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### The Story of Pitt and the Pins

Pitt was a small boy, and his mother was a dressmaker. The mother was as careful as she could be not to drop pins on the floor; yet, from time to time, one or two would fall. One day a pin ran into the foot of Pitt's little sister. When she had stopped crying, mother said, "Pitt, I will give you a penny for every pin you pick up from the floor."

"Can I buy candy?" asked Pitt.

"You may buy candy with one penny out of every three," she answered.

On the first day, in order to start him off, mother purposely dropped a pin. Pitt found it, received his penny, and bought a lollipop. During the course of the following week the boy found three more pins and bought another penny's worth of candy. The two pennies not spent he put into his money box. Time went on, and some days Pitt found a pin, and some days he did not. Then he suddenly began to find more pins than usual. Rarely, now, did a day pass without a pin's being found; and mother began to wonder at her carelessness in dropping so many. One day mother happened to be going toward her workroom, her soft shoes making no sound upon the carpet. From a distance she saw Pitt actually pulling out the drawer of the sewing machine, taking out a pin, and dropping it upon the floor. The little boy never knew he had been seen; for his mother went back.

She was very grieved to know her son had done a dishonest thing, and she sat down to think out what she ought to do. She did not like to punish him by whipping. For two whole days she tried to decide upon a way to bring home to Pitt the seriousness of being dishonest.

On the afternoon of the third day Pitt ran home from school with tears in his eyes. "John Biggs made me play marbles with him, for keeps," complained the boy. "He cheated, and won all my three alleys!" He burst into tears; for he had prized his precious alleys more than any other of his treasures. Inside of them could be seen brightly colored designs, which twisted and turned in a way wonderful to behold. "He cheated!" Pitt repeated. "His

game is a bit better than mine, and I saw him shifting my marbles on the sly. I want my alleys!"

"Often, when we cheat someone, God allows someone else to cheat us—to show us what it is like," said mother. "Can you remember ever having cheated anybody?"

"No! I never did!" protested Pitt noisily.

"Think it over, and we will talk about it again tomorrow."

All that evening the little boy was quiet and thoughtful, which was very unusual. At bedtime, after Pitt had said his prayers, and his mother had tucked him in for the night, the little boy asked, "Can anything I have eaten be brought back, mother?"

"I suppose it can," replied mother. "Doctors have a thing called a 'tummy' pump. But never mind the 'tummy' pump tonight, dear. Go right off to sleep like mommy's nice boy."

On the following afternoon Pitt did not come home at his usual time. But after a while the doctor from the surgery a few doors down came to see Pitt's mother, leading her little son by the hand. "I am bringing your son home," said the doctor, pretending to be very grave. "Five days ago he ate a lollipop that did not belong to him, and yesterday he ate another. Now his conscience hurts him. He came into my surgery a short time ago and asked me to use my 'tummy' pump on him, and restore the lollipops to their rightful owner. What had we better do, mother?" asked the understanding doctor.

"We shall let him keep the lollipops, this time," answered mother; "but Pitt must promise not to cheat again."

As soon as the doctor had gone, Pitt brought his box to his mother. Better open it, mother, and take out five pennies," said he, with great difficulty, for his mouth seemed so dry he could hardly form the words. "I only cheated about five times—over the pins. And take out two more for the lollipops I ate; take out seven cents."

Pitt continued to pick up pins, and to receive a penny for each one; but he never again drop-

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## EDITORIAL

Spring has come in Missouri. The robins have been back several weeks. The tulips are creeping up; the jonquils are already blooming. The girls enjoy roller-skating these pleasant spring days and the boys are flying kites and playing marbles.

Some of you from the South have written you have made your gardens. Farther north you may still have snow.

Are you going to have a garden this summer? If so, write and tell us what you are planting. Little four-year-old tots sometimes plant seeds and raise plump, red radishes or gorgeous zinnias. It is wonderful how God causes the sunshine and rain to awaken the tiny seeds and bring them up to see the outside world. There is one thing certain about it though. Whatever kind of seed we place in the ground, that will be the kind of plant which will grow and bear flowers, fruit or vegetables.

That is the way with our lives, isn't it? If we do good deeds, something good will come from them. Someone will be helped, be made happy. If we scatter evil deeds, someone will be harmed, be made sad or lonely.

I hope to have a flower and a vegetable garden. Lettie Mae and I have planted our sweet peas, so we'll soon be watching for the tiny plants. It is also time for the delicate ferns to peep through the ground. The fern bed is on the north side of the house. We have also planted lettuce and spinach. How many of you like them? If any of you already have flowers blooming write and tell us what kind they are. Then when you plant more seeds, tell us what kind you planted. I'll be looking for a letter from you and you and you.

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### THE STORY OF PITT AND THE PINS

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ped a pin upon the floor that he might be paid to pick it up, for he could see, now, that that would be cheating.

It was found that John Biggs was not honest. He was made to return Pitt's three marbles to him. —John Russell in *Our Little Friend*.

### FROM THE BOOK SHELF



### THE ARROW AND THE SONG

By Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air,  
It fell to earth, I know not where;  
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight  
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,  
It fell to earth, I know not where;  
For who has sight so keen and strong  
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak  
I found the arrow, still unbroke;  
And the song, from beginning to end,  
I found again in the heart of a friend.

I hope each of you who do not know this little poem will commit it to memory. The words recalled might prevent a hasty or unkind word, which like the arrow falls to earth we know not where, and like the arrow may not be recalled. Even as it may enter the stoutest oak our lightest word may heal or wound the saddest heart. Our songs, like the arrow, will last for long. So let us sing often those songs that will brighten and encourage the pathway of some friend.

—Ethel Rodgers

### Loyal Juniors

#### THE LAW OF GOOD WORKMANSHIP

The Good Junior Tries to Do the  
Right Thing in the Right Way

The welfare of our country depends upon those who have learned to do in the right way the things that ought to be done. Therefore:

1. I will get the best possible education, and learn all that I can from those who have learned to do the right thing in the right way.

2. I will take an interest in my work, and will not be satisfied with slipshod and merely passable work. A wheel or a rail carelessly made may cause the death of hundreds.

3. I will try to do the right things in the right way, even when no one else sees or praises me. But when I have done my best, I will not envy those who have done better, or have received larger reward. Envy spoils the work and the worker.

—The Junior Code of Morals.

#### I BELIEVE In the CHRISTIAN WAY of LIVING

An Article from a Boy's Creed

I have watched people work out different ways of living.



*"Seek the Lord and ye shall live."*

Stanberry, Missouri, April 2, 1942

*"Hate the evil, and love the good."*

**GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH  
And  
A FIRM FOUNDATION  
To  
BUILD UPON**

As I look over those notes that I made so many months ago, and intended to use for this article, they seem very inadequate for the thought I mean to express. I can still remember the fierce tone of resentment which was so strongly aroused during one of our usual family discussions on religious doctrines and the theory of evolution. Perhaps that seems a strange sequence for any conversation to take, but not so unusual when you consider that the family consists of a mother and father who are strong adherents of Bible doctrine and philosophy and two daughters who have been instructed from their youth up, in the faith and who are now attending college.

It's a warm, March, Sabbath afternoon and I have been lying in my room dozing, thinking and occasionally writing down beautiful thoughts and expressions in a small notebook I keep for the purpose. Perhaps you have done such a thing yourself, yet when the words are placed on paper how cold and lonely they look, so different from the vibrant, pulsing things they were in your brain. And then I realize that my hand is yet unskilled to the technique of interpreting wonders to words. So, it seems as I glance over these old notes and I begin to write.

I remember in our family discussion, it had been implied that college students take the principles of their schooling (which is supposed to contradict any religious belief) and adopt them as a faith. I sincerely disagreed especially if such a statement included me and other young people of our faith. Now let me show you why.

I believe that one of the basic principles of God's Church is (Luke 11:9), "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find", and John 5:39, "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life"

With the training we have had in our religious belief and faith there had always been held before us the necessity, to prove all things and to test all conclusions that we draw. I didn't know the psychological terms which defines this attitude and training until this past year. It is termed the scientific attitude and the scientific method. Its' philosophy is

**ARE YOU FOUND  
WANTING?**

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. What are these commands of our Lord? In Mark 12:30-31 He answered the scribes thus: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Now do you ask where to find a balance to weigh our love? There is no better test than that which the Israelites used and which was prepared and given by God. You will find them in Exodus 20. Look at them well. Can you honestly say you have made the best of your opportunities? Check up on yourself; strive with all your might to do better. There is a God watching over you. There is a Christ cheering and helping you on your way. Don't give up. Don't spend all your time looking back. Look upward; trust and pray. Labor onward toward your goal.

"He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints." Prov. 2:8.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Ps. 37:3.

"For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 118:8.

—Shirley Carver.

that truth is relative, that we must continually test our beliefs and that in order to act intelligently we must act according to the knowledge we possess now. Thus is developed the ability to think and reason clearly,

to be openminded (which is an essential characteristic of any Christian). In other words, be willing to listen to the other fellow and then—(still working according to scientific methods)—test those words with the one truth we have today which is the word of God.

Deut. 32:4 a God of truth.

Ps. 91:4 His truth shall be thy shield.

Ps. 119:142, Thy law is truth.

Dan. 4:37 all whose works are truth.

John 1:14 I am the way, the truth and the life.

1 John 5:6 the Spirit is truth.

Don't think that I'm contradicting myself when first I say that truth is relative and then say that the one positive truth we have today is the word of God. Instead of a contradiction it is an argument for, as you will see in the following paragraphs.

In order to test any theory fairly it is certain that one must be entirely free from prejudices, pet peeves and cherished ideas of self and others. As to religious beliefs we know that the Christian philosophy and the words of God have been tested and proven beyond a doubt down through the ages, in history and in the heaven and earth that surround us. Now, isn't it better to live according to a principle, creed and a philosophy that has been so vastly tried and proven than to cast them carelessly aside in the short while of a century (speaking comparatively) for the mighty imaginings of man. Now, do you see that I did not contradict myself in statements above?

The Christian's faith is a shining beacon for future life and a lamp unto our feet for the present.

Students of evolution, geology, human geography, psychology, in fact any science must keep in mind the warning that the major part of each is a study of theories which are comparatively recent in the thinking of man and consequently have not gone through the grueling ordeal of centuries of testing and retesting that the Christian principles have. Now the truly scientific person will not discredit honesty, justice, fair play, etc., and neither will the Christian, for they are truths and are basic in the philosophy of both.

Yet, does this all mean that a scientist cannot be a Christian? No, I do not think it necessarily does. A true scientist though he may have his own theories which he is trying to prove will realize that those which have a longer and more trying testing have superiority over others and as such must constitute his beliefs and working platform for life. For instance there can be no reconciliation between some men's concept of the evolution of the earth and the Bible story as the two flatly contradict one another and it is obvious as to which has survived the longest test of time. Though I once heard a minister try to reconcile the Bible story of creation with the theory of evolution by changing the first word in the book of Genesis from "In" to "From".

So, parents, don't dread to think of your children leaving for college to remain for a time under the influence of men who are not in the true sense of the word, scientists. The four years should rather serve as a challenge and a testing and proving time providing you as parents have done your part in training your children to think for themselves and to accept nothing without proof. They of course must also have clear concepts of their belief. The way will be hard and rocky and there will be trying times, but youth is naturally tough and enduring and willing to fight.

As we travel along,

The Jericho Way,

With Christ by our side, we can somehow say,

The way may be long and rocky and hard,

But hallelujah I'm traveling,

The true way to God.

—Edith Odekirik.

## QUESTION DEPARTMENT

QUESTION: Please explain Neh. 13:1-3.

QUESTION: Is it true that battles have been lost in early times because they did not fight on the Sabbath? Why would God let this happen?

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY SENT IN

QUESTION: Should Church of God ministers be called Reverend instead of Elders, or would such a title exalt them above God's name?

ANSWER: If we abide strictly by the Bible (and we should) we will not call a minister "reverend." There is not one example in the Bible where a prophet, an apostle, minister, elder or any man of God was ever titled "reverend." This world is found but once in the Scriptures (Ps. 111:9) where it says of God, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name." Yes,

only God's name is holy and reverend.

It is true we are to give honor to whom honor is due, and it is due a true minister of God, but Christ is head over all, the head of the church, "and the head of Christ is God."

Notice Heb. 12:28, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

While verse 12 says "we have had fathers of the flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence. . ." yet it does not say they called them *reverend*. These fathers were given respect and honor, but only God's name is reverend and holy in the fullest meaning of the word.

QUESTION: Is there ever a time when the Sabbath commandment isn't binding?

ANSWER: It might help to answer this question by applying it to any one of the Ten Commandments.

The Sabbath was made for man's benefit, chiefly spiritual, but also needed physical rest.

Very likely there are differences of opinion among sincere Christians as to how much might be included in the "ox in the ditch" problems that sometimes suddenly come up. However, the consecrated servant of God will take care not to do anything that will stir up his conscience to question with doubt what he does on the Sabbath.

Did Israel ever go to war on the Sabbath? you may ask. If they did at God's command it was all right.

—Editor.

# PAUL

## A HERALD OF THE CROSS

By Florence M. Kingsley

### Chapter XI Concluded

"I will do this thing for my freedom," said the slave, slowly raising his right hand above his head. "But the father of the gods is my witness that thou hast commanded it. I but obey—as the javelin obeys the hand of him that hurls it." With that he was gone, swift as the murderous weapon to which he had likened himself.

And so on that day perished miserably, Tiberius, in the seventy and eighth year of his life, and Caius Cæsar, son of his brother's son, reigned in his stead.

Among those who presently thronged more quickly than ever about the newly-made emperor—Tiberius having been at last officially declared dead, to the great joy of all concerned—there came a woman, palid and sorrowful, yet bearing herself with a right queenly grace. "A boon, my lord, the emperor, a boon," she cried, throwing herself at his feet. "Herod Agrippa was thy friend, and because

he was thy friend he hath languished now for many months in a foul dungeon, laden moreover with a chain of iron which cankers not his flesh more than the thought of it hath tortured me, his wife."

The foul and sluggish current of Caligula's blood was flowing more swiftly on this memorable day than was its wont, he therefore sprang to his feet with a flush on his cheek that in another might have argued the generous indignation of true friendship.

"Agrippa! and in a dungeon" he exclaimed, "Fetch him forth instantly; and for the iron chain that hath bound him, let a golden chain be made of equal weight. For with blood will Caius Cæsar quench the fires of hatred, and with chains of gold will he bind to him the hearts of his friends."

All that heard applauded him for the god-like wisdom of his words. Macro applauded with the rest; he had begun to understand the nature of his royal master.

And Charicles, the wise physician, having seen the play to its end, went back to Rome content to have been only a looker-on. "Verily," he said aloud, thoughtfully contemplating the grinning skill which served to keep his parchment leaves from fluttering away in the breeze from the open window. "Verily, this world must present a strange spectacle to the immortal gods—if there be any gods, for in it we mortals, emerging from the black night of nothingness, crawl for a little in the light, sleeping and waking, bearing, fighting, eating, drinking, loving perhaps and loved, of a surety hating and hated, clutching madly at a robe of sheep's wool dyed with purple—the purple, but the blood of a miserable shell-fish, empty emblem of a power that exists not—and at the last scourged again by some invisible hand into the further blackness, to emerge no more. If we be what men call wise, what is our wisdom save the power to know our unspeakable ignorance?" —Sel.

### CHAPTER XII.

#### THE CHOSEN AND THE ACCURSED

Judas of Damascus was a just man; not only was he held so to be by his fellow-countrymen, but he was respected and even feared by all the Syrians, Greeks, Romans and other Gentiles with whom he had dealings in a commercial way. No one could regret more sincerely than did Judas the hard necessity of coming into contact with "the accursed" in even the most casual manner; but business was business in Damascus as elsewhere, and if holiness unto the Lord was the best thing in the world, certainly the next unto it in point of desirability was to be possessed of shekels in abundance. man might be never so holy, and yet be clothed in

rage—which was assuredly an evil thing. To be holy, to be blameless after the law, and at the same time to be rich, was to be like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, like Saul and Solomon and David; not that Judas openly compared himself with the patriarchs and kings of old, but the thing was obvious even to the dullest comprehension; if a man was prospered in his business, God was with him. The Scriptures taught it; and Judas, being rich and prosperous, thoroughly believed it.

Why then was it that the face of this good man should be downcast and gloomy. He had just brought to successful issue a transaction which, while it would assuredly impoverish the short-sighted Gentile with whom it had been concluded, would just as assuredly bring a goodly sum into the strong box of the astute Judas. Moreover he had since thoroughly cleansed both his conscience and his hands by a vast deal of ceremonial washing; even the robe which he had worn had been duly purified, according to the law, from all polluting contact. Clean without and within, triumphant over lawlessness and idolatry, why did not peace irradiate the countenance of the just and prosperous Judas? Alas! in this present evil world there is ever some trial to buffet even the very elect. In accordance with his comprehensive yet simple code of ethics Judas was wont to set down all such mental and bodily disquietude to the active interference of the evil one.

"All was well with man," he would say piously, "till the devil tempted the woman in the garden of Eden. Through the deplorable folly of woman came all manner of evil into the world; and so, alas, hath it ever remained, for the devil having once obtained favor in the eyes of woman, hath not ceased through her to plague all the sons of Adam unto this present day."

These reflections, which he had heretofore indulged with the peaceful calm of a philosopher, had been brought to his mind with unaccustomed poignancy on this very morning. He had come upon his wife in the great court of the household just in time to see her bestow a goodly loaf of barley bread upon a ragged unkempt woman, whose speech and countenance but too clearly betrayed the accursed Gentile.

"May the father of all the gods bless thee," cried the woman, the tears coursing down her thin cheeks. "My little ones are starving, another evening would have seen them lying stark and cold; but now, thanks be to the merciful Diana—who hath softened thy heart according to my prayer—they shall live and not die."

"Nay, good friend, say not so," replied the wife to Judas, her dark eyes

glistening with sympathy. "It was for the love of Jesus of Nazareth, who also gave Himself for the sins of the world, that I have had compassion upon thee. Pray no more to the false gods, I beseech thee, but unto Jehovah, the eternal One, and to Jesus Christ His well-beloved son."

Judas stood as if turned to stone. He could scarce believe the evidence of his unwilling ears.

"I will pray to thy god, lady, if only to please thee," cried the beggar woman, sinking to her knees; "but I will also kiss the hem of thy garment, since thou art blessed even as one beloved of the gods."

"Hold, dog!" cried a rancorous voice from behind. "Lay not thine accursed hand upon a daughter of Abraham." Then quite forgetting himself in his holy wrath, Judas advanced with uplifted hands towards the beggar, who pallid and trembling, still clasping the precious loaf to her breast, cowered before him, as adject and wretched an object as could perhaps be found within the four walls of Damascus.

"Get thee gone, vile heathen," he continued in a tone which caused the half-dozen maids and men who were staring opened-mouthed at the spectacle to glance apprehensively at their mistress. "Drop the loaf—no morsel of mine shall nourish the viperous brood of a Gentile."

But at this his wife laid her hand upon his arm. "I gave the bread my lord," she said in a low voice. "It shall not be taken from her. Go, my poor woman, and peace go with thee."

Judas turned upon the speaker, his breath coming short in his fury. "I have also somewhat to say unto thee, woman," he said; "attend me in the inner house."

The beggar released from the spell of his wrathful eyes made haste to slink away through the open doorway into the street, followed by the contemptuous glances of the servants. "Good Diana!" she gasped, "if yonder man be a worshiper of the god of the Jews, I cannot pray to Him as I promised, He is too awful; but do thou have mercy on the lady, for she hath need of succor at this moment."

If there was either terror or remorse in the heart of the lady Rachel as she followed her husband into the inner court of the mansion, it was not evident to the curious eyes of the servants. The mild serenity of her gracious brow remained quite unruffled, and if her eyes still glistened with tears, they were but the tears of angelic pity with which she had regarded the wretched object of her companion. The wife of Judas was a tall woman, tall and large, with a certain gracious and majestic amplitude of figure. All of her movements were deliberate; she spoke little, smiled less, and laughed not at all. Yet there breathed forth from her pres-

ence such a sweet and tranquilizing serenity, such a tender and soul-satisfying warmth, that I know not unto what to liken her. She was most, perhaps, like the brooding light of a day in August, when all is complete, finished, all the sharp anxiety and stress of spring, all the lusty haste and laughing tumult of early summer; the harvest fields rest in golden peace, the clusters purple slowly in the shade of the drowsy leaves, and over all the silent sunshine lies like a benediction.

Judas was forced by reason of the smallness of his stature to look up when he addressed the stately Rachel, an attitude little suited to towering fury and scathing denunciation; on this occasion therefore, he bade her sit, that he might the better pour out upon her the vials of his righteous indignation. For some moments he kept silence, pacing rapidly up and down, and plucking savagely at his scanty beard.

—Sel.

## CHAPTER XII Continued

### Y. P. LESSON STUDY

#### WHOM DO WE SERVE?

- 1—What did God say His people had done that would bring no good? Isaiah 52:3.
- 2—Has not all mankind sold out or been sold at some time as servants of a master *other* than God? What did Paul say he was sold under? Romans 7:14. Weren't we too?
- 3—Wicked king Ahab and Jezebel might well be symbols of sin. What they, willingly, sold themselves to do? 1 Kings 21:20 & 25.
- 4—When a person sells a horse the horse no longer works for and obeys its former master but rather its new master. We were all born servants of what? Rom. 6:20.
- 5—Who sold out the human race and caused us to be born sinners? Rom. 5, first parts of verses 17, 18, 19.
- 6—How can we get free from serving sin? Rom. 6:6, '7, 8. (Add other thots or verses you think of).
- 7—Knowing that Christ died for us and can give us a spiritual heart, upon accepting Him we become servants of what? Rom. 6:17 & 18. (Discuss what is included in accepting Christ.)
- 8—With what then were we redeemed or bought from the old master *sin* and the devil? 1 Peter 1:18-19; also Acts 20:28; 1 John 1:7.
- 9—Who then do we belong to? 1 Cor. 7:23; Ch. 6:19, 20; Rom. 14:7-8.
- 10—And we *yield* ourselves unto—? Rom. 6:13.
- 11—How can we tell for sure whose servants we are? Rom. 6:16.
- 12—Knowing that we *belong to God*, being purchased by the precious blood of Christ, what should be the theme of our life, the uppermost purpose and thought of our heart?

## —EDITORIAL—

A few weeks ago the editor received a letter in which was related an experience of a Christian young man who stood a test in a remarkable way. We pass it on our readers that it may encourage them to stand up for the truth without wavering.

This young man's boss threatened to fire him because he wouldn't work Friday night or Sabbath. The boss finally got a man to try to prove to the young man that the law was done away, but the young man had an answer for it all and the man finally said the Bible contradicted itself and there was nothing to it. That surprised the night boss and now he has become quite interested. Instead of firing the young man they are letting him work Sabbath nights and Sundays so he is getting in lots of time.

Praise God for the young people who *know* the truth and will *stand up* for it regardless of their job or anything.

I wonder if all the young people who read this paper can *defend* what they know to be fruth! Have you an answer for the hope within you? Do you know why you believe as you do and can answer, "It is written" and then give what is written in defense of your belief? A Sabbath keeper has more opposition and more false doctrine to fight against than do others. Study your Bible much. Engrave in your mind as many verses as you can that defend the vital truths of the Gospel so often attacked by the enemy.

Since so many are against the law of God (especially the 4th precept), we need to build our first line of defense around the Law—"Yea, we establish the law." Let us draw near to God as never before and build very definitely on the Word of God and His promises. There are many testing times ahead. Will we weaken under the test? Will our faith crack? May God help us to stand firm.

Recently I received a very interesting letter from one who has read the Y.P.F. for two year and hopes to be baptized soon. Indeed we hope he soon has the opportunity to be baptized. I shall quote portions of his letter that it may encourage you readers.

"...Being a young person I feel that we as young people need more of God in our everyday lives, that our lives might be a living prayer that we would please and glorify God and Jesus Christ. The glitter of the world seems to blind us to the brightness of God. Young people seem to want to serve God, but how can we serve Him and do all the things of the world? If we can't do the things of the world, what can we do? I believe a more definite program has to be worked out for the young people.

Not something that they have to do, but something they can do that would further the Master's cause here and would help us to resist the wiles of the devil. I think most of us fall down when it comes to amusements. What does God say about amusements? Some way, somehow I feel that we must live a great deal closer to God than what we are if we are to receive His blessings. I don't want to sound critical, but we do need a more vital message! In this day when the government would make increasing demands upon us, we need greater encouragement to seek God and resist the devil. I think we need more messages and clearer messages on the way of life. Perhaps I have the wrong idea entirely. I don't believe many of us hardly know when our faith is being tried because we yield to the demands so easily. I for myself need everything that God has to offer me and especially strength to stand for Him. I want to offer my bit of encouragement... Let us continue to pray for the awakening and strengthening of the young people and all of God's children everywhere..."

Praise God for the words and spirit of this letter. It is timely. Let us consider it seriously. May it affect our lives as it should.

The letter closed with a question. Consider it: "P. S. Why do we young people, not all of course but some, feel ashamed, or something prevents us from being bold about our hope while in the presence of people who don't believe?"

Young people, it is high time we arouse ourselves and come out *very definitely on the Lord's side*—not half way but 100 per cent! —Editor.

## LETTER DEPARTMENT

## FROM IDAHO

Dear Readers:

I will write a few lines to say that I enjoy our paper very much, but I would like to see more names of the young people signed to letters and articles. I started two articles but discarded them; I will try to make them better before sending them.

We had a very interesting young people's meeting this month. Sister Davison led the meeting which was a musical one. She gave us the story of several hymns—something about the author and why the song was written. It made us appreciate the songs more.

My school work has kept me very busy lately, but I am not sorry that I had so much to do, because it has taught me many things. I wrote a ten page research paper for English on the subject "The Relation of Hot Lunches to the Health of School Children." In reading material for this research paper, I found that over 40 per cent of the people in the

United States are under-nourished and malnourished. One of the chief causes for this is poverty, of course, but much is due to ignorance which could easily be corrected. I am so glad that I have had the privilege of going to school this year; it has broadened my interests and knowledge. I have become more interested in the problem of sickness and the deficiency in people's diets; and if it is the Lord's will I plan to continue my education along that line.

We are enjoying the lessons in the quarterlies and having many discussions. Our discussion of the temptation of Christ was especially interesting because we disagreed about whether or not Satan was there in person and talked to Jesus.

I hope that we will see more letters from the young people telling us what they are doing. I also enjoy reading the letters from the older people.

Your friend,  
Opal Estep

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## FROM MISSOURI

Dear Readers of our little paper:

It is time that I let you know I have not forgotten our little paper.

I'll admit I have not been doing my part lately. One excuse is that I have been busy, the rest is just neglect.

What has happened to so many of our good friends that used to write for the paper? It has been some time since we have seen some of their names.

When I read Agnes M. Haffner's letter in our last Y.P.F. it made me think that I hadn't done my part either.

Spring is here. Today is supposed to be the first day. It is much colder today than it was the past week so therefore feels like winter has not gone out the door and spring entered.

Soon will begin our spring and summer campaigns and I am hoping and praying that more good than ever before may be done. Surely if God's word ever needed to be preached it is now.

We had an interesting lesson study at Sabbath school this morning on "Prayer", taught by Eld. Kauer. We certainly need to "watch and pray" in these perilous times.

Prayer is essential at all times. In James 5 it tells us to "pray without ceasing." We can pray at any moment of the day and we will be heard. In Matt. 6 it says to "pray to our Father in secret, and our Father which seeth in secret shall reward us openly."

May the Lord bless and be with each of us as we strive to serve Him.

I will also try to do better in contributing to our little paper in the near future than I have the past winter.

With Christian fellowship,  
Genevieve Moore

And I have had to make my choice from among them.

I know one person who lives by satisfying every physical appetite whenever the impulse comes to him. And he lives on a low vicious plane, and

He makes me believe instead in the Christian way of living.

I know a selfish man who always looks out for Number One, as he puts it. And he has shrivelled into a small person with a twisted soul.

He too makes me believe in the Christian way of living.

But I have also seen men and women with clean minds and strong bodies; boys and girls with patience and self-control; young people of generous and unselfish spirit; people of all ages who have taken Jesus Christ as their Master and who are eager to do the will of God.

They are the biggest and finest people I know. They are real Christians, in my opinion.

So, I believe in the Christian Way of living.

—By O. Hayward (Sel.)

## DANIEL

Daniel was among the children of Israel chosen to be brought before king Nebuchadnezzar and be trained for his services under him. For three years they were to be taught the tongue and knowledge of the Chaldeans and if they proved to be skilful in all wisdom and knowledge and proved favorable to the king, then they were permitted to stand before him. During this time they were to receive a portion of the king's meat and wine.

Knowing that the meat and wine would defile his body, Daniel asked if he and his companions couldn't be fed pulse and water. So since the prince of the eunuchs had love and tender feelings for Daniel he agreed to let them have the pulse and water for a ten days' trial. When the ten days were up their countenance appeared much faired and fatter in flesh than the children that had been eating the portion of the king's meat. Thus all the children were given the pulse and water.

God gave Daniel and his companions knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. Daniel had understanding in all visions and dream, therefore they were chosen from all others to stand before the king.

King Nebuchadnezzar, during the second year of his reign, had a dream that troubled him but which he couldn't remember. He called all the magicians and wise men but none could reveal his dream to him, so he ordered them to be put to death.

When Daniel learned of this he went before the king and asked for time and he would tell him the interpretation of his dream. Then in a night vision God revealed to Daniel the dream. Being a very faithful servant of God, Daniel was very thankful for this and gave some wonderful testimony to the power of God. After telling the dream to the king, Daniel was made a great man and ruler in Babylon and the chief of all the wise men.

God continued to give Daniel wisdom to in-

terpret dreams and writings of the king. He was set above all the princes and presidents and this made them jealous, but they couldn't find any fault in him because he was such a true and faithful servant of God. The only thing they could bring against him was concerning his serving God. So they made a decree that whoever asked a petition of any God or man other than the king, he would be cast into the den of lions. But this didn't stop Daniel from praying three times daily before his window that was opened before Jerusalem. When the king heard of this he was sad but nevertheless he commanded that Daniel be cast into the den of lions and told him that now his God whom he had been serving would deliver him. The king didn't like to have to do that to Daniel and when he went back and saw that he was unharmed he was very glad and pleased.

So Daniel through his faithfulness continued great and was given knowledge of many visions which are now of great prophetic importance.

—Helen Carlock.

## SUNBEAMS

### FROM ARKANSAS

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I like to listen to mother read stories from the Missionary. For pets I have three kittens and one pup. I am six years old and in the first grade. My sister is writing for me. On rainy days mother will not send me to school.

I will close with a puzzle: "seJus ptew."

Your friend, Edward Lewis

(Glad you like the Missionary stories. What do you do on rainy days?)

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I like to go to school. My teacher's name is D. F. Price. I like him for a teacher. I like to read Aunt Lena's letters. For a pet I have a black pup. He is very playful. I hope to write to the little paper often.

Your friend,

Emma Lewis

(Thanks for your first letter. You must write often).

Dear Missionary Readers:

It has been a long time since I have written to the little paper. I will be very glad when spring is here. It will be about two weeks and a half until school is out. I wish school would last always. I am in the fifth grade. I am not very good in arithmetic. We have S. S. at home. I will close with a puzzle: I lliw vloee ethe O Lodr ym tsergnht.

Your little friend in Christ,

Ben Lewis

(Yes, it was time for another letter from you, Ben. What do you do in the summer time?)

Dear Friends:

It has been some time since I have written to the little paper. I have a pup. If we drop any-

thing he will pick it up. I have a little calf. Its name is Bossy. It will run from me when I start to pet it. I like to read the Bible. I have S. S. at home. My Father is my teacher. I will close with a puzzle: eJssu twpe.

Your friend, Nathan Lewis

(You must have lots of fun with your pets, Nathan. Write again.)

Dear Friends:

It has been a long time since I have written to the paper. It is snowing here today.

We have S. S. at home. My father is my S. S. teacher.

The letters sure are few in the paper. Every one that reads the Missionary ought to take part in writing.

Your friend,

Ivah Lewis

(You have given some good advice, Ivah. Thanks.)

### FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. & Sisters in Christ:

I am sending in some letters from my little class. I sure enjoy teaching them. I have missed the last three Sabbaths. It was raining one Sabbath, was not feeling good the next.

I am starting to read my class a story of a little missionary girl. I have ten in my class, six girls and four boys.

I hope to see my class's letters in our Missionary next time. May God bless each and every one.

Mrs. Marie Billins

Dear Missionary:

This is the third time to write to the paper. I enjoy reading it. I am twelve years old and I go to S. S. every Sabbath. My S. S. teacher is Mrs. Marie Billins.

I will close with a puzzle. wolof ouht em.

Your friend, Sylvia Sprouse

Dear Missionary:

We are two little boys. We like to go to Sabbath School and we like to go fishing. We go to church and Sabbath School at Sardis. We like to read about the life of Christ. Our teacher is Mrs. Marie Billins. We like her very much.

Love,

Junior Wood

John C. Carter

Dear Little Girls & Boys:

This is my first letter to the little paper. I am six years old. I go to school. My Sabbath school teacher's name is Mrs. Marie Billins.

I hope to see my letter in the little paper.

Love, Virginia Sprouse

Dear Little Girls & Boys:

We are a little girl and boy. We go to Sabbath school. Our teacher is writing this for us.

Love,

Barbara Louise Wood

Kentha Sprouse

(We are glad to hear from this S. S. class and teacher. Write again.)

### PRIMARY LESSON for April 18,

Lesson Material: Luke 11:37-48, 52-54.

Memory Verse: "He that is not with me is against me." Luke 11:23a.

### JESUS WARNS HIS ENEMIES

One day a Pharisee asked Jesus to eat with him. Even though the Pharisees were trouble-makers, Jesus went.

The man seemed surprised that Jesus did not wash before dinner. It was not because Jesus' hands were dirty, but because of the Pharisees' rules. They were careful about little rules, but did not do the more important things. They pretended to be very good, but their hearts were wicked.

Jesus talked to them about their wicked thoughts. They knew they should change their ways but they would not.

We should be very neat and clean. But we must also be clean and pure inside. Jesus knows every one of our thoughts.

### INTERMEDIATE LESSON For April 18

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN CRITICIZED

Lesson Study: Luke 37:48; Luke 11:52-54.

Golden Text: Luke 11:23.

Besought him (verse 37) means invited him.

Marvelled (verse 38) means seemed surprised.

The Pharisees were careful about little rules and ceremonies but did not the more important things.

Inward part. (V. 39). Their hearts were black with wickedness.

(Verse 40) God created both the hands and the heart.

(Verse 42) Mint and rue are herbs. We should tithe everything we raise, but some other things are just as important as tithing.

Uppermost seats (V. 43) Seats of honor.

Verse 44. Superstitious persons think that to walk over a grave brings harm. If a grave is hidden, one can't recognize it. People were harmed by the Pharisees because the Pharisees covered up their evil and pretended to be good.

Lade (V. 46) means load.

Verse 52. In those days the common people did not have the knowledge the scribes and Pharisees did. Yet these learned people often misled the common people.

#### Questions

1. Who invited Jesus to eat with him?
2. What did Jesus not do?
3. What did Jesus say about it?
4. Is it wrong to give alms, pay tithes and build sepulchres?
5. Then why did Jesus condemn them?
6. Were the scribes and Pharisees sorry?
7. What did they plan?
8. Is it important that we keep our face and hands clean?
9. What else is important?
10. What are some of the things which affect our minds?