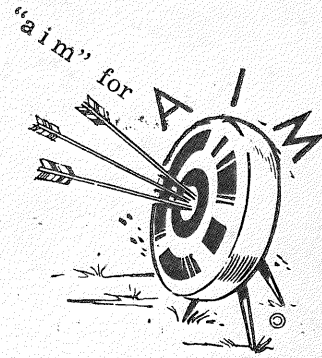


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"These two things, contradictory as they may seem, must go together, manly dependence and manly independence, manly reliance and manly self-reliance."—WORDSWORTH

By Floyd A. Turner

Independence

and

Dependence

This nation was founded on the principle that all men are equal, and that they have

freedom to think and to act according to the dictates

of their consciences as long as they do not infringe on the property and rights of others.

This is a blessed privilege. It has given every person the right to worship God the

way he believes he should, and this is a right every person deserves. Such an opportunity is a challenge to the thinking of every individual who searches for Truth. It has given the freedom of choice to a free-thinking people, but it puts the burden of making the proper choice on the individual.

The question comes to our minds, how independent should we be, both in the sight of God and with our fellow-man? Also what results may we expect?

We may have the right to do as we please, but that does not make the way we please to think or do, the acceptable way of the Lord. He gave the children of Israel the freedom of choice, too, but this is the way He put it: "See, I have set before thee this day life and good and death and evil" (Deuteronomy 30:15). The most verses of Scripture tell us in more detail how God offered a blessing to those who chose to be obedient, but pronounced a curse on the disobedient. They were given the right of making a choice, but could expect to be rewarded accordingly. This is what was said further about the people of God: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (verse 19). We may do as we please, but if we please to enjoy the blessings of God, we must voluntarily choose to follow Him.

As far as our relationship with other people is concerned, we should be grateful that we have been given at least a portion of our

lives known as the age of accountability, when we are able to think for ourselves. Other people cannot legitimately force their philosophy upon us and make us think as they do. This is the area where our spirit of independence should be most sacred. Other people are as subject to mistakes as we are, and vice versa, so we are expected to think and act for ourselves. It is not only our privilege, but a responsibility we must accept. Just because other people follow a certain way of life does not make it right nor necessary that we do the same thing.

This covers many areas of our relationship with others. It is NOT necessary that we have the same political beliefs, the same fashions of dress and appearance, the same recreations, the same personal habits, or the same moral standards that we see in evidence around us. Just because the majority does it, does not make it right. We must think for ourselves, and establish a way of life that we believe will meet the approval of God. This is the independence God expects of us.

This does not mean that every man's life, his moral standard, or His belief in God is going to be different and separated from that of everyone else. After all, there is only one right way even though men may differ. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Paul also said, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in

one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

The spirit of independence in a man should not be so evident that he may take for granted he is the only one that can be right. Since there is only one way before God that is right, it is certain that more than one person has found it. Just because we have been given the right to think for ourselves, does not make many divergent theories, standards or practices, the right way. And if there is only one way, and several people going that way, it is expected they should walk together. Thus we see the basis for God's church. It is a fellowship that people are called into because they have chosen to serve God in a way which is acceptable to Him. Many verses of Scripture remind us that in these last days God's people will be a minority as far as the population of the earth is concerned, but they have still been referred to as the church.

We do not have the right to think that there can be several different churches, several different fellowships, and that God will be pleased with this condition. Our spirit of independence cannot go this far. There is also the matter of dependence to be considered.

It has often been said that if the whole Christian world could join their efforts, much more could be done to establish the principles of Christianity. It has

We cannot escape the fact that our very subjection to God takes away some of our independence and increases our responsibility to one another...

also been said that if all the Sabbathkeeping churches could work together, the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath would become far more evident. There must be something wrong, for certainly it would not be the will of God that confusion should exist concerning what He expects of us.

We do have a responsibility to one another. We are expected to work together and to help each other. Basically, it is because there is a spirit of selfishness or stubbornness in our hearts when we let the spirit of free-thinking and freedom of action separate us from one another and yet call ourselves His people. There are other people who depend on us, and whether we like it or not, we are not self-sufficient. We must depend on others. This is true politically, socially, and religiously. Our subject under consideration is the moral and religious issue involved.

We cannot escape the fact that our very subjection to God takes away some of our independence and increases our responsibility to one another. Our lives become experiences of service one to another.

The apostle Paul gives a fitting relationship comparison when he likens the church to the human body. He says: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ"

(1 Corinthians 12:12). Speaking further of the integral relationship we have with each other, he says: "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (verses 26, 27).

Too often we take for granted that we plan our own destiny in life and fail to remember that we are dependent on God for even the material things we receive. This is especially true of people who have worked hard and have seen their efforts blessed by having the comforts and conveniences of life. We must bear in mind, "... the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). Our dependence on God should go so far that we accept the instruction of Matthew 7:7, 11: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ... If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

In conclusion, these observations may be made regarding our dependence and independence: (1) Before God we have the right to choose whether we will

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Dear Dad

The following letter, written by David Dietrich, won first prize in a contest sponsored by a radio station, KXOX, St. Louis, Missouri. The contest required a letter in answer to the current record, "An Open Letter to My Teenage Son."

The letter is as follows:

Dear Dad,

I am very happy to know that you still think and care enough about me to write, and that you have not yet disowned me as your son.

Before I went away to college this fall, I had lived at home, as you know, all my life. For eighteen years I lived at home with you, and yet you never really understood me. Perhaps this was because we are so different from each other. Your first allegiance is to our country, and you thank it for everything that is yours. I, too, am grateful to my country for all the freedom and opportunities it has given me. And yet my first allegiance is not to my country, and when I tell you why, I hope you understand and will not hate me for it.

I believe many people view long hair and beards as they do race or skin color. These people judge a man by the length of his hair and whether he is black or not. But I ask you, is there any among us who can say this man is good because his hair is acceptable or because he is white? It is not the wealth, or race, or length of a man's hair that determines his true worth, but his capacity to understand and love.

You seem to believe that my generation is rebelling against society, and we are. Society has made money the yardstick by which a man's worth is measured and has also created such huge problems

of justice over the unimportant issue of a man's skin. Our society's threat is our mighty strength of nuclear weapons. Our society has made sure God has no place in our schools but instead crammed science and math in His place so that our young people can continue and appreciate our important space race, so that we will be first to the moon. Your generation is proud of the progress, discoveries, and achievements our society has made. And you are just in being proud. However, with all the progress society has made, man has not been able to learn to live in peace or to understand his fellow man.

Dad, you said in your letter that God is a guide, and that He is also Love. But I ask you how you can call Him your guide when you say that wars must be fought out of patriotic pride? For if you believe God is love, how can there be room for anything else such as pride or hate that kills? Let me quote from the New Testament, 1 Corinthians, 13:1, "If I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a noisy cymbal." And the 13th verse, "So abide these three; faith, hope, love, but the greatest of these is love."

You believe that I would burn my draft card, but this I would not do. I am ready to serve my country in its hospitals and to help further its cause for peace. However, if I were ordered to make war or kill, I would listen to my heart, and not my orders: for God's words are much more profound and wise than those of men. We must not say, "God is on our side," but rather, "We are on God's side." If you do not already know, Dad, my first allegiance is to God, and my country comes after Him. You see, I believe a country can be confused and sometimes wrong, but God is always firm and never fails.

Although you judge me by what you believe is right, I will not judge you, Dad, by my beliefs. I will leave that up to Someone far greater than us. Even though you may disown me as your son for what I believe and do, you shall always be Dad to me, and I will always love you dearly. If this is hard for you to understand, and if you think it is part of a new mystic cult or something, just remember a man who lived and died for you, about 2,000 years ago, so that you would have a chance to follow His example and be saved. Just remember too, that my shield is love, and because I carry love as my armor, I need no sword or lance to battle with!

Your Son DAVID

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A Link in the Chain-- Will You Be One ?

By Gene Price

At this time of year when many young people have recently graduated and many others are getting married, important decisions are being made. New goals will be established and new challenges confronted. I fully believe one of the serious obligations we of the younger set face in making these decisions is the important question: **IN WHAT WAY WILL MY LIFE INFLUENCE THE PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (7th Day)?**

From the Handbook of Denominations in the United States, 1956, we read: "At the time of the Puritan migration to Massachusetts, there were seven churches in London bearing the name Church of God . . . that were Sabbatarian. Members of these congregations set-

tled in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and New Jersey between 1664 and 1800."

We readily see how our congregations have multiplied across the nation since that time, although we can only claim a small percentage of the United States' 200,000,000 population as Church of God members. It is our responsibility as young people and future Church leaders to constantly strive for an even greater advancement of the truth with which God has blessed our Church.

The early church had the spirit and truth of Jesus Christ, and zealously spread the good tidings to other areas. For example, we are enthusiastic when we read of the fantastic momentum with which Paul and Peter preached the Word. Hundreds were converted. We can likewise be enthusiastic when we

see the striking progress which has been made in the Church of God (7th Day) within the past decade. If this progress falters, you or I could be responsible.

How?

By complacency—by being so satisfied because we have the truth that we aren't concerned about Joe around the corner and Debbie across the street. Maybe it's because we are afraid of being different. Christ was different; and, after all, isn't He the pattern for our lives? If we really feel this reluctance to be different, we defeat the purpose Christ wants us to fulfill!!

Where is the Church of God (7th Day) going? Exactly the way in which we direct it.

We are part of a new generation. We could be a most important and intricate tool in the building, planting, and directing of the wonderful work which is before us!

HOW?

The younger generation as a whole is especially looking for something today!—something which, even if intangible, has tenacity—something which has great force and power, yet can be gentle, kind, understanding, and loving—something in which to have faith without the fear of having it fail them—something, someplace, or someone they can go to for directions in time of need, in time of fear, in time of tears!

They are wondering if that something might be just around the corner! And it might be if you and I have the courage to

mention God while they are passing.

To some it may be just at the top of the hill. And again it will be if we are that solid white fence revealing the gentle, green pasture which seems to say, "Wait!! No more wandering! We have what you have been searching for!! We have the wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Do we have the overflowing love, compassion, courage, and strength to be there? Or will that corner be passed and that hill be traveled time and time again without our being there to witness for Christ?

We have been left with a great commission and responsibility! But we have a great Director who possesses quality necessary to help us progress to the point where we can accomplish whatever goals we set for the Church.

Where is the Church of God going?

Let us take each other's hand, then someone else's, and another and another until we have an unbreakable chain long enough to contain more than a million links!

Finally, when the entire chain is bound together, we will have the privilege and satisfaction of saying, "And just think, we were instrumental in helping the Church to really move on for Christ."

The Church needs to grow, and it has every right to ask our help and support! Talk to someone about the Church today—and take my hand. PLEASE???

As in the Days of Noe . . .

By Dale G. Lawson

From Elmira, Oregon!!! I couldn't believe my eyes. Surely not from my "li'l ole" hometown. Why, only two-or-three-hundred people live there; and yet the paper was saying that a young lady, 18 years old, from Elmira, Oregon, had been involved in the murder of an elderly Missouri farmer.

I now live in Stanberry, Missouri, and as I sat at my desk reading the Sunday paper, June 30, 1968, I read the entire violent story. This girl and her three companions were in Wichita, Kansas; and as the police closed in on them, one of her companions drew a gun and in an exchange of gunfire, her male companion was shot to death by a policeman. Now two men had uselessly and violently died. One was young (25 years old), and the other was the elderly farmer (71 years old), who had been handcuffed to a chair and shot four times in the head.

I turned the page of my newspaper and read the heading "5 Killed, 6 Hurt in Shootings." These were not by some person whose mind had broken in the stress of life. These were numerous, unrelated incidents, all in the city of Houston, Texas. A taxi driver was shot and killed in his

cab. Another, in a different part of the city was shot in a service station.

Three were wounded by gunfire as they disagreed over a dominio game. What a totally unimportant incident to provoke such wrath!

WHEN WILL IT STOP?
WHERE MIGHT IT HAPPEN
NEXT? Last week in Oklahoma, on a rural road just a few miles from the home of my sister-in-law, a young college student, accompanied by his twin sisters, stopped to help two men whose car had a flat tire. The two men forced him at gunpoint to drive to a secluded spot, where they took him behind the car, shot him in the temple, and stuffed his almost lifeless body into the trunk of the car. The girls escaped in the wee hours of the morning, their assailants having fallen asleep, and found help at a nearby farmhouse.

WHY WRITE IN AIM MAGAZINE ABOUT SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS? Shouldn't we be careful about subjecting our young readers to such vivid accounts of crime in our sick society? I say "no" because there are certain things to which the world, including its young people, needs to be awakened. If we are not aware of the fact that we live in a SICK, MAD WORLD, we need to be brought to this realization. We need to be shocked into an awareness of our need of having Jesus Christ as the KING OF OUR LIVES.

I am reminded again of the deaths of John F. Kennedy,

Martin Luther King, and finally of Robert F. Kennedy. How futile such tragic deaths! How futile these violent efforts for revenge! WHAT A USELESS WASTE OF LIFE! The death of these three men of renown did cause certain changes in politics and in life, but none of these deaths solved the problems of those who wished them dead. REALLY, THE TOTAL RESULTS ARE JUST LOSS OF LIFE, DEEP HEARTACHE FOR MANY, AND FURTHER VIOLENCE. *It is futile. It is useless.* It is a waste. Then WHY does it happen? Our minds keep bringing up this question. WHY? WHY? WHY? The "why" is not really pleasant but, young people, it is something that every one of us need to seriously consider.

It happens because man's "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" It is not really a pleasant picture but that verse from Jeremiah 17:9 is a description of you until you are converted (changed) by the Spirit of God and begin to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ—the greatest Person Who ever lived. Our whole world is on a violent track and, young people, if your life is "of the world" you are on that same violent track.

It happens because our society feeds itself on violence for entertainment and pleasure. Some are quick to say this cannot be a cause, but really, how long will we try to kid ourselves? Too often, even children are fed

Youth takes a
look at an old
problem—grow-
ing worse.

on glorified violence, simply to pass the time away. Adults, too, are often wrapped up in the violence and bloodshed shown on the T.V. set, as though there were nothing better to do. As young people, we must guard against finding our pleasure in these things which God so strongly condemns in His Word. Romans 1:32 tells us that not only those who commit such acts of violence "are worthy of death," but also those who "have pleasure in them that do them." Ephesians 5:12 and 13 says that we have no fellowship with their unfruitful works and that we are not even to speak of their evil deeds. This, of course, means not to take pleasure in those evil acts of violence.

It happens because God in His Word prophesied that if we forget God and deny Him, these things would happen. Do you remember what Jesus said about the conditions of our day? He said, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37). Did you ever turn back to Genesis and see what it says about the days of Noe? Let's do that right now. In Genesis 6, where the story of Noah begins, verse 5 says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Verse 11 says, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Notice that the Bible says that in the days of No-

ah **THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE.** God cleansed the earth of that violence but man continued to reject God, and in these last days, the earth has become filled with violence exactly as Jesus Christ said that it would. The whole world is weeping about the violence around us today. Every day, the newspaper speaks of possible solutions to crime and violence. Almost every day the newspaper reports acts of violence such as the deaths of Robert F. Kennedy and men of less renown. Politicians base their political platforms on hopes or promises to end the violence in our country. You see, the Bible has been telling us for thousands of years that our world would be like this just before Jesus comes back because God knows that man has a "wicked heart."

Young people, it would really be interesting to sit down and talk with you about the solution to the problems of our world. **WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SOLUTION IS?** Do you think a new president would help? Do you think larger police forces would help? Do you think peace talks would help? Perhaps if nations would quit fighting, all men would lay down guns, knives, clubs, etc., and stop killing each other. Do you think that we would solve the violence and killing in our country if our legislature would pass gun laws and take away all of the guns from the people?

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BIBLE GIVES US THE ONLY SOLUTION TO TODAY'S WORLD OF VIOLENCE? Remember, the Bible says that man's heart is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" It has been that way since **ADAM DISOBEYED GOD.** Whether you like it or not, unless you have given your life to Christ and are saved by His blood, you are living with a heart that is "desperately wicked" and no one can understand it—not even you yourself. If you do not know Christ, you are in the same lot with the most violent of the violent ones and tomorrow your life may become miserable and wretched.

Frankly, a new president will never change this world of violence. He will not even curb the tendencies of increased crime. No amount of gun legislation will ever ensure you of a safe city in which to live. Let's get back to that promised solution from the Bible.

Here is the only solution that we can possibly have. The Bible says in Matt. 24:22, "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Verse 3 says, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:..." Luke 21:27 reads, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." There you have it. God

has told us what the conditions will be and He has told us how He is going to solve this world's problems.

The picture of mankind without help from God is not a very pleasant one. You cannot appreciate your own life until it is "hid with Christ in God." In today's world, you have a deep need for Jesus Christ. There is no help in any other. Man's greatest problem is his "sinful heart." Would you like to escape the violent life portrayed by those around you? Young people, would you like to escape the violent end that this world is rapidly approaching? The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

The death of that elderly farmer here in Missouri was so futile. There was absolutely no profit in it. **KENNEDY—DEAD, KING—DEAD,** and, again, **KENNEDY—DEAD**—and all so terribly useless with no profit for any individual, political party, or country! **THERE IS NO PROFIT IN VIOLENT EFFORTS TO CHANGE CONDITIONS.** Sadly, though, young people's lives, older people's lives, the nation and the world are bent on violence. Outside of Christ, your life, peace and happiness is in jeopardy. The individual solution is to solve your "**HEART PROBLEM**" by accepting Christ and keeping God's wonderful law which is completely "anti-violent."

Be True to Yourself

MYSELF

*I have to live with myself, and so,
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the
eye;
I don't want to stand at the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I have
done.*

*I don't want to keep on the closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will
know
The kind of person I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in
sham.*

*I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and
pelf*

*I want to be able to like myself
I don't want to look at myself and
know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty
show.*

*I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I can never fool myself, and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.
—Edgar A. Guest*

It's the counterfeit of happiness that costs the most.

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Goodness consists not in the outward things we do, but in the inward things we are. To be good is the great thing.—E. H. Chapin

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Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended.—Ben Franklin

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No one is fooled when you try to make him think that you have more than you have, know more than you know, and are more than you are. This is one of the most pitiful gestures a young person can make. Avoid it! Be yourself. Someone is sure to like you for what you really are, and everyone will respect your lack of pretense.
—S. S. Informer

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We can suffer from the paralysis of self-analysis.—E. Price

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Make it thy business to know thyself; which is the most difficult lesson in the world.—Cervantes

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A man's Sabbath-self and his week-self are like two halves of a roundtrip ticket; not good if detached.—Link

THE GUY IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle
for wealth,
And the world makes you king for a day;
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in
your life

Is the one staring back from the glass.

He's the one to please—never mind all the rest;
For he's with you clear up to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult task,

If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,

If you've cheated the one in the glass!

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Be sincere—you can't sell anything you don't believe in!

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When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.
—John Ruskin

- I. Stop and think before you drink.
- II. Don't let your parents down—they brought you up.
- III. Be humble enough to obey. You will be giving orders yourself someday.
- IV. At the first moment—turn away from unclean thinking.
- V. Don't show off when driving. If you want to race, go to Indianapolis.
- VI. Choose a date who would make a good mate.
- VII. Go to church faithfully. The Creator gives us a week; give Him back at least an hour.
- VIII. Choose your companions carefully. You are what they are.
- IX. Avoid following the crowd. Be an engine, not a caboose.
- X. Recall the original Ten Commandments and obey them.

—By a Teenager

A show-off never fails to be shown up in a show down.

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Folks with a lot of brass are seldom polished.

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What thou art in the sight of God—That thou truly art!

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It's great to believe in oneself, but don't be too easily convinced.

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What you are speaks so loudly that men can't hear what you say.—Emerson.

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The man who brags that he is self-made loves to worship his creator.

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A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder, but rest and guilt live far asunder.—B. Franklin

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If you are willing to admit you are all wrong when you are all wrong, you are all right!

Happy Home Building . . .

Several studies will be given under this heading offering practical suggestions in Family Financing.

The author has been Credit Manager for some six years of a multi-million dollar loan and counseling institution. Out of this experience some basic rules of financing may bring some help to young people facing marriage and home problems in this age of extreme credit. Serving an industrial area where many cases of family counseling take place every week, illustrations will be used and real case studies given.

Family Financing

By Lloyd Clark

Good financing is a part of a good Christian testimony. I take it as applied Christian philosophy. This is one place where Christians can let their light shine. Living the Christian life in our materialistic age is so very important. The practical approach to Christian Evangelism is a daily living of the Christian. Every age has been materialistic; but the Western Culture is synonymous with our profit system and that system operates on credit—materialism plus.

Christians are pressured by the social order and the materialistic trends. These social trends walk through every church and home stripping aside the past and compelling us to face the modern order. Faith becomes effective as we apply it to this world of realism and materialism. Many of our problems are the same as our neighbors.

Problems of raising our children; educating them; buying a home; building a savings for retirement; providing the necessities; knowing where to work and adjusting to the continual changing economic order. These problems and many more are common to all people.

As Christians we live with these same problems but not by them. We do not seek to escape them but we seek a different solution. We base our solution on a set of values not found on the financial page of our daily newspapers. We believe that Jesus Christ has the answer to all of life's problems; that the Bible, prayer and the exercise of faith leads us to the answer. But that answer is not without price. Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened." Jesus was a very

practical man. His philosophy produces some very practical results. But each Christian is called to action; to give effort in "seeking" the way to practical living in this system of Consumer Credit.

KEYS TO FAMILY FINANCING

A practical look at the family budget.

The family can be considered as a "business." We have an income and an outgo. The keeping of the family assets and liabilities in a balanced position is not easy. The pull of consumer credit makes the liability side of the family an ever-present problem. The appeal of the advertiser makes us hunger to live modern. "Buy now and pay later" is an appealing thought.

Thus, family financing is no fairyland. There are too many acid stories in human failures to allow us as Christians to cover our heads and think that we are not subject to modern economics. The daily plague is that of paying bills on time. Consumer Credit has a long and shocking history with more yet to come. We need to study and teach our children.

THE KEY PROBLEM

The key to the finance problem is our consumer credit society. Why do we have debts?

The answer is simple. The forces back of the answer are not so simple. It brings us face to face with ourselves, with habits and errors in the family busi-

ness. The head of every home should study carefully the reasons for our debt problem here outlined:

Buying non-essentials on credit.

Buying on credit at too many places.

Confusion between wants and necessities.

Failing to prepare for emergencies.

Buying expensive items when durable goods at lesser price would meet the need.

Buying without pre-planning: "scatter buying."

Not paying a bill when due—creating a double payment.

Modern credit cards and charge accounts with high interest.

The use of a loan company (companies) with extreme interest rates reaching 35% and higher.

These are only a few factors which create debts and which bring economic doom to many. What this all means, how to avoid the pitfalls and what approach a Christian should make to recover will be discussed and illustrated in future studies under the title, FAMILY FINANCING.

A young man just received his college degree and rushed out saying, "Here I am, world! I have an AB."

And the world replied: "Sit down, son, and I'll teach you the rest of the alphabet."



Rest Home Singing

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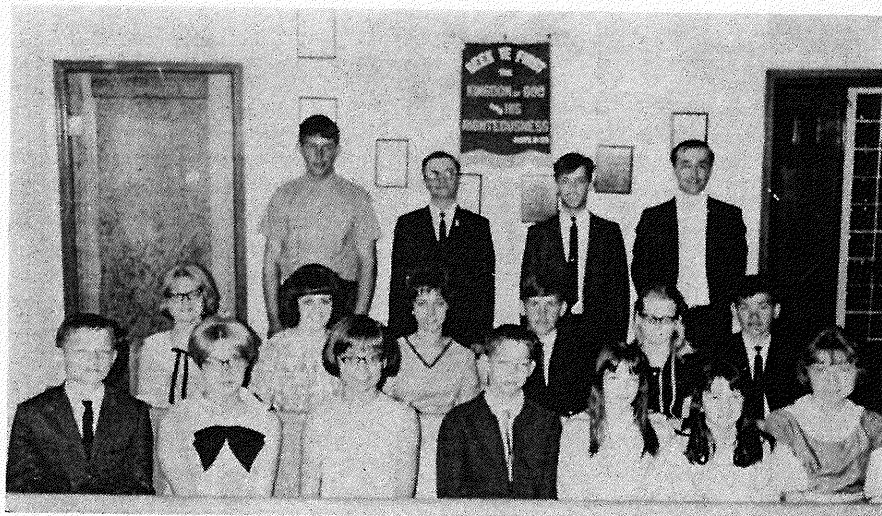
Eureka, South Dakota FYC

AN EAGER GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE with dedicated Christian officers to lead them in being active for Christ—such a group, indeed, is the Eureka, South Dakota F.Y.C. The 1968 officers are: President, Vickie Moldenhauer; Vice-President, Ricky Dais; Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Fischer; and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Rhonda Fischer. Their sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Mylo Fischer.

The group consists of 21 members, from ages 11 to 25, who all receive the "Aim." An annual church publication subscription campaign is a regular project.



Standing left to right: Sponsor Mylo Fischer, Pastor Delvin O'Banion, and Summer Pastor, Wesley Coulson. Seated: Assistant Sponsor, Delores Fischer.



FRONT ROW: Dennis O'Banion, Rhonda Fischer, Nancy Fischer, Roy Meier, Sharon Meier, Shirley Meier, and Gwendolyn Dais.

SECOND ROW: Delila Dais, Vickie Moldenhauer, Carolyn Fischer, Darrell Dais, Wanda O'Banion, and Ricky Dais.

STANDING: Lloyd Dais, Stanley Dais, James Fischer, and Gary Dais.

NOT PICTURED: Delbert Dais, JoAnn Dais, Kenneth Dais, and MaryAnn Mitzel.

The first month of each quarter the FYCers hold their business meeting to plan their projects and activities for the quarter. Special meetings are called when needed.

Each month the group presents a "Young People's Meeting," usually held on Sabbath afternoons. The FYCers take turns arranging the programs which consist largely of musical numbers, (solos, duets, trios, piano and organ numbers) and, of course, poems, readings, quizzes and sword drills. Congregational hymns and choruses and an offering to the FYC fund or special project round out the full afternoon program.

Another monthly activity is the social which is held the first Saturday night of each month. They have outdoor or indoor games, depending on the weather. Ice skating and bon fires are popular even in sub-zero weather. The FYCers take turns having the social, and their mothers serve a lunch.

Occasionally they have a Sabbath afternoon Bible study conducted by their pastor. Eureka also participates in the personal merit program by studying their lessons and memorizing Bible verses from the Minuteman program.



Eureka Trio Singing Group. Left to right, Vickie Moldenhauer, James Fischer, and Carolyn Fischer



One of the pie and ice cream socials which proved very profitable financially.

Some projects the FYCers have undertaken are a pastor's chair, cleaning the Church of God cemetery, a sign advertising the church placed on Highway 10, and flowers for all mothers on Mothers' Day Sabbath.

Recently the group prepared chorus sheets for a Christian organization at the college attended by Gary Dais.

The Eureka FYCers are well known for their enthusiastic musical programs and lively singing. The folks at the rest home eagerly anticipate their visits which are frequent.

Once or twice a year, the FYCers hold a Singspiration to which the public is invited. These are well-advertised and well prepared and are a big "hit" with the friends and neighbors of Eureka. Their gospel message in music is always well rendered and much appreciated.

Although the Eureka F.Y.C. has been reorganized only 4½ years, the first ½ year they won the Silver Mark of Merit and since then they have won 3 Gold Mark of Merit awards.

THESE ARE THE BRAVE

I love the sort of courage that drives an Autumn leaf
 To paint itself with color and hide away the grief,
 Because its hours of pageant must be so very brief.
 Joy cannot last forever, the heart must sometimes cry
 Before the shock of sorrow. But that's no reason why
 We have to tell our troubles to every passer-by.
 Give me the valiant people who're not afraid to go
 Serenely on their journey and make a gallant show,
 With painted banners flying to cheer the world below!

—Frances M. Morton, in P.E.O. Record

Editorial

In the aftermath of the most recent national tragedy, much was said and much was done in an attempt to in some way alleviate the pain and sense of guilt which accompanied the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

Understandably, President Johnson felt a desperate urge to "do something." And so he appointed a committee to investigate the cause of crime and violence in this country.

Congress felt the urge to "do something," so legislation for the partial control of guns was passed. More legislation is contemplated; and there is much talk about what laws are needed, about what must be done to prevent this violence which has become so prevalent.

It is quite natural that as a whole we, in looking to the future, make plans, change laws, change leaders, change policies, and do whatever we can think of with the vain hope that someday, somehow, we will create perfect circumstances in which to live. Looking on a tragedy such as this, our reaction is to grasp desperately for something we can do to ensure that this will not happen again.

We would not scoff at the suggestion that new legislation may be needed—and may be helpful to a degree. However, realistically, we must recognize that no law will prevent a single, determined individual with one lone gun from repeating this terrible crime again. Again, the whole nation—and, yes, the whole world, can be shocked by the act of one person.

It is recognized by too few that what is needed are not new laws, but simply a new respect for the original ten!

A perfect world and a perfect government is in the future. However, it will not be manmade. Man will continue to search for peace, for security, for complete non-violence; but it will not be found until Christ returns to set up the everlasting Kingdom.

Until then, man will search—and grasp—and hope to establish something lasting. He will think noble thoughts, and hope for great and noble accomplishments.

The Christian sees the greatest ray of hope in the scripture, "... look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

We, too, have the urge to "do something." Seeing God's plan and accepting His promises, we need not be discouraged with the apparent hopeless condition of the world. Working in harmony with His will, we can enjoy a sense of hope as we prepare hearts for His coming Kingdom.

No Higher Calling

by Ray L. Straub

YOUNG MAN, it is your Christian duty to consider your responsibility in the enormous problem that is presented in this appeal. You can choose to ignore your obligation for the present, but this will not rid you of it. It is your burden, and it clings to you. Be responsible and consider it. In so doing, you may find that your life can take on a new and meaningful purpose.

Our church finds itself in desperate need of more productive ministers. Members of every age realize this, but few can even nearly imagine how intensely urgent this need is!

It is not necessary to go to foreign lands to feel the demands for men called to God's service. From one area a concerned member writes, "We feel that we should make inquiry into all possibilities (of available ministers), and perhaps sooner or later we'll find someone who is able to come."

A letter from another state reads, "...Some are discouraged here because we have no minister, and one lady told me Sabbath she thought they would attend some place where they could hear a sermon."

Other groups are requesting full-time pastors, but where is the available qualified worker?

The above-mentioned represent but a portion of the appeals that are addressed to district administration across the country. Another church feels that in the literal decades that their group has been organized, they have *never* enjoyed the leadership of a fully experienced pastor. These pleas pose a pressing problem, and it is one

that directs itself squarely at the young men of the church!

Why do you not accept the high call to the ministry, young brother? Is it because you "haven't been called"?

Are you within calling distance? When a capable youth accepts the generous gift of God and finds salvation only to turn his back when others cry for mercy, he is hardly close enough to God to hear a call of any kind. Come. Look at this imploring need carefully, and then listen for God's call.

Does it seem reasonable that God would pay the price of His Son's life for the sins of men, send His Holy Spirit to convict them of their awful sins, and then fail to be interested in struggling souls desperate for help? Can this be the way an all-wise Being would put into effect a plan of salvation that existed before the world was?

It is through qualified workers that God carries on His expanding Cause. Where are these workers found? From the Church's own resources—her young men! That is why this is your convicting responsibility—this call to do God's Work.

When one feels led to enter the ministry he is called into a career that is dignified, demanding and adventure-some. It constantly demands that a person be at his best, and it presents rewards in similar measure. No time in the life of any individual can be more meaningful, exciting, colorful and absorbing than that of a young minister who is experiencing success in his first church assignment. The fellowship of heaven and earth is sweet, life is radiantly optimistic, and swelling faith brings manifold reassurances and rewards. The young man has found his living God, and His God has found obedience in the servant. An eternal relationship is established and the senses are alive.

Many a young man feels himself giving a certain consideration (yearning) to the possibility of his having part in the ministry. Further developments in the exploration of this possibility become thwarted, however, when the youth considers his lack of talent to sermonize.

Preaching is not easy. That is why there are very few *good* sermons preached. In view of the many ministers who address audiences at least once each week, it is quite surprising that there are relatively few who can be considered good public speakers. It may be difficult for preachers to admit, but it is obvious that it takes relatively little training and practice to master quite readily the average preacher's ability to deliver a sermon. No sir, young man, you can't use the "slow tongue" excuse to ignore your responsibility to answer! Anyone, whether in public speaking or not, can quickly learn to give sermons that are as good as the common run today.

When you decide to become a minister and prepare for it, give con-

scientious heed to your training in speaking before a group. Aim to be a skilled preacher. Do not settle for a mediocre development of your abilities. Give God your devotion, and make your preaching the best performance you possibly can.

It appears to be the widespread conception that when one is called into the work of preaching the Gospel, that God selects on the basis of glibness. According to some, the fellow that has much to say should make a good preacher.

God calls hearts; not tongues. If you have a compassion for the lost, or for the sheep needing a shepherd, God can use you. If you would enjoy sharing Scriptural truths, ministering to the sick, reading and praying with the elderly, giving guidance to youth, and sharing in the happy growth of a congregation, consider the ministry.

If, on the other hand, you find strong appeal in speaking to audiences to demonstrate your eloquence, or if you would appreciate opportunities to reprove people for what you consider to be an error in judgment, then consider politics or law. Some professions that would need a skilled tongue but did not insist upon a compassionate heart would give the scolding orator more rewards. God calls hearts; not tongues. Isaiah's call confirms this truth (Isaiah 6:5-8).

There is no higher calling that tugs at the hearts of young men than the call to service in the Lord's vineyard. Several proof arguments can be listed.

The high call of the ministry can be noted in its challenge. There is no profession that is similarly challenged, even though there are others whose responsibilities are momentous. The

duty to feed souls in an effort to strengthen the spiritual man; the attempt to persuade one who has convinced himself that sin is advantageous, to accept Christ; the need to explain to a person in pain that the grace of God is sufficient; and the desire to assure those in bereavement that He Who takes and gives is a God of the living, are all some of the mountain of challenges that demand a man of God.

In other vocations, responsibilities are met by some of the profession without reference to Divine Aid, and relative success is realized. No minister, however, can find a beginning in pursuance of his duties without the direct aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Further proof is noted in the intense and disparaging scandal surrounding a minister's indiscretion. When one enters a field of activity that obligates itself to offer the most shining example of honor and moral discernment, attempting to lead others through his demonstration of the spirit-filled life (1 Timothy 4:12), he has a high calling. There are others in professional life who risk loss of status through poor judgment, but none can lose more profoundly than the erring clergyman.

As laymen we do our best to live according to the Father's will as He gives understanding. Nonetheless, a pursuit of the religious ministry will noticeably sharpen behavior to comply with the high calling that one has chosen to obey.

The high calling of the ministry is further attested to by its dealings with eternal values. Is it reasonable that God would choose just anyone to direct and lead in matters that affect eternal judgments? It is difficult to

realize fully the importance of the minister's duties; the need for the Holy Spirit in the life and leadership of a pastor. When the voice of God's man leaves the mouth, it does not float into that hour's oblivion, but it likely causes a ring that spirals toward the unknown distances of eternity.

The high calling to Christ's full-time service is noted in the absolute need of the individual so involved to get along peaceably with his brethren of the profession as well as the members of his parish. In getting along, he becomes a productive member of a team, finding means to add to the value of the fellowship. He contributes, understands, exercises patience, and is loyal. He knows that without the fellowship and help of his fellow-ministers he is of no real value.

If one has, or develops the disheartening difficulty of not being able to get along well with others of his colleagues, particularly in his own denomination, he unhappily finds his days of useful service are numbered. It is the nature of the ministry that it cannot tolerate those who are unable to accept teamwork in doing the Lord's work. God wants no schism in the body, and the body tends to repel a member that works against it, either by indifference or deliberate aggravation. Good personal relations are characteristic of a good minister.

As we consider our individual part in responding to the call of the ministry, we need also to give heed to the vital needs of the profession itself. Because the profession is affected by each entrant, it becomes important for any ministerial aspirant to consider carefully what his influence will do to the dignity of the calling.

Even though one yearns to prac-

tice the healing arts, he does not attempt any activity so important, complicated, and involving the welfare of others without spending ample time learning and preparing himself for his profession. Similarly, one who feels a keen desire to teach does not simply request a classroom of students without regard to his own qualifications. It is important that children be taught properly, so one does not begin a teaching career without proper training in that field.

Even though the need for ministers is urgent, one who is unprepared cannot help to meet the need. The problem remains, perhaps intensified by disappointment on the part of the pretending leader and those he may injure spiritually because of his lack of proper development. As in every vocation, the more complicated life becomes, the more complex the responsibilities of a clergyman become. Remember, too, that God calls hearts. Valuable skills acquired in training can be effective only as they are moved to use by a compassionate desire to render mercy and teach eternal principles.

Finally, ministerial aspirants ought to recognize the bewildering, but stern fact that his vocation, also, finds it impossible to comfortably tolerate failures (John 15:2). It is as difficult to be a fruitful member of the clergy as it is to succeed in any other profession, if not more so. God only can give success, and it is sorely needed. He gives such blessings to those who work for them; who prove themselves, and who depend upon the Good Shepherd for fruitful directions.

Failures in the ministry undignify the profession and confuse the laity who cry for ministerial help. Let us look to God, brother. The call to the

ministry is the highest, and we need God's help to meet its exacting demands!

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INDEPENDENCE AND DEPENDENCE

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serve Him or not, but may expect to receive our reward accordingly; (2) We must depend on Him for every blessing of life, even life itself and the very opportunities we have to better ourselves come from Him; (3) Every person has the independent right to make his own decisions, regardless of the wishes or influences of other people; (4) We do have an obligation to work with other people to both help them and to act as a united force to teach the way of salvation; and (5) Other people are dependent on us and we are dependent on other people as we walk together on the road that leads to the Kingdom of God.

"Oh yes," said the Indian, "I know what my conscience is. It is a little three-cornered thing in here," he laid his hand on his heart, "that stands still when I am good; but when I am bad it turns around, and the corners hurt very much. But if I keep on doing wrong, by-and-by the corners wear off and it doesn't hurt any more."

—J. Ellis

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It does not take great men to do great things: it only takes consecrated men.

A Camp Tragedy

The joy that usually comes from participation in a youth camp program was deeply marred for the campers and staff of the Missouri Youth Camp this summer by the tragic drowning of one of the campers. Douglas Lane of Elkland, Missouri, a 12-year-old boy, was drowned on the third day of our camp program.

Even though we have often thought that surely such a tragedy would not occur at one of our Church of God camps, we did our best to have a safe waterfront program. From the very beginning of our camp program, we had a certified lifeguard on the scene for each swimming session. In addition to having the lifeguard, we made sure that at least two other adult staff members were present for each swimming activity.

Along with these measures, we employed the "buddy system" for a safety check. Each swimmer had to have a buddy before he could swim, and about every twenty minutes the lifeguards called for a buddy check. At these intervals, all campers stopped swimming and stood as buddies while the lifeguard counted them. On the last check, 20 minutes before the close of the swimming session, Doug was present with his buddy. When the swimmers were called out of the water to return to the camp, they checked out by buddies and it was noted that Doug was not with his buddy. When the lifeguards asked about him, it was reported that Douglas had just returned to the camp area. It was later that Douglas was missed. An all-night search through the wooded area of the camp finally led us to the waterfront, where he was found in the water of our swimming area.

The funeral services for Douglas Lane, the eldest of the Lane's family of five boys, were conducted by the members of the camp staff. Elder W. J. Kuryluk, music director of camp, preached the funeral message to the friends and family of Doug. Elder Nelson Caswell and Brother and Sister Albert Carlin supplied special vocal music for the funeral while Janice Carlin, one of the campers, was the organist.

We pray that God will give comfort to Brother and Sister Shelby Lane in the loss of their son. We appreciate so much their outstanding courage in the face of such a tragedy. Doug's parents found great strength and comfort in their hope of the resurrection when, at the call of Jesus, those who are His in the grave will come forth to join their loved ones again in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

We cannot find words to express our deep sorrow and regret. We do feel that we owe the mothers and fathers of our campers this report. We do accept our responsibility to you and your children as you commit them to us for the camp program. Although we feel that extreme caution has been exercised

in supervising our swimming program, we want to make absolutely certain that in future camps, every measure possible is taken to avoid such a tragedy again.

Even though we had such an unhappy experience, we are glad to report that God blessed our camp with a real spiritual blessing and eight young people attended a baptismal class on the last Sabbath of camp.

Please pray that God will comfort and strengthen us all, especially Brother and Sister Lane and Doug's four younger brothers. Pray that God will always bless the Church of God Youth Camp Program, a vitally important aspect of our church work.

Christian Influence

By Ernest S. Williams

When Mary anointed the Lord Jesus with costly ointment, she was consciously expressing her love for Him. What she did beyond that, without knowing it, was to anoint His body for burial.

Let us consider the blessing of a service of which we may not be conscious. When Mary poured the ointment over the head of Jesus, her only thought was to show Him she loved Him. This Jesus appreciated, but He saw also what Mary did not see. Having commended her devotion, He announced, "She hath come beforehand to anoint my body for the burial." This Mary had not known. How often there flows from our love more than flows from our words. All of us have an influence of which we are not conscious, an influence which will live when our words are gone.

A few years ago I was entertained in the home of a young minister. While there he mentioned a man who had attained great success in his realm. Then this young minister con-

fided, "When he was here I wished to speak to him concerning a certain matter, but he brushed me off. He seemed to have time for those whose position was higher up, but none for us little fellows."

What that person of higher rank said while in that part of the country has long been forgotten. What he may have unconsciously done, interpreted by that young minister as a slight, will live as long as that minister lives.

It is an unavoidable truth that "in many things we all offend." As long as we live we are likely to make unconscious mistakes. Our intentions may be misunderstood. But may we seek, whatever our position, to offend as little as possible and to be thoughtful and helpful as far as we can. If we cultivate a proper spirit, and live for God and not for self, there will flow from us a benediction to others of which we may be unaware.

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MINUTEMAN

The Overcoming Life

--Fears in the Way...

By Carol Millican

We have seen that God expects Christians to be "overcomers" in their use of time and money; this month we will consider what the Bible says about overcoming the emotion of fear.

The Bible talks about two kinds of fear: fear in the sense of standing in awe before God and fear in the sense of being afraid of other people or circumstances.

The first kind of fear, of course, is to be cultivated. Proverbs 9:10 tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Since we know that God Who created man knows the way to human happiness, and that rebellion against His will can only lead to unhappiness, we should be *afraid* to disobey Him. In another sense, the Bible tells us of the fear that will be in the hearts of those who

do not know God (Luke 21:36), and that the devils themselves tremble out of fear of God (James 2:19)—they undoubtedly know what their end will be!

But the kind of fear that we are concerned about overcoming is directly opposed to this healthy "fear" of the Lord. This is the kind of fear that shortens life, weakens the will, hinders personal accomplishment, and injures personality—this is the fear of what others may say or do to us or what might happen to us—and it is the kind of fear that God promises to help us to overcome.

Several verses in Proverbs show how the fear of God and the fear of man are opposed to each other. Instead of shortening days, the fear of God "prolongeth days" (Prov. 10:27), and is a "fountain of life" (14:27).

Psalm 91:9-12

(I recommend the entire 91st Psalm for memorization).

1 John 4:18

Ephesians 6:13

Hebrews 2:14, 15

Instead of destroying confidence, godly fear is a "strong confidence" (14:26).

Fear and worry do not accompany faith in God. So the overcoming of this kind of fear should certainly be a goal of the Christian. Pray that the Lord will help you remember to "cast all your care upon him." Let us "remember our creator" when "fears be in the way" (Ecclesiastes 12:1-5).

CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

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A man bowed his head and quietly thanked God for his food in a railroad dining car. When he had finished, the waiter came to him and said, "Not many people do that. I have been working on this train for a long time and never before have I seen a passenger ask grace at a meal."

There had radiated an unconscious influence, set in motion by a reverent thanksgiving to God in that train. The manner in which we walk, the clothes we wear, the devotion we show, and many other habits of our lives speak out either for or against our Master. When the apostles were called into question by those who opposed the gospel, there was something about them that caused the adversaries to realize that "they had been with Jesus." Their Christian character spoke even when their voices were silent.

Some of God's choicest saints have their times of discouragement. They feel they have done so little for the Lord. Discouragement is a terrible thing. Who has not experienced it? Missionaries labor long, and often with much self-denial, and the results seem slow in coming. Ministers at times feel that their labors are in vain. Parents sometimes feel that their efforts on behalf of their children are

unfruitful. What a world of misery results from discouragement.

Let us take heart from the words of the apostle, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." No life lived for Christ is wasted. It is not useless. He knows the unconscious influence of which we are not even aware, and this may be the richest contribution we can make to His Kingdom.

Let us be encouraged to develop a greater love for Christ and for those about us. God save us from selfish or self-seeking professionalism. May He give us instead tenderness, thoughtfulness, and a devotion to Him which reflects itself in unselfish service, a genuine denial of self in the interest of others. When we give the best we have consciously, He sees and blesses our unconscious influence also. Only selfishness and self-interest can interfere with the rich blessings which may unconsciously flow from our lives as we serve the Master.

—The Pentecostal Evangel

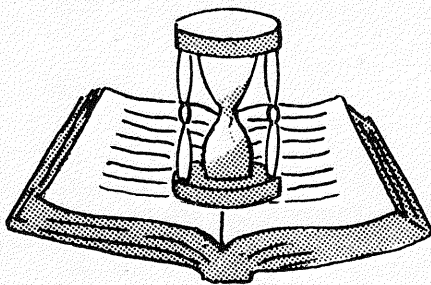
Others are affected by what I am and say and do. And these others have also these spheres of influence. So that a single act of mine may spread in widening circles through a nation of humanity.—Channing.

2T4G Take Time For God

By Kathleen Roche

All of us at one time or another have probably said something that we later regretted. But then the damage was done, and no amount of apology seemed to really make it right again. Once words get past our teeth, they're something like feathers released on a windy day—there's no telling where they'll end up. So even though our tongue is small, we can easily see how it can be one of our biggest enemies unless we seek God's help to control it. We cannot do this by ourselves for James 3:8 tells us, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." But then in the seventh and eighth verses of the fourth chapter, he goes on to admonish us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

"Gossip is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves nothing unsaid." Much trouble in the world and in the church is caused by people talking too much. It is very displeasing to the Lord when we repeat something that ought not to have been said in the first place and thereby harm another's reputation. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19).



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But we were created with mouths for a purpose. "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment" (Psalm 37:30). "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Eph. 4:29). "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). When dedicated to God, our words can be powerful instruments in witnessing to others. Remember that "wise men are not always silent, but know when to be."

Christ left us an example, that we should follow His steps. He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not;" (1 Peter 2:22, 23). "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19). Wise Solomon wrote, "Whoso keepeth his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23) and "The tongue of the just is as choice silver" (Proverbs 10:20). So may our prayer be as that of David, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

MEASURING A MAN

The man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man.
 This standard has his measure been since time itself began!
 He's measured not by race or creed, high sounding though they be;
 Nor by the gold that's put aside, nor by his sanctity!
 He's measured not by social rank when character's the test;
 Nor by his earthly pomp or show, displaying wealth possessed.
 He's measured by his justice, right, his fairness at his play;
 His squareness in all dealings made, his honest, upright way.
 These are his measures, ever near, to serve him when thy can;
 For man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man.

Why I
Think
Youth
Camp
Is
Important!

For the past six years Youth Camp has been a favorite time for me. It means seeing old friends again and making new ones. Many lasting friendships are made in the week spent there.

The days are just filled with excitement and fun, but I think the best part is in the evening when all the campers and staff gather around a huge bonfire, give testimonies, and have a time of Christian fellowship. In this atmosphere everyone feels so close to God.

It was at such a campfire service two years ago that God's spirit touched me and I REALLY accepted Christ in my life. It was also that same week at Youth Camp that I was baptized.

I've received many such blessings from camp every summer, besides all the fun! I think everyone who has ever gone to our church youth camp will agree with me that the week couldn't have been spent any better!

Sue Taylor

I have just experienced the reason why Youth Camp is so important. I am writing this late at night after just coming back from fireside services at Oregon Youth Camp. There are no words to describe how much God was with us tonight. As we gathered in a prayer circle around the campfire, we felt God move in our hearts. We prayed, some of us cried, and I know the Lord heard and answered.

Being with so many others my age who are so serious about making their hearts right with God and living for Him, somehow gives me more of a desire to be a better Christian. While walking back from the fireside tonight, I overheard someone behind me whisper, "Tonight is the turning point of my life." I believe Youth Camp is just that. When you start the day out with a worship service, praising God, have fun all day with other Christian boys and girls, and end the day in a service in which you can't help but feel drawn closer to God, it prompts a decision to live for Christ.

Donna Larson

news and reminders . . .

"AIM" for Goals

Are you involved in the "AIM for Goals" program? "AIM for Goals" is a promotional program for AIM magazine. Your F.Y.C. group can be a real help in the spreading of the gospel through AIM by simply participating in and completing the outlined program. Your F.Y.C. has received a packet of materials to help with the program. You can also find the "AIM for Goals" program outlined on the back of June or July AIM. Here's your opportunity to be a blessing to others through AIM so don't delay; AIM for Goals!!

FYC Motto Contest for 1969

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

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

No entries postmarked later than November 10 will be considered. Mail your entries to:

1969 Motto Contest
Bible Advocate Press
Stanberry, Missouri 64489

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

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

National F.Y.C. Registration

The National Young People's Department would like to update its files for correspondence purposes. We would like to be able to correspond with all our FYCers. For this reason, we want every FYC group in the U.S.A. and Canada to register all their members between ages 13 and 25 with the National FYC office. Registration blanks will be sent out to the FYC leaders. The registration should be sent to Elder Dale Lawson, 316 Willow Street, Stanberry, Missouri. If you are not registered with an organized F.Y.C., we would like for you to send in your own registration. Just send your name, address, age, marital status, sex, and tell whether or not you receive AIM magazine. We hope to have the registration completed by the end of July so we would appreciate your prompt attention and cooperation.

Young People's Worker

The Young People's Department has again employed a worker for the summer. The National Youth Committee

voted to hire Elder Dale Lawson, chairman of the department, for the months of June-August. They have asked him to give first attention to organizational needs of the National Youth Work and then to participate in Youth Camp and Camp Meeting Programs as time allows. As the department makes its plans for the future and seeks to carry them out, we ask for your prayers that God's work will go forward in a greater way.

National Committee Meeting Held

All the members of the Young People's Departmental Committee met in Claremore, Oklahoma. The meeting was extremely beneficial to the work of the F.Y.C. and we trust that the plans and goals made will be successfully carried out. Some plans were made for the Youth Program at 1969 General Conference. Plans were made for a National Leadership Retreat to be held in the summer of 1970. Materials of the department were discussed and the department is making plans to provide more and better materials. Some plans were discussed that must be cleared by the Executive Board before they can be announced. Through the plans that were made, we hope to be of greater use to young people everywhere and to the Church of God as a whole.

Support National F.Y.C. with 15% of Income

Many of the F.Y.C. groups in the U.S.A. are very faithful in supporting the National F.Y.C. with 15% of their income. We are very grateful for that support and we trust the returns to you for that support will be great. With the plans in the Y. P. Depart-

ment for the future, we will be needing the support of all our FYC groups. As each group becomes productive in the spreading of the Gospel in its area, it will also help the National F.Y.C. to become more productive and the returns will really be yours through programs and materials.

We want to encourage you to support the National F.Y.C. with 15% of your income. Remember that this project is one of the Standards of the National Merit Program. Join the Merit Program at the beginning of each year and let it help you become active in the work of God.

New Feature

"Teen Guidelines" is the name of our new feature which will begin in the August AIM. Members of the National Youth Committee will be dealing with subjects pertinent to young people. Watch for it!

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

A soft answer turneth away wrath:
but grievous words stir up anger.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright:
but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord:
but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance:
but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge:
but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

A wise son maketh a glad father:
but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

*From the Proverbs of Solomon,
Chapter 15.*

August Youth Camps

OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP—August 11-17

Murray State Park, Ardmore, Oklahoma

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

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP—August 18-26

Pacific Pines Camp, Crestline, California

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

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1968 Camp Meetings

CENTRAL DISTRICTS CAMP MEETING will be held in Stanberry, Missouri, July 12 through 20. For further information write to Elder Nelson Caswell, 281 W. 79th Place, Denver, Colorado 80221.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4 CAMP MEETING will be held at Dover, Oklahoma, July 21 through 27. For further information write to Elder Ross Johnston, Box 64, Inola, Oklahoma 74036.

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