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The great end of education is, to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers, rather than fill it with the accumulations of others.

—Tyron Edwards

EDITORIAL ETCHES

"And if you don't make it, Evel?" questioned the reporter during an interview the day before Evel Knievel's much publicized attempt to jump Idaho's one-half mile Snake River Canyon.

"At least I will die gloriously. I want to die a glorious death," answered Evel.

Well, Evel did not succeed in the spectacular stunt of jumping the canyon on his modified motorcycle machine but did parachute to safety in the chilly water of the Snake River. Reportedly, Knievel is about six million dollars richer just because he attempted the jump, and lived through it.

"Will you try it again, Evel?" eager reporters questioned after he was rescued from the Snake River. "As long as that canyon is there I've got to try to jump it." Evel replied. One of his close friends and devoted fans told reporters, "Evel will jump that canyon or die trying. It's just in his blood. Every challenge he conquers just leads to a bigger one."

It would seem that this thrill-seeking professional stunt man who has already broken "every bone" in his body and has narrowly escaped death numerous times would be content to fade out of the limelight and live happily ever after with the fame and fortune he has already achieved. But not so.

Although we Christians need not desire to die in some glorious manner (our hope is a glorious eternal life!) as Evel Knievel does, it would be good for us to thrive on challenges like this unusual man. The world offers great challenges for the Church and the cause of Christ. Let us not be content with what challenges we have met, but let us, like Evel Knievel, move on to bigger things!

BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

What Will You Do?

by Larry G. Hess

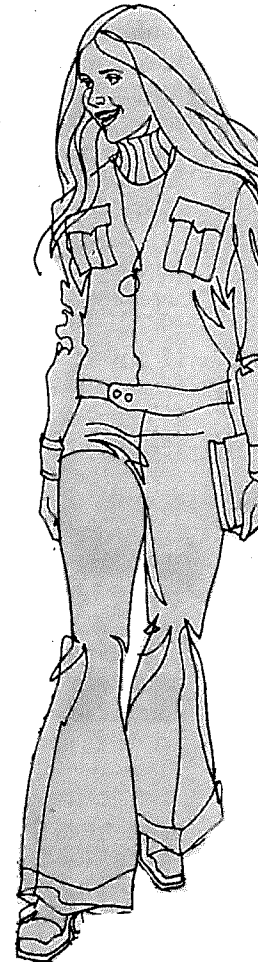
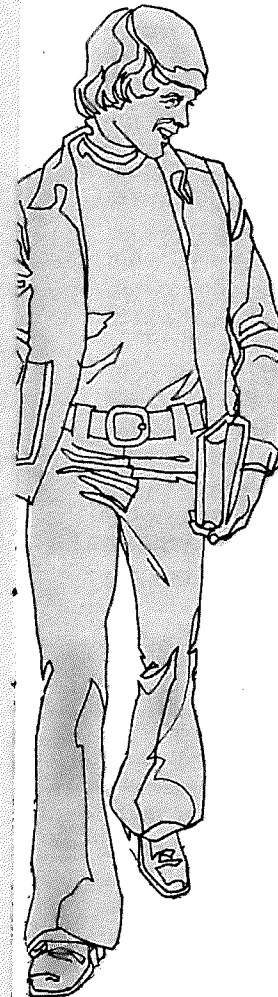
Your future is at stake. What will you do?

Of the 45 million pupils attending about 100,000 public schools, approximately 40 percent will drop out before graduation.

Will you blow your chance at life? (Remember: this is a nonstop merry-go-round with no second chances.) Or will you face the big decisions such as education, marriage, and choosing your life's work with planning and prayer? Many young people have lost all hope of ever really being happy and now face life full of frustration and loneliness.

The church is aware of the many challenges and varied problems you as a young person face. In no previous generation have life's problems been either as numerous or as intensified as they are today. Past generations have known problems, but in these last days Satan is using every force possible to destroy the lives of young people. Never before have problems such as the occult, poverty, drugs, crime, racism, rebellion, sex, divorce, abortion, materialism, the generation gap, and greed been so prevalent.

The question is, How will you handle these problems? The way you face tomorrow depends on what you do today!



In 1954 a Gallop-poll survey declared that 96 percent of all college students acknowledged the deity of Christ. Recently a survey was taken at the University of Colorado which revealed that 53 percent of the students did *not* believe in the deity of Christ. Instead, Christ was referred to by some students as "a great guy," "a philosopher," "a religious myth," and many other such terms.

This change in attitude gives evidence that many young people have not found direction and meaning in life. Many churches have failed in the task of training and preparing their youth to face life with confidence and trust in God.

I have talked to many young people whose lives have been wrecked by mistakes. Many of these mistakes have been the result of wrong decisions, misguided affections, and spiritual immaturity. I have watched them live with feelings of guilt and depression until their cries of regret have brought destruction to their lives. Observing a young person whose character has been shattered, whose hopes, blasted, is not a beautiful sight.

This does not have to be a picture of your future! Your life can be one of satisfaction and joy.

one lived to the fullest extent of its potentials. To have this kind of life it is necessary to have training and preparation designed to help you cope with life's situations.

As a young person it is important that you realize the tremendous value of proper Christian training. I feel that we as Protestant young people have failed to prepare ourselves for Christian service. I was shocked to learn that while the average Communist young person receives 500 hours a year in atheistic training, the average Jewish young person receives 325 hours a year in religious training, the average Catholic young person 200 hours, and the average Protestant young person only 25 hours. We need to realize that one-half to one hour a week in Bible study is not enough time to develop strong Christian character.

Face it! If you are to conquer problems, succeed in life, and know true happiness, it is essential that you train and prepare yourself for the future. Live up to the potential God has invested in you. Allow the Holy Spirit to assist you in finding a full and enjoyable life.

Remember: your future is at stake. What will you do?

—Lighted Pathway

Let us love life and feel the value of it, that we may fill it with Christ.—A. Monod

The Saga



of the Salmon

by Barbara Fischer

With the last ounce of strength the exhausted salmon jumped the final step of the fish ladder to come to rest in the holding pond of the fish hatchery. It had been a long, hard journey from the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean, up the mighty river, coming home at last to the place where he had been spawned. His back gleamed white where it had been gouged by rocks and other debris on his trip upriver.

The story of the salmon's return to his exact birthplace to propagate and then die is one of nature's wonders. Each year

thousands of gigantic salmon, many of them exceeding three feet in length, fight their way up the Pacific coast's many rivers.

After his birth a tiny salmon fingerling will spend many weeks in quiet river pools (or in this case, in the fish hatchery's ponds), growing and gaining strength. Then he will start his journey to the Pacific Ocean where he will grow to adulthood. Several years will be spent in ocean waters. Early one fall a mysterious instinct will tell him that it is time to return to his birthplace to spawn. He will swim across countless miles of ocean and somehow find the mouth of the river to which he belongs, plunge from the ocean's salty

depths into the shallow fresh river waters, and begin the long fight upstream. The way is fraught with many dangers—swift currents, sharp rocks, water too shallow to support the fish's weight, lack of food—all these the salmon must face. He, along with thousands of others, will eventually, and in a way unknown to man, find the exact place where he was born, spawn, and then die.

Our particular salmon had been born in one of the many hatcheries maintained by the government to increase the number of fish. The hatcheries are usually at the base of giant dams erected across the rivers, thus hampering the salmon's journey further upstream. Fish ladders in the form of giant steps are built which the fish must "climb" before coming to rest in the hatchery holding ponds. They are then caught, killed, and their eggs placed in warm tanks for incubation.

On a given day in the autumn, one can view salmon in crowds swarming their way up the ladders. Their bodies are deeply scarred where they have been swept against rocks.

Naturally, many salmon fail to reach their destination. They were not strong enough to overcome the rigors of their long journey—they give up and are swept downstream and out to sea, there to die and unable to spawn.

The odyssey of the salmon has many examples for Christian young people. Like the tiny salmon, the young Christian is born into a feeling of peace. As he grows in grace and knowledge, he cannot remain in the still backwaters of a sheltered existence. As the salmon goes to the mighty Pacific, the Christian must return to the mainstreams of life. There he is to find a place for himself. He must "go . . . and preach the gospel . . ." He must live and work

A consistent, loving example is the best way to convince others of Christ's salvation.

among non-Christians, and their influences will certainly strive to have a bearing on his life. The purpose of Christianity is to propagate life—others must be brought into the fold—and how can this be done if the Christian does not go out and "compel them to come in"?

Thus it is that we find ourselves out in the ocean of humanity. What to do? The easy thing is to be swept along with the current—to conform—to take the easy way out. This is the testing time for the young Christian. He will encounter many dangers and temptations. The jagged rocks of sin will seek to scar his life . . . the submerged logs of unfulfilled good intentions will strive to pull him down. But like the salmon, the Christian always has the "homing beacon" of God's love to draw him home. With God's love the Christian can fight the current of conformity—granted, it will be a hard fight. There will be shallow times—times when you seem far from God, but you must swim on through (with prayer) into the deeper pools of renewed faith and confidence.

In the journey of life the Christian will be lured by the fishermen of the Devil. Bright shiny lures will attempt to divert the Christian from his goal. It is easy to say, "I'll go along with the crowd to show them that I can be a good guy." Oops, all of a sud-

den you are caught on the hook of continuing sin and cannot fight your way clear.

Our duty is to meet and mingle with others, but not to live the way they do. A *consistent*, loving example is the best way to convince others of Christ's salvation.

In our relationship with non-Christians we must often fight our way "upstream," as it were, against prevailing opinions. Especially for young people this can be a hard task, but one that will give great reward. Although seemingly uncaring, many will be inspired and impressed with your unwillingness to give in. Oftentimes one who holds back from sin will be called a "chicken," but it takes so much more courage to do the right when all around you are doing wrong. Consider the salmon: It would be much easier for him to remain at sea, but he knows he must make his journey despite all hardships. And the journey does bring a reward—rest at the end and the satisfaction that his species will continue. In the case of a Christian, not only will he obtain the reward of eternal life in God's kingdom—but his example will have brought others into the Heavenly Family.

So, Christian young people, keep up the good fight of faith, for our Lord says in Revelation 2:7: "To him that *overcometh* will I give to eat of the tree of life."

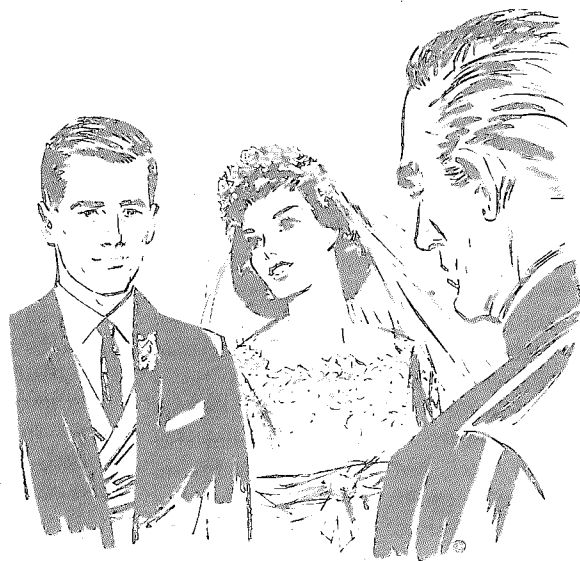


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"So what if we're only 17 (or 18 or 19)? We're in love! Everything will work out if we love each other. And money . . . what does that have to do with it? We'll manage somehow. We're not worried about it. You just don't understand—we belong together! Our marriage will last—we're in love!"

Sound familiar? Sounds convincing, and yet statistics are convincing too. Two out of three teenage unions end in divorce. "Oh well, that's just a figure; it doesn't affect me." Are you sure? The following story is just a statistic to you, but to me it is a living memory. "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

TILL
DEATH
DO US
PART . . .



I pronounce you man and wife. What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder . . .

Love dies hard but silently. Anguished regrets, bitter tears and half-budding hopes crumble against that hard silence.

She stirred the brittle summer grass with a hot toe and tried to shake off the feeling of doom that hung heavily in the air. He sat rigidly on the bench staring at his feet, his handsome face a blank that hurt her more deeply than his blackest frown. She sighed again and looked at him. Somewhere in the night a cricket momentarily broke the silence.



She winced with pain, remembering so many nights ago . . . a different man . . . one who came home laughing and whirled her in his arms. One who knelt reverently with her as they committed their lives to serve their Master. This man she now gazed upon could only be an empty shell.

Yes, this time she felt it was over. No anger, but no hope either—just this oppressing emptiness that seemed to flow from his silence. There wasn't any hope, this time. She felt it so deeply, but still looked at him for a sign. His bleak eyes met hers and he moved over on the bench, away from her another inch.

"Honey?" Her voice sounded frail, frightened. No response. "Honey, what's the matter?" Again, silence. His eyes were focused on nothing somewhere directly in front of him. He didn't want to say it. He felt her fear, like a tangible cloak smothering him in the hot summer air.

"Honey, it's over, isn't it? You don't care any more, do you? I can feel it, hon—an emptiness all around you. It's like you don't care enough to be angry anymore. You've just given up, haven't you?" He looked at her, then quickly looked away. She looked so vulnerable. Her eyes looked so hopeful.

"I guess I really blew it, didn't I, Honey? I came into your life uninvited and unexpectedly. I should have known you can't intrude into another's world and expect to survive, but I wanted you so much." He shifted one leg and stared at it.

"You know, the other day I was trying to imagine what living without you would be like. I mean . . . I think I would go crazy."

He half-smiled and answered, "I rather doubt that."

"Remember that first day we met? It was a Sabbath afternoon and we were by the college church. You looked so quiet and lonely, I just had to say Hi. And then we went door-to-door witnessing, poor shy you had to do all the talking." She stopped and looked at him. Remembered happiness brought beauty to her face, but he didn't see. He sat silently.

He stood up and abruptly walked away from her. She ran and took his arm peering up into his face, pleadingly. "Please, honey... please tell me. Is it too late?"

He turned and looked down at her. "Yes," he replied coldly.

"Yes. Yes, what, honey?"

"Yes, it's too late" he announced as he freed himself from her grip and went up the steps.

She took his arm again, her face drawn with pain and incredulity. "You mean you don't love me anymore?"

He turned and with a half exasperated sigh removed her hand from his. He looked straight into her upturned face and flatly stated, "Well, lady, if I do, it ain't much." As he opened the back door he heard her whisper, "Did you ever?" She stood there stricken. He turned back to face her and answered, "Yes, I did—once, if I know anything about the word love. But then, I probably don't." He closed the door loudly.

Another cold statistic in the divorce courts...

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A Tiny Drop

by Carolyn Marrs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When discouraged and feeling desolate one day, I asked my uncle, a long time practicing Christian, "What do you do when you get to the end of your rope?" Without a moment's hesitation he smiled and answered, "You tie a knot and hang on."

Hanging on to the Knot

by Marty Furman

"In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!" John 16:33

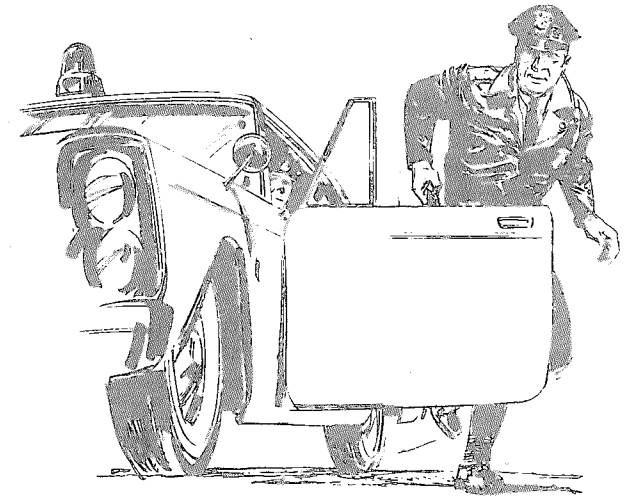
Lord,
Did You really mean that for me?
Does tribulation mean remembering an old soap opera
I used to watch and feeling as if getting rid of my TV hurts a little?
Is tribulation being silent when I long to justify
my actions and excuse my faults?
Or noticing how enticing a form-fitting and too-short dress looks?

Do You really understand, Lord?
It's hard, Lord, this business of being of good cheer.
Sometimes the days are awfully long, and smiles feel tired.
And no sympathy gets doled out when one looks cheery.

Also, Lord, Your cross tends to make my shoulders slump.
You overcame, Lord! Oh, please . . . Help my unbelief!
You, too, have known weariness . . . You've felt pain.
And yet, You overcame!

I guess I've known it all along,
Lord.
You're my only chance of making it.
My only Hope.

A Perfect Escape



by Dorothy Nimchuk

Sirens wailed through the formerly silent night. Searchlights cut the blackness like a knife. Dogs barked as they and their trainers combed the surrounding woods. Days passed and turned into weeks and months. Still no trace could be found. The perfect escape had finally been effected!

Ever dream of doing something perfect? You can, you know! You, too, can make a perfect escape—an escape from SIN! Satan holds this sin-sick world in his clutches, along with the majority of its inhabitants. To you who are trying to break free, he devises many traps and pitfalls to deter you in your purpose.

Perhaps you have tried many times and failed. To negotiate your escape, you need help from the outside. There are many hidden

messages in your food (spiritual food—God's Word) suggesting the perfect way out. Study carefully and prayerfully the escape route, so you will not be misled.

There is freedom from the sin of materialism. "*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Freedom from immorality is obtainable. Jesus told the woman taken in adultery, "... go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). "*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey*

it in the lusts thereof" (Romans 6:12).

There is also escape from greed and thievery. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28).

If pride is your problem, listen to this hidden message: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" (Proverbs 16:18, 19).

The unruly tongue can be conquered. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man..." (James 3:2). Don't try this escape under your own power, however, for "...the tongue can no man tame" (v. 8). "A soft an-

swer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

Are you a disobedient child, or have you disobedient children? "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die" (Proverbs 23:13).

All who have not made peace with God are sinners and doomed to destruction. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Hebrews 9:22 tells us that "...without shedding of blood is no remission." What hope, then, is there? Oh, what wonderful words are revealed in 1 John 1:7, "...and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." Accept Him today and find the perfect escape. Perfect peace and joy will be yours—and a home eternal with the Saviour.

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

—WEAPONS FOR WORKERS

J. Ellis

by Cecyl Fischer

The Parable of... A Man and His Income Tax

"Income tax?" I said. "I don't believe in it." All my friends and neighbors were staying up late nights, pouring over papers and forms and stewing about April 15, but I couldn't be bothered.

"What's the use of Income Tax?" I said. "Who needs it?"

They asked me where I thought our schools and highways came from and who paid our ambassador and financed conservation and public welfare and research. But the answer didn't bother me. It was enough that we had them, I thought.

Year after year this went on. People around me were diligently keeping records and collecting receipts and it seemed like such a waste of time. I had more exciting things to do. Besides, it was costing them money. What foolishness!

"Government is just a word," I told them. "How do you know it really exists? Did you ever see it face to face? Maybe all those schools and highways just happened."

But they wouldn't listen. They insisted all this was really necessary and one day I would wish I had listened to them.

I laughed and said, "Maybe."

Well, I went on my carefree way and I had a lot of good times. And I thought I was happier and wiser than anyone. I started getting notices and bills from the Internal Revenue, but I paid no attention. Interest was accruing at an astounding rate, but I laughed it off. Then it happened. I met the government face to face.

It was the day they knocked on my door and told me I was under arrest that I started to believe. Now I am in prison working off my debt to the government. Now I believe in Income Tax.

So here I am. The chaplain just left. He's been telling me all about God.

"How do you know God really exists?" I asked him. "Did you ever meet him?"

Of course he wanted to know how I thought the earth was
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EXPO '74

and

The Spokane F.Y.C.

EXPO '74, the World's Fair now in progress in Spokane, Washington, offers an exciting challenge to the Spokane F.Y.C. Before the fair began, the Spokane F.Y.C. made arrangements to rent a \$100-per-month space, and on this space they constructed a booth in the form of a rustic little country Church. The Church-booth is located on a busy street of shops and concessions just across from the main fairground. Directly behind the booth is a huge parking lot, so a large number of people walk past the booth every day.

Inside the little Church the FYCers have an attractive display of much of our Church literature, and they distribute free copies of the *Bible Advocate*, *Aim*, and *Footprints* as well as free tracts. A special tract was written and printed just for EXPO '74, and many of these have been taken by visitors to the booth. Also on display are enrollment cards for the Searchlight Bible Correspondence Course and for a free Bible Advo-

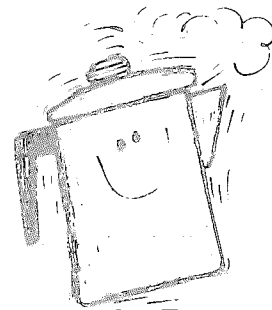
cate subscription. Many of these cards have been filled out and much literature has been taken thus far.

This free literature booth is really a big project for an F.Y.C. group to undertake, and the Spokane FYCers are very thankful for the help and encouragement they've received from the adults of their church and especially from their FYC sponsors. They are grateful to the FYC groups from other local churches who have financially supported this missionary project.* Most of all they are thankful to God for making this project a possibility and a success. They are praying that many more people will be reached with the Truth and will be influenced to Christ through their literature-distributing efforts there at the World's Fair. Let us all join them in this sincere prayer.

*If your FYC is interested in helping with this project too, you may contact the Spokane FYC by writing to their secretary-treasurer: Sandy Schmidt, Box 51, Rathdrum, ID 83858.



**PERK UP!
HERE'S GOOD NEWS!**



At the present time the National F.Y.C. is designing a new program to encourage practical application of Biblical concepts. Specific details will be announced in future issues of AIM. Watch for this news.

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Your BIG Day

by Dan Camero

I believe that in the life of every teenager, there is a big day! I am sure that you have heard the expression, "It's going to be the biggest day of my life!" Maybe you have heard this from your own friends, when referring to their first big date, graduation, or perhaps marriage.

But let us remember that every day we live is a big day. Don't make the mistake of thinking that there has to be a big crisis or a gigantic challenge for a day to be labeled BIG. The biggest day in your life is TODAY, because the decisions that you make today will affect what you do tomorrow. TODAY is the DAY OF SALVATION! (2 Cor. 6:2). Today is the day that Christ wants to forgive you of your sins, to take you by the hand and lead you down the narrow path of righteousness. Won't you accept Him today?

Don't waste your time putting a red circle around the big days that are coming. Every single day God gives us is important; because doing your best for His glory in the ordinary days of every day life will eventually lead to that big day—a HOME in HIS KINGDOM!

Yes! What you are becoming today is what you are going to be! Every day is a big day in the life of a Christian teenager.

OVERCOMERS

I know that it is hard to live a Christian life as a teenager, and I know it is hard to resist the many temptations that we have to face. It is even harder when one tries to do this by HIS OWN POWER. But when we surrender to Christ, HE will give us the power to be overcomers of the temptations and sins of this world.

In 1 John 5:4, 5 the Scriptures say, "For whatsoever is born

of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (verse 4).

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (verse 5).

Young people, I am sure you believe that Jesus is the Son of God. If you will yield to Him, He will fill you with this POWER to be an overcomer. And as it said in these verses, we shall have POWER to overcome the WHOLE WORLD!

Everything that is evil in this world, and everything that will hinder us from entering into the Kingdom of God may be overcome by this POWER which He will give us.

BE A WITNESS

When we accept Christ as our personal Saviour, and want to do His will, there will be a CHANGE UNPARALLELED to anything in our lives. And this change will CONQUER the prevailing problems in all teenage situations. Then you and I can be an effective witness for our Lord. It is truly a challenge to be a good WITNESS.

When I was in high school, I didn't witness as I should. I was embarrassed and afraid of what others might think. Many of us have been in this situation at one time or another. But, teenager, when Christ fills us with this POWER, and this CHANGE takes place in our lives, we shall "WITNESS UNASHAMED" and our TRIUMPH WILL BE UNQUESTIONABLE!

A GOOD REPLY

A skeptic in London recently said, in speaking of the Bible, it was quite impossible in these days to believe in any book whose authority was unknown. A Christian asked him if the compiler of the multiplication table was known. "No," he answered. "Then, of course, you do believe in it?" "Oh, yes, I believe in it because it works so well." "So does the Bible."

—Messenger

A MODERN DAY PARABLE

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formed and the sun and moon created. "I never thought much about it," I told him. "For me it

was always enough that we had them."

He told me that someday I would wish I had thought about it.

"Maybe," I said; but I didn't laugh.

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Have you ever anticipated some long-awaited event so much that your existence seemed to hinge upon it? There are times when looking ahead to a coming event fills us with a sense of anticipation and excitement to the point that we are keyed-up and restless until that experience is ours. I recall a much-anticipated mid-winter vacation period and the joy of spending that vacation with relatives, only to have it squelched by the flu bug! In the life of every Christian should be an intense desire and joy for the anticipated coming of our Saviour. May we all be filled with the power of God so we are excitedly serving Him and awaiting Christ's return!

For some time many of us have been anticipating changes in the National F.Y.C. and especially in the personal growth programs. 2T4G, Minuteman, and Evangelette have served well in the past and have proven to be a source of inspiration to those who have participated. Yet, there is a need for change to provide progressive, interrelated programs leading to greater Christian understanding and commitment. At the present time a new program is being designed to encourage practical application of Biblical concepts. Specific details will be announced in future issues of AIM under this column. Will you pray with us that God will guide us as we endeavor to make these changes?

Spiritual strength and growth are especially important in our day. Even though we now have a new President of the United States, inflation and uncertainty fill the lives of most Americans. The greatest possible source of strength and security can be found in a close relationship with God. As a special personal project, strengthen your position with the Lord through a concentrated effort of Bible reading, prayer, and fasting. When Christians have spiritual strength there is an undeniable force working confidently for our coming Saviour!

Sincerely,

Ken Knoll

MINUTEMAN

*"... Under the Shadow
of the Almighty."*

Too often the world thinks of a true Christians as someone who achieves something less than complete happiness and fulfillment in life because there are so many things that he "can't do." Anyone who feels this way should stop and consider that perhaps he has the shoe on the wrong foot—the person who is not performing according to God's will is himself falling short of true happiness.

PROVERBS 29:18

DEUTERONOMY 33:29

I PETER 3:12

JEREMIAH 17:7, 8

LUKE 12:29, 31

PSALM 84:11

I recently read this comment in a book of wise sayings or proverbs. "Usually a thing is not harmful because it is sin, but it is sin because it is harmful." How true this is in the Christian life! The One Who created man in the first place also knows how man can be happy, if man will only heed.

In Exodus 15:26 God promised His people that if they would obey Him they would not suffer from any of the terrible diseases known to the Egyptians. Even today we can enjoy living "under the shadow of the Almighty," as David did, if we are diligent in obeying God's voice, striving for the goal of perfection—leading an "overcoming" life.

One Sabbath, when the collection was for Foreign Missions, the collection bag was taken to one member who shook his head and whispered, "I never give to Missions." "Then take something out of the plate," the elder whispered in reply... "The money is for the heathen."

—Presbyterian Record



There are two basic definitions of the word "judge" as used in the Bible. One definition of judge is "to condemn" (as in John 12:48) and the other is "to discern" (as in John 9:39).

God will judge all men, so we need not attempt to judge others. God sees into man's heart where we cannot see, and He is the one righteous judge.

READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY EVERY DAY.						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAB.
OCTOBER 1974		1 Acts 10:42	2 John 5: 22 & 27	3 Heb. 12:23	4 II Chron. 19:6	5 I Chron. 16:33
6 Psa. 96:1-13	7 Acts 17:31	8 I Sam. 2:10	9 I Sam. 25: 12 & 13	10 John 8	11 Psa. 9:16	12 Prov. 29:26
13 II Cor. 5:10	14 Rev. 20:12	15 Judges 11:27	16 Deut. 1:17	17 I Sam. 16:7	18 John 7:24	19 Gen. 18:25
20 I Chron. 28:9	21 Job 5:3	22 Rom. 3:6	23 Psa. 139:2	24 Rev. 2:23	25 Deut. 32:4	26 Psa. 62:12
27 Matt. 16:27	28 Psa. 98:9	29 John 12:47	30 John 3:17	31 John 9:39		

Letters, Please



Dear Editor,

Why can't we have a "Letters to the Editor" column in the AIM? I think such a column would add a lot of interest to the magazine.

A California Reader

Dear Aim Reader,

Since several AIM readers have expressed their interest in having a "Letters to the Editor" column, we will be glad to begin this as a monthly AIM feature. In order to print such a feature, we must have letters from you readers! Anyone wishing to comment on AIM, its content, or any other subject of specific interest to AIM readers can address their letter to: Letters to the Editor, AIM, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

—The Editor

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