, not at all concerned with the needs of others.

Our Saviour spent His life on earth helping others. He encouraged them with His words, uplifted them with His deeds, challenged them with His prayers, and saved them with His blood. Jesus came not to be the chief among us, but to be the servant of all.

Young folks, do you recognize the need of being servant of all? Your good deeds may be small—even to helping the little old lady across the street—but Jesus said that even a cup of water given in His name would bring its reward. Learn to be aware of the needs of others—the poor, the homeless, the suffering, the stranded. Many of us have something worth giving to make another person happier. It would be unnecessary to list here a number of opportunities which might present themselves for Christian service. Many will come to you if you will live by the motto, "Lord, help me live for others, that I might live like Thee."

**"Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it not to me..."**

Often we feel it may inconvenience or detain us to lend a helping hand. This may be true at times, but consider how much more important and better it is to give than to receive. Are our activities so important that the needs of others become trampled in the dust? Remember that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it NOT to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it NOT to me."

I would not want any of us to minimize the power of kind words appropriately spoken to help other folks. Some people live in situations where most conversation is harsh or worthless; we would be amazed if we knew the difference that soft answers of encouragement could make in lifting spirits and bringing cheer.

It is well to mention here that our responsibility to "others" does



not end when we walk up our own front steps. Every young person will find real joy in being helpful at home, and Mother and Dad will be easy to get along with, too.

I challenge each one of you to begin to really become aware of those in need. People everywhere are searching, hoping, hungering, needing, dying—without Christ Jesus. You have a helping hand, you have Christ to offer them. Do you have a willing heart, believing that it is more blessed to give than to receive? Will you accept the challenge?

**HELP SOMEBODY TODAY,  
SOMEONE ALONG LIFE'S WAY:  
LET SORROW BE ENDED—  
THE FRIENDLESS BE-  
FRIENDED!  
OH! HELP SOMEBODY TO-  
DAY.**