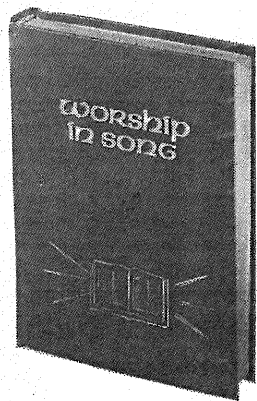


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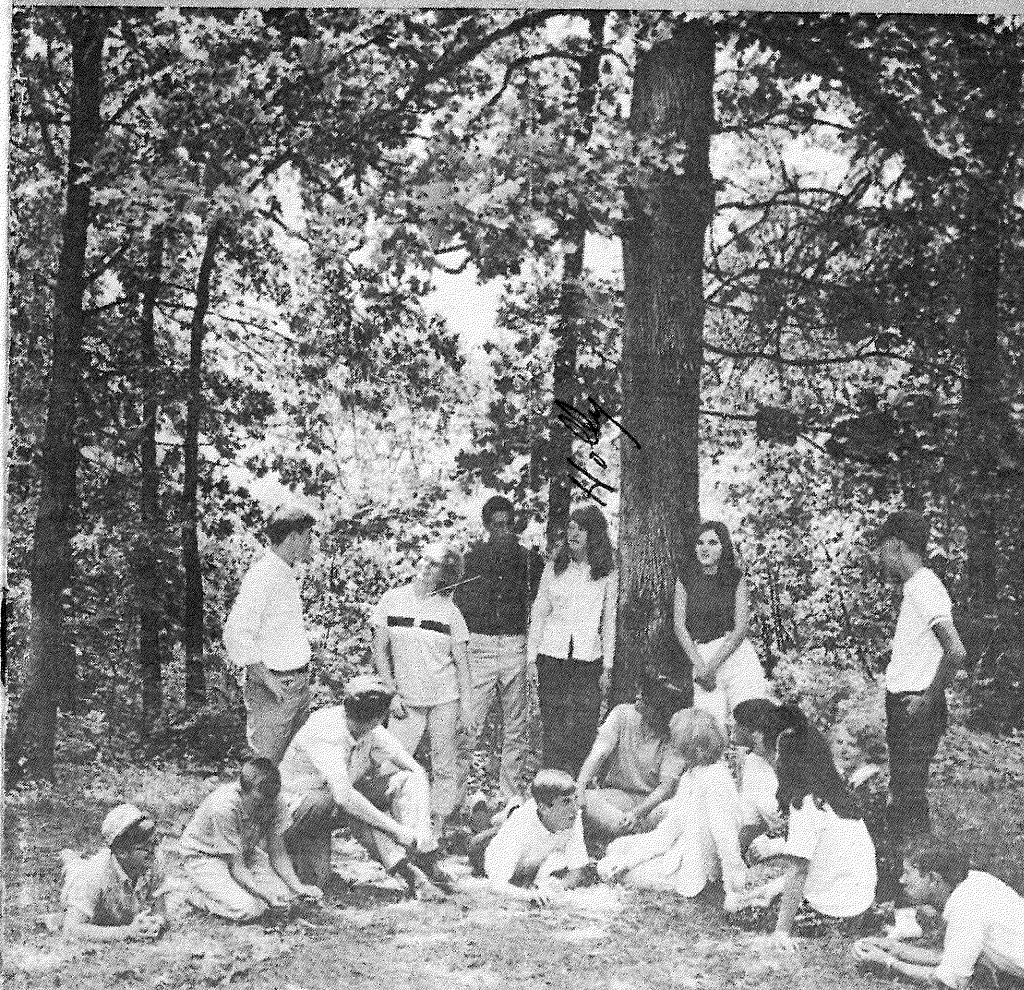
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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

From our F.Y.C.

Chairman...

Dear Young People,

I want to greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our soon-coming King. I have just started working full-time in Youth Work during the summer months and I desire your earnest prayers that we might reach new heights in the important work of this department.



Now that our school term at M.B.C. is over, I am looking forward to working more effectively with you, our young people. I regret that our heavy schedule here during the school term too often prevented me from answering your letters promptly, and made it necessary to leave other important duties undone. I trust that you will continue to write, giving your requests and your suggestions.

We want to increase our production of materials that will be helpful to you as individuals and as FYC groups. These will be advertised later. You may be looking for helps to youth work and to individuals. We want to offer some fine projects to your groups that will increase your zeal and witness for the Lord. Please feel free to write in for suggestions and materials, or to offer suggestions, and we will do our best to be of service to you.

Plans are now being made for the Youth Program at General Conference which runs from July 21 through 29. I have been to Palmer Lake to see the youth facilities, and I want to personally encourage you to make plans to attend the Conference. I feel sure you will not be disappointed. We are sponsoring some special features in the program that should be of special interest to you. ● On Friday afternoon, July 28, there will be four fellows from the state pen who will tell of their experiences and give their testimonies for Christ. ● There will be a fine recreational program and ●—above all, there will be great

emphasis on Christ and His gospel. The setting is wonderful and there you will be able to meet and make many Christian friends. We hope to see you at Camp.

Finally, young people, from "heart to heart" let me encourage you to always press on for God, letting your lives shine for Jesus Christ. Though it may seem the world has much to offer, Christ has more to offer. Though at times it may seem the Christian way is difficult,

the way of the world is the most difficult and it is filled with heartache, bitterness, sin, trouble and finally eternal destruction. So press on, young people, knowing that Christ will come and your rewards will be great.

Let us pray for each other that we may all be together in the great, eternal Kingdom of God.

Christian Love,
Dale Lawson
F.Y.C. Chairman

Are You Awake -- or Just Pretending?

By Carolyn Clements

ISN'T SUMMER GRAND? SUMMER IS A FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR FOR MANY OF MY FRIENDS; and I must admit that I am pretty partial to it myself, although I like all the seasons. One reason that I like summer is that it brings new experiences and a different schedule; it is a change and a challenge. I never grow tired of seeing summer come back after a long, routine winter! So far, I haven't run out of appreciation for it.

Unfortunately, I am reminded that my young friends and I too often run out of appreciation for other things that can be classified as being "grand." For

instance, take this magazine itself. How often do we forget that the articles within are often written by one of our own friends or relatives who has a burden for young people, a particular friend, you, or me? Is it possible that we skim the "Aim" and let most of the thoughts therein filter out as we read? Do we get so accustomed to hearing, reading, and using "Christian phraseologies" that they no longer sink in? What if the last article you read was meant especially for you, and you failed to get the message because you were thinking of what happened last night, or

just let familiar words glance off your brain surface? The "Aim" is published for a purpose; the people behind it are trying to present a change in life and a challenge to young people, to you, and to me. Are you getting the message?

GENERAL CONFERENCE AND CAMP MEETING ALWAYS BRINGS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION TO US YOUNG PEOPLE. What do we get out of that week besides the personal pleasure from meeting old and new friends and having fun? It is high time we stop acting like children going to a circus and start realizing the other side, the most important side of camp meeting. When I think of all my dear friends who haven't found God or who haven't become close to Him—and that this camp meeting may very possibly be the last, it makes me cry. Sure, I like to have fun, and it means a lot to me to be with my friends, but that isn't what matters the most. If God would allow you to remember, how would you feel if you made it to the Kingdom and in the middle of your joy realized that your friends didn't make it, because you were too busy having a good time then to think about eternity? Yes, camp meeting is "grand," but do you appreciate its real purpose? Do you get the message of change and challenge?

DO YOU REMEMBER THE THEME FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE LAST CAMP MEETING IN DEN-

VER? IT WAS ENTITLED "IN HIS STEPS," and it was chosen to instill in us the constant thought, "What would Jesus do?" Surely, this was the greatest challenge ever presented to us. It should have made an impression upon us, but I doubt if it really did. We had probably heard it too often to actually let it hit home—or else we didn't take the time to let it, but I wish that it would be the theme at every camp meeting until we truly awake and realize what those two phrases mean! If you and I are trying to be sincere "Christians" we are trying to be sincere "followers of Christ," therefore, our motto, our guide should logically be "In His steps" or "What would Jesus do?" (We cannot judge the answer to this question for others; I don't believe that the answer is the same in every case.) Jesus loved His brothers in the world and understood them. Let us follow "in His steps" in practicing this motto. Let us take those few ordinary words to our hearts for examination and then follow them if we claim to be Christians or followers of Christ.

AGAIN, I RECALL HOW WE HAVE NO CLAIM ON TIME; WE AREN'T SURE HOW MUCH WE HAVE LEFT. We need to use every day that dawns until Jesus comes as if it were the last, for one morning it will be. Have we been drifting along in our Christian experience? Are we awake as the scriptures warn or have we just been pretending?

Six Years

Without Stars

By Harvey L. Earl, Jr.

The rough, white coveralls hung on my thin, boyish frame like a sack. I had been frightened and embarrassed when the guard had forced me to strip in front of him. He had taken my civilian clothes, the last vestige of free society, and tossed them into a barrel in the corner. Before we left the small room he fastened my hands together with the shiny, steel handcuffs. They made an ominous sound as they clicked into place.

"All right, let's go, buddy." His gruff voice added to my fears of the things ahead. He opened the door to the small room and led me out into the lobby. I was aware of civilians around me and felt as though their eyes were boring hot holes through me. But to them I was just another number—another boy who had gone wrong.

A special guard, in what I was later to learn was a bullet-proof turret, opened a series of doors. Each one of them clanged shut with a horrifying sound. The sound of steel on steel was so final. My hands, held closely together by the metal cuffs, began to perspire as fear built up inside me.

Only yesterday, or so it seemed, I had thought I was a real man. I knew all there was to know about life. And I was slick. I had never really thought that I was bad or mean but I did



think that I was smart—too smart to be told anything by others. My mother and father had tried to advise and guide me. But I had known it all. Like a kaleidoscope the pieces of my life, from early childhood until the present, rapidly changed before me. I was kneeling beside my mother saying my goodnight prayers and this dissolved into, "Aw gee, Mom, that's all kid stuff." And then I'm telling this woman, "You heard me, lady, drive!" This gave way to, "I sentence you to life. . . ."

Yes, this smart, slick, know-it-all kid of nineteen was now entering a maximum security prison under the sentence of life. It did not seem real. The fear that gripped me was causing my stomach to turn flip-flops.

"You all right, kid?" The guard's voice had softened somewhat. All I could manage was a nod in reply.

My next days were filled with interviews, tests, examinations, and more humiliating undressings in front of strangers. I tried to remain to myself, away from the conversations of the hardened two- or three-time loser, the talks of depravity and lust. I sought the solace of my small cell in the unit housing all the new admissions. And I feared the day when I would enter the general population of the prison.

I knew that I might be forced to fight for my right to remain a man. I had heard of the cold, brutal life of a convict and I knew of the trials that would face a young boy entering the world of darkness.

Finally the day came when I

was led by a guard to a cellhouse. The large, four-story building, with barred windows, housed three hundred men. All I could see around me were older men, their faces wan and lined with years of hatred and brutality. This was the "big house." And this was to be my home—for life? I was turned over to the cellhouse guard, who then assigned me to a cell.

Six feet by ten feet—a cubical for a home. The gray walls, the scaly paint, the once white commode, the sagging bunk, held out little promise for the long hours ahead.

My nights were sleepless; I tossed and turned, thinking about the past—too afraid to think about the future. It was impossible for me to see outside of the large cellhouse. The doors to the cells closed electrically each afternoon at four p.m. They would not open again until morning. There were no stars, no moonlight, no sky. And it was hard to realize that there was a God.

The staff at the prison had assigned me to the school so that I might finish the education that

I had previously felt was unimportant.—O, yes, I had said, "School!! Who needs it?" But I found out, the hard way, that I did. I attended classes each day but there was none of the fun connected with school—no dates for cokes, no basketball games, no pretty cheer leaders.

I discovered that the real prison is a narrow cell and that the nothingness of days, the loneliness of nights, suppresses, deadens and crushes. There is sordidness, indifference, and disappointment. And fear! I had not lost the fear of those around me and without the stars to guide me and the moon to light my way, I was lost. There were too many days without beauty, too many years without laughter, too much emotional darkness without light.

I could see around me only the faces of men dying a slow death—dying a little bit inside, everyday, and in the end they were just a shell. I refused to let this happen to me.

When I had left the orientation unit to enter population, a kindly guard had given me a Bible. I had grunted a word of thanks and had left it hidden away in a small box of personal belongings.

One night, when the anxiety had reached its peak, I took the Bible from the box and opened it. The words did not come easy but I read:

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that

seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7, 8).

Could this be the answer for me?

Each night I would take my Bible and read additional verses—then chapters—and soon I was looking forward to the hours alone in my cell. My loneliness soon gave way to the happiest hours—the hours when I was alone with God in my cell. I read my Bible and wrote to family and friends.

The Bible became my true friend. Many hours passed as I studied it. And then I started studying and working Bible Courses—over forty of them in all. And among them was the "Searchlight." Was this the light I was seeking? This became my stars, my moon, my guide.

God's Word took away the fear and gave me the strength to hope for the future. This was because I believe in the promise given to us in the Bible. The ninth chapter of Mark states (chapter 23):

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

And it was through this strength and belief that I knew there was a future for me. The six years without stars have passed only through the guiding of the "searchlight" from God.

Today I work and live outside the walls of the prison—yet still in confinement. I have finished my high school education and hope to add to this general knowledge as time goes by. I can see the stars again and they

are as beautiful as I remembered them, just as God is manifested in all of nature's beauty.

My future still holds its uncertainties. But God has given me back my dreams for the future. A new and free life with the love of wife and family. A family that will be raised through the love of God, hoping that no son or daughter will ever know the look of a worried mother's face in a prison visiting room—studying the face of a son who was once her pride and joy.

I am no longer in a world of darkness because, *"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God"* (Psalm 146:5).

ENTIRELY TRUSTING

One who is really leaning on the Beloved finds it always possible to say, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." But I am so apt, like Peter, to take my eyes off the one Object and look at the winds and waves. As in that scene, however, the grace and tenderness of Jesus are as apparent as Peter's little faith, so with us today: as soon as we turn to Him, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." "While we depend entirely on Him we are secure, and prosper in circumstances apparently the most unfavorable."—*Hudson Taylor.*

Some folks think they are busy when they are only confused.

—*War Cry*

Giving Yourself

Christie

Ontario, Calif. FYC

Why confine yourself to the dark caverns of your own mind, body, and being? By merely giving of yourself to others, a wonderful light can enter and actually flood your darkened system.

This light is the light of love and kindness. The same light that shone from Jesus' inner self that day He gave so freely His life, the light that should shine from your inner self as you live your life for God.

Today it seems most men are too wrapped up in worldly strife and troubles to even think about "the other guy." They care about one person—themselves.

It is for this reason we must bear down and be "living proof" of God's divine love. Praying for church and nonchurch members, helping whenever needed, and a general good disposition shows the desire to give of oneself.

It shows others you care for them, and shows God you care for Him by following His commandments.

TRY IT!

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



QUESTION:

I do not know for sure what I would like to be when I am ready to enter a vocation. Does our church have women missionaries? Is it all right for a woman to be a missionary?

ANSWER:

The standard role of any minister in response to questions like this is to say, "Wonderful! The Lord needs missionaries, and I'm sure you will make a good one!" My answer is going to be more involved. I hope that other young people will read this and feel moved to do something in response to it.

It is Scripturally permissible for a woman to be a missionary. I doubt there is much to discuss about that. The New Testament refers to several women who were active in the work of the Church.

"Does our church have missionaries?" I presume by this question you refer to people of our country who are serving on foreign soil. The answer is "No."

Worse yet, according to present trends, by the time you will be ready to go, you will not be a missionary in our church because the church will

be in no position to make use of your services—unless significant changes in attitude and purpose are made quickly. At present our church pays only the slightest heed to the needs we have in foreign fields. We retain a good foreign work because the loyalty and faithfulness of our workers in foreign fields are much stronger toward us than ours are to them.

We spend barely 1% of our church dollar on foreign work. Recently, an appeal was made to double this amount by requesting that 1% be added to support our foreign missions work (making it 2¢ of every \$1.00 spent). The proposal was rejected—not because of any attitude on the part of a few who had to make the immediate decision, but because they reflected the thinking of too large a segment of our church.

Am I suggesting that you give up the notion of being a foreign missionary? To the contrary, you and many young people like you must become missionaries for the cause of missions at home. Become active boosters of our foreign missions work in your own local churches. There are many ways in which this can be done.

1. Read as much as you can about

foreign missionary work, including accounts of the activities of actual missionaries. Learn what it is all about so that when you speak to others they will be impressed by how much you know about it.

2. At youth meetings, have periodic themes that deal with foreign missions. Beyond this, suggest that your pastor use foreign missions as a theme for the regular church services. Encourage special offerings in connection with these services, so that the folks attending will have opportunity to actually do something to express their new burden for the foreign work.

3. As you have opportunity to talk to ministers and leaders of the church, bring up the matter of missionary work and suggest that it be given more support—financial and in every other way. It needs to be "talked up."

4. Contact the National Youth De-

partment to find out ways in which you may get into contact with young people in foreign lands to correspond with them, if you have not already done so. Your letters of encouragement to them will be the beginning of your career in foreign missions work.

As a church we simply must awake to the burdens we should help bear in distant lands. If those of us who are more established in the church cannot presently see the need, we will have to hope that the coming generation will catch the vision and exercise responsibility toward it. If we do not act soon, it will be difficult to give answer to a Righteous Judge. Pray much. I will be remembering you, praying that God will give you and many other young people much success in arousing a new understanding of the compelling needs in our foreign fields.

THERE IS BUT ONE

By Carolyn Clements, an SVA student

Man cannot study his Master's face,
But that fact does not the truth erase;
For when a disbelieving soul so speaks,
"What proof have you that God still keeps?"
I calmly take him by the hand
And lead him gently through the sand,
And say, "Dear Friend, what more need thee
Than sand and shells and wind and sea?"

Who else could make the sand so white,
The shells that talk and glisten bright,
The wind that swells the blue-green bright,
And rolls them in toward ocean caves?
I could not, Friend, and neither thee;
There is but One owns the recipe.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, 'Here am I send me.'" (Isa. 6:8).

The Crying Need!

By Terril D. Littrell

Some months ago I saw a sign in front of a Post Office in which "Uncle Sam" was pointing to a little lad and saying: "UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU." As the lad looked at Uncle Sam he made the statement, "WHO, ME?"

Then the advertisement read as follows: "Not right now, sonny. But you just wait; This whole country is going to need you. Several years from now when you've acquired a little algebra, and a best girl friend, and one hundred more pounds of bone and muscle."

As this appeal of the U. S. government for young men to serve in its armed forces stared me in the face, I thought of how the Church of God needs ministers—and needs them urgently.

The Church needs a body of young men devoted to the work of the ministry and willing to prepare for it and carry it out during the best years of a lifetime.

Every country of the world has military arrangements to protect itself. Especially in time of difficulty, leaders call the youth to take military training so that the country can have the advantage of their strength. In this way it is felt that attack is prevented and peace maintained.

Today Christ summons young men to fight in the battle of world evangelism. Victory is to be won. TODAY in every country God is calling each of us, and wants us to give of the STRENGTH OF OUR YOUTH to His service.

Just as the world is calling for young, strong, intelligent men willing to serve in its armed forces, the Church of God is searching for pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music and foreign missionaries. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Luke 10:2).

In the future more young men are going to be needed to build churches and Christian schools.



When Jesus was here in His earthly ministry, how badly He needed laborers. His cry was: "...pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:36-38).

The multitude was too great for the personal ministry of Christ, and the multitude is too great today for the number of full-time workers that we have in the Church of God.

The Ministry a Challenge

Young man, take a good look at yourself. Ask yourself this question: "What do I want to do with my life?"

Most people make an effort to be equipped for the task of earning money. They get down to business studying many long hours, months and years at college and the university, taking examinations, and serving apprenticeships with a degree of determination.

The average person will work forty hours a week, during an average work life of forty years. During this period of time he will have devoted 83,200 hours at his chosen profession. Now before a person chooses a profession he should ask himself how he wants to spend these hours. You can, of course, just put in your time, get on the tread mill, work for the dollars, and step off at age 65 or thereabouts with a moderate pension, and a small retirement home in Sunset Village (wherever that is supposed to be). It is easy, it is safe, and it is comfortable, but you may have at the end a hollow feeling that those forty years trickled down the drain without satisfaction or accomplishment. Or you can, if your energies, your ambitions and your talents are

up to it, claw your way to the top of your chosen field. The rewards can be great, the altitude heady.

You may have to pick off a few people; you may become a bit calloused in the process, but then—that's life!

Or is it? The occupation of a minister of the Church of God is one that can hurl you into the roaring, whirling vortex of life; that will use every one of your talents and skills and demand more; that will let you serve not only yourself but the needs of all men; that not only involves you with the meaning of life, but also lets you express the meaning to others. Wouldn't you like to have as meaningful an occupation as this for your life's work?

I don't mean to paint a rosy picture with no thorns. The training for the ministry is rigorous. The profession is demanding, harsh in the needs it confronts, unyielding in what it requires of you as a Christian. Its monetary rewards are at the very best moderate. And yet no other profession can be more satisfying for none other serves the range of human need and longing on such a large scale. The ministry is a life work to which you give yourself. There is none other like it.

It takes a real MAN to consider—really consider, prayerfully and faithfully—the Christian ministry as his life's work.

But What about "the Call"

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary lists sixteen different meanings of the word. There is one which I think will answer our question sufficiently. It says: a call is a "summons to a

particular duty, office or employment."

There are many young men who have considered the challenges and opportunities of the ministry, and yet, because they have heard of that mysterious thing known as "the call" and not having received one according to their knowledge, are hanging back until the message comes through loud and clear. This may come as a surprise, but you may be waiting for something that isn't going to happen.

No two ministers have had the same identical experiences in their calling to the ministry. God calls some men in a more dramatic way than others. Maybe with a dramatic flash from heaven as with St. Paul. Or a voice in the night such as Samuel heard. Or perhaps, as in Isaiah's experience, when the sanctuary is filled with heaven. It could come like the splendor of a glorious sunrise such as dawned on Andrew. Some men have experienced a call in just such ways. But with others it is a mighty MUST such as the Prophet Jeremiah felt, like fire burning in his bones. God has called others when in the midst of a church service, or while out hiking, or perhaps while sitting quietly in a room they suddenly know with absolute assurance that they must enter the ministry, just as if they had been called out and had answered audibly. This is certainly a valid call, and saves a lot of effort, but it does not happen so dramatically to most men.

Recently a young man said to me when I was discussing the possibility of his becoming a minister of the Church, "I don't ask that God show me His plan for my life in any miraculous sign. I only wish that He were not so vague about His call." I replied that burning bushes went out

of fashion 3400 years ago, and that today Christ calls to all young men whose talents, attributes and demeanor seem to best fit him for training and service as a minister of the Gospel.

The best way I know for a young man to test his potential as a minister is to involve himself in situations of human need, study, discuss, pray and, of course, seek the counsel of his pastor. He may even wish to write to Midwest Bible College for information concerning ministerial training. Our college director, Elder S. J. Kauer, can tell you the next step to take to meet your personal situation.

Even after discussing the situation with your pastor, and making plans to take ministerial training at Midwest Bible College, you may still have qualms about the decision. But there are few ministers who have not had such qualms. Even if you doubt that you would ever make a successful pastor, if you are the creative imaginative type person the church needs, chances are there are other occupations within the church in which you would be successful. This is all the more reason why you should give much consideration to training for the ministry.

Whom Does God Call?

Right here you might be thinking, "Me, a minister?" "No, no, no. I'm not good enough"; "My doubts are too strong"; "I don't know enough to be a minister."

The Bible tells us that "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called . . . that no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29). OBE-

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I Am Nothing

By Ione Weir

"And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

At one time the definition of Christian was, "one who followed Christ." But now the dictionary says a Christian is one who "*professes to believe in the teachings of Christ.*" There is a big difference in these two meanings. It is a sad thing that not only the meaning has changed, but the "Christians" have grown farther away from the One who should be the center of their life.

When we look at the word "Christian" we see it built around Christ. If we take Christ out of the word Christian, we are left with three letters—i, a, and n. I A N—I Am Nothing, is what these three letters could stand for because truly without Christ, I Am Nothing.

How often when we pray we say, "Thank you for Jesus who died that we might live." Has the magnitude of the sacrifice become so commonplace that the prayer becomes only a form? The thought behind the words is absolutely staggering. Just stop a second to analyze what our lives would be without Christ.

What is the basic difference between you and your neighbors who live it up at beer parties and change wives for the evening, etc.? Are you so much sweeter, nicer or is it anything that you are that makes the difference? Or is it Christ in your life?

How about our young people—What is the difference between them and the young people who drink—use LSD—and indulge in sex? Is it because our young people are so much better looking or smarter or is it because they know Christ?

Christ makes the difference. I am convinced that we are living way beneath the wonderful things God would have for us. But even the shallow amount we do have of His Spirit has a tremendous impact on our lives.

So many of the young people are being brainwashed (some, even by their own churches) into believing that Christ was not the Son of God, that the Bible is not the inspired Word of God and so many other false teachings as to make Christianity a farce.

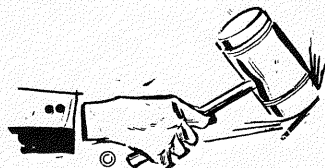
Let us always pray that our church will cling to the truths of the Bible and keep our teachings Christ-centered. No other course is possible with the Church of God, you say? Don't kid yourself, "Even the very elect will be deceived if it is possible."

Let's keep Christ in the foreground so we'll not be Christians with Christ left out and only the I A N left. I am nothing.

(A true experience of a case worker counseling a parolee.)

If Mary Had Walked with God

By L. C. Clark



"I never knew my real father. Mother played piano at the bars and I was alone much of the time. My step-father was a guard at a large auto plant. He was a big man. He never liked me and I wondered if he liked mother. See my back! Those marks are where he beat me. I did not like him either."

This is a short section from a long, long story told me at many a private meeting with an inmate of a State Penitentiary. It was a true story—all of it—it all checked out later.

Bob came into my life when my daughter said, "Daddy, I think you can help Bob."

So I went to court when Bob was sentenced to another term of five to ten years. All the talking my friends and I could do did not change the opinion of the court. I set out visiting Bob as he started another trek of time to be added to fourteen years already waited out behind those iron doors. For two and a half years these visits did not stop. Here Bob unfolded a story of family hatred, deep disappointments in his childhood and with himself. Often he revealed fright over his weaknesses and with pathetic appeal he would ask, "Why am I like this?" He asked a hundred questions. Some were answered, others never approached because of limited knowledge. But during this time he unburdened his inner self and his emotions as I sat and listened. He talked freely of life inside of those stone walls, its compensations, its wickedness, its sham and shame.

He also talked of his dreams, what he would like to have been. How he wanted to find a good woman to love and who would

direct his life. How he would rear his children. He knew well the world he wanted but never attained. He also pointed up how no one cared for him or the men who erred. Most of us are pawns of the guards; guinea pigs for experimentation; a source of Blood for the Bank and flesh gratification for inhuman people. A world not yet penetrated by any true missionary effort. Only once did a Christian minister visit this inmate; three times in fourteen years his mother came intoxicated; she still owes him \$80.00 from leather craft she took and promised to sell.

But let's back up to the court scene and penetrate the immediate cause for his being there. He was out on parole and at a Church social met a girl who understood him and would talk and listen. She was a Christian (at least, was a member of a Christian church). Bob soon began to study the message of the church. Time brought a marriage. A few days after the wedding, Bob's mother gave a reception with her friends. It was here that Mary revealed her deep weaknesses. She drank with the others; she asked Bob for a cigarette. Since he did not smoke, he found her one elsewhere. Later he carried her to the car and took her home.

The hours following are quite vague. Bob could never quite recall just what happened. Mary reported to her friends some of the events. The next morning Bob was not at home and the car was gone. Sick in body and

heart for what she had done she cried and prayed and talked to friends. But all seemed so dark.

Weeks passed and Bob did not return. Later the police reported that Bob was in the Los Angeles jail waiting return to Michigan for sentencing. It is at this point I met Bob in the Court room. Now let's have the conclusion to this part of his story, words recorded on my first visit and thoughts never to be forgotten.

"My brother," he said, "Had Mary walked with God that night and stood for the things of her church, I don't believe I would be here."

I am inclined to believe him. Excuse or not, it was real to Bob that day he said it.

How well our faith is clearly marked by our works. Bob's world was crushed that night. We may not understand how—but for him it was. After two and a half years a parole was approved on the basis of progress made and a program cleared for him in the free world. But not so. A crushed, unadjustable Bob sits today in a Federal prison under a twenty-five year trek.

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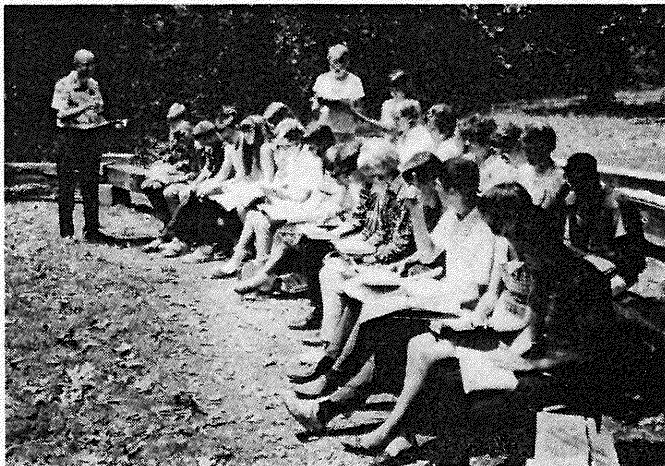
There's no thrill in easy sailing, when the skies are clear and blue; there's no joy in merely doing things which anyone can do. But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet to take, when you reach a destination that you thought you'd never make!

—Scrap's O' Sunshine

Seventy-six young people gathered at Camp Pa He Tsi on the Lake of the Ozarks on June 11 in anticipation of a week of enjoyable activities. These young people were abundantly rewarded even beyond expectations. It was a most wonderful week for all concerned. Of the campers, 39 were in the Senior Camp and 37 were in the Junior Camp.

Among the outstanding successes of the camp were the two Bible classes of the Senior Camp. One, ages 16-18 was taught by Elder R. C. Moldenhauer and class enthusiasm was so high that students complained when class time was over and they were asked to move on to the next activity. One was quite likely to hear continued discussion on current events in relation to the Bible, long after class was over.

The other class, ages 13-15, was taught by Elder S. J. Kauer and likewise was bubbling with enthusiasm. I attended one of the class sessions and it was wonderful to see those teenagers take interesting Bible stories and apply them to practical Christian living for our day.



In Brother Kauer's Bible class, a group of enthusiastic teenagers share together in Bible study.

Youth Camp

Lake of the Ozarks -- Central Missouri

Recreation

The afternoon and one hour after supper were allowed for recreation. The entire camp schedule was changed just a little because of daylight-saving time. Since all of our evening devotions were held outdoors around the camp fire, the short recreation period after supper allowed for darkness to surround us, making an effective camp fire service. There was an excellent spirit of cooperation in the recreational activities. One could observe campers giving all-out effort in games such as badminton, swimming races, tether ball, volley ball, or

softball, but still manifesting fine sportsmanship and Christian attitude. This was a direct result of the fine spirit that prevailed at camp.

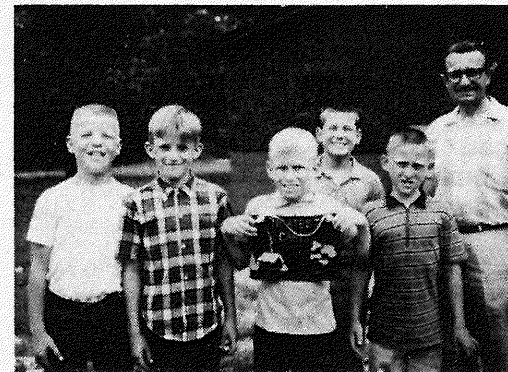
Some of the campers fished in the Lake of the Ozarks and a few small fish were caught but not any that could be bragged about. Perhaps the highlight in recreation was the Staff-Camper ball game (softball) in which the campers eked out a win over the staff. The game was highlighted by a severe thunder shower that drenched the campers, staff and the umpire, Elder Kauer.

Camp Highlight

The highlight which dominated the camp scene was itself the giving of

spiritual depth and direction to young people. It started with morning praise which was usually directed by one of the campers. It continued through the morning general assembly where ministers gave spiritual bread to the campers.—Then on through the Bible classes already described.—And finally in the evening services where God's Holy Spirit blessed in a marvelous way. The young people were made to think deeply of sin and its rewards, of Christ and eternal rewards, of sacrifice and real Christian living.

I was deeply impressed as campers prayed into the night for many things. Some renewed broken covenants with God. Others prayed earnestly for friends that did not know Christ and



This group of little workers has something of which to be proud. They are displaying the award for the neatest cabin. Pictured are Rocky Brunson, Mike Alexander, Freddie Manion, Dale Chatfield, Don Fawnsorth and their cabin counsellor, Elder R. C. Moldenhauer.

surely those prayers were answered as 15 senior campers came to know Christ and desired baptism, determining to walk all the way with Christ.

One young man started his prayer with words that have a great lesson that I want to pass on to you. He said, "God, when I was 13, I thought church was for the birds, but now I want to thank you for helping me realize how wonderful it really is."

Another said, "Father, send your Holy Spirit into my life so that I may be strong and never turn back again."

Another asked that God would deal with her friends and help her to be saved. And finally, many asked for Christ to come into their lives—and for forgiveness of sin. God is so wonderful and His name greatly to be praised!

We want to conclude this report by giving great praise to God for allowing us the blessings of such a wonderful camp. We want to encourage young people everywhere to plan to not miss the Youth Camp that is held in your area. Dale G. Lawson

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Now that camp is over, I'd like to encourage the ones who missed it to go next year. I went to Central

At every youth camp, there is a time of real rejoicing when young people who have made their peace with God take the step of baptism. Elder Nelson Caswell is shown here, baptizing one of the youths.



States Youth Camp in Missouri.

I can never fully express what a reward I received. I was closer to the Lord, and I met many fine Christian friends. It's always easier to let your real self be known when you are with friends, and many of my new friends found Jesus Christ at this camp. The experience of seeing teenagers giving their hearts to Christ brought tears to my eyes.

I learned new things at camp through the classes, and also through the time spent with the other campers, whether in groups, or alone. Their friendship and understanding gave me added courage to daily live through Christ at home.

The choruses we sang, either joyfully, or meditatively, gave me the spirit to go through each day, making the most of it, and knowing the week would soon be over, and our cheerful time at camp would soon be pleasant memories.

This year's camp gave me a real blessing and encouragement. I hope next year's camp will be twice as big, and that it will bring more people closer to God and leave in their minds permanent memories as this year's camp did for me. There's not a more cherished friendship you

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By Elden Fischer

A Farthing for Your Thoughts

If you had nine lives like cats are said to have, which life would you devote to the Lord's service? Would it be your fourth life? You have only one life that counts. Why not make your life count for Christ?

God Favors Israel

"One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord our God he it is that fightest for you..." (Joshua 23:10). This verse seemed to be fulfilled very dramatically in Israel's recent war with her Arab neighbors. Israel's army was outnumbered at least 40 to 1 and fighting on four fronts. Reports say Israel lost 679 soldiers, but Jordan alone had 15,000 persons killed. In about 60 hours the small country the Arabs said they would drive into the sea had won a very lopsided victory.

You might say Israel had a lot of American weapons and the Arabs had Russian weapons. Jordan had \$36 million of American arms and it was destroyed in the wrong hands. The \$2 billion in weapons of war that Russia gave the Arabs went up in smoke.

Egypt should have been expecting war since they started marching their troops on Israel. The U. S., with all its efforts in Viet Nam, is a long time from winning the war. Study

Israeli-Arab war and see if you can't see God's hand on Israel's side.

This war didn't make friends between Arabs and Jews but a greater battle is still in the future. If oil from the Middle East is cut off, the western world will be in bad shape. Time to prepare for the Lord's return may be shorter than we realize.

Summer Stroke

When winter is over farm work increases and summer jobs become abundant. It is true that earning money and giving the Lord His tithe on the amount, benefits the gospel. Often it is not money that our church programs need but your interest to a great enough measure that you will take time for promoting the Lord's work.

The summer is an excellent time for all kinds of youth activities but too many groups let their activities almost die out in the summer. Is this putting God first in our lives? Regardless of the excuses we might think up we cannot expect God to bless us if we have no time for youth Bible study, youth rallies, doing good, or even getting together for youth socials. Where there is a will, there usually is a way.

Do you tithe your summer income? It's Bible!

Job Slave

Are you a slave to your job so that you cannot afford to miss work to attend youth camp or camp meeting? Yes, God can bless you on the tractor as you are cultivating corn . . . if you are tuned in to His frequency. The Bible also teaches that He that doesn't work should not eat. This can be paraphrased spiritually to say something like, "He that does not work out his own salvation shall

not be spiritually nourished."

By attending youth camp and camp meeting, you learn to love the church more and learn more about the needs of the church. The \$50 to \$75 you lose during this week won't begin to pay for the blessings and inspiration that camp or camp meeting brings to you. Are you a slave to your job so you can pay for your jalopy? Give Christ a chance to make you His "slave."

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH, IT'S YOU

It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives,
Or the help your brother brings.
It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of clothes the members wear;
For it isn't the church, it's you.

It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money's spent,
Or whether the Gospel's all brought in,
Or whether there's some that's sent.
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste;
For it isn't the church, it's you.

For a chain's as strong as the weakest link,
And it breaks with a heavy load,
But a church that's full of the links that pull
Can level the roughest road.
If you get in tune with the Master's will,
With your heart and your labors too,
You will love your church, though it has its faults
For it isn't the church, it's you!

—R. R. Newberry

Editorial

It is overwhelming to consider the victory the nation of Israel achieved in the recent Middle East conflict. Probably for several years now nothing has caught the attention of the world quite like this did.

In a recent radio discussion of the situation, in response to a person who referred to Israel's role back in Bible times, one moderator commented to the effect that we can't go back to the Bible and to events thousands of years ago, and relate them to the present situation.

This is where so many make a sad mistake—thinking that the Bible—and Bible happenings—and Bible characters—are so far removed from today.

Styles have changed—yes. Buildings have changed. Transportation has changed. So *much* has changed; but God remains the same. And God's Word and His prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Young people find this knowledge very vital. —The reality of Christ in your heart. —The surety of God's Word being fulfilled.

To some it is a puzzle how the small nation of Israel could overpower hostile enemies on several sides—advancing and conquering territory so speedily. To one who is aware of God's prophecies, it is a real faith-builder. We have read: ". . . I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it" (Jeremiah 30:3). This promise was partially fulfilled in 1948 when Israel became a nation again, an event which many contended could never happen.

Now we've seen this promise strengthened and renewed as we see a fresh manifestation of the miraculous way in which God can aid His people and fit His plans and promises together with precision.

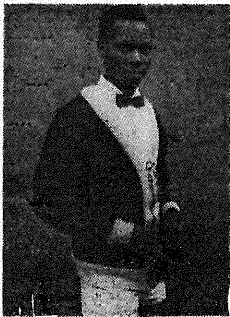
Let's make good use of this opportunity to witness, Christian friends. The eyes of the world are on the Middle East, where God's plan is gradually being unfolded. We can use this opportunity to witness to those who are blind to the precious knowledge that one day soon Jesus will return to this earth to claim His own.

Let us wholeheartedly "lay hold on the promise," that we might be enthusiastic about spreading the precious News to others.

From Across the Seas . . .



Activities Reported by John Orie



"Fundamental greetings to you in the precious name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I regret over the first letter you sent which was lately received as it was addressed with my home address. I would have replied earlier than this time if not that I had just traveled for a Youth Rally of Ogba district in Ahoada Division. The meeting which was held on the 8th of April, 1967, at Erema was attended by more than 40 FYCers. The attendance was poor, but reasonable offering was realized.

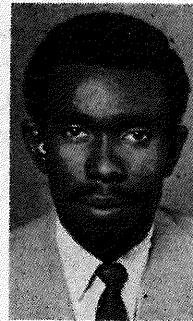
After the Rally we went to a special meeting to put finishing touches towards the building of a district office. This tremendous project was undertaken by the Ogba district youths for the glory of God, and to facilitate the official duties of the district. More than twenty pounds had been voted out by the FYC members and more than 1,000 blocks had so far been molded. More bags of cement purchased are still unmolded. I hope progressive reports and projects from here will add more vigor to your stay in office."

In His service,
John Orie

This is a tremendous task for the FYC group, but we know with God's help the Ogba Youth will make it in constructing the district building. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Foreign Youth Correspondent,
Phyllis Hayford

Activities Reported by Ben Tikili



It is pleasant to report that the flag of progress is kept flying in our National FYC. There has been much effort and visits made to win souls to Christ. Notwithstanding, the division that has plagued the Church, the light of oneness is shining through the windows of heaven unto us the remaining faithful ones.

We are aware that Christ is for us, even in the midst of uncertainty because of His kindness toward us in this period of trial. The FYC in Aba district is up and doing. There are groups at Ayaba, Ohanze Umurire, Kputuke, Unuawa, Ovom II and Akanu Ngwa. They have been very enthusiastic in evangelism, tract distribution, visiting the sick, and offering manual assistance to the needy.

The younger ones take regular Bible reading lessons, and memorization of poems and verses. A new evangelist has been employed in the Church by the instrumentality of the FYC.

A new group has been established at Ogbodi—Umuopara in Umuahia district. A girl takes the leadership. Reports from them are encouraging. I hope to send you a detailed account of their activities soon.

There is also a big prospect at Udo-na-Obizi in Mbaise district where the General Overseer is working hard to co-ordinate the work with us. Pastor Richard Nwankwo is in charge of that district. How hard it is to build—and so easy to destroy! We in Aba have a task in rebuilding what had been demolished through the split in the Church. Please accommodate us in your prayers.

Ahoada district is progressing nicely. The groups have been very active in spreading the message by songs. Their enthusiasm continues to grow day by day.

We need about twenty-four membership cards and six or more copies of the Constitution.

May God guide us all in His Service.

Young Ben I. Tikili

YOUTH CAMP

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can make than that with a Christian friend. I thank the Lord every day for the opportunity I had to attend camp.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

—Holly Rinne, Denver FYC

The Acts of the Apostles

in Paraphrase

(Continued)

By Nathan Straub



A MESSAGE TO EPHESUS 20:17

From Miletus, Paul sent a message to Ephesus and asked the elders to meet with him at Miletus. When the elders arrived, Paul said to them, "From the first day that I came to Asia, you knew what kind of a man I am in all circumstances. I have served the Lord with all humility of mind and with tears I have had temptations which came when the Jews plotted against me. Nevertheless, I have not refused to show you anything that would be useful. I have taught you in public and in your homes. I have witnessed to the Jews and to the gentiles; teaching repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Take notice now, I am forced by the spirit to go to Jerusalem. I do not know what will happen to me there; except to say that in every city, the Holy Spirit indicates that trouble and loss of freedom await me.

"None of these things disturb me, I do not consider my life supremely precious to me; so that I may finish my task with joy; so that I may faithfully discharge the responsibility given me by the Lord Jesus, to represent the good news about the grace of God.

"I know now that you, the ones among whom I have traveled, preaching the kingdom of God, will never see my face again. Because of this I will say for your comfort, that I am free from the blood of all men because I have not refused to preach to all of you, the whole plan of God.

"Take care for yourselves and for all of the flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as leaders. Feed the Church of God which Jesus bought with His own blood. I say this because I know that after I am gone, vicious wolves will come into your group and will not spare the flock. Men from within your own group will gain in influence, begin speaking deceitful things, and will draw men away to follow them.

"So I say to you, be careful. Remember that for a period of three years I have warned you day and night unflinching and with tears.

"Now, brethren, I place you within the care of God and to His words of grace which are able to build you up and to give you a part with all those who are sanctified.

"I have not tried to take any man's silver, or gold, or clothing. Yes, you yourselves know that my own hands have filled my own needs and the needs of those that were with me.

"I have shown to you that you must work and be strong so that you can help those who are weak. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, when He said, 'There is more blessing in giving than in receiving.'"

After Paul had said these things, he kneeled down and prayed with the whole group.

They all cried very bitterly and hugged Paul's neck and kissed him. They were particularly sorry over what he had said about not seeing his face again anymore.

The group went with Paul to the ship.

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CHAPTER 21

THEY SAILED AWAY 21:1

After we left the people who had gathered at Miletus, and had sailed on our way, we sailed in a straight course to Coos. The day after that we sailed to Rhodes and from there we sailed to Patara, and found a ship bound for Phoenicia. We boarded the ship and sailed away. When we sighted Cyprus, we passed to the west of it and sailed to Syria. We landed at Tyre because this was the place where the ship was to unload its cargo.

IN TYRE 21:4

We found disciples in Tyre and stayed there for seven days. Through the spirit, these disciples advised Paul that he should not go to Jerusalem. When the seven days were gone, we boarded ship again and went on our way. Those disciples, their wives and children walked with us until we were out of the city. On the shore, we kneeled down and prayed.

TO PTOLEMAIS 21:6

When we had said goodbye to each other, we boarded our ship and those disciples went home. The short sailing from Tyre took us to Ptolemais. We greeted the brethren there and stayed with them a day.

AT CAESAREA 21:8

The next day, we who were part of Paul's company, left and arrived at Caesarea.

We went to the home of Philip, the evangelist, who was one of the seven deacons. We stayed with him. Philip had four virgin daughters who were able to teach the scripture.

After we had been at Philip's house for several days, a certain prophet named Agabus, came from Judea. When he arrived where we were, he took Paul's belt and tied his own hands and feet. He said, "The Holy Spirit said that the one who owns this belt will be bound by the Jews at Jerusalem; and they will turn him over to the Gentiles."

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Our Father's Business

As Christian young folks, you and I have many responsibilities to our God and to our fellowman. We should accept these responsibilities seriously and be eager about fulfilling each one. In addition, however, we have a very important obligation to ourselves, and it is one which will most surely determine heavily the extent of our success in Christian work. The obligation about which I speak is that of developing Christian character and personality.

Certainly, cultivating personality and character are Christian works, for we must know better how to win Christian friends and influence people for Christ. From cover to cover our Bible supports the thought that strong character makes strong workers of righteousness, and pleasing personality begets pleasant fellowship. If we are, indeed, ambassadors for Christ, then we must be able to represent him effectively—yes, we must! Here are two keys (Jesus had them) which will help us build effective Christian character.

● DEVELOP AN OUTGOING INTEREST IN OTHERS.

Some call it charity; some, compassion; some, just plain friendliness. Call it what you will, this trait of an outgoing interest and warmth toward others is the basis for the type of personal charm and magnetism that we all desire. It is also the prompting force of all the good that we can do for others. It is the putting on, in thought as well as deed, of Jesus' own statement, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." All of us should learn to smile more, to share more, to listen more, and to give more. Learn to give of yourself in real consideration for others. Politeness, loyalty, and patience are those traits which endear us to others and make our Christian influence noticeable. Consider our Saviour's character in this respect: "But when He saw the multitudes, he was *moved with compassion* on them . . ." (Matthew 9:36). He was sincerely and warmly interested in others, and He showed it. There are hundreds of little ways that will express our charity for others, also, if it really exists first down in our own hearts.

● BUILD ZEAL, CONFIDENCE, AND ENTHUSIASM INTO YOUR LIFE.

Be as it may, the cause however lofty and the reward so great, no one will succeed in a task who does not undertake it with a real desire to do so. Christians

have the purpose, and the reward, now we need to have the zeal. The greatest leaders and personalities of all time have had, at least in measure, these qualities of drive, optimism, and courage.

A salesman must show enthusiasm for his product that will bubble over and infect also the client. Learn to proceed in your work with a confidence and faith that God will see you through each test. Build into your voice a tone that will assure people of your zest and sincerity. Most people today seem only half-alive—drowsy, dull, and uninteresting—concerning the product that gives us the most exciting hope in life, an eternity with Jesus Christ.

There are other traits which are very important to our Christian influence. You can read a complete list of them in Galatians 5:22-24. These fruits of the spirit might well be termed "traits of a Christian Character." They are the traits that will aid us in actually putting on a *Divine Nature*.

Character building is a constant job, a continuous duty. Good Christian character is not a gift, it is a product of real effort on your part, and prayer. Every one of us should desire to put on these Christian traits. This is my Father's business!
—Calvin A. Burrell

Where can young people go to receive a high school education with spiritual emphasis?

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Write to:

Midwest Bible College
Box 86
Stanberry, Missouri 64489

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (Continued from page 27)

When we heard that, we and those from Judea pleaded with Paul, asking him not to go to Jerusalem.

Paul replied, "What do you think you will accomplish by crying and breaking my heart? I am prepared not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord Jesus."

When Paul would not be persuaded, we stopped begging and said, "May the Lord's will be done."

Later, we got into our carriages and went to Jerusalem. Some of the disciples went with us. They brought an old disciple with them. His name was Mnason. He was from Cyprus; and we were to stay with him.

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By Verna McCoy

Friends

"In the garden of God's blessings
There are flowers sweet and fair
And among them bright with beauty
Is the friendship that we share."

This month many of you readers will have the wonderful privilege of attending the General Conference and Camp Meeting in Colorado.

From all reports the setting at Pine Crest Camp is ideal.

We trust that you will go seeking spiritual treasures unlimited.

In addition to the gems we have sought earlier in this hunt, we now want to seek for the preciousness of friendship.

I'm sure we all have friends, but what we need to seek is a keener appreciation of friendship and a personality that begets true friendship.

At youth camps and camp meetings one can meet many old and new friends. This is especially fortunate because your acquaintances are either Christians or ones you can by your sincere Christian witness introduce to our Friend Divine.

"There you sit!" Harry Lauder used to taunt his audiences merrily, 'been side by side for two hours, and not one of you spoke to the fellow in the next seat.'" Under this warm-hearted influence, few there were who did not turn and speak to the stranger beside him. (Taken from *Treasured Verses* by Donald C. Peattie.)

M I N U T E M A N P R O G R A M

Proverbs 16:28

Proverbs 17:17

Proverbs 18:24

Luke 6:31

John 15:14

Galatians 6:2

James 2:23

It's as easy as that. A word, a smile, and the stranger at your elbow may become an interesting friend. All through life we deny ourselves an interesting friend. All through life we deny ourselves stimulating fellowship because we are too proud or too afraid to unbend.

You haven't seen the world if you have failed to look into the human hearts that inhabit it.

It isn't hard to approach a person who has a friendly smile on his face, but why not be the first to smile? Watch a merry look catch from face to face when a happy person goes by, sharing his mood with all he passes.

Many of us feel that we have not much to give, yet we can at least be receptive.

We are all strangers to each other, until one of us puts out his hand—and makes a friend.

From our verses for this month we can gain some helpful hints on how to be a better friend.

"The Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends:"

Even our friends will do or say something that will cause a rift or friction in our friendship. Instead of griping, gossiping, or retaliating in the natural carnal way, let's learn the cardinal truth from the above verse in Job. What better thing can we do than *pray for our friends*? God can meditate and reconcile—He can also show us any beam in our own eyes (Matt. 7:3).

"Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made, And the things which in common we share:"

But even more to be cherished is the friendship of Him Who sticketh closer than a brother. What a friend we may have in Jesus if we do whatsoever He commands us.

THE CRYING NEED!

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DIENCE and SIMPLICITY are the two keys. Other things being equal, God could use a spirit-filled Ph.D. more effectively than a spirit-filled backwoodsman. But other things are seldom equal.

With a worm God can thrash a mountain. Jesus called His twelve from all ranks of life. He uses all who will respond, even as He did the rough, impulsive, unlearned fisherman.

If you were to volunteer as did Isai-ah, don't be alarmed at the silence of God. He needs you in His mighty army.

The call to the gospel ministry is heaven's highest compliment. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Will your feet be in this company? Don't ignore the Lord's invitation. He sees something in you that He can use. Don't ask WHY. It is not your business. Just say YES immediately!

*Whatever comes my way today
I ask the grace to bear it;
To keep it to myself if bad
And if it's good—to share it.*

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Take Time for God



“Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.”

No doubt you have heard the remark, “I can forgive, but I can’t forget.” One wonders in such an instance if he really has forgiven the one to whom he refers. I read in Luke 17:4 that one is to forgive anyone who trespasses against him, as many times as he asks to be forgiven. If one has done wrong himself, does he not like to be forgiven?

Suppose God were to hold to the same attitude—He would forgive but not forget? Would one feel his sins had been forgiven and truly removed far from him? Would we begin to doubt that our sins would never be recalled again? I am sure if I thought a person would not, or could not, forget my mistakes that before long he would be adding those memories to more pleasant ones, and before I knew it, those mistakes would be just as prominent as ever. So I am glad we can believe God and when He promised to forgive us and remove our sins as far from us as the east is from the west, we know that our sins

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are not only forgiven, but just as surely, they are forgotten.

Don’t you wish that everyone would ignore your faults, and remember only the good points about you? Which do you remember of your fellow man—his good points or his faults? One usually sees the bad in another person, and if he tells others of this fault, before long it is so huge one would never recognize it as being about the same person.

Suppose for a change, we try picking out the good points and good qualities of someone we know, and tell another of this. If we cannot say something good about a person, then let us say nothing at all, and before long all the mistakes of another will be forgotten. Truly, God does not want us to be carriers of gossip, but instead He wants us to forgive and forget. Each and every one of us will have to give an account of himself to God one day—so let us be careful as to what our report will be.

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July 15	Luke 16
July 16	Luke 17
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news and reminders . . .

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July 21 is fast arriving and the 1967 General Conference will begin. A special program is being planned for YOUNG PEOPLE that we trust will be inspiring to all who attend. We encourage you to make plans now to be at General Conference for July 21-29 and enjoy many wonderful blessings from God.

Young People's Department Employs Youth Worker for the Summer of 1967

Elder Dale Lawson, chairman of the Young People's Department, has been employed by the department for the summer of 1967 while he has the summer break from teaching at Midwest Bible College. It has long been a dream of the department to be able to employ a worker and now that dream is realized. Many thanks to the FAITHFUL F.Y.C. SUPPORTERS that have helped to make this step forward possible. It is our prayer that the National F. Y. C. program will be more challenging to you and that this department will make greater strides in reaching people, both young and old, for the Kingdom of God.

F.Y.C. Programs for Your Participation

Just a reminder that if you are not participating in such National

F. Y. C. programs as 2T4G, Minuteman, Evangelette, or Merit Program, you should begin now because they will add to your Christian experience and help you to be a better witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are not familiar with these programs, write to the National F. Y. C. at 515 Park Street, Stanberry, Missouri 64489 for information.

New Yearbook of Programs

Plans are now being made to produce a new yearbook of programs. It will be quite similar to the past yearbooks and should be quite helpful to you in planning new and interesting programs for your local F.Y.C. We hope the book will be ready by the end of 1967.

Midwest Challenge

Order your M. B. C. Annual now from the Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. The Midwest Challenge is being published by the student body for the years 1966-67 and is being sold for \$2.50 per copy.

The Flame

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