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*God has two dwellings:
one in heaven, and the
other in a meek and
thankful heart.*

—Izaak Walton

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If gratitude is due from children to their earthly parent, how much more is the gratitude of the great family of men due to our father in heaven.—H. BALLOU

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A grateful thought toward heaven is of itself a prayer.—LESSING

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A Tiny Drop

By Carolyn Clements

"HONOR AND MAJESTY ARE BEFORE MEN: STRENGTH AND BEAUTY ARE IN HIS SANCTUARY" (Psalm 96:6).

I can think of nothing in the whole world that is more wonderful than feeling the presence of God—whether it be through prayer, reading the Bible or just marveling at the beauty and magnificence of nature!

It's so very wonderful to get up off your knees having left all of your troubles and worries with the Lord. You feel greatly relieved and happy again; and besides that, you've gained enough courage and strength to face the world and all of its unkindness for a few hours more. Sometimes it takes one a long time to realize that the Lord can give us enough strength and courage to face anything, no matter how hard it may seem; but once that realization comes, it brings back happiness with it.

Nature is one of the greatest miracles of all. Its beauty can make all burdens and everything else vanish, because God speaks to us through it. I have often found myself a million worlds away from this earth and its people—completely lost in my own secret world of absolute peace, deep awe, and radiating joy. That world cannot be described. And I have wondered if Eternity will be like that. Have you?

How many times have you turned away from a dazzling sunset with tears in your eyes and an ache in your throat and in your heart a deep-rooted longing to paint it and share that one piece of glory with someone else?

How many times have you watched autumn leaves showering down like golden coins and wanted to tell a blind person just how beautiful and vivid they are against the deep, hazy blue of the sky?

How many times have you heard the pines whispering and softly singing, and wished that you could make music like that to relay the joy to someone else?

And how many times have you come home an hour late, not minding the scoldings or the punishment, knowing that you have tasted just a tiny drop of the glory and majesty of God?

Shaping

YOUR Destiny

By Dale Lawson

AS young people reach the age when it seems vitally important to have action-filled lives, we are faced with many decisions that we sometimes fail to realize can shape our eternal destinies. Often remarks are made like these:

"What can we do and where can we go?"

"If the church doesn't supply good activities, how do they expect us to keep from getting involved in questionable activities?"

Another is: *"Why is it always 'don't do this' and 'don't do that' when nothing interesting is ever provided for us?"*

I really understand the feelings that go with such statements as these and I realize the terrific needs which are a part of young peoples' lives. I know it is a fine feeling to be liked and even to be looked up to, and that it makes one a little uncomfortable to be tagged as different. I also realize that the

church needs to provide good wholesome activity and lots of it. May God help the church to see this need and provide what is needed, and yet, young folks, I want to discuss these destiny-shaping decisions in which you need to be able to make correct and wise choices at all cost and perhaps even make them by yourselves when there is no flourishing church program.

**WHERE IS THE LACK?
—WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

It is true that the church needs to provide but it may be that in your case and church there is a lack. It may be the members' fault or the pastor's fault—and have you ever stopped to think that perhaps a little work from you could liven up the activity level in your church? It may be that your church is almost void of the activity that it should provide.

Now the question is: What will you do with your eternal

destiny if this is your case? Will you throw away the hope of salvation because somebody else failed? Young people, the church's failing to provide is never reason for you to turn away from God and His righteousness. You must still stand before the righteous Judge and be judged according to God's standards and the deeds YOU have done.

**DON'T BE DECEIVED—
IT'S FALSE SECURITY**

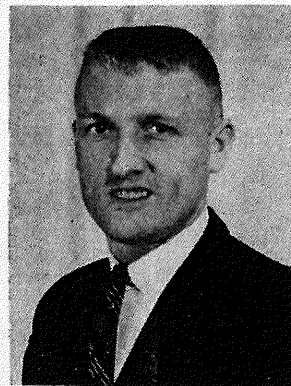
So I plead earnestly with you to search out your own salvation and pray and be grounded in Christ Jesus so that you shall never fail. I certainly do not believe that you should be denied fun, activity, and youthful vigor. I do know that if you depart the ways of God in search of what your local church may fail to provide, you are shaping your eternal destiny in a very disastrous position.

Surely we should not pick up the ways of worldly friends because there are no friends our

age at church. So we start smoking tobacco, swearing, attending movies, drinking, and other things acceptable to the world, but not to God, because the local church failed, or no Christian friends were available? Young people, where does that leave us in the sight of a holy and just God? If the pastor fails he will receive his reward and if the church fails, it will receive its reward but you must still stand before Christ alone. If in this life you have left Christ in search of fun and friendship, my friends, you have left the greatest Friend you could ever have for the false security of a temporary and unlasting friendship with this world. These friends will use you, betray you and then forsake you when you need them most but Christ would have always stood by you.

**THE "NEW MORALITY"
—WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE?**

I want to mention something to you which concerns your



In this month of November when we welcome Dale Lawson as our new National Youth Chairman, it is very fitting that he has offered these words of guidance for young people.

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earthly destiny and also the eternal destiny. It is what is commonly termed by society today as the "New Morality." I assure you that with God there is no new morality outside the principle of the Ten Commandments of God and the writings of the apostles and prophets which are based on the commandments. Today it seems that almost anything is accepted concerning morals, both in sex and in general life. This is true especially at the college age but is fast catching on for high schoolers. Many are talking about the new freedom and this means that everyone should be free to do what he wants to as long as nobody gets hurt. Young people, God is against this new morality (fornication, adultery, and wholesale breaking of His laws.) By God's grace and power you need to mold your eternal destiny in such a way that you take the best that is offered to you and that is the Kingdom of God. Be pure, clean and right before God even if you have to stand alone—yet not alone because Christ will be with you always, yes even to the end.

**THE "SIGNS" ARE EVIDENT
—DON'T FAIL YOURSELVES!**

Actually what this general acceptance of sin and sinful deeds means is that Jesus Christ is coming very soon. These are some of the great signs of His coming. Read it in your Bible. I know that Christ is coming so soon and it causes me some fear

because I want to spend some time in His harvest field. You need to make your calling and election sure and provide for all eternity by being ready to meet Jesus. So young people, if the church fails to fill your needs, if the pastor fails in the church program, if you must stand alone for God, still I want to say, "Don't fail yourselves!" You need to be wise in shaping your destiny. I want you to realize that if you are caught up by false friends or a desire to be liked or a drive for satisfying activity outside of God's holy will, you will still face the great Creator so very soon and that by yourselves.

**FUN, ACTIVITY, AND YOUTHFUL
VIGOR—COMPLETE FULFILLMENT**

I mentioned earlier that you need not be denied a life of fun, activity, and youthful vigor—and now may I add even complete fulfillment. It is true that compared to the world's standards we will be denied the normal life of activity. With you on God's side, you are chosen and set apart and must deny self and take up your cross and follow Jesus. The Bible declares us to be a peculiar and holy people, but I promise you that you will not fail to find an action-filled, fun-filled, and yes, a glorious life even at the young age when you need lots of activity.

Even though this article has been directed to you, young peo-

ple, I would like to close with a note to your pastors.

Pastors, may God give us strength and wisdom to really develop the youth program as a part of our local church programs. We can help to mold their destinies so they won't have to do it alone and without the help of an excellent activity program for them. We need to mix our programs well and give ample opportunity to

develop skills in witnessing and gospel promotion plus good wholesome social activity. We must make activities worthwhile in every case and never be satisfied with any half-hearted attempts to satisfy our youth's vital needs for action. Sometimes I am afraid that we almost get lazy. God help us to secure young men and women, boys and girls, for the glorious Kingdom of God.

WEALTH

Wealth is not the things we own—

**A stately house upon a hill,
Paintings, rugs and tapestries,
Or servants taught to do one's will.
In luxury a man may dwell,
As lonely as in a prison cell.**

**Wealth is not a plenteous purse,
The bonds that one has stored
away,**

**A boastful balance in a bank,
Or jeweled baubles fools display.
The things that really gratify
Are things that money cannot buy.**

**Wealth is health, a cheerful heart,
An ear that hears a robin's song,
A rained content, some treasured
friends,
And fragrant memories lingering
long.**

**Living is an inward art—
All lasting wealth is in the heart!**

**—Alfred Grant Walton in
"Religious Telescope"**

CHARACTER

By Walter Isenhour

Your character is what you are,
Not what you seem to be;
And what you do to make or mar
Remember God doth see.

A character that is sublime
Is more than riches great;
It blesses ev'ry land and clime
And guides the "Ship of State."

The men of might and strength of
will
Have built upon the right;
Their place in life they nobly fill
And make the world more bright.

It isn't pomp and splendor grand,
Nor fame that makes a life;
It's God's true love by which we
stand
And grace for all the strife.

One's character is never bought,
Though cheap it can be sold;
In all that's good it must be sought;
Obtained 'tis more than gold.

Cast the

"It wouldn't wash off! The blood, it wouldn't wash off!" Taking the witness stand in his own behalf, Jerry broke down and sobbed convulsively. He rubbed his hands hard along his trouser legs and looked at them once again. "It wouldn't wash off, I can still see it!"

The judge rapped for order as a general stir rippled through the crowded courtroom. Court was adjourned till the following morning at 10:00 a.m. After the judge had left the room, the buzz of conversation started up again. Reporters raced to the phones to inform their papers of this latest development. People rose from their seats and made their way, pushing, shoving, toward the back, anxious to get out of the stuffy room and into the breezy coolness of the late October afternoon.

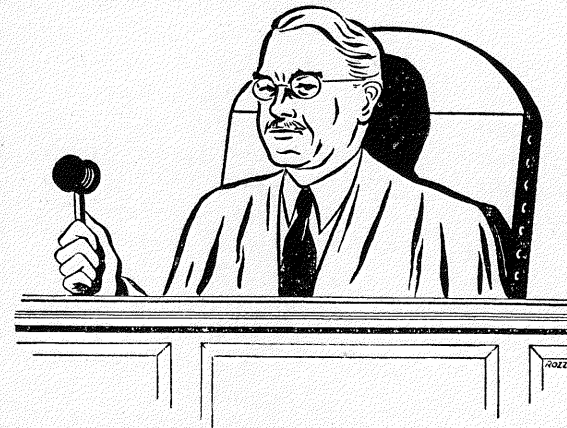
"Killed his old grandmother, he did. He'll get the pen for this!"

"No, he won't! He's only 15." "Hanging's too good for him, I say." "What's his poor old mother going to do now?" "If she's smart, she'll move to another town and forget she ever had a son." "And her a member of our ladies' circle, too!" "Here she comes now!" and, as if by one accord, the most righteous ladies of the local church congregation politely turned their backs, gazing with rapt attention at something across the street.

Mrs. Franklin's whole being was in turmoil as she hurried from the congested court, en-

deavoring to dodge eager reporters as she did so. What had she done wrong? Where had she failed? It was so hard to bring up the boy alone, now that Ken was gone. Oh, how she wished he was here now to stand beside and steady her in this, their time of trial. In spite of her best efforts to give Jerry a good life and encourage him to go to church with her, he seemed to prefer the company of that gang of young hoodlums from the other end of town. Now he'd gotten into some real serious trouble and no one to help. She shouldn't say, 'no one to help,' for she had an abiding

First Stone



By
Dorothy
Nimchuk

faith in the Almighty. She had meant to speak to Mrs. Johnson, asking her to take over her Sabbath school class of little girls; but Mrs. Johnson was seemingly very busy, deep in conversation with the church deacon and she didn't wish to interrupt. So she hurried on her way alone to the small two-room cottage she and her son called home.

The trial over and all the sensational headlines a thing of the past. Mrs. Franklin sat alone in her tiny kitchen with her Bible open on her lap. However, the tears fell so thick and fast the words simply blurred on the page. She felt she hadn't a friend left in this world, al-

though she was sure of one Friend Who sticks closer than a brother. This one thought was her only comfort, that somehow, somewhere, sometime God would end this vale of suffering she was going through and make everything right. If only the good women of the church had stood by her it would have been easier to take. Those whom she had always considered her friends; Mrs. Johnson, her neighbor and life-long companion; even old Mrs. Stubbs at the corner grocery; they all acted as if they had never seen her before. Well, at least Elder Curry would be back from his visit to the field in Africa by next Sabbath and perhaps he

would pay a call on her. Unless he turned on her, too!

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"News doesn't travel very fast back in those tiny villages in the jungles of Africa. As soon as I heard of this matter, I made arrangements to come home as quickly as possible. I managed to get here several days earlier than I had anticipated."

Refilling his cup and again passing the plate of delicate chicken sandwiches, Mrs. Franklin deftly wiped the tears from her eyes with the corner of her apron. "I'm so glad you called on me, Brother Curry. My heart is just sick within me. All the good people in this community have turned their backs on me, I'm sorry to say. I know they are good-hearted, but I think they are rather embarrassed to be around me. Therefore, they avoid me."

Having given what solace he could, the minister betook himself home to prepare a long-remembered sermon to deliver to his congregation on the Sabbath.

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"... Which of you have offered this woman comfort in her hour of need? Who has spoken a word of cheer? Did any of you think to go to the boy and take him the news of salvation—to tell him of the love of Christ for the lost? My heart is pained within me to think that I have been your pastor these many years, and this is the way you react when trouble comes in our midst! You—yes, every one of you—

have a responsibility toward Jerry, a witness to bring to him. I've tried to speak to him; however, he is still in a state of shock. All he will say is, 'The blood wouldn't wash off,' but you can pray for him."

Many eyes turned away as Elder Curry looked out over his congregation. "I would like you to turn with me to the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel, verses 1-9, noting especially verse 8.

"Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto

"... I was in prison, and ye came unto me.' It is your Christian duty to help..."

the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand: Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

Continuing, he warned them, "Dear members, the blood of this boy will be required at your hands if you don't do something about trying to reach him with the message of salvation. Turn again in your Bibles to Matthew the 25th chapter. I'd like all of you to read this portion, verses 31-46, for yourselves at home; however note verse 36, '... I was in prison, and ye came unto me.'

"It is your Christian duty to help this young lad. And not him only, but you are to give assistance wherever and whenever there is need. Christ was a friend to publicans and sinners. Can we do any less?"

When the service was drawn to a close, it was a sober, more thoughtful group which slowly made its way up the aisle and outside. Several stopped to shyly grasp Mrs. Franklin's hand and mutter a few words of apology. Everyone seemed at somewhat of a loss to know what to

do or say. Then Mrs. Johnson rushed over to her and enclosed her in a warm embrace. "Oh, Alice, can you ever forgive me? I certainly haven't been the friend I should have been. Come home now with me for dinner; then we will plan what can be done to see Jerry. I realize I've been wrong not standing by you. Can you ever forgive me?" The words simply tumbled over themselves in their effort to be told. So saying, she took Alice by the arm and guided her out to the car.

As the weeks slipped by into months, a regular group was organized to call at the reformatory, conducting Sabbath afternoon services in an effort to reach the boys there. Definite interest was aroused in several of the boys. Jerry, however, still sat and gazed down at his often-scrubbed hands, "I can't get the blood off."

Finally came a day when another boy, picked up for questioning on a robbery charge, broke down and confessed to a number of crimes, among them the accidental death of Jerry's grandmother. The two boys had been hunting together near the edge of town when Jerry's grandparent, taking a short-cut through the woods on her way home, became the target mistaken for a deer. Jerry knelt at

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H O N O R

By
Nathan
Straub

The scripture says that we should render honor to whom honor is due. In the Second Book of Kings (2:23, 24) we find that some youths (Berkeley) from the city of Bethel dishonored Elisha, a servant of God.

The writer learned from a man from India that the youths were not commenting on the condition of Elisha's hair, or his lack of it, but rather this phrase, "bald head," really meant stupid; that is, empty head. This was a very dishonorable thing to say to a servant of God.

Bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the youths.

By dishonoring the servant of God, these youths were in fact dishonoring God. By the same token, by honoring a serv-

ant of God, one honors the servant and what he stands for and the One he represents.

We are told to honor the king (head of state). If the king is dishonored, then our country and people, too, are dishonored.

We should also honor the leaders of our church. By doing this the work of the church is held to be honorable. God, too, is held in honor.

Sometimes one finds those who honor no one. One who honors no one seems to think that by doing this he makes himself the only one deserving honor, but he actually makes himself dishonorable.

The term, Mister, or Missus, or Miss should be used when addressing all but the closest of friends. Even then, Mister and Missus should be used. In the church remember that it is always proper to use Brother or Sister, when addressing a brother or sister in the Lord. For a lady visitor, Miss seems to be a good term.

In referring to the head or chief of state of any country one should remember to honor the king. Even if one does not like the particular personality involved, one should respect the office he holds. These people hold great responsibilities, indeed they deserve respect.

"... honor to whom honor." This is a Christian principle. Let us bring honor to our Lord by remembering to honor those who deserve honor.

The Last Week

By Betty Crawford Sanders

James Valor walked from the hospital as though in a daze. He did not feel the crisp, chilling autumn wind, or notice the red and gold leaves which were being tossed about by the wind. No, he would not concentrate on the beautiful scenery of the late fall day. The distant white church building was nestled underneath tall, red, maple trees, giving an impression of security and protection. Jim, deeply lost in thought, walked to the church, and then sitting down, he cradled his head in his hands.

It was almost as though Jim expected some great miracle to happen. He sat on the church steps waiting, and thinking. But, as the day began to pass, he realized that he was wasting valuable time in just sitting and waiting; there was so little time left now.

He thought back to yesterday morning:

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"Bye, Julie. Kiss the kids for me, and don't forget to send my suit to the cleaners! Remember, you'll have to be ready by six-thirty tonight; my boss likes to go to dinner on time! You're getting that new baby sitter for the kids, aren't you?"

Then Jim left the house, and started for the car, as he was on his way to work. As he started down the stairs dizziness suddenly overcame him, and he reeled and tumbled down the stairs.

"Oh, Jim!" said his wife,

"You're always falling over your big feet." She laughed good-naturedly. But, Jim didn't move, and suddenly she became frightened.

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"Mr. Valor, I have some news for you. Your tests seem to indicate a very serious tumor in the lobe of your brain, and surgery is imperative, immediately. I must tell you of the seriousness of such an operation: without the operation your life will be over in less than two weeks, as there is too much pressure on your brain. With the operation, your life may be extended longer, although it is likely that even then, you won't live for more than a few months, as the brain tissue is probably too extensively damaged now.

"We must also face the possibility that you may not survive

the operation, as this is a very dangerous type of tumor."

Hesitatingly, the doctor continued, "Mr. Valor, I... I hated to tell you like this, but... I know your wife and children will need to be taken care of in case of the worst outcome. You have one day to take care of your estate, and any personal affairs. But, if you get those dizzy spells at all, you must return immediately to the hospital. You can never tell when these attacks will come, but dizziness usually is the first sign...."

Over an hour had passed and Jim suddenly realized how little he had in the world with which to leave his family. He was an up-and-coming young business man, but he didn't have anything to show for what he was working for in the future. He had been building a career. He had been trying to find the keys to success. He and his wife had even given up their church and church friends. His involvement with big office parties for the big wheels in the sales organization and his social life only included things which had something to do with making the right contacts for future successful business ventures. Yes, he had a very shabby estate. It was as though he had already torn down his barns to make larger barns, and at this very moment he was prevented from building.

Suddenly he jumped to his feet. He had been sitting here waiting for some miracle to hap-

pen when actually the answer was as plain as the nose on his face—he must make the best use of the day that he had left.

He walked back to the hospital and picked up his car. After making out his will, he went home, packed up his family in the car and drove down to the country to visit his mother. It had been a year since he'd even called on her. He'd never felt better in his life!

Although no one could ever take the place of Jim's mother in his estimation, he had never listened seriously to the guiding words of wisdom which she had attempted to give to him. Before, perhaps it had seemed more like the words of a doting, slightly over-zealous mother who put the things of God first—an old-fashioned idea in this fast-moving modern world.

Today, for the first time, Jim seemed to clearly see the genuine riches in the words Mother spoke, and the way she lived.

"Son, you'll never know how much I have prayed for you. You *must* realize now and acknowledge the fact, that you have let down your best Friend, your very greatest treasure—God. You have also dragged your family down with you. I hope you realize now how very little you have in the world that is secure, but God is ready and waiting to give you assurance and peace. I know that these things have been laid on your heart now, as I prayed for you all night as soon as I received

the telegram from Julie."

It seemed that, for the first time in his life, Jim had been brought to the place where he could listen to Mother's words with real understanding. What sweet riches he had let slip through his fingers, while striving vainly for perishable riches on this earth.

Jim went for a walk alone into the woods of his childhood, and there in the hideout of his younger days he reconsecrated his faith in God, and rededicated the remainder of his life to better service to God and his family. It had been so easy to get caught in the rut of materialistic goals.

When Julie and Jim returned home, they put the children to bed. As they sat in the silent room, memories of past acquaintances with Christian friends passed through their conversation, and the once-dreamed-of goal of ministerial college for Jim seemed so lost. They reconsecrated their shattered home life in the silence of their home that evening, and suddenly Jim became overwhelmed with grief at the awareness of what a wonderful life could be for them if his life would be extended.

The ringing of the telephone startled him out of his thoughts, and he picked up the receiver to hear his doctor talking excitedly:

"Jim, I have some wonderful news—it seems that your test results were filed incorrectly

and the diagnosis that I gave to you was that of a patient who passed away yesterday morning. His file was out for refiling, it seems, and yours with the same last name lay there waiting to be coded. I have great news for you! There is no possibility of your tumor being cancerous, and the operation next week should turn out fine, as there could be only minor complications. I am so happy for you!"

Jim suddenly fell down upon his knees and there he cried for joy at being given the reprieve from death. He had received a wonderful lesson, and although the way would be hard, he knew that God had showed him the way.

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REAL VALUES

Some measure their lives by days
and years,
Others by heart throbs, passions, and
tears.
But the truest measure under the
sun
Is what in your lifetime for others
you've done.

—Ruth Smeltzer
in "Sunshine"

* * *

HAVE COURAGE!

"Have courage for the great sorrows
of life
And patience for the smaller ones,
And when you have laboriously ac-
complished your daily task,
Go to sleep in peace.
God is awake."

The Weakness and Strength of Youth

By
Walter
Isenhour

Every youth apart from God, and minus a Christian experience, has a weakness. No youth can be free from weakness—or weaknesses—if he is left to himself to battle and toil along his earthly journey, even though he may be well educated and have a brilliant mind. The enemy of his life and soul, mind and spirit is too much for him. One's physical and mental strength is little compared with that of the enemy. Satan is wise, having devilish wisdom next to the holy wisdom of God; and, of course, the devil always uses his wisdom, his intellect, his tremendous power and influence against God and His followers, and to hold all sinners in his grip.

Weakness—Where?

It is quite natural that Satan would take every youth into his custody and dominate him, leading him under his direction if he is not yielded to God, divinely protected, and righteously sustained. We know this by studying the Holy Bible and by our own experience—and that of our fellowmen.

We see so much weakness among young people everywhere. We see the weaknesses of smoking, drinking beer and liquor, unwise courtship and marriage; reading a poor, demoralizing, degrading class of books and literature; and keeping bad

company. We see the weakness of exposing the body through half dressing; the weakness of profanity, or using language that is bordering on the vulgar; the weakness of worldliness, shallow thinking, and the desire to go with the crowd that is going downward and hellward.

Is High Morality Enough?

Even those who are highly moral, yet unsaved, not having a real Christian experience, have a weakness that cannot withstand the onslaughts and overtaxing power of the enemy under very trying circumstances. Even at best, their high mor-

als won't take them into the kingdom apart from the saving, sanctifying grace of Christ and the Holy Ghost.

Weakness in youth may follow various lines. There is the weakness of going to places of ungodly entertainment; the weakness of forming bad habits that destroy health and morale and shorten lives; the weakness of dancing and frolicking, and yielding to temptations to commit adultery and fornication. There are so many, many things that weaken youth when they yield to them and have not the physical, moral and spiritual ability and strength to resist and overcome them.

A Wonderful Strength

However, there is wonderful strength for youth if they will turn to this Strength fully and unreservedly. Naturally such strength has to come from God through the Christian religion. Apart from this there is no strength for youth, or anybody else, that is sufficient to take us through life successfully and triumphantly into everlasting life and glory.

It is so vitally and essentially important that young people obey this Scripture: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). No youth has ever gone wrong across the ages of time who has fully obeyed

this sound scriptural advice. But we realize that forgetting one's Creator in his youthful days is the greatest possible mistake he can make. By so doing, he lays open his life to the sins and wickedness of the world. He opens his mind to degrading, demoralizing thoughts; opens his heart and soul for the enemy to come in and take over; opens the channel into which sin enters and defeats.

Now young people can have a strength and power that the world, the flesh and the devil can't withstand. All the floods of wickedness the devil may bring against them won't sweep them downstream. This strength comes by the sustaining, upholding, protecting, keeping power of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing short of this will do.

Submission—Obedience

In the meantime the youth must be submissive always to the leadership of our Lord, and obey Him in all things. He must "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17), read, study and heed the teachings of the Holy Bible, practice the means of grace that God has provided in so many ways, and keep in fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Ghost and with God's blessed followers. This is not beyond the reach of youth, but wonderfully and blessedly possible all along life's journey. God requires of no youth, and nobody else, anything that is
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My Blessings on

Thanksgiving

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This Thanksgiving I am especially thankful for my family, my home and the necessities of life. In our land of abundance it is very easy to accept these things and not realize the blessings we do enjoy. We aren't starving; we have enough clothes, and the many other comforts of life. Yet, we look at the Jones' and yearn for the latest model car, a larger house and a fatter salary. But let us look at the lady in Florida who lost her entire family, her home, and all she possessed in a hurricane.

The Word of God tells us, "In Everything Give Thanks." Are we giving thanks when we are discontent and unhappy? This Thanksgiving let us think on what God has done for us and GIVE THANKS.

Shirley Sarcione



A REAL BLESSING IN "65"

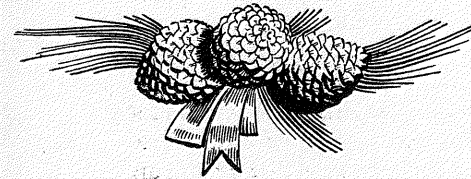
I feel that I have received a greater blessing in "65" than in any two years of my life.

It was my privilege to attend the "Youth Missions Tour" program, when they came to Denver. I was presently working off my 1W service time there. The presence of the Lord was truly with us that night, and I knew I couldn't avoid the calling of the Lord to the ministry any longer, as I had felt this calling previously.

The Lord continued to bless, and answered my prayer. I was released from the service two months early, so that I could start attending Midwest Bible College the first semester.

It is truly a blessing to be here at Midwest, to learn of God, and to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (1 John 3:18).

Mark Ling



Thanksgiving aids man in remembering his God. The thoughtfulness of man is lifted above the selfishness which characterizes man. Through the spirit of Thanksgiving man can gain a new insight as to his image. When man searches his being truthfully, his life is an inspiration to those who daily come in contact with this exceptional person. This thought makes Thanksgiving an event to welcome.

Darrell Dais

THANKFUL

I am thankful for the freedoms we have in this country. Too many times I think we take these for granted.

It is so wonderful to go to church, read our Bibles, and pray without the fear of persecution from the government.

What a comfort it is to be able to pray to the Lord for His help and to read in God's Word of the many promises He has for His children.

I am grateful for this opportunity to express my thankfulness to God for His blessings to me.

Corrine Hendershott

THANKSGIVING 1965

This is our first year to observe Thanksgiving as a married couple. God has richly blessed our life together and has made it happy and enjoyable.

Without Christ to turn to for help and strength from day to day, our life together would not be as happy. Christ is a must as a third party in our life together, but He must not be placed third in line—He must be first. Without Him our life together would be in vain.

We are so thankful that He is ever near us and that He does care for even us, as we strive to walk this life together. With the help of the Lord may we serve Him together each year is our prayer.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Joles

Make a Mark of Merit

Nearing the End --

By Dale Lawson

We are almost to the end of our second year in the Merit Program, and the results of the program for some of the FYC groups are really gratifying. I would like to begin now to make plans for the year, 1966, and make it a greater year for CHRIST and for your youth group.

It's really later than we sometimes think and still we have so much time for everything else and so little time to serve God. I wish that I could somehow shout that message out to you and that it would stir us all to do more this year.

Sometimes we make this matter of working for Christ to be very difficult. Winning souls is noble and something that we all have a desire to do, and yet this too is complicated so much by our own excuses. When are we going to wake out of our sleep and realize excuses have been used since the beginning of mankind? We need to stop right now and analyze the idea of how to have an active group and win souls for God's Kingdom. Our greatest need is to meet the Man of Galilee. Young people, to win souls and have a useful, active group, you must make an experience with our wonderful Saviour.

Here I want to mention something that may help us all. When we begin to follow Jesus Christ enough that we are really converted to His way, we naturally become workers for Him and soul winners. So we need to concentrate on knowing Christ, and the burden for lost souls will come naturally. Without this burden and—more than that—without a concentrated effort to win others to Christ, I am sure that we cannot truly be His disciples, even though we may be members of a church. Realizing these things, we must cast away every care and determine to serve God at all cost and every moment.

This coming year, let us concentrate on reaching others as real Faithful Youth Challengers. Start plans now but, most of all, remember to take the Gospel in its simplicity and then your plans cannot fail to work. The simplicity of the Gospel is found in Acts 2:38 and in Matt. 4:19.

It may be that you will have a new director for the Merit Program in 1966 and I am sure that he will give new life and interest to the program. Make your group a part of it. I am sure that the Merit Program can add incentive and help make your group

active, but I want you to remember that Christ and dedication to Him is the real answer.

Merit Scores for the Three Quarters:

Arkansas

Fort Smith			
1st quarter	120	Bonus	10
2nd quarter	70	Bonus	114
3rd quarter	75	Bonus	5
	265		129

Missouri

Stanberry			
1st quarter	205	Bonus	34
2nd quarter	125	Bonus	29
3rd quarter	95	Bonus	35
	425		98

St. Joseph

1st quarter	155		
2nd quarter	80	Bonus	5
3rd quarter	85	Bonus	24
	320		29

Texas

Conroe			
1st quarter	120	Bonus	5
2nd quarter	135	Bonus	9
3rd quarter	40	Bonus	6
	295		20

San Antonio (English)

1st quarter	135		
2nd quarter	70	Bonus	9
3rd quarter	40	Bonus	5
	245		14

Oklahoma

Fairview			
1st quarter	195	Bonus	17
2nd quarter	105	Bonus	9
3rd quarter	100	Bonus	5
	400		31

Michigan

S.V.A.			
1st quarter	135	Bonus	199
2nd quarter	90	Bonus	31
3rd quarter	55	Bonus	5
	280		235

Wisconsin

New Auburn			
1st quarter	185	Bonus	61
2nd quarter	115	Bonus	26
3rd quarter	115	Bonus	26
	415		113

Oregon

Harrisburg			
1st quarter	120	Bonus	15
2nd quarter	75	Bonus	5
3rd quarter	70	Bonus	5
	265		25

Washington

Tacoma			
1st quarter	175	Bonus	15
2nd quarter	115	Bonus	8
3rd quarter	95	Bonus	8
	385		31

California

Stockton			
1st quarter	180	Bonus	11
2nd quarter	80	Bonus	
3rd quarter	80	Bonus	5
	340		16

Pomona

1st quarter	95	Bonus	15
2nd quarter	90	Bonus	5
3rd quarter	90	Bonus	8
	275		28

Lodi

1st quarter	175	Bonus	9
2nd quarter	115	Bonus	5
3rd quarter	105	Bonus	5
	395		19

Merit Scores for Two Quarters:

Iowa

Marion			
1st quarter	115	Bonus	5
2nd quarter	110	Bonus	0
	225		5

Trinidad

Cumuto			
1st quarter	115		
2nd quarter	40		
	155		

Others in September Aim.

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

Do you think that young people should go steady?

ANSWER:

It depends upon the ages and the circumstances. Generally, there is too much going steady at an early age. Going steady too young has two great faults. It keeps young people from mixing with others to broaden their very valuable social experiences. Those going steady tend to withdraw from larger groups, trying to find some obscure place to slip into. Young people like this think they are behaving more like adults, but they are actually dwarfing themselves.

Secondly, going steady invites danger of two young people becoming too familiar with each other. This invites experimenta-

Dear Readers:

Until now we have been submitting one question per month with its rather lengthy answer. This time several questions will be listed along with shorter opinions.

These questions were asked at a Youth Camp during a session in which dating, courtship and marriage were discussed. Some of you may recognize them. They are typical, interesting, and worth sharing with others via this column.

tion which is in itself a signal that someone better begin searching for their right senses again.

If one is old enough to begin serious courtship that may eventually and deliberately lead to engagement and marriage, going steady is natural and meaningful.

Going steady too early is like discovering you like hamburger and refusing to try anything better even though all kinds of steaks, roasts and other delicious dishes are available.

QUESTION:

Should a girl get married before she is 18, if she is really in love?

ANSWER:

Generally, no. It probably is

not love that is causing youth at such a young age to consider marriage. It is physical attraction. Love has patience and can wait until sufficient maturity can give more assurance that a marriage is well-advised.

Young people would be better off if they would quit thinking about the possibility of an early marriage until they are old enough. Please remember that you deny yourself much more when you marry too early, than what you deny when you delay marriage for two or three years.

QUESTION:

What is wrong with kissing on your first date, even if you do not know the friend too well?

ANSWER:

What's right about it? This question suggests that you would rather like to kiss everyone you go out with. Soon your handshake will show more affection than your kisses!

Contrary to what many youth assume, it is *not* good to be too experienced in the various activities preparatory to love-making. The more experience you show, the less of a prize you are. The biggest bums in the necking crowd are those who know most about it. You may not believe it now, but six months after your marriage (probably much sooner), you'll be wanting to join us in cautioning other youths about this matter.

QUESTION:

How old should a person be before he begins necking?

ANSWER:

Old enough to know better. Necking is a natural expression of a legitimate affection. It is no way to become affectionate, nor does this activity belong to those who like necking better than the person they are squeezing.

Forget about necking. Find a person you can appreciate and like. Be dignified and grown up in your growing friendship. Be considerate, courteous, unselfish. Culture a respectable relationship that you can let anyone watch without fear or shame. In these moments you will feel tall, clean and adult. Too many youths are getting no more than their necks wrung by necking.

QUESTION:

Do you think a boy should tell things to a girl that he really does not mean?

ANSWER:

It depends on what he is telling. If he is insulting, it would help if he did not mean it. On the other hand, if he is professing love too quickly and making all kinds of promises, look out! This guy is aware of his base appetites and he is clawing to devour you. Remember that there are a lot of ways in which a fellow can show love and keep his promises. If he is serious, he will try to keep you from a shameful compromise.



Spring Vale Academy once again sends you greetings in the precious name of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Although the schedule for SVA has been quite busy there have been various extracurricular activities which the students and faculty have participated in.

There was an all-day meeting at the Detroit local church September 25. The students arrived in time to enjoy a sermon by Marvin Keim (pastor of Detroit Church). A picnic lunch was served at a nearby park and a young people's program followed.

Career Night on Saturday, October 2, was an eventful evening filled with lots of laughs, while the students interpreted different careers from various angles. Such careers as doctor, teacher, judge, baby-sitter, and bus driver were performed.

The Spring Vale annual Harvest Hike scheduled for October 9 was postponed due to weather conditions. The students were provided transportation to attend the VCY Rally in Flint, Michigan.

On the evening of October 14, the students enjoyed a skating party at the Chateau Roller Rink in Owosso.

A formal yearly affair, "Installation," took place September 10, in the school auditorium. It was an eventful evening during which the Junior Miss Club officers took acceptance to the office to which they had

been elected. For entertainment the students saw a film about past years at SVA, showing the building of the school, and Elder Kauer teaching a group of SVA students.

On October 15, the little red school house was filled with possessions of sixteen girls and a dean. The building had been in remodeling process for some time. Praise the Lord, it's in use once again.

For the weekend of October 16-17 most of the students were away from SVA campus—some visiting relatives, some friends, and others enjoying their own home. Several of the students made special preparations to attend the Petersburg all day meeting October 16, and stay for the annual hayride on Saturday night. This was sponsored by the Petersburg young people.

May this find you in the best of spirits and abiding in the love of the Father. For as Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." —Carol Sue Mann

MIDWEST NEWS

Another month has passed at Midwest Bible College. As usual, the month has been full of hard work and lots of studying, but we also had some good times.

On the evening of October 9, we rented the local high school gym and had an enjoyable evening playing basketball, volley ball, and other games. Afterwards, we went to the college basement for refreshments.

The most outstanding event of the month was the Carmack Revival

which lasted nine nights—from October 22-30th. The students in the Directive Ministry class helped Elder Ray Moldenhauer in the meetings, and many of the other students helped out in singing specials. We praise God for the wonderful spirit and messages which He gave to us. But most of all, we praise God for those who went forward for the first time and gave themselves to God, and also for those who renewed their covenant and drew nearer to God.

Violet Knoll, Ken Knoll, Mark Ling, Mike Weir, Dan Camero, and Elder Dale Godfrey took a quick trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, and New Auburn, Wisconsin, the weekend of October 30.

On Sabbath, October 30, three people were baptized—one of them Jack Henderson, son of a MBC student, Jim Henderson. The revival was spiritually a success; we pray that it will continue in the hearts of all who were there—and never end.

Israel Bravo unfortunately had to lose a week of school due to tragedy in his family—the sudden death of his brother-in-law. We pray that God will be with him and his family at this time.

Each Sunday evening at 7 p.m. is our regular chapel service for all the students. On October 31, a special program was held, featuring John Selleck's singing. We regret that Brother and Sister John Selleck and family are leaving our midst as they are moving to Oregon. May God's blessings go with them. A special farewell gathering in honor of the Sellecks was held in the basement following the chapel service.

So ends another month for Midwest. As we continue to study God's

Word, we ask an interest in your prayers that we may all learn God's wonderful truth so we may go out and tell others.

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CAST THE FIRST STONE

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his grandmother's side in a futile attempt to revive her. The other youngster, seeing the terrible error he had made, fled the scene leaving his companion, who without thinking picked up the forgotten rifle. They found Jerry in a state of shock wandering through the trees.

After the first flood of relief rolled over her, Alice Franklin felt a deep pity for, and a desire to help the guilty fellow. Thereafter she was to spend much of her time working with him and other wayward boys, helping them find gainful employment, as well as pointing them the way to Christ. Gradually, Jerry returned to normal as he was able to grasp the fact that he was not responsible for the accident.

One glorious Sabbath morning Jerry and his mother entered the church together. He was happy for the first time in many months, and his smile was reflected in the face of his mother. Following a very inspiring sermon, Jerry humbly walked down the aisle and knelt at the altar. There, at the cross, he acknowledged his need of a Saviour and promised to walk in newness of life as the Spirit would lead.

Minuteman Program =

"Hanging by a Thread"

By Cecyl Fischer

I recently read an ad by a drycleaning establishment pointing out that knitted garments require special care in cleaning because they are woven with a continuous yarn and one broken thread starts an unraveling process. Sometimes I think our faith is much the same, hanging on one thread.

How much will your faith take? Does it hang on the thread of prosperity? health? family? pride? If something dear or important to you is taken away, does your faith go with it? If so, it is not faith at all. "Faith is the evidence of things *not* seen," (not of things seen). If someone you admire and respect lets you down, do you lose faith in all humanity and Christianity? If you detect hypocrisy in someone else do you use it as an excuse for your own behaviour? If so, your faith hangs by a very thin thread.

There can be no conditions on faith. It does not depend on conditions or on personalities or reward. Job said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." At this point Job had been stripped of everything he ever owned or loved, including his health. This was faith. When the three Hebrew children were about to be thrown into the fiery furnace they said, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us



2 Timothy 2:12

John 1:9

Psalms 111:10

Psalms 126:5

1 John 5:4

1 Corinthians 1:18

James 4:8

Proverbs 14:12

out of thine hand, O king, But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." This was faith. They weren't just hoping there was a God—they knew!

There are two ways of obtaining faith, and each is essential to the other. The first is by hearing. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Through studying the word of God we can learn from fulfillment of prophecies that He is truly God. We can learn what kind of God He is and what He expects of us. When we are convinced that there is a God, we can pray to Him, and through this communication actually experience God. The Holy Spirit will visit us and will in turn enlighten our reading of His Word. The more we use these two mediums, study and prayer, the stronger our faith will become. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." "Let us not neglect so great salvation."

We want your faith to be held by more than a thread. We want you to exercise and increase it. These verses which we memorize every month should be written on our hearts. We should carry them with us and they will increase our faith. At left are the verses for this month.

Books for Young People

by Clyde M. Narramore

This Way to Happiness A practical guidebook for daily living.

Paperback . \$1.95

Young Only Once Secrets of fun and success.

Paperback . \$1.95

Life and Love Paperback . \$1.95

Happiness and Marriage .50

Dating .50

How to Study and Be Successful in School .50

by Eugenia Price

Find Out For Yourself A book to help young people find their own answers.

Paperback . \$1.50

Never a Dull Moment Honest answers to honest questions asked by today's teenagers.

Paperback . \$1.00

by Rosalind Rinker

The Years That Count Inspiration and guidance for teens and young adults.

Paperback . \$1.00

2T₄G - Take Time for God

By Jessie Truman

AMOS --

Along the western coast of the Dead Sea and the eastern border of Judea rise rugged mountains and hills. There shepherds and herdsmen led their flocks to graze. There, too, grew the sycamore tree, valued for its fig-like fruit and its soft, durable wood. The city of Bethlehem lies in or near the border of the wilderness of Tekoa. It may have been in this general area that the angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Christ.

Nearly 800 years before this event took place a man of God tended his flocks in these hills and gathered sycamore fruit for a living. His name was Amos. The Lord spoke to him and told him to prophesy against Israel.

Amos prophesied against six nations besides Israel. Because Israel was a special chosen people of the Lord, she had enjoyed special privileges and blessings. She was a wealthy nation. But Israel had strayed from her Lord, a condition which often comes about with prosperity and ease. She had rejected God's Word and His prophets. Her people were drunken. They falsified their weights and money in order to cheat the poor. Degeneration abounded in the land.

Amos pleaded with the nation to "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph."

But Israel could not go unpunished for her many sins. The Lord would send a famine of His Word upon the land. The children of Israel would be scattered into all the nations. Israel would not exist as a nation. However, they were not left without a hope. The Lord promised to bring His people into their land again. They would restore their wasted cities, vineyards and gardens and would not be driven out. It is here that Christ will come to set up His kingdom at the appointed time.

Does it seem to you that we are living in times very similar to those in Amos' day? It does to me. Standards of living have

The Herdsman

from the Hills

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Nov. 25	Jonah 1
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Dec. 6	Nahum 1
Dec. 7	Nahum 2
Dec. 8	Nahum 3
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never been so high. We enjoy good homes, good food and too many luxuries. We are "at ease." Drunkenness and dishonesty are prevalent in the world. Idolatry surrounds us in many forms. And I think we could truthfully say there is a famine of God's Word throughout all lands.

The Lord is pleading with all His people in many ways. He employs earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, tidal waves and other unusual conditions to turn the thoughts of man to Him.

Jesus said, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: . . . and when these things come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25-28).

Amos' plea to "Seek good and not evil, that ye may live" is as timely today as it was in his day. Neither are we left without a hope, if we love the Lord. He has promised that "he that shall endure unto the end, the same SHALL BE SAVED."

The Editor's Page

A prominent attitude in this world today was unknowingly described by one small lad as he mistakenly referred to the children of a new college family, the Littrells. "I want to go over and play with the "little Neutrals," was his statement.

Isn't this quite the trend today? Everyone is playing with the "neutrals"—the little neutrals, the big neutrals, and anything at all—as long as it remains neutral.

All too easily this can be the sad inclination even of those who are called Christians.

It seems to become more difficult all the time to really stand up for an individual opinion or belief. The general trend is the ecumenical-type trend—"Everybody love everybody, and this means no asserting of your belief—regardless how well sought out the truths may be, particularly if it may disagree with the belief of another. Live and let live, and everybody unite together—all else diminishing for the sake of unity—no room for 'narrow-minded' fundamental truths."

So widely accepted is this attitude of conformity that one feels almost defeated before he begins. This is just the way the devil wants us to feel.

However, God expects more of us. God expects us to "be ready to give an answer." I think this includes being ready to volunteer an answer when the occasion calls for it. Can we employ neutrality here? Can we, as Christians, be a milquetoast about what we believe? God expressed His feeling on this matter when He said, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

It is important that we avoid adopting a negative attitude about everything that is generally accepted by the world—with no concrete reasoning for our attitude. But, at the same time, let's not use this as a cloak to hide behind when we are confronted with practices or opinions which are widely accepted by others, but in the light of truth and pure discipleship cannot be a part of our activity—or philosophy.

Could it be that one of Satan's most effective weapons is in the person of individuals who are obnoxiously over-zealous about what could otherwise be a worth-while cause? I think so. We become so apprehensive about being dubbed as radical or over-zealous that perhaps this is of greater concern

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From the Islands . . .

Reported by
Jewell Linville

University
Student,
Warlita Lim,
Writes

"YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE BIRTH OF A NEW FYC. . . ."

For some time we have wanted to establish an active correspondence with the youth of the Philippines. At last, we have had response from them and you can see by the following letter that they are anxious to organize an FYC and further the work of the Church in the Philippines, particularly among the young people. For this, we thank the good Lord.

The following is written by Miss Warlita Lim, a university student in Bukidnon, Philippines:

"WE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO WORK FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME. . . ."

"I was very glad to receive your letter and really heavenly joy filled our hearts upon knowing that you are willing to help us young people in the Philippines in furthering for His cause throughout the country. Certainly, we young people here are very willing to work for the glory of His name, but we only lack something necessary for this willingness and courage put into effect. I hope that you understand our situation, and as a one body of Christ, we are not ashamed to ask your cooperation and help for the youth's work in the Philippines. Yes, there's no time for us to delay for the harvest is white and the laborers are few.

"OUR CHURCH WORK IS NOT VERY NICELY GOING. . . ."

"Our Church work here is not very nicely going on as before when we were yet large in number. Just after the arrival of the . . . (another church organization), some ministers and young people went with them. But, although we are like this yet, we are not

discouraged. We even rejoice in the Lord for this happening as this is one of the signs of His very soon appearing.

"WE LACK AND NEED READING MATERIALS FOR THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN..."

"What are some of your youth's and children's activities? We lack and need reading materials for the youth and children. Sister Thelma Willhelm sent me three small books of short stories for children and we want some more other forms of literature. I hope you could send us. We would also like to have Faithful Youth Challenger Groups be established in our country. We have not organized yet.

"IT IS A BLESSING TO CORRESPOND..."

"...it's a blessing...to correspond with you. I think this is God's will that we may be helped for our service in Him in our Country.

*Your sister in Christ,
Warlita Lim"*

We all realize that this group of young people will need all our fervent prayers in order to successfully establish their FYC which they desire.

WE WANT TO HELP—WE WANT TO SEE IT BECOME A REALITY—IT CAN BE DONE—THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS! LET'S DO OUR PART AND HELP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHENEVER THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES. AND... the best opportunity you have right now is to pray for them. Let's not let this pass as merely a thought; but let's please offer an earnest supplication to God in the behalf of the YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES! GOD WILL SURELY BLESS YOU FOR IT!

—Jewell Linville

When Paul was in the ship en route to Rome, he took possession of it. When Jesus lay asleep in the boat in Galilee, He awoke to take possession of it. As I learn all the possibilities of life, I shall take possession of the ships on which I ride. I shall not again ride in a ship and let circumstances rule me. God dwelling in me, I shall make circumstances do His full will.

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FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

Evangelettes!

Keep in touch, Evangelettes! Your director, Calvin Burrell, may be contacted through the mail at Spring Vale Academy, Rt. 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

We want to encourage any young people who have not embarked with the Evangelette group to write for your evangelette booklet—then use it! It's a worth-while program in building your Christian life of service for God.

New National Chairman

We welcome Elder Dale Lawson as our new FYC National Chairman. We are glad for Brother Dale's enthusiasm and we know he will keep the ball rolling in our FYC activities. No leader can do his best without the cooperation and suggestions from his followers. Do your part in contributing helpful suggestions and encouragement.

Appreciation

For the past several years, the wonderfully zealous efforts of Elden Fischer, former National FYC Chairman, have been greatly appreciated. The many new programs and features which have been introduced to our youth have been effective in making a stronger young people's group in the Church of God.

We are happy to know that Elden will still be serving in the capacity of FYC committee member. May God continue to inspire and use Him to encourage other young people.

Youth Team Phonograph Record

Again may we remind you that a long-play record of the inspiring songs presented by our summer Youth Missions Team on tour, is available. These may be ordered from the Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri. The cost is \$4.00 each, or two for \$7.50, postpaid.

Your local youth group may want to order a quantity to distribute to your local congregation.

1966 Program Yearbook

Have you done your part in sending in contributions for the program yearbook which will be prepared soon?

Many groups have benefited greatly from this yearly booklet which offers excellent help and suggestions for successful youth rallies. Do your part to make it a success.

Sing for a "Bike"

The Stanberry FYC didn't "sing for their supper" one recent Saturday night, but they *did* sing for a "bike"—a bike for Brother Ohaji in Africa.

This event took place in the Stanberry City Park. After many inspiring

numbers were presented, including good orchestra music from Dan Camero, Jerry Pedersen, and Israel Bravo on the saxophone and guitars, an offering was received for the sole purpose of purchasing a bicycle for Brother Ohaji. In his country where a bicycle is his means of transportation, this will mean a great deal to him, we're sure.

Denver FYC Activities

Our group really had a nice time this month with our many activities.

On the 9th, we had our regular luncheon and Bible Study. The subject of the Bible study, which was led by Brother David Kauer, was "Prayer for the Sick." The menu was planned by Cindy Holzworth.

In place of the skating party which had been planned for the 16th, we went bowling in a group.

October 23rd, Colorado State Conference, was a special Sabbath in Denver. There were out-of-town visitors including our district overseer, Elder W. J. Kuryluk from Marion, Iowa, Brother Floyd Wishart from Grand Junction, Brother and Sister John Kiesz, and other ministers.

We welcomed Elder Nelson Caswell whom we expect to be our new pastor in the near future. He delivered the message for the Sabbath morning services. We hope he and his family will soon be moving here, and will be happy with his position.

Following lunch served in the basement, we gathered for a Young People's program with Dennis Holzworth as Master of Ceremonies. The program was planned by Donna Churchwell and Holly Rinne. The message for the afternoon service was de-

livered by Brother Kuryluk. It was a very wonderful Sabbath.

We are looking forward to a specially planned party for the young people on the 30th.

We hope everyone else is having an active Christian time.

God bless you,
Holly Rinne,
Denver AIM reporter

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THE WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH OF YOUTH

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impossible, by His help and wondrous grace.

A Reasonable Service

Here is a scripture that every youth should read often and heed: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). You notice here that such a presentation of the body, which includes all its faculties, of course, is *reasonable*. And O, how essential! Here is marvelous strength for youth, and for all mankind, which is in the will and power of God and in His wonderful plan of salvation.

O, dear youth, put yourself in just that state of body, mind, soul and spirit—if you have not already—and God will not only bless you beyond all language to express, but He will use you to His everlasting honor and glory, and at last land you safely in the Glory World!

EDITORIAL

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to us than the danger that we may not confess our wonderful Lord in the measure that we should.

The general attitude today gives Christ a place—but not THE place. We must not take this neutral attitude, nor be hesitant to speak for His cause.

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

If our concern for being accepted by the world surpasses our concern for the things of God, causing us to

"play with the neutrals," James 4:4 is for us: "...whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

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TWO SUNS

A man scoffingly asked, "What advantage has a religious man over anyone like myself? Does not the sun shine on me as on him, this fine day?" "Yes," replied his companion, "but the religious man has two suns shining on him at once—one on his body, the other on his soul."

—C. H. Spurgeon

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The youth who aims high will have to by-pass a lot of people who aim low.—*Isenhour*

DON'T MISS

The Texas Youth Retreat

A special weekend of inspirational services for the Young People

Place: Conroe, Texas
Date: December 24-26
Ages: 13-25
Cost: Only \$2.00 per person

Send your name, age, and address along with your \$2.00 to

Mary Jean Wilson
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Houston, Texas 77037

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