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 I'll do every inch of it right.
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 I'll do it clear through with my might.
 And because it is mine, and because it is right
 I'll do it with gladness and deep delight.
 For this is the way of a man
 Who believes in a heavenly plan.
 And who does a thing right with a deep delight
 His God will add to his human might;
 And no matter how humble; no matter how
 small,
 He'll know that Divinity runs through it all.
 —Norman C. Schlichter

"Defer no time; delays have dangerous ends."
 —Shakespeare.

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"It is one of the illusions, that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. —Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. —No man has learned anything rightly until he knows and feels that every day is doomsday.—CARLYLE

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Salvation—HOW?

by Calvin Burrell

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? Am I saved by my works or by God's grace? These questions are central and basic when we consider our relationship with the Creator. We will attempt to analyze and summarize the Apostle Paul's viewpoint on this subject as recorded in the New Testament writings attributed to him.

We will begin by discussing briefly the terms "salvation," "Christian," "works," and "grace." This is merely to clarify them for their use later in the article; the questions heretofore posed are dependent upon their definitions. We will attempt to define these terms, not exclusively from Paul's theology, but from generally accepted ideas and our own concepts of Paul's usage of them.

Salvation is the condition of being saved; it is the state of being right with God.

All true Christians have salvation. The proof of this statement lies in the definition of Christian, which is, one who is Christ-like. All who are

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
Romans 10:9



Christ-like are right with God. True, no Christian ever attains that perfection which was so manifest in Christ, but one reason God sent His Son was to be an example for us, that we might strive for this quality—Christ-likeness. Thus, if we are a Christian (Christ-like),

we are right with God (pleasing Him); we have salvation.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. This grace, which loves the unloveable, endures the unendurable, and forgives the unforgiveable, is possessed only of the Almighty.

Works may be divided into good works and bad works. Bad works may well be called sin, which according to I John 3:4 is the transgression of

the law. Good works, then, would be the keeping of the law (Matthew 22:37-40); developing the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23); and keeping the law of good works as defined in Matthew 25:34-40.

How, then, does one obtain this salvation, which is the realization of every Christian and the hope of every hearer? When the rich young man came to Christ and asked what good thing he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus answered, in essence, "Keep the commandments; take up thy cross and follow me" (Mark 10:19-21). Paul, in answer to the Philippian jailor's question of what he must do to be saved, replied only, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Initially, these two answers to the same inquiry of the way to life would seem to be quite irreconcilable. As we attempt to discover truth concerning this question, let us consider two examples, Mr. A and Mr. Z.

MR. A's METHOD

Mr. A decided to become a Christian. He resolved within himself to become Christ-like, and thereby earn his salvation by good works and keeping of the whole law. This attitude, known in theological circles as legalism, is the attempt to find salvation under the law. It is believing you can do and be good in your own strength. Of this legalism Paul says, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law . . . for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16). Also, "for by grace are ye saved. . . Not of works lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Paul makes it clear that no amount of good works can, of themselves,

bring salvation. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) and "the wages of sin is death. . ." (Romans 6:23).

Mr. A, the legal man, is attempting what many theologians of Paul's day attempted and failed. But as Paul found, and countless others have found since, that is not the way of salvation. We must realize that all our goodness is as filthy rags in God's sight. We cannot work our way toward happiness and the kingdom; we cannot moralize our way; we cannot reform our way; we cannot buy our way. No man can earn God's favor by works of law. Let mortal man present himself before the Most High clad in his works of law, and the verdict must ever be: "Unrighteous!"

We may conclude that Mr. A can not earn his salvation.

MR. Z's METHOD

Mr. Z decides to become a Christian. He accepts God's grace, believes on Jesus Christ, and has faith in God; however, he continues his unChrist-like conduct and bad works as before his conversion. Can this behavior be justified by Paul's teachings? After expounding at length on God's grace, Paul says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid" (Romans 6:1, 2). He preached that the law was not made void through faith; "God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). Reminding the people of Corinth to labor diligently, he says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Corinthians 5:10).

Mr. Z is quite representative of the

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Christian world today. Millions of people today willingly proclaim the existence of a supreme God. They admit that He alone has power to change men's lives. But in their form of godliness, they, by their actions, deny the very power thereof. We must realize that faith without works is dead; we must remember that God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness.

We may conclude that Mr. Z is not justified in his behavior.

GOD'S WAY

Let us now attempt to determine the divine plan for our salvation. With Mr. A and Mr. Z on each extreme, surely there remains a more excellent way: God's Way!

The old path of salvation, as given to God's chosen people, the Israelites, was one of strict legal codes, with a definite system of sacrifices and punishments. This mandatory system of legalism was not conducive to a clear conscience before God, but led only to "dead works." This law ". . . could never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:1, 4). Therefore, God, in His infinite love for us, instituted a better plan. He determined to put his law in our inward parts and write it on our hearts. This is the replacement of the law

of works with the law of love and grace.

To cement this new covenant, God fulfilled the sacrificial law by making the supreme sacrifice. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). With this sacrifice, God terminated the law of works by "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Colossians 2:14).

It was not our goodness, it was only His grace and love for us that prompted Him to this action. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us; even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ . . ." (Ephesians 2:4, 5).

NOT "I"—BUT CHRIST

Now we come to the new basic thought in our study of Salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Our salvation is no longer of works, but it is now the result of a working faith in God's grace, manifested in Jesus Christ. We must all realize that we are in need of this grace. We must admit we are poor before we can become rich. "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that

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Life's Radiant

by Cecyl Fischer

WINTER MARVEL

There is a scene which, when I close my eyes,
Unfolds before me, as 'twere mine to keep
In Mem'ry 'tis so fervidly engraved
As it would glad subdue the deepest deep.

I recall 'twas when I was in rabid haste,
Effecting some obsession in my flight,
When this most heavenly heaven bade me halt
And, powerless, I yielded to the sight.

'Twas the season in between the sun and frost
When summer wars to stay, yet slow succumbs
To wintry chill of air which, plagued by thaw,
Prepares the land for freeze and gale to come.

The sun lay fiery bright behind the clouds
Like the last rose of summer ling'ring still,
Pinking with its rays the ice-blue clouds
And the feather-coat of snow upon a hill.

How could this radiance, this phantom sky,
So close precede the dismal of the night,
But yea, within a fraction of an hour
Gloom will descend to curtain glowing light.

As I turned back to the blue snow all around me
And the silhouette of trees, spread like a fan
I marvelled that the God who paints the heavens
Takes time to love and care for little man.

Sunset

As I was going through some of my old things at my home last summer I came across this poem which I wrote when I was 15 or 16 years of age. I remember the night and the scene clearly, but as I read the poem over I got a new lesson from it. It surprises me that it didn't come to me at the time. It occurred to me that this glorious burst of sunset so well represents that time in each person's life when he has reached the very peak of his success—that time when his goals, whether they be great or small, are more nearly recognized than any time before or any time to come in his life.

For some it is a time of fame, for others merely a time of personal satisfaction, but for all it is the most active, most useful era of their life span. Sometimes it may come late in life; occasionally it comes very early, say in the twenties or even (though seldom) in the teens; but most often it is in those middle years when maturity and experience have done their blessing, but age has not yet sapped one's energy and slowed his responses and ambitions.

But whether it comes early or late, whether it lasts a few years or many, whether the success is great or moderate, there *is* that time in every life when he makes his greatest contri-

bution to his society. He has passed the "dawn" of childhood and the "high moon" of training and experience and now his success and accomplishments flame brightly as a radiant sunset across the skyline of his life. People are aware of him now more than ever before; they admire his accomplishments, as one turns to enjoy the gold and crimson flames of a beautiful sunset.

But the thing that strikes me about this time in life is its poignant brevity. So soon the dusk of old age and the black night of death overcome it and all the brightness, all the radiance, is snuffed out. It reminds me of the words in Psalm 39:5; "...verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity." No matter how wide his fame, no matter how monumental his success, he takes with him in death no more than he brought in birth—UNLESS—

Unless? Oh, yes, that catches the ear, doesn't it? Unless what? UNLESS his goals were God-given, UNLESS his endeavors were God-guided and UNLESS his successes were God-credited! Then, and only then, does he take with him in death more than he brought in birth. For he takes with him a promise so great man should hardly even be allowed to think about it—so great man can hardly comprehend it—so great that many doubt



it—the promise of eternal life.

Teenagers, these are the years when you are making important decisions, forming important philosophies and developing important habits and ways of life. Make sure they are God-oriented, God-guided, and God-centered and the glorious sunset time in

your life will not be gone forever when the darkness comes, but will shine again, more brilliant, more gold, more crimson and more gloriously radiant than before, when our Saviour comes again to make all things new. The next time you see a beautiful sunset, think about this.

Loving Jesus Like A Humming Bird

by Lena Moffatte

My little granddaughter, nearly ten years old, attends Vacation Bible School and occasionally Sabbath school. She has a good moral home and lots of affection, but the spiritual quality is missing. My granddaughter and I have morning devotions and evening prayers together, and many talks about life and the hereafter, whenever she visits grandmother's house.

One day as we were riding along, she remarked that she loved Jesus "just like a humming bird." The comment startled me but, knowing youngsters, I knew if I kept silent the explanation would soon follow. Almost immediately she explained, "because, you know, Grandma, a humming bird flaps his wings 80 times a second."

I couldn't help but think that if we all loved Jesus 80 times a second there wouldn't be time for evil thoughts or angry words. We would be like David, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). We would love the brethren with a deeper understanding love, and love

our fellowmen regardless of race, creed or color.

Later I found more information from my bird book and encyclopedia. The humming bird living in the U.S. is the smallest of its species. They were created with a long narrow bill. They live mostly on destructive insects, and sip deeply for the nectar of flowers. Their work consists of cross-pollination of flowers.

They attract much attention by their brilliant plumage which has a metallic sheen, and by the flapping of their wings 80 times a second.

If we searched deeper with an understanding heart filled with love we might find the sweet "nectar" that probably lies in every bosom.

Also, the humming birds' nests are made of down and spider webs. No harshness in their homes. Their youngsters are cradled in softness and fed the sweetness of flowers.

"Out of the mouth of babes." But it proved to be a stimulant and a blessing to my life as I tried to visualize and make real the great blessing of loving Jesus 80 times a second.

In Memory of

ELAINE LANGILLE CHRISTENSON

To the men of medicine her heart was weak and unsteady, but those of us who knew her well remember hers to have been a heart devoted to the Lord's service, strong and steady. In her 50 short years on life's stage she played the role of a minister's wife well and yet lived the life of an active lay member.

To the readers of our young people's paper and to the publishing house staff she is remembered as the efficient and dedicated editor who piloted the CHRISTIAN YOUTH HERALD and GOSPEL CALL with competence from 1951 to 1957.

Her passing leaves each of us a little greater burden to bear as she was serving faithfully when the Lord called her from the stage of this life. Let the pulse of her devotion live on in each of us, for we can pay her no greater tribute.

—Young People's Department

How High Is Heaven?

Normand J. Thompson

Our lives are surrounded by question marks. How high is heaven? What is electricity? How does God put life in an acorn, perfume in a rose, power in an atom?

Do you like watermelons? Can you explain how a 40-lb. melon grows from a tiny brown seed in the ground? That sweet, juicy core, with its dozens of seeds to start the growing cycle all over again—who can explain this miracle?

When offered a slice of luscious melon, do you say, "No, thanks. I can't understand how nature produces a melon, so I won't eat any"? How foolish that attitude would be!

Instead, you munch the melon, and enjoy it. You simply accept the fact that it was shaped, flavored, and painted by a great, wise Providence.

You don't understand the Bible? No use reading it, you say? Wait a minute? Nobody understands electricity; nevertheless, we use it to light our homes, and to operate television sets, radios, trains, and countless machines.

God is a mystery, you say? So is a drop of water.

Scientists tell us that if the energy in a single drop of water were released, it would drive a train! Do not lie awake nights because you're baffled by the concept of a triune

God, the eternal I AM, who always existed and will live forever and ever. You drink water, enjoy electric lights, and love watermelons. Why not include God in your life?

"How do you know there is a God?" demanded a skeptical young man of an evangelist. "Nobody's ever seen Him, heard Him, or felt Him."

The evangelist replied, "I have seen Him, heard Him, and felt Him. And so can you. I'll tell you how. See that mountain yonder, beyond the orange groves? You climb that mountain, then kneel and pray. Pray till you feel God within you. He's a God of power, and He will make you feel Him, and see Him."

That evangelist's advice was good. For God promises, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search



for me with all your heart."

Don't feel dismayed because you're unable to plumb the depths or scale the heights of God's love. Don't erect question marks. Just love *Him*, and He will pour His love upon you in daily benediction.

You can't grasp the idea of God's omnipotence? You are not alone. Our greatest scientists tremble at the power God locks within the atom. Our great physiologists, awed by the amazing complexity of the human body, exclaim with the Psalmist that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14).

Our great astronomers peer into space and find it sprinkled with stars as innumerable as the sands on the world's beaches. They say our nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is so distant that its light takes 4.3 years to reach us, traveling at 11 million miles per minute. They estimate that 1,300,000 worlds like ours could be packed inside the sun. Our heads swim, contemplating the giant red star Betelgeuse, whose diameter is 300 million miles! We gasp on learning that the distance to Andromeda is 2,300,000 light-years!

Besides being almighty, God is omnipotent. This also staggers the imagination. It means God inhabits the remotest corners of infinite space, far out beyond Andromeda. Yet, simultaneously, He is watching over us and our loved ones in England, Hong Kong, Japan, wherever they might be. How mysterious, yet how

sweetly satisfying to learn that, although the heavens cannot contain God, yet He condescends to dwell in a contrite human heart!

God is also a God of infinite knowledge—omniscient. He knows everything. Long before He hung the stars in the sky, He planned for you to be born, and planned for you to spend eternity with Him in heaven's palaces. He knows your life, your hopes and fears. He understands your bewilderment. He hears you asking, "How high is heaven? What is heaven like?"

The Israelites, starting under Moses for the Promised Land, found the desert dotted with question marks. White and round, like coriander seeds, this mysterious food from heaven tasted like wafers made with honey. Nobody ever did find a name for it. They simply called it "manna," which means, "What is it?"

"I am the living Manna," announced Jesus. Very appropriately, because the incarnate Son of God—Immanuel—stepped down from heaven's high throne to give living bread to a hungry, dying world.

How high is heaven? Too high for any man to assay alone. But Jesus bridges the chasm between heaven and earth, between a holy God and sinful men.

What is heaven like? Just invite Jesus into your heart. Then many question marks will melt away. And the bells of heaven will start ringing for you—*Gospel Herald*

Don't feel dismayed because you're unable to plumb the depths or scale the heights of God's love.

FOR BLESSINGS GALORE

in
'64

by Delores O. Fischer

THINK UP—be optimistic! The misfortunes hardest to bear are those which Christ helps us bear.

LIVE UP to the highest standards you can set for yourself, not the lowest ones you can possibly get by with.

GIVE UP the bad habits which were no asset to you in '63—they'll only continue to assess your happiness in '64.

STORE UP only the good expressions and impressions others give you.

COVER UP the injustices others do you with a forgiving attitude and a forgetting smile.

SHUT UP when you feel like nagging, complaining and criticizing.

COUNT UP all the blessings you received in a single day. There's no more sure cure for the blues.

GROW UP! Only babies have to be pampered constantly.

SPEED UP—so much needs to be done before Christ's soon return; complaining and procrastinating just won't do. Let's get busy!

CONFESS UP—committing a sin took your effort; righting it will, too.

SET UP a workable schedule that includes daily Bible reading and prayer. Then stick to it.

STAND UP for the right, the truth, even if it hurts at the moment.

PUT UP with other's faults gracefully. Silently learn from them.

PRAISE UP—be more concerned about praising God than getting praise for yourself.

POLISH UP on good manners.

SPRING UP at each opportunity to do a good deed.

FIRE UP for God; He needs you, but most of all, you need Him.

STRIKE UP a friendly conversation with an enemy. Chances are you'll strike out the flame of hatred.

WHIP UP an article for *Aim*. You'll be surprised at how easy it is; at what self-satisfaction it

evokes; at what a blessing it can be to others.

CHEER UP someone whose life may not be so sweet.

SPEAK UP when you can say something that's worthy of being received, remembered and repeated.

BRUSH UP on some of those idle talents. Use them for the glory of God.

STRAIGHTEN UP—carry your burdens with confidence and courage. With God this is possible.

READ UP—"Study to shew thyself approved... rightly dividing the word of truth."

LOOK UP for your redemption draweth nigh. Praise the Lord! Many of us won't have to make resolutions in '65; we'll be resting quietly, undisturbed with Satan's evil clamor all about us. We'll be waiting for that blessed resound, "It's time to wake up!... Rise!... Live eternally!" Aren't you getting anxious?

"LAY UP for yourselves treasures in heaven..."

Youthful Aspirations

by Walter Isenhour

The word "aspire," according to Webster's Dictionary, means "to seek after or desire with longing; yearn for that which is better or nobler." Then "aspiration" means "the yearning desire for something higher or better than that already possessed; ambition."

There is perhaps no time in one's life when noble aspirations mean more than in youth. He who sets out for something in the higher realms of life, and in the early years of life, and by taking God into his life, certainly is looking and going in the right direction for a worthwhile goal. Otherwise those who start out in life with the mind, heart, and soul, along with a depraved ambition, for the lower things of life, are headed in the wrong direction, and if such a course is persisted in, then

failure and defeat is inevitable.

With all the golden opportunities thrown about the lives of our youth today, there is no justifiable cause and need for defeat. Naturally the devil seeks to capture and hold in his grip every youth of the land and the world; and those who yield to him are always going on a downward road to utter ruin and defeat; but it doesn't have to be so. God made a marvelous, wonderful way upward, and will give grace to all who will follow Him. His grace and leadership is unailing to those who

put their trust in Him, obey His holy Word, and pray honestly and sincerely from day to day, and live in a spirit of communion and fellowship with Him.

Never have we seen a time when there was more need—urgent need—of young people aspiring for the higher, better, nobler, holier, grander things of life than today. The vast multitudes are failing just here. Setting their affections and desires on the lower, degenerating, evil things of life and the world, they are going by multitudes on the road to defeat, both for time and eternity. It means much indeed to see this trend and turn from it with all one's will power, determination, courage and say: "By the help and grace of God, and by all the faith I have in Him, I'm going on a different road—the road to all that is good, high, noble and sublime. With such a desire and set determination, all the powers of the devil and his evil forces can't drag down and defeat such a person. Amen, and hallelujah!

Oh, young man, young girl, just realize, once and forever, you can't fall in line with the vast crowd that is drifting downward and accomplish anything good, great and worth-while in life! When you accept the company of the gay and giddy, the thoughtless, careless and indifferent; the dancing, frolicking, cursing, profane, adulterous, aimless crowd you are already blighting your name and character, and robbing yourself of life's best. You will soon destroy your health by forming the bad habits of the worldly, wicked, drifting crowd. You will shorten your days. You will be a physical, moral, mental, spiritual wreck perhaps long before your days on earth are ended. Mul-

titudes of young people today are physical, mental, moral and spiritual wrecks, all because they turn away from God and the Holy Bible, and turn to the crowd that is flowing down the road and stream of least resistance, and say, "I'll just follow along with them." Realize that there is nothing noble and sublime about that, but everything that is degrading.

Oh, dear youth, don't be deceived by following the multitude! "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2). You should use your eyes, your common sense and better judgment and realize that there is something far better in life for you than the beggarly elements of the world.

Aspire for something that is worthy of your greatest aims, sublimest plans and purposes. Turn to the better side of life; to the better elements of society—yes, to God's pilgrims and go with them. Aspire for the holiness of God; for the wonderful blessings of God, and for a place in life where you will be useful, and a blessing to your home, your community, your state and the world. This is your privilege and wonderful opportunity. Don't let it slip away.

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"Those who propegate evil reports frequently invent them; and it is no breach of charity to suppose this to be always the case, because no man who spreads detraction would have scrupled to produce it, as he who should diffuse poison in a brook would scarce be acquitted of a malicious design, though he should allege that he received it of another who is doing the same elsewhere.

—Adventurer

Step The Important

By Chester Shuler

SOMETIMES there is but one step between despair and joy, between failure and success. But that one step must be taken before we can realize any benefit which it can bring. There are times when just a step seems impossible, when only determination and faith can help one take it.

During pre-war years, a young man named Tony was a butcher. He had a prospering business and was happy. Then he was drafted into the military service. Later a blast of shrapnel rendered him a helpless invalid, confined to a hospital bed.

Although helpless for the moment and with a drab outlook for the future, Tony refused to be beaten. He had fought bravely for his country, and now he meant to make a brave fight for life also. As he lay there, physically helpless, he began to think about future possibilities.

Opportunities into which he might fit seemed very limited. But there was one thing he could do besides lie quietly in bed. He could read. Tony had long cherished the desire to have a good education, but the necessity to work for a living had kept him

from going to college. Here, he decided, was a practical possibility. Perhaps right there in bed he could begin that education.

He began to read. People who noticed his love for reading supplied him with books, magazines, papers. Tony discovered many new and interesting things, some of which he wanted to remember and use later. He obtained a scrapbook and pasted the items into it. Soon there were several scrapbooks, bulging with information.

Hospital people and visitors became interested. They found Tony's scrapbooks interesting, and Tony himself even more so. He had a bright mind,

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." We need not walk aimlessly. We may have a Guide, if we submit our lives completely to Jesus Christ.

which now was developing rapidly.

One day a visitor suggested that Tony ought to read some of his collected items before a microphone. "They ought to appeal to other persons who, like yourself, are shut-ins," was the visitor's thought.

Tony didn't relish the idea of publicity. But he was eager to help fellow sufferers if he could. So he read into a microphone, wondering just who might hear his voice. His program appealed to all types of listeners, not just shut-ins. Fan mail began to reach Tony. And then the radio people decided they would like Tony to read regularly over the air. Thus his scrapbook idea became a well-known program, eagerly heard by thousands of listeners. Tony's fame was now assured. Although he left the hospital still an invalid, he had won at least part of his battle.

Tony had won because when he was "down" he had not despaired. He had been willing to take *one step*. He had determined to do something, no matter how impossible it seemed. For him that first step has proved to be all that lay between despair and encouragements, between failure and ultimate success.

Tony's experience may have been unusually spectacular, but is by no means uncommon. Many other brave souls have taken the first hard step, the one step needed.

To everyone, regardless of age, sex or physical health, there do come times when despair, discouragement and fear harass and come with such force as to depress our spirits almost beyond hope. This condition, perhaps, is more prevalent in this present time of cold wars, atomic fears, uncertainty and anxiety than ever before. We may need to take that first step at this very moment.

Doctors are agreed that some sort of work or activity is an excellent therapy when depression and worry are great. But work alone cannot effect a cure. The cure lies much deeper—in the soul and spirit.

"Keep Thou my feet: I do not ask to see the distant scene: one step enough for me," declared Poet John H. Newman in his famous hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light."

Undoubtedly one reason for today's anxiety on the part of multitudes is the desire to "see the distant scene," and lack of faith holds us back from taking the one step. We want to know what lies ahead. Will man-made bombs destroy millions of persons in a matter of minutes? If so, when? What can we do to get ready? What will provide physical shelter? When will it occur? What *is* this distant scene?

Man does not know what lies ahead! He can, at best, only imagine, predict, speculate—with no real knowledge that is dependable. The future, the distant scene, is wholly in the hands of God. And God, in His great mercy and love, does not permit man to know much beyond the one step which he perhaps can take in the immediate present, the step which Tony took.

Has some severe temptation or disaster come upon us? Do we seem utterly unable to cope with the situation? Does resistance to this present temptation appear futile? If we have Christ as our Saviour and Friend, we need not despair. We have the sure promise of the Bible: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Let us remember that there is a next step for us. There is a way to escape the severest temptation, the most depressing situation. There is a

way to take that next step. That is what we need to seek when the road seems darkest. But if we take the next step, then what? Supposing we take it in the wrong direction? What if we have not chosen wisely or well?

Again, the Word of God brings comfort and assurance: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." We need not walk aimlessly. We may have a Guide, if we submit our lives completely to Jesus Christ.

One chilly night an old barefoot man found his way into a mission along the Boston waterfront. He had been walking the streets for some time and was sick and cold. After he had been given emergency treatment, food, shoes and stockings, he explained that he was sixty-eight years old. He had been a cook on a merchant vessel and had always followed the sea. He knew no other trade. While on his way to rejoin his ship that afternoon, he had met a stranger with a bottle. The next thing he remembered, he was on the ferryboat coming back to Boston—his suitcase, shoes and stockings gone.

"Do you think that God above cares for a fellow like me?" he asked. When assured that He did, the man said, "I'd like to know more about Him, then. I sure need help from someone."

He did need help. His ship had

sailed without him. He stayed at the mission for several weeks. Each night he attended the meetings, and he learned to know God in the person of Jesus Christ. When his ship docked again, he went back to his job. This time he had Someone to help and care for him. He had taken the important step—toward God. Now God would guide all of his future steps.

Someone may say that Tony and the old sailor were just lucky. Difficult as their situations seem, our own troubles always seem to be magnified until it is hard to see around them and recognize the other persons' problems. But these next-step heroes had the will, the spirit, the pluck to move forward, to take the important first step. Luck is based wholly on chance. Pluck is the result of inner courage.

Your important step may be very different from mine. Our future steps may lead in opposite directions. But for each person, the first step may be the key to future happiness and success. Look carefully *now* and see where that step may be taken. Sincerely ask God to direct your life, and you surely will be shown where your opportunity and duty lie. One step in the direction God wants you to go will start you on the pathway to blessing and the doing of God's will.—*The War Cry*

"Charity"

There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it behooves any of us
To find no fault with the rest of us.

Religion in Review

Here are some excerpts from a "Religion in Review for 1963" release from Evangelical Press Association.

IN CAMPUS EVANGELISM

Two major events stand out in relation to the campus evangelistic ministry that appear to have real significance for the days ahead. The first is the belated public recognition of the plight and pressure that college and university students are in. The number of articles on campus suicides, drop-outs, psychiatric treatment that have appeared in leading journals have made this situation common knowledge. No longer are evangelical student workers considered prophets of doom or sensationalists in seeking to bring Jesus Christ into these situations.

In a similar vein the unprecedented response of almost 3,000 students to the Billy Graham Los Angeles Crusades appears to be a major breakthrough in reaching these students for Christ.

CHARLES TROUTMAN, GENERAL DIRECTOR
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

IN YOUTH MINISTRY . . .

This year there has been a definite move among youth to take their place as a force for God.

Of major importance during 1963 was the response of young people to be witnesses for Christ. In nearly every denomination there has been some type of nationwide witnessing or gospel distribution program. There seems to be a near heartbeat among evangelical youth to meet the spiritual hunger of the world.

The spiritual awakening taking place on many college campuses is a second significant development. While much of this may be spurious, yet the attention of many secular-minded students has been drawn toward real Christianity.

No doubt of greatest significance during the year was the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon young people in many different denominations and groups. Perhaps this is a fulfillment of "latter day" prophecy. It is certainly preparing youth to more adequately serve in the year ahead.

ROBERT A. CRANDALL, GENERAL DIRECTOR
FREE METHODIST YOUTH

Very specifically, the major events in the field of youth work in my estimation are as follows:

1. The first bi-racial Teen Team now serving the Lord in Africa. There are three white teenage boys and two Negro boys, chaperoned by our YFC Director from Scranton, Pennsylvania, serving the Lord in the field of
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Youth Questions...

Counsel by Ray L. Straub

QUESTION:

I am a high school senior, engaged to a boy who is in my class. We plan to be married right after graduation. We go to the same church, and both our parents seem to approve our going together. Everyone tells us we are too young to get married. Are we too young? We are very much in love.

ANSWER:

It's very good to be in love! And, it is perfectly normal for two young people in love with each other to want to live together, honorably bound by the laws and principles of marriage.

Besides your being physically old enough, you have several other qualities which contribute to a happy marriage. You have apparently won the respect and affection of your parents, and you are of the same religion.

You are to be complimented on being concerned with the suggestions of others who caution you that you may not be old enough to form a home of your own. This assures that you will seriously consider the answer to your question.

You are no doubt aware that physical maturity does not qualify one for marriage. There are other necessities.

For instance, how do you plan to assume responsibility for the financial support of your home? While money does not guarantee a happy marriage, you surely cannot get along without it. Not having yet graduated from high school, it is probable that neither of you know what it is to hold down a full-time job. Neither would you know how much income you would need from that employment in order to pay for the standard of living you hope to enjoy. You ought to know about living costs such as food, clothing, purchase of furniture, car expenses, rent, utilities, church support, medical and dental bills and so forth. Fear, disappointments, and repeated humiliation can seriously scar a marriage union.

What about your life's vocation? It is good to note that you love each other. Surely this love will not force you into a meager existence because it was too impatient to allow planning for a more meaningful and secure livelihood.

Perhaps you ought to consider the advantages received in your both having jobs, giving you opportunity to see what is involved in earning money and being responsible for spending it. If you can succeed on your own, you have something of real value to offer a marriage. Have either of you

Do you have a problem? You are invited to send your questions to us for discussion in this column. Address your letter to: Aim, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. Questions of a personal nature—not for publication—will also be welcomed and carefully answered.

been interested in traveling, trying various kinds of work, getting more education, acquiring new hobbies, living away from home? These are worth-while interests and will add happily to a marriage.

Discuss your plans with God in prayer. Sometimes young people feel a call from God to a certain service for Him, only to have the fulfillment of this call detoured by the lustre of marriage. Make Jesus your partner and try to do just what you think

He would want you to.

Remember that at your fine age, delay before matrimony will almost always be to your advantage for several years. Often a person's good reasoning opposes what his emotions long for. The sign of a mature person is his ability to bring his good reasoning and his good emotions together into one good, godly decision.

Why not talk this matter over with your pastor? He is anxious to be of real help to you.

Do You Say It? Think It?

"But Mom and Dad are so Snoopy!"

DO YOU BRISTLE (inwardly or outwardly) when Mother and Dad ask, "How much do you really know about this new date of yours?" or "Is your new date a Christian?" or "Just where are you going tonight?" or "Are you sure the crowd realizes we want you to be home by midnight?" or "Won't two dinners at Pine Inn be pretty expensive?"

If you positively suffer from the "snoopy" questions Mother and Dad ask, especially about your dates, don't conclude that your parents are the snoopest in ten states or that you're a lone victim.

Instead, why not give some thought to the subject of *why* Mother and Dad ask these questions; see if you can discover the deep, underlying reasons for their queries. If you go into a huddle with yourself and do this, you'll approach your problem like a mature adult, rather than

lashing out the way some girls and fellows do with reasons like these: Mother and Dad think I'm a baby. They don't trust me. They've forgotten how it feels to be young. They are determined to keep me tied to their apron strings. They think it's a sin to have any fun. They don't really love me.

A little quiet pondering will show you how childish these reactions are. And if, after your careful thought about the *real* reasons, you still are

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The Editor's Page

A MEASURE TO BE FILLED

"Life is a measure to be filled—not a cup to be drained." It is with this thought in mind that I accept this new responsibility as editor of *your* paper—AIM. It is my hope that God can use me in this capacity to cause someone's life to be of fuller measure.

Will you accept this responsibility with me? While you enjoy blessings offered you through our youth paper, will you willingly share your blessings and inspiration with others?

Many times thoughts may come to you; you dwell on them briefly—and then set them aside. Often these thoughts could be developed, and put down on paper to be shared with someone else. Pondering over a passage in the Bible (even a very familiar passage) often brings to one a new dimension which had never been realized before in this verse. Whether you express your thoughts in only a few words—or whether you develop it into an article of length, you can help to edify another. Perhaps this is a "cup" you can help to fill.

Don't wait for someone else to be your pattern. *You* be the pattern. In making your own life a blessing to someone else, only *you* can take the initiative. You can be a Christ-living example for someone else. Many of us are inclined to measure our achievements by what others have *not* done. We find Jesus' reaction to such a viewpoint in John 21:22—"... If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me."

Recently I read the bleak feelings expressed by Clarence Darrow near the closing of his life. While he was a man of wealth and success, yet he realized he had nothing. Though his views in life would characterize him an agnostic or perhaps even atheist, he offered in conversation with a clergy friend his favorite Bible verse. It was found in Luke 5:5—"We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing." This expressed the feelings of this man who would be considered a tremendous success in worldly wisdom and material wealth. He had nothing—because his life did not exemplify Christ, did not witness for Christ, did not include Christ.

If your life includes Christ, then your *efforts* must include Him. "God gives every bird his food, but He doesn't throw it into the nest."

"BUT MOM AND DAD ARE SO SNOOPY!"

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a bit at sea, there's one sure way to find out why Mother and Dad ask all these questions: ask them! Not with hands on hips and an expression that says, "now let's have this out," but in one of those heart-to-heart sessions that are a shining light of Christian faith.

Do you have family talk-it-over times at your house? If you don't, why not begin tomorrow? Talk things over calmly, quietly, with no accusations and no verbal bombs. Begin with prayer, show love and understanding. Families that have this sort of discussion find that at the end of the talk everyone feels a hundred per cent better.

As you listen to your Mother and Dad explain the "whys" of their questions, you'll sense their deep love for you and their desire for you to have happiness, success, and a wonderful Christian experience. Mother and Dad know that every date is a potential life partner, that a girl or fellow's life partner is one of the most important factors in the whole-life picture, that your marrying a Christian is vital. That's why they ask questions so often about your dating.

Before that heart-to-heart talk with Mother and Dad, here's something you can do that will pave the way for full understanding: make a list of ten questions you've asked your parents recently. Do any of your questions sound snoopy? Here are some you may find you've listed: Why do you have to use the car Saturday night? Am I going to get that brown jacket for my birthday?

Why can't we have a new car this year the way the Smiths do? What happened to the budget that we didn't get the new rug? Why can't I have my next week's allowance early? (Have Mother and Dad ever told you that you ask snoopy questions?)

Incidentally, if you've been cogitating on how simply ducky it would be if you were in Gayle or Gregg's shoes (*their* parents never demand to know where they're going or with whom!), do some private sleuthing and get the whole picture of Gayle or Gregg's life before you do a lot of pining and yearning.

Could be you'll discover that those parents who can't be bothered checking up or asking "snoopy" questions are too busy hustling off to the Pink Lion Bar or a cocktail party. Chances are that Gayle or Gregg would give almost anything for the love, care, concern your parents feel and show; for the shining Christian faith you know.

Could be that, after your sleuthing, you'll humbly pray, "Thank you, Lord, for parents who care so much."

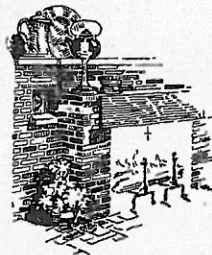
—*The Lighted Pathway*

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There is an old story of a man who had been the victim of strong drink but who had reformed and apparently was the conqueror of his evil habit. However, when he drove into town, he continued to hitch his horse at the post in front of the town saloon. Eventually he fell into his old ways again. Had he had a healthy fear of temptation he would have changed his hitching post.

Charles L. Allen in THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Fleming H. Revel Company)



Heart to Heart

by Elden W. Fischer

HOW ABOUT 1964?

As the sun set in the west a few days ago the "Year for Youth" became history and most of us were given another 366 to use in the Lord's service. Now is a good time to look at your spiritual record books for 1963. As you balance the losses and gains for the year do they show a profit or did the set-backs in your Christian life outweigh the gains? Often light is made of New Year's resolutions because some are ridiculous and lightly taken. I would urge you to write down resolutions now for self-improvement. Put your resolutions somewhere where you can recall them to mind frequently. Submit yourself to the Lord's will and pray that He will help you meet Christian goals you cannot attain within your own power. Could your life stand improvement? . . . Then don't put this off until you forget about it.

DO YOU CARE?

Have you ever asked someone for their opinion or preference and received the empty reply, "Oh, I don't care?" We have seen this attitude prevail in the young people's response to our requests in *Aim*. After the poor response to *Aim* subscription campaigns we have at times felt we would get very few subscriptions even if we were to offer them free of

charge. We feel our FYCers have a right to be proud of a good youth magazine.

Those who read *Aim* like it and sometimes even write for it. Those who don't read it can't like it. We observe a 24-hour Sabbath at least four times a month so it's hard to believe that so few have time to read *Aim*. We added new features and made changes and several times asked for suggestions for improvement, but the response was too poor to print. We wanted to hear your suggestions for national Y. P. projects and a motto and what you would like to see in *Aim*. At Denver, young people seemed very interested in FYC pins, but now that it is time to order, the response prohibits further action. You know, yourself, whether or not you responded to the request in April *Aim* to have a letter shower for our foreign worker.

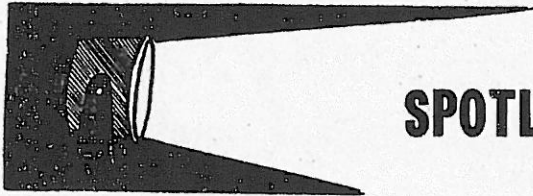
It should not be necessary to take up valuable space in *Aim* to repeat an item 3 or 4 times. *Aim*, along with the Bible, can brighten your pathway in life. Our paper is also the only way you can keep in contact with the Y. P. Program, and only by responding to *Aim* can young people help formulate our Young People's programs. Until we have a full-time Y. P. Chairman we must depend on *Aim* to organize our efforts. This problem of poor response is prevalent

in all churches; however let's not pacify ourselves with these sleeping pills. Let's trim our lamps, for time is short and the task ahead is great before Jesus returns. Remember we represent the Church of God so we must not be content with being average. I challenge you to swamp us with ideas and letters this month. Last January was our best month in 1963

so the password for 1964 is **RESPOND**.

These words I felt were needed and have been on my heart for some time. No one can help us exactly like you can. Take these words into your heart.

If the coming of Jesus would be announced only in *Aim*, would you be there? Remember our Password!



SPOTLIGHT PROJECT

"Grab a Carrot and Come On!!"

The New Auburn, Wisconsin, FYC group held a **FALL CLEANUP** at their church in November. The idea of church cleanup is not new nor unique, but here it was done in a rather unique way. Each person who came to the cleanup brought along with them a vegetable or two and some of the ladies brewed them into

a fine hearty soup which Sister Bennie Louis embellished with big fluffy dumplings. (Sister Louis is the white-haired lady helping hold the soup kettle in the picture.)

Some of the young people couldn't be there because of fall work at home on their parents' farms, etc., but several young people came, as



well as two of the fathers, the pastor, and the Y.P. sponsors, making 20 in all. And willing workers they were, too, for in a matter of a few hours they had cleared the brush along the west end of the lawn, raked lawns, prepared the flower beds for spring, repaired the church bell and put up storm windows on the church, plus other small, but important tasks. At noon everyone gathered in the warm, delicious-smelling kitchen and enjoyed a bowl of steaming soup and dumplings amid their own chatter and laughter.

New Auburn is one of our most active groups and outstanding supporters of the national FYC program. They are well on their way to a Gold Merit Award for 1963 and are one of the few groups who have responded and turned in several orders for FYC pins. Their pastor is Elder Vernon Patchen. The group has 30 registered FYC members.

Church cleanup is one of the many ways the Y.P. groups can help their home church and all too often the task is left to the adults, whose time and energy are more limited. Our young people's groups should endeavor to be of service to their church and their pastor in as many ways as possible, for in doing so they are of service to the Lord. Work done together becomes play. Thank you, New Auburn, for this "soup-er" idea.

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SALVATION—HOW?

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the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe" (Galatians 3:22).

When we become aware of the destructive power of our stubborn

will, and we realize our absolute dependence upon the grace of God through faith, then we have started on the road to happiness. Man does not come to know God through works; he comes to know God by faith through grace. We must accept Christ as God's Son; we must admit that He died to save us from sin; we must "put on Christ." Thus we come under His grace.

If we have made this step, we have succeeded where Mr. A. failed. We are not dependent upon our own efforts; we now have a source of righteousness within us. We are not under the curse of the law; Christ has been made a curse for us. This putting on of Christ entails moral privileges and responsibilities, which was the field of Mr. Z's failure. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2). We see that the result of putting on Christ is a whole change in our lives. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

GOD'S GIFT—OBEDIENCE FOLLOWS

Does it seem logical that a criminal who has received pardon from the President would want to continue in crime just for the hope of the experience of receiving further pardons? Paul was more than plain in

declaring that those who put on Christ do not continue in sin and carnality. "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor" (Galatians 2:18).

We must realize that sin is still defined and the wages of sin is still death. "Sin *pays* its servants: the wage is death. God *gives* to those who serve him: his gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23, Phillips trans.)

"HEARTFELT" OBEDIENCE

The situation now should be that of obedience from the heart. After his conversion, Paul did not do some things he felt he would have been justified in doing, because of *heartfelt* obedience. "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (1 Corinthians 10:23). His obedience was now in the *spirit* of the law. His testimony to the Corinthians was, "...our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:5, 6).

Paul envisioned one who had put on Christ, thusly: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1, 2).

How does Paul view the end result of this process? "...that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:17). We will hasten to add

that these good works are not a product of our own righteousness, nor are we yet able to do any good thing of ourselves. All our goodness is a result of Christ reigning in our lives "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us" (Romans 8:4).

These conclusions may be drawn about our salvation:

- (1) It is the gift of God.
- (2) It comes through faith in Jesus Christ.
- (3) It works within our lives to bring forth good fruits.

In conclusion, we find one verse which seems to summarize and condense beautifully all our thoughts concerning salvation. Let us say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

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RELIGION IN REVIEW

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evangelism throughout Africa. The key to this whole endeavor is the fact that these teenagers have doors open to them that have not been open to adults or other evangelical groups.

Governor Welsh of Indiana agreed to convert the Muscatatuck State Park from a quail farm to a camping facility if YFC would take over the operation of it. 1,138 delinquent boys had the privilege of attending the YFC Lifeline camps in the State of Indiana this summer.

CARL J. BIHL, PRESIDENT
YOUTH FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

M A K E M A R K of M E R I T

by Dale Lawson

As we have entered the year 1964, we want to add new and greater emphasis to our Merit Program. This present year can be a year in which we as young people can do more for our Master than we have ever done before. Then again it could be just another year—a mediocre year in which we trudge along in a rut with our natural tendency to follow the easiest course.

Considering these two possibilities, we would ask that you evaluate your own personal efforts and those of your local FYC. What can you do to make this a year of better service to God and your fellowmen and a year for winning souls?

We are happy to report that some FYC groups made extreme efforts to attain a Golden Mark of Merit in 1963. Also we want to encourage those who fell a little short of this mark to look up and press on to higher heights and goals. We feel there should have been many more FYC's in the Merit Program.

To attain a Mark of Merit means your local FYC has to do many things in support of your local church and the work of the Lord. Isn't this a fair evaluation of the worth of this program? Our hopes and prayers are that all our FYC's will see the great need of doing our

best for the King of all kings. If we fail to do our best, perhaps we will fall short of the vocation wherewith we are called and not attain the prize of the high calling to be a Christian and servant of God.

So let us enter the Merit Program and give of our best to the Saviour, His service, and His church. Look closely at Hebrews 12:1, 2. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..." Forget about self and selfish things and put God and His will first in your life.

We have not at the time of this writing received the quarterly reports from our local FYC's. When we receive them, they will be evaluated and awards will be given. For 1964 we hope to make it possible for our FYC's to receive extra credit and recognition for projects and programs which put them beyond the 500-point mark. This will not involve an additional award.

I might add at this point that this year's evaluation will be a little on the stricter side. As an example

let us consider ordering a subscription for the **Aim** for someone. We feel this is not worthy of merit points because it involves no personal effort on the part of your members, and very little expense. Maybe if you sent enough subscriptions and made a good campaign it would

be worthy of merit points.

May you be encouraged, FYCers, to press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God and be worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called (Phil. 3: 4 and Eph. 4:1). May God bless you, FYC'er, in your work for Him.

"Take Time for God"



by Noah Camero

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Young people of the Church of God, a new year is here, what does it hold forth for you? During the past year many of you have endeavored to be a part of the "Growing with God" program directed by Elder Nelson Caswell. This year I have been named to continue this worth-while project. I sincerely hope that all of you are planning to continue growing with God.

First of all, let's get acquainted. Here are two questions that will help us get to know ourselves. Who are you and what do you want to be? The question *Who Am I* may be harder to answer than you think. For I suspect you know that the *you* that goes to such and such a school and that lives at such and such a street is but a *part* of the *real you*.

The *real you* has a mind that thinks as none other can. The *real you* has a will that can be as un-

bendable as steel. The *real you* has a heart that can feel as no other can. Indeed yours is truly a unique picture. Hard to draw, harder yet to recognize.

By this we can clearly see that you are an individual unlike anyone else in this world. Think of this! In a world of millions of humans like you, God has made you different. An individual with a purpose and a mission.

No doubt you are wondering why I am writing in such a weird fashion. Well, let me make myself clear. I am assigning the latter part of Proverbs and the first part of Ecclesiastes for your daily reading. I want to prepare you for your task.

The book of Proverbs is a thinking man's book. It is a book that will require concentrated brain power for maximum benefits. It will not supply you with clear-cut answers but rather with subtle revelations. Lessons and conclusions gained from actual ex-

periences will be there for you to apply to your own situations. In short, the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes will let you glimpse life as the living lived it, even as you live it.

And all of this will help you to better understand and recognize yourself. And what greater spiritual growth can you have, than that which will cause you to begin an honest introspection?

During the past year you saw, heard and took part in many activities. Some you will remember with joy, others you may wish you could forget. Perhaps some of the temptations and problems that confronted you seemed insurmountable to say the least, but somehow it passed.

Yes, whatever problems and joys you may have had are all in the past. And the past can never be relived or undone or unsaid. So the important thing for you to think about and set your sights on is the future and the question, *What do I want to be?* Not what I was yesterday, but what I want to be tomorrow. This little poem will help you see the importance of this thought. "Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow is but a vision, today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of joy and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

The young people of today have a tendency to measure success by positions, profession and power. You as Christian youth should think of success as finally becoming what *God wants you to be*. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes will help you see the inevitable end of the upright, the just, the righteous, the wise, in contrast to the end of the wicked, the rebellious, the reckless, the sinner. Then you will see what *you must be!*

Take inventory of yourself in the

light of God's word. Resolve with His help to overcome your weaknesses and to be what He wants you to be. Take time for God and you will soon see that it pays to serve Jesus.

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January 17	Proverbs 13
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January 23	Proverbs 19
January 24	Proverbs 20
January 25	Proverbs 21
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January 27	Proverbs 23
January 28	Proverbs 24
January 29	Proverbs 25
January 30	Proverbs 26
January 31	Proverbs 27
February 1	Proverbs 28
February 2	Proverbs 29
February 3	Proverbs 30
February 4	Proverbs 31
February 5	Ecclesiastes 1
February 6	Ecclesiastes 2
February 7	Ecclesiastes 3
February 8	Ecclesiastes 4
February 9	Ecclesiastes 5
February 10	Ecclesiastes 6
February 11	Ecclesiastes 7
February 12	Ecclesiastes 8
February 13	Ecclesiastes 9
February 14	Psalms 139

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God can do anything, anything—except please all of the dissatisfied grumblers!

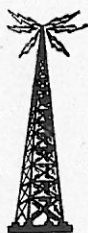
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Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.

—William Carey

PROGRAM IDEA

With Missionary Emphasis



The following program was presented at the Kansas City Church in November.

The script which was used for the Harvest Time Program is too long to print here, but those who are interested in a copy may get it by writing to Elden Fischer, 10601 E. 26th St., Independence, Mo.

THE SCRIPT

In short, the script is the story of two brothers, one who became a farmer and the other who became a preacher. The script gives opportunity for comparing the harvests of the two brothers, the temporal harvest and the spiritual harvest.

It follows the course of events surrounding the preacher's call to service and his decision to answer the call. It follows him through his ministerial training and the pastorate of his first church and then to Africa where he spends some time as a missionary.

The biography is written in such a way as to lead up to the special numbers and readings which are to be used on the program. Of course, the numbers could be varied to suit the group presenting the program. Eventually, in a revival meeting the farmer brother himself comes to realize that he owes more than tithes and offerings to God.

RADIO TECHNIQUE

This program was presented in the form of a radio broadcast with the congregation as the studio audience. The emcee acting as program announcer and another person acting as technical engineer are seated at a table with the script and numbered cue cards which are shown in time for program participants to get in place before their respective numbers are due. Participants have been informed previously of their cue numbers. This way they can be already situated behind the microphone at the proper time with no waiting or unnecessary pauses.

VISUAL AIDS

A stenciled sign (cut-out) can be made with the words "On The Air" and placed in view of the audience with a light behind it. After a few hours of introduction to the "studio audience" the light behind the "On The Air" sign can be switched on and the start of the broadcast announced. Before this time, however, groups will probably want to have a traditional opening with hymn singing and prayer. In the K.C. program this consisted of two verses of the hymn "Send the Light," followed by a series of slides of harvest scenes taken in a farm area.

GROUP PARTICIPATION

As the program went "on the air"

the congregation was singing "Bringing in the Sheaves." This can be followed by a commercial or announcement (samples will follow) and then one of the announcers says "And now, join us as we present our annual Harvest Time Program." The script begins here, after a few strains of "Harvest Time" on the organ if available.

CALL LETTERS

Appropriate call letters may be chosen for the radio station. Some choices considered at K.C. were KFYC or KCCG (Kansas City Church of God). The script provides one station break at which time an offering was taken up. However as groups vary the program to suit them-
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Grow More In '64

Are you interested in self-improvement? Here is a program we would like all young people through age 25 to join. Bible verses are easier to memorize and will stick with you longer when memorized during these early years in your life.

We suggest you learn two memory verses a week. We will select eight good verses to memorize each month and these will be printed in *Aim*. If everyone learns the suggested verses we can have local contests toward the end of the year and then hold national competition. We will publish the names of national winners and maybe offer a nice prize, too. Every month at young people's meeting or some other occasion you can have a drill on these verses.

You should know both the verse and where it is found. If someone gives you a portion of the verse you should be able to finish the verse. If someone gives you the text you should be able to give the verse or if someone gives you the verse you should be able to tell where it is found.

To keep track of these verses we suggest that you type or write the verse on a file card. On the other side of your file card you can print where the verse is found. This makes it easy for you to learn the verse and to drill yourself. If you participate you will benefit eternally from these efforts. A small investment of time will pay great dividends.

The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). Let's hide God's word in hearts from coast to coast.

Study these verses for January:

Galatians 6:9

1 Corinthians 6:20

Romans 6:23

Matthew 6:33

Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119:105

2 Timothy 2:15

Galatians 6:7

Plan now for Youth Camp in 1964

Church of God camps will be conducted in three locations:

SLEEPER STATE PARK

Caseville, Michigan

JUNE 21-28

SAGMOUNT BIBLE CAMP

Near Joplin, Missouri

JUNE 15-21

SILVER FALLS STATE PARK ✓

Silverton, Oregon

A new dimension has highlighted the summer vacation of many of our youth in recent years—our Youth Camps. Here is the heartfelt testimony of appreciation from one youth who was privileged to attend one of our youth camps.

I thank the Missionary Circle in New Auburn, Wisconsin, at the Tillinghast Church for the \$12 they gave me for my trip to Denver camp meeting. And I thank the Lavern Lings for taking me. I had a lot of fun at the camp meeting, being with the other kids there.

And I thank Elder Vernon Patchen for taking me to Youth Camp at Michigan. I am glad that I could go because I had a wonderful experience of being converted and baptized. I hope the next youth camp they have, I can go—and the next camp meeting too. I hope somebody else can be picked for the next Denver camp meeting here.

Steven Forbes

Are you including Youth Camp in your plans for the coming summer season? You can be assured of the fellowship and blessings which have been experienced by those who have attended in past years. Start working and planning toward this goal now.

Watch the coming issues of *Aim* for more information about 1964 youth camps.

F Y C NEWS and REMINDERS

Keeping Standards High

Whether or not your group qualified for a gold or silver merit award last year, we hope you are making plans now to work toward one in 1964. It is important to keep your standards high from the very first in order to earn one of these awards. Brother Dale Lawson, a Midwest Bible College student from Oregon, is in charge of this program for the coming year, so send all your reports to him. The address is simply Dale Lawson, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Mo.

Keeping In Touch

Sister Jewel Linville, an FYC member now teaching school at Neosho, Missouri, is taking charge of foreign correspondence for the national FYC group. Already she is doing a fine job in this work and her labor is greatly appreciated. Letters which she received from foreign workers will be printed in AIM from time to time. Watch for them.

2T4G With Noah

If you haven't already started participated in our Take Time for God (2T4G) program, now would be an excellent time to start. If you have already earned a 2T4G certificate we hope you will continue the program. You will receive your certificate as soon as you have completed 365

days of daily prayer and Bible reading. Elder Noah Camero, pastor at St. Paul, Minnesota, will be writing the monthly 2T4G article in AIM throughout 1964 with the suggested daily readings. If you follow these suggested readings, people all over the country will be studying with you. We truly appreciated the articles of Elder Nelson Caswell during the past year and anticipate another good year with Elder Camero.

Hurry! Hurry!

We hope you are hurrying your Merit System reports for the last quarter of 1963 to Brother Dale Lawson. His address is Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri. We will print names of the award-winning groups in the next AIM. Make your report accurate and clear.

Change of Editor

With the new year we must bid farewell to our AIM editor of the past six years, Sister Donna Faubion. She has served faithfully and efficiently and we will miss her fine editorials, but wish her God's blessings in her new undertakings. Be sure you read her farewell editorial in the December, 1963, AIM if you haven't already. With Sister Faubion's resignation we welcome our new editor, Sister Hope Dais. Let's support her with articles and suggestions, espe-

cially during these first months when she is adjusting to her new task.

Attractive FYC Pins

Since so many of you expressed a desire to have FYC pins at camp meeting last summer we had some sketches made by a company and we could have some beautiful pins with the FYC emblem in blue enamel and silver made for \$2.15 each. We have received a few orders from young people, but not nearly enough to warrant having the mold made. If you are still interested won't you please send in your order. Even better, have your leader or sponsor order for the whole group. If you could see these lovely sketches we know you would be anxious to get your pins.

Free!

Constitutions and membership cards are available to those who register their name, address, date of birth and home church with the national youth files. If you are already registered, these will be sent on request. If you are not, just send us the information mentioned above and indicate that you would like a membership card and a copy of the constitution. The address is Elden Fischer, 10601 E. 26th St., Independence, Missouri, 64052.

More for Less

FYC manuals are still available FROM the publishing house at 25¢ each. (These are free to ministers and Y.P. Sponsors.) These manuals are valuable guides for Y. P. groups to follow, providing information on the Merit System, ideas for Y. P. projects, and a copy of the FYC constitution. It would be well for every

FYC member to own and read one. They cost less than a double chocolate malted and you can have your order in the mail in less time than you could drink one.

New, Attractive Stationery

We have a new layout for our FYC stationery with the FYC emblem. It is very attractive and is available to the young people at \$1.25 per 100 sheets. If you prefer a smaller quantity perhaps your leaders or sponsor could order for the whole group and sell it by the sheet or in smaller quantities.

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selves, more breaks may be added for commercial announcements. A sample follows, though not all of these were used in the K. C. program. Each group can make its own to suit the occasion.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

AND NOW THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE... (pause)... Friends, if you have someone in your family who is having a birthday soon, or if you are planning a special occasion in the near future, do your gift shopping at our publishing house in Stanberry, Missouri. Shop either in person or by mail. When you care at all, care enough to shop at the Church of God Publishing House. If you don't have a catalogue, drop us a card and we will gladly furnish you one. Remember, that's the Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. (pause)

NOW TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM...

Why Have Church Schools?

A recent survey of 12 representative colleges and universities is reason enough. These appalling facts were revealed—and the picture is no brighter with secondary schools:

1. A decided majority agreed that "Christ should be regarded only as a very great prophet or teacher."
2. 82% of the students at one school, 70% at another, and 68% at still another indicated no disapproval of illicit sexual behavior because of religious beliefs.
3. Only 58% of those who believe in God believe that He "will sometime alter the course of events in answer to prayer."
4. A large majority of students consider atheists or agnostics "just as likely as believers to do the morally right or kind things."
5. 13% of all student "believers" never pray, and many more pray "only at specific crisis in... life."

At our church schools the atmosphere is entirely different. This is enough to cause any Christian young person to see the value of attending a Christian school where

- Companions are Christian
- Instructors are converted
- Activities are wholesome and proper
- Surroundings are inspiring
- Conversations are ethical

Promote Christian Schools

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Spring Vale Academy
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Owosso, Michigan

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