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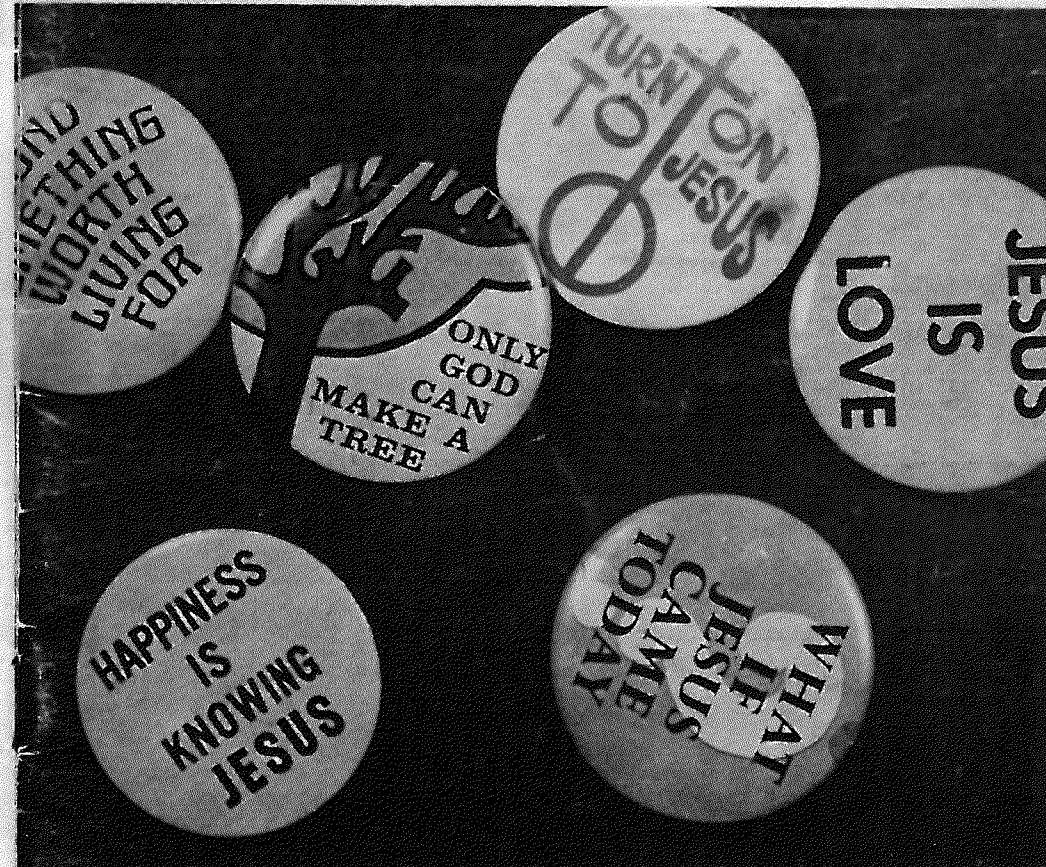


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"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord...." (Isaiah 43:10)

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"Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried."

—GILBERT CHESTERTON

EDITORIAL ETCHES

Since the Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapped Patricia Hearst two months ago, several men, women, and children across the country have fallen victims to similar kidnappings acts committed by similarly irrational people.

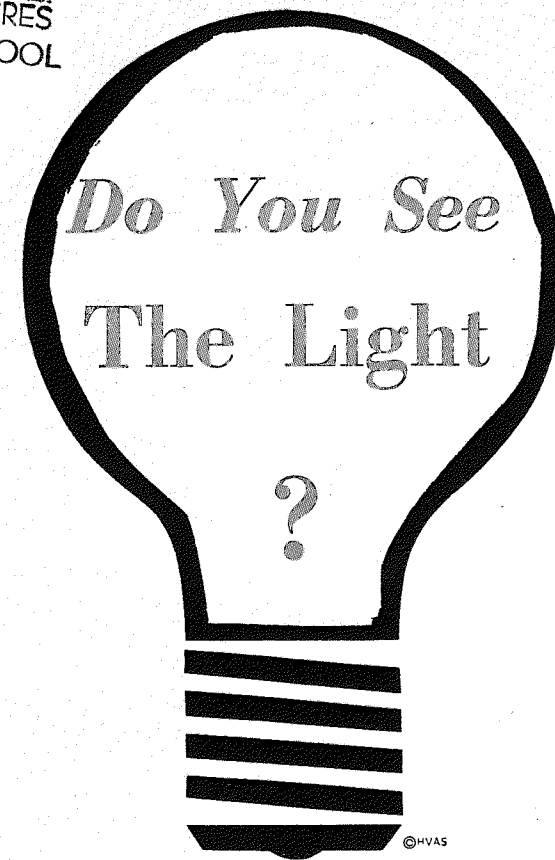
Since the first news of streaking hit the nation's newspaper headlines and was given vivid pictorial coverage on television news broadcasts, big cities and small towns throughout the U.S. and in other countries have experienced these nude debuts. We first heard of these streaking events occurring on college campuses; now we are daily hearing about people—both young and old—streaking through crowded downtown city streets, in grocery stores, restaurants, school yards, on buses and airplanes, and even as they parachute from helicopters!

Since the film "The Exorcist" has received rave-ratings, millions of Americans are standing in long waiting lines outside theater doors making the film the year's most smashing success!

If the Patty Hearst kidnapping, the first college campus streaking and the film "The Exorcist" had not received such staggering amounts of publicity via the nation's news media, it is rather unlikely that the siege of nationwide kidnappings would have occurred, that streaking would have earned the title of "The Nation's Newest and Fastest-Growing Sporting Event," and the film "The Exorcist" would have be-

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL



by Steve Kurtright

Amid the cries of Jesus Christ Super Star, "Jesus people" are now on the move. From the Midwestern college campuses to the back streets of New York City the ring of gospel rap sessions are sweeping the country. Oldsters are bewildered, to say the least, about the changes taking place in thousands of American youth. One West Coast mother said that at least when her daughter was on drugs she could understand her, but now, Christ has made an impossible difference. *Illicit pot parties have given place to all-night prayer meetings, and sex exploits have given place to Bible reading. Let's face it! The move has been toward God and to the study of the Bible. No longer is religion, church and the Bible just for the pious, but this movement has helped to bring Bible study and reading out of the preachers' studies and into the schools and homes of everyone.*

Why is it, then, that so many of us shy away from study of the Bible? Is it because of the hypocrisy and the various doctrines that are prevalent today? There is only one way to find what is right and what God's doctrines are! That is to STUDY. Now, I realize that the study of the Bible has been avoided by many, but your fears are unfounded. Always remember, the Bible was written with YOU in mind! II Timothy 3:16 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* ALL scripture is inspired of God, a statement that should cause you to WANT to know all you possibly can. Does any other book make the claim that the Bible does? *All scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, and correction.* With claims and promises like these, how can you fear to study? It is a wonderful experience to search the scriptures for all they have to offer.

The Apostle Paul gives us the admonition to study and rightly divide the word of truth. Christ Himself tells us that we should not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. By further study

we can see that He was talking about the Holy Scriptures inspired in their entirety by God the Father.

The Bible is written for you and contains all truth and wisdom. It is up to you to find it. Apostle Paul tells us to study, and Christ says we are to live by the very words of God. For any sincere person this should be enough admonition.

Bible study is important for many reasons. You want the truth, and Christ tells us in John 17:17 that the word is truth. *Study of God's Word will lead you to Jesus Christ and the peace that comes in knowing Him. Study will lead you to the full realization of what Christ is and what His truth can do in your life. Accepting Christ as your Savior not only enhances your earthly life, but entitles you to have a part in His great promise of eternal life.* You are not able to do this just by listening to what everyone has to say. Millions today profess the name "Christian" simply because some preacher told them that it is a good and right thing to do.

We have entered into an era where most things are questioned. No more are facts just swallowed
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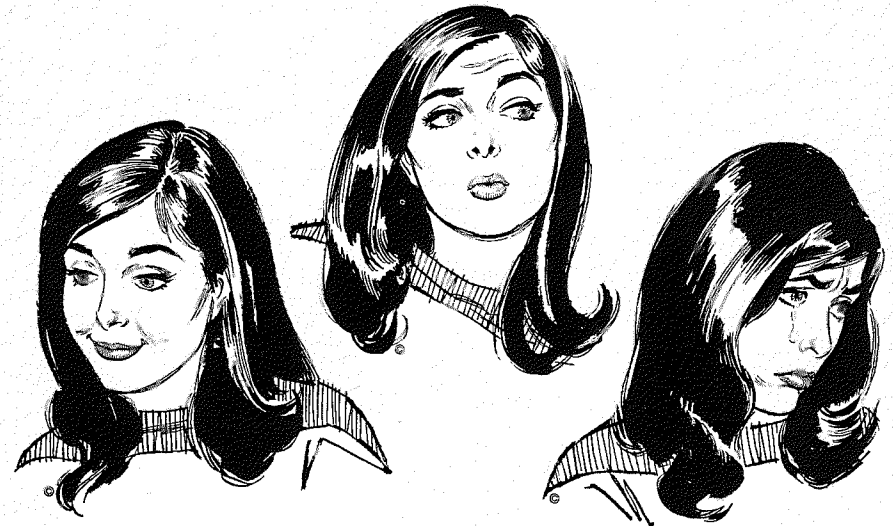
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Wait? Why Wait?

By Mary Holbert



"Wait! Mom, you always tell me to wait! Why do I have to wait?" groaned Joan. Joan was a pretty, petite, vivacious teenager. Her dark hair tilted in a curve below her shoulders and bounced energetically at the toss of her head. Her dark blue eyes shone with her indignation. She wanted to accept a date with the new boy at school, but mother was saying WAIT until you know him a little better.

Actually Joan wasn't at all sure she did want to go out with Jim. Rumors had been flying that he was on the wild side—drove too fast for one thing.

"Oh, well," sighed Joan, "it really wasn't the question of a date which roused my ire. It was that word wait. Honest, you'd think parents and teachers..."

As an after-thought she added reflectively, "and preachers."

Joan was active in school functions and in church work. She

found time to do volunteer work at the hospital. Energy to spare—that was Joan—good grades in school too! Sounds like Joan was quite a girl! Well, just don't tell her to WAIT! That's what mother told her often enough. No patience, her Dad said. Temper, her brother Bill said. I'm not understood, Joan said.

Right now, Joan's blue eyes were sober and reflective. "And preachers," she mused, "whatever made me think that?" Joan was in her room, relaxing in her favorite chair, looking out at the garden with its blaze of color.

"Wait a minute! Why do I connect preachers with parents and teachers? At church conference! Sure! That sermon. What did the minister call that sermon?" Joan stopped her train of thought with a chuckle.

But her thoughts were soon reactivated. "I need to think about that sermon," smiled Joan remembering the title, WAIT ON THE LORD.

"Where is my Bible? I thought at the time I'd look those things up. I just couldn't quite believe all the 'waiting' he preached about," persisted her thoughts as she finally found her Bible on the lower shelf of the stand by her chair.

A small frown between those blue eyes made Joan look angry; but, no, she wasn't; the frown vanished and a happy shine appeared in those same blue eyes. She found her notes. "A lot of notes for one sermon," she thought, as she looked up some of the references she had in her notes.

"Ah," Joan said aloud as she pondered Romans 5:3, "...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience."

Joan looked up the word "patience" in a dictionary and found that it denotes calm endurance or self-possession, especially under suffering or provocation. Then she looked up "wait": To be in expectation (for) or to stay or remain in readiness for action.

"Well, it certainly takes patience to wait for events to decide what you are to do," thought Joan, as she read James 5:10, "...Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

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Mary McMicken Holbert has been active in writing for our church publications since childhood when she wrote letters to the children's paper. Mary, who enjoyed a career as a high school math teacher, and her husband, George, an elementary school principal, have recently retired from the teaching profession and now reside in Parkersburg, West Virginia.



SPEAKING OUT



Make A Joyful Quiet!

by Jim Fischer

In the February AIM an article was presented entitled "Is There Strange Fire in Our Music?" Since the article is an opinion-type article, I was pleased to see that the editor placed it in the "Speaking Out" column. Although this article I have prepared for the same column is also opinionated, with the addition of a few musical facts, I hope to present a different view of the current trends in religious music.

I, myself, dislike both secular and religious rock music, but realizing that this dislike is based on aesthetic judgments (which cannot always be explained logically), I don't feel that I could reasonably say that one person's favorite type of music is "bad," while my favorite type is "good." I am sure that not everyone en-

joys the same type of music I enjoy, just as we have different likes and dislikes pertaining to anything which—to some extent—must be based upon an aesthetic judgment (food, colors, types of cars, etc.).

Although I am not taking direct quotes, I am going to comment on three ideas which were prevalent as the author gave her opinions concerning rock music:

- (1) the music is too loud
- (2) rock music was not originally intended for worship
- (3) religious words do not necessarily make a song religious

TOO LOUD

GENERALLY, DYNAMIC LEVELS (LOUD AND SOFT) DO NOT CHANGE THE STYLE OF A PARTICULAR SONG. If a mike and amplifier make a religious song a non-religious song, then by the same reasoning we could conclude that the song "Abide With Me" would be a religious song when sung by a 50 voice choir and would be non-religious when sung by a 1000 voice choir.

In the Old Testament we are admonished to "make a joyful noise..." Some readers may feel that this is not speaking of a literal noise (Webster's Dictionary: loud, confused, harsh or discordant, . . .), but I'm afraid they might be wrong. The Old Testament speaks of using cymbals and trumpets in worship; a cymbal is not soft, and the Old Testament trumpets were not the kind of trumpets with the melodic and brilliant sound we know today. The modern trumpet has only been around for a few hundred years and its Old Testa-

ment relative—minus valves and curves—was used primarily as a loud, fanfare instrument capable of producing notes on only one overtone series. *If some of King David's musicians were to play their instruments at one of our services today, we might very well be able to ask if there is strange fire in our music.*

NOT ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR WORSHIP

ASIDE FROM THE MUSIC BY BACH (FOR SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCH WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS ORGANIST) DURING THE BAROQUE STYLISTIC PERIOD, ALMOST NO STYLE OF MUSIC HAS BEEN ORIGINALLY INTENDED AS A RELIGIOUS STYLE. Musical styles have usually changed with the political changes of the world, such as the Classical stylistic period coinciding with the feudal system of government and the Romantic stylistic period coinciding with the beginning of the French Revolution.

There has never been a "re-

*ligious" style of music that has remained the same since the first music was ever composed. Religious music has always changed as major stylistic changes have occurred. A good example of these changing styles can be found in our church hymnal *Worship In Song*. This hymnal contains musical styles from each stylistic period in the last 300 years. Quite a few of the hymns have the Baroque style, and this style was generally a religious one, but many others are characteristic of the other styles which were not originally devised as religious styles. Examples of these are hymns written by Mozart (p. 375), Beethoven (p. 74), Mendelssohn (p. 15), and Sibelius (p. 19) who were composers who did not write in the Baroque stylistic period and who did not write their secular music in one style and religious music in another style.*

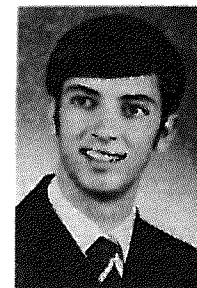
If we would refuse to sing any style of music which had not been originally intended for worship, our church services

would consist of very little music. Since many people in our church are not too fond of the traditional hymns, music in the church consists mainly (probably 90%) of the gospel type of music. It may surprise some that gospel music and rock music have their roots in the same basic musical style—jazz. It may be more surprising that jazz was not originally intended for worship, but was used mainly for musical entertainment in bars and houses of prostitution in the New Orleans area in the early 1900's. Now, if we're only going to use music of a style which was originally intended for religious music, we should discontinue using gospel music in our services; and, gospel music is the type of music which we use most often!

Musical styles are determined by the composer's use of the musical elements (form, rhythm, expression, harmony, and melody). Many times we feel that one type of music is quite different than another type, when actually, there has only been a slight

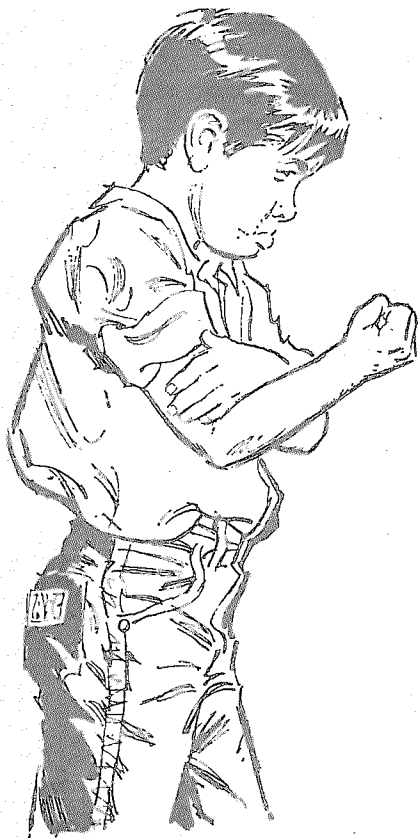
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How Mature Are We?

by Lucinda Robinson



It has been said by some that the definition of maturity is "the ability to recognize your responsibilities without being constantly reminded of them." Applying this striking definition to our lives might cause us to land in an undesirable "immature" bracket. aware that accepting and fulfilling responsibilities just hasn't been our best virtue. As we consider our "mature" status in light of the definition given, remember also that as professed Christians the responsibility of achieving and sustaining a close, spiritual walk with the LORD is upon our shoulders!! It wouldn't be so hard to attain and sustain a deeper consciousness of the LORD'S presence in our lives if we would personally take on the responsibilities He has given us. Consider also the tremendous Christian example we would be to those around if our lives were completely in tune with the will of God... POWERFUL!!

Being perfectly honest with ourselves, it's probably apparent that the "rotten apple" in our Christian life, which hinders that longed-for successful daily living for Christ, is our personal lack of desire to **repent, change and conform** to GOD'S standards and demands! This is the hidden, well-kept reason for "flunky Christianity."

We say we are sorry for our past life and that we want to change and follow GOD'S way, **BUT** do we ever really give up the old way and really get down to meeting GOD'S standards and demands? We may be one of many young people who at conversion do nothing more than camouflage

old sins with Christian performance!

For some strange reason, it is commonly thought that the LORD, with His infinite power, will mysteriously take over our life when we confess we want to be His, and will **make** us conform to His will. This misconception never happens, nor do the LORD'S standards of true Christianity alter to meet our way of thinking if we are unable to bring ourselves to His standards. The "flunky Christian" secretly hides his personal inability to conform **completely** to GOD'S way of living and covers up by rationalizing that the standards God has given for His people fluctuate with each individual and are governed by situations in life!!

When we accept Christ as our Saviour, we must through much prayer, concentrated study of His Word, and sincere giving of our lives, examine **every single aspect** of our present life... "**Behold, ALL things are become new.**" It is our **RESPONSIBILITY**, individually,

to conform **completely** to GOD'S standards or else be found lacking when Christ returns. The verdict rests in our Christian "**MATURITY.**"

Our formula for Christian "maturity" is "**willingness to humbly comply with GOD'S way without any rebelliousness.**"

Never forget that our example for Christian living is not found in a person but in the perfect life of Christ given as a pattern for us to follow. To reject or minimize the true example of Christ and follow man's rationalized concept of "Christianity" is to gamble our eternal life on man's understanding of GOD!!

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (II Peter 3: 17, 18).

Lucinda Robinson, who attended Midwest Bible College last year, lives in New York City where her husband is serving his ministerial internship.



"THE TROUBLE WITH SOME OF US IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN INOCULATED WITH SMALL DOSES OF CHRISTIANITY WHICH KEEP US FROM CATCHING THE REAL THING."—Leslie D. Weatherhead

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by
Dale G. Lawson



QUESTION

Why do young people get married so young when they don't know what they are doing?

ANSWER

There are lots of reasons! I will give you a few of them to show what I mean.

Some marry because they want to get away from home and be on their own. They even confess (through their tears) to that being their motive.

Others marry because their friend (friends) get married.

Then there are those who marry because they mistake infatuation for love.

Some marry because they mistake physical drives for love. This is often caused by improper dating standards. Related to that, there are those who marry because they have become physically involved and feel obligated to marry.

Sadly, it is very difficult to convince young people of those "improper motives" once they are caught in the trap of any one of them.

But you have something going for you, because you now recognize the problem. Here are some hints that should help young peo-

ple avoid any improper motives for marriage.

Ask God to guide you in your selection of a mate.

Establish, if you haven't already, proper (Christian) standards for dating.

Give yourself enough time to be absolutely sure your motive is a true, God-given love.

QUESTION

What is Biblically wrong with dancing?

ANSWER

There are some good guidelines you can find in the Bible that will help you know what is wrong (sin) and what is right. These guidelines should direct your Christian life and activities.

If an activity violates God's law, it is wrong (I John 3:4, Rom. 3:20).

If an activity is warned against by the Word of God (e.g. drunkenness) then it is wrong (sin).

If an activity produces an improper lust (lusts of the flesh) in you, then it is wrong (sin). (Gal. 5:19-21, note v. 21).

If an activity defames and destroys your Christian character and name, then it is wrong.

Dancing very often fits the last two guidelines.

Some people refer to Bible references and examples of dancing as allowances for social and modern dances today. One should remember that those dances mentioned in the Bible were joyful praises of God.

QUESTION

What is your definition of a good Christian?

ANSWER

Is there any other kind? I cannot imagine a "bad" Christian. There certainly are new (babe) Christians and mature Christians. A Christian is:

A follower of Jesus Christ's life example and teachings.

One who possesses the spirit of Christ (I Peter 2:21 and Rom. 8:9).

One who keeps the Commandments of God and has the testimony (faith) of Jesus Christ (Rev. 14:12 & 12:17, I John 2:4).

This means that he has accepted for his life the steps to salvation as outlined in the Bible and that he then lives his life in obedience to God as a follower of Jesus Christ.

If you have a problem or a question, you are encouraged to write to: Elder Dale G. Lawson, P. O. Box 108, Cloudland, GA 30709. Questions requesting a personal answer through the mail are honored, as well as those for print.

DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT?

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by everyone. The rules and mores of society are looked upon with a critical eye by young and old alike. They are being torn apart and revised to fit today's modern world. People are now finding that society has distorted ideas, and has deceived the majority into thoughts and actions that have been proven false.

This same point of deception is true of most religious bodies today. For years people have been preaching doctrines contrary to Bible teachings, and many have been deceived. *If we love not the truth God will send a strong de-*

lusion that we will believe a lie. Those who believe not the truth shall be damned (II Thess. 2:11, 12). These verses point out the importance of knowing what the Bible offers in the way of truth. To find the truth and find our place in the kingdom of God we must love the truth. The Bible will reveal the deceptions and fill you with God's saving knowledge. It is time for you to start asking questions and comparing the answers with the Word of God.

It is your responsibility to search and seek the real message of the gospel. No longer can you afford to take opinions of others for the truth. If your desire for truth is

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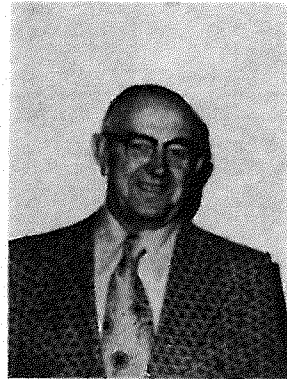
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The National F.Y.C. is pleased to announce the placement of another VISTOC worker . . .



On January 1st Brother Ed Keim from Harrisburg, Oregon (but originally from Canada) began a one year term of service as a VISTOC worker for the local church at Stanberry, Missouri. Brother Keim is busy with daily activities such as visiting the sick and elderly, conducting home Bible studies, distributing tracts, and assisting the pastor, Elder Ray Moldenhauer, with the local church program.

We are thankful for Brother Keim's service to the church through the VISTOC program, and will have a more complete report of his activities in a future issue of AIM.

Winners — Again!

The dedication, drive and determination of the Joplin FYCers resulted in their receiving the honor of being the Lighthouse Award Winner for the second consecutive year. This active group of young people enthusiastically completed many service and outreach projects during the past year as well as conducting monthly youth rallies, a good National Youth Week program, special fund-raising projects and other regular activities such as rest-home singing, tract study and distribution, Bible study and cleaning their church. They met together every week to share blessings and burdens, for Bible study and for growing in the Lord together. For the Joplin F.Y.C. participation in the Mark of Merit program was more than just striving to win a prize—it became a channel of service for the Lord!



Members of the award-winning Joplin F.Y.C. are as follows:

Back row: Alvin Overman, Deanna Overman, Sharon Overman, Raymond Overman, Raymond Riggs and Roger Overman.

Middle row: Alva Overman and Ruth Overman.

Front row: Janice Henderson, Janie Henderson and Betty Riggs.

WAIT A MINUTE!

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"Job certainly learned patience through tribulation," thought Joan. "I can imagine that Job in his distress said as did David, 'My soul, wait thou upon God; for my expectation is from him' (Psalm 62:5)."

"What did the Bible say about Job? Oh, yes, here it is. After all his tribulation, 'the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning . . . ' (Job 42:12)."

"Moses," rambled Joan's thoughts, "he was another who remained in readiness for action—all those years in the wilderness of Midian—the loneliness, the roughness, the brooding on suffering of his people as slaves in Egypt, and of God's age-old promises. God called Moses when it was time for action and Moses responded. He molded a race who had been slaves into a powerful nation (with God's help, of course) which altered the course of history according to God's plan."

Joan thought of others who waited on God for Him to use them mightily in His own time. Paul, for example, resided in Tarsus doing what he could for God, waiting there because the disciples in Jerusalem had been afraid of him and his past. But after the wait, God used Paul in a unique way.

"But why," questioned Joan, "all this waiting? Why have the patience to wait? What references did the minister use to answer that? I remember now."

She turned first to Psalm 37 and read verses 7 and 9, "Rest in the Lord, and WAIT PATIENTLY for him: . . . those who wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

"I'd better reread verse five too," concentrated Joan, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Now sum that up, my girl! Yes, commit thy way unto God, wait patiently, and thou shall inherit the earth."

Joan sighed, "It isn't easy to have patience and give God a chance to work things out. Lamentations 3:25, 26 is good for me to think about, 'The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should HOPE and QUIETLY WAIT for the salvation of the Lord.'"

"Looking at one's self objectively," thought Joan, "isn't easy. Right now I can see that my impatience and reckless enthusiasm have been a trial to my family. And I can see these traits have interfered with my spiritual life. I've got to remember NOW my Creator in the days of my youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1 is the chapter and verse for that! There's another verse too—'It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth' (Lamentations 3:27)."

"What a deal! Bear a yoke in your youth!" These were the first thoughts of Joan; but then she remembered some verses in Matthew. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; . . . FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT" (Matthew 11:28-30).

"My, I do need to make some changes; improve my impatience by being patient; and direct my enthusiasm more consistently in the service of God," decided Joan. "I won't mind bearing a yoke, God's yoke, for it is easy and light!"

At a sudden thought, she turned the pages of her Bible rapidly; then stopped. She found the verse she knew she needed, and read silently and joyfully, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Joan closed the Bible and breathed a soft earnest prayer to God. She was ready to commit her life to God in a way she never had before; to remain in readiness for action wherever and WHENEVER God willed—with His help.

What do you think? Was Joan really able to make this change? Have you problems with your personality? Are you able to take an objective look at yourself? Do you need some changes in your life? Are you remembering your Creator in the days of your youth?

DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT?

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strong enough, you will stop listening and start studying.

The real gospel message will open up with diligent study. No longer does time allow for deceptions to distort the realities of God's Word. *The time of the end is close and it is needful for you to start redeeming the time.*

When you study, mean business with God. Make up your mind to get the most from your studies. If you are sincere, the Spirit will lead you into the truth. It is important to remember that study without the guidance of the Holy Spirit can become misleading and

dull. The key to understanding the treasures contained in the Bible is in YOUR sincerity and willingness to be led of God.

Just like any other study there are literary dangers. In studying be certain that all of your conclusions are Biblically based. Do not read a few verses and then draw a conclusion. Study the subject entirely and come by the answers the scripture holds. It is important that you study through and find all verses that relate.

REMEMBER, MEAN BUSINESS AND BE SINCERE IN YOUR STUDY. PRAY TO GOD THAT HE WOULD GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. START TODAY AND FIND OUT WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW.

SCOREBOARD

1973 WINNERS

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER—Joplin, Missouri F.Y.C.

Congratulations to the Joplin F.Y.C. This is their second consecutive year to win the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD. During 1973 they earned the GOLD MARK plus 2432 bonus points in the Mark of Merit program.

RUNNER-UP FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE AWARD—Lodi, California

This active group earned the GOLD MARK plus 775 bonus points in the Mark of Merit program.

GOLD MARK WINNERS—500 Pts.

- Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Lodi, California
- Nampa, Idaho
- Marion, Iowa
- Joplin, Missouri
- Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- Elmira, Oregon
- Eureka, South Dakota
- Tacoma, Washington

SILVER MARK WINNERS— 350 to 499 Pts.

- Ontario, California
- White Fox, Sask., Canada
- Detroit, Michigan
- South-West, Michigan
- St. Paul, Minnesota
- Claremore, Oklahoma
- Harrisburg, Oregon

1973—Year's Totals

FYC	Merit Points	Bonus Points
ARKANSAS		
Delaplaine*	208	347
Fort Smith	530	483
CALIFORNIA		
Bloomington*	293	269
Lodi	585	775
Los Angeles*	153	110
Ontario	362	872

Sacramento (Spanish)*	100	90
San Jose*	185	230
CANADA		
White Fox	480	140
IDAHO		
Nampa	565	667
IOWA		
Marion	580	310
MICHIGAN		
Detroit	450	78
South-West	385	71
MINNESOTA		
St Paul*	440	534
MISSOURI		
Joplin	550	2432
Kansas City*	90	
Stanberry*	150	90
NEW MEXICO		
Roswell*	100	57
NEW YORK		
Manhattan*	340	478
NORTH DAKOTA		
Alfred*	335	230
OKLAHOMA		
Claremore	355	336
Shawnee	310	510
Tahlequah	550	402
OREGON		
Elmira	505	332
Harrisburg	470	1038
Marion*	325	511
SOUTH DAKOTA		
Eureka	505	332
TEXAS		
Houston (English)	220	77
San Antonio, (Spanish)*	285	90
WASHINGTON		
Spokane*	300	227
Tacoma	535	491
Walla Walla*	248	167
WISCONSIN		
New Auburn*	225	172

*Did not participate the full four quarters

MAKE A JOYFUL QUIET!

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change in one of the basic elements. It may be interesting to see how similar some of our church hymns are to rock music and to music of the jazz style which we have determined to have a non-religious origin.

The basic rock rhythm consists of 4/4 time with a straight eighth-note underlying pattern. Often, rock music has a type of verse and chorus, and the harmony usually consists of three main chords—the first, fourth and fifth degrees of the major scale. The hymn on page 441 of *Worship In Song*, "Elijah's God" could stylistically be considered as a rock song. "Elijah's God" is in 4/4 time, has a straight eighth-note underlying pattern, has a verse and a chorus, and consists of three main chords. This is not the only hymn in our hymnal that has rock characteristics, but many other hymns have either one or more of the same characteristics.

Dixieland jazz was the first type of jazz, and its 32 measure AABA form was one of its unique features. AABA form means that it would have four 8-measure phrases in which the melody would be the same in the first, second and fourth phrases, and would be changed in the third phrase. Although the hymn "Farther Along" (*Worship in Song*—p.

442) has only 16 measures, the four 4-measure phrases have the same form (AABA) as a dixieland piece.

Another characteristic of jazz (both early and present) is the "call and response" pattern where one voice or instrument will sing or play a short melody or phrase, and then one or more voices or instruments will echo either the exact melody or a slightly different phrase. Quite a few of the hymns we sing in our churches have a similar type of "call and response," such as, "On the Jericho Road," "Anywhere Is Home," and "The Awakening Chorus."

It's very difficult for me to accept the idea that we should discontinue using any style of music which was not originally intended for worship, especially when we see that many of our hymns are similar to types of music which were not originally intended for worship.

DO RELIGIOUS WORDS MAKE A SONG RELIGIOUS?

MOST MAJOR COMPOSERS WHO WROTE BOTH SACRED AND SECULAR SONGS DID NOT CHANGE THEIR STYLE OF MUSICAL WRITING, BUT LET THE TEXT DISTINGUISH THE TYPE OF SONG IT WOULD BE. Mozart and Haydn are two composers who wrote in the Classical stylistic period, and both wrote sacred and secular music; musically,

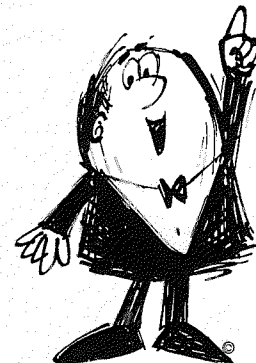
their operas and other secular works are not unlike their oratorios and other sacred works, but are all written in the Classical style. Beethoven, who wrote in both the Classical and Romantic stylistic periods, changed his style of writing from one period to the next, but both his secular and sacred music changed in style. The composer Sibelius wrote a large, nationalistic, non-religious work entitled "Finlandia," and later, religious words were added to one section of that work. That section now appears as the hymn, "Be Still, My Soul" on page 19 of *Worship In Song*. As was mentioned earlier, the hymns we sing by Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn were written in the same style as their non-religious songs—only the words are different.

It is my opinion that both religious words and the attitude of the performers are what make a song religious. Although there have been many different musi-

cal styles, they all have enough characteristics in common that we would not want to term one style more religious than another.

The reason that mild rock (I doubt that any hard rock has been performed in any of our churches) religious music may not be too acceptable to us is that we are not familiar enough with it. A student of music history will know that hardly any style of music has been appreciated in its own time, but rather the musical styles of previous periods are the most popular. There are very few major composers whose music was appreciated while they were still living. With understanding and patience, we may all learn to appreciate all styles of music—even the few gospel-rock songs which may be presented at some of our services.

*The musical facts above may be found in music theory, music history and history of jazz books at most major university libraries.



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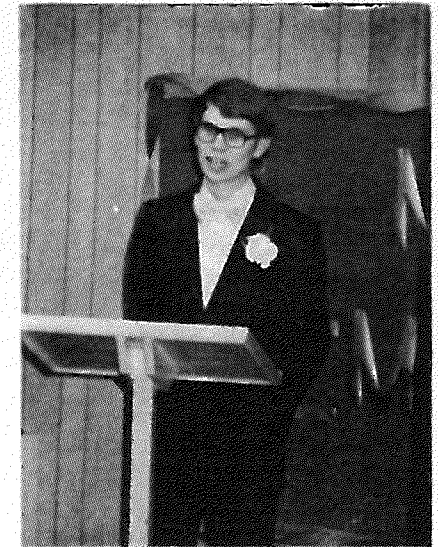
“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

... But NOBODY Is Perfect

God *does* instruct us to be perfect, but He also tells us that our own efforts *will not* make us perfect. The only way we can obtain perfection is through His love transforming our hearts and lives. Then that inner perfection will definitely begin to exhibit itself in good works, and outward perfection will result from our inward perfection of heart. We are totally dependent on God's grace and cannot make ourselves perfect without it. *Let us allow God to control our thoughts and actions so that we can be perfect in heart.*

Read the following chapters paying particular attention to the verses listed:

READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY EVERY DAY.						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAB.
	1 II Scm. 22:33	2 Ps. 18:32	3 John 17:23	4 Phil. 3:12	5 Heb. 9:9	6 Heb. 10:1
7 Heb. 13:21	8 I John 4:12, 17	9 Is. 26:3, 7	10 Ps. 101:6	11 Matt. 5:48	12 Matt. 19:21	13 I Cor. 2:6
14 II Cor. 13:11	15 Ps. 11:7	16 I Thess. 3:10	17 I John 2:5	18 I Cor. 1:10	19 Eph. 4:12	20 Luke 8:14
21 Heb. 6:1	22 Col. 3:14	23 Col. 1:28	24 Gen. 17:1	25 James 1:4	26 James 3:2	27 Gen. 6:9
28 Job 1:1, 8	29 Job 2:3	30 I Cor. 13:10	APRIL, 1974			



M. B. C. Memories

by Randy Dow

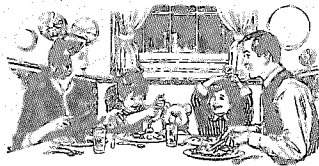
As February third approached at Midwest Bible College all the students were involved with the planning and preparation of one of the main events of the year—the annual banquet. “M.B.C. Memories” was selected for the theme of the banquet in honor of the many exciting things which the students have experienced since last August on campus. Work began on choosing parts for the program and picking the menu for the special supper. Slowly everything took shape and the day arrived.

An air of excitement filled the college community during the day as final arrangements were completed. Plenty of students volunteered to help in the decorating of the college cafeteria. It seemed that everyone took a part in putting up the decorations or was busy with practicing for the program.

At six o'clock in the evening all preparations were finished, all of the guests were seated, and the meal was served. The fare for the evening was a turkey dinner by candlelight. There were over seventy people in attendance including the college students and staff, the college board members, and others. All thoroughly enjoyed the food, which pleased those who had spent hours preparing it.

The after-dinner program was in two parts, a devotional followed by entertainment. After the devotional an entertainment program began which included many moments of memory for the students and faculty. The program ended with a song about “Moments to Remember” written especially for the occasion by many of the students who had something special to remember. As we leave Midwest Bible College at the end of this year we will have many happy memories to take with us and many true friends as we travel down life's road.

To Eat . . .



Or Not To Eat

“And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine” (Lev. 20:26).

How has the Lord severed us from other people? How has He set us apart to show that we are His people, that we are holy just as He is holy? The method shown in this passage is by separating the clean and unclean animals. Lev. 11:44-47 further emphasizes this by saying that we should sanctify ourselves and be holy because He is holy and that we should not defile ourselves by eating unclean animals.

Although many people today attempt to prove that we are no longer to keep this law, **nothing in the Bible indicates this**. In fact, we know that Peter observed the law because of the vision which he had (Acts 10). This passage is often used to try to disprove observance of the law, but it was not intended for that purpose. Rather, it further shows that we are to continue to observe it. In verse 14 Peter said that he had

never eaten anything that was unclean. The Lord went on to show him that he was to treat Jew and Gentile equally and to not be prejudiced. Salvation is for all as is shown in verses 34, 35.

Through a thorough study of the scriptures we find that the law of clean and unclean foods was instituted at creation and existed prior to the giving of the Law of Moses at Mount Sinai. In connection with this, note the following texts and how differences were made between the clean and unclean animals: Gen. 7:2, 3, 8, 9; 8:20. It should also be noticed that there is no record of any unclean animal—that is, those listed in Lev. 11 as being unclean—ever being eaten or sacrificed as a worship offering in the book of Genesis. Evidently, the law was being observed during the patriarchal age.

If we are to be holy and acceptable unto the Lord then we must be obedient to what He has told us to do. If not, we may find ourselves with those mentioned in Isaiah 66:15-17 who were found

eating swine's flesh at the Lord's return and were thus destroyed.

“For I am the Lord your God: I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon

the earth. For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy” (Lev. 11:44, 45).

II Cor. 6:17 Lev. 11:9
Lev. 11:3 Isa. 66:17

Acts 10:14 Isa. 52:11
Rev. 18:2 Lev. 11:44

Your Opinion, Please

During one of the International Faithful Youth Challengers business sessions at the St. Mary's, Ohio General Conference this past August, a motion was brought to the floor to lower the International FYC membership age from 25 to 19 (*our constitution presently states that to be a voting member of the International FYC business session, each young person must be between the ages of 13 and 25*). This motion to lower the membership age to 19 was referred to the National Committee for study.

As part of their study, the National Committee is conducting a poll of all FYCers to get your ideas about this motion. **Please complete the following form, and return it to: National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.**

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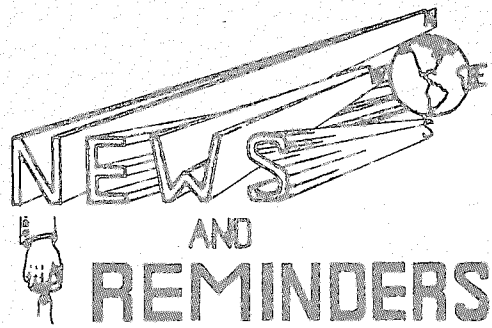
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NEWS AND REMINDERS

ATTENTION LOCAL LEADERS:

Under this column in last month's AIM we announced that the March issue would contain the suggested National Youth Week program; however, due to a change in plans, the Youth Week material has been mailed to each local leader. If for some

reason your FYC does not receive the packet containing the suggested Youth Week program, please let us know immediately.

EVERYTHING TO GAIN

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Today's ultra-modern communication system certainly must be one of Satan's favorite and most valuable means of promoting his work of evil here on earth. Realizing the subtle influence that filters through the news media, we Christians

should beware lest we—even in some small way—fall victim to this method of Satan's indoctrination. Likewise, we should take note of the tremendous effect the news media has on the masses, and we who desire to further God's work on earth should explore the many opportunities that lay waiting in this tremendous field of modern communications.

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