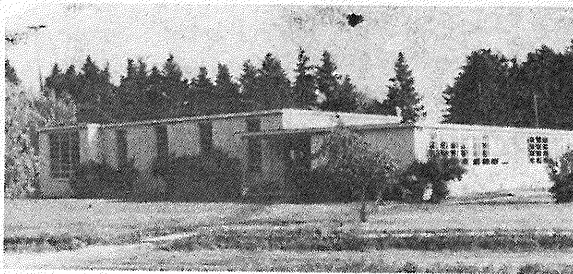


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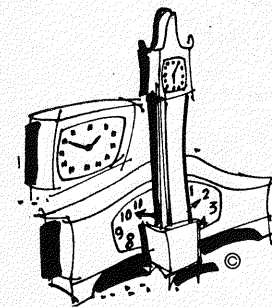
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Be always less willing to speak than to hear; what thou hearest, thou receivest; what thou speakest, thou givest. It is more glorious to give, but more profitable to receive.—QUARLES

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Is Time Your Enemy?



By Dorothy Keim

Time... a period of days, hours and minutes. Why do we say time is our enemy—my enemy, or your enemy? Today is here and quickly gone, and becomes only a yesterday. The idea of time is usually linked with that of space. How often we hear the words, "How time flies." In meeting someone whom we haven't seen for some time, we often say, "Why don't you come over sometime and visit," and so often the reply is, "Oh, I would love to if we could only find the time." And you will answer, "I know what you mean. Isn't it terrible? Where does the time go?" This seems to be a common question: *Where does time go?* An even better question and maybe more searching one is this: *What goes with the time that goes?* So often we wait to do something at a better time, and the better time never seems to find a place in our lives.

James 4:14, tells us "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For

what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James speaks of our life, which seems like a long time to most of us, as just a vapour. It appeareth for a little while and then vanishes away.

We often hear young children say, "I just can't wait to get big." Ten to fourteen-year-olds say, "I wish I were 16 so I could drive the car"; then when they get 16, "I wish I were 18 so I could get a job and buy a car"; and then, "I wish I were 21, so I could be my own boss." And so the story goes, until we hear, "I would give anything to be back in school again, as the time went so quickly." The older one gets, the faster the days seem to go by.

One can sit by the clock and watch it move. The minutes go by quickly and soon the hour is gone. There is no recalling the minute that is just past. We can struggle to say what time really is and how it exists, but I am afraid we would become exasperated by its vanishing as an object of thought.

Paul was a man of God and was always using his time doing something. Before he was converted, he fought for the things he thought were right, even though many died at the cruelty of his hands. But when God struck him down on the road to Damascus, Paul started to use his time wisely and gave us such wonderful words of exhortation. In Ephesians 5:15 and 16, he wrote, "See then that ye walk

circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." One might ask the question, *How can we redeem the time?* The dictionary tells us that redeem means to make good, to fulfill; this is part of its meaning. I am sure he was telling us to be busy doing good, for the days are evil; and that if we are not careful we will find ourselves having done nothing, with time slipping by. If one would read on down in this chapter we would find some of the things that Paul tells us would help us to redeem the time.

Jesus redeemed His time, even as a child, by talking with the wise ones in the temple. Thinking that possibly He was still playing with the other children, His father and mother looked for Him, but could not find Him. When in their search they found Him, His answer to them was, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" He realized as a boy that time was important in His life and that He had something to tell others about.

When we lose something very valuable, we don't waste any time looking and searching for it. We redeem the time until we can find it and then redeem our lost article. A young lady lost a diamond set from her ring while crossing the street of busy traffic. All that concerned her was the value of the diamond, not the danger of her looking for it in the midst of traveling vehicles. She knew if she didn't redeem it at once something

could happen that she would never see it again.

Many hours of our day are wasted in idleness. I am reminded of a young boy who was lounging in front of a TV watching a second-run Western when his father came into the room from shoveling snow. He looked at his son and said, "In 24 hours from now you won't remember what you have been looking at. Now why don't you go and do something for the next 20 minutes that you will remember for the next 20 years, and enjoy each time you think of it." So the young man inquired as to what it was. "Well, son, there's eight inches of snow on old Mrs. Woodbury's walks. Why don't you see if you can shovel it and get back home without her knowing." The boy has told many times since, "I did the job in 15 minutes. She never knew who had done it, and my father was right, I enjoy it every time I think about it." How easy it is, though, to just sit back and let the hours slip by while watching TV or maybe just playing a game for hours, evening after evening, and accomplishing nothing good for ourselves nor those about us.

Daniel redeemed the time, in the very face of evil. We read where he prayed three times a day on his knees and made supplication before his God. Let us turn and read Daniel 6:10 and 11, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he

kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God." Daniel served a God that was real and alive. He served a God that knew when Daniel was faced with problems and knew that Daniel was a praying man. When the real test came and Daniel was forbidden by man's law to pray any more, still he prayed and then had to pay the consequence—being thrown in the den of lions. God delivered Daniel and Daniel praised God for it, and through this a decree was sent out to all the land (Dan. 6:26). Praise the God of Heaven for a man like Daniel. Daniel used his time in such a way that it was not an enemy to him.

I wonder if I redeem my time in a way that God is pleased with me. I wonder if I could be more cautious with the minutes and hours of every day. None of us can recall the hours of yesterday, for they are gone today and are only a memory.

Quite often we see those who will sit and brood over the days that are in the past, wishing things could have been different. I am reminded of a young man in his early thirties who lost his sight instantly in an accident. He would often say, "I never really looked good at life, and now I hear the birds sing, the waters of the river running by, the wind as it blows through

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What Men Live By

By Beatrice Boyle

IT WAS ONE of those mornings it could rain or shine, the clouds were drifting back and forth across the sky.

Joan yawned and stretched, then she jumped out of bed. It was late and she had to prepare breakfast for her brother. She felt perturbed; she shook her head to clear her mind. Joan had an odd feeling that she would have to decide soon what she would do about her friendship with Dave Barker. She couldn't put it off much longer and she hated to make decisions.

Art Elwood and her brother, Bob, were all home for the spring vacation. She had dated Art some, for school picnics, and things like that, before he went away to college. However, there was nothing serious about her friendship with Art.

Getting dressed for church she still felt annoyed with her brother about last night when he had found out about her date with Dave.

"You, Joan Baldwin, chasing around with that Barker guy just doesn't add up. Mother wrote to me about that guy."

"Dave's okay," Joan told her brother feeling more conviction now that Art Elwood and her brother were home.

"But you can't drift along like this," Bob told his sister. "Running around with that guy and his crowd is plain foolishness."

"I'm old enough to choose my own friends, Bob, only you and Mom

persist in treating me like a child." With that she turned and hurried upstairs, leaving Bob looking after her in a strange way.

She hadn't seen Art yet. Bob had left Art off at his house before he drove his jalopy on home.

Joan walked into the living room and gave Art a dimpled smile as he stood next to her brother waiting to drive them to church. Art was more handsome than she had remembered. They shook hands; Art put both his big hands over hers.

"Glad to see you again, Joanie," Art said softly.

"I'm glad you and Bob are back," said Joan.

The three young people rode along in Bob's car. Joan was silent, as her thoughts were about Dave. He was older than she, sophisticated, and a man about town. She had liked Art, but that was before she dated Dave.

However, she noticed that Art was as nice as ever to be with.

Neither her brother nor Art had been able to come home for the holidays. They had to work their way through school, and they couldn't get off from their jobs to come home. Art broke into her thoughts.

"Where's your mother, Joanie?"

"Mom helped Grandma Walker prepare chickens for her freezer last week. She'll be back for tonight's service."

At home after the morning service, Joan fixed lunch for her brother and Art.

"What's the program for tonight?" her brother asked.

Before she could answer him, Art asked, with a twinkle in his blue eyes, "Sure now, aren't you on the youth program tonight, Joanie?"

Joan had a hard time making the words come. "Well, that is, I'm supposed to sing, but..." Joan felt confused and guilty. She didn't know what to do about her date with Dave, because if she broke her date with him, he would be angry.

"I have a date with Dave." She spoke in a whisper. She saw the twinkle leave Art's eyes; he frowned but he didn't say a word.

"It's up to you, Joan; it's your

choice," Bob said slowly to his sister. Then to Art, "Let's take those slides over to Pastor John Patten's house. I want his advice about which ones of the church's youth activities at college to show at the youth meeting tonight."

"It's up to you, it's your choice." Those words of her brother echoed in her thoughts all afternoon as she was getting ready for her date with Dave. What if she weren't going to the meeting tonight. She knew there would be a big crowd at the youth fellowship to welcome back Art and Bob, and she would like to have been there too. Sure they were disappointed she wasn't going, but she had her life to live. What difference did it make if she weren't at the meeting. She never let dating Dave interfere with Sabbath morning worship, although she did miss Saturday night Youth meeting at the church.

Joan pondered her brother's words, even though she felt that Dave meant more than tonight's service.

Surely it didn't matter too much who her friends were as long as she behaved herself. But Dave wasn't a friend; her friendship with him was different. Joan had to admit it, wrinkling her brow in thought. Her dating Dave was more than the casual dates

she had with fellows she went to school with, it was more serious.

The trouble was she couldn't bring herself to break off her friendship with him. She wasn't sure she wanted to. She wasn't really happy dating Dave either, but he was fun to be with; even if he did smoke, she didn't have to. True, he wasn't a Christian and he refused to go to church. Sometimes during their dates she would talk to him about her religion. Dave would argue and ridicule her church. She had hope that someday he would become a Christian. However, she never seemed to be able to make him see how important it was.

As they would ride in Dave's expensive sports car, the wind blowing through her hair, she felt sort of sophisticated sitting beside such a neat man about town. At first she was scared at the fast way he drove his little car as they passed other cars on the highway ducking around them.

"It's the age of speed, Joan," Dave had said when she protested.

"You have to live reckless in this jet age."

Joan caught some of his reckless spirit, and it thrilled her. They parked and "necked casually," that's what Dave called it. But to Joan it wasn't casual. She didn't want to give him up, still she never felt quite right about dating Dave. If only he were a Christian. Joan stood by her bedroom window staring out—brooding—the clouds were rolling in.

"It's up to you," Bob's words came back to her unbidden. A small voice seemed to say, "It's up to you, Joan, you are the one to choose what you will make of your life."

Did she want a cheap, sophisticated life with a self-centered man? What

had happened to her, anyhow? She never planned to fall for a man like Dave, a man that wasn't a Christian. A friendship like that could lead to a romance the Lord couldn't bless. Why had she ever had that first date with Dave? Christians live by the Scriptures. It is what men live by that counts, not expensive cars and costly clothes, or fun.

At six o'clock her mother, brother and Art left for church. As she watched them leave, she knew she still liked Art a lot.

She heard Dave's car come to a sliding stop out front. She hurried out to meet him on the porch.

His well-groomed look and his egotistical smile made no impression on her now that she was thinking and acting like a Christian.

"Dave, please sit down a moment, I have to talk with you." He looked at the clean but worn porch furniture critically.

"We can talk on the way, girl; I have plans for tonight. Come, time's a wasting. We'll be late for Bill's shindig."

"Listen to me, please, Dave," Joan cut in, "I've been thinking a lot about us and I just don't see how we can continue to—to date."

A shiver went through her. Why had she even for a minute weakened her testimony for Christ?

"You're loco, plumb loco, Joan. Are you or are you not my girl?" Dave asked shifting from one foot to another impatiently, his eyes dark with anger.

"I'm serious," said Joan, "It's... well, it's what we live by. It isn't that I don't like you, but we have such different values of what life means. If you were a Christian..."

She was trembling; how did she

ever get herself in such a mess.

"I told you before I'm off that religious stuff if that is what you are getting at," Dave hissed through his teeth, "Are you coming with me or aren't you?"

"I can't go with you," Joan whispered.

"Okay, I'm not going to ruin my evening arguing with you." With that Dave hurried out to his sports car and roared down the street much too fast.

Joan saw that the sky was a deep blue and the evening star was bright, the storm had blown away as she hurried along to church.

She was late, the young people's meeting was already started, so she

sat down quickly in the back of the church.

Bob and Art were in front, sitting on the platform. She didn't think they saw her though. Art was handsome, even tempered, and a clean cut young Christian.

Joan was proud of her friendship with him. She felt happy, happier than she had since Art went away to college a year ago.

Their friendship was good, she knew that, and whatever came from it would be right.

She knew the Lord could bless them, for they both were Christians living by God's Word.

—Adapted from *Lighted Pathway*

WIT'S END CORNER

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"
Christian, with a troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you,
And you in the battle alone?
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner"
Is just where God's power is shown.

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"
Your work before you spread,
All lying begun, unfinished,
And pressing on heart and head,
Longing for strength to do it,
Stretching out trembling hands?
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner"
The Burden-bearer stands.

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner"?
Then you're just in the very spot
To learn the wondrous resources
Of Him who faileth not;
No doubt to a brighter pathway
Your footsteps will soon be moved.
But only at "Wit's End Corner"
Is the "God who is able" proved.

Antoinette Wilson

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As you looked at this block of printing, at first glance this article seemed to be upside down. Is it not possible that this article is right side up and the rest of this publication was printed upside down? Being in the minority, *must* this article be wrong?

The world is lax in its standards to the point that it doesn't matter where you go, what you wear, what you say, who you cheat or hurt, or who you respect or don't respect. At Spring Vale, even though we are in a minority, we believe it is wrong to lie, steal or take unfair advantage of others. We believe that our basketball games should not be played on Friday evening and that young people can be happy and have peace of mind without going to dances or using alcohol and marijuana. We believe that it matters if we dress in a manner unbecoming to a Christian.

We believe that students can live at peace with one another and can respect Christian teachers. We believe there is a real joy in living up to Christian standards and great peace in keeping God's laws of life. We believe that we should put God first, others second and self last. We believe in living the standards taught by the Bible. If you believe in Bible teachings rather than the teachings of the crowd following the world, you should consider attending Spring Vale Academy. Prayer has made a way for many of our students where there was no way.

... and when we stand before God we can have the Bible to show that we did what was right and the masses of the world were upside down.

Liberty for Life? or Liberty for Death?

by Larry Hadden, MBC student

The other day, while listening to the radio, I heard a minister on one of the most prominent daily Bible broadcasts say that when we become free in Christ, we don't have to worry about "keeping any set of precepts" or anything like that. Why? Because Christ's perfect life is being lived in us by the Holy Spirit, thus doing away with our need to obey the same commandments.

Of course, scripture was used to support the idea, but as false doctrines go, only a few positive verses were used. The main one was 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," with much emphasis on the word "giveth." What he was saying was that works have no part of salvation—which boils down to being licensed to sin because we're under grace.

Now, for *initial* salvation that is very true, for we're saved by grace through faith *without* works. But what then?? Are we free to become spiritual loafers because we're "saved without works"? My Bible says we're to be judged according to our *works*, not by how much faith we have.

Anyway, after I heard this "minister of righteousness" make that statement, my indignation boiled over, and I thought of what Paul said in Phil. 2:12: "... *work out your own* salvation with fear and trembling." This involves *doing* and *obedience* to God and His "precepts." The apostle John did not write in vain that saints are *commandment keepers* as well as faithful believers (Revelation 12:17; 14:12).

I also thought, *WHY would an educated minister say something like that over a national radio program, deceiving thousands of sincere, ignorant (of the truth) people?* Because *he himself* is deceived and ignorant of the truth, preaching lies and deceit. These ministers dwell on

being "free," and "at liberty," and "not under the law."

But liberty for what, and to do what? Liberty from sin (the transgression of God's holy law) so that if you do happen to commit sin, it doesn't matter because you're under grace? Freedom from keeping His holy precepts which lead us away from sin? God forbid! Well did Peter write of this kind when he said, in 1 Peter 2:18, 19, "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lust of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clear escaped (who are just escaping) from them who live in error. *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage.*" Yes, liberty—freedom—is promised to all today, but it's the kind that leads to corruption, for the wages of sin is death.

So, young Christians, beware of the *false* freedoms and liberty being promised "by grace through faith." *True* freedom in Christ comes only when *all* our sins are confessed and forgiven. "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the perfect law of liberty" (James 2:12).

Words do well enough for programs, and for the frames of action, but fulfillment comes in deeds. We have indulged, as a people, a penchant for orators. But we have discovered that it is mostly the silent men who do things. The old story about using so much steam in a whistle that there is none left for the wheels, is more than humor—it is philosophy.—*Sir Oracle.*

IS TIME YOUR ENEMY?

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the trees. I never took the time to look at these things, and now I can't see them in their real beauty." His sight was gone. Instead of using the hours of his sightlessness to the advantage of doing something else, with his hands, he sat and grieved over the days that had come and gone. Let us live each day as though there would be no more tomorrows. Let us enjoy God and all His blessings to us each day we live. We should be able to say as the Psalmist David, "For He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart (Psa. 95:7, 8). The following verses are very good and you should take time to read them.

Please let us not live in any way that time would be our enemy. David went on to say in Psa. 96:2: "Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day."

To be ever seeking the praises of men is to be consuming an opiate which will benumb the highest powers and make the soul insensible to the reproach of God.

DOES It Make a Difference?

by Herbert Murray

Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, built a fire in their censer and offered incense to God. However, this was against what He had commanded. The Lord had commanded that sacrifices were to be offered with fire taken from the altar. By building their own fire, they neglected God's commandment. Instead of pleasing Him with their sacrifice, they evoked His anger, and they were destroyed for their negligence.

People today seem to have the same attitude that Nadab and Abihu had: "As long as we have good intentions, it doesn't really matter how we worship God." But we are worshiping the same God that Nadab and Abihu worshiped. **IT MADE A DIFFERENCE THEN AND IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TODAY.**

James described the Father as being one "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Our Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Samuel wrote that to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. He was speaking of the same unchanging God that we worship today. God commands obedience

rather than sacrifices or excuses.

Man is now living under the "dispensation of grace" provided for by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. But the fact we are living under grace does not release us from the obligation to keep the commandments of God. Jesus instructed us to keep the commandments (Matthew 19:17). Paul told us the law and commandment are holy (Romans 7:12). They are the sacred Word of God, and are still in effect today.

If we, through neglect or disinterest, break the commandments of God, then we shall incur the wrath of God. If we feel that keeping God's command-

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T V ?

By Calvin Burrell

Of all the household gadgets invented since toothpaste, the T. V. is probably the most marvelous. Its magic lens scans the globe to bring news breaks, sporting events, weather reports, international happenings, and all varieties of entertainment into the cool and comfortable access of your favorite living-room rocker—almost instantaneously. With just a flick of your wrist, you can change the scene ten thousand miles and one hundred years—a literal time-and-space machine! And you don't just listen either—listening went out with prayer meetings: with this gadget you have full view of all that occurs, exactly as it happens.

"I'll be perfectly honest with you—television is a fantastic invention. For educational purposes it can't be beat; newscasts and commentaries are excellent viewing; travel pictures are delightful; sports events are good entertainment. I wish that I could sincerely endorse the television 100%, but I can't. T. V. could be so fine and wholesome. Properly used for right purposes, T. V. could be one of the most powerful influences for good in our whole land. But no, the main idea of the producers seems to be "gold," not "good." We see more heed paid to T. V. rating, and viewer demand, with no care really given for the eventual benefit of the poor fellow or girl in front of the box. So in many programs, wrong themes are chosen, wrong situations are portrayed, wrong instincts are appealed to. With a magnificent opportunity to be a force for God and for good, television is doing a fair job of wrecking many lives and homes that pay daily homage to its habit-forming offerings.

Let's examine some issues closely: The same hate, crime, and murder that is wrong for you to commit personally, is wrong for you to watch and enjoy on the T.V. screen. The same unnatural and immoral sexual behavior that is sinful when shown in the movie theater downtown, is just as sinful for your entertainment when portrayed on a T.V. screen in your own living room. The same off-color jokes, suggestive remarks, and generally cheap conversation which is wrong to come from your own lips, is also wrong for you to snicker at and appreciate when it comes from your favorite T.V. personality.

The Bible states it simply and flatly: "ABHOR (hate) that which is evil" (Romans 13:9).

Now I know that there are some good programs, but many more are not. Wrong movies cheapen and destroy character. You're a better girl or fellow if you avoid them. For there's a terrifically strong tendency to be what you see. Far too often many folks who claim that they know when to turn it off are the same ones who continue to watch all, trash included, that freely emits from the box. They somehow think that they can absorb the good and allow all the undesirable to run off. They are strong in good intentions, but things just don't work that way.

But this is not my main appeal to the Christian teenager. Perhaps you love the T.V. I don't blame you, for it's quite an attractive thing. Most teenagers

spend double the time watching the box than they spend in church and church-related activities. But for Jesus' sake, you must listen and decide for yourself whether in your Christian life you can afford to watch it all.

In most rooms where a T.V. occupies a position of reverence, two other objects are usually found. One receives a place of honor in location, either nicely featured on the end table or maybe on the box itself; this object is a book. The book has two covers which always remain closed while the box blares incessantly away from morning until bedtime. The Bible remains unread, and our prayer-times forsaken.

The other object generally hangs on the wall—it is a machine operated by electricity. The machine has two hands which rotate quietly and quickly, marking each hour with a new program from the box, more beer and cigarette commercials, and a certain haunting in the memory of wasted hours, and what might have been done for Christ. In this day when everyone seems to be crying "no time," everyone seems to have plenty of time for their favorite T.V. thriller.

The closed book on the table advises, and the quiet machine on the wall urges YOU—

DON'T get hooked on T.V.

—
Man could not have written the Bible if he would and would not if he could.—JOHN WESLEY

Family Financing

Lloyd C. Clark

The July issue carried the first of several studies under this title. We suggest you read each issue for a useful understanding on this subject.

John and Mary Became "Insolvent"

ARE YOU IN DEBT? If you are, the reason for it might be found in our first study. Perhaps you have come under the spell of the "status symbol of commercial credit" society. A great mass of American people seem to feel, "If you are not in debt you are not going places." This could be true! However, you may be "going places" in the wrong direction. How can you keep up with your neighbors in the accumulation of gadgets if not in debt? Few have the cash to pay large sums of money. Thus neighbors enjoy many things while making time payments. He pays more but he has instant use.

This all sounds good. There are areas where this is necessary. The home, the car and our modern utilities are clear illustrations. But these are the family investments for their business. Beyond these, every debt could be a step farther down that dead-end road. That end is the raw reality of insolvency.

John and Mary Doe have a story about the road that had an end. John was twenty-three, with three years' seniority and a good work record at a

large auto plant. Married for two years to a much younger woman, they set up housekeeping in a furnished apartment at \$125 a month. They began to surround their lives with the things of pleasure and comfort. He purchased a color T.V.-stereo AM FM for \$800—a bargain according to the salesman who financed them through a local loan company. Mary wanted an automatic washer-dryer. Being their anniversary, John added an automatic dishwasher. A five-hundred-dollar balance was financed through a local bank. They possessed eight credit cards for stores, restaurants, gas companies, travel agencies and clubs. One month Mary's phone bill covering long distant calls to mother and friends amounted to eighty dollars. Bill, his best friend, purchased a boat and motor. John felt he could have one, too, so he set up an account at the Sears store and commenced cutting the water on a distant lake.

So it went! Shortly John found himself some \$9000 in debt with twenty-one charge accounts. True, each one was a small monthly payment but Mary could not understand

why she was so short on grocery money after paying these small charge accounts. Then one month Mary could not make all the payments. To have enough to live on that next week, she did not send a check to two of the accounts. Two weeks later the loan company put the squeeze on. John received notice in the shop that his wages had been garnished. He offered the company a partial payment but they would accept nothing but the entire account. This was the agreement signed and they would be held to it. John was unaware of this when he wrote his name on that innocent paper under the pressure of the clerk at the store.

What could he do? Two garnishments at his plant would mean a week's layoff for discipline. The third would be the loss of his job.

John talked to the foreman who directed him to the Credit Union for his company. Through the loan department he came to my office a very disturbed man. I let him talk, but the only thing he wanted was a quick loan of three hundred dollars to pay off the loan company. I knew this was no solution to his problem. Thus my approach was a simple request: "John, tomorrow at 3:00 p.m., would you bring your wife and a complete list of all your creditors to this office for a discussion of your problem?"

When John left, I phoned the manager of the loan company and secured a thirty-day grace on their account.

The next day John and Mary learned the various roads open:

1. He could take bankruptcy in which case the creditors would take possession of all security on the purchase money agreements and this would end his credit.

2. He could move to receivership where the court would receive his weekly check, deduct some 20 to 30% for the secured parties and in time pay off all accounts. A long road which had a sign to the very end, 'Do not contract other debts while in this court.'

3. He could ignore the loan company—a garnishment would continue until the account was paid.

4. Once garnishment was started, he would not have enough money to pay his other debts. Loss of a job would cut his income and all the other debtors would at once place judgments in the local courts and proceed to repossess. John and Mary were insolvent!

Both decided to follow a plan that I set up for them. They were ready for any hope and through Mary's tears the hard facts were arranged.

Here is a brief statement of the procedure of recovery which took almost five years to accomplish:

1. They moved to a much cheaper apartment.

2. Returned their T.V.-stereo, boat and motor, washer-dryer and dishwasher. Small balances remained but were paid off in the debt consolidation.

3. By request and before the Credit Union would make any financial advancement, all credit cards had to be brought to my office, destroyed and the companies informed of cancellations.

4. John sold his car, paid off the loan by the sale and purchased a bicycle which he used for over one year. He still has this and rides it for pleasure.

5. His wife returned to the office
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YOUTH CAMP '68

MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP

TO young people who have experienced the attendance at one or more youth camps, the very word "Youth Camp" is magic. It is something they plan on for weeks in advance, even having suitcases packed for more than a week before the opening of camp. Then all at once and from every direction they come.

This year 86 campers converged on the Mill Lake Outdoor Center Sunday afternoon, June 23, with two others arriving the next day to make a total of 88 campers present to enjoy a week of camp life with all of its variations.

The campers seemed to enjoy themselves tremendously, even though we of the staff sometimes wondered how they could be of such good spirits. By way of explanation, our camp week was the poorest weather we have had all season. It rained almost every day which made it necessary to cancel many of the choice recreational activities. Even the camper-staff ball game was interrupted with a shower. (Perhaps it was a good thing for the staff that it did work out that way.)

Apparently one of the real joys of Youth Camp is the privilege of being with other young people and sharing with them the many important things they have in common. Many lasting friendships are made, and it is significant that the misunderstandings and unpleasant experiences are soon forgiven and forgotten.

Highlights of the camp were the trip to the Jackson Cascades and the talent show. The Jackson Cascades, about 20 miles from the camp, are a
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MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP



Denver FYC'er leads the young people in a morning devotion service at Camp Pa He Tsi on the Lake of the Ozarks.

ON the last day of our camp, eight young people attended a baptismal class in which instructions were given concerning the steps to salvation, meaning of baptism, and requirements for Christian living.

We feel that God blessed our camp and campers in spite of the great burden of the tragedy that occurred at our camp. It was only God that made it possible for the campers to become involved in the camp program in the days following the tragic drowning of Douglas Lane, one of our campers. It was only God that helped young people to find
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OREGON YOUTH CAMP

Nestled comfortably among the tall fir trees in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon is North Silver Falls Camp, the scene of the Oregon Youth Camp. Shortly after noon on June 17, 1968, camp was opened for registration of arriving campers. Carload after carload of young people arrived from California, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. One young man came all the way from South Dakota.

As campers arrived, Camp Director Will McGill and wife, Lucy (also camp nurse), with the help of small son Galen, directed them to register with Sister Alma Strunk. Elders John Moldenhauer and Nathan Lawson helped Sister Strunk in assigning youth to respective dormitories and getting them settled. By the end of the day 93 youth had registered to become a part of camp life. While counselors and teachers spent the afternoon getting ready for the next day's classes or conversing with campers, cooks Betty McGill and Ilene Sherman were busy in the kitchen; so the first gathering of campers was for the evening meal. At 7:00 in the evening the campers were called together in the chapel where Brother McGill welcomed all campers and outlined the camp program for the week.

I invite you to come with me for a visit at camp. Listen. . . .

Buzz-z! Buzz-z! We hear the sound of the early morning rising alarm at 6:30. Reluctantly campers roll from sleeping bags and beds. Some are alert, some drowsy, but the campers do manage to get dressed and appear neatly groomed for morning worship services at 7:15.

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MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP

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series of waterfalls and sprays with colored lights focused on them. The changing colors make them a fascinating bit of scenery. One thing the younger campers enjoy is to walk up the steps along the falls and allow the spray to fall on them. There are always some who come back to the camp all wet.

The talent show is proof of the resourcefulness and acting ability of the young people. They competed by cabins at an early Friday evening assembly. Cabin 1 of the boys won with a simulation of a modern restaurant. Another cabin acted out the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Competition was keen for the honor of having the cleanest cabin with the honors going to Cabin 2 of the girls and Cabin 3 of the boys. This made it much easier to maintain a nice clean camp.

One evening when the campfire had to be held inside at the fireplace due to the weather, the older campers took advantage of the opportunity to draw near to the Lord through prayer, testimony, and good spiritual meditation. Later, when the group was asked what they enjoyed most about the camp, by far the larger majority of those who were at that campfire indicated it was the highlight experience of camp.

When young people show their preference for the more important things in life and value their spiritual experiences so highly, it gives a real appreciation of their maturity. We can have faith in the future of the church when we see young people dedicating their lives to God. At the

end of the camp, five young people were baptized in the lake which is part of the campsite.

The life of a happy young person consists of many things, all of which help to develop character and prepare him or her for a useful, worthwhile life. Many of these things are embodied in our youth camp program, including wholesome exercise, an experience in community living, a time to worship God sincerely, and Bible classes where more of God's will for man can be learned.

Our camp for 1968 is over in one sense, but may it live on in the hearts of every camper and enrich their lives for a long time to come.

—Floyd Turner

MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

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Christ real in their lives in the closing days of our camp experience. We are thankful that God is the great Comforter and that we were able to complete our camp week in such a way that our young people could still be left with memories of an enjoyable camp experience.

One of the main features of our camp in Missouri was a boat ride on the Lake of the Ozarks. The campers boarded one of the large boats that take a tour around the lake. The boat holds 200 people and gives the campers a fine view of the lake shoreline.

Our recreational program involved swimming, volleyball, badminton, tetherball and softball. It is a great blessing to be able to see the young people manifest a fine Christian spirit in the midst of a close ballgame. I believe these moments when true Christian attributes are called for real-



The Missouri Youth Campers gathered for the Sabbath morning service in the midst of a rousing chorus session.

ly test and prove the reality of the campfire experience that the campers have.

This year's campers really loved to sing and they spent many hours making beautiful harmony with gospel choruses. It was a real privilege to witness the young people taking leadership responsibilities at camp. Often they would bring inspiring thoughts as they led out in the early morning devotions.

As is usually the case, the evening services around the campfire were the

most outstanding aspect of our camp experience. God blessed the camp abundantly with His spirit and several young people found Jesus Christ real for the first time. Many others renewed their covenant with God, promising to give more to Him than they had in the past.

Testimonies, prayers, and confessions were given that came from the very depths of the young people's hearts. Outstanding declarations of intent to serve God completely were made. These experiences cause one



Doctor Carlin and the campers of his cabin after they had won the award for having the cleanest cabin.

Junior campers make evening recreation and supper time the same event as they enjoy a wiener roast during one evening of camp.



to be once again thrilled with the camp experience.

As in other years, we can conclude that camp was an experience offering spiritual help to many young people and we look forward to our camp next year with great anticipation of God's blessing.

—Dale Lawson

OREGON YOUTH CAMP

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Chapel service consists of a few good rousing choruses and a short talk by Elder Lawson or one of the older boys in our camp.

Following chapel, we have breakfast at 8:00. Campers line up, someone is called upon to ask God's blessing, and the food line moves along the deck to be served the hearty and delicious food. Campers sit at picnic-type tables in the long, clean dining hall. After meals a number of campers, boys and girls alike, help clean up the dirty dishes and clear the kitchen and dining room. Willing helpers enjoy working together and a different set of campers help at each mealtime.

There is time between breakfast and nine o'clock chapeltime for campers to make beds, clean dormitories, and visit with friends. They are serious about having neat dormitories, for someone checks dormitories each day and a treat is promised to the group having the neatest dorm during camptime.

At nine o'clock the buzzer sounds for service and a stream of youth enters the chapel, Bibles in hand. Sandy Moldenhauer takes her place at the piano and Elder Lawson takes his place at the chapel front to lead singing. After several lively choruses, someone is called upon to offer prayer. Brother McGill makes announcements for the day. Each day a different minister gives a message at this time, messages geared to youth in keeping with the theme of the camp, "BUILDING LIFE'S HIGHWAY TO ETERNITY."

Bible classes start at 10:00 with various ministers teaching the different age groups. Senior youth meet with Elder Benight; junior-high age youth meet with Elder Moldenhauer and Elder Walker; the 35 juniors (9, 10 and 11 years of age) meet in the large dining hall with half of

them at one end of the hall for Bible class and the other half at the other end of the hall for crafts. Sister Thelma Severance has the Bible class while Sister Donna Towery directs crafts with the assistance of Sisters Arlona Jellison, Mary Haeger, and Delora Dais. There are a few minutes of break for all campers about 11:00 and classes resume until lunchtime.

Classes are over and it's time for another good meal. Um-m-m, the meals are good. Campers are hungry and not much food is wasted here. Some campers return for "seconds."

Afternoon is time for recreation and everyone makes the most of it. Teams compete in softball, table tennis, basketball, and shuffleboard. Most popular recreational spot of all is the heated swimming pool. Lifeguard Will McGill watches carefully as youngsters dive, swim, and splash in glee. Playing takes much energy, so many boys and girls throng to the canteen for snacks during the afternoon (proceeds pay for heating the pool). There is time for hiking into the rugged mountains to follow the trail around the route of the many waterfalls along Silver Creek. The hike is taken as a group on Friday afternoon.

Supper is at 5:00 followed by plenty of free time until the service at 7:00. Choruses are sung and several specials presented by the youth. Quiz teams compete for high place, questions being taken from Acts, chapters 1-8. Team members studied hard ahead of time and some are on their feet to answer even before questions are finished by the emcee. Competition is friendly but keen.

After an hour of free time to visit or play, it is time for fireside services.

These services are held in a cleared area amongst the towering Douglas fir trees. The campers take their places on little wooden benches made from split logs placed in a semi-circle around a crackling campfire. Elder Lawson takes his place in the center near the fire and begins the service by leading some choruses. Then as a hush falls over the forest and we can feel God's presence near, Elder Lawson speaks to us of God's love and what peace we can have if we will accept Christ into our hearts. Then as Elder Lawson calls for a prayer circle around the campfire our hearts are warmed by not just a few but all of the campers going forward to join the prayer circle with many of them giving their hearts to the Lord! So ends a typical day at youth camp.

You have had a brief visit with me at camp, and I am sure you will agree that it is a worthwhile venture.

Now I would like to tell you more of camp experiences as they happened back in June.

The schedule for juniors was a bit different than for the older youth. Juniors arose at 7:15 in the morning and did not attend early services. Their morning schedule was the same as for the youth, but they had "Do-It-Time" which the older ones did not have in the afternoon. Sister Jellison led this activity with Sister Severance assisting. (Sister Roberta Williams had prepared "Do-It-Time" materials and much of the craft materials, but was unable to be at camp because of illness in her family.) During this time, juniors collected and mounted leaves and seeds found on a hike. They filled out nature-related workbooks which tied in the morning Bible lesson with the mature lessons found in God's outdoor world.

Some of the juniors clamored for a hike away from camp to the scenic falls area. Elder Benight enthusiastically agreed to a hike with the juniors and Brother Ben Dais willingly accompanied them for the hour-and-a-half walk along the wilderness trail.

Junior fireside services were an hour earlier than the youth services with Elder Walker taking charge of the service. He sang choruses with the youngsters and told Bible stories which he related to the juniors' own lives. A prayer circle was formed and many juniors responded with simple prayers as Brother Walker encouraged them. Fireside seemed to be the favorite service of the day for juniors. There was a bit of time to play before bedtime at 9:30. There was so much exuberance on the part of both juniors and youth that bedtime usually came a bit after schedule for both bedtimes (youth at 10:30), while tired counselors wished for youthful energy for themselves.

Sabbath day was time for parents and friends to visit camp. Regular Sabbath services were held as is usual in home churches. Something not usual was the baptismal class which twenty-nine young people attended, most of whom planned to be baptized in their home churches following camp. A heart-reaching sermon was preached by Elder Walker and many young people responded to the call to give themselves unreservedly to God. Afternoon services, planned and presented by the young people, consisted of specials and short talks by several of the young men who pointed their young listeners to the right way to follow God. There was a lengthy time for rest and visitation in the afternoon and evening. Visi-

tors were welcome to all meals during the day.

The last general meeting of the camp was held at the end of the Sabbath. Following choruses and a summing up of camp experiences, awards were presented to various individuals. Certificates went to members of winning recreational teams, as well as the winning quiz team.

The senior boys won the "neatest room" check and were invited to have an ice cream treat later in the evening. All were breathlessly quiet as Brother McGill announced that it was time to award citizenship trophies to outstanding campers. "Honorable mention for outstanding junior camper," said Brother McGill, "goes to Karen Larson. The trophy goes to Peggy Williams," and Peggy walked to the front to receive her award. Brother McGill further announced, "Honorable mention for senior campers goes to Vale Hartley, Loren Stacy, Jim Fischer, Keith Ripley, and Lyndon McGill. Winner of the trophy is Judy Williams!" There was audible approval as Judy received her trophy. Awards were made on the basis of cooperation, helpfulness, and practicing of Christian principles during participation in camp activities.

Camp was a stirring experience as young people and their leaders worked together in play and in worship. Leaders met daily in conference to make camp life a harmonious working together. Various youth helped as song leaders, emcees, or musicians. As they worked, played, or prayed together they built good foundations for LIFE'S HIGHWAY. Commitments made at camp started them on the right highway to Eternity.

—Submitted by Thelma Severance and Will McGill

Editorial

"I will live again." These were the confident words of one of a sizeable group who are attempting to preserve their bodies in a liquid nitrogen freezer in dry ice at a temperature of 196° below zero. Man's desperate attempt to achieve immortality! These people work feverishly on their experiment, believing that their bodies will be preserved in a permanent state.

I prefer the confidence expressed by Job when he said: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

This man of God was not concerned about the material things around him—nor even about preserving his own body. He knew God could restore him at the resurrection day. His concern was that he feel the great heartbeat of God within himself. His concern was that he remain faithful and that he put his heavenly Father first in his life.

In contrast, we see the vast majority of people today placing their efforts and hopes in material things. The attempted preservation of their own bodies in liquid nitrogen is a candid example of the tendency to have faith and hope only in what can be seen.

In today's world of plenty, we as Christians must guard against placing our efforts and allegiance in only those things which we can see. We are warned in God's Word not to be taken up by the "cares of life."

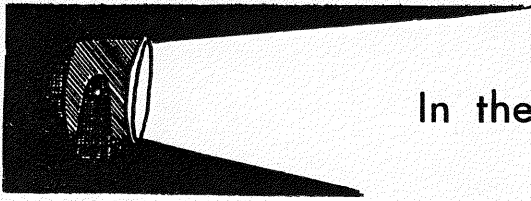
We are also reminded that we are to be a peculiar people. One of the greatest ways we should be different from those who do not have hope in Christ is in our general attitude and outlook concerning events and conditions around us.

With no thought of vain attempts to preserve our bodies, we will work for God, knowing that "my redeemer liveth and . . . in my flesh shall I see God."

When frightening events take place in the world, we can find hope rather than despair. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

Knowing these things, we fail to contrast the Christian outlook with that of others if we, as others, speak with blind despair and ignorance rather than expressing in our conversation and living the real hope and encouragement that may be found in seeing these things come to pass.

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In the Spotlight

Fort Smith, Arkansas F.Y.C.

The Fort Smith FYC has been organized according to the National FYC Constitution for several years. They have stated that their greatest desire is to do all they can for the Lord while there is yet time. All faithful FYCers should share this same desire. They feel that young people of the Church of God (7th Day) are not like the youth of this world. The goal of Christian young people is to seek Eternal Life in the Kingdom of God and not worldly pleasure.

The Fort Smith youth hold a business meeting the first Saturday night

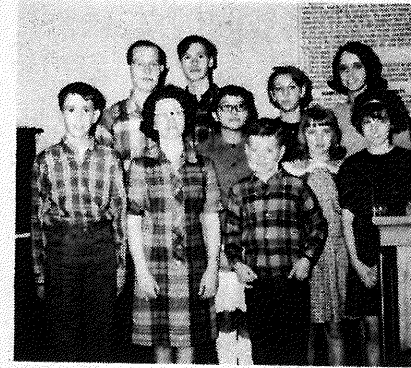
of each month at their church. Youth programs, projects, socials, and other activities are planned at this meeting. They also hold a youth program on the first Sabbath of each month. Each program is planned well to make it enjoyable and uplifting.

Brother and Sister Eugene Rodgers are the sponsors of the youth activities. Brother Rodgers spends much time taking slides of the youth activities so that they can view them later. This proves very interesting to the local FYC members.

In 1967 the group lacked only 15



The Fort Smith F.Y.C. group. First row (L to R): Connie Woodruff, Romona Kerby, Linda Estabon, Terry Younger, Anthony Morse, Steve Woods, Peggy Harris; Second Row: John Marley, Herman Yeakley, Doris Peters, Jan Hamilton, Marcia Woods, Shareen Kerby; Back Row: Ricky Everett, Jim Tuck, Danny Morse, Larry Harris, Dennis Harris, Linda Harris.



Part of the group at a youth meeting.

points winning a Gold Mark of Merit award. They had to settle for the Silver Award. This year they are working to win the Gold Award.

Their officers this year are: Peggy Harris, Leader; Danny Morse, Assistant Leader; Shareen Kerby, Secretary; Marcia Woods, Assistant Secretary. They have been made very happy lately to receive two new members into their group. We trust that their group will also win many more young people to the light of the Truth.



Marcia Woods, Shareen Kerby and Peggy Harris sing at a young people's program.

FAMILY FINANCING

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where she had worked and helped in the finances for two years.

6. His Credit Union loaned him about \$4000 and paid off all the other creditors, setting up monthly payments for about half his previous charges and saved him many dollars by a low interest rate.

John and Mary cooperated with the plan. He still has a very shaky credit in the city but at the Credit Union he has a line of credit up to \$2000, and with the use of other security he is open for some six thousand dollars at his request. His present loan is \$1252 with an eye on a 1969 Skylark in some six months from this writing. He has a payroll deduction coming to the Credit Union which pays on his account and builds a savings bearing a 5% dividend. Above this, they have a little baby boy with an educational insurance fund through the Credit Union.

DID JOHN & MARY RECOVER?

Six years have passed. Some valuable lessons about financing, over-extension of credit and the right of debtors and creditors have been painfully experienced. Most of all, out of a confused and a very shaky marriage, some deep lessons of love, cooperation and family planning have been learned. Today, these two are proud of their accomplishments, a battle faced and won.

All debts are paid. They have one loan at their Credit Union where we now care for all their financial needs other than their newly purchased home out in the country.

A story of a much wiser family financier—I am sure they wish you to learn something from this experience.

Bits and Pieces

Compiled by
Barbara Lucas

Trials and Temptations

The Postage Stamp Lesson

There was a little postage stamp
No bigger than your thumb;
But still it stuck right to the job
Until the work was done.
They licked it and pounded it
Till it would make you sick;
But the more it took a lick'n
The better it would stick.
Let's be like the postage stamp
In playing life's rough game;
And just keep on a stickin'
Though we hang our heads in shame.
The stamp stuck to the letter
Till it saw it safely through
There's no one can do better—
Let's keep sticking and be true.

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*"And ye shall be hated of all men
for my name's sake: but he that en-
dureth to the end shall be saved"*
(Matt. 10:22).

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*If you are not afraid to face the
music, someday you may lead the
band.*

* * *

*A person falls into temptation be-
cause he is unwilling to stand up
against it.*

IN ALL THESE THINGS

*"In all these things we are more
than conquerors through Him that
loved us" (Rom. 8:37).*

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**God's promise is not freedom
From trials in the race;
But, power to transcend them
Through HIS Sufficing Grace.
Not rest instead of labor,
But in the labor, rest;
Not calm instead of tempest,
But, calm when sore distressed.
Not light instead of darkness,
Not joy instead of grief;
But, brightness in the midnight,
And in the woe, relief.
Not gain instead of losses,
Not ease instead of pain;
But, balm upon the anguish,
And losses bringing gain.
Not strength instead of weakness,
Not smile instead of tears,
Not peace instead of conflict,
Not song instead of fears;
But, Weakness filled with power,
And tears with radiance spread,
And peace amid the battle,
And song e'er fears are fled.**

Norman F. Douty

If you have plenty of push, you
will not be bothered by a pull.

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HOW TO REGARD OUR TRIALS

God has settled in heaven cer-
tain trials of our faith which
will as surely befall us as the
Crown of Glory be given us at
Christ's appearing. When a trial
comes upon me, let me look
upon it as sent for a "peculiar
blessing." If I receive it thus,
I shall not consider "how heavy
it is" nor ask, "When will it be
removed?" but, "How much ad-
vantage shall I gain through it?
How shall I turn it to the best
account?" (See 1 Pet. 1:7).

Author Unknown

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The vessel that sails the stead-
iest is often the most heavily
burdened.

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To realize the worth of an
anchor, we need to feel the
storm. So it is with having
Christ as our anchor.

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WHY SUFFERING COMES

God would never send you the dark-
ness

If He felt you could bear the light;
But you would not cling to His
guiding hand

If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by
faith,

Could you always walk by sight.

It is true He has many an anguish
For your sorrowful heart to bear;
And many a cruel-thorn crown
For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach
Glory at all
If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding dark-
ness,
And the furnace of sevenfold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to His feet;
For 'tis always so easy to wander
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Fa-
ther's,
And sing, if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer someone be-
hind you,

Whose courage is sinking low;
And remember that trials and suf-
fering
Are sent to help us grow.

Author Unknown

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God does not comfort us that we
may be comfortable, but that we
may be comforters.

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When the outlook is dark, try the
UPLOOK!

* * *

When you get to the end of your
rope—tie a knot and hang on.

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In trying times—don't stop trying.

*He is happy whose circumstances
suit his temper, but he is more excel-
lent who can suit his temper to his
circumstances.*

Make a

MARK OF MERIT

By Nathan Lawson

Why earn a Mark of Merit? This question is probably on the minds of many young people.

The National FYC has set up guidelines of activities which they believe will provide an active, interesting program for the local FYC's. There is a real accomplishment in keeping your group working for Christ. Our whole goal and purpose is to provide proper activities for our Youth and to win souls for the Kingdom of God. It is a real challenge to keep your group moving in the Mark of Merit program.

Recently, a youth asked me, "How do I face the temptations and trials of life whenever I become a Christian?"

Youth, I believe that the answer lies in "getting involved" in the Youth Activities and program of your church. Get involved! Make your FYC something that is interesting, challenging, and uplifting to you and your fellow FYCers. Make the work of the Church your very life. Here is the answer to today's problems that you face—and to Eternity too. If you get involved, "really involved" in God's work, then you will find that your spiritual life will grow and the temptations will no longer bother you.

Not a day goes by that I don't think of the young people of the Church of God, and the great work that we can do if we each make God's work our very life. I hope that we can get every FYC busily and happily engaged in this great work. Remember, it is your work.

WATCH NEXT MONTH'S AIM for:

. . . A full report of the second quarter activities of the Mark of Merit program.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

This month's project is to plan and carry out a fireside service
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MINUTEMAN

Our Minuteman Program is geared to help us to have a better memorized knowledge of the Scriptures. Many Bible students can quote Scripture, but they are stumped when it comes to giving the chapter and the verse. Here is a little quiz in which the quotation and the chapter are given. Listed below are books of the Bible. You are to select the correct Book of the Bible. Sounds real easy. Now take your pencil and try it.

There are ten Bible quotations. For each correct answer give yourself ten points. Seventy means that you are studying. Ninety is proof that you have really been studying, and that you are well-grounded in the Bible. If you score 100 points praise the Lord!

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| Matthew | Proverbs | 1 Timothy | and thou shalt be saved" |
| Exodus | Acts | Revelation | 16:30, 31. |
| Jude | Romans | Luke | 6. "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain" |
| Ruth | John | Isaiah | 20:7. |
- "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" 3:36.
 - "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" 1:15.
 - "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" 4:12.
 - "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" 10:9.
 - "What must I do to be saved? . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, 7:13.

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(For your memory verses for this month, memorize the first eight verses listed here.)

2T4G Take Time For God

By Kathleen Roche

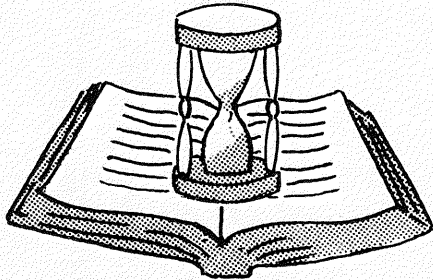
This month let us take a lesson from the title of this column—"Take Time for God." In this fast-moving world of today we tend to become so wrapped up in attaining the goals and necessities of this life that we all too often neglect to *Take Time for God*.

It has been said that if one lives to be 70 years of age and is an average person, he spends:

- 23 years sleeping
- 19 years working
- 9 years playing
- 6 years traveling
- 2 years dressing himself
- 1 year in the house of God.

We take so little time for God. Each day we take time to sleep. When we feel hungry, we take time to eat. And when an appliance needs repair, we take time to fix it. Why then do we use the excuse, "I just don't have time to read the Bible today"? Countless blessings await us when we draw nigh to God. We *take* time for everything else and if we are to be fruit-bearing Christians, we must also take time for God.

The 2T4G Program is just one way in which we can take time for God. It is time wisely spent, too, for it is through daily prayer and study of His Word that we can become better ac-



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quainted with the best Friend we'll ever know.

"There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So we see that when we take time to help others, we are also taking time for God.

There are countless other ways of serving God. And of course there are also many material matters that we must attend to. Often we wonder how we are ever going to get everything done at once. We must realize that: "We *cannot* get everything done at once." And if that one thing is according to God's will, He will reward our efforts.

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We can have pity in our hearts for those who feel it necessary to search for a material way to preserve their body for a future time. More than pity, we must have compassion—compassion enough to do our part to acquaint others with a loving God Who waits with outstretched arms not only to preserve peace and love in our hearts now, but Who will "deliver [us] from every evil work, and will preserve [us] unto his heavenly Kingdom."

A switch in time saves crime.

ANSWERS TO

"WHAT BOOK IS IT IN?"
(Quiz on page 31.)

1. John
2. 1 Timothy
3. Acts
4. Romans
5. Acts
6. Exodus
7. Revelation
8. Proverbs
9. Isaiah
10. Matthew

If we feel we are bigger than our place, it is likely that we are thinking more of ourselves than God thinks of us.

for your local FYC. Start by singing choruses and then have your pastor give a short talk and lead a testimony service. Perhaps you can have a prayer circle with all FYCers taking part. This project can be carried out the last part of August or the month of September. It will serve as a reminder of the many blessings that we have received at such services at youth camp. You could have a wiener roast after the service.

news and reminders . . .

Gift Subscriptions for Foreign Workers

We are looking for F.Y.C. groups that would like to give subscriptions so that the leaders of our F.Y.C. groups in foreign lands can have AIM Magazine and follow the work of F.Y.C. groups in this country. If your F.Y.C. group is interested, please write to the National F.Y.C. Office, 316 Willow Street, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

FYC Motto Contest for 1969

The National F.Y.C. will be selecting a MOTTO for 1969 and we would like your help. We are sponsoring a 1969 MOTTO CONTEST. To enter the contest just write your choice for a motto along with a paragraph of no less than 50 words and no more than 100 words telling why you feel that your motto would be a good one for 1969. Your motto must be no more than 6 words long.

An example of a previous motto that may stimulate your thinking was the motto of 1964: "Grow More in '64."

No entries postmarked later than

November 10 will be considered. Mail your entries to:

1969 Motto Contest
Bible Advocate Press
Stanberry, Missouri 64489

A committee consisting of Elder Dale Lawson (Departmental Chairman), Jewell Linville (Department Treasurer), and Hope Dais (AIM Editor) will select the winning motto. It will be announced in the December 1968 AIM.

The winner of the Motto Contest will be given a cash award of \$5.

National F.Y.C. Registration

Several groups have sent in their F.Y.C. registration and soon we will run a tabulation of the registration. Make sure that your group has been registered with the National F.Y.C. so that we will be able to have better correspondence with all FYCers. Send the names, age, sex, and whether or not he is a subscriber to AIM for every FYCer in your group.

Send your registrations to Elder Dale Lawson, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

August Youth Camps

OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP—August 11-17

Murray State Park, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Write to: Allan R. Burlison, 4623 South Toledo, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP—August 18-26

Pacific Pines Camp, Crestline, California

Write to: Victor A. Youngs, 2107 S. Palmetto, Ontario, California 91762

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Eastern Camp Meeting

EASTERN DISTRICTS CAMP MEETING will be held at Camp Wabanna near Mayo, Maryland, August 18 through 25. For further information write to Elder Floyd A. Turner, 3466 Bennington Rd., Owosso, Michigan 48867.

DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? (Continued from page 13)

ments is not necessary, we should remember that Jesus instructed us to keep the commandments. If we feel that it doesn't matter how we worship Him as long as we are sincere, we should remember that we serve the same God that destroyed Nadab and Abihu for that same careless attitude. GOD DOESN'T CHANGE.

"LET US HEAR THE CON-

CLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

"FOR GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT, WITH EVERY SECRET THING, WHETHER IT BE GOOD, OR WHETHER IT BE EVIL" (Eccl. 12:13, 14).