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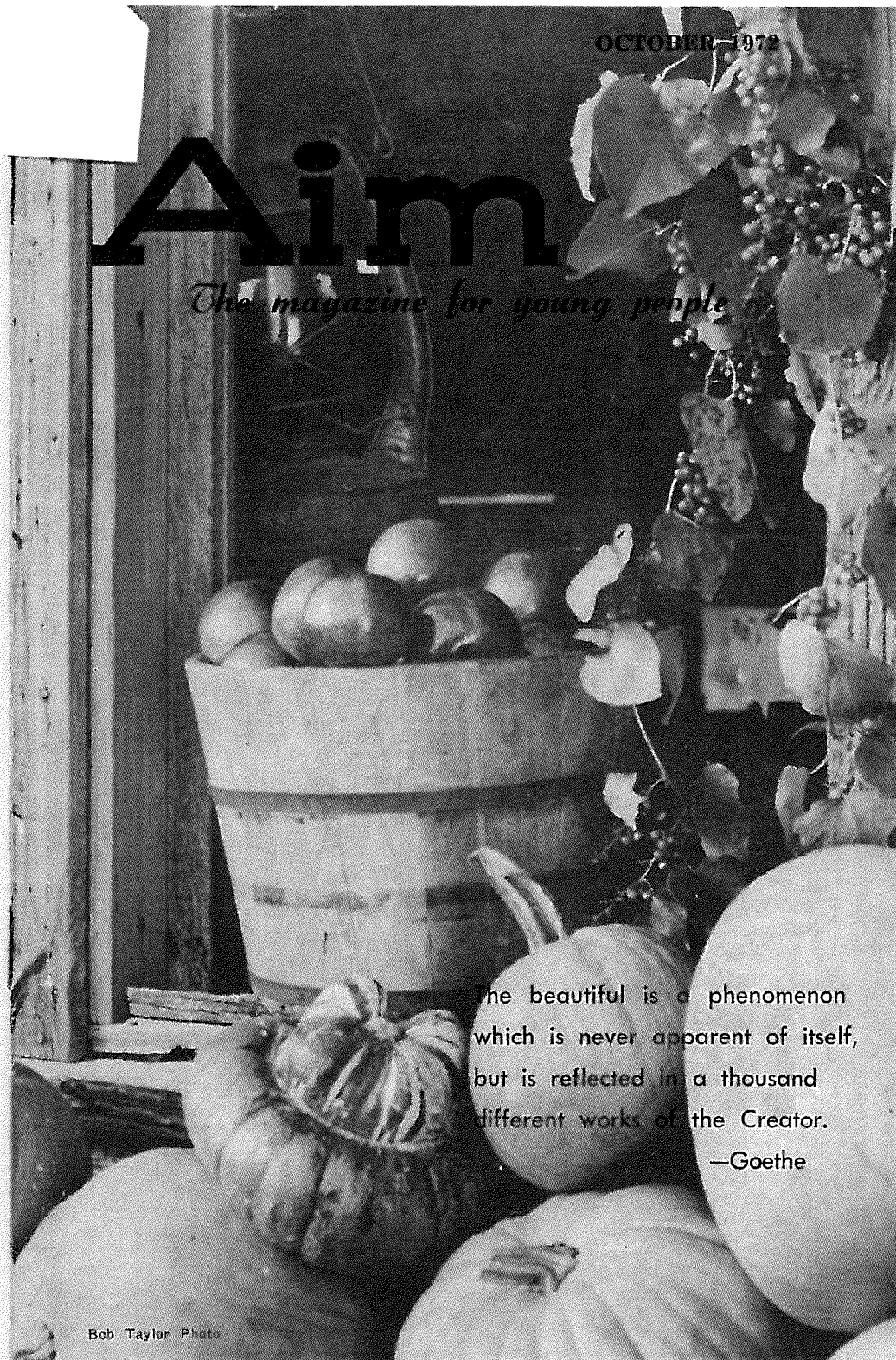
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Lessons for life
from a world champion

Four Plays That Make a Winner



by Tom Landry

Tom Landry is Head Coach of the Dallas Cowboys Football Club which took the world championship on January 16, 1972, in New Orleans.

What makes a champion? The Dallas Cowboys haven't always been world champions. Success in sports is not accidental. It's the same in the Christian life. God has set down specific guidelines for achieving goals. We neglect them at our peril.

The principles used to achieve success in sports can also be applied to the Christian life. That's what the Apostle Paul taught. He constantly compared his life with athletics. Since we have a huge crowd of people watching us from the grandstands, he said, let us strip off anything that slows us down and holds us back—especially those sins that wrap themselves tightly around our ankles and trip us up. Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.

I'd like to list four things that I think it takes to be a champion in the field of sports as well as for God in the Christian life.

FAITH

The first is faith. The Bible talks about faith which it defines as a confident assurance that something you want to happen will happen. And that certainly which you hope for will be waiting for you even though you can't see it.

In athletics, *faith is a state of mind*. It's believing that you can win, it's believing that you can do something, it's believing in your coaches, in your athletes on your team, that you can be successful.

When we went to New Orleans there was one distinct difference: our team and our players believed in themselves so much they were so sure that they were going to be successful, that it amazed the sports writers. When it happened in the game at New Orleans we proved it because we had faith. We believed in ourselves.

I think you have to have faith to be a champion for God also, but the object of your faith is different. The Bible is full of men of faith. Take Noah and the ark. Imagine Noah building that ark when it was not even raining! Can you imagine what his neighbors were saying when they watched him build it? But he believed. He believed God and he was safe. He had faith.

Abraham was the same way. Abraham had everything—everything material that you'd want—and he was sitting in a perfect spot when God told him to pick up and move to a new

land. He did it. He believed God. This, to me, is faith.

How about Moses? He was a man of faith. How many of us would have led those Jews out of Egypt heading right for that Red Sea with the Egyptians right on our heels? God said He was going to part that sea. Would you have believed it? Moses did. And the Jews went right through. That's faith, as I see it.

Paul wrote one of my favorite passages, Romans 5:1-5. It's pretty much the story of an athlete or Christian man when you come right down to it. Let me refresh your memory. He says we have been made right in God's sight by faith in His promises. We can have real peace with Him because our faith has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand. We confidently and joyfully look forward to becoming all that God has in mind for us to be.

We can rejoice too when we run into problems and trials because we know that they are good for us. They help us to learn to be patient, and patience develops strength of character and helps us to trust God more each time we use it. Finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Then when that happens we are to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well for we know how dearly God loves us. We feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts

with this love. This means a great deal to me.

You've heard the old cliché in coaching and athletics—you are building character when you lose. You're building character in the Christian life when you have trials. So Paul is saying that adversity brings on endurance and endurance brings on character and character produces hope—a hope that won't fail you.

This is the Christian life, as I see it. God has a plan for each of us. But man has a problem and that's sin. But isn't it wonderful that God didn't leave us there? That He sent Jesus down to die on the cross that we might have eternal life.

To me, faith is the first step toward happiness. I believe to have happiness you've got to have three things: something to hope for, something to do, and someone to love. If you've got those three things then you've got a chance at happiness. So in order to be a champion for God or a champion in the world of sports you've got to have faith.

TRAINING

Second, I think *you must have training if you're to be successful and to be a champion*. Believing you can is not enough alone. You've got to train yourself for the job ahead of you.

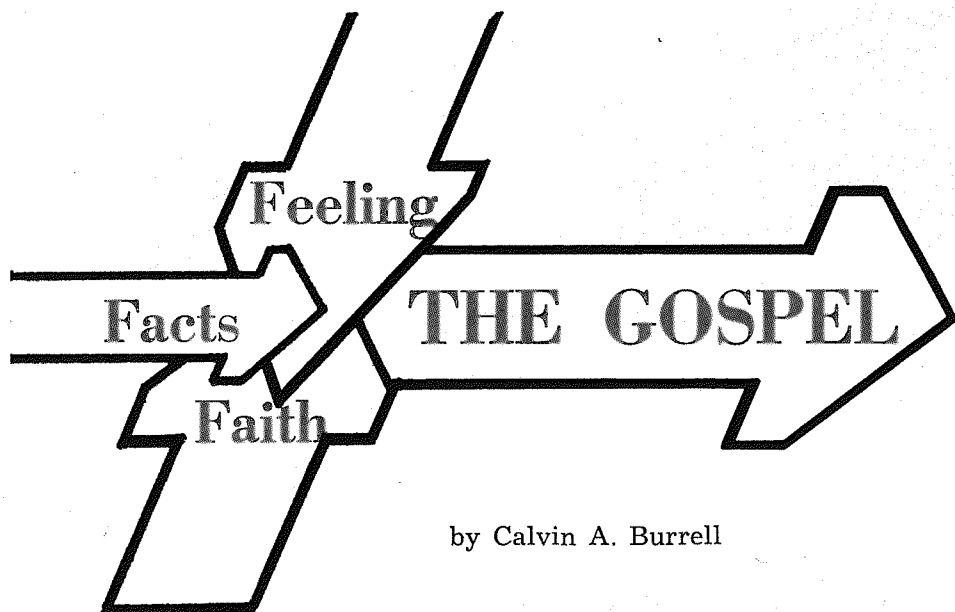
Vince Lombardi was a dear friend of mine. He and I coached together for many years. When Lombardi was on top everybody said, "Man, anybody can win with that material." It's amazing

how people rationalize success. The thing I've discovered is that the harder you work the luckier you get.

There's a lot of truth in this. We found it in the Cowboys. We started a program two years ago—a tremendously tough weight program. We work four times a week. We lift millions of tons of iron between April and July to prepare ourselves for the season. We run many miles to do it. One of our men was asked after the Super Bowl this year, "Are the Cowboys going to be back?" His quick reply was, "You check those weight sheets down in the training room during the months of April, May and June. If they're filled up we'll be back."

That's what training is all about. I think a great example of training is Walt Davis. You probably haven't heard of Walt Davis. He was a great track man a few years ago from Texas A & M. A great high jumper—6'9"—in those days that was pretty high. Everybody said "That should be very easy because he's so tall." But the thing they didn't know about Walt Davis was that when he was a boy he had polio and couldn't move a muscle in his whole body. He started training these muscles to move and he finally got to where he could walk and where he could run and finally where he could jump—all through guts of training. That's what it's all about to be a champion in any field—**CHAMPIONS TRAIN THEMSELVES.**

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by Calvin A. Burrell

The "good news" of our salvation through Jesus Christ is not difficult to understand. Although it is recorded in various descriptions throughout the Bible, it can be summed up and explained in rather simple terms.

Facts

Occasionally we need to be reminded of these most basic teachings of scripture. These are the facts:

1. We are sinners, facing death. Romans 3:23 and 6:23
2. God loves us, and Christ died for us. John 3:16 and Romans 5:8.
3. Through repentance and baptism, we can be forgiven. Acts 2:38

4. Righteous living is possible, and will lead to eternal life. Gal. 2:20 and Rev. 22:14

And these are *true* facts—unchangeable and everlasting. Whether or not we believe them does not change the facts, but it does change us. These facts contain the summary of God's offer to sinful man. They are the expression of God's *grace*, of His willingness to do the best for man who deserves it least.

But facts alone do not, and will not, save us or make us Christians. Yes, God has provided opportunity for our salvation and stated it clearly, and yet there is a missing ingredient. This missing ingredient is one that man must supply—**FAITH**. Read Hebrews 4:2.

Faith

Even though we may have heard often of God's grace, and we may know the facts listed above quite well, it is not until we "mix" this good news thoroughly with our *faith* that we are saved. Read Ephesians 2:8.

This genuine, strongly-held faith will bring salvation, because it will cause us to *act* upon these truths—to repent of sin, to be baptized, and to become an obedient child of God. Having thoroughly and actively believed the gospel of God's grace, we are then Christians, and can look forward to life eternal in God's kingdom.

But nothing has yet been said about our feelings, and yet the gospel is also a message of joy. One would certainly respond with happiness and thanksgiving if twenty years were added to his life, or \$20,000 to his bank account. How much more should be our joy knowing that we shall share all of the riches in glory forever with Jesus Christ!

Feelings

There is some danger in depending too heavily upon our feelings. Feelings are emotions, such as sadness, joy, anger, love, etc. The decision to have faith in the facts of God's grace, as discussed earlier, *may* be made without great emotion. On the other hand it *may* be made with considerable emotion, but it *must* be with faith. Our reac-

tion to the facts is a response of *faith*, and not necessarily of feeling.

Occasionally when a person takes the necessary steps to becoming a Christian, he expects that some overwhelming feeling will immediately charge through him. If such emotion does not come as expected, he is disappointed and even doubtful of whether he has actually been forgiven. It is at such a time that *faith must be* sufficient. And it can be, for the Bible says in several places that "*The just shall live by faith.*"

If God said **He loves us**, let us believe it regardless of our feelings. If the Bible says **He will forgive us of sin when we confess our sin**, let us believe it. It matters little what our emotions may tell us—if God's Word tells us that through baptism we put on Christ and walk in newness of life, let us not be doubting, but believing.

Our emotions are often fickle, changeable, and therefore undependable. We might call them moods. I suppose everyone is subject to change in moods—at one time we feel something very strongly, while at a later time that same impression is weaker.

But God does not change! And the facts of God's salvation do not change! Our tendency toward "up's" and "down's" in feeling does not change God's love for us, and it need not change our faith in Him if we are prepared for such times and

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A Friend of God

by David Robinson

Think back to the time when the titles "squirt" and "runt" were used to describe you—back to the time you stood gazing up at that monstrous, awesome human—a High School Senior! Remember those days? The days when your friend was anyone who had a "neat"-looking bike, or enough money to buy you and him a popsicle when the "ice cream man" came by. You weren't very choosy then when it came to selecting your friends—just anyone would do!

School shed a different light on the subject of friends—you realized that having a good friend was important, so you picked out a kid who lived near you and together you shared many an afternoon exploring the neighborhood, many hours playing and studying together, many hours just enjoying the companionship of one another. You were really good friends with that kid, but as you grew older, your thoughts of friendship turned to those of the opposite sex, and you began to make friends in that area. Your friendships were becoming stronger and more meaningful now than they ever had before... you were "maturing" and it really felt great. You continued on in the realm of friendship by making

friends at work and with those closely associated with your family... and so here you are today—a person with many friends. It really isn't hard to remember those friends you made when you were a child, a school kid, a teenager or a young adult, is it? But the big question is: **WHEN IN THOSE YEARS OF MAKING FRIENDS DID YOU MAKE YOURSELF A FRIEND OF GOD?**

GOD has many friends! The Bible records that Abraham was "the friend of God" (James 2:23, Isaiah 41:8) and that **GOD** spoke to Moses "as a friend" (Exodus 33:11). Friendship reaches its highest peak when **GOD** becomes your closest friend such as **HE** was with Abraham and Moses. You have an unlimited choice when it comes to selecting your earthly friends, but when you decide to experience the greatest friendship of all there is only One Who can be that friend—**GOD!**

We look for certain qualities in a person before we consider them as a possible "friend," and **GOD** is no different when He looks for His friends among all the people of the earth. If **YOU** want to be a friend of **GOD** you need to have characteristics or qualities which are pleasing to Him. Like what? Like:

FAITH— "Without **FAITH** it is impossible to please Him..." (Hebrews 11:6). You need to have the faith of Abraham and Moses, steadfast and sure, instilled within you, a modern day Christian. Faith is the foundation upon which your friendship with **GOD** will be built and will stand. Your faith must be alive and not one that could be termed a "dead faith"!

LOVE— "A friend **LOVETH** at all times..." (Proverbs 17:17). The true friend of **GOD** will love at all times because "GOD is Love" (I John 4:8). Many think they know what love is but in reality they have not even "scratched the surface." If you want to love

the way **GOD** wants you to love make active these five things in **YOUR** life:

***GIVE** to others all you have like **GOD** has freely given to you (John 3:16, Matthew 10:8).*

***SHARE** with others all you have like **GOD** has done with us through Christ.*

***FORGIVE** others even as **GOD** has tremendously forgiven you (Mark 11:25).*

***CARE** for others like **GOD** cares for you (Matthew 28:20).*

***LIVE** your life for others as Christ lived His for us.*

COURAGE— "Faithful are the **WOUNDS** of a friend..." You must stand firm for the gospel's sake and even suffer if necessary remembering the words of apostle Paul "that in nothing I shall be ashamed..." (Philippians 1:20).

OBEDIENCE— "Ye are my 'friends' if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14). If you are to be a friend of **GOD** you must be obedient to the
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Teen Guidelines

by Kenneth Knoll

Tuned In OR Turned On??

A workshop on drugs was scheduled at our 1971 annual Texas Winter Youth Retreat. Comments made by some of the young people suggested that there really was not a great deal of interest in such an activity. When the time came for our workshop, it was really hard to know what to expect. Our speaker was a guest—a lady who is devoting her life to informing people of drug abuse and to making them aware of a problem. What occurred during that morning workshop was drastically different from what any of us expected.

From the onset of the discussion this presentation on drugs was different. *"Assemble into small groups of no more than eight and discuss who we are and what is important to us?! It just doesn't make any sense!"* we thought. But we decided to play along and after a shaky, self-conscious start we found ourselves actively involved in discussions where personal opinions were openly and honestly shared.

Toward the end of the morning there were more exercises. *"Choose someone you think you would like to know better and go sit by him."* With this accomplished one member of each pair was blindfolded and was led out through the woods totally depending upon the other as his guide. The return back to camp was reversed so we all had our chance to be a guide and to be guided.

Now, *what does all of this have to do with drugs, you ask? Basically, the problem of drug abuse is one of communication—or perhaps better said, one of LACK of communication.* We must be aware of those who may have a problem with drugs and be

able to communicate with them learning the circumstances that led to their indulgence.

Perhaps you have seen the television commercial portraying parents talking about finding "junk" in their son's dresser. When the son comes home the parents immediately jump him for "disgracing the family." They make no attempt to understand their son and the real problem—*WHY DID HE TURN TO DRUGS?* The son's reply is a vindication of himself and accusations of his parents' not understanding him. This commercial exemplifies why communication is basic in understanding drug abuse. *The causes and reasons for drug abuse can be discovered through communication.*

Another cry voiced is that we are in the age of the pill—a pill to put us to sleep at night, a pill to pick us up in the morning, a pill to carry us through the day. In the eyes of the young, this is inconsistent because they see adults "hooked" to that way of life. Communication and understanding end when such inconsistencies exist.

Young people will experiment with drugs. Why? I don't know all the reasons, but I suppose one major reason is the same thing that causes young people to experiment with alcohol and tobacco—*social pressure.* In comparing the effects of the use of alcohol and drugs many similarities can be found. Inhibitions are removed, anxieties are overcome, feelings of new increased strength arise, a state of bliss exists while under the influence, and there is an inability to exercise good judgment. Often the only difference is that with the use of drugs there is no morning "hangover." And so another reason young people do experiment with drugs can be attributed to a desire to experience the "effects" produced by a "trip" on drugs.

But we really haven't discussed the problem of drugs, have we? *Where do we Christians fit into the picture, and how does communication really help?*

First of all, there is one ultimate goal accomplished through communication, namely an *awareness* of other people. There are certain needs basic to all humans—we all need to be loved, to gain recognition, and to be needed. Not all of us have the same opportunities and privileges of satisfying these needs, and some of us have a real struggle. Too often we don't know where to turn for help. *Frustrations build and relief MUST COME in some way—in any way.* Fortunately contentment can be obtained by tuning in to Jesus Christ. We Christians know of this contentment, but those frustrated people who don't know of this great Source of contentment continue searching for fulfillment of their needs, and many

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Adventure Unlimited

by Steve Kurtright

ADVENTURE is a word that denotes excitement, not apathy, but let's face it . . . we Americans have lost most of that adventure-some spirit that filled the veins of our forefathers who pioneered and settled in this great country. Today we fail to excite over spectacular advances in space, medicine, education and other such fields . . . We have been subjected to these exciting, spectacular "breakthroughs" and advances for so long that we no longer consider them adventures. For example, when is the last time you got excited over a moon orbit? Most likely your excitement dimmed after you watched the first or second moon shot, and now you may care little about the whole thing. This example applies to adventurous advances in other fields too. We no longer get excited about scientists researching to discover a new wonder drug that could cure cancer . . . we expect it!

Well, PRAISE GOD, we Christians can still experience great excitement and elation every time we see the conversion of a soul from sin. No matter how many conversions we witness every one is just as exciting as the first one . . . each is a new adventure in Christian living. PRAISE GOD, too, that His work is an adventure. With every person we tell about Him and His love, excitement floods our hearts and souls.

This summer Brother Mike Vlad and I were privileged to take part in *real adventure* for the Church of God (7th Day). For three months Mike and I were involved in door-to-door evangelistic work. This is the first time an extensive campaign like this has been sponsored by the Church. This project, called THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REACH-OUT, was developed by Elder Noah Camero and sponsored by the West Coast District. We worked in a concentrated effort in three Southern California churches—Bloomington, Ontario, and North Hollywood—introducing the Church of God (7th Day) and its beliefs to the people in those areas.

We divided our time among these three churches spending approximately a month at each. Our day's work began at 9:00 and

ended around 5:00. Our schedule was arranged so that we could reach more families when they were at home. The literature we distributed was "Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (7th Day)" and "Introduction to the Church of God." These tracts served the purpose of introducing and telling about the Church. If additional booklets were requested, we had a big assortment of tracts along with us at all times.

When we went up and knocked on people's doors and someone answered, our approach went something like this: "*Good morning! My name is Steve Kurtright and I'm introducing the Church of God (7th Day). Please don't think I'm here to change your beliefs . . . I'd just like to leave these booklets with you and have you read them over in your leisure. These will tell you a little about us. If you have any questions, our address and telephone number is right there on the tract, and we'd be really happy to help you. Thank you . . .*" and so our days went. Day after day we introduced the Church. Naturally this report does not show the real picture of our summer's adventure. There are so many details we think would be of interest, but space does not allow us to relate them all to you. If you have questions or would like to know more about our summer's work, please write Mike and me at Midwest Bible College.

Even though the Lord blessed us immensely during our days of walking, knocking, and talking to people about Him and His Church, there were trying times. It wasn't unusual for us to walk hours and never meet an interested person, but when we did meet that interested one, our entire day was made worthwhile! Mike and I received all kinds of greetings from the people we met . . . including a few doors slammed in our faces.

No report such as this is complete without statistics, so here they are:

Number of homes contacted in 3 months—4000
Total good prospects as a result of our work—30
Total doors slammed in our faces—5 (not bad!)
Total number of dog bites—1 (That's too many!)

Perhaps these figures don't impress you—GOOD! Maybe now you will want to do something to help these figures grow! The time is NOW to get out and spread the truth of God's Word and to tell others about His love for them. Christ will soon return to this earth, and as the children of Light, we must be doing something NOW to win those lost in darkness.

While meeting people this summer, we came in contact with a Jehovah's Witness lady who told us, "I give my mornings to the church." This lady, a mother, housewife, and a busy person,

spent EVERY MORNING out telling people about Christ. What are we doing?

I CHALLENGE YOU, I DARE YOU
to be adventuresome . . .

to be great for God's cause . . .

to get out . . .

to reach out . . .

to help save others!

Is My God a Gimmick?

Our neighbors went to church this morning with palms they had purchased from sticky-fingered hawkers in the market.

They returned from church with those same palm branches, but now they were "blessed" by the priest. This didn't prevent boys from balancing them upright on their hands like we used to balance brooms. I suppose more than one of those "holy" branches hit the dust. Yet now they decorate the windows of thousands of homes in the city, telling all that the family within gets to church at least once a year.

I find myself wondering . . . is my God a gimmick to bless my home? Is He a toy to balance and wave around as I walk along? Is He like a mere palm branch? A thing? Or is He a person?

I confess sometimes I treat God like a thing. I don't look into His face, search His eyes. I don't reach out to touch His hand. I don't step back to wonderingly observe how He holds us. Or how He set us free.

Instead I go around pushing buttons: Creativity for this article, please. Help in counseling this unwed mother, please. Relieve me of these anxieties, please. Thanks for this food . . .

And so I rush through these very busy days, dragging God along like a palm branch.

God have mercy!

"Look up, young man," God replies. "Look into my eyes."

I look. And behold a Person. And in seeing Him, I, though corrupt, receive His holiness. Though weak I possess His power. Though selfish He makes me a channel of His love.

That's what God, the Person, does for me.

by Doug Weekes
O. C. Missionary, Philippines

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by

Dale G. Lawson



QUESTION

I'm sorry, but my parents bug me! They are forever trying to run my business and make me go to Church. After all, I am 15 years old and I can think for myself! Don't you think they ought to leave me alone and let me be a man? They think I can't be one.

ANSWER

NO! From the sound of your letter, you aren't ready to be that man you are so eager to be. You really need the guidance of your parents.

You see, "real" men respect and honor their parents. "Real" men also evaluate life and then place proper value on the most important things, and Church happens to rate pretty high.

I suppose that while you are eager to be free from mother's and father's authority, you are quite happy to go to them for your financial needs and that you enjoy the food, bed, and the shelter they provide for you. It is right that you should enjoy those benefits from your parents, but you should enjoy their spiritual direction as well!

About this matter of church—It is unfortunate that you have

to be made to go. Knowing your local church program, I am positive your church has much to offer you that would help make you a "real" man.

You really want to be a man? Jesus Christ was the greatest man that ever lived! Walk in His steps, live by His teachings and YOU will be a truly great man. Know something else? Your parents won't bug you anymore either!!

"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don't be vague, but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of the Lord" (Ephesians 5:15, 16, 17, PHILLIP'S TRANSLATION)...

One man with courage makes a majority.—Andrew Jackson



A hotel in Southern Germany.

God blessed me with a TREMENDOUS summer!! I can never thank Him enough for making it possible for me to attend a six-week summer school in Klessheim, Austria. It's a valuable experience I'll never forget!

When I was shown to my room in the girls' dorm, I thought I had mysteriously slipped back to the 1800's. Everything on the campus looked old-fashioned—especially the commodes! A water tank hung six feet up the wall with a cord dangling down to pull to flush. The rooms were very simple—only a bed, closet, small bed-stand and a chair (which had to be shared—I usually sat on my bed). The bed had no springs, but only three big couch-like cushions laid end-to-end. The windows didn't slide up to open—they opened in the middle vertically, swinging inward. Behind the windows were four vertical and five horizontal bars. When I first saw the bars, they scared me! I thought,

Life, Austrian Style

by Ruth Ling
National FYC Foreign
Correspondent

"Hey, man! Have I willingly come all this way and walked in here to be stashed away for the rest of my life?!" I was relieved to learn that the bars were to protect the girls from prowlers during the night. While at the school I learned to appreciate a washing machine very much. It sure is tiring to have to do an entire wash by hand!

One Sunday all the students were taken on a tour of the countryside to see special attractions such as Mozart's moth-



This is a close view of Fortress Hohensalzburg which is 400 feet above Salzburg.

er's home, Mozart's home and the very old, yet gorgeously decorated churches. We were told of the St. Cajetan's Church which has a flight of "holy steps," built in 1712 A.D. These steps could only be ascended on the knees. Needless to say, I didn't tour that church!

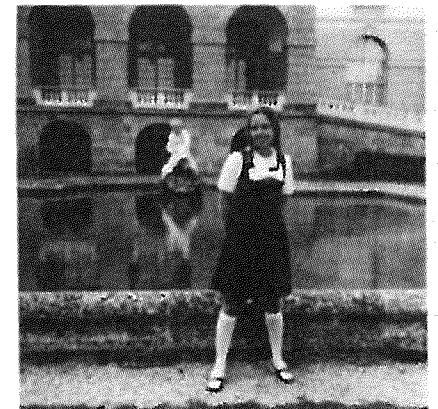
A friend and I walked up a long, steep trail to the "Old Calvary Mountain Church." Alongside the trail were pictures depicting Christ's trial and His walk to Golgotha. All of the pictures were housed over to protect them from the weather. In the front of the inside of the church were three crosses with the figures of three men representing Christ and the two malefactors. This scene was quite impressive.

The cars in Austria are mostly VW's, Mercedes, and Opels. It was amusing to me to see cops riding around in VW's with a blue, red or yellow light on top. There are as many bikes and motorcycles on the streets of Austria as cars. Young and old ride bikes and motorcycles in that country! I'll never forget the time I was in Taxham waiting for a bus to Salzburg—an old, grey-haired lady wearing an old-fashioned, midi-dress went zooming past me on a motorcycle! It took several seconds for my gapping mouth to return to normal position!

One Friday afternoon I took a bus tour to Southern Germany to see the hideout of Hitler and his 200 bodyguards, the site of Hitler's home and Konigsee (King's Sea). The sea is very

beautiful and even more beautiful are the mountains surrounding it.

One time I traveled to Salzburg (a ten-minute bus ride from Taxham, costing four shillings or about 18¢) where I toured the St. Peter's Catacomb, built in the side of the mountain in the 300's A.D. The entrance to the catacomb is in a cemetery. It was a really interesting tour.



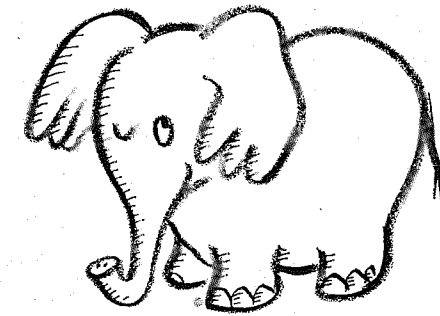
Brigitta, an Austrian teenager, let me take a picture of her in her "native costume." Behind her is the front of Klessheim Palace.

The land of Austria is breathtakingly beautiful with its many trees, mountains, brooks rippling down the mountain-sides, rivers and lakes, and very friendly people. Though my six weeks in that land was "an experience of a life-time," I still must say I missed my loved ones terribly and started counting the days until I could go home. I want to thank God exceedingly for taking care of me while I was in Austria, and also while I traveled there and back alone. I can never praise Him enough!



The Stage Is Set

Editorial



Time is short and the campaigners know it. Both Democrats and Republicans are making "every minute count" in the few days remaining before the November 7th Presidential election. President Nixon and the Republican party, Presidential candidate McGovern and the Democratic party, as well as the "Independent" candidates and their "parties" are exhausting themselves while exerting supreme effort to insure and secure more votes in the upcoming election.

The candidates are making their platforms more appealing, more promising while making their opponents' platforms seem more corrupt and undesirable. As the candidates attempt to sway more people to "their side," personal accusations become more hurtful, arguments more heated, and controversy abounds. The national Democratic Party and the national Republican Party are spending millions of dollars on this 1972 Presidential campaign.

In every newspaper and magazine much print is devoted to the campaign news and editors express their views on the campaign issues. On every T.V. and radio news broadcast prime time is given to the political scene. The news media is giving the American public COMPLETE coverage of this great political contest.

In every town and city of every state devout Republicans and Democrats are loyally, ardently, tirelessly working to help secure victory for their party.

Most American citizens 18 years old and over have registered to vote and already know whom they will vote for when they step inside the booth.

"Politics" is a main topic of conversation in homes and schools and "on the job." Democrats and Republicans are debating the merits of their party, their candidate. Bets have been placed on who will be the next President of the United States.

THE NATION IS ASTIR WITH EXCITEMENT AND ANTIC-

IPATION, AND THE STAGE IS SET FOR ELECTION DAY.

The \$300 per plate political dinners (fund-raisers for the parties), the speeches given on T.V., in town squares, and in high school gymnasiums, the bumper stickers and billboards advertising the Presidential "tickets," and the candidates who are out "shaking hands" and meeting the public all cause me to be more than slightly "bothered" by the thought that we Christians are really "falling behind" in our campaign for the One King of all kings who will soon rule this entire world!

There is virtually no town or city in all the United States that hasn't been touched by the political "campaigning." Yet there are hundreds and hundreds of towns and cities in this country untouched, unmoved by the truth of God's Word.

There is hardly a teenager or adult American who is not "informed" to some extent on the platform of each Presidential candidate, and the majority of these voters have already made their decision for the man they want to be President. In contrast, there is a countless number of teenagers and adults ignorant of the plan of salvation, and the majority of the people have not decided to accept the Saviour—the majority are not born-again children of God.

Christ's return is not a common topic of conversation in our nations' homes, schools, and businesses. The news media has nothing to say about this great One!

THE PROPHECICAL SIGNS OF CHRIST'S RETURN ARE RAPIDLY BEING FULFILLED, AND THE STAGE IS SET FOR CHRIST'S RETURN. TIME IS SHORT AND WE CHRISTIANS KNOW IT. BUT ARE WE MAKING "EVERY MINUTE COUNT" IN THE LITTLE TIME REMAINING BEFORE HE DOES COME TO RULE THIS EARTH? ARE WE EXHAUSTING OURSELVES BY EXERTING SUPREME EFFORT TO WIN MORE SOULS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM?

Defeated? Great!!

by Marcia Woods

"Satan has to work harder in Stanberry, Missouri, than in any other place," someone recently observed during dorm worship. With so many kids spending all of their waking hours loving Christ, praising God and studying the Bible, the old man must be practically worked to death as he attempts to pull us away from our first love.

He tries all the old tricks but somehow they simply don't work as well. In place of jealousy and selfishness, sounds of "Hey, if ya need anything, just holler!" and "Just consider my stuff, your stuff" ring out.

Satan must be frantic by now as he observes dorm worship where the students spend time talking of friendship, blessings from God, deficiencies in their Christian lives and love for each other. As they pour out their hearts to God in prayer, the devil surely must be pacing the floor and scratching his head.

"Those early hours will discourage them," Satan smiles to himself. "Who can smile at 7:00 in the morning while sitting in a Bible class?" Who? Students hungry for knowledge and wisdom that comes only from God.

"Oh, well, I'll make the jobs scarce. That'll send 'em home for sure," the adversary jubilantly decided. To his dismay, the students were only drawn closer to God as they learned to de-

pend upon Him for their existence and their stay at the college.

"I know what will discourage the girls," Satan slyly grinned to himself. "All girls have to have pretty rooms and everything just so-so. I'll make their dorm uncomfortable by providing a very limited supply of closet and storage space, small rooms, and just one restroom that the eight of them will have to share." Then Satan nearly screamed with delight. "Why, I'll make the dorm so small that two of the girls will be forced to sleep in the kitchen! Oh, this is just great!" The poor devil. Once again God's love prevailed as the coeds were drawn closer together through what some might call hardships. The limited storage area taught them to be creative—they soon learned that a towel covering an over-turned box makes a great table and is very useful for covering such essential items as hairdryers and books. The small rooms were warmer, cozier and easier to clean. The kitchen? What a conversation piece! What girl wouldn't want a sink right there in her dorm room? Besides, it's quite a bit larger than the other rooms.

Satan is a persistent fellow. He was the first one to arrive at the annual Fall picnic. "Here's my chance to get this college year off to a grand start. Ehh, Ehh, Ehh!" Satan rubbed

his hands together and planned his strategy for attack. "I'll do all I can to make these happy people miserable and make the picnic a complete failure." Satan could hardly believe his eyes when he saw that in spite of all his best efforts, the Christian spirit prevailed even in the football and volleyball games. "How sickening!" Satan exclaimed as he watched the college family enjoy an afternoon of fun and Christian fellowship. He covered his ears and tried to block out the melodious sounds of special music and choruses. The warmth of God's love filled the whole outdoors, and old Satan almost froze to death! "Ah ha," Satan laughed icily, "here's what I've been waiting for!" The guest speaker faced the group and began to speak. "What's this? What's he saying... he can't be telling them about the history of Midwest Bible College!" Satan hid his head in shame. For 20 years he has been working overtime at M.B.C. and hasn't won the battle yet. Satan got so ill he had to leave the picnic early!

But never fear. Satan isn't easily discouraged. The very next Sabbath, September 16th, Satan was back with a new bag full of tricks! "Ha!" He danced around on the church lawn. "This outdoor Youth Rally is going to be such a flop that the Church of God will become the laughingstock of Stanberry!" Satan was so happy he danced a little jig on the college steps. He quickly scanned the sky and stopped dancing... it almost looked blue! "Why, when the rain starts pouring, this rally called 'Reach Out' will be WASHED OUT!! What's happening now... people (including several from town!) are filling the chairs on the lawn... can't they see it's going to come a little flood here?" The song leader got up and welcomed the audience to the service and then the rally began. "But where are all of my storm clouds?" Satan was really upset! The rally was half over and God's Spirit was moving among the people there on the church lawn. Satan admitted
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Beautiful Blessings

I praise God for giving me the opportunity to attend Midwest. The experience was priceless! The time I spent at M.B.C. was not all pleasant... in fact, I experienced trials and tests like I never had experienced before. But the blessings I gained were far more beautiful than any I had ever known, and my days there helped me to grow spiritually. While at Midwest I learned some very important lessons and made deci-

sions that changed the course of my life.

The classes I attended were great! My knowledge and love for God's Word greatly increased. But my spiritual growth and my love for God increased even more! The things I especially enjoyed about Midwest Bible College were the closeness I felt with the rest of the college "family" and the spiritual atmosphere in everything we did.

Lois Lemley
1970 MBC Student

Meeting the Challenge in South America

by Daniel Davila

EQUADOR

Elder Andres Leiva, director of the work in Ecuador, has requested that FYCers write notes of thanks and encouragement to Brother Dan Foster.* Brother Foster financed the construction of two church buildings in Honduras and has helped tremendously in the promotion of the gospel by his constant encouragement of the workers in Honduras.

Elder Leiva previously worked for the church in Honduras and is presently evangelizing in Ecuador. The work in Ecuador remains steady, and thanks to God, the Church has been blessed tremendously in its growth. This blessing has brought great joy to the brethren in Ecuador and especially to Elder Leiva.

FYC literature has been sent to Ecuador and their youth are preparing to join the International FYC. The FYC constitution has been translated into Spanish and sent to them. They have requested that a complete church manual be translated and sent to them.

GUATEMALA

Guatemala can well be called "the missionary headquarters for Central America." The Guatemalans feel that *the gospel must be shared* and that is what they have been doing. Missionaries, young and old, have invaded Central America wearing the powerful "armour of God."

The young people in Guatemala continue to meet only for religious services. They have special youth meetings every Sunday and are growing in doctrinal knowledge. Brother Rodolfo Chacon points out that their goal is to maintain a united group prepared to confront the world with the gospel message.

The National FYC has launched a project of sponsoring a missionary in Guatemala. The project is to provide half of the salary of a full-time worker in Guatemala. The other half of the worker's

salary is paid by the Central American Overseership. Those who are contributing or have contributed to this project are: William T. Sheets family, Walla Walla, WA.; Denver, Colorado FYC; Elder Julian Camero and family, Saginaw, MI; Davila family, Corpus Christi, TX; the Van Buren, AR congregation; Buffalo, MO congregation, and the Springfield, MO group. Contributions to this project are greatly appreciated and will be of great help. You may send your contributions to: NATIONAL FYC PROJECT-GUATEMALA, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

MEXICO

Mexico has always had an active, organized youth group. However, this youth group was not part of the International FYC until they became organized in 1970 and 1971 as *Fraternidad Juvenil Cristiana (FJC)*—the equivalent of *FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS!*

Mexico has a larger FYC membership than any other national FYC. In different parts of the country conferences are held to instruct their leaders. The latest FJC conference was held in Oaxtepec, Mor., Mexico. A district youth conference is scheduled for December and will be held in Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES. AND IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING FINANCIALLY WITH THE FYC GUATEMALAN PROJECT, PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOON!

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A FRIEND OF GOD

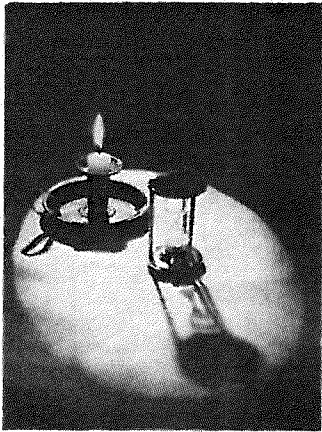
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will of GOD and completely submit your life to HIM.

The friendship we form with GOD will be completely to our benefit as He showers us with blessings. We, as friends with GOD, will experience peace and joy in this life (John 16:33) and

eternal life in the future (John 4:14). *Are you a friend of GOD? Let it be said of you as it was said of Abraham, "... and he was called the Friend of GOD."*

Just because things go wrong is no indication that we must go with them!



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Take Time for God

by Marilyn Current

FAITH AND WORKS
— FRIENDS OR FOE?

"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

PRAYER: "Heavenly Father, please give me understanding and speak to me through Your Word."

Note: Some of the Scriptures in this month's reading may seem contradictory, and for this reason we need to seek God's help in understanding. We should remember, too, that "works" and "deeds of the law" often have different definitions, "works" being outgoing good deeds and "deeds of the law" being a reference to the observance of Jewish laws such as the sacrifices and circumcision.

LAW

- Nov. 1. Rom. 7.** Thought: The purpose of the law is to define sin and not to justify the sinner.
- Nov. 2. Rom. 8.** Thought: The law cannot free us from sin—only Christ can.
- Nov. 3. Gal. 3.** Thought: "But that no man is justified by the law in

the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith" (verse 11).

- Nov. 4. Matt. 5.** Thought: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (verse 17). Notice verse 19 also.
- Nov. 5. Gal. 5.** Thought: Christians aren't justified by doing that part of the law which has been fulfilled (verse 4). And we are not to use that as an excuse for living in sin (verse 13).
- Nov. 6. Heb. 10.** Thought: The law of sacrifice couldn't purge a man of sin (verses 1-6) so Christ died to free us from sin and condemnation under the law. But we still must keep from breaking the law wilfully (verse 26).

WORKS

- Nov. 7. I Pet. 2.** Thought: "... They may by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God ..." (verses 11-12).
- Nov. 8. I Pet. 1.** Thought: "... The Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work ..." (verse 17).
- Nov. 9. I Pet. 4.** Thought: We aren't to live after the lust of the flesh, but rather to the will of God, doing good works.
- Nov. 10. Eph. 4.** Thought: We are to stop doing evil (breaking the law) and begin doing good works.
- Nov. 11. James 4.** Thought: It is a sin **not to do good** (verse 17). Sin isn't simply breaking the Holy Ten.
- Nov. 12. Col. 3.** Thought: Mortify the deeds of the flesh and do good.
- Nov. 13. Luke 18.** Thought: Christ lists keeping the commandments as being **necessary** for salvation (verses 18-27).
- Nov. 14. I Thess. 4.** Thought: We are to keep the commandments given us by Christ (verses 2-7).
- Nov. 15. II Pet. 2.** Thought: What happens to those who return to sin after experiencing salvation? (verses 19-22).
- Nov. 16. Eph. 5.** Thought: We are to live free from sin.
- Nov. 17. Rom. 6.** Thought: Christians who sin are just as guilty as those who have always lived under the power of sin.
- Nov. 18. James 2.** Thought: A man is not justified by faith **alone**, but by works also (verses 24-25).

GRACE AND FAITH

- Nov. 19. Rom. 5.** Thought: We are justified by faith in God's grace.
- Nov. 20. Titus 3.** Thought: We are

- justified by grace but must still maintain good works.
- Nov. 21. Acts 15.** Thought: We will be saved by grace (verse 11).
- Nov. 22. Luke 7.** Thought: "Thy faith hath saved thee ..." (verse 50).
- Nov. 23. Gen. 15.** Thought: Abraham believed God and his belief was counted to him for righteousness (verse 6).
- Nov. 24. Heb. 7.** Thought: The law made nothing perfect, but a better Hope did (verse 19).
- Nov. 25. Eph. 2.** Thought: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (verses 8-9).
- Nov. 26. Rom. 4.** Thought: Abraham was saved by grace.
- Nov. 27. Gal. 2.** Thought: We are justified by faith, and not by the works of the law, however after this justification, we are not to become the servants of sin again.
- Nov. 28. Rom. 11.** Thought: We are saved by grace and not by our own works (verses 5-6).

SUMMARY

- Nov. 29. Titus 2.** Thought: We are saved by God's grace, but are to live righteous lives denying ungodly lusts.
- Nov. 30. Rom. 3.** Thought: We are justified by faith, and this faith doesn't void the law, it establishes it.

COMMENTS: When we are living in sin ("Sin is the transgression of the law" John 3:4) and recognize the error of our ways, we cannot save ourselves by merely ceasing to sin. It is impossible to stop sinning on our own, and all the good deeds in

the world cannot wash away the sins we've already committed. This is why we need God's grace. When we have faith in His promise, He will blot out all of our past sins. And, as Paul says in Romans, we are saved initially by grace, not of our own works, because we were helpless to free ourselves from our past record of sin. But as James wrote, we prove our faith from this point on by our good works so that men will glorify God. When we fall to sin after this, God's grace once again cleanses us. God's grace is not like a balance where if the good outweighs the bad, we'll gain salvation. Simply, if our faith is genuine, it

will manifest itself in good works. So we are justified by our outgoing, demonstrative faith in God's grace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2T4GERS WHO HAVE REACHED "MILESTONES" IN THEIR 2T4G PARTICIPATION: KAREN HART FROM MARYVILLE, MISSOURI HAS COMPLETED HER SECOND QUARTER IN THE PROGRAM. PAT JONES FROM STANBERRY, MISSOURI HAS COMPLETED HER FOURTH YEAR IN 2T4G—CONGRATULATIONS PAT! KEVIN WEIR FROM NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN HAS COMPLETED HIS FIRST QUARTER.

THE GOSPEL: Facts—Feelings —Faith

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are determined to trust on through them!

We are not saved by feelings. Nor are we lost for a lack of them. But that is not to say that feelings are unimportant. Feelings and emotion are what take life off the dull list, and make it appealing to us personally.

And in our Christian life, feelings are important! The Bible tells us about love, joy, and thanksgiving, and other emotions of the heart. But remember that these are not the cause of our salvation; instead, they are a result of salvation.

Worship should be a pleasant experience for us. Love for God and brother and neighbor ought to flood our hearts and minds when we are Christians.

We should sing "I've got peace like a river, joy like a fountain, and I can feel the fire burning in my soul!" and really mean it.

When a Christian truly lives by faith, every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before as he loves Him more and more! That's something we can really feel.

Final Quiz

FACTS + FEELING = CHRISTIAN with FAITH?

No! "For without faith it is impossible to please God." Heb. 11:6

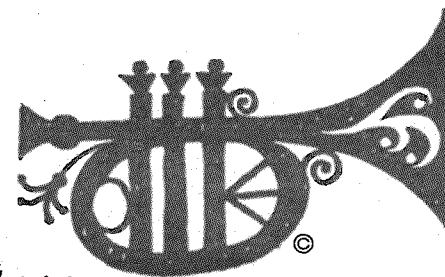
FACTS + FAITH = CHRISTIAN with FEELINGS?

Yes! "For by grace are ye saved through faith." "Yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Eph. 2:8, and 1 Peter 1:8.

TEEN Guidelines (Continued from page 11)

of them finally turn to drugs. Only by listening and observing can we begin to understand the feelings and needs of others, and only then can we help them. God created us with a purpose in mind, and He wants us to keep our lives pure and clean for His use. This is the first prerequisite for helping others. When we can realistically and enthusiastically portray the power of Jesus Christ, then we can "tune in" to others and show them how Christ can meet all of their needs.

It's so easy to view drug abuse with a passiveness that isolates us from the problem. When we see one who is under the influence of a drug and is obviously in need of help we tend to shake our heads and say "poor soul" as we walk on our way. "It isn't my problem" we may say. God's Word says, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15, 16). Those of us who are tuned in to Christ must do all we can to help the ones who are miserably turned on to drugs.



ANNOUNCING . . .

We are happy to have these four young people as new members of the FYC. God bless you with strength and courage to live for Him!

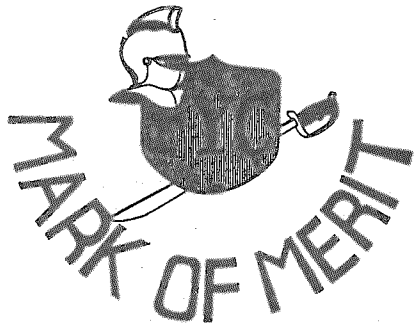
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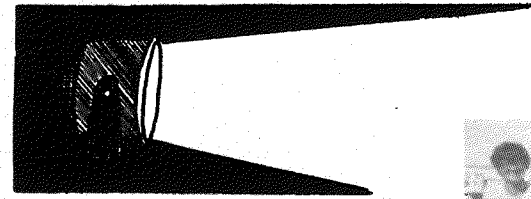
By Nolan D. Rincker

A vast amount of building is taking place in all of the large cities in America. Housing shortage is the main cause for much of the construction. The construction of a house is basically the same in all cases... first a foundation is laid, then walls are added, and finally a roof is put atop the walls. The different shapes and sizes of the frames are the only distinctive features in houses under construction. The "finishing" of a house is the thing that determines whether the house is an expensive house or not, whether it is a fancy house or not. Then the occupants of the house determine whether the house is clean or dirty, kept in good shape or run down.

We sing a chorus about a house that will stand—"It is being put together by the lively stones we gather." The Bible speaks of our bodies being the temples of the Holy Spirit. We observe in Ephesians 2:21 that "... the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." Just as the progressive steps in the construction of a house determine the quality and appearance of the finished building, the same is true of our lives. All people begin basically the same—with a frame—but the "finishing" (the influence and instruction of parents and peers) determines the appearance of the "finished building"—the adult. Then the occupant of the "building," Satan or God, will determine the quality of the life. When God occupies the heart of the person, that person's body is as a holy temple...but if Satan occupies one's heart the body becomes as a shambles.

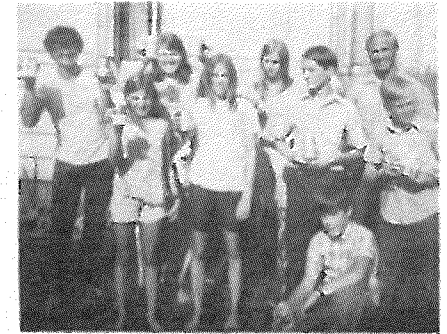
The teenage years are very important in determining the outcome of the "building"—a temple or a shack. The FYC helps to build teenagers' lives into beautiful, holy temples of God. Make your FYC instrumental in building temples and active in gathering "lively stones."

Be sure to look for the third quarter's report in next month's AIM. Keep up your good work during this fourth quarter!



Spotlighting

Denver, Colorado



F.Y.C.

Can you picture an FYCer loaded down with 19 cans of canned food and pockets bulging with money? The Denver FYCers looked this way when we had a canned food drive.

"A CANNED FOOD DRIVE?? What kind of project is that?" you are probably wondering. Well, this object of such a "drive" is to begin with one or two cans of food... and then go door to door "selling" that food. An explanation is given to the prospective "buyer" that "we are selling the cans of food for a donation of whatever you'd like plus another can of food to sell to your neighbor. The proceeds of this project go to The Faithful Youth Challengers, the youth group of our church, The Church of God (7th Day)." If you are trying to raise funds for some specific project, then you should tell the "buyer" about that project. Some people are very generous and give even as much as a dollar for one can of food. Then others won't donate money but will give more cans of food.

The Denver FYC thinks this is a good way to raise money. On one can drive we earned nearly \$55.00 for 2½ hours of work—and then on another (when fewer FYCers participated) we earned \$35.00 in 2 hours time.

This project is a lot of fun, especially when you watch the expression on people's faces as you explain why you're selling canned goods. It's also a good way to introduce the F.Y.C. and the Church of God to people. It's possible that you might want to hand a tract to each person you talk to about buying a can of food!

Number 14

by Glenda Caswell

Going once, going twice, going three times, **SOLD TO SPRING VALE ACADEMY!** "Oh, no! I've been sold to an academy!" Bus No. 14 felt like crying. "It's probably one of those schools where everyone sends problem kids. I'll bet I'm in for a real beating!"

"Here comes my driver... hmmm... he doesn't look too bad. But his driving will be the real test!" No. 14 took one long last look at his old home as his new driver got behind his steering wheel. After a safe uneventful trip to Spring Vale Academy No. 14 decided that his new driver, Mr. Keim, was pretty good after all. But he was still skeptical of his new home. Already he missed his old garage and all his friends, especially No. 13.

About the time No. 14 was overcome with homesickness, a bunch of kids gathered around him to inspect him. "Lot better than our old one," a girl said as she opened his doors. "Sure is! I hope we don't have to push this one to get it started," a boy chuckled as he kicked No. 14's tire. "Hey, this is a pretty sharp bus," a pretty girl commented while patting No. 14 on his hood. Number 14 beamed with pride, "This might not be such a bad home after all!"

Number 14 was accustomed to

working five days a week, so after he sat around doing nothing for a few days he felt quite lazy. But then on Sabbath afternoon a bunch of kids climbed into No. 14. "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... 51, 52—say, that's a pretty good load for me," No. 14 said aloud as his doors closed. Number 14 hadn't been on the highway very long when the kids began to sing. "Typical kids" thought No. 14, "they all like to sing. But wait a minute... WHAT are they singing??? Praises to God?" Number 14 was impressed by the beautiful music. Mr. Keim drove No. 14 to several nursing homes in the area surrounding SVA and groups of students got off at each home. When they reloaded No. 14 heard the kids talking about singing and witnessing to people. "Man, this is a lot different than what I expected! These kids really love God!" Number 14 looked at all the kids sitting in his seats. "And no one has carved initials in my seats or stuck gum on me or anything like that! I really like these kids!" Number 14 whispered to himself.

That same night No. 14 took the S.V.A. students miniature golfing. Once again things went exceptionally well... the only mishap was a couple of malts on his floor. "One thing I just can't get over—I haven't heard

any cussing or smutty jokes. This is really unusual." Bus 14 began to respect his teenagers.

During his second week at S.V.A. No. 14 heard the students talking about all the things happening at school. By the end of the week he knew who were the officers for the FYC and the Student Council, who had been selected for the Spring Vale Sound (a vocal group of 15 students directed by Jim Fischer), and he knew all about the new organization called Alpha Phi Omega (a club formed for the main purpose of earning money for partial scholarships to students who want to attend S.V.A. but aren't financially able to). He soon found out how busy the juniors and seniors are, and he even heard a few secrets (like what girl likes which boy, etc.). Number 14 liked to hear the students talking about the good spiritual meetings they were having, and he felt the love that existed among all on the campus.

The next Saturday night No. 14 got all ready for another excursion with "his" kids, but he saw them go into the old school building instead of climbing aboard him. Laughter filled the cool night air, and No. 14 wished the students were sitting in him instead of in the building! The next day he heard all the students talking about how great the Welcome Party was and he became even more envious of the old school building!

The busy days passed quickly and soon No. 14 learned that a trip to Dundee was being planned so that all the students could attend the state all day meeting. No. 14 knew that the trip to Dundee would be a long one, and he was elated. "I can hardly wait for Sabbath and the trip with all my kids!"

No. 14 happily anticipated many other trips with the S.V.A. student body.

FOILED AGAIN

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defeat and hastily left the scene leaving behind only several strong wind gusts.

"One month of school almost over and I've accomplished nothing but repeated defeat!" Satan felt more than just disgusted. "I'll really get them this weekend," Satan reassured himself as he worked on his most cunning devises! Satan showed up early in church the last Sabbath morning in September. He was all set for a real victory. "What's this? Where are all the students?" Satan was enraged when he learned that almost all of the student body had gone to St Joseph for a weekend retreat! Foiled again!!

He tried, but he couldn't do it! As long as the Midwest Bible College students (and all of God's children) continue to turn to their Father for help, comfort and strength, the devil is fighting a losing battle!

How would you like to give Satan some headaches? Turn to Christ and rely completely on Him. Through prayer and belief we will gain the victory!

One of the best ways to grow in love and knowledge of God's Word is by attending Midwest Bible College. Constant fellowship with Christian peers, worship services in which God moves so very powerfully, classes which search the scriptures and seek the truth are but a few of the many blessings that God has in store for you at M.B.C. Come join the Happy Generation!!

MINUTEMAN

by Marcia Woods

The Almighty God.

What thoughts do those three words bring to your mind? *Omnipotence? Omnipresence? Omniscience? Eternal life?* Our God possesses all four of these characteristics—all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing, everlasting. He is the Supreme Deity of the universe, our heavenly Father, the Almighty Creator, and the Sustainer of the heavens, the earth and all things therein.

WHAT A JOY AND BLESSING TO SERVE SUCH A BEING AND TO BE ABLE TO CALL HIM FATHER. In scriptures such as Genesis 17:1; Genesis 35:11; Exodus 5:4 and II Corinthians 5:18, we see that God is all-powerful, almighty. Nothing is too hard for God we are told in Genesis 18:14 and Jeremiah 32:17 and in Matthew we are shown that all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26). The only thing impossible for God to do is to lie (Hebrews 6:18, Titus 1:2).

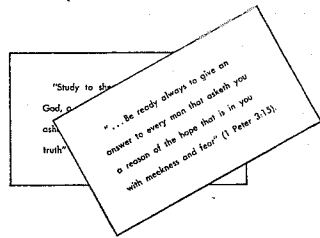
The omniscience of God is emphasized in the first six verses of Psalm 139 where we learn that He knows everything about our lives. Psalm 147:5 tells us that the wisdom and understanding of God is infinite.

Jonah quickly learned the omnipresence of God as he tried to avoid God and His will for his own life (Jonah 1:3 and 2). One of the most wonderful promises we have today is that God abides in us through His Holy Spirit (John 14:23; 15:26; Romans 8:11; II Timothy 1:14).

The extent of God's eternal existence is beyond our mortal comprehension because He is without beginning and without end. This is a fact that we have never seen before and cannot understand. Witnesses to His everlasting life are found in Psalm 90:1, 2. Isaiah 9:16; Proverbs 8:23; and Isaiah 45:17.

To serve such a God should always be a joy and not a duty, a pleasure and not a requirement. Upon Him we can cast every care and problem, upon Him we can always rely. There is none other like Him in all of this world and even outside of this world. He truly is the ALMIGHTY GOD.

Isaiah 40:28 Romans 11:36 Psalm 33:6 Psalm 139:8
Job 5:17 Psalm 90:1, 2 Matthew 19:26 Acts 17:24-25

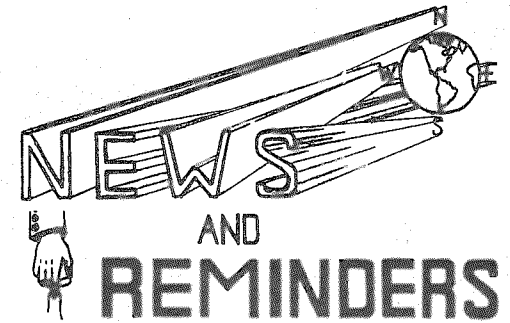


What Will Be Our Motto for '73?

Only four weeks left in the 1973 Motto Contest! We hope you have been thinking of possibilities for our '73 mottoes and will soon submit your suggestion along with a paragraph of no less than 50 words and no more than 100 words telling why you feel your motto would be a good one for 1973. Your motto entry should be no longer than 6 words.

No entries postmarked later than November 15 will be considered. Mail your entries to the "1972 Motto Contest," National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

A committee will select the winning motto which will be introduced in the January, 1973, issue of AIM.



We're Waiting On You

Remember? In each month's AIM we would like to feature a brief summary of an outstanding project some local FYC has accomplished. Please send 2 or 3 action photos (black and white preferred) and a summary of a project your group considers notable. We want to hear from YOU!

FOUR PLAYS THAT MAKE A WINNER

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The same thing is true to be a champion for God—you must prepare yourself for the opportunity God gives you. Remember what Paul said? "Like an athlete I've punished my body treating it roughly, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to. Otherwise I fear after enlisting others for the race I myself might be declared unfit in order to stand aside."

Those men in Christian life whom God uses are those men who are willing to train and study and let the Holy Spirit of

God put everything together for them. So not only to be a champion do you need faith but you've go to be well trained.

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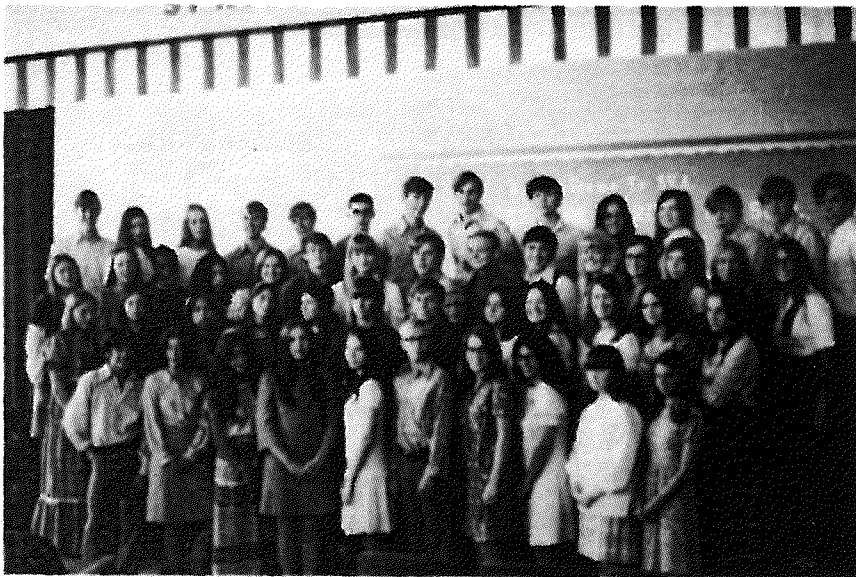
No man can always do just as he chooses until he always chooses to do God's will; and that is heaven. There is no liberty in wrong-doing. —It chains and fetters its victim as surely as effect follows cause.

The art of happiness is to learn to appreciate nature and life. This give the true meaning of love and happiness.

—Sunshine

MATCH THE TIMES AND THOUGHTS WITH THE PICTURES ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.

Times	Thoughts
A. Bible Class	..... 1. Why Should He Love Me So?
B. Study Time	..... 2. A Rich Man Am I.
C. Work Time	..... 3. Remind Me, Dear Lord.
D. Sabbath Time	..... 4. Make Me Willing.
E. Leisure Time	..... 5. It's in Your (My) Hands.
F. Recreation Time	..... 6. Brighten the Corner Where You Are.
G. Daydream Time	..... 7. No One Understands Like Jesus.
H. Social Time	..... 8. We've Come This Far By Faith.
I. Game Time	..... 9. My Cup Runneth Over.
J. Quiet Time	.....10. Help Me Find My Place.
K. Sports Time	.....11. We'll Work Till Jesus Comes.
L. Rap Time	.....12. Do You Know My Jesus?
M. Lunch Time	.....13. I Need Thee Every Hour.
N. Program Time	.....14. Oh, Say But I'm Glad!
O. Fresh Air Time15. Fill My Cup, Lord.
P. Grad Time16. Let Me Be Worthy.
Q. Practice Time17. It's Me Again, Lord.



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