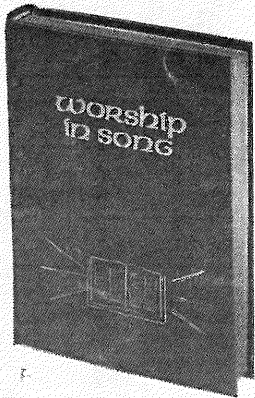


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When men do anything for God, the very least thing, they never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for Him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little ones.—FABER

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

All Out for Joe

By Gunnar Hoglund

It happened so fast. I was ambling down the hall at school, books underarm, my best buddy, Joe Anderson, beside me, when suddenly it hit me: *Joe is my responsibility*. Joe was a wonderful guy, but he wasn't a Christian. It was up to me to steer him to Christ.

I was willing to try, but how do you go about it? How does a fellow begin this business of soulwinning? It's a tough job, especially in high school where nearly everyone professes complete spiritual indifference.

Then I did something wise. I went to my pastor for advice. And there, in the quiet of his study, he told me the two steps to soulwinning.

"First," he said, "you've got to win Joe's confidence. You'll never get to first base until you get so close to him that he is willing to unfold his likes and dislikes to you. This may take a week; it may take months. But it's important.

"Next," the pastor went on,



"you've got to pray—and pray hard. Ask the Lord to crack his indifferent heart wide open. Ask the Lord to make your life a mirror where Joe can see Christ."

So, back to school I went, to give my pastor's ideas a try.

Joe and I had always been special pals. But now I went out of the way. I had him over to dinner at the house. We got a job sharing chemistry lab duties, went on bike hikes and played tennis together. Pretty soon we were conversing hours on end about everything from nitric

acid to who was going to win the pennant race.

Eventually it moved quite naturally toward religion. That gave me my chance. I told him what Christ meant to me. It wasn't an eloquent testimony, but it was from the heart. Joe nodded approval.

And all the while I was praying like everything.

Then I invited him to attend church with me. At first he played coy, but eventually he tagged along to some special meetings.

From then on things moved rapidly. On the final evening Joe listened intently as the speaker summed up the why and how of salvation. As we strolled home in the darkness, he didn't have much to say. But I felt that the Spirit was saying quite a bit to him.

A couple of days later he pounced on me outside school and said, "I did it. When I got home the other night I knelt beside my bed and gave my heart to Christ. And just like you said, it's wonderful."

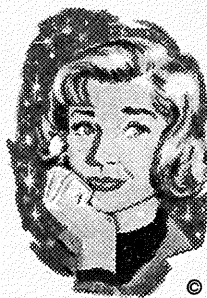
Joe came along fine in his Christian life. He dug into the Word, and in no time began flexing spiritual muscles of his own. A year later he was handling a Sabbath school class.

All this happened years ago, and a great number of the details have faded from my memory. But I'll never forget the two rules my pastor handed me for my personal soulwinning: friendship and prayer.

They worked for me. And they will for you, too.

"Train Up a Child..."

by Hannah Moor



JAN MARTIN looked at her watch. It was almost eleven o'clock. Where could Natalie be? Why didn't she come home? Jan visualized all sorts of accidents. Maybe there had been a car crash. Or perhaps Natalie was being stubborn just to show her that she was grown now and could live her own life.

Her thoughts slipped back to the night previous. Natalie was speaking—

"Mother, you know I'm not a child any more. I'm sixteen and quite capable of looking after myself. I'm sure you've given me a good home life, and you know that I'm a Christian, too. But I've never known anything else but religion. All of a sudden it seems so one-sided and stuffy. It's just smothering me, Mother, and I'd like to see for myself how other people live."

These words had taken Jan so by surprise she hadn't been able to collect her thoughts for a few moments and all she could think to say was—

"Natalie, your dad and I have done all in our power to help you to live for God. We know you must make your own decisions, but do you feel that we have failed you?"

The tall, brown-eyed daughter looked at her mother and smiled. "I know, old dear, you've done what you felt was right. But I don't think you know how hard it's been on me since I've been in Collegiate. There are so many other girls—and boys, too, that I'd just love to have as friends but I can't go with them to their entertainments and dances, always there's a barrier between us. Mother, tell me honestly, do you think that religion is the best thing for young folks when it robs them of so many pleasures?"

Jan put her arm around the

questioning girl. "It's not religion, darling, it's a real heart salvation, and those who trust wholly in the Lord Jesus Christ find that He is enough. He is a Friend that can meet every need of our hearts. And right now He can be a real Companion to you and satisfy every longing that you may have."

"Thanks for the sermon, Mother. Now I'll pass the collection plate." Natalie laughed as she picked up a book and passed it around to an imaginary congregation. Seeing her mother's troubled face she said hurriedly, "I didn't want to upset you, Mom, really I didn't. But you know you agreed to let me babysit and then work part time at the five and ten. You said it would be good experience for me. Now that I've earned the money I feel I should be able to spend it in the way I want to. I've been watching that simply gorgeous formal in Jason's window for two weeks and praying that no one else would buy it. It's the loveliest blue and tomorrow it will be mine, all mine. I'm going to shop in the afternoon and go to Aunt Grace's for supper. She'll help me get ready for the evening—I'm going out with Ralph Snelaby."

Jan felt very helpless as she knelt by her bed and told the heavenly Father all about the problem that confronted her. She had been very active in church affairs. She was a counselor and friend to many—and when others had said that it was a hard old world for the teen-agers, that they mustn't be

condemned if they sowed a few wild oats, Jan had always told of the keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Could it be possible that she was wrong? No. The Scripture said, "Train up a child in the way he should go..." She had done the training—now she must trust Natalie, and trust God.

Monday morning dawned bright and clear, such a glorious day for so early in May. Jan was kept busy with other duties; seeing that eleven-year-old Anne got to her music lesson on time, keeping young John out of mischief, and the hundred and one jobs that seem to fill Monday for every mother. But amid all the hurry her mind was ever on her eldest daughter.

Finally when supper was over, Jan slipped away to her bedroom again to pray and ponder. Perhaps she had been too strict with this daughter of hers, but she had always prayed for wisdom and had done what she felt was best. Did every mother feel this way when her girl went on her first date? And why had Natalie turned to Aunt Grace—had she failed as a mother? She had prayed for so many others, and it hadn't been hard to trust their problems to an ever-loving heavenly Father. But now it was her own, and it seemed the burden didn't lift so easily. If only it were some other boy besides Ralph Snelaby! He was handsome, of course, and Jan could see why any girl might be impressed with him. And he had a new

convertible. But he was an older boy and had quite a reputation for having "been around."

Now everyone else was in bed but Jan walked back and forth across the living room floor, pausing momentarily to draw back the window curtain a bit and peer out into the night. Through her mind over and over again ran the words, "Train up a child."

"This may just be a beginning," Jan spoke aloud to herself. "I must realize my daughter is grown now, and trust God to help her make right decisions." Her knuckles showed clearly white as her hands clutched tightly, the nails leaving marks on the tender palms. The wrist watch kept ticking away, telling that time was passing. Where was Natalie?

As if in answer to the question upon a troubled mother's heart, a bright gleam from car lights flashed on the window-pane. The anxious Jan relaxed a little—Natalie must never know how worried she had been. The car drove away; the door opened; a lovely Natalie stood, wreathed in smiles, her arms piled high with parcels.

"Mother, are you still up? I've had the most wonderful day. Wait until I put these boxes down and I'll tell you all about it." Taking off her coat she threw it into the armchair, then slipped out of her shoes and began—

"What a day! Oh, yes, what a perfect day! I looked through nearly every store in town and

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Youth Camp Testimonies

Well, first of all, I wasn't planning on coming to Youth Camp. But I'm glad I decided to come. I would like to confess that I wasn't a little angel the first five days at camp. But I praise God that I repented Friday night for all my sins I made the last year. God only knows how good I felt afterwards. I feel that camp has been a success for a lot of people who came.

And we appreciate Dale Lawson for coming. He has been a real blessing to me and, through him, I feel I got closer to God.

I hope he will keep on helping young people like myself.

I can't express how I feel now that I changed. I could keep on writing forever.

I want to go to Spring Vale this year. I hope and pray by the time you receive my testimony that I will already be attending Spring Vale. I want you all to pray for me that I will be a better soldier for Christ.

Liz Zaragoza

Well, I really didn't want to come to camp in the first place, because I thought it would be a drag. The only reason why I came is because I didn't have anything planned for that week.

The first couple of days I didn't enjoy it until one night I really got to thinking of my past life and of serving the Lord. Now I praise God

that I have repented of my sins. Now I'm really glad I came to camp. I thought it was a lot of fun, and it was a great blessing.

Woody Crawford

As a Christian teenager, I really enjoyed the blessings that I received. I felt that quite a few of the teenagers found Christ and a lot of them re-dedicated their lives to Christ. I also really enjoyed helping and praying with these teenagers. In doing this, it also helped my spiritual life and drew me closer to the Lord. Although Satan tried to disrupt our camp, we all fought back and I feel we overcame him. I just hope and pray that these teenagers at this camp and all the other teenagers of the Church of God will continue steadfast in Christ so that we may have a home in His Kingdom.

Glenn Moldenhauer

I am happy that the Lord made it possible for me to come to Youth Camp. I can really say it's been great and has helped me spiritually. It really is good to have fellowship with other young people and to worship God together. I have learned a lot in my different classes here at camp. God became very real and I hope that if you ever have an opportunity to attend youth camp, that you will do it.

Abram Camero

Camp really meant a lot to me; and when everything started going wrong, I knew the devil was working overtime to ruin our camp. But God is mighty, and mighty He is. He came down strong and was so wonderful that many were converted. Something that I really enjoyed about camp was the evangelism class. There we learned how we can witness in such a way that we won't go about it in a wrong way. Another thing I like about camp is that it gets us ready to go out and be able to face the world and not crumble, with the help of God.

Christie Norton

Well, I sure did enjoy the camp, and I am planning to come back next year. Even though I am a Catholic, I sure enjoy the Church of God. I am sure glad that my cousins asked me to come because I received a real blessing. Pray for me so that I can grow stronger.

Mercy Kujillo

I enjoyed camp this year because of the good evangelism classes which gave good pointers and suggestions on how to witness and because of the wonderful evening services which drew the ones that knew the Lord closer—and where campers dedicated and rededicated their lives to Christ. Although the devil was working hard to prevent a blessing, the blessing came through and we, through Christ, overcame.

I am sure if each and every one of us that went to camp this year will read the Bible and pray every day as much as we did at camp, we cannot fail to keep strong in the Lord and keep our position sure—that if we should die at any moment, we would not be with the ones to whom the Lord says, "Depart, . . . I know you not."

Sincerely,
Sharon Norton

Camp has been a special blessing for me. I can't really say what was best, so I'll tell a little bit about it. General Assembly was real nice because different preachers would preach a message really needed in our lives.

Evangelism class filled a great need for all of us. We learned several points for witnessing.

In the evening service, we really had a time to think seriously about God. We had an altar call every night and I feel that many people turned to the Lord with all their hearts. If you are seeking for a real blessing, and a closer walk with God, I invite you to go to camp. You'll never regret it.

Valerie Kester

I was really glad I could go to camp this year. I felt I really got closer to the Lord and received some real meaningful blessings. I have learned more in one week than I have learned during my whole life. Everything about the church makes sense and I pray I can become a growing member of your church.

Scott Stump

Teen

Guidelines

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Movies

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By Dale Lawson

Young people are often faced with a decision to make concerning whether it is right or wrong for a Christian to attend movies. Sometimes the decision is complicated by pressures from one's date or friends. Most, if not all, young people in the Church of God are aware that the Church stands **OPPOSED TO MOVIE THEATER ATTENDANCE**. Sometimes young people wonder what the basis for such a stand is. Here in "Teen Guidelines" we want to take a good look into the matter and see why the Church takes the stand it does and also see if that stand is scripturally valid. Our doctrinal statement on "worldliness" says, in part: "... Christians should not patronize such places as movie theaters, pool halls, taverns, dance halls, and night clubs. . . ."

QUESTIONS

Does the Bible support the Church stand against movies? Can't one be selective and go to only *good* movies? These questions and similar questions are important to young people—and should be answered. We want to take a good, honest look at the matter with you.

First, let's approach this matter of movies from the side of good Christian logic. To do this we need to analyze movies (the majority, at least) for content and purpose. Since the "hey day" of television, the movie industry at least for a time has been hardput to keep its lines of people going through the movie theater gates. To solve the problem, the movie industry began to portray more scenes that would entice people from their T.V. sets back to theater. Movie producers have bravely gone about as far as possible with sex themes, nudity and profanity in films. The baser emo-

tions of man are being played up and portrayed; and the carnal nature of man likes it. Violence, often vividly played, has become a real drawing card. Sin in almost every form is portrayed and glorified. Portrayals of sex, violence, and many other forms of sin have become the fodder that feeds our minds in our quest for entertainment. This is not an exaggeration! The greatest percentage of films today features one or more of these areas of sin, appealing to the baser emotions of man. The real problem is that sin is glorified and often portrayed as being the way that leads to happiness. This should cause us to think seriously. Not one movie in hundreds gives a healthy, true, Christian approach to life.

THE MARRIAGE IDEAL

Marriage triangles often end with the unwanted wife or husband being eliminated one way or another and the new couple finding happiness together. In movies, complete disregard for GOD'S ETERNAL PRINCIPLES seems to be the usual and accepted way of life. Many of the movies that are given great acclamation by young people (some in the Church) are those with themes portraying violence and sin.

The main selling points of movies in movie advertising are sex and violence. To get people interested in attending, illustrations of the sexiest or most violent scenes are used. The most ribald scenes of the entire film are shown, and, of course, this is what the WORLD LIKES!

Do you suppose that God is pleased with your being joyfully entertained by a portrayal of broken homes, remarriages, and adultery with or with-

out the benefit of remarriage?

VIOLENCE AND SIN

Do you suppose that God is pleased with your being thrilled in the portrayal of violence and sin? The hero or heroine receives all your sympathies, even though his life may involve such evils as immorality, drunkenness and fighting. Somehow in the right setting, it all seems to be quite funny!

Do you suppose that God is pleased with the off-color stories you listen to in a movie, that make you laugh—or the portrayal of pre-marital sex as not being so sinful after all?

Do you suppose that God is pleased with entertainment that causes you to feel hatred for people and to feel joy at a portrayal of their death such as one feels in vivid war pictures?

It is almost impossible to find a movie with a good story that is void of a "glorification of sin." The above-mentioned movie scenes predominate the movie industry because that is what people, carnal men, want to see. The real problem is that the stories are enacted with such skill that they grip you. That is why you fear when the hero or heroine is in danger, feel joy when all goes well, feel sorrow during misfortune, and perhaps feel anger during unfairness. The truth is that one begins to live the part of the individual in the film.

HOW ABOUT BEING SELECTIVE?

Often young people feel that they can be selective in choosing movies that would be all right; but what alarms me is that I have never observed one youth that attends movies, practicing selectivity. The good are

usually taken with the bad. Selectivity becomes an impossibility because not one movie in thousands can be acceptable for Christians to see. Some feel that Bible films are proper and that surely one could attend the theater to see a Bible story. The fact of the matter is that Bible films are oftentimes the worse offenders. Hollywood plays up the events and scenes from the Bible that are filled with opportunities to exploit sex and violence—and many times they fail to point out the end result of that sin. Concerning one Bible movie, I heard a young man at Oregon State University declare that he was "going to see it a second time because it had a terrific sex orgy in it." Quite often that is typical! To me, even the stories that involve Christ and His life seem to be outside Christian rights. I can't possibly see how we can enjoy watching a man (especially one who lives wickedly) try to portray the life of Christ. Also quite often the Bible story is changed in such a way that it does great damage to truth.

CHRISTIAN LOGIC SAYS . . .

What, then, does Christian logic seem to tell us concerning movie theater attendance? It supports the Church stand and helps us to realize that we truly need to separate ourselves from the world and be followers of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, we want to see what the Bible has to say in support of the Church stand concerning movie theater attendance. Perhaps you thought the Bible leaves the matter uncovered. REALLY IT DOESN'T. Notice Romans 1:29-32!

"Being filled with all unrighteous-

ness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Did you notice that the Bible names many of the things that make up a "good movie story"? One can hardly find a movie that doesn't portray these things for pleasure. Verse 32 says, "that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Notice that those who have pleasure in the doing receive the same reward as the doers. Now notice what Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 5: 3-12. Sometime you should read the entire passage, but presently we will notice just some portions of these scriptures. Verses 3-6 name various sins from fornication to idolatry and says people who do such things have no inheritance in the Kingdom of God. Verse 7 says not to be partakers with them. Verse 10 exhorts us to "prove what is acceptable unto the Lord" while verse 11 commands us to have "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." It doesn't say workers, but rather it says WORKS. Now read verse 12: "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Movies make pleasure of evil works and sin of almost every form. Romans 1:32 says this causes one to be worthy of
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Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

What is the accepted policy or feeling of the Church of God toward the women cutting their hair? If it is cut, should the women then wear hats, scarfs, or veils when inside the church? Some of the younger people (women) are cutting their hair, but there is sentiment among the older folk that all of the ladies should have long hair. After studying 1 Corinthians 11:5-16, I have come to the conclusion that this matter of hair covering was a custom of that time and not necessarily a command of the Church. Please comment.

ANSWER:

Ouch! You've just sent me into the thistle patch! Had you sent your name and address, I would have answered by personal letter. Since you did not, this is the only way I have of communicating with you.

I know of no accepted policy of our church concerning the question of whether or not the ladies should cut their hair or wear a covering to church services. The feelings on these matters are as varied as you could imagine. You asked me, and so I shall express my opinion. This is a subject that deserves much writing space. I

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



don't have it so I must list some points briefly.

1. You are correct in your conclusion that this was a custom. The word "ordinance" in 1 Corinthians 11:1 is the same as that from which the word "tradition" was translated which is found in Matthew 15:2. The tradition in this latter text was ignored by the disciples who were excused by Jesus. We cannot conclude from this that the custom mentioned in 1 Corinthians 11 should have been viewed with the same attitude that the tradition was in Matthew 15. It does, however, suggest a similar source and a possibility that the "ordinance" of wearing a covering could also be dated.

2. The "ordinance" or custom was a sign of authority. The woman wearing a covering demonstrated her subjection to her husband's authority. *There was no other meaning involved in this custom.* There is no Scriptural basis whatever for the sentiment that the wearing of a covering is a sign of respect to God. Hence, the question. Was Paul more interested in the fact that the women should show authority to their husband, or was he singularly insistent on the practice of wearing a covering? Obviously, Paul

was urging that the women give testimony of their subjection to their husband's authority. In those days a covering gave such indication. Now it does not. At present the sight of a covering on a woman's head is proof to none that she is in subjection to her husband. Hence, the custom no longer has value.

3. There is no mention of the word "church" in 1 Corinthians 11. Those following the custom must have their heads, or wives' heads covered during each prayer or Biblical explanation; that is, where she participates. If she does not pray or prophesy, the custom is not binding (Verse 5).

4. There is no mention in this chapter that either God, the Bible, or even Paul are asserting by ordinance that a woman should abstain from cutting her hair. He says that *Nature* teaches that "... if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her" (1 Corinthians 11:15). In other words, a woman naturally looks more glorious with long hair. The passage says no more than that.

5. Hair that has been cut is not necessarily short. The tendency to consider cut hair and short hair synonymous is misleading. Nowadays, I see hair on men that has been cut, but it is not short.

I agree that all women should have long hair, but I do not interpret this to mean that their hair must flow down their backs. Nor does this mean that I would oppose a woman's cutting her hair. When hair becomes too long to keep neat without excessive fussing, a shorter style can be pleasing. Further, I do not consider that long hair wrapped up into a ball on top of the head gives the illusion of glory to a woman. I don't mind it at all, nor do I wish to criticize it. It does

undercut any contention that a woman *must* wear her hair as lengthy as it can get.

As I mentioned previously, there are other viewpoints on this subject. Listen to others who may disagree. Please do not use the answer in this column to oppose the teaching of your pastor or other ministers who happen to be in your area. The opinions I have given here are sincere, but they are personal. The opinions of those around you are more important to you.

QUESTION:

The other day I was asked by this friend of mine to go to a party with other young people of my age. I didn't know too many of them. We weren't there long until some of the fellows got out some beer. Both the fellows and the girls drank some, and I was offered some, too. What should a person do in a case like that? Is drinking a little beer all that bad?

ANSWER:

The Chinese proverb says, "A long journey begins with the first step." The first step may not be so bad, but it is what you experience down the road that may undo you as it does and has many others.

Stay away from beer. Stay away from others who think that fun includes drinking it. Tell your friend that the next time he wishes to attend one of those parties that you would appreciate his asking someone else. The principles you uphold are much better than the can of beer that will wash them away if you let it.

Hope for the best; get ready for the worst; take cheerfully what God chooses to send.

A Basic Rule: If you receive services from another and you have no cash, then find a way to pay even by selling some other possession. The other person sells his services as a merchant his wares . . . so he can live and pay his bills. Consumer Credit offers a way if used wisely.

Family Financing

A Credit Manager's Viewpoint in the Granting of Consumer Credit

Lloyd C. Clark

We will highlight some points in borrowing money which may aid you in your understanding of a credit corporation. A loan is the evidence of someone's confidence in you and your ability to repay. Maintain this confidence and you will have the world waiting to serve you.

HOW DOES A CREDIT MANAGER MAKE DECISIONS ON AN APPLICATION FOR MONEY? Some fifteen hundred applications come to my desk each month, and decisions must be made. To meet the auditors of a Federal Corporation means taking a hard line on each application. An average of one thousand are accepted, meaning the placement of some four hundred thousand dollars into the hands of hourly wage earners to buy many things. Here is a key to our economy—and the "status symbol" plays its part in the whirl of modern economic system.

The question comes. *Why are the others rejected?* Our discussion will clear this question and will help your thinking relative to extension of credit. It should be another step toward better Family Financing.

Again we will use an illustration:

You want to purchase a new 1968 car. You request a loan of \$3800. This is the going retail price. You go to a loaning institution or to your Credit Union if you can possibly be a member of one and make a written application. It is your first loan from the lender. Thus the Loan Officers will ask for a rather complete history of yourself and family. It is not difficult but some questions are personal and all are important.

May I illustrate by referring to one question, namely: "Please list three local references, addresses and phone numbers. (Remember, all requirements vary with size of community, organization and policies of the local board.)"

One of our members refused to furnish this information so the loan officers refused to take his application. It did not get to my desk. He was

angry, and phoned me to express his mind. He was told, "This is our policy, and any further complaint could be addressed to the board."

You will also be requested to list all your bills with monthly payments. Following this, you will write and sign, "These are all my debts." (Did you know that some 70% or more cannot spell "debts"?)

There are important reasons for these references. In case a debtor would take bankruptcy without listing all debts, a creditor could appear in court, declare "fraud" saying, "had they known about the debts they would not have loaned the money." The Judge could dismiss the case or the creditor could request that their debt be paid in full outside of the bankruptcy. This has happened several times in our company.

WHEN THE APPLICATION REACHES MY DESK, SEVERAL LINES OF ANALYSIS GO INTO OPERATION. The person himself is carefully considered. What is his characteristic? We look at his place of employment. How long has he worked there? How long has he lived at his present address? Is he buying or renting? Is he married? How many children? What is his average net income? How much does he pay now on debts each month? What is the intended use for the borrowed money? Answers to these questions and several other factors go to make up the "character" or "stability" of the borrower. Each new account is thus analyzed and a rating is given.

Considering your own future, these points are levels in credit. As the level tips, so your interest rates will tip in most lending institutions, except in Credit Unions. Truth in lending has been practiced by Credit Unions since their inception in Germany many years ago.

The next consideration is your Credit Report. From the local Credit Bureau, for one dollar, your history can be secured from the time you arrived in the community. In most cases, this report will reach back to your first loan, with little regard to where it was made. Recently, we received facts on a member from Paris, France. We live in an "Exposed Society" where every man has a number and you buy and sell by that number. The Scriptures are fulfilled at least in part. Your past and your future is wrapped around that number. (The book, "The Naked Society," will tell you how these facts are secured and recorded in such repositories as Credit Bureaus. This reminds us of the Judgment "when the books are opened." If man can gather all the good and bad, how easy for a finite God!)

OUR CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING IS VERY LIMITED TODAY COMPARED TO WHAT IS COMING UP. A National Office is being established where your entire personal history will be placed on IBM cards in a machine tied into a national wire hookup. Each member company will pay some fifteen hundred a year to belong to this secret society. By dialing into the system, giving a code number and the social security number, you will receive the complete history of that person within four seconds. This is now in the process of programming.

Returning to the importance of this system to our borrowing, we will

find the person receiving an "A" report, with other things in order, could get his loan at once. A "B" report means you are a slow payer; perhaps you have had a collection, a judgment or repossession. In such a case, the borrower will be requested to furnish more collateral to support the loan, thus making it more secure to the lender. With a "C" report he could be rejected at once or reconsidered through a second interview by myself or by another member of the Board appointed for such purpose.

The credit report will also bring out the truth about his list of debts; any legal problems he has had as traffic tickets, court cases, jail or bonds, judgments, collections, etc. A man's past is an open record for a charge of one dollar.

In seeking more collateral, the borrower could offer other things that he owns as furniture, a boat, motor or another car. Once in the position where the things he owns is used for security, then he is but a tenant for the lender, working as a hired servant for his share of labor.

BACK TO THE APPLICATION. You ask for the price of a new car. Very few companies will loan the full price and it is unwise to so buy. The accepted plan is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the list or dealer's price. In the application we are reviewing, we will loan about \$2800. This may vary according to all the factors discussed above. The difference must be made up by a cash down payment, a trade-in, or a bargain with the seller and lender.

With these factors and other minor ones, the Credit Manager makes a decision. A point score system is used along with other decision-making factors. If in doubt, he may consult a subordinate or even take the case to another member of the Credit Department for discussion. Very few new applicants get their loan the first day, so time is taken in such cases. Older accounts may spend only a few minutes in processing a similar loan.

When the loan is approved, the check is written to the Auto dealer. The title is filed through the dealer with the State Office bearing the lien of the lender. The financing statement is filed with the Register of Deeds in the county where the borrower lives.

On the back of all security interest papers there are paragraphs of fine print. Unless you know your company and their policies, it would be wise to ask for a copy. Read carefully before you sign or complete your business on the loan.

I point out that back of all these brief statements there are hours of study and concern for both the debtor and creditor. In this process of commercial credit there is success or failure; the road to slavery or financial independence. The Bible concept, "Owe no man anything," must be reconciled and will be referred to later. To borrow money means to pay for this service—and you pay well. The first month's interest will be \$28.00 on your loan. You will be paying for 36 months, with a continual decline in interest dollars. You may not realize this because it is hidden in the monthly payments. In any case the borrower pays more and becomes poorer in the process, but is a real cog in the richest private-owned business machine in our nation.

Does God Live Here?

It was a little old dilapidated farmhouse with spacious but unkempt grounds and a tumbledown picket fence that had never seen a drop of paint. A stranger came walking along the dusty road, opened the gate, and walked up the path to the low door and knocked.

The farmer's wife answered the door. She expected to see a neighborhood friend, but it was a stranger standing there. He asked, "Does God live here?"

The woman was perplexed and dumbfounded, and did not answer. Again the stranger asked, "Does God live here?" But the woman was so confused that she could not answer. And the third time the man asked, "Does God live here?" But there was no answer, and instead, the woman closed the door and ran out of the back of the house. The man shook his head, and walked away.

At the barn, where the husband was working, the wife told him excitedly of the strange visitor. The husband blustered and floundered for words. He finally said, "Well, didn't you tell him we belong to the church?"

"No," answered the wife conscientiously, "that wasn't what he asked."

"Well, didn't you tell him I'm a deacon in the church, and you're a member of the Women's Missionary Society?"

But she answered, "No, that wasn't what he asked."

Together they pondered over the strange visitor, and the meaning of his mysterious question. And they came to the conclusion that they had only been playing with their pretensions, and that their home was not a place where God could live.

... Homes were instituted as places where men and women should live together in unity and happiness; where children should be reared into worthy lives. But many enemies threaten the home today—disrespect, disloyalty, lack of Christian atmosphere, little or no wholesome literature. Many parents have become lax in their discipline. In the fear of being old-fashioned, they are permitting their children to do things that are not only questionable, but often demoralizing and dangerous.

—Adapted from *Baptist Messenger*, Via *Sunshine Magazine*

California

by Helen St. Clair

It came! It went! But the impressions it left in the hearts of our youth will be far-reaching. Many young people found a closer walk with God.

Sunday, August 18, we piled into dorms, and then spent the day getting acquainted. Monday started off with a bang! At 6:30 a.m., we heard Elder Reuben Moldenhauer's voice over the intercom: "It's 6:30. Time to get up. It's 6:30. Time to get up." At 7:00 the campers had morning devotions in each individual dorm. 7:30 found the faithful, energetic ones down at the volleyball court for exercises. By 8:00 we were all starved and eager participants of a big, scrumptious breakfast.

Each day after breakfast the campers met at 9:00 a.m. for general assembly. Wonderful sermons were given each morning by the ministers on the staff. Monday's assembly featured Elder Nathan Straub who spoke to us concerning "Young People and Christian Responsibility." Tuesday,



The campers met outdoors for classes most of the time and this is one of the young people's classes on Sabbath.

Youth Camp 1968

Elder E. A. Straub gave a sermon showing how prophecy proves God and the Bible. Wednesday morning we were privileged to listen to Elder E. A. Straub again as he spoke on "Let Us Pray." He pointed out that healing comes from God and admonished young people to live dedicated lives for Christ. Thursday's assembly was taken by Elder Reuben Moldenhauer and he brought an inspiring sermon on seeking the Lord. His admonition to the young people concerned carelessness with salvation. Each person should serve Christ with full confidence, knowing that God will help him

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Oklahoma

by Sandra Lawson

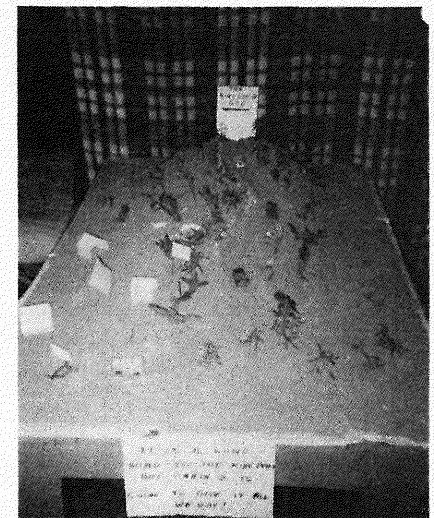
The annual District 4 youth camp was held this year at beautiful Lake Murray State Park from August 11-17. There were 75 campers and staff. The theme for the camp was "New Worlds to Conquer."

A very busy schedule was provided with the senior campers arising at 6:30 and the junior campers at 7. At 7 the senior campers gathered for a half hour of exercises; and by 7:30 they were very hungry and ready for a good breakfast.

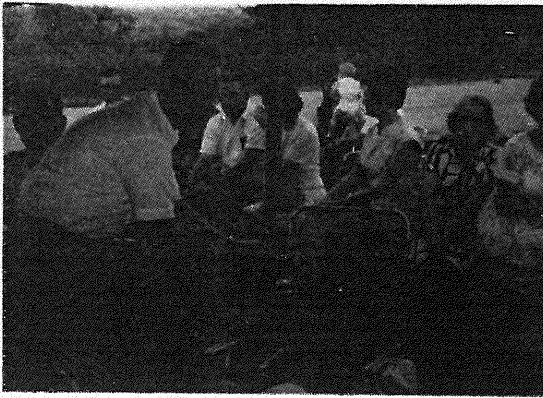
Morning devotions were at 8:15 with one of the staff members in charge. Then at 9 each camper went to his cabin as it was time for clean-up. The competition between cabins was keen since the cleanest cabin received a small banner which announced it to be the honor cabin of the day. Each cabin was graded on five categories: ingenuity, outside appearance, inside appearance, personal effects, and beds. We witnessed some very clever ingenuity this year;

each day most of the cabins would have a display, project, or some clever way of arranging their cabin. Everyone had a lot of fun. One day the campers took a tour through the honor cabins and were very impressed with what they saw. The picture below shows a display Cabin 2 (junior campers) made one day. At the end of the week, they had the most honor points of the junior campers, and received the prize—two big boxes of candy. One of the senior girls' cabins won the same prize for having the most honor points of the senior campers.

At 9:20 each day, everyone gathered for Bible Class. There were five classes: the juniors divided into two groups, and the seniors into three. On Sabbath afternoon, a program was presented to the parents and visitors



The junior campers in Cabin 2 had this display prepared one day for cabin check. The lettering reads: "It is a long road to the kingdom, but Cabin 2 is going to give it all we got!"



Allan Burlison presenting an honorary trophy to Donnie Lawson who broke his left leg in the broad jump.

to show them what had been studied during the camp classes.

At 10:20 we had a short break, and at 10:30 each day an assembly for all campers and staff was called. At this gathering, announcements concerning the day's activities were made, and the honor cabins were announced.

At 11 o'clock, the 9-14 year-old-campers divided into three groups for crafts, and the 15-25 year-olds gathered for a discussion group under the direction of Elder Padilla.

At noon, everyone gathered in the large dining room for lunch. The cooks this year were Ginny Brann and Gladys McCoy, from Conroe, Texas. They did a splendid job all week long; and everybody really enjoyed the wonderful meals they prepared.

12:30-1:00 was a rest period for all campers, and then at 1:15 the organized recreation began. Elder Kenneth Lawson was director of recreation this year, and kept three activities going most of the time. Elder Lawson was also the lifeguard for the swimming recreation, so he was extremely busy.

During the girls' swimming period, the senior boys played softball, and

the junior boys enjoyed volleyball. Mike Vlad was in charge of Junior Recreation, and did a good job keeping them busy. We changed the recreation schedule each day. Some days all would play softball; then two separate swimming sessions would be held for the boys and for the girls.

The girls had as a highlight of their recreation, a badminton tournament. Teresa Birkicht won and was awarded a trophy.

The boys and staff had a horseshoe tournament, and the games were very exciting. Elder Lawson and Steve Woods won this tournament.

At 4:30, campers had time for rest and cleanup; and at 5:30 supper was served.

At 6:30 the campers had music; and at 8 p.m. the evening devotions were held. This was truly a wonderful time for everyone. Wednesday night was a very outstanding service. After the message it thrilled our hearts to have 65 campers and staff at the altar seeking God.

After the evening service, everyone gathered in the dining hall for a snack before going off to their cabins for cabin devotions and bed time.

On Wednesday there was a "Mister and Miss Congeniality" contest. Each staff and camper voted for one boy and one girl who they thought was most worthy of this honor. Denis Burrell was voted Mister Congeniality and Teresa Birkicht, as Miss Congeniality. They were presented with a set of Daily Devotions in a lovely box.

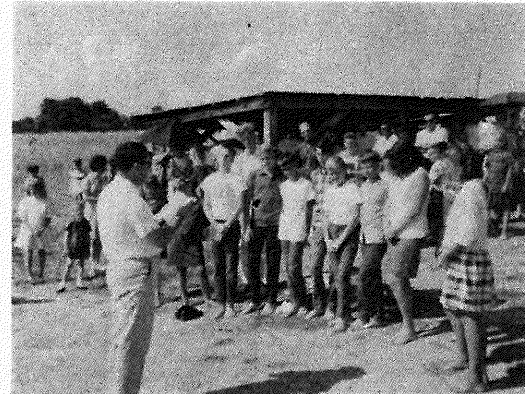
Also on Wednesday, following supper, everyone enjoyed a talent and stunt program. Each cabin presented a stunt and some type of a talent number. One of the best stunts was presented again Saturday night for the parents and visitors.

One rainy afternoon, Mike Vlad

demonstrated his juggling talents with three eggs. He did very well, until he dropped one on the floor, but that didn't stop Mike. He continued juggling two eggs with one hand which won him a big round of applause. An egg-catching contest was held between Mike Vlad and Ken Knoll, and poor Mike lost when the egg broke in his hand.

We believe our camp has the world champion TABLE WALKER. Larry Harris won this year by walking around the table 201 times, which beat Mike Mauldin's record of 200.

All of the campers seemed to enjoy the afternoon recreation. There were several contests: A swimming



Brother Padilla holding a baptismal class for the young people who requested baptism.

Thirteen young people were baptized on Sabbath afternoon. Included in this group was our first Mexican youth to attend youth camp here, Sister Areli Garcia.



meet for the girl swimmers—and one for the boy swimmers, a horseshoe tournament, a badminton tournament, and a volleyball tournament. In the volleyball games, the campers were divided into six teams, and a tournament was held. The winning team played the staff in a hilarious game in which the staff won 21-17. A track meet was held on Thursday, and all was enjoyed until the broad jump. Donnie Lawson made a terrific jump but, unfortunately, broke his left leg. An honorary trophy was presented to Donnie. We are sorry for this accident and pray for Donnie's quick recovery.

Friday afternoon was the camper-staff softball game. It was a good game all the way, 4-4 for a while, but then the campers began to pull ahead. In the last inning it was 7-15—campers favor. The staff managed to score 5 more runs, but it wasn't enough; the staff lost to the campers, who played an excellent ball game. Everyone had a good time, and that is the most important thing.

Saturday night an Awards Assembly was called, and all the campers who won in the contests received their trophies and ribbons. Steve Woods received seven first-place ribbons, two second and one third. He was voted "all-around-athlete" of the camp, and received a special trophy.

The real highlight of the camp was Sabbath afternoon, when we all gathered at the lake and witnessed the baptism of 13 precious young people.

This was an extra thrilling service as one of the girls baptized was Areli Garcia, Elder Carlos Garcia's daughter from Mexico City. She has been visiting with the Padilla family for the last 2 months. This was the first

youth camp she had ever attended since they have never had one in Mexico. She is taking pictures of our camp back with her to Mexico to show to our Mexican brethren. Elder Padilla baptized her in Spanish.

May God be with all 13 of these young people as they start their new life for Him.

We thank God for a wonderful camp, and for all the blessings received. It was a wonderful group of Christian youth, and may God keep them in the faith. We hope to see all of them and you next year.

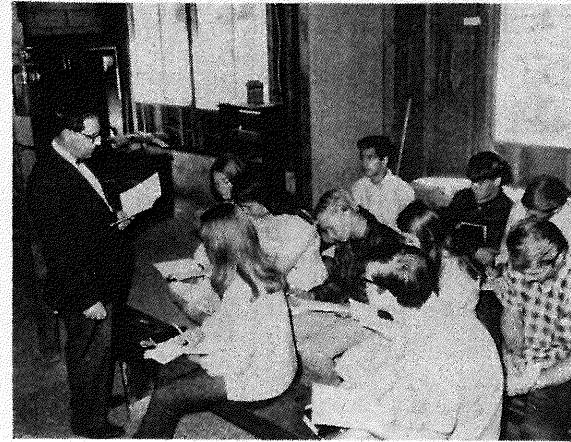
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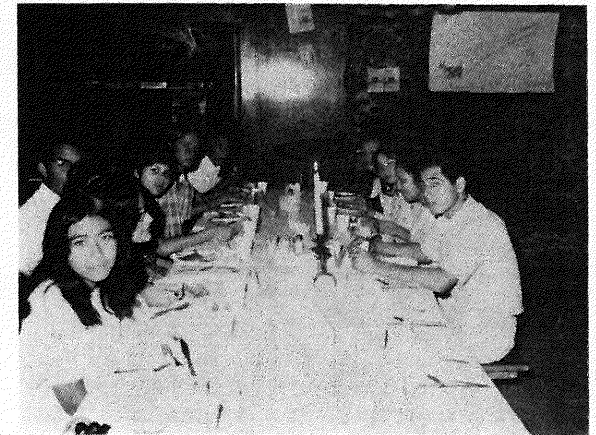
overcome if he truly seeks Him. Friday's assembly was conducted by Elder Dale Lawson. The topic was "Proof of the Nearness of Christ's Soon Coming." It was pointed out that young people can understand prophecy and the signs of the times. Each should be diligent as the end of this age is near.

At 10:00 each morning the campers separated for Bible classes. The students had lessons dealing with stewardship, proper use of time, and diligence in service to God. Elder E. A. Straub is pictured and he is teaching his class of older young people.

At 11:00 each morning, Elder Dale Lawson held evangelistic classes for the campers from ages 14-20. At the same time Sister Moldehnauer and Sister Petersen conducted a crafts class for the younger campers. In evangelism, Elder Lawson gave five prerequisites for successful personal witnessing. These were: personal ex-



Elder E. A. Straub teaching his class of older campers.



Campers enjoying a banquet during one of the evenings of camp.

perience with Christ, guidance from the Holy Spirit as one witnesses, prayer before each opportunity to witness, ability to use the Bible to help meet the person's needs, and a great compassion for unsaved people. After studying the prerequisites, Elder Lawson dealt with approaches. He pointed out that many times people make wrong approaches because the prerequisites have not been met. Each person is an individual and one must be guided by the Holy Spirit to lead him to Christ. Then it was pointed out that each Christian

should plan a witnessing program by "taking opportunities that come, and making opportunities if none come naturally."

After lunch and music practice, the campers engaged in recreation time. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday saw the campers involved in energetically playing softball games. Thursday, the campers were taken miniature golfing; and Friday they went swimming. The basketball and volleyball courts were used off and on throughout the entire camp.

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Only Two Cans of Tomato Juice

IT'S ONLY TWO cans of tomato juice, Lord. Must I make it right?"

I need not have asked, because the still small Voice in my heart had already told me I must.



It had all started that morning when one of the nurses in surgery sent me down to the storeroom to get some fruit juice. The doctors would need a refreshing drink after the operation they were performing.

Louise, a nurse's aide like myself, stopped me on my way. "Get me two cans of tomato juice while you're down there," she hissed in my ear. I hesitated.

"Go ahead. I always do," she assured me.

Frankly, I was a little afraid of Louise. I had been wanting to witness to her, but she seemed way beyond me. She was a teenager like myself, but so sophisticated. She smoked and swore, and had left home to live in an apartment by herself. Evidently she was accustomed to sneaking cans of juice out of the hospital for her breakfasts—or for her boyfriends.

"Okay," I agreed meekly as I hurried down to the elevator.

Unlocking the storeroom door I walked in and found the cans of juice. Dr. Boyer liked pineapple and Dr. Mayer, tomato. Guiltily I piled two extra cans of tomato juice for Louise on top of the others and turned to go.

One of the nuns had followed me into the storeroom. I must have looked guilty because she eyed me quizzically, pointed to my armload and asked, "What are you doing with those?"

"They are for the doctors in surgery," I answered quickly.

"The sister nodded and let me pass out into the hall. My heart was pounding furiously. I felt like a liar and a thief—and I was.

When I saw Louise I hastily gave her the two cans of tomato juice hoping that getting them out of my hands would make me feel better. But it did not.

"Thanks, Pal," she said with a wink.

I was miserable. How had I, a Christian, become involved in a mess like this? I should not have agreed to get juice for Louise in the first place. To make matters worse, I had lied to the sister to protect Louise.

How could I make it right? I hated to tell on Louise. I knew Christians should not be tattlers either. Suddenly I had an idea. I had told the sister that the juice was for the doctors. I would go to Louise, demand the tomato juice back, put it in the refrigerator in the tiny kitchen off surgery, and the doctors *would* drink it as I had said. The lie would be taken care of; I would not have to tell on Louise, and I would not be helping her steal either.

I took a deep breath. This was not going to be easy—little, insignificant me telling high and mighty Louise what to do. But hard as it might be, I knew I *must* do it. Yes, it was much better to endure Louise's scorn and fury than to keep this sin between God and me.

With a prayer in my heart for courage I walked up to Louise when I found her alone.

"Louise, I'm a Christian," I began breathlessly. "I can't take tomato juice for you. I feel awful about doing it. You give it back to me and I'll put it in the refrigerator for the doctors, or —" I hated to say it. "I'll—I'll have to tell the sister," I finished.

I felt like somebody else was doing the talking. Where did I get the nerve?

Louise shrugged. "Oh, all right, if that's the way you feel about it." I could not be sure, but I imagined I saw just a tiny glimmer of respect in Louise's eye.

With the tomato juice safely in the refrigerator, I breathed a sigh of relief and hurried back to washing the surgical instruments. Strange how it had all worked out. Louise had not become angry after all; I had made a start at witnessing to her; and best of all, I had peace in my heart again.

Besides all this, I had learned a valuable lesson. Whatever my mistake or sin, the only thing to do was to straighten it out right away! It was not nearly so hard to humiliate myself before a friend as it was to have something come between me and my Lord—even if it was only two cans of tomato juice!

—*Lighted Pathway*

"TRAIN UP A CHILD..."

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just see what I bought." Opening one box she brought forth a lacy white blouse and handed it to her mother. The surprised Jan could not speak.

"And I got a striped sport shirt for dad. I knew you'd never buy such a bright one for him and he looked so good in striped shirts; and this dress—" She held up a gay pink organdy, "is, of course, for Anne. Isn't it pretty? And here's the cowboy hat John has been asking for. And I got this skirt with

the wee houses on it for myself. Now how's that for an afternoon's shopping? Oh, yes, I've still got five dollars to put in the bank."

"But, dear, what about the formal?" Jan wanted to know.

"I went to Jason's and tried it on." Natalie's eyes looked away. "It is beautiful, Mother, just so super—but somehow instead of feeling like a princess I felt uneasy in it. When I looked in the mirror I remembered you telling us so often that no matter what the outside of a person was like it was keeping the inside beautiful that really counted. And I surely didn't feel beautiful inside. I told you I would spend the money I earned in any way I wanted, and I have, and now I'm so happy." The breathless girl squeezed her mother and then paraded around the room holding the swinging skirt in front of her.

"But, Natalie, what about Aunt Grace and Ralph Snelaby?"

"Aunt Grace is the best part of the afternoon, Mother. She knew how much I had planned on this day. I didn't tell you until last night, but I told Aunt Grace a week ago, and nearly every day since. Well, you should have seen the surprised look on her face when I showed her all my purchases and then phoned to cancel the date with Ralph. You know what she said, Mother? You could just never guess!"

"No, I can't even guess," Jan answered limply.

"I'll just tell you, Mother. She said she had watched our family serving God for quite a few years but couldn't understand how a Christian experience could be as real as we always said it was. And when she saw the way I had been acting lately she felt that she was right. But she knew the greatest desire of my life was to have the gorgeous blue formal and to go with Ralph Snelaby—I've been raving about Ralph to her for ages. Anyway, she let Carol go to the special young people's meeting at the church with me tonight, and she said they would go to worship service next Sabbath morning with us."

Jan sat as if in a trance. Could it really be true? For years she had invited her sister Grace to attend church but to no avail—and now so much that was good seemed to be working out of the day of turmoil.

"Carol asked about so many things that we were at the church talking to Pastor Mills until late. And Jim Cameron brought us home. He sang a solo at the service tonight, and is so much more interesting than all the other boys I know. I'm going to the Rally with him next Saturday night." Natalie kissed her smiling mother and slipped away to her upstairs bedroom.

Jan looked again at the gifts spread out on the chesterfield and wondered if she had really expected Natalie to come home in the blue formal with Ralph Snelaby. Her eyes filled with

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Editorial

In answer to the question, *Do you believe in God?* a college professor asserted:

"If you mean, do I worship Him, pray to Him in a church or synagogue? —No. If you mean, do I know about God? —Yes. I know He exists, but as a person involved with me—a person who is merciful, just, etc., —no. I do not believe in God in this way."

This agnostic stated quite accurately a fact of which you and I must necessarily be well aware. To know that God exists is not enough. This is not believing in Him in the true sense. To believe in God—as any Christian must—he must really be involved with the heavenly Father.

A youth who is reared in a Christian home may know for years that God exists. He may know all the things that people say about God. He may believe they are true. Yet to truly believe in a God Who is living in the heart is something else. There comes a day when this person feels a real tug within his own heart. There comes a day when he thinks of God and of His Son as really warm, special Friends. And when he opens his heart and truly accepts this saving friendship, he finds thereafter that required duties which used to seem dull become enjoyable. Joy is experienced because of this new-found fellowship with heaven.

Alas, he is involved. And he loves it.

Now he believes—truly believes, in God. —Not just that God exists and that God created the world—but that God is wonderful—that He cares—that He loves and gives—and then He loves some more.

"Faith is the link that binds our nothingness to Almightyness."

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MARK OF MERIT

by Nathan L. Lawson

This report covers a full one-half of the 1968 Mark of Merit year. Many of our FYC groups are carrying on a full program of activities for their youth. I am sure that their groups are being blessed by these many activities. There are still a lot of youth groups that we would like to see join the Mark of Merit Program. Several have dropped out of this program. I hope that you will be able to re-establish a program of activities for your FYC members.

Following is a report through the 2nd Quarter for 1968:

	Points	Bonus Points
Tahlequah, Oklahoma	280	162
St. Joseph, Missouri	240	22
Bloomington, California	205	172
Eureka, South Dakota	320	354
Tacoma, Washington	300	10
Spring Vale Academy	270	10
San Antonio, Texas	310	235
Midway, Oklahoma	260	27
Sacramento, California	285	17
Elmira, Oregon	330	366
Lodi, California	310	140
Ontario, California	320	339
Kansas City, Missouri	285	36
Stockton, California	270	25
Marion, Oregon	185	50
New Auburn, Wisconsin	280	148

The following FYC groups made a good start in the first quarter, but then failed to send in their reports for the second quarter, 1968:

Detroit, Michigan	135	52
Tulsa, Oklahoma	90	
Alfred, North Dakota	165	8
Wichita, Kansas	150	
Stanberry, Missouri	135	

Those of you who are completing projects for the extra bonus points should make sure that the projects you list could really be considered a project by your FYC group. We reserve the right to judge whether or not it can be counted for a project.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Construct a bulletin board for your FYC group in your classroom. This bulletin board can be used for displaying your awards and other material. You can post information concerning National FYC programs. You can also post the score sheets that are sent back each quarter from this program. This will help keep each member posted as to how well your group is scoring in the Merit Program. This can also be used to arrange attractive displays for your youth.

1967 SILVER AWARDS STILL HAVE NOT ARRIVED.

Those groups who won Silver Awards in 1967 will have to wait a while longer before they receive their awards. We have not yet received these awards. They will be sent out as soon as we receive them.

May God bless each one of you young people as you faithfully work for Him.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP

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Each evening the campers gathered around the fireplace for the campfire service. As Elder Lawson conducted the services, the campers enjoyed a special closeness to each other and to God. You will be able to notice that in the testimonials written by the campers after camp was over.

On Saturday night, after service, the campers hiked to the top of the mountain. From there they could view the entire San Bernadino Valley. It is a valley just filled with lights—and a real sight to behold. When showers came, it was feared that the hike would be canceled, but after a little pleading by the campers, the

hike was on. The showers had just settled the dust enough to make it real nice. It was a wonderful hike, highlighted by a short devotional at the very peak of the mountain. That was the official conclusion of our youth camp services. Many, many spiritual blessings were gained by the campers. May God bless them and keep them strong.

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

MINUTEMAN

The Overcoming Life

By Carol Millican

"Wrath Killeth . . ."

How often have you heard someone exclaim about another person, "Oh, he has a terrible temper!" or "He certainly is a mild-mannered person"? It seems that temperament is one of the most noticeable traits of personality.

The Bible has much to say about our tempers. It continually extols the merits of "longsuffering" or "patience" and continually denounces "wrath" or "anger."

Not long ago I read this bit of wisdom from a calendar, "Beware of anger of a patient man." This shows that if a person has a reputation for a quick temper, his frequent outbursts are likely to be ignored. So the characteristic of being able to control our tempers is not only a trait that is important because we are Christians, but because it helps in our relations with others.

Proverbs 22:24, 25

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Matthew 5:22

Ephesians 4:26

Job 5:2

Romans 12:19

1 Thessalonians 5:9

As Christians, however, we are called upon to exercise control over our tempers to a greater extent than the world expects. Two verses from our list this month stress this point especially: Job 5:2, "Wrath killeth . . ." and Matt. 5:22, "Whosoever is angry with his brother . . . shall be in danger of the judgment. . . ." It is hard to find stronger language than this! This is a real test in keeping the spirit of the command, "Thou shalt not kill."

If you will pick up an encyclopedia or a book on psychology you will find that extreme anger can cause deadly poisons to be released in the body. You have probably

heard of people dropping dead in the heat of rage. When we are angry and say harsh words to a neighbor, we may "kill" them psychologically. So the Bible warning that "wrath killeth" is certainly no idle statement.

The verses for this month stress the importance of controlling our anger. May they help us to be more patient in our dealing with others.

MOVIES

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death. Ephesians 5:12 says that it is a SHAME TO EVEN SPEAK OF THOSE EVIL DEEDS; yet, some would contend that Christians may feast with their eyes on such works and enjoy it.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER "CUT"?

The activities portrayed on the screen often do not stop when the director says "CUT." The result is many broken marriages in real life. Sometimes the leading lady gives birth to the baby of her actor friend. This happened again recently in the life of an actress after the making of a highly praised film. Do you suppose that God is pleased by our taking pleasure in such activities?

TV MAKES MOVIES RIGHT?

Some make excuse by pointing out that it is surely all right, because everyone watches the same things at home on the T.V. To answer that, I would like to quote from Calvin Burrell's remarks in the last "Teen Guidelines" article: "Let's examine some issues closely: The same hate, crime and murder that is wrong for you to commit personally, is wrong

for you to watch and enjoy on the T.V. screen. The same unnatural and immoral sexual behavior that is sinful when shown in the movie theater downtown, is just as sinful for your entertainment when portrayed on a T.V. screen in your own living room. . . . The Bible states it simply and flatly: 'ABHOR (hate) that which is evil' (Romans 13:9)."

CONCLUSION

In the light of what movies are, their purpose and content, Christian logic says, "Avoid movie theater attendance." The Bible COMMANDS that we take no pleasure in the evil portrayed.

In the city of Milan, Italy, there is a rare and lovely cathedral. When I looked upon it the first time, someone used the descriptive phrase "frozen music." Above the massive doors of this cathedral, which has stood so long, is a threefold statement of great wisdom. This is what you may read: "All that which pleases is but for a moment. All that which troubles is but a moment. That only is important which is eternal."

Denson N. Franklin in
Which Way Forward?
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2T4G Take Time For God

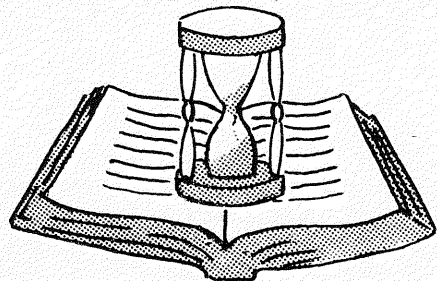
by Kathleen Roche

"There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; the conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; the locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; the spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces" (Proverbs 30:24-28).

In the Bible we read about many outstanding men and women who were able to do great things for the Lord. But we also read of little things which people did. It encourages us to know that even though we may not all be able to do the great things we would like to, God is pleased with us when we are faithful to do what we can.

It has been said that "the smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention." We may set our goals ever so high, but the only thing that counts in the end is what we have accomplished.

The Bible reading outlined for this month includes the story of David and Goliath. When the Philistine giant, Goliath, defied the Israelite army, David was just a youth. But he decided it was up to him to defend the name of the true and living God, so he volunteered to go out and meet Goliath. The only weap-



ons he chose were his shepherd's staff and a slingshot. But this slingshot was a little thing in David's life that made a big difference at the right time. God used David's "little" to do big things.

Maybe some of the "little things" in our lives are not so little after all. Anything we do can be for God's glory. We don't stop being Christians when we leave church on Sabbath. We should act like Christians at work, at school, at home, or wherever we go. Even these little things in our lives should count for God. And whatever we do, Jesus Christ should be a *big* part in our life—"for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
I looked over life's great harvest field, And thought, "What can I do?"		
The needs are great, the fields are white, But laborers are few.	Sept. 15	Judges 17
If I could preach like sainted Paul, Or write up something new,	Sept. 16	Judges 18
I'd only be too glad, but, oh, There's nothing I can do.	Sept. 17	Judges 19
If I could start in life anew, And have a higher aim,	Sept. 18	Judges 20
I might accomplish more and reach Some pinnacle of fame.	Sept. 19	Judges 21
But time is short, my means are small, And talents very few;	Sept. 20	Ruth 1
So in despair I sit and say, "There's nothing I can do."	Sept. 21	Ruth 2
But, hark! I hear from out the gloom, "Whate'er is done by thee	Sept. 22	Ruth 3
To one of those, My little ones, Is done as unto me."	Sept. 23	Ruth 4
The little things shall be my work His praise alone I'll view,	Sept. 24	1 Sam. 1
Nor will I ever sadly say, "There's nothing I can do."	Sept. 25	1 Sam. 2
	Sept. 26	1 Sam. 3
	Sept. 27	1 Sam. 4
	Sept. 28	1 Sam. 5
	Sept. 29	1 Sam. 6
	Sept. 30	1 Sam. 7
	Oct. 1	1 Sam. 8
	Oct. 2	1 Sam. 9
	Oct. 3	1 Sam. 10
	Oct. 4	1 Sam. 11
	Oct. 5	1 Sam. 12
	Oct. 6	1 Sam. 13
	Oct. 7	1 Sam. 14
	Oct. 8	1 Sam. 15
	Oct. 9	1 Sam. 16
	Oct. 10	1 Sam. 17
	Oct. 11	1 Sam. 18
	Oct. 12	1 Sam. 19
	Oct. 13	1 Sam. 20
	Oct. 14	1 Sam. 21

by Julia A. Shelhamer

news and reminders . . .

National Registration

Registrations have begun to come into the F.Y.C. office. Presently 228 young people have been registered. Missouri has registered more than any other state so far with 58 registered, while Oregon is second with 39. We are expecting many more groups to register. If your group has not registered yet, we will be looking for yours. Just send the names, ages, and addresses of all your F.Y.C. members to the National F.Y.C. Office at 316 Willow, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

Gift Subscriptions for Foreign Workers

We are looking for F.Y.C. groups that would like to give subscriptions so that the leaders of our F.Y.C. groups in foreign lands can have AIM Magazine and follow the work of F.Y.C. groups in this country. If your F.Y.C. group is interested, please write to the National F.Y.C. Office, 315 Willow Street, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

FYC Motto Contest for 1969

The National F.Y.C. will be selecting a MOTTO for 1969 and we would like your help. 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.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD . . ."

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tears. She had learned a lesson in trust. Natalie had spent her money in the way she had desired most, bringing happiness to others. And Natalie had somehow reached Aunt Grace.

Jan switched out the bed lamp and smiled in the darkness, confident now that whatever problems were ahead of her in raising her family, she could trust a wise Father. Never again would she doubt—for did not the Scripture plainly say, "Train up a child in the way he should go . . ."? —*Gospel Herald*

TAKE OPPORTUNITIES

Lord, I'd like to have a little talk
with You, if You don't mind.
I know it's getting kind of late,
but prayers should not be timed.

I'd like to say before I sleep,
I know I've fallen short
Of all the things You'd hoped that I
would give a good report.

Remember when I was at home
and all my fam'ly, too?
There was a work for me if I
had only heeded You.

And later on when I received
Your Son within my heart
I wondered why I'd ever been
so slow to make the start.

I guess I should have told the world
about your grace and love
As soon as I had known the peace
that came down from above.

And, Lord, why did I fail when I
was leader of the youth
To show them zeal and faith and love
and leadership and truth?

Why did I let myself become
so concerned with only me
That I let fear, old Satan's tool,
keep talents back from Thee?

At S.V.A. I learned a lot
'twas really good for me;
I got a lot of blessings great—
but, was I one for Thee?

Lord, please forgive my foolish ways,
and each day guide me straight
So I won't falter in your work,
and always think—too late.

I can't undo my past mistakes,
but, Lord, a favor, please?
Tell those who see where I have failed,
"Take opportunities!"

—*Anonymous*