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## Hard Tasks

*Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail;*

*Conflict, with courage that shall never die!*

*Better the hill path, climbing toward the sky,  
Than languid air and smooth sward of the vale!*

*Better to dare the wild wrath of the gale*

*Than with furlled sails in port forever lie!*

*Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail:*

*Conflict, with courage that shall never die!*

*Not for a light load fitting shoulders frail,*

*Not for an unearned victory I sigh;*

*Strong is the struggle that wins triumph high,*

*Not without loss the hero shall prevail;*

*Give me hard tasks, with strength that shall not fail!*

—The War Cry.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### GUMITIS

Gumitis is an affliction that has become quite prevalent in the twentieth century. It attacks both young and old, although it is seldom seen in children under one year. Symptoms are a steady rotating motion of the lower jaw, occasional opening of the mouth, and frequent snapping and smacking sounds emanating from the lips.

Certain animals of the ruminant varieties are also given to similar chewing, but it is done quietly and less fervently than the chewing that is a symptom of gumitis in humans. In ruminants it is a natural process necessary to the proper digestion of food, but in humans it is artificially produced by the introduction of a small wad of rubber-like material, artificial-ly flavored with mint, winter-green, cinnamon or cloves.

It is supposed that the chew-

ing of gum produces sweeter breath and aids in the digestion of foods. Actually it produces tiredness of the jaw, excessive mouth sugar which induces tooth decay, and aggravation of spirit for those in proximity to the addict.

Gumitis is an obnoxious disease, but addicts become a special burden when they attend church. Many children are started on the road to gum addiction (gumitis) by parents who give them small pieces of chicle to keep them quiet in church. Frequently the results are embarrassing to the parents when mastication produces unusually weird sound effects, or when the gummy substance is parked on the seats and becomes attached to the clothing of others in attendance.

Gumitis sufferers in church frequently interfere with the enjoyment of the sermon, for those who sit near to them find it difficult to understand the minister. They will get similar results when they turn on a radio speaker during a thunderstorm, and try to filter his voice from the static. The wagging jaws of the gumitis sufferers make it appear that there are dozens of people taking part in the presentation of the message, but the sounds are quite distressing to non-sufferers.

Gumitis, like alcoholism, is curable, but the treatment is sometimes severe. It requires an abundance of patience on the part of the addict, along with unshakable determination to be rid of the dread disease which addiction produces. It is highly recommended that sufferers begin their treatment by frequent periods of abstinence, such as during the

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# Whose Side Are You On?

Did you read the short four-paragraph item in a recent issue of the *Herald and Call* entitled "Only 'Religion' permits it"?

We refer to this because several articles have come to your editor's desk in the last few weeks vainly attempting to abolish the law of God—the Ten Commandments.

It is not the spirit of Christianity that would eradicate God's law. "Imagine our school teachers telling the students that the Ten Commandments had been abolished and urging them to live in accordance with such an idea! Imagine our police force declaring that the Ten Commandments had been wiped out of existence, and practicing such an idea! Imagine a Judge in a court of law [and why have judges if there is no law?] declaring that the Ten Commandments had been erased as Mosaic, out of date and no good for this age!"

What about the preachers who *claim* the Ten Commandments were abolished? Do they practice what they preach? They dare not! And who are they pals with in this respect?

Young folks, the devil is working hard to get people to disregard and violate the law of God — which law is holy, just, good, and spiritual (Rom. 7). There is no doubt that the devil hates God's moral law, and he has many helpers, too. They are no better than Communists in this respect.

One of the articles referred to, in speaking of Jesus, says, "As the Lord of the Sabbath He kept

it perfectly, as He kept all the Law, and by His death and resurrection put an end to it as He did to all the Law, in that He thus brought in the age and dispensation of Grace and Christianity."

This writer has apparently failed to study and rightly divide the Word of truth, as Paul instructed Timothy to do. The Law of God on tables of stone was not a law of shadows like many of the laws which God gave Moses to write in a book. Many fail to rightly divide the Word at this point.

In the February 14 issue of the *Herald & Call* we quoted an article from *Christian Fellowship Class News* by A. A. Sorensen, Chaplain of the prison at Joliet, Illinois. Could you imagine him holding such a position if he contended that the Moral Law, the Ten Commandments, had been abolished! He wrote: "Any statement or question which infers that, because we are under Grace, we are no longer responsible to the moral law, is based on an erroneous concept and indicates, not only a misunderstanding of the moral law, but also a misunderstanding of the great doctrine of Grace itself. . . . Contrary to the teaching of some, the Old Testament is full of the Doctrine of Grace, and men were saved by looking forward in faith to Calvary just as we are now saved by looking back to Calvary and accepting by Faith the finished work of Christ upon the cross. . . . In His teachings, Jesus repeated

the outstanding precepts of the moral law and intensified these obligations by demanding internal as well as external conformity. (See for example Matt. 5:27, 28)."

There is no reason on earth why the Ten commandments should be abolished. It is almost impossible to imagine what this world would be like if all people made every possible effort in deed and in spirit to show that they considered the Decalog as being *no good* for man today.

The noted Evangelist Billy Graham says that the moral law is summed up in the Ten Commandments. Would he say that about an abolished law? Should he be denounced as a false prophet because he upholds this sacred law? (We do not suppose he understands the fourth precept as we do, but he isn't so foolish as to trample under foot all ten precepts just to get rid of one.)

We were pleased to read in a late newspaper that "30,000 Youths Take Pledge in Battle on Delinquency" in Chicago. One girl who had gotten into trouble said, "You have to learn to be a good citizen and live by the Ten Commandments. It is a pity that these simple rules cannot be taught effectively by parents in their own homes."—*St. Joseph News Press*.

Some preachers need to take this girl's advice instead of tearing down the moral law, unless they are on the side of lawlessness and sin!

Possibly some who "make void the law" and are out of harmony with Paul who said, "Yea, we establish the law" (Rom. 3:31), may contradict their own teaching by saying that they do not mean it is wrong to steal and covet, and so forth. How inconsistent will

human beings get? If Jesus' death "put an end to it . . . all the law," what Bible authority would anyone have to reinstate it as it was? Didn't Paul say, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor"? (Gal. 2:18). Does it show wisdom and intelligence to say out of one side of the mouth that all the law was abolished, and then from the other side say that most of it should be dug up, slyly brought in under some name or manner, and kept?

One of these articles referred to in our second paragraph says, "These Ten Commandments were afterwards written on two tables of stone, by *the hand of Moses*, [italics ours] at the command of Jehovah (Exod. 34:1, 5, 27)." Let us now see the fact of the matter.

Verse one says, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou breakest." How could this be made clearer that God, not Moses, wrote on the second tables of stone, as He said. (See also Deut. 10:1-2). Then in the following verses of Exodus 34 God gave other rules and regulations which Moses wrote.

When we read in verse 27, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words," He could not have referred to the Ten Commandments without contradicting verse one. When it says, "And he wrote upon the tables . . ." in order to avoid a contradiction we must conclude that the "he" refers to God. The center column reference for "he" gives Ex. 31:18, ". . . written with the finger

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# Juvenile Delinquency?

By Delores Forkel, Midwest Student



**W**HAT must we do to lessen juvenile delinquency in our world today? This is a question that confronts many parents. Where must we begin in order to stop this awful epidemic that has spread into many homes across the nation?

This is not a new story! I believe if it were, we would do more about it. We have read of occasions where a sudden catastrophe struck and immediately something was done to try and help the situation.

I think juvenile delinquency has crept upon our nation as cancer has crept upon some of our people. The beginning of juvenile delinquency is sometimes hard to determine, just as is the beginning of cancer. We must act soon, or delinquency will become more prevalent as the days pass.

If anyone should be doing something about it, it should be *us* who profess to be Christians! ". . . Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9). If we are, why not do as we believe the Scriptures teach! Just consider—how would you have received the gospel if someone had not been considerate and thoughtful enough to bring the gospel to you, or to invite you to church so that you could hear the gospel and receive the Lord as your personal Savior?

I know that "every word of God is pure" (Prov. 30:5). And since "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it" is true, then doesn't the fault lie

mostly with the parents? Parents who do not recognize their responsibility in rearing their children, should wake up to the truth of the fact and teach the children what way to go and what way not to go!

It has been proved by some men, that whatever a child has been taught before school age will greatly affect his later life. We find this among the Catholic people. They impress heavily upon the little minds their doctrine and belief, and seldom do you find a child of strong Catholic parents departing from their faith. What do they do? They teach their children from infancy. What do we do? We use an excuse oftentimes for not teaching children when they are small. Each one of us has a great responsibility to carry, whether we are young or old.

In the "back of your minds," I am sure, that most of you young people expect to be married someday and later be parents. This is not unreasonable thinking either, because God created mankind to have that desire in life. However, besides all the happiness you may enjoy in having a home and rearing children, you also have a responsibility before God.

Young men are admonished to be sober minded, which I consider to have a twofold meaning: (1) to be sober from the drink of alcohol, (2) to be sober in mind; to be sincere. They are exhorted to show themselves to be a pattern of good works.

Especially among the worldly group of teen-age boys there is the attitude that the use of vulgar language is an accepted way of showing that they are grown-up; but the Word admonishes the young men to have "sound speech, that cannot be condemned . . ." (Titus 2:8). We know that vulgar language is to be condemned and, therefore, it is wrong to use.

Fathers are exhorted in the Word thus: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). In the cases of some fathers, if the Word were written according to their works, it would read, "And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but let them indulge in the pleasures of this world." If boys and girls were reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, these juvenile cases would not exist in such a large measure as they do.

Most of the trouble lies with parents concerning this juvenile delinquency. If the motto, "Spare the rod and spoil the child" were put into effect in all homes, then we would find different results! The Word of God says, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24); "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Prov. 29:17). If fathers and mothers would correct their children, it would save countless heartaches years later.

The women must not be forgotten even though they are the weaker sex. The Lord does not let this be an excuse for not taking responsibility in the home, and in the church. The Bible says,

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:3-5). If we actually take this to heart, this covers a lot of territory.

The aged women were admonished to teach the young women how to do things and how to handle the things of the home. Yet, we find so many young wives who do not know how to approach problems and this causes friction within the home. There are many divorces among young married people because their fathers and mothers did not teach them the responsibilities of home life when they were children.

The children are admonished in the Word, "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise" (Eph. 6:2). What is that promise? It is, ". . . that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Ex. 20:12). They are also admonished in the Word, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Eph. 6:1). Many times the children would rather have it written this way: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: as long as you think it is right."

There are other things that could be mentioned concerning the duties and responsibilities which each individual must share in order to lessen juvenile delinquency and build up our na-

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# Due Season

"Fran, I don't know why they should choose me to speak on such an important occasion. You're much better qualified than I. And, as you know, unless you help me get my talk together as you usually do, I'll really not be able to do it." Julia's eyes widened with dismay even while they sparkled with triumph.

Fran crinkled her freckled turned up nose and laughed as she skilfully twisted a wisp of Julia's soft gold hair around her finger and pinned it in place. Julia was absolutely helpless about fixing her hair. Fran, her older sister, always did it for her—just as she always helped her with anything she had to do. Fran looked down at Julia now and made a note that she was just two years younger than she, so there really wasn't a lot of difference in their ages. They had the same friends and did many things together. The only difference was that Julia seemed to lead a charmed life. Everything came her way—she stood out in a crowd and everyone seemed to gravitate in her direction. Fran was proud of her—just as proud as she could be!

Patting Julia's shoulder affectionately, Fran ceremoniously declared, "The people have spoken! I guess they know who's qualified! And you know I'll be glad to help you. I was just thinking it would be nice if you spoke about—" Fran went into a detailed description of the talk Julia would make.

"Oh, that sounds wonderful!"

Julia agreed. "I wonder what Hadley's subject will be."

The mention of Hadley's name turned Fran's cheeks pink. She was glad Julia couldn't see her. Up until now she had managed to keep her affection for Hadley pretty well hidden. But the few little extra attentions he'd shown her lately had been very gratefully accepted.

"You know," Julia continued dreamily, "I must confess I was pleased when they voted to have Hadley for the boy speaker. I guess I'm quite fond of him, if you want to know the truth."

Fran's breath caught in her throat. Julia had everything—did she have to demand Hadley as well? For the first time in her life Fran felt a stab of jealousy over Julia, for it was a foregone conclusion, if Julia decided she'd like to have Hadley, she would have him.

Fran spent a restless night with an achy, miserable feeling in her heart. On the way to school next morning Muirel Lang joined Fran and Julia. When they met some other girls a little farther down the street, Julia stepped ahead to walk with them, and Muriel moved closer to Fran. She was one of Fran's best friends.

"You know what I've been thinking ever since the meeting last night?" Muriel said in a confidential whisper.

"No. What?"

"I think you're a big goof to let Julia get ahead of you the way she does. Any one who knows

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# TEEN



## Letter From Aunt Lena

*Dear Nieces and Nephews,*

Our beloved pastor often tells us the story of the camel and how he kneels in the early morning hours to have a burden placed upon his back. As he treks out over the long, hot, dry desert, the load shifts a little and becomes loosened and much harder to carry. At noontime he kneels to rest awhile and his master rearranges the burden. Although the rearrangement doesn't make the load lighter, still the master's touch has made it seem lighter and easier to bear, and nightfall seems to come much sooner. As the camel kneels at nightfall, the load is completely lifted and he can truly rest throughout the night and be refreshed for the next day's activities.

What a wonderful lesson this can be to us. How we need to read and meditate on a portion of God's Word each morning, kneeling in prayer and thanking Him for the rest of the night. Remembering to ask for strength and wisdom to carry our burdens for the day, we also ask for protection, and that the Holy Spirit might be our guide in everything we do and say. At noontime, as we become a little weary with the toils of the day, we can kneel (at least in-

wardly) and have the Master's touch make the burdens seem lighter. Then at nightfall we can lay our burdens down until the dawning of a new day.

So many of us, especially we older ones, are prone to carry our burdens way into the night. Then we wonder why everything seems wrong and we cannot accomplish what we planned the next day. No wonder we become weary and discouraged when we do not let our Master lift our burdens and grant us sweet repose.

We are told to take up our cross daily and follow the Master, but we cannot take it up daily unless we first lay it down. Matthew 11:28 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

He can give us the peace that passeth understanding which will bring a sweet repose to both mind and body. We are to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). We are to be in a prayerful attitude at all times so we can call upon Him in a moment's time, or any place we happen to be. If we have only time to breathe that holy Name in prayer, He will hear and answer us providing there is nothing between us and our Savior.

*Lovingly,*

Aunt Lena





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# TALK

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## It's Your Guess

### TRY THIS BIBLE PUZZLE

- 1—The book that comes between Zephaniah and Zechariah.  
Micah, Haggai, Habakkuk
- 2—The fire god of the children of Ammon.  
Diana, Baal, Molech.
- 3—A high priest at Jerusalem.  
Joachim, Gamaliel, Eli
- 4—A famous river of Damascus.  
Nile, Jordan, Pharpar
- 5—The husband of Salome.  
Zechariah, Zebedee, Zebulun
- 6—The grandson of Shem.  
Uz, Manasseh, Seth
- 7—One of the seven holy angels.  
Tobiah, Saraph, Raphael
- 8—The place where Miriam died.  
Kadesh, Carmel, Cherieth
- 9—The deputy of Achaia in Paul's day.  
Gamaliel, Gallim, Gallio
- 10—The father of Balaam.  
Berea, Beor, Ben-hur

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### Answers to It's Your Guess

Haggai, Molech, Joachim, Pharpar, Zebedee, Uz, Raphael, Kadesh, Gallio,

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Language was given us that we might say pleasant things to each other.—Bovee.

## BLOTTING OUT BAD MARKS

In walking down the street one day I noticed queer-looking marks in the walk. It was a cement walk and upon more closely looking at the marks I discovered they were the footprints of a dog. Soon I saw a small child's footprints. When the cement was still soft they had walked over it and left their marks—marks that could not be wiped off.

You, boys and girls, are already marked with the prints of each sin you have committed. Each wrong word, every bad thought, all disobedience, each little lie, all have left their marks. You can never remove them.

A good workman could certainly fill in those marks in the cement, but only a skilled worker could do it well. So it is that only the Lord Jesus will remove the marks your sins have made. His blood was shed to put away the stain of your sins. Isaiah 43:25 tells you about God's blotting out your sins. Look up the verse.—Sel.

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*As sin seeks the shadows where the sun shines not, so virtue and truth tread the trail where light hits the spot.*

## DUE SEASON

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you very well, knows that you're the one who should be speaking at the meeting." Muriel's black eyes were snapping.

"Why, Muriel, all the kids voted for Julia and you know as well as I do that she'll do a good job," Fran protested.

"She'll do a good job—thanks to you!" Muriel spit the words out. "Her hair will be done in perfection, her message will be fine, her delivery just right. And will you tell me why? No—wait a minute—let me tell you? It will be because you worked and slaved over her. It makes me sick! And besides, now she's after Hadley!"

"Muriel!" It was all Fran could manage.

"Don't try to tell me you don't care about that—'cause I know better. Oh, Fran, you just can't let her do this to you!" Muriel insisted. "It isn't fair to yourself. Let her do her own hair for once—let her get her own message—and then watch her flop!"

"Muriel, you can't be serious," Fran said. "Come on, let's catch up with the rest of the kids." Fran felt kind of sick inside. As though someone had given her a shot of poison.

All day long, try as she might, she couldn't get rid of Muriel's suggestions. After all, why should she wear herself out doing things to improve Julia. Julia just greedily took everything. Fran began to feel very sorry for herself. She had so little—Julia had so much!

When Julia came running to meet her at noon, Fran found it impossible to be cordial. She

watched a baffled expression chase the happy smile off Julia's face at her cool greeting.

"Fran," Julia exclaimed, "whatever is wrong? What have I done?"

Fran shrugged indifferently, "Ah, nothing." Let Julia suffer for a little while. It might be a good change for her. But the strange thing about it was that Julia's unhappiness only made Fran feel worse.

That evening Fran sat with her lips pressed tightly together during the prayer meeting. She was only half listening to what the preacher was saying. Mostly she was asking herself all kinds of questions. Was everyone cold and calculating? Did one have to scheme and connive in order to find happiness? On and on her questions went. Never had she felt more disturbed and miserable. Was she being foolish to give Julia so much of her time and thought and to trust her so completely? Was Julia eventually going to rob her of everything? Fran stirred in her seat. Somewhere in her thinking the preacher's words began to penetrate. He was reading: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."

Those words struck home to Fran! They seemed to be showing her the way to take. God's Word was right, regardless of the way things might seem. Right there in her seat she determined with the Lord's help to do all she could for Julia and to leave the consequences in God's hands. With the decision came a glorious sense of freedom and relief.

The night of the important

meeting Julia looked beautiful as she stepped up to speak. Fran had done her hair especially well. As she spoke everyone in the place listened attentively. Fran smiled happily. She was really proud of her little sister. And to think she'd almost spoiled their lovely relationship. Then she got a glimpse of Hadley gazing upon Julia with great admiration. For a moment the green-eyed monster reared his head, but Fran quickly tromped on him. IF Hadley was going to fall for Julia, there was nothing she could do about it.

When the service was over Fran started toward the back of the church where she'd planned to meet Julia. As she made her way through the crowd she realized that someone was calling her. She turned to find Hadley hurrying toward her.

"Fran," he called softly, "say, I'd like to take you home. May I?"

"Well," Fran hesitated unable to believe her ears. "I'm with Julia—I—"

"Oh, I've asked Bob to take Julia home. She'll be in good hands. How about it?"

It was the most beautiful night Fran could ever remember. The cold air and Hadley's presence combined stung a lovely, deep pink into her cheeks.

"Julia was wonderful tonight," Hadley was saying. "She's definitely the spotlight type. She'll always be like that. Personally, I like your type better. Believe me, I've watched you, and I know a lot about you. You're the kind who can give and give and do it gladly."

"You know," Hadley continued. "I've been thinking, since I plan

to be a minister some day, you'd be just the girl for me. Oh, I know it's a little early to talk about it now. But I would like for you to kind of keep it in mind."

Fran sighed softly. She thought she might be able to remember.

—Ellis Martin in HiCall.

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## Oregon Youth Rally

The youth rally was held at Scrael Hill on March 5, 1955. The theme of the program was "Christ in the Home." The song service was led by Archie Lawson. The leader was Paul Jellison.

Louis Barnes read the Scripture reading which was found in 1 Timothy 5:1-10. Prayer was led by Brother Huffman.

Duets were sung by Luella Weavill and Arlene Jenness, and Sister Nicholas and Phyllis.

Solos were sung by Vivian Long, Sister Walker and Frank Slattery.

Trio numbers were sung by Sister Nicholas, Beverly Jellison and Frank Slattery; Arlene, Opal and Merle Jenness; and Karen, Virginia and Darlene.

Readings were given by H. K. Severance and Sister Nicholas.

Poems were given by Leonard Sheffield and Elden Aerni.

The Scrael Hill group played two instrumental numbers.

While the congregation sang "In the Service of the King" the offering was taken for Brother Hubert Weekes.

Beverly Jellison conducted a Bible quiz with Elden Aerni and Vivian long choosing sides.

The closing song was "There Is a Fountain," and we were dismissed by Don Larson.

—Mildred Larson.

## North Dakota

### Y. P. REPORT

The young people held their regular meeting on February 26. Albin Schlenker was in charge of the meeting which opened with the singing of "Precious Memories." He then read the Scripture reading, and John Moldenhauer led in prayer.

Readings were given by Shirley Schlenker, Deloris Gohner, Burnette, Roland, Norma and Donnie Schlenker.

Poems were read by Gordon and Darlene Schlenker, and Jimmy Gohner.

A piano solo was played by Patricia Schlenker.

Duets were sung by Karolyn Otto and Laura Schlenker, Joe and Elsie Schlenker, and Norma and Burnette Schlenker.

A musical number was played and then the choir sang a song. The little children also sang a number.

Myron Moldenhauer conducted a Bible quiz, after which Elder Harvey Otto gave a short talk. A season of prayer was held and testimonies were given.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Ted Schlenker.

—Burnette Schlenker.

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## Ohio Y.P. Report

The Faithful Youth Challengers of Ohio held their meeting on March 5 at Cleveland.

Brother P. I. Patchin opened the meeting with prayer. Junior Tedrow and Susie Reed sang two duets, namely: "Sometimes" and "Jesus Saves Me."

An instrumental duet was played by Marie Tedrow with her clarinet and Elder Tedrow with the

guitar. Sister Black read the poem "He Will Pilot Me."

Ted Reed and Jimmy Nelson sang "Fishers of Men" and "For God So Loved the World."

Brother Nelson read an editorial from the *Herald and Call*.

Elder and Sister Tedrow sang "Haven of Rest" with the accompaniment of his guitar.

The closing prayer was given by Brother Gerhardstine.

If any of you readers know of young people's meetings, or the possibility of meetings in your town in Ohio, please notify your state leader.

Jack Reed, 661 West Crawford Avenue, Toledo 12, Ohio.

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## YOUTH

There came into my church a man who had served a term in prison, and then had become a Christian and was seeking to help others. I asked him if he would not tell my young people how he began to go wrong. He said:

"When I was just a boy in London, I was left one noon in charge of the office, and I wanted to write a letter. I took the firm's notepaper without asking, then I took the firm's envelope, and then I opened the drawer and took out a stamp, put it on the letter and mailed it; and when I dropped the letter into the box I dropped my character with it. That was the beginning of my downfall. I went on until I found myself in a prison cell, serving a term of three years. Although I am now saved, I feel the blight and blot of my sin." You boys and girls who read this message, come to Christ now while you are young, so that He may help you not to yield to temptation.—*J. Wilbur Chapman.*

# MIDWEST SIDELIGHTS



As I am writing this feature, I realize that our revival meetings are just one week away. The revival meetings are for the purpose of reviving souls and the saving of other souls which are in need of Christ. In order to accomplish more fully what we want we must have unity! We must be united in prayer and fasting to get the desired results that will be satisfactory.

The Scythians were a wild, barbarous class of people, north of the Black and Caspian seas. They were of the nomadic tribes. They also had many excellent characteristics along with their savage barbarity. One of the kings said this: "United we stand; divided we fall." His name was Scylurus. When he was about to die, he called his sons around him and gave to each of them in their order a bundle of arrows tied together, and told them to break it. Each tried but failed. He then untied the bundle and gave to each a single arrow and instructed them to break it. This they broke very easily. He said, "Let this emblem be a lesson to you of the advantage that results from union and harmony."

I think a wonderful lesson can be drawn from that illustration. The Bible states that we should have unity. Let us use the arrow for an emblem of prayer. If only one prays for the meeting, we would likely not have very many accept Christ; but if we all get together in one mind and one accord and pray and fast for a re-

vival meeting, we will have one that will bring the hearts to Christ and His saving power.

Now, each one of you can do something in this program. Truly, we all cannot be ministers, or ushers, or song leaders, or Sabbath school teachers, but that should not exclude us from making the excuse we can't do this because we cannot be one of the above mentioned. We can be *prayer warriors* for the sake of the Gospel. Why don't you enlist today and we will have *victory* over the three-letter word *sin!*

It was many long years ago when our Savior died in love to overcome this gruesome three-letter word—*sin!* Now, we can accept our Lord as Savior and be free from it!

Remember the soul you *may* save may be your *own!*

—Deloris Forkel.

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## EDUCATION

We all have two educations, one from others, and another, and the most valuable, which we give ourselves. It is this last which fixes our grade in society, and eventually our actual condition in this life, and the color of our fate hereafter. All the professors and teachers in the world would not make you a wise or good man without your own co-operation; and if such you are determined to be, the want of them will not prevail.—*John Randolph.*

# Poetic Gems

## THE WAY

I found no peace in friendly eyes  
Nor any solace there.  
I could not know my Savior's love  
Until I knelt in prayer.

And in the garden of His heart  
We all may pluck the bloom  
That points the way—like some bright  
star

To that quiet upper room!

His strength is found in lives of faith:  
Not in the fruits of those  
Who have not known the blessed grace  
That He alone bestows.

I sought Him in the busy throng,  
And in the crowded street;  
I sought Him in the lonely rooms  
Where suffering patients meet.

I sought Him in the sympathy  
Of doctor, nurse, and friend;  
They had no balm for my sick soul  
'Til self had reached its end!

And now I know since He is mine,  
That I shall not despair;  
No storm of doubt, or siege of pain  
Can bear my healing there!

I do not doubt I, too, shall groan  
Beneath the cross I take  
But oh, my eyes shall still look up  
And for His coming wait!

And as I kneel before His throne,  
My winging prayer shall be,  
"Please help me, in Thy humble way  
To point some heart to Thee."

—Frances B. Erickson in Herald of  
Holiness.

## GRACE TO DO WITHOUT

My heart rejoices in God's will  
'Tis ever best—I do not doubt;  
He may not give me what I ask,  
But gives me grace to do without.

I blindly ask for what I crave,  
With haughty heart and will so stout;  
He oft denies me what I seek,  
But gives me grace to do without.

He makes me love the way He leads,  
And every fear is put to rout;  
When, with my fondest wish denied,  
He gives me grace to do without.

O blessed, hallowed will of God,  
To it I bow with heart devout;  
I will abide in all God's will,  
His will is best, I do not doubt;  
He may not give me what I ask,  
But gives me grace to do without.

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## BE LIKE CHRIST

By faith Christ's Spirit dwells in you;  
Be true as Christ in you is true.

Be strong, for Christ in you is strong;  
Be just, for Christ won't do a wrong.

Be pure as Christ in you is pure;  
Be sure, for Christ in you is sure.

Be kind as Christ in you is kind;  
Be calm, Christ has a peaceful mind.

Be brave as Christ in you is brave;  
Be like Christ, who indwells to save.

Be thankful you may serve the Lord;  
Be always His with glad accord.

—Dr. Albert Leonard Murray in The  
Bible Friend.

# The Grace of God

By Mary Holbert

**T**HE nature of *grace* is almost unbelievable to the believer. Its depths are hard to fathom, but the grace of God is exceedingly precious to God's people.

God says, "I am gracious" (Ex. 22:17). I "will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will shew mercy" (Ex. 33:19). The grace of God is the "unmerited favor" that God shows toward sinful man. It is God's grace, mercy, love and tender compassion that gives sinful man the chance to come back from sin and destruction. Grace has extended to man salvation and eternal life. The law reveals iniquity, condemns man to death; grace provides a righteousness beyond the power of man to attain otherwise. The works of the law cannot save man; the grace of God in Christ alone provides man's redemption. "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 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" (Eph. 2:7-9).

"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:4, 5).

The recipients of God's grace

are those who believe in God and strive to please Him by doing His will. God's grace is extended to all. He says, "And the Spirit and the bride say Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). "Whosoever will" may be a recipient of God's grace. They must come to God and be "accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:6, 7).

"The grace of God . . . bringeth salvation" (Titus 2:11).

"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved . . ." (Acts 15:11).

We are "justified freely by his grace" (Rom. 3:24).

Our daily strength to meet the hours of need, and to comfort us, come to us through the grace of God. Paul was troubled by a thorn in the flesh and besought the Lord that it might depart from him. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." After Paul heard this he said, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (See 2 Cor. 12:9).

Paul never ceased to thank God for His mercy. He said he was the least of the apostles because he

had persecuted the church of God, but he said, "by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (1 Cor. 15:10).

Paul doesn't take any credit for his successful ministry, but gave the credit and thanks to God.

We could do well to strive as diligently for our Lord as did Paul. We should never cease giving thanks to God for His mercy that saves, keeps, and empowers us to live for Him. We should not remain static in the virtues of the Christian life, but should "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

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## WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

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of God." Another Bible refers Ex. 34:28 back to verse 1. Even if it had been written by Moses the second time, that would not make it void today.

It is true that "Thou shalt not steal" was incorporated into the Old Covenant, or agreement, but we certainly do not think that everything good connected with that covenant was wiped out of existence!

It is just as easy to minus ten from ten and get nine as it is to make sense out of saying all the law was abolished and then turn around and say we should not covet, lie, steal, kill, and so forth.

We might expect sinners to cast aside the entire Bible because

they don't like parts of it, but for preachers to waylay or speak against the Ten Commandments is "Trojan horse" — plain fifth column business. May God open their eyes to realize that only "the carnal mind is enmity against God" and His law (Rom. 8:7), and cause them, with Paul, to "delight in the law of God after the inward man" (Rom. 7:22).

—By L. L. Christenson.

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## EDITORIAL

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church service, and at other times when their symptoms can be particularly obnoxious to others. It is most highly recommended that parents guard their children against exposure to the harmful and annoying effects of gummies by seeing that they do not have access to the habit-forming rubbery compound during worship.

—By Clayton Faubion.

(This article was written by request, that it might help to alleviate this situation which is prevalent in so many churches and public places. Ed.)

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## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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tion in the Christian way of living. I urge you to remember this in solving this problem—let it begin in me! May God bless the reader.

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A face that cannot smile is like a bud that cannot blossom which dries up on the stalk.

—H. W. Beecher.