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Minute events are the things on which magnificent results turn.—In a watch the smallest link, chain, ratchet, cog or crank, is as essential as the main spring itself.—If one falls out the whole will stand still.—CUMMING.

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A Better Christian for 1963

Cecyl Fischer

EACH JANUARY 1st thousands—no, millions—of well-meaning Americans greet the infant year with a list, long or short, of resolutions for their self betterment. But come another January millions of well-meaning Americans will cast a fleeting guilty back-glance at the resolutions which have one by one settled silently into the giant rubbish can of neglect amidst the heaps of those legion who met such fate in years past. Surely there must be some good reason for the faithfulness of these good intentions. Surely there is a remedy.

To me it is no mystery. It seems evident that no being holds within himself the power to overcome self. If then you have resolved to be a better Christian in 1963 (and if you haven't, you should), then you must seek daily strength from a power higher than yourself. That then, is the number one key to success in 1963, daily—I repeat, DAILY—devotions. You haven't time? Don't even dare to say it. No one HAS time, he TAKES it. We have 24 hours every day—that's 1,440 minutes and even if you hold a job or go to school, nearly 1,000 of them are yours to do with as you choose. If you have time to prepare and eat your meals, if you have time to take a bath, if you have time to read your mail, or to watch your favorite television pro-

gram, then you have time to read your Bible and pray.

A Christian should be careful however not to let prayer become a mechanical thing. When you kneel to pray, don't rush into it. Just meditate a moment or two until you can feel awareness of God and feel that you are truly talking to Him. Try praying aloud even when you are alone and you will be amazed how much closer you will feel to God.

In becoming a better Christian, as in becoming a better anything,—student, musician, athlete, writer, anything—there are two necessary approaches, practicing the "dos" and avoiding the "don'ts." By simply heeding the don'ts, we become known as careful and tactful, but not progressive. By simply practicing the "dos" we become known as progressive and energetic, but careless and bull-headed. Putting the two together we become a mature, purposeful being. Besides the "dos" and "don'ts" on aspiring to be anything worthy usually follows an example or an instructor. To a Christian, both the example and the instructor are Christ.

The number two key (for there are three) is a "don't." DON'T speak without first thinking, "Is it necessary? Is it kind? Will it hurt another?" It seems like a very simple rule, to think before speaking, but in practice it becomes very, very large

—perhaps the largest hurdle a Christian must master. If you think for a moment it is a small thing, read James 3. Here is an excerpt from the 6th verse, “. . .the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity . . . it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.” Does that sound small? Or in the 2nd verse, “If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”

The number three key to success in 1963 is to overcome the tendency which is the villain in “The Case of the Dying Resolutions”—putting things off—pure old procrastination. When you think of something you should do, do it today or give it a special place in your schedule for tomorrow. If it is a simple thing like a phone call to cheer someone, do it now; if it is something which takes planning, write it down and set a definite time aside to complete it. Never say “Sometime.” Every time you hear yourself say, “I really ought to . . .” then DO. Put to use the Scriptures you read in your daily devotions. You may have noticed, if you took algebra or geometry, that the principles and theorems which you used so frequently as a student are very vague and unfamiliar to you now. The reason of course is that you haven’t had occasion to use them in your daily life, unless your profession or your course of study is of such a nature. The same is true of religious principles. When a Scripture impresses you, put it to use; otherwise it will soon be forgotten. Put it to use TODAY.

It has been said, “The best preparation for tomorrow is to make good use of today.” I believe it. I

have many times heard the saying, “Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.” I would like to rephrase it to “Today is the tomorrow to which you put things off yesterday.”

Consider a young man who wants to become a great author. Suppose in the morning he gets up with a great idea for a story. But after breakfast, he polishes his shoes, he walks the dog, he washes his car, he eats lunch, he plays a game of tennis after which he is exhausted, so he takes a short nap. Add a few other distractions and time out for supper, after which he gets interested in television, the evening paper, he takes a bath and it is bedtime. The paper in the typewriter is still blank and why should tomorrow be different? No matter how earth-shaking his plot might be, the man will die, not an author, but a “would-be” or a “could-have-been” author. The value of ideas is not to be minimized, but it is in the doing that we become what we set out to be. It is in the doing that we become great.

As we enter the New Year, let us take God to be our Father; Jesus Christ to be our Saviour; the Holy Spirit to be our Guide; the Bible to be the rule of our life; Christian people to be our associates; and Christian work our duty and privilege. Remember these three keys to success.

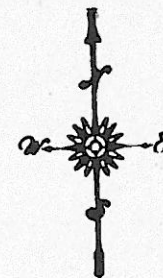
1. Have daily devotions.
2. Think before you speak.
3. Don’t put things off.

As Horace Mann put it, “I have never heard anything about the “resolutions” of the Apostles, but I have heard a great deal about the Acts of the Apostles.”

The COMPASS

and the

Spirit of God



S. J. Kauer

WE LIVE in a world of material things—things which we can see or feel or taste or hear. Because so much of the world is material there is always a danger that we may consider that only material things are important. This is one of the prevailing sins of our time. People are so wrapped up in their material work and pleasures that they do not recognize the value of spiritual things. But even as in the material world some of the most powerful forces are invisible, so it is with the things of God.

Let us take for our illustration the power of magnetism. From very early times men had observed that certain heavy black stones attracted iron. This was called *lodestone*. The Greeks feared to sail boats near a certain island on which there was a great deal of lodestone because they said it would draw the iron nails out of the boat and cause it to fall apart. While the force of magnets is not this great, it is still very important.

It was discovered that by stroking an iron bar with a lodestone, the bar would become a magnet. And when a bar magnet is suspended at the center, either by being hung by a thread

or balanced on a needle point, the bar always swings to a north and south position. A compass is simply a small bar magnet which is free to pivot on a needle point. But what makes it point north?

If we place a bar magnet under a sheet of paper and then sprinkle iron filings on the paper we at once see an interesting pattern. The filings arrange themselves in curved lines arching between the ends of the magnet and extending out from each end in a fan shape. We cannot see anything around the magnet but the iron filings show that it is surrounded by lines of force or a magnetic field. If we bring two bar magnets near each other we find that two of the ends will have strong attraction for each other, but if the ends are reversed there will be a strong repulsion. But a magnet suspended directly above another will take the same lengthwise position as the other or in other words will line up directly parallel to the other magnet. The ends are marked N and S and we find the N end attracted to the S end of the other.

Now all this gives us the clue to why and how the compass works.

The action of the small magnet, which is the compass needle, in taking always a north and south position shows that there are lines of magnetic force in the air. In fact it is found that the earth itself is a great magnet and lines of force extend from pole to pole all around the earth.

What a wonderful provision God has made for us in making the earth a magnet. Because of this man can travel anywhere in the world without getting lost so far as directions are concerned. The invisible lines of force in combination with a compass show the right way to go providing the person knows the direction he wants to go or should go.

In the same manner there is an invisible force in the world called the Spirit of God. In combination with the Bible, the Spirit shows us the right Way of life. But just as the lines of force of the earth are of no value to us without a compass, so the Spirit helps us only in connection with the Bible. And as the compass

shows all the directions, so the Bible tells us about different ways of life. But unlike the compass, the Bible also shows the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways. The way is pointed out but it is up to us to make the choice. In olden times Moses said to Israel, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil . . . therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deut. 30:15, 19). Joshua said, "... choose you this day whom ye will serve," and for himself he said, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

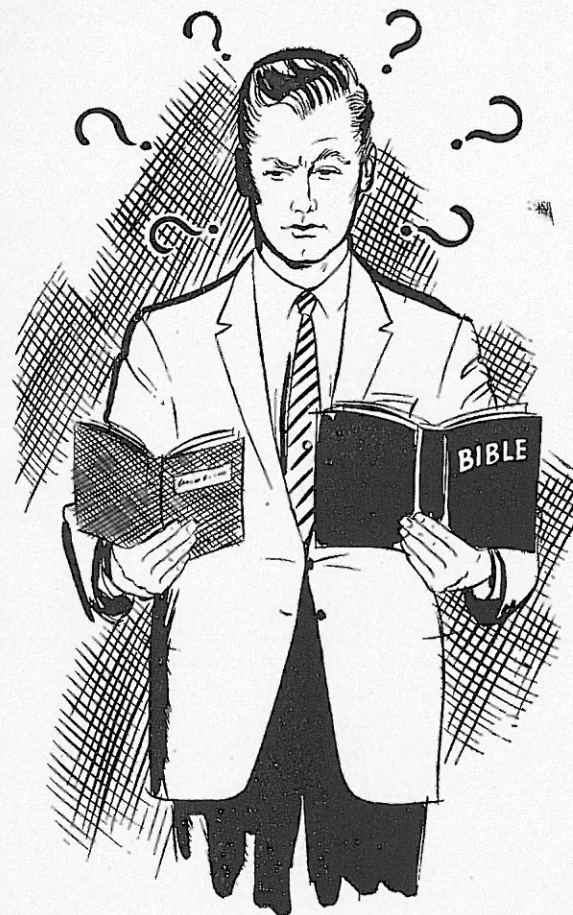
The invisible force of God's Spirit is all around us and if we take the Bible as our compass, we can find the true Way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The Bible not only shows the direction, but it tells the right way to go. Let us recognize the "magnetism" of God's Spirit. Let us use God's "compass."

Preparation

To most of us Friday is the preparation day for the oncoming Sabbath. We clean the house; we prepare the food that we plan to serve on the Sabbath day; we service the car—but oops! What do we forget? Wouldn't it be well if we spent some time "cleaning out" of our minds all of our worldly cares and worries to the extent that they wouldn't even have to be discussed on the Sabbath? If we'd prepare ample spiritual food so that we'd have more blessings to "serve" others we meet? And if we'd "service" ourselves so that we'd be able to "run smoothly" all day Sabbath, come what may—be "fueled-up" so we could be "on fire" for God all day long, and be clean and shiny inside and out—free from all filth and unrighteousness, shining as only happy Christians can?

With our homes, cars, and hearts all in top condition, we cannot fail to be happy and blessed on God's holy Sabbath day!

—DELORES O. FISCHER



Complexity, Perplexity

Bob McIntyre

COMPARING the third line of the second paragraph on page 1268 with other historical accounts, you will note an inference to the works of Marcus Complexus, who stated . . . "blah, blah!"

In an age where people are labeled with different types of complexes: inferior, superior, oedipus, and others; we could justifiably identify our times as the Complex Age. Man is no longer a single-volume existence—his two hundred and four bones have been meticulously named; his muscular system's function and purpose are covered by many, many books; his mental studies are growing to library proportions. Everything is getting complicated—even a single-celled bacteria would tire of reading what he is and how he exists. And in every field, elaboration is

the trend and once accepted simplicity is no longer considered unless it is accompanied with ten references and six diagrams showing how simple it really is.

But the most confusing, most befuddling field is Religion—and this is the very thing most important to you—you need to be in the know! (Why? For one reason; so you won't be completely perplexed by your life and your purpose!) But how can you understand when everyone has a particular opinion or idea? How can you know the God Who reveals His Way through the Bible when thousands of

books have been written about what this Book says? Surely, few of us live near large libraries or have several lifetimes enabling us to read all of these books—so what is the solution for this disconcerting problem?

To begin, forget about the books that say what man thinks about the Bible and God—and study what God through the Bible says about you. And if you then have the courage to accept that you're not really so grand, that you might be comparable to a worm, that you are much better at creating than solving world problems, that your own way of life is not acceptable by God's standards; then you are on the verge of the greatest soul-shaking discoveries of your life. Don't stop now—read on in the Bible and after proving that God means what He says, accept the other things which He says.

You will note that God has ordained living laws that you can look into and see your image—laws that reflect how you're doing in the eyes of your Creator. And later on, if you really care for God, and want to have a happy life, you will obey these Laws, "... this is Love, that we walk after His Commandments" (II John 6). And you will also do well to observe that even the largest majority cannot change or annul one of God's "least commandments."

These laws are quite simple—based on the Ten Commandments that you may already know by heart. Unlike many of man's laws, God simplified these ten into only two principles: "... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

After studying these two principals, you cannot sanely dispute that they are wrong, harsh, or cruel; but when it comes to applying them, you will probably say, "Impossible!" And you must apply them—you must do them! After all, God commands you to love—and this a positive action, not something you do not do! (Can you imagine love without any actions to convincingly express it? Who would believe just a word?) But in a selfish world where unselfish love is not required; God's commandments, indeed, seem too idealistic and impractical. Nevertheless, God requires that you choose life or death (Deuteronomy 30:19)! IF you choose life, it is a must that you accept the Life-Giver's way that directs, corrects, and reflects real living.

To the retorts that God's Way cannot be followed and need not be observed, Jesus says that if you are to enter life, you will keep the commandments (Matthew 19:17) and shows HOW they can be kept: "... with men it is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (vv. 25, 26). God's perfect, holy, just, good, steadfast law is simply, LOVE. A way of unselfish love; but without God's love shed abroad in your heart, you are a weakling and can never more than say His Way is best. Without God's forgiveness for your sins, you're still under the Law for you have broken it and must pay the penalty. And human frailty hinders you from serving and fulfilling God's Law—you need help to do the Law, "... for the doers shall be justified." God provides assistance through His very

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Our Great Heritage

Sue Schock

HAVE YOU ever stopped to consider what it means to have freedom—freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press? Let us analyze only one of these, although all three are parallel in meaning.

Would you continue to go to church the way you have in the past if you lived in another country where this freedom was against governmental ruling? I know that some of you would immediately say to yourself "Of course!" However, I want to have you think for a moment about this all-important question. Does Christ reign superior enough in your heart that nothing, including death, could keep you from worshiping as you see fit? These are, indeed, very serious questions. Think on them for awhile.

In studying somewhat about the life and history of Russia, I have come across many startling facts. Russia has a population, as of January 1, 1962, of approximately 220,000,000. Of that number, there are 9,716,005 members of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R. Just because you live in Russia, does not make you a Communist or a member of the Communist Party by any means. In order to become a member, a current member of the Party must recommend him on the basis of whether he will be of benefit to the

Party. To show you the importance of membership, only one out of every ten persons recommended for membership are actually admitted.

"The Party demands the entire man or woman... the requirements of implicit obedience and hard work generally remain. In particular, Party members are expected throughout their lives [to]... carry out Party directives to the letter and influence those with whom they come in contact."**

Notice the importance stressed here. The "entire man or woman," "implicit obedience," and "influence" everyone with whom he comes in contact. These are pretty strong terms.

Yes, I think you will agree with me when I say our great and precious heritage is one we, as Christians, cannot and must not overlook. Let us pray that our lives may remain faithful to Him while we worship in this great land in the freedom of our beliefs. We must continually thank God for his blessings to us for allowing us to live in this land of freedom.

**Nicholas V. Riasanovsky, *A History of Russia*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1963), p. 615.

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Every calling is great when greatly pursued.



Don't Bruise the Wood

There is an old saying among carpenters that carries with it an important truth of life. To the young apprentice, the older and more experienced craftsmen will say, kindly, "Hit the nail on the head, but be careful not to bruise the wood." Often this skill is learned only after much bitter experience.

Hit the nail on the head, but don't bruise the wood! These words speak of craftsmanship in kindness as well as that of wood. How do you utter the word of criticism without hurting the individual? How do you make the protest to a friend without harming the friendship? This requires great skill in human relations. It takes gentleness and understanding.

Some folks have found that when you mix criticism, for example, with genuine appreciation you gain an admirer instead of losing a friend. He who is bent only on criticism can often be unjust. He can allow his perspective to be distorted. He can hit the nail, perhaps, but he will bruise the wood and ruin the piece.

No question about it, there is an art to hitting the nail without bruising the wood. It requires our best thinking, our deepest concern for the other person. Any criticism ought to be offered in love. Any protest ought to be given with calm deliberation. It is easy to condemn, easy to find fault, for none of us is perfect. But let us remember that if the wood is bruised then all may be lost.

—H. M. Rosenberger
in *Sunshine*

Be a Builder

Every individual comes into the world invested with the responsibility of adding a bit to its progress, of leaving it a little better or more beautiful than he found it; of giving to life something of himself, that life may know he has had a part in the grand scheme of things. As Channing Pollock so often said: "Life is a giant pyramid, to which each man adds his own grain of sand."

Unlucky that man who takes from the pyramid a grain of sand rather than contribute his own! Some people believe that the world owes them a living, and if it is not immediately forthcoming, they proceed to take it by destructive methods; whereas they could much more readily attain their

desired ends through constructive or creative means.

I once heard a minister preach on the subject, "I'll not forget how to build." He pointed out that those who build up are akin to God in the exercise of their creative energies, whereas those who tear down are pitting their puny powers against the omnipotence of a creative God Who frowns upon destructive tendencies.

Before we set out to destroy anything, let us recognize the presence of the towering pyramid of time, to which everyone is invited to contribute his own grain of sand. I shall not demolish this pyramid or in any way damage it. I shall, instead, cast in my grain of sand, and life will flow on, with my bit added.

—Leo Bennet
in *Sunshine*

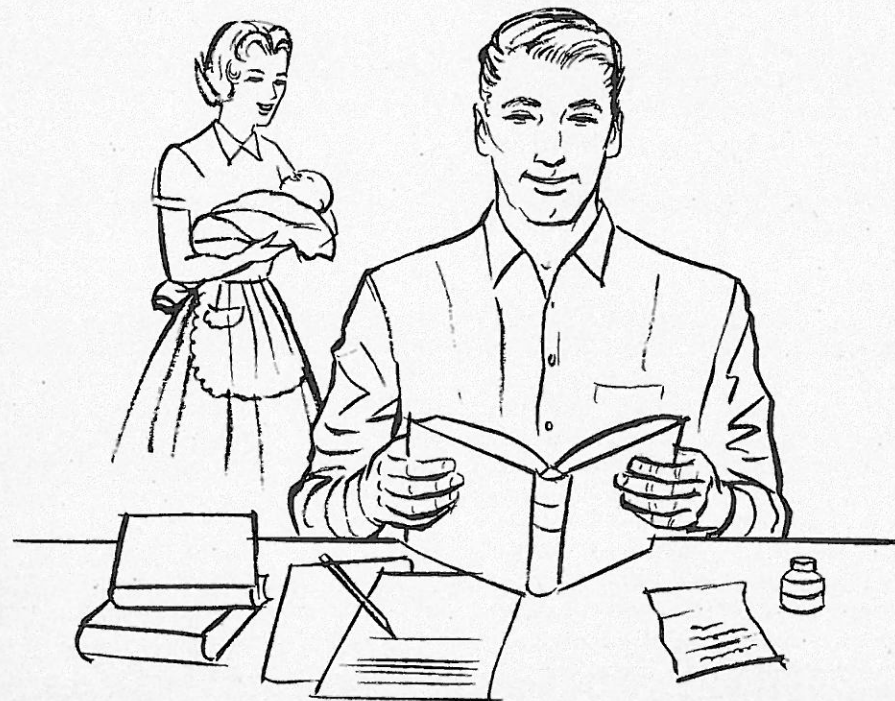
Young People Who Are Sleeping Giants

Walter E. Isenhour

No doubt many young people all over our country have great natural ability, given to them by Almighty God, but they keep it hidden away in their inner lives. Many of them could be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" but they go through the years of life and never reveal such strength, or endowment, to the world. They have keen minds, but they fail to develop and direct them along the right channels.

It is true that multitudes of our youth are being well educated in the arts and sciences of the nation, or along certain special lines in which they are interested, but deep down beneath such learning there lies an undeveloped gift, by which they could bless the world, but the world knows nothing about it.

There is a gigantic latent power in the minds, souls and spirits of people who are preparing for certain,



secular places and positions in life, which could be filled by those of less natural endowments, but they seem to be contented with a little of what they are capable of accomplishing out in the future years of life. They simply settle down to be little when they are well capable of being great.

Maybe here is a young man who is working on the farm, which is very important, but plenty of young men with less education and ability could do this, while he could do something that would bless the world morally, educationally, financially and spiritually that he will never accomplish in the ordinary labor and duties on the farm.

Here is another young man who is working at a filling station, or in some shop or factory, who could be a powerful minister of the Gospel and soul-winner, if he would give himself to God and listen to His call. Someone else settles down to be a reader of cheap and worthless books, papers and literatures who could be a might author of books, songs, stories, poetry and uplifting and ennobling literature.

Here is a young girl who feeds her mind on the cheap and worthless scenes in the picture show, or television, and is captivated by the evils of the world, who as she goes through life, will never amount to "a hill of beans" in the way of real greatness, who could be a blessing to her country and to the world if she would only yield her life to God. She has great ability, but she buries it in her own life and the world knows nothing about it. The enemy of her life and soul has her in his grip and she makes no effort to get away from him and get to God. God could use her as a blessed missionary, or as a

wonderful song leader, or as a sublime teacher in Sabbath school, or in our public schools, or as a home builder, or as a temperance writer or lecturer, or in some other field of greatness and usefulness, but she contents herself by being little, or by being sinful. Her God-given talent goes undeveloped and lies in obscurity.

Many young people have formed health-destroying, mind-weakening, soul-weakening, life-wrecking habits who could be masters over such in life, and reveal true and wonderful greatness to the world, but they are down beneath the heels of the devil. He keeps them bound by the fetters of sin, and keeps them from rising up and becoming burning and shining lights to their country and the world. Their talents of greatness are lost in the fogs of obscurity. Many of those who are overpowered by bad habits, who are given up to the devil and sin, become giants in lawlessness, crime and iniquity.

We have no doubt but that many young men are in prison, serving out sentences somewhere for violation of the laws of God and man, who could be filling some pulpit as powerful ministers of the Gospel and winners of souls. Some are serving in the devil's prison who ought to be masters of assemblies for God and their country; or who should be great and wonderful leaders toward the higher, better, more wonderful and sublime things of life. They have that ability, but the devil is in possession of it.

No doubt many people—even young people—are engaged in the liquor business, or as worldly and worthless entertainers, wasting their precious time and talents, who could

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The Power of Influence

Avery Musser

SHORTLY AFTER PENTECOST a lame man was healed by the power of Jesus' name through the faith of Peter and John. As a result of this healing, Peter was afforded opportunity to preach repentance and "through Jesus the resurrection from the dead." The rulers, elders, scribes, and others brought Peter and John before them for questioning. After Peter's Holy Ghost-inspired answer, Luke reports that "when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

These men of God had left the impact of the life and teachings of Jesus upon their lives in a marked and marvelous manner. The men of the world were made to realize this in a definite way. The story is told of a valley of roses so extensive that the air is heavy for miles with the perfume from them. If someone walks through that valley and then enters a room full of people, the people will look at each other and smile, for they know where that person has been. Just so, Peter and John had a fragrance that was not their own. It was the fragrance of their beloved Lord and Master.

What an influence Jesus has made upon mankind! He wrote no books.

He did not institute a school or college. He didn't do most of the things by which men are remembered, yet consciously or unconsciously when we write the year of 1963 we are measuring time from the date of His birth.

In a smaller measure, and yet tremendous in scope, we all exert an influence for good or evil. A little clock in a jeweler's window stopped for one-half hour one morning at a quarter of nine. School children looked at the clock and stopped to play. People hurrying to the train glanced at the clock and went on leisurely. Professional men as they noted the time stopped to chat with each other. Working men and women lingered a little longer in the sunshine—and all were a half-hour late because the little clock had stopped. Never before had these people known how much they depended on the little clock. Many are now depending upon you and me. Are they disappointed? Are they disillusioned?

The influence of one word can hardly be realized. It goes into the ears of those who hear. It may go to thousands by means of the radio and to additional thousands by the printed page. It cannot be recalled. It may be like that which was written on a wall in Pompeii eighteen hundred

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YOUR HEALTH CLINIC

Specializing in Internal Medicine
Counselling and advice by Dr. Victor Reeh

Dear Doctor Reeh,

I am very concerned about a friend of mine. His temperature seems to be abnormally high a great percentage of the time. The slightest annoyance or inconvenience leaves him burning up.

I understand there is possibility of permanent damage if the condition persists. Is there some medication or therapy which will normalize his temperature?

Sincerely,
Ann Xious

Dear Ann,

You do indeed have cause for concern. Your friend is suffering from megalego or in layman's terms, enlarged ego. Other symptoms of the disorder are slight swelling of the head and frequent flushing of the face and neck. Often it is accompanied by reddening of the ears.

It is highly unlikely that any permanent damage has been done if proper treatment is begun immediately. However, as long as the condition is allowed to persist it creates an unhealthy atmosphere for those who come in contact with your friend. It is especially contagious to small children.

This disorder is known to have a definite effect upon the behavior pat-

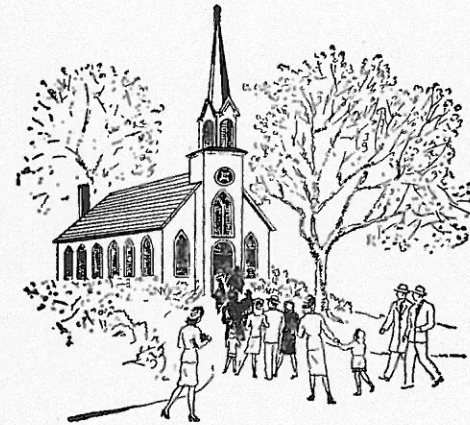
tern of the victim as it weakens the functioning of the brain and heart. According to Scripture, "Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination unto the Lord" (Proverbs 16:5), and the effect on the brain is emphasized in I Timothy 6:4, "He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising..."

You may do a great deal to help this person on his road to recovery by prayerfully and tactfully making him aware of his condition and of the danger of neglecting it, for until he is cured a person suffering from this disease has little chance of living a full and satisfying life. The headswelling will be relieved by repeated exposure of Scriptures stressing the mortal and sinful nature of man and the goodness and mercy of God. The temperature will be normalized by continued application of patience poultices and by love capsules, taken while on the knees.

I would highly recommend periodic consultation with a specialist on megalego and related diseases, the most prominent of which is Jesus of Nazareth. He may be reached at any time through his 24-hour answering service.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Victor Reeh

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James 1:27



A Pure Religion

Clayton L. Faubion

A WELL-KNOWN fraternal organization has been cited on numerous occasions for its outstanding benevolent and charitable work. Every time a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows meets, it is for the express purpose of fulfilling these noble motives. As a result of such outstanding work by this great brotherhood, the United States Government has permitted them to bestow honorary degrees upon the unknown dead from our wars, who lie in honor in Arlington National Cemetery. The only time that the tombs of the unknown soldiers are not under direct military guard is when, once each year, the IOOF is permitted to conduct a memorial service. At that time the military guard is dismissed.

Such national recognition as this is not conferred on many groups. So far, only the IOOF is so honored in our country. This fraternal order has established homes for the aged and the orphans, and hospitals open to all,

in every state of this union. No other group has been recognized as being so outstanding in the work of helping suffering humanity—not even the churches of the land.

The great commission that Jesus gave has sent men scurrying about the globe, supposedly carrying the message of salvation to those in darkness. Yet, how often have we seen churches boasting of their foreign mission work, while on their doorsteps were people in dire need, suffering humanity within an arm's reach, and nobody to care or to offer a helping hand.

Now we want to emphasize here that the business of sending the gospel message which saves souls from sin, and for the Kingdom of God, is a very important thing. Furthermore, if we don't send that message to foreign lands, who will do it? But too much of the time the real emphasis is not so much on the saving of souls as it is on the adding

of members to the Church. For this reason the pure and undefiled religion is neglected.

Although the IOOF is supposed to be a secret order, it is no secret that the story of the good Samaritan is outstanding in their program. The members of this order take these things very seriously, but how many church members do? Isn't it a strange thing that those who hold to no organized form of religion are so successful in upholding and practicing the pure religion of the Bible; while organized religion, supposedly dedicated to this very cause, comes so far short?

Someone will ask, "What about the last part of the 'pure religion' text?" The matter of keeping oneself unspotted from the world is a very important part of the pure and undefiled religion before God. But let us not look too anxiously to the churches for this example, either. We will find it as lacking as the first part of the requirement as set forth in our text.

We know that many churches have actually opened their doors to things which would be classed as worldly entertainment. Some churches even hold dances in their recreation rooms. Many members of the churches are condoned in activities which are, by any standards, most worldly. But there is too much worldliness in even the churches that are the strictest about many elements of the world.

This is the reason that the widow and the orphan go so badly neglected so much of the time. The churches are so wrapped up in their competition with each other that they have no time for works of benevolence. The big drive is to get more members. Every minister is evaluated on the basis of the "additions" he is able to make to the church. Even in the

churches which make the biggest show of demanding evidences of real Bible conversion, this is so.

"This is true of most churches," you may say, "but it isn't true of our church." How sad you will be when you awaken to the awful fact that your church, your very own spiritual home, is filled with this same worldliness. Your own pastor is a slave to this system. It makes no difference who you are, where you are, or what you are—this is true.

We have heard much about an open Bible and an open mind. The open mind is indeed a rare phenomenon. The open Bible is open just where we want it to be, and that is all. The professed desire for knowledge of the truth is little more than a pious platitude. Today the emphasis is on winning every argument. Nobody dares admit that his church is lacking in truth. Not one in a thousand has the moral fortitude to question his denominational teachings to see if it is built upon a solid doctrinal structure.

We have an intense dread of being made to feel guilty. Any person who appears to be more religious than we are makes us feel uncomfortable. Therefore we avoid him if we can, and if we can't we "get into the act" with him, not even questioning if he is right or not. Nobody wants to be uncomfortable.

These are worldly attitudes because they are based on selfishness and pride. And these are the things that stand in the way of the churches of our land fulfilling the requirements of the pure and undefiled religion described in our text.

It is a fortunate thing for the Churches—indeed it is a blessing of

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Reconciled to God

Arthur Hedley

HEZEKIAH, though not blameless, was all but perfect in his loyalty to Jehovah. We read, "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done" (II Chron. 29:2). He was earnest and zealous in all he undertook; he was "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). His zeal was such that he could tolerate no delay. The first month of the first year of his reign saw him actively engaged in the good work (II Chron. 29:3). His task was most difficult. In every corner of Jerusalem and in every city of Judah there were idolatrous high places and altars. The Temple services had ceased, the lamps were extinguished, the sacred vessels destroyed, the Temple polluted and closed, the priests and Levites scattered.

Hezekiah began by opening and repairing the doors of the Temple. Its closed doors had been a symbol of the national repudiation of Jehovah; to reopen them was necessarily the first step in the reconciliation of Judah to Jehovah, but only the first step. The doors were opened as a sign that Jehovah was invited to return to His people and to manifest His presence in the Holy of Holies, so that through those open doors Israel might have access to him by means of the priests. But the Temple as

yet was no fit place for the presence of Jehovah. With its lamps extinguished, its sacred vessels ruined, its walls full of dust, its floors filthy, it was rather a symbol of the apostasy of Judah. With the loyal co-operation of the Levites the whole Temple was cleansed, the sacred vessels which Ahaz had "cast away" (II Chron. 29:19) were restored.

When the Levites reported that the work of cleansing was complete, Hezekiah celebrated it with a great dedication feast. A sin offering was made for all Israel, for the northern tribes as well as for Judah and Benjamin (v. 24). Apparently this sin offering was made in silence, but afterward the king set the Levites and priests in their places with their musical instruments and "when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel" (vs. 27).

When the people had been formally reconciled to Jehovah by this representative national sacrifice, and thus purified from the uncleanness of idolatry and consecrated afresh to their God, they were invited to make individual sacrifices, thank offerings and burnt offerings. Each man might enjoy for himself the renewed privilege of access to Jehovah, and obtain the assurance of pardon for his sins, and offer thanksgiving for his own

special blessings. The people brought offerings in abundance, and king and people rejoiced because they were conscious of God's blessings. There was a joyous sense of being reconciled to God. In this dispensation of grace we are reconciled to God through the atoning Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9-11). So many of us know a joy far deeper, far more lasting than those Jews could experience in the days of Hezekiah. We recall the day when we came to the Cross and lost our burden of sin and guilt, and there came to us the sweet consciousness of restoration to God, of reconciliation and thus we were possessed of "peace through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20).

But Hezekiah was also anxious to see a reconciliation between Judah and Israel. The Passover Feast seemed a golden opportunity to bring "all Israel" together. Messengers went forth from the South to the North inviting all to the Feast. His appeal to the surviving communities of the Northern kingdom failed: they laughed the messengers to scorn and mocked them; but individuals responded to his invitation in such numbers that they are spoken of as "a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun." The pious enthusiasm of Judah stood out in vivid contrast to the stubborn impertinence of the twelve tribes. By the grace of God, Judah was of one heart to observe the feast appointed by Jehovah through the "king and . . . princes" so that there was gathered in Jerusalem a very great assembly of worshipers surpassing even the great gatherings which the historian had witnessed at the annual feasts. After the incident

of the cleansing, sanctifying of the people (II Chronicles 30:17-20) the Passover Feast went on happily and prosperously and was prolonged by acclamation for an additional seven days. The great festival ended with a solemn benediction, "The priests . . . arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven" (v. 27).

We think of the many who refused to participate in the feast, who had no desire to be reconciled to God or man, who mocked the king's messengers (v. 10). There are nations in East Europe who are not only estranged from God; they deny His existence, and it is not surprising that they have no desire to work in unity and concord with peace-loving nations. Till men and nations are reconciled to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no reconciliation, no true and lasting peace between man and man, class and class, nation and nation. Therefore, as the representatives of Christ, Who has given to us "the ministry of reconciliation," we must fulfill it and beseech men in Christ's stead, "be ye reconciled to God" (II Corinthians 5:18-20).—*Gospel Herald*

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Humility

He passed me by
 When there I stood—
 Noble in fine array.
 He stopped for me
 When there I was—
 Beggar in despair.
 —Bob McIntyre

The Big Deal

Grace V. Watkins

BILL WAYMAN glanced across the wide-spreading university campus and quickened his steps toward the chemistry building. His heart felt as heavy as a loaded truck. Not a word yet about his getting the student lab assistantship for next year. He'd hoped for it so much!

Well, maybe a fellow with two years behind him at a small church-related college shouldn't have built up hopes. Maybe he shouldn't have transferred to Summit University. Maybe he couldn't expect to compete with university science majors. Yet, hadn't Dr. Beam, department head, told him last fall at the opening tea that every transfer he'd fallen heir to from Gilmore College had been plenty well-prepared?

Bill sighed. How he'd missed the Gilmore campus this year! Missed the wonderful Christian friendships, the inspiring chapel services. Missed Dr. John Thurlow, chemistry professor at Gilmore. And missed Carol Emery!

In the chem lab Bill found Jay Crandall, the graduate assistant, and sat down across the lab table from him. "You wanted to see me?" he asked, a little uncertainly.

Crandall cleared his throat. "How'd you like to be student lab assistant next year, Wayman?"

Bill stared. "You mean—?"

Crandall shrugged. "I can put over the deal for you. Dr. Beam asked me to recommend somebody."

"Man I'd love it!" Bill exploded. "But—but, I was afraid—"

"Afraid of what?" Annoyance spread over the other man's face.

"Well, you know, last fall I came from a small college."

The graduate assistant grunted. "You've done a peach of a job in your chem courses this year." His eyes narrowed. "Tell you what, Wayman. You do me a favor and I'll put across this deal for you about the appointment."

"A—a favor?" What could a mere junior do for a graduate assistant?

"That's right." Crandall spoke easily. "You have a car, don't you?"

"Why, yes, such as it is."

"The *kind* of car makes no difference," Crandall said dryly. "Can you drive out to Blue Parrot Inn on Pleasant Road tonight at nine o'clock?"

"Well, maybe." Bill stumbled over the words. The Blue Parrot was certainly not his dish. "What do I do there?"

"All you have to do is deliver this envelope to a man in a brown suit and a pink tie."

"I don't know," Bill said doubt-

fully. "The Blue Parrot is a sort of dive, isn't it?"

Jay Crandall frowned. "Look, Sonny boy, if you're chicken, let's forget the whole thing. Do you want that appointment or not?"

"Oh, sure, sure," Bill said hastily. "I'll do what you want."

"That's more like it." Crandall straightened up, thrust an envelope into Bill's hand. "The fellow in the brown suit will be sitting in a booth by the window on the west side of the Blue Parrot. Get his John Henry on this slip and come back here and give it to me."

"Okay," Bill took the paper and started to get up. "By the way," he said on sudden impulse. "The fellow in the ten o'clock section says Dr. Beam's really come up with the answer on that big research project he's been working on all fall and winter. A brand new formula or something, going to revolutionize some angle of medicine. Is that right?"

Crandall's mouth set in a hard line. "Don't ask military secrets, Buster. When Bernard Beam gets ready to spring the big news, he'll spring it."

"Yeah, I suppose so." Bill agreed. "Well, thanks, Mr. Crandall. Thanks a million."

"Not at all." Jay Crandall spoke stiffly. "And, Wayman, remember, not one word to anyone about this; we keep the appointments strictly secret until they're announced at commencement time. Understand?"

Bill nodded.

Over a cup of coffee at the Student Union, he thought about the exciting news he'd have to tell Carol. He'd phone her right after he got back from the Blue Parrot. But wait, he'd

promised not to mention the news to anybody!

It was raining when Bill drove out through the Orchard Heights section of Summit City, out onto the Pleasant Drive turn—a steady downpour that turned streets into creeks and droned on the top of the car with a lonesome monotone. Two miles farther to go.

Minutes later Bill shivered as he saw Blue Parrot Inn in the distance. What a fellow didn't have to go through to get what he wanted! And from a man like Jay Crandall! A man as cold as a fish. Smart enough, a whiz in chemistry. Oh, well.

Bill pulled over to the side of the road and glanced at his wrist watch. It was only eight-forty. He patted his pocket, felt the envelope Jay Crandall had given him. What on earth was in it? And why hadn't Crandall brought the envelope out here himself? Why? He had a car.

Fright spread through Bill. Why had he ever let himself in for this, appointment or no appointment? How he wanted that student lab job! Yet, was it worth taking this chance? Letting himself in on a "deal"?

Suddenly Bill thought of Carol, of his two years at Gilmore College. Carol wouldn't like this business; she wouldn't like it one bit. Neither would Dr. John Thurlow. At Gilmore people didn't make "deals," and Gilmore students didn't go to hangouts like Blue Parrot Inn to hobnob with shady characters in brown suits and pink ties.

It seemed that through the darkness Bill could see Dr. Thurlow's face, the face he'd seen so often in chemistry class—kind, serene, honest, shining with quiet faith and a deep con-

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NEWS

God's Great Power Is No Secret

Elden Fischer

The chimes rang out the news that another year had come to an end. Many a good Christian goal was not met. Now another month has quickly slipped away. Are you making more spiritual progress this new year than last year? God can do many things to make us better Christians. If we put our trust in Him, He can do for us what He has done for others like Paul, Peter, and Daniel. There is also much more we can do for the Lord. Let's not let 1963 be just another year but let's make this an outstanding year in personal Christian triumphs and in helping others.

If you read, "The Call to Service," in the January *AIM* surely you must have found several jobs for which you can qualify. Why not read it again? No one has to do anything, but if we are Christians we are bought by the tremendous price of Christ's suffering and death. In return for this God expects service. If we try to make the best of our lives we may not succeed on our own but with Jesus as our partner, instead of our assistant, our lives will be fruitful. The reason our Christian life doesn't give us the lift it should is

that it has not cost enough.

In our national economy the unemployment rates run high and jobs are scarce. In the youth work of our church the unemployment rate runs high also, but jobs are plentiful. Is it salary that makes the difference? Let's stop and think! How much is it worth to you that a sinless Christ gave His life that you will not have to face death? What would be the price tag on eternal life, peace and contentment, an invisible fallout shelter, a heart or cancer specialist, or a mansion in the kingdom of God? There is a job in promoting Y.P. activities and spiritual growth in your area. Select your job and start as soon as you can. We must run, not crawl; we must work, not sleep. It is no secret that you can reach God's limitless power from your knees. Pray about your place in Y.P. work and when God calls say, "Here am I."

Our first goal for 1963 is to double our *AIM* subscription list in any way we know how. Many of our Y. P. cannot keep up with our projects because they are not receiving *AIM*. Surely there must be some way you can help in this goal.

Since this year began we have received several letters which have been encouraging to us. These were not sent in for publication, but I think these letters can also encourage you.

Here are parts of some of the letters:

New Auburn, Wis.

"We have encouraged our young people to join the 'Grow With God' program and they all want to join. We sent twenty pounds of literature to Elder John. We would like to tell you that our group sent gift subscriptions to *AIM* for one year to 18 new homes! Most of these are non-church young people and we trust our missionary endeavor in this way will bear fruit. The local young people received subscriptions to the *Advocate* too—totaling our order to \$34.50. We really feel good about the wonderful cooperation of the young people and their parents in this project. We will try to send our 25% of local offerings to you each quarter. We are indeed happy to share the work of the National FYC program."

Mary Patchen

Muskegon and West Olive, Mich.

"We received the *AIM* just a couple of days ago; really it's an excellent change. We're trying hard to get *AIM* in all their homes so they can keep posted on FYC doings. We have about thirty young folks in our group when they all assemble together. Our group too, voted to have Mission boxes in the three churches to collect used periodicals for foreign fields. We really enjoy the Manual."

Martha Cummings

Nampa, Idaho

"The young people's group in Nampa seems to be doing fine. They had their monthly business meeting the 5th of January, at which time the election of officers was held. Phyllis Dowers was elected president, Ernie

Barrett was elected vice president, and Alice Williams was elected secretary-treasurer. They decided to send 25% of their income to the National FYC. They have not sent money for some time, so we will enclose all of FYC share to date, \$33.63. They also decided to finance light fixtures for the Nampa church, since the local church building fund has not been able to purchase them."

Kriss Williams

Oregon State

"At our recent business meeting we officially adopted a plan to provide a scholarship to Midwest. Our budget committee will meet Sunday, January 13 to decide the amount and procedure. Also we are sending two youth to the Oregon Youth Camp. The three FYC groups here in Oregon are supporting the 'Grow With God' program. My local group at Elmira has pledged almost 100%. Our youth rallies have all been averaging way over 100 in attendance and some were two to three hundred. We have three groups working toward marks of merit and hope to have another organized soon."

Dale Lawson

Fort Smith, Ark.

"Enclosed you will find \$12.00 for the support of Brother Gibson John, also \$1 for four manuals. We had a social and business meeting Saturday night, January 5. We plan to have a project every month this year. We also discussed getting *AIM* into every home of the young people. I am also sending in some more names of young people that are not registered. I think this will have all of our young people registered. I would

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SCHOOL MIDWEST NOTES

Midwest News

January. We find that January has been a Genesis—a month of beginnings. This includes a new semester with some new courses offered, two new ministerial students, and several part-time students who have joined us.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gaddy moved to Stanberry this month from Oklahoma. Don enrolled in the ministerial course as also did Marvin Keim, who has joined us after arriving from Acme, Alberta, Canada. We also have three part-time students who have helped greatly in raising the spirits of the students. The part-time students include Sister Clara Taylor, our college cook; Irene Moldenhauer; and Pearl Lewin.

Our college has received inquiries from townspeople concerning night classes. In the future there may be night classes in shorthand and typing.

January 12 there was a Fellowship Meeting in Kansas City. Most of the students were at this meeting. We all received great blessings and spiritual food for which we were happy.

January 16 and 17 ended the first semester with exams. Everyone felt the load of test time, and there were long faces which were deep in thought,

attempting to recall everything studied in the preceding eighteen weeks. As Friday dawned, the faces changed once more to the happy smiles characteristic of the students of Midwest. Friday, January 18 was Registration Day. Everything was fresh and new. The scent of new books, erasers, and pencils gave each one more determination to do better next semester.

The largest activity of the month came Sunday evening, January 20 when the Student Council of Midwest presented an Around the World Supper. Food was served like the food prepared and eaten in the United States, Alaska, Mexico, Russia, England, Japan, France, Chile, Israel, Bolivia, Egypt, Germany, Ireland, and Italy. Some of the participants dressed in the native costumes of the countries they represented. The students and faculty joined together with each family representing a country and bringing a dish from that country. A small charge was made to raise money for the Student Council. Prayer were offered in Spanish by Roger Blankinship, in German by John Moldenhauer, and in English by Fred Walter.

After the meal a short program was given. Brother Faubion sang a song in Spanish; Sandy Moldenhauer, a song

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"Take Time for God" PROGRAM

Nelson Caswell

Formula For Living

The right formula is a vital necessity to any successful chemist. If the chemist is working on a new medicine or just trying to improve the old, the correct ingredients are important, as well as the proper proportions.

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of this comes from a short study of common table salt. Its chemical formula is NaCl or sodium chloride. Therefore, what we know as salt is actually a combination of the chemicals sodium and chlorine which are both poisonous to the human body. However, when they are joined together in proper proportions, these chemicals form one of the most useful chemicals known to man. But the formula must be followed or poisonous residue will be the result.

When the doctor writes a prescription for medicine it is actually a formula for health according to his diagnosis. Therefore, it is important for the pharmacist to follow the prescription and then for the patient to take the medicine for it to accomplish any good.

Enough has been said to establish the importance of a formula. Now, if you consult a good dictionary you'll see that formulas are important to religious bodies. Webster includes the following meaning for the word "formula"—"a set form of words for use

in any ceremony; as, a formula of faith. Eccl. A formal statement of doctrines."

We might say that the Bible sets forth God's formula for eternal life. The church, more specifically sets forth this formula in her points of doctrine. But here again, the formula must be correct and secondly, it must be followed.

How do we know if our spiritual formula is correct? The only way to know is to read and study the Word of God. The Word of God is the last word when it comes to spirituality, faith, and eternal life. That is why FYC'ers are adopting as their formula (2T4G), which being interpreted is "Take Time For God." This formula is all that is necessary to help us know the much greater formula of living. 2T4G is very simple but it is formula enough to bring us to the accomplishment of all other goals and aims if we use it.

Time is never plentiful so we must take time. Take time for God. Take time for God's Word. Take time for doing His Will. Take time to pray.

God's Word says in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

I Thessalonians 5:17 adds this testimony, "Pray without ceasing." These verses add up to the formula, 2T4G.

The chapters given here are to be read each day. This is only a little time out of each day. Try to have a regular time each day for reading and prayer as it will make it easier not to get behind. Do it even if you have to take time. It is worth it.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Chapters</i>
February 15	Mark 1
February 16	Mark 2
February 17	Mark 3
February 18	Mark 4
February 19	Mark 5
February 20	Matthew 8
February 21	Matthew 9
February 22	Matthew 10
February 23	Matthew 11
February 24	Matthew 12
February 25	Mark 6
February 26	Matthew 13
February 27	Matthew 14
February 28	John 1
March 1	John 2
March 2	John 3
March 3	John 4
March 4	John 5
March 5	Luke 1
March 6	Luke 2
March 7	Luke 3
March 8	Luke 4
March 9	Mark 7
March 10	Mark 8
March 11	Mark 9
March 12	Mark 10
March 13	Mark 11
March 14	Mark 12

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You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

—Thomas E. Flynn

I'm careful of the words I say,
I keep them soft and sweet;
I never know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.

—B. P. Spong

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"How little it cost if we give it a thought,
To make happy some heart each day.

Just one kind word and a tender smile

As we go on our daily way."

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A Pure Religion

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God—that there are a few individuals who have the grace of God—and the true love of God—in their hearts. These people are the salt of the earth, the hope of humanity. Without them, organized religion would fall far shorter of the goal than it does today.

As never before, the world needs the pure and undefiled religion. How do we go about it to eliminate the competition in the religious world today? How can we put a stop to the arrogance and denominationalism? How can we get individuals to stop being busybodies, spending their time in dissention and debate? How can we supplant these things with the positive, uplifting elements of true friendship, love and truth? Not even Solomon in all his wisdom could give us the answer—but we must accept the challenge. Each one, in his own life, can adopt these principles, and as each one forsakes bigotry and learns the meaning of true divine love, Christendom will be that much nearer to fulfilling her appointed place.

In the Spotlight

Oregon State F.Y.C.

Our F.Y.C. in Oregon is organized into a state group. The projects and functions in spotlight are state sponsored. We have three local F.Y.C. groups which have their own projects and meetings regularly and one more is being organized.

The Oregon F.Y.C. organization has held youth rallies the first Sabbath of each month for several years. The past year we had bigger and better youth rallies as a result of our Oregon F.Y.C. banner competition between three churches (Marion, Harrisburg, and Elmira).

The banner was awarded each month to the church with most total points. Points were made by taking percentage of F.Y.C.'ers, percentage of all other regular church attendance, five points per visitor, and one point per Bible. Winners were allowed to keep the banner for one month and the church with the most wins at the end of one year, got to keep the banner permanently. The Elmira F.Y.C. won in a very close race. This program was very successful and the churches were filled to capacity at each youth rally. The peak came at a Harrisburg youth rally with over 300 in attendance.

Each spring Oregon has a youth



conference conducted by the home church F.Y.C. This consists of an all-day service starting with Sabbath school and worship service in the morning, youth rally in the afternoon, and business meeting and social in the evening. The F.Y.C. has charge of all services throughout the day. The 1962 conference was held at Harrisburg with over 300 attending. The day of worship, business and fellowship was very inspiring. The 1963 youth conference will be at Marion in April.

Last fall the Oregon F.Y.C.'ers sponsored an all day Sabbath service and fellowship at Bush Park in Salem, in honor of several out of state visitors here for the summer. During the year we also had a dress up banquet for Oregon F.Y.C.'ers and

inter-church basketball games.

Most of our F.Y.C.'ers attended the Oregon youth camp at Silver Creek Falls and received wonderful blessings. We hope to meet you there in 1963.

Each year we go on a weekend



outing to the coast. Friday night and Sabbath services are held on the beach. Saturday night and Sunday are devoted to recreation and sight seeing.

We have adopted several projects and plans for 1963. We are giving two scholarships for youth from our district, to the Oregon youth camp. Also we are planning to give a scholarship to Midwest Bible College. Consideration is being given to a youth sponsored and conducted revival meeting here. We have adopted a personal visitation program for 1963. Four points are given for each visit to an absentee from church, six points for each hospital visit, and eight points for a non-member visit with an invitation to church. Each local F.Y.C. is giving an award to the church whose F.Y.C.'ers have the most total points.

Our three F.Y.C. groups are supporting Elder Gibson John in Nigeria.

A large percentage of our F.Y.C.'ers are pledging in the "Take Time for God Program." They are also working on "Marks of Merit."

We are thankful for privileges such as these where we can enjoy fellowship and blessings of God. We ask that you remember us in Oregon and the F.Y.C. everywhere in prayer that the Lord will help us to grow and prosper in His work.

Left: The youth at an Elmira youth rally with State officers and sponsor standing in back. 1963 officers from left to right are: Vice-Chairman, Nathan

Lawson; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Johnson; Chairman, Ken Hafjner; Acting sponsor, Vernon Williams.



Above: A portion of the congregation at an Elmira youth rally.

On page 26: The presentation of the banner at Elmira youth rally. Receiving banner on right is Nathan Lawson (Elmira F.Y.C. Chairman). Presenting banner on left is Ken Hafjner, Harrisburg F.Y.C. chairman, and State vice-chairman. Center is Arleatha Butts, Marion Chairman and State Secretary-Treasurer, and Dale Lawson, State Chairman. These officers were for 1962.

School Notes

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in German; the Carlin children, a song about Israel; and Elder and Sister Kiesz sang a song in English.

At the close of the party, we all sang "God Be With You" to Judy Bradshaw and Arleatha Butts who will not be with us this semester. May God be with these, our friends, is our prayer.—*Edw. Lewin*

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Report from S.V.A.

Spring Valers have just returned from their mid-winter vacations, and are now in the process of getting "re-adjusted" to school work. The students are gradually getting settled to the routine, however.

The two weeks preceding the vacation were spent in planning and producing a play which was to be presented on Tuesday night, December 18. The purpose in presenting the play was to raise funds for the building of the new boys' dormitory. The play was of a missionary nature; relating the story of the call of a young college student, Richard Cartwright, to the mission fields of India. This leading part was played by David Gjesdal, a senior at S.V.A. from North Dakota. Another leading part was that of Louise Holland, Richard's girl friend, played by Phyllis Hayford, a junior from Ridgeway, Michigan. Also, there were Richard's mother, Mrs. Cartwright, played by Sharon Westfall, a junior from Kansas City, Kansas, and Louise's mother, Mrs. Holland, played by Betty Crawford, a senior from Kansas City, Missouri. There was, of course, much behind-the-scenes activity which required a

lot of work also.

The work on the new dormitory is progressing very rapidly now; it has been greatly speeded up. Major work that has been done is the furnace installation, ceiling installation, and electrical work. There have been several work bees held; and with the help of God we expect to have the dormitory completed by the second semester so that the boys can move in. To anyone who would wish to contribute to this effort, it would certainly be appreciated by all of us.

Before leaving for the vacation, the basketball team of Spring Vale played a game with Grace Bible church at the Y.M.C.A in Owosso on Wednesday night, December 19. Spring Vale scored an upset victory in the game, with a score of 60-14.

Another game was played after the vacation, on Wednesday night, January 2, against the Evangelical United Brethren. This time the results were reversed. Spring Vale was defeated by a score of 54-29. The game was played hard, and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

Spring Vale plans to have its annual mid-winter cheer banquet on Thursday night, January 24. For this event, the students drew names for "secret pals," which will be revealed on the night of the banquet. In the meantime, however, the students are having a great time trying to figure out who their secret pals are. The person's secret pal does good deeds for him, such as polishing shoes, buying him candy or other gifts, etc., without the person's knowledge. Everyone's secret pal will be revealed on the night of the banquet.

So ends another report from Spring Vale. I'll be with you next month, Lord willing.—*Carol Millican*

The Editor's Page

February's Great Men

February is noted for the birthdays of two of the nation's greatest men. It has often been stated that Washington freed the nation and that Lincoln freed the slaves. Whether or not this is technically true, we do know that these men were in positions of great leadership responsibility when the times of crisis came, and their courage and fortitude saw the nation through the trouble.

The nation needs men of equal greatness today. How often have we heard the statement, "This nation needs a few real statesmen and a lot less politicians"? Most of the office holders today are in office because they have held to the party lines, and realize that they will stay in office only as long as they follow such a course. The principles of integrity, justice, and common sense are no longer regarded as the basis for political office, except as they are interpreted in loyalty to the party.

Among the early great men of our country, statesmanship was the outstanding quality. They were most concerned with the nation's welfare. They were God-fearing men who were dedicated to service to their nation as service to God. Today's politicians are slaves to votes. They lack the courage and fortitude to lay their jobs on the line for principles in which they believe. They court the voters with all kinds of schemes to appeal to the greed and avarice in man, thereby gratifying themselves with the voters and assuring themselves of an abundance of votes. Oh, for a Washington or a Lincoln today!

Washington took the unpopular side when it could easily have cost him his fortune and his life. He shared the hardship of the terrible winter at Valley Forge with his men in order to see them through the hour of trial. As a tribute to his courage, integrity and wisdom he is known today as the father of his country.

Lincoln, compassionate and kindly, was also a rock of courage. He bore the heartache of the nation through the great war between the states, and as the end came, and he could feel the blessed relief of peace restored, a bullet from a fanatic's pistol stopped the beat of that great heart. Who, today, has the feeling, the Godly compassion, of the rail splitter from Illinois?

The greatness of these two men arose from their deep faith in God, and their sincere conviction that God would use them in the hour of crisis. Through them the nation was doubly blessed.—CLF

For Our Younger Readers

E. W. Frentz

One day Johnny Jones started for school, as he did every morning, with his books under his arm; but this time he was a little earlier than usual, so that when he came to the bridge over the brook, he stopped for a little while to look down into the water.

There was much to see there that Johnny liked better than books. On the top of the water were hundreds of little black "lucky bugs" moving around so fast that he could hardly see them go. There were long-legged water spiders, too, that seemed to stand on the water as easily as he could stand on the ice, and they slid about as if they really were skating. And when Johnny dropped a few crumbs from his luncheon into the water, a lot of little fishes rushed at them with open mouths and bumped noses till all the crumbs were gone. Then they swam away.

It was such fun to watch all these things that Johnny began to say to himself, "I don't want to go to school today." The more he thought about it the more he wanted to stay and play in the brook. Something whispered in his ear, "The teacher will be coming pretty soon, and she will see you when she crosses the brook."

But another voice said, "No, you can hide under the bridge until she is gone." It was that voice that Johnny listened to, and in a moment he had scrambled down the bank and was hidden in a clump of bushes.

Everything about him was very

still. He could see nothing except one small bird that was hopping about on the ground under the bushes. A pretty bird, Johnny thought, for it had a speckled breast, and on its head a yellow stripe with a black line on each side of it. He had never seen one like it. Suddenly he heard voices, and peering out of his hiding place he saw the teacher and one of his playmates coming toward the bridge. Johnny felt sure they were going by, but the bird he had been watching hopped up to a low branch of a tree and set up the loudest cry. "Teacher, teacher!" it seemed to cry as plainly as Johnny himself could have said it.

The teacher and the playmate stopped. "There is an overbird," said the teacher. "Let us see what is wrong!" And with that they climbed down the bank, and were almost upon Johnny before he could move.

"Why," exclaimed the teacher, laughing, "here is Johnny waiting for us!"

Johnny said nothing. On the way to school the teacher said, "And you were waiting to surprise us, weren't you Johnny?"

But Johnny was honest, and so he said, "I wasn't going to school, teacher, if the bird hadn't told on me. How did he know who you were?"

The teacher laughed. "Birds know many things that boys have not learned," she said, "and young birds always do what their teachers tell them to do."—*Selected*

Send Forth Reapers

a foreign missions report

Harvey Fischer

We had hoped that by the time of this report we would have received more information from foreign countries. We are most encouraged by the reports we do receive. In some countries such as Nigeria we find that the youth work is very well organized. It would progress much more if we could assist our workers there more than we do. We try to do our best by encouraging them in our letters and by sending *AIM*, young people's constitutions, etc.

This all helps but there is nothing that makes a good substitute for a personal representative to work with them. This is their request, as it is the request of their parents. I wish that we could let each one of you read letters we receive from the foreign countries. You could not help but realize the sincerity of these brethren who are seeking help. In just my short time of association with them I have learned to love and respect them dearly. I really long to see them in the land where there shall be no parting.

As young people of the church we need to do our part in its overall picture of giving the gospel to every creature. We can help sponsor the worker that the National Young People's Committee has promised to sponsor. From time to time we will

print reports from him. Look for letters from Elder Gibson John. The Foreign Missions Department is also working on a plan to send a worker to our foreign brethren. We want to work with them and suggest to their department that this worker also meet with our young people. Perhaps it is not too early to plan our young people's activities and projects in order that we can help in sponsoring a missionary to help our young people across the waters.

Don't neglect your young people's obligations at home. "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

A recent letter from Elder Strauss in Germany indicates that they have very few church young people in that country. As you know, the work is just getting started there. The Catholic and Lutheran faiths dominate every phase of religion in that country. We will continue to pray with the good work of Elder Strauss that God will help the work to grow there and multiply His blessings to His people. Brother Strauss states that he has some young people interested in our work, so we will continue to encourage them.

May God bless as we serve Him together, and may each of us do that which is expected.

Young People Who Are Sleeping Giants

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be on the hilltops of honor, nobility, usefulness, and even fame, if they would only go out of such business and go into the blessed, wonderful, glorious will of God. They are giants of evil who could be giants of godliness, righteousness and holiness. Some are sleeping in the rubbish, trash and garbage of life who could be wide-awake, walking, accomplishing, successful young people, or of senior years, noble, great and sublime.

So many people are sleeping their golden opportunities away; sleeping their talents away until there will be no time to use them; sleeping away their privilege of salvation and eternal life. Just sleeping, sleeping. How it pleases the enemy of one's soul and life to put him to sleep, or arouse him to become gigantic in sin and wickedness!

Oh, young people, wake up to your privileges and precious, priceless opportunities in life! Wake up, O wake up! You can be giants for righteousness and against sinfulness and cursedness. Go out against the devil, by God's wonderful grace and power. Rise up and go out for what you know is right, and in the discharge of your Christian duty. Indeed you will be opposed by the devil and the demon powers of earth and hell, but realize that God will be with you all along life's journey and will bless you and make you a blessing. Your country will know about you.

Examine yourself. Search about in your inner chambers and recesses of mind, heart, soul and life and see what you possess that God has

given you, and then let God use it. Seek to reach the highest place in life rather than stay down in the place of uselessness, obscurity and defeat. God has given you something great, then use it for something great. Amen.

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A Christian, like a light bulb, can exist; but it cannot shine unless it is in constant touch with its source of energy!

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A piano has only two kinds of keys—the white and the black. The white strike whole notes; the black, being either flat or sharp, sound only "half notes." In which category are you?

—Delores O. Fischer

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To ask God to do something is one thing—to believe that He will is quite another!

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Complexity, Perplexity

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Spirit that imparts strength and love to fulfill this Law. So it isn't an impossibility after all; but remember—you have to do and not merely say that God's Way is Good: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

If you refuse both of the principles of God's Law and neglect His justice and turn your back on His love and assistance—you are on your own. You have the difficult task of finding a better way than your very Creator! By refusing to accept God's Way, you

automatically become a student in this World's University with Life and Experience as your teachers. Unfortunately, by the time their lessons have been learned, by the time you are ready to graduate, irreparable damage has been done. Although you may be honored magna cum laude for Stupidity—your life will have ended at Commencement!

Acceptance and willingness to obey God's way at all cost will make your life simple, practical, and applicable! God will guide with a knowing hand capably assisting you in all events: "For by what He has suffered, having been tried, He is able to assist those who are tried" (Hebrews 2:18, *Diagglot*). Yes, Jesus Christ lived and died for us, having experienced similar temptations of this life without sin and lives today as our High Priest—fully qualified to help us be victorious over sin, selfishness, and frailty!

And in quest for an acceptable solution to the perplexing religiosity, churchianity, professing dilemma of today, you have a vital part—you, as an Individual, are the answer. By living a life based on love for God and love for your neighbor, with God's help you can be a simple irrefutable example to a complicated, unknowing world. And instead of the trend towards, "It has a thousand of 'em" (which is the number of gods many have!)—God and you may be a single power unit purposely building spiritual character. . . .

"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou loved me" (John 17:23).

Simple, isn't it!

The Power of Influence

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years ago: the writer may die and the word be buried for centuries and then come to light to exert its influence for good or evil, depending upon what was written.

An old woman with silver hair and with hot tears flowing down her cheeks worked over a washboard in a room of poverty. As she worked she prayed for her son John. John had run away and had become a sailor. From reports that the mother heard he had become a wicked person. But she prayed and believed that through the power of prayer her son could be changed. One day that drunken sailor became John Newton the preacher. He was instrumental in the hands of God in bringing thousands to the Lord. Among them was Thomas Scott, cultured, selfish, and self-satisfied. God transformed this man and used him both by writing and speaking to help thousands. Among those he won to Christ was a young man by the name of William Cowper. By inspiration he wrote:

*"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners, plunged beneath that
flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."*

In the hands of God, this song brought countless thousands to Him Who died on Calvary. Among them was William Wilberforce, who became a Christian statesman and unshackled thousands of British slaves. Among those he led to the Lord was Leigh Richmond. He became a clergyman and wrote *The Dairyman's Daughter*. This book was translated into forty languages and put the love

of Christ indelibly into the hearts of thousands. And all this was the result of one mother's earnest, believing prayer for the salvation of her boy.

How responsible we are for the way we live, especially when such wonderful provision is made for us to live holy and righteously. If we are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, we have a mighty influence for truth and holiness. On the other hand, if we live careless and ungodly lives we exert an influence for evil. And these influences count all for eternity. May God help us to give our energies for the good and the holy!

—*Evangelical Visitor*

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No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.—*Charles Dickens*

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The Big Deal

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cern for each individual student—a face now grieved at this assignment Bill had accepted.

Bill sat up straight in the car seat, gripped the wheel and turned the car around. "I can't go along with this," he whispered to himself. "I can't—not even for the appointment." He'd drive straight to the campus, hoping with everything in him that he could straighten things out with

What do we mean by "success" anyway? Success by whose standards? The Bible teaches that God is the final Judge before Whom we shall all stand one day. God will then proclaim us successful or unsuccessful.

—Bill Krisher in *The Goal and the Glory—America's Athletes Speak Their Faith.*
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

Crandall without an open battle.

At the chem building Bill hurried up the stairs, hustled into the lab, where he saw Jay Crandall bent over a newspaper. The graduate assistant looked up, his face strained and white. He jumped to his feet and gripped Bill's arm. "Did you give him the envelope?"

Bill shook his head. "I couldn't do it," he said. "I—I—"

Relief flared in Crandall's eyes; he relaxed his hold on Bill's arm and sank into a chair. "Thank fortune!"

Bill's mind did somersaults. "You—you're glad? But I thought—"

Crandall pointed to the newspaper on the lab table. "Somebody beat our time. Worked out the formula ahead of us and has given it to the world, free for all. Here's the notice, on the front page of tonight's paper!"

Bill stared at the paper, at Crandall, back at the paper. Everything seemed to blur before his eyes. "I don't get it," he said.

Jay Crandall leaned forward, peered at Bill. "You know too much already. I might as well give with the rest. As you heard, Dr. Beam and I have been working on a big research project; we finally got our answer last week. He was going to make the announcement soon. I thought—well, fortunes are made with new discoveries." He broke off.

Incredulously Bill gazed at the other man. "The envelope!" he said,

almost in a whisper. "The envelope! The man in the brown suit! The formula. You were going to—"

Crandall nodded, his face a map of misery. "I guess I went sort of crazy. You'll never know how relieved I was when you said you still had the envelope."

"Who's the scientist that discovered the formula and released it to the world?"

"Oh, some punk at a small college," Crandall said scornfully. "Little church-related school in the eastern part of the state."

Bill's heart leaped. "Not Gilmore?"

"Yeah, I believe that is it. Fellow named John Thurlow."

Joy flowed through Bill; joy and pride and affection. John Thurlow, the man at Gilmore College, in whose classes he had sat for two happy years, in whose class he had met Carol Emery! Like a bright river those two years went through Bill's memory—the lovely little campus; the warm friendships between faculty and students; the vespers on Thursday evenings; all-college parties, fireside sings; and through it all the rich inspiration of the Christian faith. Why had he ever left it?

Jay Crandall cleared his throat. "I'm in a spot, if this ever gets out. So if you'll agree to keep the deal under your hat and never mention it to anyone, Wayman, I'll still recommend you for student lab assistant. Is it a deal?"

Bill looked into the other man's face—calm, steady, self-assured. "Never mind. I'm no longer interested."

"You're WHAT?" Jay Crandall stared.

"I'm returning to Gilmore in Sep-

tember to take my senior year there," Bill told him quietly, "to work under Dr. Thurlow."

Crandall looked stunned. "You're from Gilmore?"

Bill nodded, turned, found his way out of the lab and downstairs. Through the spring darkness he whistled his way to the Student Union. The rain had stopped and overhead the sky was beautiful with stars. He'd phone Carol, tell her he was coming back to Gilmore. What a night! Thousands of stars! But not one of them was as bright as her eyes would be when she heard the news.

Well, he'd see her next week end! And next year? Man, what a year it was going to be!—*Lighted Pathway*

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FYC News

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like to have four copies of the "Good Ship." We plan to use it for our young people's program in March."
Peggy Harris

Denver, Colorado

"We received your letter and the young people's manual and we think it is very fine. We feel it will be of great help to us here in Denver. We hope to organize the group with the National Organization soon after receiving other manuals and membership cards. Enclosed is \$3.00 for the manuals and membership cards."

Harold and Thelma Willhelm

Independence, Mo.

Two more groups are helping sponsor Elder Gibson John's work in Nigeria. They are St. Joseph, Missouri, and Marion, Oregon.

Elden Fischer