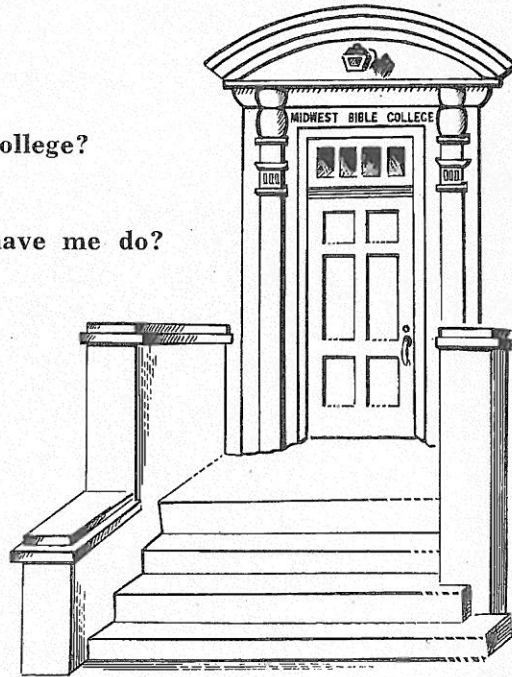


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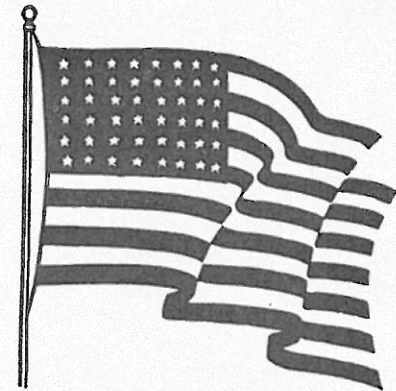
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True freedom consists with the observance of law.—Adam was as free in paradise as in the wilds to which he was banished for his transgression.

—Thornton.

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*False notions of liberty are strangely common. People talk of it as if it meant the liberty of doing whatever one likes—whereas the only liberty that a man, worthy of the name of man, ought to ask for, is, to have all restrictions, inward and outward, removed that prevent his doing what he ought.*—F. W. ROBERTSON

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# Called to

# Responsible

# Freedom



By Mary Alice Abernathy,  
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Here lies a nation . . . a Christian nation, one whose citizens are, as Thomas Jefferson so ably put it, "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Yes, this is true, but also that Creator calls His people to accept this gift of freedom as a responsibility. Let us find out more about this right which is also a responsibility, this catalyst that affects the course of history—how we got it, who gave it to us, what it means to an individual, what it is, what we must do with it, and how we can do this.

The consequence of the heritage of our nation has permeated into our hearts and minds like a rich and somber dye. This precious heritage of freedom has not, however, been won and secured by the many noble men who have given their lives for it, but rather these have pre-

served this gift of God to man, and have made possible political freedom in the United States. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Freedom of spirit, which is universal in possession, if not in use, is now shrouded in political freedom in the United States, but the two are distinctly different. They become partners only when men are willing to stand by their convictions; then do we have political freedom

because of our freedom of spirit. I consider "my" freedom to be that portion of God's great plan which grants each individual the responsible privilege of being a free moral agent to set the course of his life. Let me tell you a few of the things that "my" freedom means to me.

*First*, it is a fruition of life-long plans based on personal desires and human experiences. I may follow the dictates of my heart in striving toward Christian maturity. Here I am reminded of the scripture: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

*Second*, my freedom means an opportunity to correlate rights and responsibilities offered by a democratic society, because I believe the mainstay of a complex governmental organization such as is in the United States to be the mass of intelligent citizens who take an active part in government, whether in politics or not. In Titus 3:1 Christians are told to "Be subject to principalities and powers."

*Third*, my freedom affords me the privilege of expanding my spheres of influence if I wish. I am not limited to the bounds of my existence; my environment is what I choose it to be. If I can influence others, I may. Isn't this what is meant by the scripture: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch

forth the curtains of thine habitations" (Isaiah 54:2)?

*Fourth*, I may extend my quest for knowledge into unexplored areas of learning if I wish. Basically, this follows Paul's teaching, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed..." (2 Timothy 2:15).

*Fifth*, my freedom means a duty to take an interest and active part in government, to obey laws unquestioningly. In 1 Peter 2:13 we are told to "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake."

*Sixth*, my freedom gives me the opportunity to worship God, to seek His will or purpose for my life, to strive to achieve these goals. This, to me, is the core of the meaning of "my freedom." "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 12:2).

*Seventh*, my freedom is to me a constant memorial to those who have made its preservation possible. When "Old Glory" flies upward and a band plays the "Star-Spangled Banner" as the hats of loyal citizens come off, we are reminded of our debt to our founding fathers.

Most of all, however, are we reminded of our debt to our Heavenly Father, when the banner of the cross flies up and

church bells peal through to a people in need of the message it represents—the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is *the answer* for a world in need. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Certainly we, who have freedom of body, mind, and soul, have a story to tell to the nations—a story of a Saviour, of the Truth Who makes men free. Our freedom, then, and our citizenship—the way we use our freedom—are sacred responsibilities which must not be taken lightly. Good citizenship on the part of Americans is actually a challenge, the gauntlet thrown down, an invitation to the rest of the world to join in the fight for the conservation of human resources, which is the invitation accepted, the gauntlet acknowledged, the challenge consummated. When human resources are conserved, the integrity of individuals and the integrity of nations is evolved and preserved.

But why is citizenship the basis of this challenge offered by the free world? The populace who live within the structure of a governmental organization must demonstrate their belief in it in order that its existence may be justified in the eyes of those whom it seeks to influence. The "huddled masses yearning to breathe free,"<sup>2</sup> those who seek a better way of life, but first

<sup>1</sup>"We... have a story to tell to the nations"—Colin Sterne.

must conquer poverty, disease, ignorance, or tyranny—these are they whom it seeks to influence. Good citizenship is the means by which this belief is demonstrated, and provides the fundamental foundation for any further measures some may wish to take (such as service vocations). In other words, the bare challenge is the gauntlet—citizenship is its base; the fulfilled challenge lies in the conservation of human resources—individual and national integrity will result universally.

When one's spiritual, mental, and physical freedom functions properly—and they will without the restraints of poverty, disease, ignorance, or tyranny—a fruitful life is built. Fruitful lives build fruitful nations, and fruitful nations build a fruitful world. Surely these things must be before God's promise given in Isaiah's prophecy can come to pass. "... Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

<sup>2</sup>from "The New Colossus," by Emma Lazarus.

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The heights by great men reached  
and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they while their companions  
slept  
Were toiling upward in the night.  
—Longfellow

# What Shall It Profit ?

By Walter Isenhour

**F**or many years I have written from time to time to advise and help young people, and I trust that my messages have been of great benefit to many. It is indeed advisable that young people stop occasionally and ask themselves this question, "What shall it profit?" Sometimes great lessons and vital issues are deeply hidden in questions. Let's think of a few.

## ...To obey my parents

Dear youth, you might ask yourself the question, "What shall it profit if I obey my parents?" This is a great and very valuable question. Let's turn to the Bible and see what we find. "Children, (and that can mean youth as well) obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (Col. 3:20).

Now let's turn to the Old Testament and read: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12).

No doubt multitudes of people have shortened their days on earth by dishonoring and disobeying their parents in the early days and years of their lives. By so doing they went into various kinds of sin and wickedness,

which destroyed their health, and wrecked them physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

Another question the youth should ask himself is this, "Will it pay me to live in sin and go with the worldly crowd?" When you consider this question deeply, honestly, conscientiously, you can only answer it negatively—NO. There are many attractions in sin to allure you away from God and the Christian religion, and many temptations that would cause you to sin if yielded to, but NO ONE has ever found that it profited him to live a life of sinfulness. The final analysis reveals the fact that he lost everything worthwhile at the end of his earthly career. God's Holy Word says to you, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor

the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1).

We know that millions of our youth are living in sin, but it is poor, unsuccessful, remorseful living. They accomplish nothing great, noble, sublime and worthwhile, which they will fully realize when they go to meet God.

## ...To keep good company

Here is another question every youth should ask himself, "Will it profit me to keep good company?" The answer is always in the affirmative—YES. It is so easy to be allured away from good company and into that of the worldly, proud, adulterous, frivolous, intemperate; but it never pays to go with such a crowd. Of course they are in the majority, but we are told: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2). Again we are cautioned and warned: "Be not deceived: evil communications (companionships) corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:32).

God always advises right in His Holy Word and sounds the purest and most dependable word of warning against the wrong. We are aware of the fact that multitudes of young people wreck themselves by going with the wrong crowd—keeping bad company, which leads away from the Bible, the Christian religion, and the good road and down to hell. Young folks, better take heed. Hear me, but above all hear God.

## ...To be truthful and honest

The youth should ask himself another question, "Does it profit anyone—and will it profit me—to be

truthful and honest?" We know there are many who are not. Their word is not to be trusted always, neither can they be depended upon to pay their debts, or to meet their obligations. Neither can they be depended upon in various things, which is very regrettable. They seem to have born within them an untruthful heart and dishonest spirit, and they let this dominate them largely along life's journey. God would remove these inner principles from their lives if they would only seek and beseech Him to do so, or give themselves to Him without reserve; but too many never seem to arrive at the foot of the cross where such a work of grace can be accomplished.

Every youth who wants to make good in life—who wants a good name, a spotless character, and become a burning and shining light in his home, his school, community and the land in which he lives, or wherever he goes, and really and truly wants to succeed in business, or at some trustworthy and praiseworthy vocation, and reach life's best, highest and sublimest position—must be truthful and honest. Otherwise failure and defeat awaits him sooner or later.

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart" (Psalm 15:1, 2).

In His parable of the sower, Christ tells of the different kinds of soil into which the seed fell when it was sown by the sower. Only the seed which fell on the good ground was productive and profitable. Jesus said, "But that on the good ground are

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# Stay in the Ship

By Hubert Smith

Young people, stay in the ship. (That is, keep your faith in Christ Jesus, see Acts 4:12.) There is safety in the SHIP: the danger of destruction is without (1 John 5:12; John 3:36).

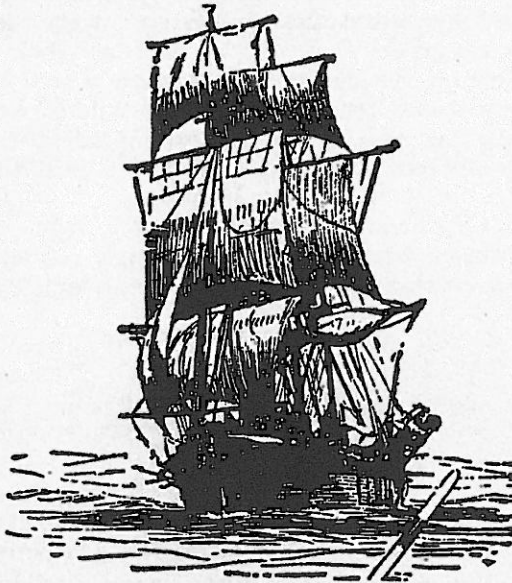
Abandon not the High Principles (or standards) of righteousness that you have been taught, or are being taught: that is, keeping the Commandments of God. See Psalm 19:7-11 for the wisdom that is to be found in them.

It was to Noah and his family benefit to be moved by the fear of disobedience: thus they prepared for themselves an ARK (ship) to the saving of Noah's house, (that is, his family) condemning the world, "and became heir of righteousness WHICH IS BY FAITH" (See Heb. 11:7.)

If Noah and his family hadn't believed GOD and obeyed His commandment, they, too, would have perished in the overthrow of that wicked generation.

Don't panic, that is, don't let your imagination run wild and disorderly. Keep order in your thoughts. The trying of our faith has its virtues (James 1:3, 4).

It must have been a rather trying experience for Noah and the little family in the Ark. Their actions were undoubtedly curtailed or limited somewhat in the ark, compared to that which they had been normally accustomed to. But in the ark, there was safety.



I do not know what might have gone through their minds during this great experience. Possibly some one did think: "What if the ark should spring a leak, or some other type of accident overtake us? We would all perish."

But God was the Captain of that GREAT VOYAGE, Under His wings they were gently abiding——. And He saw them through.

Many thoughts come rushing to my mind as I try to write this comforting thesis. Among them is an old hymn that seems very appropriate.

I don't know how accurately I can recall it, but perhaps I can give you a start: "We (that is if we're Christians) have an anchor that keeps the soul; Steadfast and SURE while the billows roll. Fastened to THE ROCK (that is Jesus Christ, and His Word) which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."

David assures us that He (that is our Heavenly Father) will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: (but then he warns) "but let them not turn again to folly" (Psalm 85:8).

And again apparently David found comfort in the words of Psalm 121.

REMEMBER, SAFETY IS IN THE SHIP, NOT OUT.

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. IF ye know that he (Christ) is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness IS BORN OF HIM" (1 John 2:28, 29).

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## TO THE SINKING SUN

Cecyl Caswell (Fischer)  
Written when a teenager

Oh Sun, that sinketh in the west  
I neither know nor care where you must stray,  
But please take with you every unkind thing  
That I have said or thought or done this day.

Leave us in darkness, if you must,  
For we know it will be but for a night;  
Tomorrow you will be the first to wake  
To do your work from your unconquered height.

Without your blessing, not a seed should sprout,  
Nor mouth be fed, nor even foot be shod;  
Indeed, what power you hold within your gaze!  
All things belong to you

..... and you to God.

# 10 COMMANDMENTS

Linda was sobbing convulsively on her mother's shoulder.

"Jane told me they are saying that I am a loose girl because I had a date with Jerry. He told the boys some lie about me, I am sure and it has gone all over the school. You should have seen the way some of those awful boys looked at me! How can my friends believe me to be like that, Mother? You don't believe them do you, Dad?"

Her father patted her head comfortingly, "No, I don't, Linda. But we were none of us wise when we let you go out with a boy with such a known reputation. Boys are to protect girls, their honor and reputation and not to try to use them. We must pray more about this very important matter of whom you should date."

"Linda, you know that we do trust you. If you don't feed the flames of gossip, it will die out with no fuel. Remember, 'He who carries a tale makes a monkey out of himself.'" Mother spoke calmly.

We see then that the ninth commandment is of tremendous importance. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." To fulfil this and all the rest is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (might, mind and strength) and

thy neighbor as thyself." Also, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

Here are ten commandments for the tongue:

1. *Thou shalt not gossip or make idle talk of others.*

We can see how the old story of a man who scattered feathers from house to house, then tried to go back and pick them up is true of words of gossip. Our Master said these vital words:

"O, generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:34-37).

Are these idle words recorded by a dictaphone, electronic devices set up by angels near us? What matter how, for we know that every word

# FOR THE TONGUE

By Mona Davis

is registered in our own sub-consciousness to be reproduced in word and action as a cause of condition in which we live. To paraphrase the words of Emerson:

"I make my circumstances. My consciousness is the mold in which substance is poured like melted wax and my world betrays the shape of the mold. I am not the slave of circumstances."

Then to control our circumstances, we must not be conformed to the world around us but transformed by the renewing of our mind *to prove* the good, acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

2. *Thou shalt not use a multitude of words.*

My daily classes of neighborhood children are a revelation of how little parents teach children to pray spontaneously, to memorize scripture and know and search God's will. Catholic children are taught the catechism, holy Marys, to say the rosary and read the missile but not to read God's Word in the Bible. Three of these children came and acted amazed, the little twelve-year-old boy asking:

"Did you make that all up yourself?" Yet how these children and

their parents appreciated this service. Often with these distortions they are taught more than others who go to church. How often we think we are heard for our much speaking, but God uses His words as a sharp two-edged sword which shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish that whereto He has sent it. How important then to speak His Words and let our own words be "yea, yea and nay, nay" (Matthew 5:37).

"Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in Heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few."

"A fool's voice is known by a multitude of words" (Eccl. 5:2, 3).

3. *Thou shalt not boast.*

"When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thine alms may be in secret; and the Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly" (Matt. 6:3, 4). It is a very common and human tendency for us to tell our little deeds to others to make them think how good we are. But think of the reward we miss! Jesus said often, "See that thou tell no man of it." Many times, I believe, He was storing up power for future use.

#### 4. *Thou shalt not swear.*

In court today, witnesses are required to swear upon a Bible. Does this make our word more true? Yet the majority know nothing of the contents of this sacred book. Many disciples ask to be relieved of this necessity of swearing, for our Master said:

"Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne; nor by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black" (Matt. 5:34-37).

#### 5. *Thou shalt not take credit for thy words or works.*

Our Master said: "I of myself can do nothing. The Father within me He doeth the work" Also He said He was given the teachings, words and judgment, as He listened. We too will be rewarded for listening to our Father.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy path" (Proverbs 3:6).

Pride in our own words, works and self brings a fall. Or even self depreciation which is basically a lack of faith in our Father is not good.

Jehovah told Moses when he feared to speak before Pharaoh, "Who hath made man's mouth? Or maketh the dumb, deaf or the seeing? Have not I, Jehovah? Now therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth and teach you what ye shall do" (Ex. 4:11-17)

#### 6. *Thou shalt not complain.*

Your word is your burden. In every church, town, and in myself I can see the great need of transformation of mind to know the good and precious promises of God and

not to complain of conditions but change them by our thoughts and words. In this way we *prove* Jehovah's good, acceptable and perfect will. How we all complain about the effects of our thoughts and words instead of changing them!

Every word is registered in the subconscious mind to bring about the fruit of circumstances, plagues of disease and trials which God did not send. Complaining in the wilderness is the reason for the death of the Israelites. "According to your faith be it unto you."

#### 7. *Thou shalt confess your faults before God and men.*

Healing and repentance comes from confession of sins. "Confess your faults one to another and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

#### 8. *Thou shalt not be double-minded but have faith.*

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God—and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (James 1:5, 6).

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).

If we are to let every thought be obedient to the mind of Christ, we must start a diligent searching and change of every thought every hour of the day. Take a notebook and

put down the things you desire to think and not what you naturally think as a result of outer circumstances. You will be startled how your whole life will be transformed by such mental discipline. Check the thoughts of every moment with the promises of God and know that obedience brings great reward.

This is part of being a real disciple. And eternal judgment is going on for by our words we are justified and by our words we are condemned, as our Master said.

#### 9. *Thou shalt bridle the tongue, and thus the whole body.*

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man; and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members; that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. . . . But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:2-6, 8).

Let us place our tongue under the control of God and discipline it ourselves in every thought! We will then speak with spiritual wisdom, love and power.

#### 10. *Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah in vain.*

Jehovah, the I AM THAT I AM, is the name of our Father God to Israel, to the redeemed. We become His temple. He will live in us, dwell, abide in us. "I am the vine; ye are the branches. . ." (John 15:5). We cannot bear fruit unless we abide in the Vine, in His Words.

The fruit of love, joy, peace, witnessing are spoken by the tongue. The pilot then is the I AM THAT I AM. Beware then how you misuse words. Negatively speaking when misused we are really saying that Christ no more lives in us. Then we bear no fruit of righteousness and are cut off, burned as chaff.

When in faith and grace, we claim His Presence dwelling in us and are obedient to His laws and voice. The I AM is tabernacled in us as the Ark of Covenants and here lies our security and power.

The purpose of life now and in eternity is to know Jehovah God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. To hallow, honor and sanctify His Holy Name and have it in our forehead is to tabernacle the Almighty Jehovah God and receive His rewards of health, prosperity, joy, love, peace and power but also persecution for righteousness' sake from the world.

*Dear Father: Let my tongue hallow Thy Name in thought, word and deed. Be Thou the pilot of my being! Help me to discipline my thoughts and tongue as a disciple of Thine.*

*Amen.*

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**There's enough Christian talk in this world to reform a dozen worlds, but not enough Christian action to reform one world.**

*—Burton Hillis*

*A fictional account of a minister's life written in sermon form.*

# No Turning Back

By Joy Meader

"Tonight, my dear brothers and sisters and friends, with God's help I want to impress upon your minds the vital importance there is in carrying out the calling which God has called you to do. It doesn't matter what that calling is. It can be the simplest calling or the highest calling—the ministry—but whatever it is, my friends, you better take heed to it and obey the Holy Spirit which calls you, for you will not be happy unless you obey that still, small voice.

"I have but one text for my sermon tonight and one example. The text is found in 1 Corinthians 7:20, 'Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.' I know of no better example to give you than myself. My mother died when I was only ten. My dad was a drunkard who let me do as I pleased. But thanks to my dear mother who had taught me in the way of the Lord until her dying day, I did continue to go to church once in a while. Then when I was a lad of fifteen, the last night of a revival, I gave my heart to God. I was baptized two weeks later, and I continued to grow in the grace of the Lord.

"Two years later when I was seventeen, I had a dream one night which was as vivid to me as if it had really happened. I still remember every detail of that dream as if I had just dreamed it. I was sitting on a high mountain. As I looked down I could

see the spiritual condition of the world, how that the people were living happily in their sins. Like the Pharisee I justified myself and said that I was glad that I was not like these people which I saw before me. As I sat there, I began to condemn the people. Suddenly an angel stood before me and said, 'Why condemn these people? You were once one of them.' Then in a clear loud voice the angel said, 'Go preach to these people.' The angel said this twice and then left. I woke up with a jerk, and I sat up straight in my bed. Stiffly I sat there contemplating the dream. Then I said, 'Oh, Lord, I will be a preacher if You want me to be.' After I had said these decisive words, a strange but wonderful feeling filled my soul and heart, and I knew that the Lord had called me to be a minister.

"I began making plans to attend a Christian college. With a zeal and enthusiasm, I determined to carry out

my plans. But the devil also began to make plans. He was just as determined that I was not to become a minister. One night my drunken father robbed a gas station. The police caught him, and he was sent to jail. The devil used this by telling me, 'You will never make a successful minister now. Everyone knows that your father is in jail, and no one will listen to a prisoner's son. Your father has ruined your reputation. Nobody will have confidence in you, a prisoner's son.'

Over and over these words haunted my mind, and I began to listen to them. I told myself that maybe I could spread the Word to my fellow-workers, and I could live such a righteous life that my life would do the preaching. But still my conscience told me that I must go into the ministry.

Finally I settled it all. I made up my mind to work a year in a nearby factory while the scandal about my father would have time to die down. I needed the money, anyhow; if I had gone to college I would have had to borrow money in order to go. I felt good; I had found a way to ease my conscience.

"I got a job earning big wages, and I started to save my money for my college education which lay before me.

I had worked only a month when I met the most beautiful girl I had ever laid eyes on. We started dating and before long we were engaged. Sally was a wonderful girl and a Christian also. She belonged to the same church as I did. But Sally had one fault; she was a money spender. She loved expensive clothes, and she wanted the best of everything. She insisted on a big wedding with a

honeymoon in Paris. She wanted a new home with all new furniture. It wasn't long before I had spent all my college money and was deep in debt. Of course, my plans for college were delayed. I continued working at the same factory earning bigger wages, which was spent as fast as I earned it. But we had everything—a new home, a new car, fine clothes and everything—that is, materially everything. Somehow the church wasn't very important in our lives any more. Slowly I gave up all ideas of the ministry. The years slipped by, and God blessed us with a pair of twin boys and a girl.

"One night disaster struck our home; the furnace exploded, and my wife and three children were burned to death along with the fine furniture and clothes. The shock was too great to bear for I did not even have God to help me; He was too far away. I cursed God for the disaster and left the church completely.

"I began to drink to drown my sorrows. I had always said that I would never touch one drop of that poison which had been my father's companion. I soon became an alcoholic, and it seemed that there was no way out. For five long years I lived on the bottle. One night while I was lying drunken in a gutter, a farmer found me and took me to his home. He gave me some clean clothes to put on and put me to sleep in a large room to sleep off the alcohol which filled my body. During the night as the liquor began to wear off, I saw the same things as usual—huge snakes crawling toward me, but as they came closer I saw that the heads of the snakes were like the same heads of the people which I saw in my dream when the Lord called me to be a



minister. My screaming awoke myself and the farmer. He called a doctor, and they took me to the hospital. There in the hospital the days slipped into weeks, the weeks into months.

"A year and a half later, I was released from the hospital. They told me it would take only one drink and I would be back on the dreadful stuff. I had no place to go—no home, no family, and no money. The farmer offered me a job on his farm, and I accepted it with gratitude.

"As the days went by, I realized that I needed help, not hospital help, but God's help. I found my way back to my home church one Sabbath. To my surprise, they welcomed me with open arms. That morning, after the sermon, the minister had an altar call. It seemed as though it were just for me. Oh, how I wanted to go. The devil tried his best to keep me in his chains, but the Holy Spirit was also calling me. I knew that that was my last chance. The Holy Spirit will not always strive with a man if he keeps resisting it. They were singing the last verse of the closing song when I jumped to my feet and ran to the altar. There I met my Saviour once again. I stayed at the altar for over two hours praying and confessing my sins. I told God that if He could still use me, I would go through with my calling of the ministry.

"I started college that fall with only enough money for the initial payment. I had no idea from where the rest of the money was coming, but I had faith that the Lord would provide. All that first year from one month to another I barely got through. It was like that all my four years of college, but somehow the money

showed up every time. One time when I was three months behind in my payments, a letter came with the exact money inside. It was just a miracle that I was able to get through my four years.

"As you all know I received my ministerial license only four months ago. Since that time I have been so happy because I know I have accepted my calling. The Lord has blessed me, and He will continue to bless me as long as I carry out His work and do what He wants me to do. I only regret that I didn't accept the calling to the ministry when I first received it. I regret that I wasted so many, many years of my life. But I praise God today and always that he continued to strive with me, and that He gave me another chance. And with God's help I will continue to preach His Word wherever He leads me.

"Now my friends and sisters and brothers, in closing, I pray that if there is any of you who have not followed the calling in which the Lord has called you to, that you will now take heed to it, for it is not too late yet, and that you will go through with that calling. For I know if you do not go through with your calling, you'll be in a dangerous condition, and you'll never find true happiness. Once you have accepted the calling and have said, 'Yes, Lord, I will be a minister,' or whatever it may be, there is no turning back. No matter what happens, or what may come your way you can't turn back—you have got to go through with it! 'Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called,' this is my prayer for all of you."

Bertie B. Freeman



# Making a Name for Yourself



Long ago when there were not as many people in the world and life was less complex, people were designated by descriptive words or phrases. The work they performed, or the feat they accomplished might have been part of their name. The Indians usually carried names that signified deeds or places. In the Bible we read of John the Baptist because he baptized, Matthew the Publican because he sat at the receipt of customs. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, or the infamous name of "Judas of Kerioth who also betrayed him."

What is the name you desire to make for yourself? Now is the time to decide. Graduation is just past for many young people of either high school or college age. For others this is merely a break in their quest of knowledge; fall will find them back at their studies.

No matter where you are, whether you intend to further your education by attending college, or whether you are now entering your chosen profession, you will be making a name for yourself.

Maybe you will become an Einstein, or a Schweitzer, or another Flor-

ence Nightengale with your name on every tongue. Or you may become famous in the arts, or maybe you will be plain John Doe or Mary Doe and lead a happy useful life helping family and friends to live comfortable, if uneventful lives. Or could it be that you have no such hopes or aspirations and will drift carelessly into sin and shame where even in the lowest degree of degradation, you are making a name for yourself?

What is in a name? Solomon, the wisest man of all ages said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Prov. 22:1). Open your Bible and read that passage of scripture until it is indelibly written in your mind. Read it until it becomes a part of your thinking and whenever you are tempted to stray from the paths which are good, it will cause you to resist evil and choose rather to keep your name untarnished, your purity unspoiled.

The apostle Paul spoke of a time when companions think you are strange or "chicken" when you do not run to the same excess of rioting in which they indulge themselves. "One drink, one cigarette, one fix won't hurt you." "Don't be a purist, all the rest of the gang does it." You are tugged on one side by so called friends to indulge in impure acts or habits, and by conscience on the other side telling you the consequence of such indiscriminate behavior.

A good thought at such a time would be "What will it do to my name?" If you cannot squarely face the question without a twinge of conscience, or go against your teachings of right and wrong, it would be in the best interest of your good name to refrain from indulging your desires.

Choosing companions who care about their good name is one of the wisest decisions you can make, either in youth or adulthood. "Show me the company you keep and I will tell you the manner of person you are." This may be a time worn expression, but nevertheless a sound one.

This is not to be construed to mean that one runs and hides whenever someone who does not profess Christianity appears on the scene, but not a uniting of your ways with their ways, tending to accept their mode of careless, indifferent living, rather than upholding good morals and Christian ethics.

Do not let yourself be drawn into habits that destroy the body temple and are hard to break. Do not indulge in questionable acts that defile the body, for a moment's pleasure. Keep your heart and body undefiled for a rich and fulfilling marriage which is the hope of every young man and woman.

Use your name and talents for the glory of God: Mary the singer, John the minister, Jane the pianist, Phil the teacher. Whatever your talent, let it become a part of your name. Doesn't Susie the mother, Susie the pleasant, Susie the Christian, sound better than Susie the sinner?

No matter what fame your name may bring to you, one thing it is well to remember, after all is said and done, let a perfect epitaph be written for both men and women. It should list Christian after your name and add, "They ever sought and found the good in all things."

Go out and make a name for yourself, but make it good!

## SOMETIMES I'M MADE TO WONDER WHY

By Walter E. Isenhour

Sometimes I'm made to wonder why  
Great multitudes pass good things by,  
Like Bible verses that are gems  
From which a source of blessing stems;  
Like art produced by brilliant minds  
Whose silent beauty lifts, refines;  
Like books that are so rich in thought  
Whose authors for the truth have sought,  
And yet so many never seem  
To catch their grand, inspiring theme.

Sometimes I'm made to wonder why  
Vast numbers cheat and steal and lie,  
Or seek the shoddy things of earth  
That are indeed of little worth;  
The jazz that shallow minds compose  
And foolish things revealed in shows;  
The cheap in literature and art  
That never bless the soul and heart,  
And settle down in failure's chair  
And never, never seem to care.

Sometimes I'm made to wonder why  
That multitudes both live and die  
Where many churches dot the land  
And Gospel preachers take their stand  
For right against defeating wrong  
Revealed through preaching and in song,  
But turn their hearts away from God  
And paths that godly people trod,  
Then pass beyond salvation's day  
When it shall be too late to pray.

*"The power which resides in him [man] is new in nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he tries. . . ."*

# Thou Good and

This passage from Emerson's famous essay "Self Reliance" presents a truth that was given to us in a more indirect way hundreds of years before Emerson's time by Christ in His Parable of the Talents.

Like Emerson, Christ recognized that every man's power is "new in nature"; that is, that no two men have the same abilities. In narrating this parable, Christ said that the man who was to go away into a far country "gave . . . to every man according to his several ability" (Matthew 25:15). He knew that it would not be wise to give the man with the least ability the largest number of talents to work with in his absence, for this man would not know how to handle them.

Regardless of the fact that he gave each man a different amount of money, however, the master expected each servant to utilize his abilities to the

utmost—to capitalize on what he had been given and gain more wealth for his master. Like Emerson, the master felt that no man can know what he is capable of doing until he tries. When the master returned from his journey, he was very angered to learn that the servant who had been given only one talent had made no attempt whatever to increase it.

How often, in referring to someone who has had praiseworthy achievement in some area (especially academic), have I heard someone exclaim, "Oh I could *never* do that; I just don't have that much ability." I am ashamed to admit that I myself have said it often. It seems obvious that the author of such a statement has not put his whole heart into his work; he has prematurely admitted defeat and refused to develop his own potential. It is true that we cannot expect equal accomplishment from

# Faithful Servant

By Carol Millican

persons of different abilities, but it is reasonable to expect every man to make use of whatever abilities he has. And how can he know what abilities he possesses if he resigns himself to failure before he starts, or after he has gone only halfway?

I was reminded of the above-quoted sentence from Emerson's essay not long ago when two of my friends and I were returning from a shopping spree in town. As we were walking along on the sidewalk, a little scrawny-looking dog took a liking to us and started sauntering along beside us. After a while he saw a squirrel. Apparently the squirrel saw him, too, at about the same time, for Mr. Squirrel scurried up the nearest tree. The dog went up to the tree and sniffed around a bit, looked up at the tree as if to say, "Little squirrel, won't you *please* come down?" He did not

bark or make any other attempt to get the squirrel out of the tree. After a few minutes he forgot about Mr. Squirrel and resumed his leisurely pace beside us. The dog probably "decided" that it was impossible to get the squirrel out of the tree anyway, so why try?

It seems to me that we as humans should consider ourselves of a higher order in the animal kingdom than our canine friend that I have just told about. It would be well for us to heed Emerson's exhortation by realizing that it is everyone's duty to discover his abilities and then to make the most of them, even though we are all endowed with different abilities and talents. In fulfilling this God-ordained duty, there is not only praise from our associates—and more importantly, divine approval; but there is also a feeling of self-satisfaction—of having relied on oneself.

# A Pleasant Visit

By Violet Knoll

"Why, oh, why did this have to happen to me?" thought Mrs. Porter to herself as she lay in her hospital bed, feeling very sorry for herself.



Mrs. Porter had slipped on a patch of snow-covered ice and broken her leg in two places.

"Why did the Lord let this happen to me? I always go to Sabbath school and church on Sabbath. And Thursday night prayer meeting—I never miss that! I do all I can think of for others, Lord, and this is where you put me. I should be over helping Mrs. Olson with her washing so she can come to prayer meeting with me."

Mrs. Porter lay there day after day for three weeks, looking on the dull side of life, feeling sorry for herself until one of the girls from the young people's class at church came to visit her one day.

"Hi! Mrs. Porter, how are you this fine bright, sunny day that the Lord gave us?" said Beverly.

"Oh, is the sun shining?" said Mrs. Porter, "I hadn't even noticed that it was shining."

"Yes," said Bev. "And the snow

is almost all melted. We sure do miss you in our church services, Mrs. Porter. You just seem to liven up the meetings so much."

"Ya," said Mrs. Porter. "And if this awful thing hadn't happened to me, I wouldn't be here. And I would be able to attend all of the church activities. I don't see why the Lord let this happen to me anyhow," said Mrs. Porter to Bev.

"Mrs. Porter," said Bev, "God let this happen to you for a reason. Although we may not always accept it, our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us, just like parents know what is best for their little children. They have to deprive them of some things for their own good—and punish them when they do wrong.

We all are God's children and He has to try us sometimes to make us follow after Him better. Maybe the Lord put you here to witness to your roommates. So cheer up, Mrs. Porter, the Lord allowed you to be here for a reason. And He knows what is best for us."

"Thanks, Bev, for coming and tipping me off. The next five weeks I spend in here are going to be great. Just great!"

# Apples of Gold...

## Grapes of Love

By Hazel Hartwell Simon

Crushed grapes the childish hand held  
out to me,

Their juices damp upon her grimy  
palm;

But, oh, the eager eyes you ought to  
see,

With love alight, like some un-  
written psalm!

The gift of fruit seemed good enough,  
to her,

Who would have eaten all in ecstasy  
But from her loving heart extended it  
As something sweet that she would  
share with me.

In such a way as this I bring my heart,  
A crushed and broken gift unto my  
Lord.

My life may be a bruised and tar-  
nished thing—

But what more precious gift could  
I afford?

Its little joys and thrills I want to  
share

With One I love, who loves me too,  
in turn;

And I am sure that He is glad to take  
My gift of love, and none of it  
will spurn.

Don't worry when you stumble; remember, a worm is about the only thing that can't fall down.

Today is all we have—  
Tomorrow is a promissory note,  
Yesterday is a cancelled check.  
—Selected

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Nothing is more important than  
one's well-being; spiritual well-being,  
that is.

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Education is what you have left  
over when you subtract what you've  
forgotten from what you learned.

—Selected

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"Error of opinion may be tol-  
erated where reason is left free to  
combat it."—Jefferson

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Find happiness in your work  
or you will never know what true  
happiness is.—E. Hubbard

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My business is to extend the  
Kingdom of God. I only cobble  
shoes to pay expenses.

—William Carey

# My

# Problem

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



# Is...

**Question:**

*After going out with a boy several times, I gave in to his demands, and now I'm pregnant. We don't know each other too well, and I'm not sure that I love him, although I feel that I need him. He is uncomfortable in my presence. Our parents are pressing for us to be married. Should we? After imagining myself having a beautiful wedding, the prospect of a hurried affair makes me heartsick.*

**Answer:**

Your question is most difficult to answer. Obviously, you and all concerned need to counsel with your pastor, or someone qualified to advise you, who is nearer to you. Much more information is needed before the helpful counsel you need can be given.

For your sake and that of others thusly involved, I will offer you some

thinking which may guide you in your conversation with a counsellor.

I recognize that it is too late to warn you of the hazards of a courtship that involves sexual intimacies. The possibility of pregnancy is but one of them. However, it may help you to understand the boy's present predicament when you and scores of other young ladies are reminded that a young man's demands prior to marriage spring from motives to gain a victory over your reluctance. Once the battle has been won, there is little further to achieve. Guilt overcomes him because he then recognizes the terribly unfair price that was paid for his dishonorable victory. He is ashamed, and he ought to be!

Moreover, it is probably difficult for him to recognize his responsibility in this abusive act. Tragically, the system of courtship in our society has evolved to the place where privileges are taken without sufficient thought

being given to the stern responsibilities involved. You are a very real victim of this injustice.

For the sake of other young people involved in dating and courtship, it must be recognized that it is the girl's responsibility to see that behavior does not get out of hand. No matter what the demands of her boyfriends may be, it is sinful and self-destructive to give in to sexual intimacies. Boys who make such demands are not worthy of good Christian company, and should be shunned if their attitudes do not change.

It is entirely possible, under the circumstances you mention that a successful marriage and happy home can be constructed. Within this union, even though forced by indiscreet physical attraction, love can grow. If there was sufficient attraction to bring you closely together initially, there should be a clear possibility that it can be resurrected and result in a fine marriage.

On the other hand, there is more to be considered than marrying to protect someone's "honor" (actually, it is a little late for this). To bind yourself to a permanent union just to cover a past misdeed is a questionable choice. You are not yet married, and so there is no reason to suffer an unhappy marriage for the rest of your lives, when it is not necessary.

Do not marry simply to give the baby a home unless you are relatively sure you can make it a happy one. There have been too many instances where children have been given "homes" that they would like to have walked out of, had they their own choice.

Even though plans for a possible marriage have been forced upon you

by an extramarital pregnancy, it is advisable for you to recognize that the same ingredients are needed for your happy marriage that are needed for anyone else's. Where they are lacking, be cautious. There is no reason why you should not be entitled to pursue a relatively normal life, which includes your right to marry the person, whoever he may be, with whom you can live happily and purposefully.

Since you have been imagining having a beautiful wedding, I would suggest that you retain these hopes. While you ought not to have the kind that would deceptively place you into a role of a chaste bride, you have every right to a tasteful, attractive and dignified ceremony—one that can still bring you rewarding satisfaction.

Finally, while you cannot ignore your indiscretion, take care not to persecute yourself beyond reason. You must still hold onto life optimistically and enthusiastically because you are young and have opportunity to enjoy practically everything that you were looking forward to previously.

Please get what competent help you need to guide you in your important decision. As quickly as you can arrange to do so, see your pastor, requesting that he help you establish a new and fresh relationship with God. He will advise you on your need to recognize your misdeed in the eyes of God. While these sins are serious, they are not unforgiveable. It will be difficult for you to re-discover peace and purposeful living until you can again feel close to God. Then, be as strong as you can spiritually. I wish you the best during the rather crucial period of adjustment that lies immediately before you,

## Foreign Correspondence Activities

Another step has been taken and our FYC membership is increasing! We thank the Lord for the results as proven by the formation of a new FYC Group in Trinidad, West Indies.

We want to share with you their enthusiasm and desire for help through the following letter received from Brother Sylvester Balfour, the Chairman of the newly-formed group:

"Dear Sister Linville:

Greetings to you and your family. In the precious name of our Lord. I hope this letter finds you enjoying both spiritual and physical fitness.

Firstly, I must introduce myself to you. I am the Chairman of the newly formed "Young People's Department" over here. I am 19 years of age and still attending college (about the same as your High School), I hope to graduate soon and go on to the University with the help of God.

We the young people were delighted to hear from you and to know that you are doing so much for the Lord, as I stated before we are newly formed and would greatly appreciate your help.

I would like you to send some ideas on how we should make our programmes lively and so encourage the young people to come out, there are only a few of us and not all have the zeal that is so necessary if we are to increase our numbers.

We are undergoing a critical period and **NEED MUCH HELP FROM YOU**. I would be grateful if you could give me an outline of some of your missionary projects and some of your methods of raising funds.

At present we accompany the Elders on their missionary projects, and have started on a campaign to bring back those who have fallen away, some come for a time but are drawn away by worldly attractions. We would like to counter this by having something that would hold their interest and in this we ask your help.

There is a lot more that I would like to say, but what I said will suffice for the time being.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and request your prayers. May the Lord bless you in all your undertakings.

Yours in Christ,  
Sylvester Balfour"

Let us remember this newly-formed young people's group in our prayers that it might be successful and do much for God's Church.

Also, we have an interesting report, along with the picture, from an already-formed youth group in Nigeria, Africa. The following are excerpts

from a letter received from Brother Isaac Uwe of Nigeria:

"Dear Mrs. Linville:

I hope you are all sound this day.

In reference to your letter, I thank you very much. These are the following list of tracts needed. . . .

I am sure those tracts would aid our message by explaining them in detail and then distribute them to the listeners during the open air preaching season.

The message here moves satisfactorily, for the members of the FYC are vital and zealous to carry the message out, across the rivers, through storm and streams, under rain and sunshine. They are also brave to expose the errors of the teachings made by various denominations. For many a time, we spend about a month campaigning so that the Gospel truth might be heard in the corners of the world.

I enclose a picture which I think will be of great interest to you.

The names of the people are as follows: see caption under photograph.

Our camp meeting was held at Ahoada Township on the 11th through 12th January 1964.

May the Lord Jesus Christ prosper your message there to the end. Remember us in your daily prayer .

Sincerely, I am,  
Yours in Christ,  
Deacon I. O. U. Uwe"

Sitting from left to right on the ground mat: Edinah Okpuyi, Weba Jacob, Vinginus Uwakwe, Juslin I. Uwe, and Nnamdi Jacob.

Sitting from left to right on Godstime Okpuyi (the Secretary), Mr. Daniel Brown (Assistant Chairman), Miss Elizabeth, Mrs. Salomy Jacob, Mr. beth Okpuyi, Deacon Isaac O.

U. Uwe (Chairman), Mr. Philip Orchu (Assistant Secretary), Mr. Paul Okirima, Miss Gladys Alfred, Mr. Nehemaiah Okpuyi, Mrs. Sisilia Alfred.

Standing from left to right: Mr. Victor Orka, Mr. Shadrach Nntamumere, Mr. Immanuel Apia, Mr. Ephraim James, Mrs. Bernice Samuel, Mr. Hehemaiah Utara, Miss Uwasadie Paul, Mr. Jonah Immanuel, Miss Janneth Morgan, Mr. Ephraim Thomas, Mrs. Rebecca James, and Mr. Sunday Brown.

The two persons at the back from left to right: Mr. Sunday Cole, and Mr. Monday Paul.



# "Take Time for God"



By Noah Camero

In Romans 15:4 we read that the things afore written were written for our learning. We can not really know God, unless we know of God's ways. And the place to learn and study God's way is in the Bible.

We are living today in an age of great leisure. Or in other words the people of today are just plain lazy. We have an "instant this" and a "push-button that," a "prefab this other" and the array of time and work savers gets longer every day. As a result of all of this we find that people are looking for an instant religion, a cut-rate bargain, something for nothing. Such search is all in vain because divine wisdom, sanctification and ultimate salvation can never be found through these methods.

Daily Bible reading is perhaps tiring at times. But it is the only sure way to obtain a knowledge of God's way and to retain a strong and positive faith. The youth who doesn't know his Bible well is sometimes likely to misapply many important texts. Besides this, and more dangerous, he is an easy prey for twist-ers and deceivers—those who twist texts to form profound

and mystic theories, who read a chapter and think they know the whole Bible.

The best defense any true Christian can have against deceivers in and out of the church is to have a sound knowledge of the scriptures. And to do this, one must read cautiously and above all continually.

This month I would like to call your attention to the book of 1 Samuel. The stories contained in this book are among the most powerful and thrilling in the Bible. Beginning with the birth of Samuel and on through the death of Saul it has many stories with great spiritual lessons. The selection of Saul, his disobedience and rebellion, to the rise of the youth David, his victory over the giant, his fleeing from Saul, are all stories that have lived for ages.

Submission and obedience to God always pays well. Disobedience and rebellion are always very costly.

## Book of 1 Samuel

Date	Chapter
July 15	1
July 16	2
July 17	2

Date	Chapter	Date	Chapter
July 18	4	August 1	18
July 19	5	August 2	19
July 20	6	August 3	20
July 21	7	August 4	21
July 22	8	August 5	22
July 23	9	August 6	23
July 24	10	August 7	24
July 25	11	August 8	25
July 26	12	August 9	26
July 27	13	August 10	27
July 28	14	August 11	28
July 29	15	August 12	29
July 30	16	August 13	30
July 31	17	August 14	31

## He That Asketh Receiveth

I heard of a wife who had an unconverted husband. She resolved that she would pray every day for twelve months for his conversion. Every day at twelve o'clock she went to her room alone and cried to God.

Her husband would not allow her to speak to him on the subject of religion, but she could speak to God on his behalf. It may be that you have a loved one, a friend or a neighbor who does not wish to be spoken to about his salvation. You can do as this woman did—pray to God about it.

The twelve months passed, and there was no sign of his yielding. She resolved to pray for six months longer, so every day she prayed for the conversion of her husband. The

six months passed, and still there was no sign, no answer.

The question arose in her mind, "Can I give him up?" "No," she said, "I will pray for him as long as God gives me breath."

That very day, when he came home to dinner, instead of going into the dining room he went upstairs. She waited, and waited, and waited, but he did not come down to dinner. Finally she went to his room and found him on his knees crying to God to have mercy on him.

God convicted him of sin. He not only became a Christian, but the Word of God had free course, and was glorified in him. God used him mightily. Thus God answered the prayers of this Christian wife. She knocked, and knocked, until the answer came.—D. L. Moody

# The Editor's Page

"BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW..."

Sometimes it seems that we use the word *love* with the same density of feeling as we use the expression, "How's the weather?"—as though love (like the weather) just exists—nothing we can do about it one way or the other.

In each of us there *is* a natural love, but there is a deeper spiritual love and brotherly love which needs to be cultivated once the seed is planted within by the Holy Spirit.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). These are Christ's words to us. Unless love is in action, it is not really love at all. Our love must include trust; it must include patience to a great measure; it must include tolerance—even beyond expectation. It must be a love that waits and looks for a logical explanation when something looks inconsistent and perhaps even unexplainable.

Too often our surface impression of a person's actions brings on a hasty, "If I were he...", "I can't understand why he...", "It just doesn't make good sense for her to..." Here is where our love should cover, realizing first of all that all may not be as it appears; secondly, that even if another was careless or unwise, the situation is much clearer as we stand back and look on than it is for the person confronted by it.

Where do we find the key to cultivating a deeper love? We find it only as we learn to look at others through the eyes of Jesus, meditating upon and taking as our own the compassion He showed for others. For only His followers? For only the morally good? No. He showed love for even an adulteress with His gentle, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more," after he had so tactfully scattered her crowd of accusers. He did not in any way condone her sin, but He demonstrated a *love* for her which could motivate her to change from a life of sin to a life of righteousness.

What role would you have played in the scene had you been there? This can be judged only by your attitude and conversation today concerning the actions of others.

The love you claim to have as a Christian can be choked out by unwise words. Remember that gossip is not the only talk that is malicious. Even the truth can be malicious if something is related for no other purpose than to cast a reflection on the prudence or judgment of another.

"Let love be without dissimulation..." (Romans 12:9).

## Make a Mark of Merit

By Dale Lawson

### No Dropouts

We are very happy to report that 16 FYC groups are in the Mark of Merit program. As we carry the program throughout the year, we are expecting each one to continue in their good work. Certainly we don't want to expect any dropouts. At the end of the year we expect to see at least 16 groups in the program—maybe more.

### Read the AIM

*Aim* contains many blessings for young and old alike. We encourage every FYC'er to take and read the *Aim*. Follow the features in *Aim* and know what your FYC is doing.

### Second Quarterly Reports

Second quarterly report forms have been sent out. They are being sent to the groups in the Merit Program now. If any additional groups would like to enter the program, they should write to me and I will send them a report form. We hope you decide to join us.

### More Entries

We have had three more entries

in the Merit Program since our last report.

Nampa, Ida. 1st quarter 155 pts.  
 Kansas City, Mo. 1st quarter 75 pts.  
 Moundsville, W. Va. 1st quarter 160 pts.

### First Quarter Scores

Oklahoma	
Fairview	205
Claremore	110
California	
Lodi	170
N. Sacramento	115
Stockton	180
West Virginia	
Moundsville	160
Missouri	
Stanberry	180
Kansas City	75
Texas	
Conroe	150
San Antonio (Spanish)	90
Oregon	
Marion	155
Elmira	195
Arkansas	
Fort Smith	160
Wisconsin	
New Auburn	195
South Dakota	
Eureka	155
Idaho	
Nampa	155



# Grow More In '64

It's quiz time again in our Grow More in '64 program. It's time to find out whether we have been working or shirking. This is the mirror which will reflect the quality of your endeavors in this program over the past six months. Whether you have been on your toes or whether you have been fudging, the mirror will not lie. We hope you can answer them all perfectly. Seven out of ten would be a pretty fair score. If you score five or less perhaps you need to spend more time reviewing. Don't be discouraged. Whatever your score, if you can answer more than you could have at the beginning of the year you are progressing. Now then, let's see how you rate.

## I. Quote or write from memory the following verses:

1. Isaiah 55:6.
2. Mark 7:7.
3. Romans 8:6.
4. Ecclesiastes 12:13.

## II. Where are the following verses found?

5. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
6. "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."
7. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
8. "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

## III. Complete the following verses and tell where they are found.

9. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: . . ."
10. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue . . ."

Within the last month many of you may have graduated from high school, college, or junior high. You have learned many things, some of which will be very vital to you in the profession you choose or have chosen and some of which you will tuck away in a far corner of your memory to be used only seldom, if ever. Educators of today are trying to give the student a well-rounded education. They want him to know a little about everything and a lot about his major field. The occupation which you choose determines which bits of knowledge will be most important to you.

One man, when asked what his profession was, answered, "My profession is Christianity: I make shoes to earn my bread." Whatever occupation we choose, your profession and mine is Christianity. These verses which we have been studying are profoundly important to our profession. Our

knowledge of the subjects involved will determine to a great extent the quality of our services just as the engineer's knowledge of math and physics will determine the quality and accuracy of his construction.

Are we willing to do less than our best? Will God be satisfied with less than our best? We are admonished to know the scriptures, for these are the precepts and the promises that will guide us along the narrow way. As we cross the half-way mark toward our goal of 96 verses in 1964, here are the verses to study for this month.

1 John 3:16  
Revelation 3:20  
John 14:6.  
Ephesians 6:2

Philippians 4:13  
2 Timothy 4:2  
James 1:4  
1 John 4:4

## WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT . . . ?

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they, which in an honest heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8: 15).

We have briefly considered some of the answers to youth's question, or questions, "Does it profit?" There may arise many other questions that youth will have to consider and an-

swer as he grows and develops into manhood—and the girl as she likewise grows and develops into womanhood—but if you will honestly and sincerely turn to the Bible, and seek help from God's best, most prayerful people, your questions can be answered rightly and profitably. Thus heeding, they will come out forever crowned with His blessings and glory. Amen.

## Three Camp Meetings Still Coming Up

Youth activities are planned for each camp meeting. Plan to enjoy the good Christian fellowship of at least one camp meeting.

NORTHEAST — Spring Vale Academy — July 15-18  
Write to: Mrs. Pearl Turner, Route 5, Owosso, Mich.

SOUTHWEST — Dover, Okla. — July 19-25  
Write to: Elder Ross Johnston, Box 64, Inola, Okla.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS — Stanberry, Mo. — August 14-22  
Write to: Mrs. Alma Ward Rodgers, Stanberry, Mo.

# FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

## FYC Featured at YFC

The New Auburn FYC group presented a program at the Youth for Christ rally at the YMCA in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. While appropriate music was rendered, the story of "The Good Ship" was narrated and Virginia Heavilin beautifully demonstrated in a chalk drawing the necessity of divine cooperation in successful maintenance of "The Good Ship"—the Christian church. A film, "Beyond the Skies," followed.

## Satan Exposed

At a recent State Youth Rally in Marion, Oregon, a skit was presented by Glen Tilley and Will McGill. Satan was exposed as a criminal. Then the Sword of the Spirit was used to capture the criminal.

Songs and readings in keeping with the theme were presented. The program included a quiz conducted by Michael Helms. The rally leader was Carl Cory.

## A Happy Surprise

The Kansas City youth group met in a home following an evening of miniature golfing and surprised Lee and Virginia Lippincott with a 20th Anniversary Cake. Sister Neal Thurman provided some old photos of Lee

and Virginia and, dressed in hill-billy attire and a wig, she delivered a humorous original resume of their life together.

The Lippincotts are well known to many of you young folks as you will remember them for the excellent meals they helped serve at the last two General Conference camp meetings and at the '63 and '64 Missouri youth camps.

## Oregonians Return

After several weeks' visit in their home in Oregon, and at Oregon Youth Camp, Brother and Sister Dale Lawson have returned to Missouri where they will minister to the congregation at St. Joseph during the summer months.

## A Youth Camp Blessing?

If you have a testimony of special inspiration you received at one of our youth camps, please share it with others through Aim. Send to AIM, P. O. Box 158, Stanberry, Missouri.

## Write for a Pen Pal

There are still several names on the Africa pen pal list that do not have anyone with which to correspond. Why don't you write for a pen pal now?



## IN WHAT SORT OF ENVIRONMENT WILL YOUR TEENAGER ATTEND SCHOOL THIS FALL?

	Yes	No
Will he have Christian teachers?	[ ]	[ ]
Will he have an opportunity to learn more about the Bible?	[ ]	[ ]
Will he learn to be active in church activities?	[ ]	[ ]
Will he be encouraged in Christian principles and standards?	[ ]	[ ]
Can he participate in activities without a Sabbath conflict?	[ ]	[ ]

The answer to each of the above questions can be YES if you help your child to take advantage of the opportunities offered him at Spring Vale Academy.

Is it worth a sacrifice now to help your son or daughter to be guided and encouraged as a future boulder in the Church of God?

(If you haven't read the testimony of a former Spring Vale student in the June issue of Aim, "Madelienne Grows Up," be sure to read it.)

For more information, write to:

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