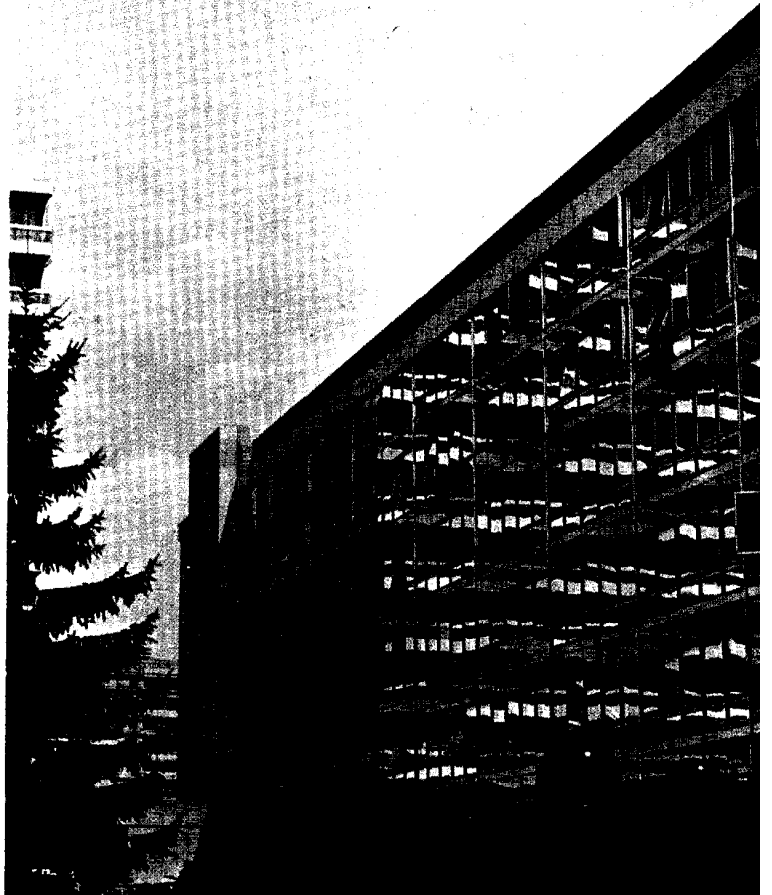
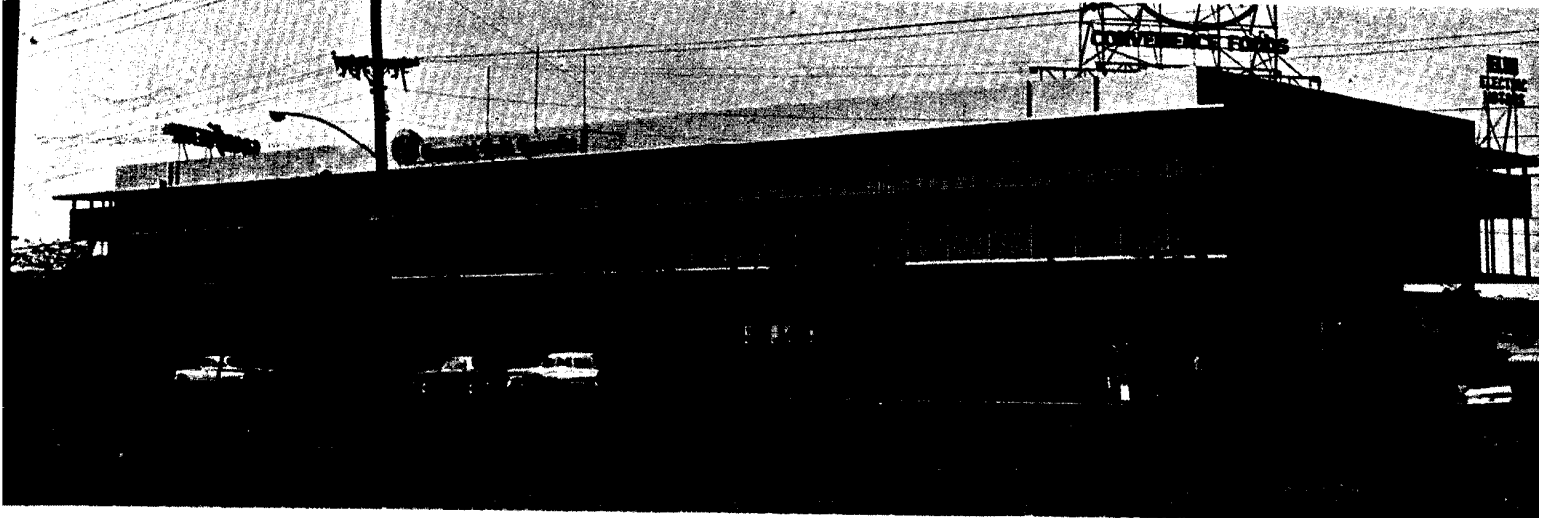


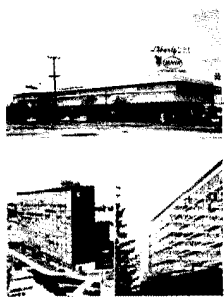
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Thanks

"I'd like to thank you for the article 'How to Help Your Teen-agers' by Mr. David Antion. It is clear, concise and straight to the root of the problem. It makes me realize the extent of the common error. My husband's parents did

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Successful Ministerial Conference. TWELVE Ministers ordained and THREE new Churches!

by Roderick C. Meredith

FROM NEARLY every corner of the earth, the ministers of the Living Christ returned to Pasadena this January. It was a splendid gathering. It was a successful Conference.

All of the Evangelists and District Superintendents came this year. Most of the Pastors came—especially those who did not get in last year. For the annual Ministerial Conference at Pasadena is now being restricted mainly to the top leaders in God's Work—with exceptions being made to alternate in others from time to time.

Outstanding and inspiring reports were given from the Directors of the various overseas offices. Each one showed fine growth—and how God had to *directly intervene* to deliver His Work in these overseas areas from persecution, government opposition or other obstacles. The summary of the growth of God's Work in the United States itself showed *remarkable* progress.

Activities During Conference

On the Sabbath during the Conference, an all-day service was held at the beautiful Pasadena Civic Auditorium. First, condensed but very inspiring reports were heard from the overseas office managers. Then, split sermons were delivered by Mr. Leslie McCullough and Mr. Charles Hunting from Big Sandy and Bricket Wood colleges respectively. In the afternoon, the main sermon of the day was given by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong—tracing the history of God's Work up to this time and showing where we have *yet* to go.

During the meetings themselves, many vital questions were thoroughly

discussed and solved regarding participation in warfare, healing, the necessity of individual members making their *own* decisions in spiritual matters. Many organizational matters in God's Work were discussed with the ministers and with the District Superintendents in the general meetings and in private group meetings as well.

Mr. Armstrong discussed the need of writing our *own textbooks* for many of the Imperial School classes to remove the wrong approach given in so many textbooks of this world. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong pointed out many examples of how the doctrine of evolution and other errors are subtly injected into our children's minds by *indirectly* referring to them throughout various textbooks and reading materials. This led to some discussion as to how we may be able to *help you brethren* to counteract these errors. For you need to *teach your children* the truth before these wrong concepts become implanted in their little minds!

One of the social highlights of the Conference was a very fine evening of visiting and fellowship held in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. On Thursday evening during the Conference, they invited all of the ministers and their wives to come by for an open house. The ministers had the opportunity to visit in their home and to enjoy a stereo concert presented by Mr. Armstrong himself.

Another highlight of the Conference was the beautiful and inspiring Chorale concert put on in honor of the ministers by the Ambassador College Chorale. This year, the Chorale is larger and

more colorful than ever—and it was certainly a stimulating and inspiring experience for all of God's Ministers to be back "home" at Ambassador in Pasadena and hear the students who are now in College present such a memorable evening of music.

Again this year, a basketball tournament was played between the teams from the upper and lower classes of Ambassador in Pasadena, the Pasadena faculty team and the visiting College team from Big Sandy. As usual, the "semi-pro" Pasadena faculty team came out on top! But it was certainly a fine tournament, and everyone was thrilled that the Big Sandy team—playing as one unit—came out on top of the student teams.

TWELVE Ministers Ordained

Certainly the outstanding event of the Conference for most of us was the ordination service where *ten men* were raised in rank and responsibility in Christ's ministry. Then, later, as a result of discussions during the Conference, *two more men* were also raised in ministerial responsibility!

At the Conference, Mr. James Doak and Mr. Lowell Blackwell, Local Elders, were called forward and ordained to the rank of *Preaching Elder* in God's Church. Next, Mr. Dennis Luker, Mr. Harold Jackson, Mr. Arthur Mocarow and Mr. Arthur Craig all came forward and were raised to *Pastor rank*.

Finally, in an emotion-charged atmosphere, Mr. Armstrong called forward Mr. David Jon Hill, Mr. Dibar Aparatian, Mr. Leslie McCullough and Mr. David Antion to be ordained as *Evangelists* in Christ's Ministry! These men



truly had not expected this tremendous opportunity for service—and their eyes welled up with tears, Mr. Antion literally crashing into the supporting pole in our assembly hall on the way up as he was so overcome with emotion. All of us felt deeply about this occasion—NOT because of the great "honor" extended to some human individual—but because it shows what CHRIST HIMSELF is doing in and through those of us human servants He is able to use.

Then, on the Sabbath following the Conference, Mr. Raymond McNair joined Mr. Carl McNair in ordaining Mr. Kelly Barfield as a *Preaching Elder* in God's Work. And on the Sabbath of February 2, Mr. Wayne Cole joined Mr.

Gerald Waterhouse in raising Mr. Royston Page to the rank of full *Preaching Elder* in Christ's Ministry.

All together, then, TWELVE men were approved by Mr. Armstrong and the Evangelists to be raised in ministerial rank and responsibility as a result of these Conferences. This is certainly something in which we can all REJOICE—and look forward as well to many more such evidences of *growth* and *overcoming* in Christ's Work in which He has placed us all!

District Conferences in Akron and Atlanta

Because most of God's ordained ministers will not be coming into Pasadena



ABOVE: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong leads a campus tour for the visiting ministers and their wives. Here he is pointing out the fine quality of the men's locker room in the gym (men only here)! RIGHT: Mr. David Jon Hill. BELOW: left to right, Mr. Dibar K. Apartian, Mr. Leslie L. McCullough and Mr. David L. Antion—all newly-ordained Evangelists.

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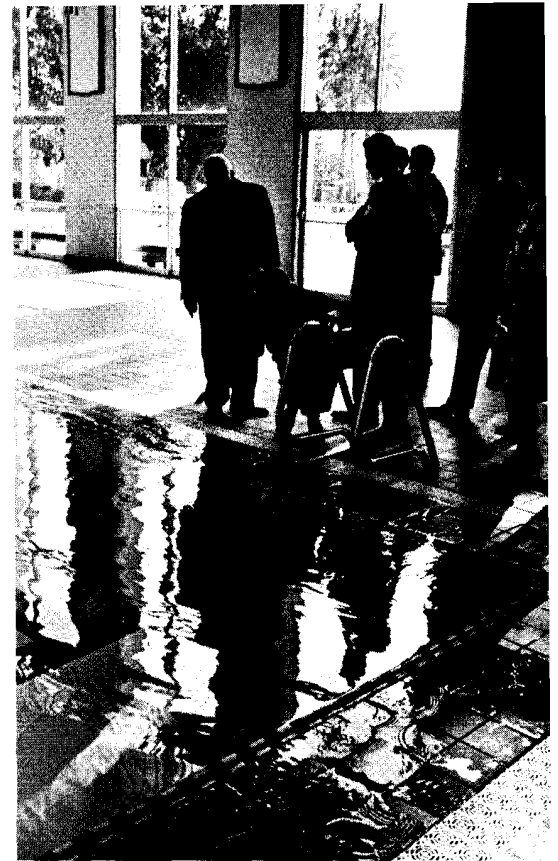
for the general Ministerial Conferences every year, one or two *District Conferences* will be held in each Church District throughout the United States and overseas for the needed interchange of information between God's ministers in any given area and further instruction, correction and inspiration to carry out our commission even more effectively. A few of these have already been held even since the January Conference in Pasadena—and have proved *most valuable* and *inspirational* as well.

My wife and I had the opportunity to fly back to Akron, Ohio, to direct the combined District Conference there on February 1, 2 and 3. This Conference included all of the ministers in the Akron and Chicago Church Districts. I was able to join Mr. David Antion and Mr. Bill McDowell in directing this conference and visiting and fellowshiping as well with a total of *fifty-*

six ministers, wives and ministerial assistants in attendance! Actually, it was the largest conference of Ministers ever held outside of Pasadena.

A series of very inspiring and helpful meetings were held, and each minister and his wife expressed *great appreciation* at the end of the conference. As much as possible, one of the Evangelists from Pasadena will fly out to join the local District Superintendent in conducting these conferences at least *most* of the time. In this way, *all* of God's ministers can share in the growth and understanding emanating from Christ's earthly Headquarters in His Work at Pasadena, California, and in the personal bits of news, encouragement and inspiration that comes through this type of personal fellowship among those of us in Christ's Work.

The week following the Akron Conference, Mr. David Jon Hill and his



wife flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where he conducted the Atlanta District Conference assisted by Mr. Kenneth Swisher—District Superintendent in that area. Mr. Hill reports that a total of twenty-seven ministers, assistants and their wives attended this conference and that it, too, was very successful, inspiring and needful to all of the men and their wives.

These district conferences help not only our ministers but, through them, all of the local *members* in God's Church to look to *Headquarters* and to the big WORK Christ has given us all to do of getting His Gospel to "all nations" as a witness. It is so easy to bog down in our own church areas, get sidetracked, perhaps even start turning the churches into "social clubs" if we are not careful!

Let us strive *always* to keep our minds on the tremendous COMMISSION



ABOVE: Mr. Armstrong points out the unusual overflow feature of our Olympic-standard pool. LEFT: Messrs. Meredith, McCullough and Dorothy confer with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on a point during a break in a conference session.

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A study in concentration: Mr. Albert J. Portune.

Christ has given His Church and which He is performing through His Headquarters at Pasadena!

THREE New Churches—and GROWTH Everywhere

Since the general Ministerial Conference, we have started *two* new churches—and a third one is soon to begin!

Now that Mr. Kelly Barfield is ordained as a Preaching Elder, he is being made pastor over the church in Little Rock, Arkansas. In addition, he has "converted" the Bible Study in Fort Smith into a full-fledged church with regular Sabbath services! The Fort Smith Church started on February 12 with a fine attendance of 147! Then, having helped train and prepare Mr. Barfield become a minister to take over the Little Rock and Fort Smith Churches, Mr. Carl McNair has now turned the Tupelo Bible Study into a church. It began also on February 12 with 139 in attendance!

Up in Canada, Mr. Dean Wilson plans for Mr. Bob Lay to begin a new church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on the Sabbath of March 5. This will be the *seventh* local church in Canada—and certainly portends good growth in the Canadian work!

From around the world, new attendance records continue to be made in God's churches and in the local Bible

Studies. The relatively new church in Ottawa, Canada, recently had a record high of 92 in attendance. Also, during a time of snow and blizzards, the first Bible Study was held in Montreal with a total of 46 in attendance. Mr. Catherwood, minister in charge, states that he is sure many more will attend when the weather improves.

Assisting Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in the overseas work, Mr. Waterhouse left Pasadena soon after the conference to begin a series of extended visits to various overseas areas—conducting Bible Studies for scattered brethren and bringing sermons in many of the overseas churches. He reports that a total of 40 attended a Bible Study he held in Hawaii. Then, 108 attended the Sabbath service at Manila when he was present—with 112 in attendance soon afterward.

In Sydney, a high attendance of 441 were present for Sabbath services when Mr. Waterhouse preached and in Melbourne 371 attended Sabbath services. Then at Adelaide, 48 showed up for the Bible study there. Later, Mr. Waterhouse was to fly over to Brisbane—then over to the island of Mauritius and on to South Africa in carrying out his responsibilities under Christ in the overseas work. Be sure to *remember* him in your prayers, brethren, in these far-flung areas! And let's *remember* the overseas brethren as well—as I know that they remember all of us in Britain and America in their personal prayers.

How FAR Has Christ Brought His Church?

Do you realize, brethren, how FAR Christ has brought His Church just in the last fourteen years? Absolutely *fantastic* strides have been made in the overall evangelistic effort of God's Church—and certainly in the establishment of new churches, Bible studies and the ordinations of ministers.

I would not even attempt to give you, in this space, a report on the innumerable changes and the fantastic growth in *multiple areas* of God's Work. But I would like to give you a report on the growth of local churches and ministers which I gave at the Pasadena conference and again at the Akron

conference. I hope that it will be as *inspiring* to all of you as it was to us!

Fourteen years ago, there were only *two* elders in the Philadelphia era of God's Church! Others had been ordained by Mr. Armstrong or had "joined" him in this ministry—but were soon found out to be unfaithful. Only Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Basil Wolverton—author of the Bible Story—remained faithful to Christ. Today, *less* than fourteen years later, there are 177 Ministers and Elders in this *living* and *acting* era of the Church of God! They are stationed on every inhabited continent except Asia—and the gospel is being preached to *over thirty million people* every week!

In the spring of 1952, there were only *three* local churches in this era of God's Church. Today, *less* than fourteen years later, there are 124 churches around the earth—plus many more smaller meetings and Bible studies which would be dubbed "churches" by many denominations of this world!

The increase?

In elders and ministers the increase has been from 2 to 177—which means that we have multiplied *over 176 times* in less than 14 years! In fully established church congregations, the number has increased in this same per-

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Dr. Hoeh and Mr. Antion discuss the gymnasium.

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WHAT ARE YOU?

Do we see our own human nature clearly enough to constantly repent of what we really are? This article will help you see the REAL YOU!

by David P. Wainwright

“YOU'RE AN idiot, Smith!” bel-
lowed the drill-sergeant to
the raw recruit. On the com-
mand “right turn,” Smith had made a
crisp, mechanical movement to the left.
“What are you, Smith?” “I’m an idiot,
Sergeant!” echoed Smith in respectful
obedience. Smith knew he’d really be
an idiot to say anything else. Since he
wanted his weekend pass, he gave the
right answer.

In counselling for baptism, God’s
ministers have met many Smiths—
people who wanted to be baptized just
as sincerely as Smith wanted his pass.
These people have read the booklet on
baptism and the article on real repent-
ance. They know how to reply to a
minister when he asks, “What are you?”
Yet is it enough just to know the right
answers?

Parrot Attitude

We could train a parrot for baptism
if words were all that were necessary.
We could ask the parrot, “What are
you?” and it would obediently reply,
“I’m carnal! I’m selfish! I hate my-
self!” We could then say, “This parrot
seems to have a good attitude” and go
out and baptize it. Ridiculous? Of
course! Yet you can say, “I’m carnal,
I’m a burnt out hunk of junk!” with-
out really seeing your nature as God
sees it. And remember, even *after*
baptism, God expects us to be con-
stantly aware of and on guard against
our human nature.

How can we, like Paul more than
twenty years after his conversion, say
and mean it, “O wretched man that I
am! who shall deliver me from the
body of this death?” (Rom. 7:24.)
Paul constantly repented of what he
was humanly. He was constantly chang-
ing, constantly growing in God’s na-
ture. We, too, can grow only as we

see the flaws in our own nature, repent
of them and change. How can we get a
clear picture of what we really are? Is
there anything or anyone that will
mirror our own nature?

Children Mirror Our Own Nature

David was able to look back over
his whole life and see that he had
sinned from the day of his birth:
“Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and
in sin did my mother conceive me”
(Ps. 51:5). Here is one great key to
seeing ourselves as we really are—
follow David’s example.

Go back to your childhood. Better
still, observe the habits of children—
your own if you are parents—and real-
ize that they have the same *nature* as
you.

Children are the purest reflection of
unadulterated carnality. Each newborn
babe comes with an invisible label:
“Guaranteed 100% carnal.” So, children
can help us see ourselves as we really
are, stripped of the deceptive veneer
of politeness and do-goodism painted
on us by this world’s civilization. Un-
like us, children make no effort to
disguise their own carnality.

From birth a baby is 100% selfish.
Watch it at feeding time: the baby’s
mouth latches onto the nipple of the
bottle and from that moment a rapid
one-way traffic takes place. If a baby
at this stage could think, the last notion
to come to its mind would be, “It’s
more blessed to give than to receive—
won’t *you* have a drink first?” No!
With a relentless sucking motion the
bottle is drained to the last drop. Here
is the clearest picture you will ever
get of human greed and selfishness. No
thought for others: just get, *get*, GET!

Brethren, let’s not color this picture
with such phrases as “Ooh! . . . isn’t he
sweet?” “Oh! isn’t she a little angel?”
or the normal worldly bromides about
the essential purity and innocence of
little children—they are *not* pure or
innocent AND NEITHER ARE WE! WE
are grown-up children with exactly the
same carnal pulls and drives as little
children.

*The trouble is most of us can’t see
these drives!*

Just as we cloud the true nature of
children by calling them little “angels,”
so as grown-ups we camouflage our
human, carnal nature by a show of
goodness. In this we mirror the nature
of Satan who appears to others and
undoubtedly to *himself* as an angel of
light, but who at heart is as evil as sin.
We may think that as grown-ups, we
have overcome this greediness—but *are*
we naturally as concerned about others’
welfare as with our own?

Have you never stood in line for a
bus or a movie where few seats were
left and found yourself wishing you
were at the head of the line? Or did
you naturally think, “How wonderful
that the people in front of me will be
able to get a seat even though I may
not get one!” Anyone who thinks that
the latter is a true picture of how he
normally reacts to his fellowmen has
still not fully realized that “the heart
is deceitful above all things, and des-
perately wicked!” Certainly such a per-
son has not yet come to “know it”
(Jer. 17:9).

Don’t deceive yourselves in this sa-
tanic way. As you watch the baby
zealously yet greedily guzzling the
milk, realize that this is an accurate
picture of what we are without God’s
Spirit: “For from within, out of the
heart of men, proceed evil thoughts,

adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, *covetousness*, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). All of these traits start at birth and are with us till the day we die. Let's look at them more closely.

The Pride of Human Nature

Children have pride and so do you and I. The first time my daughter was able to pull herself to her feet and look across the cushions on the couch, she swelled visibly with pride. Then she looked around as though expecting us to acclaim this tremendous feat with wild applause. Yet what to her was an earth-shaking event, to us was just amusing. After all we, as grown-ups, sit down on the couch without even thinking about it.

In a similar way, what to us are great feats, are puny in God's eyes. Job probably thought his pyramid was a great achievement, and yet to God Job had just pulled himself over the edge of the couch—now what was so great about that? When did *you* last repent of having a high opinion of yourself?

Think for a minute—we show our pride in our own strength every time we fail to realize our total dependence on God. Look at a small child. It is blissfully unaware of how completely dependent it is on its parents. Yet, lock up the house and leave your child by itself and it would die within a few days. Are some of us so unaware of *our* complete dependence on God that we risk missing out on prayer for a few days? Our faith in our own strength, our pride, causes this attitude, which can be fatal. What makes you think you can get by with less prayer and study than that recommended by God's ministers, than that recommended by God's word?—*your pride!*

We Are Natural Murderers, Liars and Thieves

Now look at some of the other traits in human nature pinpointed by Christ in Mark 7:21. Notice Christ mentions thefts, and deceit or lies. Every child naturally tends to steal and lie. Think

back to your own childhood. Did you never steal an apple from a neighbor's garden or a toy from Woolworth's counter and then perhaps lie about where you got the article in question? One man I counselled with said that he'd always known that it was wrong to steal, lie, or murder, and that he had never done so. Even if this were true, could a man take any credit for his actions?

Remember, many nations and tribes who have never heard of God's commandments believe that it is wrong to steal, lie, commit murder, adultery, etc. How did they come to have these laws? The answer is that they would never have built up a civilization without certain basic laws which are also contained in God's Ten Commandments. These pagan nations did not adopt the law "Thou shalt not kill" out of consideration for their neighbor. They did not bring in a law against stealing because they wanted to protect their neighbor's property. No! They adopted these laws because *they personally* did not want to be killed—because *they personally* did not want their own property stolen—because *they* did not want another man to run off with *their* wife.

God gave His Ten Commandments to us not only for the smooth running of society but to help us have the right respect for Him and for our fellowman. Man of course has completely discarded those commandments which show his relationship to God (the first four), and has only grudgingly restrained himself occasionally from killing, raping and stealing from others because he doesn't want these things to happen to himself.

Little children *naturally* hate, steal and lie—contrary to the opinion of the sweet little old ladies who've never had children—yet rare is the man who will admit that he *desires* to do these things. I did once meet such an individual who admitted he loved to kill. He was a professional soldier who enjoyed outwitting the enemy, loved the thrill of the chase and of beating the other man to the draw. War, in which there are no rules, allowed this man to run wild with his unfettered carnality.

If you don't believe that all men naturally want to kill, rape and steal, you only have a short time to wait before this fact is amply demonstrated. Already laws are so weak that crime is soaring out of all proportion to population growth. Daily, we can read of juvenile delinquents stabbing someone or strangling them with a bicycle chain just for the "kicks." Each new "law" seems to abolish one of those laws necessary for the existence of organized society which keeps human nature relatively in check.

Are you so lacking in understanding? Have you so little insight into your own nature that you still believe the laws against killing, stealing and lying were brought in out of the *goodness* rather than out of the *selfishness* of men's hearts? Do you still believe you *personally* have kept these laws because you also were "good"? God says our righteousnesses are as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6) because they are all based on selfishness and greed (Gen. 8:21).

Human Disrespect for God

Children do not naturally respect their parents any more than we naturally respect God. Christ mentions "blasphemy," which is a basic disrespect for God, His wisdom and judgment. In the same way, since children, we have grown up disrespecting our parents' wisdom and judgment, feeling that we have been woefully mistreated on the few occasions that they may have corrected us. Right from birth we are easily offended.

Sometime ago we saw our daughter crawling toward the electric light cord. We had to correct her to prevent her from going near it. Of course, she wept brokenheartedly at this "injustice." At eight months old she didn't have the mind to understand that if we hadn't punished her she would sooner or later have bitten into the plastic cover and *electrocuted herself!*

In the same way, we, even as members of God's Church become easily offended when corrected on some point for our own good. We aren't able to see ourselves and our own rotten attitudes as easily as God's chosen ministers can,

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Whose Opinion Counts?

We have all been reared with the modern concept that in religious matters a man should be governed primarily by what HE thinks. Is this God's way?

by Roderick C. Meredith

"AFTER years of study and prayer, Mr. Armstrong has come to see that this is binding on us today," I said to Mr. Brown. "The Bible reveals it, and as Christians we must obey."

"Well, here's the way I look at it," he began, and then continued to give his *personal* opinion based on *human reason* with very little knowledge of the Bible to guide him.

As a minister of Jesus Christ, I was trying to show him—*not my will*—but God's will. I was proving my points right out of God's word. I had mentioned the opinion and belief of Mr. Armstrong to show that a more experienced servant of the true God was persuaded of this same truth.

Was Mr. Brown impressed?

Not at all. On the contrary, he proceeded to put his *human reason* and "feeling" on the same plane as our studied belief in God's word. In his own mind, Mr. Brown reasoned that *his* opinion was just as good as *our* opinion.

But was it a matter of two differing "opinions" of equal value? Or do God's true ministers carry *authority* to speak in His name? If so, how much is that authority to be *respected*?

These are questions that every true Christian should understand. Mr. Brown was supposed to be converted. Is such an attitude as his the mark of a truly converted person?

Authority of Ministers

In Matthew 16:15-20, we read the account of Christ bestowing on Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven." Nearly all commentaries agree that the

principal meaning of these "keys" includes the *way* of salvation which the apostles were to proclaim to the world. Based on the principles of this *way*, the apostles, through whom Christ *governs* His Church, were given authority to make decisions which would be bound in heaven. They could "bind," or *forbid* certain things; and they had authority to "loose," or *permit* certain things. In other words, they were given the *authority* to make *binding decisions*—based on God's word and the "keys" of salvation they had received. These decisions involved *permitting* or *forbidding* certain things—defining what is *right* and *wrong*!

Matthew 18:15-20 clearly shows that this authority was conferred on *all* the apostles—not just Peter. They were all with Jesus for over three years, learning from Him the *way* of salvation so they could preach it to the world.

Jesus had shown them in dozens of places that *all* decisions must be conformed to God's will and His *law* (Mat. 5:17-19). In their judgments, they were to follow Christ's example when He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just; because I seek *not mine own will*, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

God's true ministers will be yielded and submissive to *God's* will. They will seek His will in diligent study and earnest prayer. They will confer with other true ministers and Bible scholars for, "in multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Prov. 11:14). In every way, they will seek God's will and His guidance through the Holy Spirit.

But when God's true servants do make a decision based on His word, *it is to be respected*, for it is *bound in heaven*. You are not showing respect to the man and his "opinion," but to the *office* in which God has placed His ministers, and by which *Christ rules His Church*.

When the Israelites refused to hearken to God's servant Samuel, God said, "...they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected *ME*, that I should not reign over them" (I Sam. 8:7). If you take the decisions of God's ministers lightly, *you are disrespecting God Himself!*

Be Sure of Ministers

All of your respect to any minister should be based upon the fact that you have first *proved* to yourself that he *really is* a true servant of God.

Jesus continually warned: "Beware of *false* prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. *Ye shall know them by their fruits*" (Mat. 7:15-16). You need to look at the "fruit," the *results* in proclaiming the *true gospel*, in *leading* the flock into the truth and ways of God, in healing the sick—the *accomplishments* in the work of the ministry, carrying out the commission of Christ.

Notice that Jesus went on to say (Mat. 7:21-23) that many would *profess* to do good works in His name, but He told them, "depart from me, ye that work *iniquity*," or "lawlessness." The word iniquity is more correctly translated *LAWLESSNESS*. Jesus was showing that *professing* ministers who break God's law *are not His ministers* at all! "I never knew you," Jesus will tell

them. And God's word shows that these law-breaking ministers never really knew Christ either (I John 2:4).

Satan and *his ministers* appear as "angels of light" (II Cor. 11:14). But they teach that you are free to *disobey* God's law.

Another way to examine their "fruit" is to see if they are willing to "GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). Some "Christians"—*even some who profess to be in the Church of God*—REFUSE to *grow* into more truth!

Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit, "will guide you *into* all truth" (John 16:13). Spiritual *change, growth, and development* is one of the important signs that a person is really guided by God's Spirit. *No man gains all of God's truth at once. We must all grow in knowledge.* Some churches and some ministers have known a portion of God's truth. But when they became *unwilling to grow* into more truth through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they soon began to twist and pervert what little truth they had, and to spiritually *rot away and die!*

To prove whether or not a man is truly God's servant, look to the "fruits" of submission to *all of God's commands, of a real understanding of God's word, of a willingness to grow in grace and knowledge, and of the underlying motive of love behind every thought and deed.*

God will reveal to you who His true ministers are if you study, pray, and look at their fruits. Once you know, should you respect them and the *office* in which *God has set them?*

Yes, you should!

God's Responsibility

Once God has *revealed* to you by the "fruits" who His true servants are, you should recognize the responsibilities and duties which God has given them. When a matter of church government or policy comes up, realize that they have the *authority* to decide the issue.

They do *not* have the right to exercise that authority according to their own *human reason*. Jesus Christ is the *living HEAD* of the *true Church of God*—the body of Christ (Col. 1:18).

When He was instructing the disciples on how to exercise their authority to enforce church discipline (Mat. 18:15-20), He said that if two or more of them would agree on anything, God would *bind* it in heaven. "For," Jesus said, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christ himself will in Spirit be with and *guide* His servants in making right decisions. These words of His have *meaning!* Jesus said that He *would* guide His servants in directing the Church. He said that they *should* make decisions—based on *God's revealed will and guided by His Spirit*. These decisions were to include church *discipline* and what is to be "bound" or "loosed"—defining what is *permitted* or *forbidden* to God's people by "RIGHTLY dividing the word of truth."

Christ Himself—the Head of the Church—has *promised* to guide His ministers in directing the Church. Their decisions, then, will also be *God's* decisions. They are *BINDING* on God's Church. His *true Church* will be *OBE- DIENT!* It is government *by* God, *through* His servants.

It is God's *RESPONSIBILITY* to chasten His servants if they abuse their authority. *YOU can't read their hearts.* But God *CAN!* Their authority came from *Him*, not from some "board" of men. God "sets" or *appoints* the true ministers and teachers to guide and rule His Church (I Cor. 12:28). He *alone* has the power to remove them from office. He can do it by circumstances, by affliction—by *DEATH* if need be!

Remember that even though Samuel's sons *were* abusing their office (I Sam. 8:1-7), the people had *no right whatsoever* to put them out! It was up to *God* to decide if, when, and how this was to be done. In taking this authority in their own hands, the people rejected the *RULE OF GOD*—the *Kingdom of God!* If you plan to enter *that Kingdom*, learn *now* to *OBEY* those whom *God* sets in authority.

Your Part

Christians must be alert to the prophecy that *even from among their leaders* some would arise speaking perverse

things—*twisting* God's word (Acts 20:29-31).

In order to recognize perverse teachings, and in order to "grow in grace and knowledge," you need to *pray* and to *study* God's word continually. If you do this intelligently you will never be deceived. Remember the important *test* Christ gave was to examine the "fruits" in a minister's life and work. A *false* minister simply *cannot* produce the fruits—people converted in *obedience* to God's law and His way.

So respect and *obey* God's true ministers, but constantly study to acquire the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5) and to perceive a deceiver who might arise.

A good example is the Bereans whom Paul commended because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). They respectfully listened with open and *ready* minds. Then they *searched* the scriptures to prove *whether those things were so.*

The apostle James tells Christian believers to "receive with *meekestness* the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). Once God reveals to you who His true ministers are, listen respectfully and with *open minds* to their instruction.

Then you need to "*study* to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). The more you *study*, the more you will understand and agree with the instructions of God's *true* servants.

"*Prove* all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). But *prove* it by the *Bible*—NOT by what you *think*, or *what some denomination teaches!* Remember Jesus said, "Thy *WORD is TRUTH*" (John 17:17).

In all your study, however, you should keep an *attitude of respect* for what God's ministers have said. You shouldn't go to the Bible with the idea of *refuting* what they have taught, or of *justifying* your own ideas. But search the scriptures (Acts 17:11) whether *those things* be so—the *things God's servants have taught.*

The respect to God's ministers is respect to God Himself who "calls" any
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IT HAPPENED IN BRITAIN

They said it couldn't be done—to thunder Christ's Gospel by radio DAILY to Britain! It COULDN'T—by human planning or maneuvering. But the living Christ DID IT! Read how God's Work now leaps forward in Britain!

by Raymond F. McNair

PART TWO

In 1959, I began conducting Bible Studies in the home of one of the members in *Bristol*. We averaged about 18 in attendance. In early 1960, we began holding Sabbath Services in a room at the Grand Hotel. We averaged about 20 each Sabbath—if I counted myself!

In the summer of 1960, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith conducted a series of evangelistic campaigns in Britain. His first Evangelistic Campaign was in Bristol—intended to bolster up that struggling little church. After Mr. Meredith's campaign, the attendance of the Bristol Church rose from about 20 to 40. Still later that summer, Mr. Meredith conducted another Evangelistic Campaign in *Birmingham*. This resulted in a church of about 45 being established in that city.

His final campaign in the summer of 1960 was held in Manchester. After the campaign was over, a church of about 50 was raised up. The Manchester Church was later moved to Warrington—halfway between Manchester and Liverpool—a place more centrally located for the brethren.

It was in the autumn of 1960, while Mr. Meredith was still in England, that the doors of Ambassador College swung open for the first time. About 30 students enrolled that autumn. There are now about 198, from nineteen countries, attending the college in this, the sixth year.

Churches in Ireland and Scotland

A new church in *Belfast*, Northern Ireland, was organized by Mr. James

Wells after the Feast of Tabernacles in October, 1962. We had previously been holding monthly Bible Studies in Belfast for a year or so. The Belfast Church began with 49 in attendance the first Sabbath. It now averages about 115.

The seventh church to be established here in Britain was at *Glasgow*. A Bible Study in that city was organized (after a period of intensive visiting in the Glasgow area) immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles, 1963. The first actual Sabbath Service began in early January, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Jones were the primary instruments used in raising up this church. Mr. Jones remained as the pastor of that church until mid-1965, when Mr. Robert Fahey became its pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones then returned to the College at Bricket Wood so Mr. Jones could assist in teaching and other duties.

Also, immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles in 1963, we began holding regular Sabbath Services at Bricket Wood for the students, employees and local members. Previously, all of the people in the Greater London area had traveled to London each Sabbath in order to attend church services there. We were having over 300 in attendance in London before the Bricket Wood Church was formed.

Present attendance figures for the British Churches are as follows: Bricket Wood, 300; London, 220; Warrington, 120; Birmingham, 120; Belfast, 115; Bristol, 78; Leeds, 57; Glasgow, 70; Newcastle, 45.

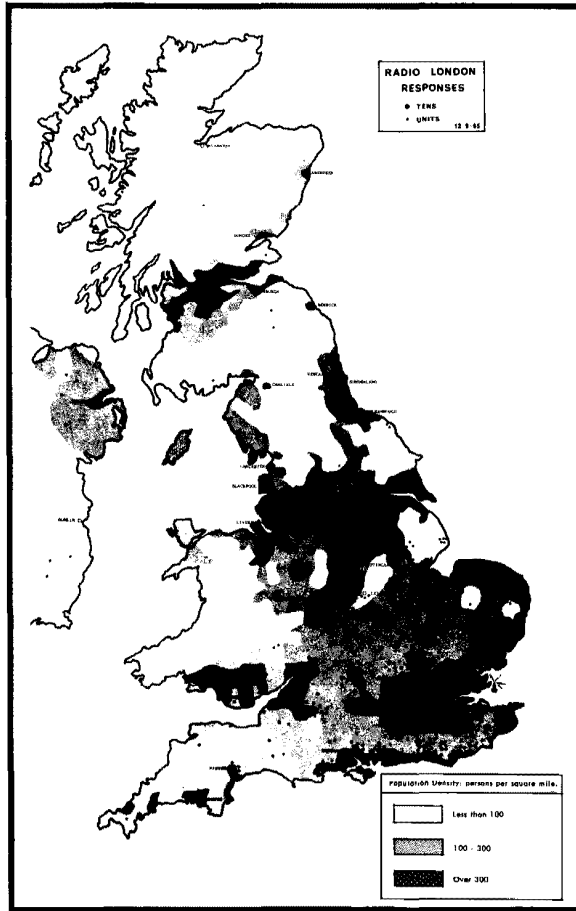
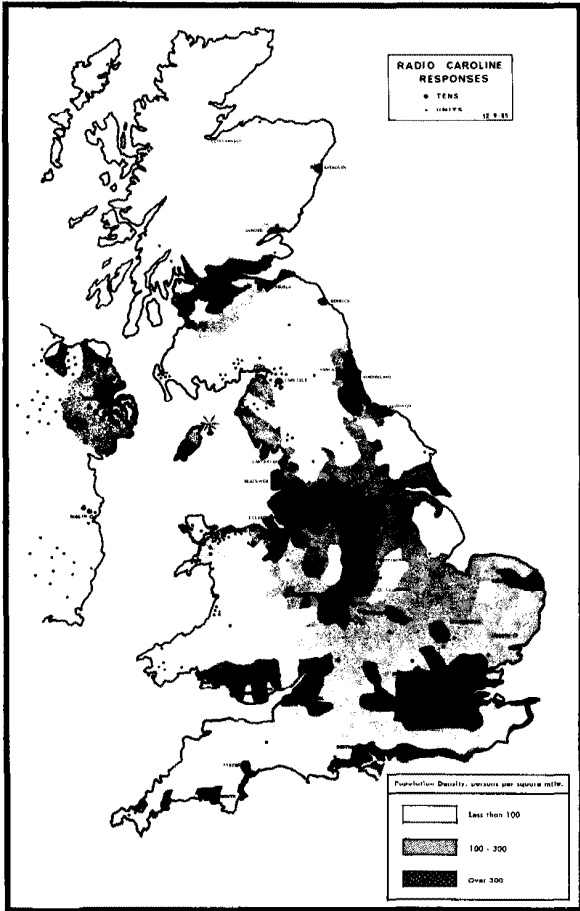
The latest British church (at Newcastle-upon-Tyne) had its first service on December 11th. Forty-six were present for that service. My wife and I were privileged to attend the first service, as we had previously done at Belfast and Glasgow; and I gave a sermon on the real purpose of a local church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahey were also present. He will be the pastor of the Newcastle Church.

A total of about 1,120 people now regularly attend the Sabbath Services in the nine British churches.

God's ministers in Britain have been encouraged by the good report which a number of the ministers from the Headquarters Church in Pasadena have given regarding the British churches. These ministers expressed their joy at finding the churches in England, Scotland and Ireland all diligently following the example of God's Headquarters Church.

We ministers have continually striven to keep the minds and hearts of God's people here looking to God's Headquarters Church—as in the days of the Apostles—who looked to the Head Church at Jerusalem. This, we know, is necessary for the growth and unity of God's *one* Church.

All of the British congregations pray continually that God will bless the Headquarters Church, and that He will guide, direct, protect and inspire Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Also, we unitedly pray that God will continue to bless and inspire Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, especially in his tremendous responsibility of making the daily broadcasts; and we pray for the guidance of all of



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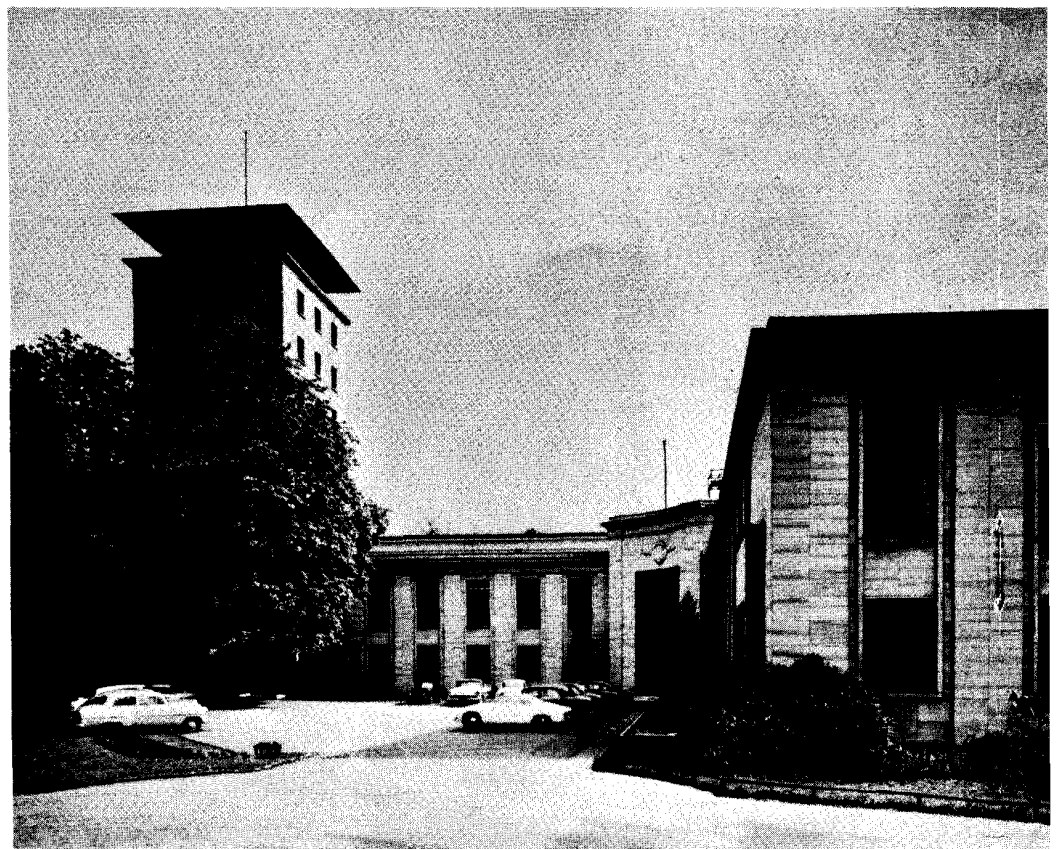
In November, 1959, we began running double-page ads in the British edition of *The Reader's Digest*. We received over 4,500 replies to one ad placed in that magazine! We were able to continue running these two-page, bi-monthly ads for about two years in *The Reader's Digest* before this door was finally closed to us.

Many thousands were brought in contact with God's Truth through this medium, and many scores were actually brought into God's Church as a result of their first having come into contact with the Work of God through the articles which appeared in *The Reader's Digest*.

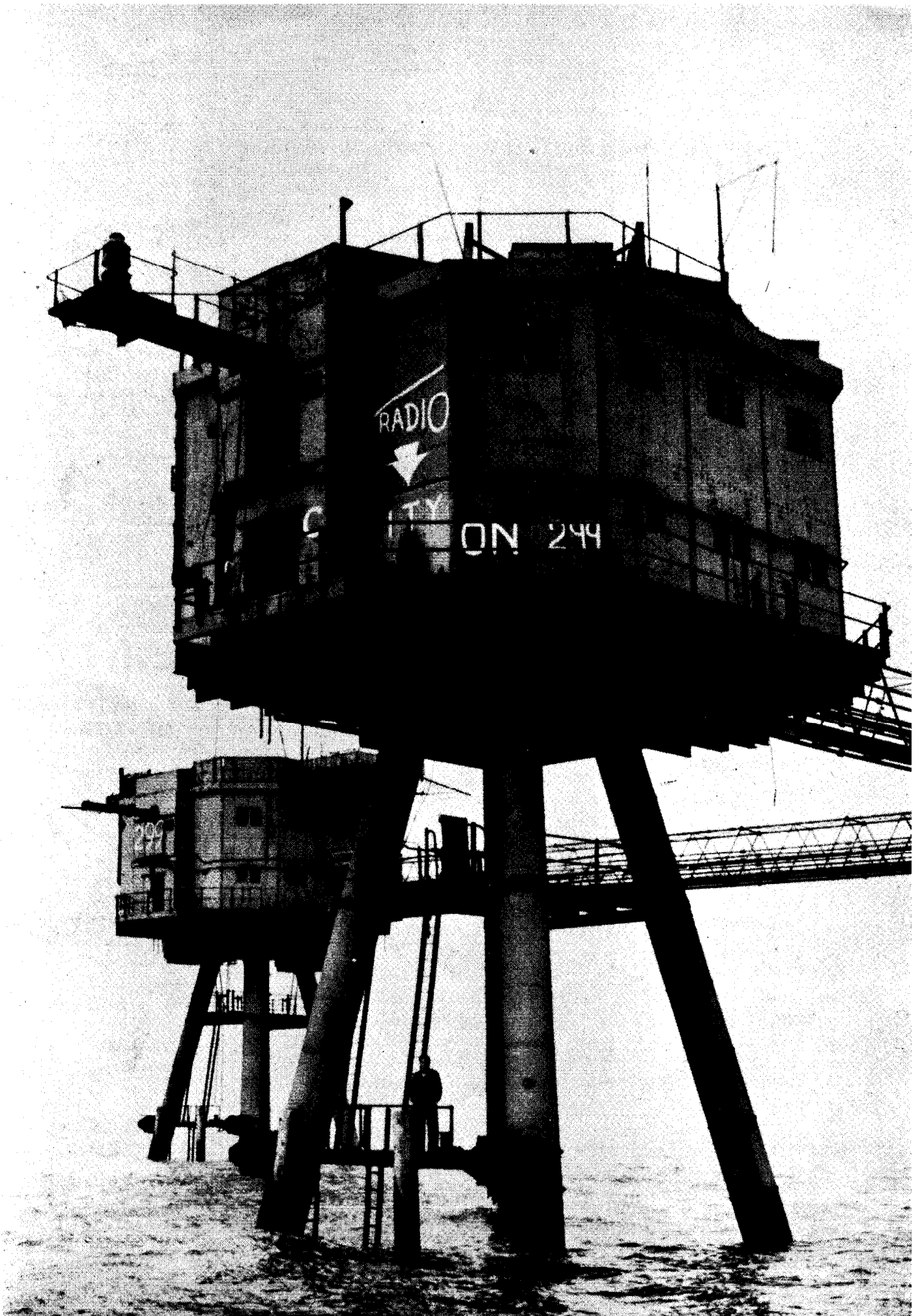
Ambassador-Spokesman Clubs

Besides the five *Ambassador Clubs* here at the College, there are now ten *Spokesman Clubs* helping to devel-

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WHAT ARE YOU?

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and consequently we sometimes feel we're being done an injustice.

How like children we are! Even with God's Spirit to help us, there is far too much of our carnal "childish" self still alive—there is still a great deal to mortify, to crush. The main problem is not seeing ourselves from God's point of view—carnally full of "evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness..." Let's take a look at some of the other deadly traits inherited from our parents (Job 14:4) and above all let's be realistic about them—admit they exist in us!

Ever Been Jealous?

Like you and me children are naturally jealous. I remember one man intentionally giving attention to our daughter to see what effect this would have on his own son. The lad responded immediately by wanting to have affection shown toward him. Later, when he thought no one else was watching, he tried to twist Elizabeth's nose. Amusing? In a way, yes, but how often does this feeling well up in *your own heart*?

Older members will sometimes be jealous of newer members who are far more yielded to God and who consequently may be given positions of responsibility in the Church. Sometimes an older "member" might even try to downgrade in the eyes of others the newer, more zealous man. Even if they have never resulted in direct action, let's admit that such thoughts of jealousy do occur in our minds.

Envy, much akin to jealousy, is very evident in children. Think back to your own childhood; what was your reaction when someone gave your brother, sister or friend a present? Did you automatically think "What a blessing it is for them to have this present?" Of course not! If we're honest, we'll admit we thought, "Why should *they* have it? I want one too."

Where along the line between childhood and adulthood did this carnal attitude magically *vanish* from our na-

ture? It never did—all too often such feelings cause us to envy the possessions of other people. Occasionally a person has even stopped paying his tithe because he wanted more of the physical goods that others around him possessed.

Children Are a Blessing

By now, we can see that whether they're little boys or girls, children are not "sugar and spice and all that's nice." Look further and you find that children are spiteful, foolish and boastful. They form cliques; they gossip. Yet children are also a great blessing once we realize that they show us the very flaws that are part of our own nature. Some think that we lose these flaws at baptism when we bury the old self and receive God's Spirit. It's like a snake, they think, which casts off its old skin to reveal a shining new one.

Yet, we do not slough off human nature at baptism. Rather, God's Holy Spirit which is to guide us "into all truth" shows us more clearly the plain truth about ourselves. God says that our heart is so deceitful that man unaided cannot get a true picture of what he is like. But, with the help of God's Spirit man can see accurately what he is—he can see his own nature in the raw.

Our Goal—God's Nature

Each year with God's help, you can come to have more disgust of the real YOU. That is why Paul, over twenty years after conversion, *could* say with greater conviction than most of us, "I know that in me (that is in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing. . . . O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Do we see ourselves plainly enough to continually repent and desire with all our heart to change our *human* nature for God's *divine* character? Do we "through the Spirit . . . mortify [kill off] the deeds of the body"?

Far from being fond of ourselves, let us, like Job, come to see ourselves from a God's-eye view, so that the next time you ask yourself the question, "What am I?" you can say, "I'm carnal, I'm selfish, I hate myself!" *and really mean it!*

Readers Say . . .

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ings which He has bestowed upon me. I must close for now and get back to work so that, God willing, I can earn enough more to pay the extra income tax which I now owe."

H. P. A., Michigan

Teen CC Fan

"By the way, I'd like to take the opportunity here to say that I think the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course is wonderful! I'm 15 and in the tenth grade this year. I have quite a lot of school work to do so I don't have much spare time, but I MAKE time for studying God's word because I truly realize the importance of the opportunity He has given me."

Nancy L., Connecticut

Honest Business

"I have just received a \$4.00 check from Headquarters Church for difference in a tent with one door rather than two, as stated in the brochure. Thank you for such honesty and concern for others. I did not even know I had purchased something other than what I actually received. This proves again where God's true Church is. I have endorsed the check but am returning it as an offering in God's worldwide work."

Mrs. Dorothy N. M., Virginia

• *Thank you for your fine attitude—remember this is second tithe money and should either be turned in as excess second tithe or added to your own second tithe account.*

Loyalty

"The GOOD NEWS article about loyalty was really an eye-opener. I had thought I was completely loyal to God's Work after reading the article. But then after a few hours it suddenly dawned on me that I had been correcting Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's wording of the broadcast in my mind and now I'm really on the lookout for other evidences of disloyalty I didn't think I had! Thank you for the correction."

Mrs. Timothy J. S., Ohio

YOU CAN DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT!

Are YOU discouraged—depressed? Do you feel “blue” and full of despair? Certainly, of all the people on the face of the earth, GOD’S PEOPLE should feel the most encouraged, positive, and hopeful of the future! What can YOU do to defeat discouragement?

by William F. Dankenbring

WINTER COMES—long, tedious months of winter, with snow, ice, rain and cold, often drab landscape. Monotonous weather settles over the land in many regions. Life seems to take on a bleak, dismal aspect.

And people—thousands of people—reflect winter conditions in their own personal lives! The monotony of winter depresses them, they grow discouraged and develop a dismal attitude toward life.

Even God’s people! During the long months of winter, following the excitement of the Feast of Tabernacles, the rejuvenation and uplift of the Feast begins to ebb and wane, if God’s people are not careful—and bleak discouragement begins to set in!

Problems develop. Perhaps marital troubles well up, and continue, and bring depression. Perhaps family problems rear up and perforate the peace of the home! Personal problems begin to sap spiritual strength. For many, winter is a time of loneliness—and more discouragement!

Do YOU begin to feel depressed and discouraged during the winter months?

The problem of discouragement is a BIG problem to many! It can lead to loss of SALVATION!

How can YOU *defeat* this mind-wrecking problem?

Public Enemy Number One

First, *what* makes people grow discouraged? What causes them to feel GLOOMY and full of despair?

There is a reason!

The greatest enemy ALL people have—including God’s people—is their own HUMAN NATURE! Human emotions often fluctuate, and it is normal for people to feel “positive” at certain times, and “low” at other times. But, most people, when they begin to feel “low,” allow mere feelings to totally drag them into a self-pitying gutter of despair!

And countless thousands COMMIT SUICIDE!

Depression — discouragement — is a terrible ENEMY! It *must* be conquered by God’s people—lest it conquer them!

Millions of people in the world allow their human nature, and its emotional fluctuations, to guide and rule their lives. They have NOT learned to master or rule over their emotions. They don’t even understand WHAT their nature is like—naturally vain, selfish, egotistical!

They don’t realize that their own HUMAN NATURE causes them to feel depressed, discouraged at times!

But human nature also plagues GOD’S PEOPLE! And that is why many of the people of GOD actually feel the pangs of discouragement! Many of YOU reading this article have not yet learned to RULE OVER your emotions and thoughts!

For this reason, many of YOU become bogged down under a cloud of discouragement!

The downward pulls of human nature, then, is one major cause of dis-

couragement. But there is another—one which few people really recognize or face. This other cause sometimes takes over where human nature leaves off—and plunges the victim into the blackest, most negative moods. If a Christian is not wary, it can lead him to give up the Christian fight and QUIT—and commit *spiritual* SUICIDE!

One of the chief causes of discouragement in the world is not physical, but spiritual. Negative moods, feelings, and attitudes can—and often are—caused by Satan and his demons.

Negative Spirits

If anyone on the face of the earth has a “right” to feel utterly whipped, discouraged, it is Satan! Ever since Satan tried to thwart God’s plan, and rebelled against Him, he has been irreversibly DOOMED! His fate has been *sealed*.

And those angels who followed him in rebellion, also, are in a hopeless and dismal condition. Their hope is LOST! They are unalterably bent on opposing God, and they can NEVER succeed! Total frustration, misery, and hopelessness is theirs.

Misery loves company. Satan or one of his demons would just love to find an opening in your mind—an opening caused by discouragement and negative feelings—so they can enter in, fill you with their misery, and REALLY drag you down into the gutter of despair! If YOU feel negative toward God, as if God’s way is TOO HARD, and moods of

spiritual depression strike you down, **BE VIGILANT—be on the alert!**

It is possible that one of Satan's demons is attempting to influence your attitude, trying to get you to feel hopeless and finally **GIVE UP** God's way. Be on the alert whenever you are tempted to bog down in the quicksand of self-pity, gloom, and out-and-out depression!

Such feelings do **NOT** come from God! They are either the result of your own carnal human nature—or they are caused by Satan or his demons. Such feelings and moods need to be **FOUGHT AGAINST—conquered, and overcome!**

God is **NOT** the author of **GLOOM**, or unhappiness and misery! **SATAN IS!** If you feel moody and gloomy, search yourself—**EXAMINE YOURSELF**—and ask God in heaven to **REBUKE** those wicked, self-centered thoughts and cast them away from you! Ask Him to give you the right, out-going, positive attitude toward life, and even toward your problems!

The apostle Peter admonished, "Be sober, be **VIGILANT**; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom *resist* steadfast in the **FAITH**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (I Pet. 5:8-9).

James wrote, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. **RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will FLEE from you**" (Jas. 4:7). "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (verse 8).

Whenever thoughts of discouragement come sneaking in, God's people need to strongly **RESIST** them—not gloomily welcome them with sympathetic arms. Such thoughts are totally contrary to God's way of the abundant life! They only bring more misery, suffering and **HARM**.

How to **CONQUER** Discouragement

The Word of God gives vital information regarding **CONQUERING** every human problem, every spiritual problem, including the problem which faces so many from time to time—depression and despair.

What does God say?

In order to conquer these feelings, the first thing to do—as we have already read—is be alert to them, and **RESIST** them. The place to begin is in the **MIND**. Do not allow yourself to even begin **THINKING** negatively!

Solomon wrote, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). This scripture illustrates a basic principle. As people think in their heart, they **ACT**—whether negatively, positively, or however. Moods and attitudes begin with thoughts in the heart. The thought is reflected in the personality, the bearing, the manner of expression, the eyes.

Therefore, every thought itself needs to be brought under control. The apostle Paul wrote, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting **DOWN imaginations** (reasonings), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, *and bringing into captivity EVERY THOUGHT* to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:4-5).

God wants us to bring every single thought into **CAPTIVITY**—control, rule over our very thought-processes! In this way, we can learn to control and **RULE OVER** our moods, attitudes, and emotions!

The way to cast wrong, negative thoughts **OUT** of the mind is to place good, **POSITIVE** thoughts **IN** the mind. The way to get air **OUT** of a milk bottle is to pour milk **IN**!

God explains what kinds of thoughts His people should have. They should concentrate, think, ponder on "... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **THINK ON THESE THINGS**" (Phil. 4:8).

Paul told the evangelist Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **EXAMPLE** of the believers, in word, in conversation [conduct], in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." He commanded him, "**MEDITATE upon these things; give thyself wholly to**

them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (I Tim. 4:12, 15).

A Christian's thoughts are **VERY IMPORTANT!** They must be *ruled* over, and brought into subjection!

In this way, negative feelings and discouragement **CAN BE DEFEATED!**

There is no excuse for a child of Almighty **GOD** to feel "down in the dumps" and whipped—discouraged and beaten. But he must learn to **RULE** his thoughts, **RESIST** Satan, and subdue his human nature! He must **WORK** at it!

WHY Discouragement?

Sometimes trials and tests bring discouragement. Sometimes personal problems, faults and weaknesses contribute to depression.

But all these factors concern the one great problem which people have—they get their eyes off the **GOAL**, begin thinking about **THEMSELVES**, and lose sight of the **PURPOSE** God is working out in their lives.

They let prayer slide. They neglect Bible study. They thereby lose close **CONTACT** with God. Discouragement is the end product.

Look in your own life. Hasn't this been the case? Haven't physical matters, personal concerns, taken precedence over the spiritual? When you lose contact with God, the result is **ALWAYS** failure and depression.

It is vitally important, therefore to **DRAW CLOSE TO GOD** whenever discouragement threatens. If we draw near to God, He promises to draw nigh to us! (Jas. 4:8.)

If we draw near, through earnest **PRAYER** and study of His Word—which is the most **POSITIVE** Book ever written!—He will give us spiritual **STRENGTH** to resist and overcome whatever thought or attitude troubles us.

The POWER of God

God created the Universe. He made the worlds, the seas, the skies, the mountains and valleys. Surely, then, He can enable us to conquer mental problems and discouragement, which are **TRIVIAL** by comparison!

And He promises to **DO SO**, if we call upon Him. Jesus Christ declared, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you

that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give *good gifts* unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:11-13.)

The Spirit of God is NOT the Spirit of discouragement, moodiness, and negative feelings! "But the fruit of the Spirit is"—what? Notice it!—"LOVE, JOY, peace, longsuffering [patience], gentleness, goodness, FAITH, meekness, temperance [or, *self-control*]; against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23).

Did you read anything there about "Sorrow, guilt, depression, moodiness, sulkiness, negative feelings" or "discouragement, despair and hopelessness"?? Did you read anything about God's Spirit being the Spirit of a "what's-the-use, who cares?" attitude?

Of course NOT!

It is the Spirit of LOVE, JOY, FAITH—the positive emotions!

Notice what Paul wrote Timothy—"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of FEAR; but of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:6-7).

A SOUND mind is not plagued by fear complexes, phobias, negative attitudes. It is HOPEFUL of the future! God's Spirit gives a *sound* mind. It is the Spirit of *love*.

God says, "There is NO FEAR in love; but perfect love [imparted by the Holy Spirit] *casteth out fear*: because fear hath torment" (I John 4:18). The Holy Spirit of God CASTS OUT such negative feelings as fear, worry, moodiness, faithlessness, discouragement. It replaces them with real love, JOY, faith—brimful confidence in God, and supreme HOPE in His Word and promises!

God's Spirit imparts POWER to overcome negative discouragement! Before its immense power, such minute, weakling attitudes and moods scamper like thousands of jackrabbits before a tornado. They don't stand a CHANCE!

The Holy Spirit will impart that power to YOU, if you "stir it up," as Paul told Timothy. But you must draw close to God, and USE His Spirit according to His will, if you wish to be FILLED with it! You must rekindle it, and make full use of it—not let it die out. It is SPIRITUAL POWER!

A Few Discouraged Men

Some of God's greatest servants suffered periods of blackest depression and discouragement. Some of them were so depressed at times that they wanted to DIE. Life became too much of a struggle. Their problems grew too weighty and overpowering. Death seemed to be the "only out."

Job was so discouraged when God chastised him that he groaned in deepest self-pity, "Oh that my GRIEF were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea" (Job 6:2-3).

Moses, the man of God, once felt so overwhelmed he exclaimed to God, "Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?"

Moses groaned, and moaned, "I am *not able* to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, *kill me*, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness" (Num. 11:11-15).

Discouragement! Depression! Fortunately, God did *not* answer that particular request—or YOU might never have been born!

Elijah, also, once knew bitter discouragement. Fearful of his life, he fled from Jezebel who sought to kill him. He wandered into the wilderness and requested to die (I Kings 19:1-4). He felt like giving up—quitting!

God had to rebuke him, to straighten up his attitude (vs. 9-15).

Elijah, too, was human. At times he had problems with his attitude. But because he yielded himself to GOD, as an instrument in His hands, and drew near to God, and prayed FERVENTLY, he was mightily USED of God and worked miracles (see Jas. 5:16-18).

Discouragement did not drag Job, Moses, Elijah, or other servants of God down into the muck and mire. It did not lead to their RUIN. Why? Because when they saw their human weaknesses and failings, they did not allow a terrible depression to take over. They did not grow sour and bitter. They did NOT "give up" and QUIT.

Rather, they REPENTED of their discouragement, their negative attitudes—and they turned to God. He forgave them, and imparted spiritual strength to them—and mightily USED them in His Work!

How are YOU dealing with the problem of discouragement?

Are you allowing it to lead you off into a ditch—the gutter of hopelessness?

Or are your problems and discouragements causing you to turn away from yourself, and turn to GOD to receive spiritual HELP from Him?

So many are tempted to give up the fight and quit, just before achieving success! Many, for lack of a little more perseverance, have come short and FAILED! They were willing to endure "so far"—and that was *it*. They then rebelled, cried "Foul," and shut the door *on themselves*.

They shut themselves OUT of God's Kingdom!

Rather than face up to their problems, they hid their faces, ran from the problems—and *died*, spiritually! They allowed clouds of depression to befog their vision, lost sight of the GOAL of the Christian life, and began to wander aimlessly, groping in spiritual darkness, getting nowhere fast.

Are YOU allowing an attitude of discouragement to make shipwreck of YOUR spiritual life?

Where do YOU stand?

Was Paul Discouraged?

What about the apostle Paul? He was used to write more books of the

New Testament than any other man. Was he ever discouraged? Depressed?

Paul was human, and undoubtedly he suffered many discouragements. When old friends and long-time converts fell away from God's truth, Paul must have suffered great personal pain and heart-ache. Paul's life was filled with troubles, trials, turmoils and narrow escapes.

But did he ever allow discouragement to reign in his life?

Let Paul speak for himself. "We are troubled on every side, *yet not distressed*, we are perplexed, *but not in despair*; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the LIFE also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (II Cor. 4:8-10).

Although beset and buffeted by circumstances beyond his control, Paul was not discouraged. He was not a quitter. He declared, "For which cause WE FAINT NOT; but though our outward man perish, *yet the inward man is RENEWED day by day*" (v. 16).

Paul shared intimately his sufferings as a minister of God with the Corinthians, writing, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in *afflictions*, behold, we live; as *chastened*, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always REJOICING; as poor, yet making many rich; *as having nothing, and yet possessing all things*" (II Cor. 6:4-10).

Surely, if any man had anything to be discouraged and disheartened about, Paul did! But yet, as we just finished reading, he REJOICED in his trials and afflictions, problems and sufferings!

Paul had suffered — personally. Therefore he was able to write the Corinthians and say, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; *who comforteth us in ALL OUR TRIBULATION*, that we may be able to comfort them which are in *any trouble*, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound

in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ" (II Cor. 1:3-5).

Paul had been tempted, so he was able to succor and help others who were suffering, distressed, and even discouraged. Paul could comfort and sympathize with others who had trials and problems.

Paul stayed CLOSE to God.

Discouragement did not have a chance around him! His life was totally DEDICATED, *devoted* to God! Whether he lived, or died, did not matter with him (Phil. 1:21-24). Whether he abounded, or was abased did not count with him (Phil. 4:11-12).

His eyes were always Godward (Col. 3:1-2). His affection was on things above, not on earthly, sensual, fleshly things. His MIND was centered, concentrated on forgetting past events, and past failures or discouragements—and his attention was focused on those things which are before, pressing FORWARD to the high calling of Christ Jesus in the Kingdom of God (Phil. 3:13-14).

Paul had totally CONQUERED discouragement! Toward the end of his life, he wrote Timothy in absolute faith and assurance, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: *and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing*" (II Tim. 4:7-8).

Here is an example of resolute faith, determined hope and assurance.

Paul had no room for doubt, discouragement or despair. His life was FILLED with radiant hope and faith toward God.

Yours can be also, if you will draw CLOSE to God through DAILY prayer and diligent Bible study, drinking in of His inspiring, encouraging Word. Your life can be filled with HOPE, and joy, and you can have a POSITIVE approach to every problem, by drawing near to your heavenly Father who gives every good and perfect gift!

But you must be willing to do YOUR part.

Change Your OUTLOOK

Have you allowed despondent, gloomy thoughts to occupy your mind in the past? Even now, do negative thoughts trouble you? Are you discouraged?

You can change!

God says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man *his thoughts*: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For *my thoughts* are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD" (Isa. 55:7-8).

Change your THOUGHTS! Learn to rule over them!

Through drawing close to God, and His Holy Spirit, begin to think positively, as GOD HIMSELF THINKS! Be FILLED with God's truth, His thoughts, through the study of His Word!

There is no need for any of God's people to feel depressed or discouraged. YOU can DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT before it gets started! There is no reason why anybody in God's true Church should be gloomy, negative-minded, or have a down-trodden, hopeless attitude!

Not at all!

Jesus Christ did not come to bring sorrow and depression. Rather, Jesus Himself said, in unmistakable terms, "... I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it MORE ABUNDANTLY" (John 10:10).

The abundant life is not one filled with worries, frowns, anxieties, depressions, concerns, or negative despondency! It is filled with the fruits of God's Spirit: LOVE, JOY, FAITH!

It is not self-centered, but God-centered. It is not worried about the affairs of this temporary, short, physical life. It is concerned about the TRUE GOAL of life—the Kingdom of God! It is not occupied with material matters. Such things are counted as "dung" (Phil. 3:8).

The abundant Christian life is filled with SPIRITUAL CONCERNS—and is centered on the things of GOD!

It is the truly positive, hopeful, happy life!

It can—and *should*—be YOURS!

IT HAPPENED IN BRITAIN

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op character, leadership and service in the British churches.

A further means of developing students who have ministerial potential, is through the *Visiting Program* which is organized by and co-ordinated from the College. Many of the more advanced students have received very valuable training through visiting in the Greater London area. Others have even been able to do some badly needed visiting in Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol and other parts of Britain.

Through this Visiting Program, students are trained and groomed under the leadership of God's ministers, and are able to render an invaluable service to interested radio listeners and church members.

Vital Statistics of British Work

Feast of Tabernacles figures aptly illustrate the growth of God's Work in Britain. Feast attendance figures for the past seven years are as follows: 1958, 60; 1959, 120; 1960, 234; 1961, 468; 1962, 655; 1963, 936; 1964, 1,272; 1965, 1,532.

And now that we are on four commercial British stations, we hope to see next autumn's Feast attendance back up to a 30 percent increase!

For this coming Feast of Tabernacles it looks as though God is again opening up to us the Prestatyn Holiday Camp in North Wales. This Camp is situated on the shore of the Irish Sea, near the beautiful Welsh mountains. We may possibly meet in this location for the next two years.

Each week we receive about 2,600 letters at our office here at Bricket Wood—about 135,000 letters in 1965. There are over 53,000 on *The PLAIN TRUTH* list. Of this number, about 3,000 are Co-Workers, 49,000 are Regulars. There are about 1,030 on our Member List.

The PLAIN TRUTH has been printed here in Britain now for about six years by a commercial English firm.

We recently rented a large building (over 18,000 square feet) in Watford

which has been converted into a very modern printing plant, where we now print about 90,000 *PLAIN TRUTH* magazines each month—65,000 in English, 13,000 in German and 12,000 in the French language.

We also print many thousands of booklets, reprint articles, letters, Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course lessons and countless other items.

There are now about twenty-four full-time employees in the Printing Department, plus fourteen students working part time.

Mr. John D. Butterfield is in charge of the Printing Department. He is very dedicated and competent—having had a number of years of printing experience before being employed by Ambassador College.

Britain's Fourteen Ministers

Serving God's people in Great Britain today are 14 ministers—including two Evangelists—Mr. Charles F. Hunting and myself.

Since July, 1958, I have been the Director of the British branch of God's Work, and am the Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College in England, the pastor of the Bricket Wood Church and General Supervisor of the British Churches of God. I also teach three classes.

Mr. Charles F. Hunting is the Business Manager of the College. He had previous experience in the business world which has been of great value to God's Work here in Britain. Mr. Hunting was sent to England in March, 1961. In June, Mrs. Hunting and their three children joined Mr. Hunting in England. Chris, the eldest son, is now in his first year of College here in England. Mr. Hunting also teaches a number of classes and directed the Athletic Department until the arrival of Mr. Bernell Michel from Pasadena in March, 1966.

Two ministers of Pastor rank serve God's people in Britain. They are Mr. Ernest L. Martin and Mr. Ronald L. Dart.

Mr. Ernest Martin is now the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Ambassador College and is the pastor of the Warrington Church of God.

Mr. Martin recently spent about seven months at Headquarters in Pasadena, California—working on his doctorate.

Mr. Ronald L. Dart is the pastor of the Birmingham Church and teaches several classes. He is also Supervisor of Students at Ambassador College, Bricket Wood.

(Dr. Benjamin L. Rea was the Dean of the Faculty of Ambassador College and the pastor of the Birmingham Church—until his untimely death on March 10th, 1965).

Mr. David P. Wainwright, a graduate of Oxford, is the College Registrar and teaches a number of classes. As an ordained minister, he also assists in visiting and regularly preaches in the British Churches.

Mr. Leon Walker is pastor of the Bristol Church of God and teaches in the college and at Imperial School.

Mr. John E. Portune is the Director of the Radio Studio and teaches both at Ambassador and at Imperial. As an ordained minister, he helps in directing the activities of the Visiting Program, and regularly preaches in the churches.

Mr. Robert C. Boraker is the Director of the Letter Answering Department, and is currently doing quite a bit of the visiting in the London area. He also writes articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines.

Mr. Robin Jones recently returned to the British branch headquarters to assist in teaching classes here at the college, and has recently been pastoring the Warrington Church in the temporary absence of Mr. Ernest Martin.

Mr. James Wells, a graduate of Ambassador College, has pastored the Church of God in Belfast, Northern Ireland, since its inception in 1962. He is in charge of ministering to all members and interested listeners in Ireland.

Mr. Gerald R. Crosswell, as an ordained Local Elder, is now rendering God's Work in Britain a valuable service by visiting full time in the Birm-

ingham and Bristol areas where he assists both Mr. Dart and Mr. Walker.

Mr. C. Ted Gould, Local Elder, is Assistant Business Manager and instructor here at the college. He also helps in visiting—mainly in the Bricket Wood Church area.

Mr. Gunar Freibergs, also a Local Elder, recently spent about six months teaching at the college in Britain in Mr. Ernest Martin's absence. In January, 1966, Mr. Freibergs returned to the office in Düsseldorf to assist Mr. Frank Schnee in the rapidly expanding German branch of God's Work.

Mr. Robert E. Fahey is the pastor of the Glasgow Church of God in Scotland, and is also pastor of the newly established church at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bedford now spend their full time visiting the many people in the Manchester-Liverpool and Leeds-Sheffield areas. Mr. Bedford is the pastor of the Leeds Church.

Besides God's ministers who serve as pastors of churches, lecturers in the college and directors of various departments or activities here at the British college, there are about 250 employees (including the 198 students) being used in the British branch of God's Work.

Over Seven Years of Continued Healthy Growth

In spite of the rather poor radio coverage in Great Britain, and despite many hindrances and considerable opposition and persecution, God has continued to bless and prosper His Work here in every way!

Here is a summary of the growth of God's Work in the seven and one-half years (July, 1958-January, 1966)—since I have been the Director of this branch of God's Work.

In July, 1958, there were only 45 to 50 in regular attendance at *one* Church of God (in London) in all of Britain. The London Church now numbers about 220. Besides this church, *there are now eight other British churches*—making nine churches, with weekly Sabbath services totalling about 1,120 in attendance!

In the autumn of 1958 there were

only 60 present at the Feast of Tabernacles. Last autumn there were 1,532 in attendance, and we expect about 1,800 next autumn.

In 1958, there were only about 30 people on the British Member list. Today there are over 1,030.

If I recall correctly in 1958 there were only about 12,000 on *The PLAIN TRUTH* list. Today there are approximately 53,000 on the list. This is in spite of the fact that, in 1959, we shipped about 5,000 Australian and New Zealand names we had on file here to the office in Sydney. Also, a number of *PLAIN TRUTH* subscribers' names were sent from this office to the Düsseldorf office when it was opened up in the summer of 1962.

In 1958 there was no college in Britain. Ambassador College, near London, has been established for nearly six years and is a thriving institution—training many dedicated servants to be used in one of the many far-flung posts in the Work of God.

Dozens of graduates are being used full time in God's Work, and there are 19 ordained ministers who spent part or all of their four years at the College here!

Daily Broadcasting— Our Greatest Need!

What is the greatest need of this branch of God's Work? The thing which we need most, and pray continually for, is that God will really open up to this branch of His Work *effective* daily radio broadcasting.

The WORLD TOMORROW program is now being broadcast daily on four commercial off-shore stations, enabling us to reach several million Britons. These stations are not yet fully established—have not yet built up their full listening audience.

And on Sunday, December 12th, we began broadcasting *twice daily* on Radio 390, seven days a week. But the British Government has recently threatened to close down these off-shore stations.

Satan would like to have the gospel silenced on all the commercial stations reaching Britain—including Radio Luxembourg.

We all need to pray fervently that God will keep these commercial stations open, and that He will open up to this branch of His Work other even more effective means of reaching the people of Great Britain.

God willing, a commercial ship-station will begin broadcasting to Scotland—beginning in January, 1966. We are scheduled to broadcast *The WORLD TOMORROW* program on that station as soon as it begins broadcasting!

And, I was given a news clipping just today which mentioned that plans have been laid to begin broadcasting (via a ship-station) to Northern Ireland—in March!

There are approximately 55 million people packed together in these British Isles! If we can only get a number of really effective daily broadcasts reaching all of Britain, then this branch of God's Work will really leap forward!

In December, 1965, Parliament debated whether or not to open up commercial radio broadcasting in this country. Over one hundred commercial radio stations are reported ready to begin broadcasting as soon as they are given government approval.

If the government licenses commercial radio here, this might not help God's Work as much as some think. Apparently commercial radio would be run like commercial TV—only allowing advertisers to purchase a few seconds (or minutes—at most) of time! That's the way Commercial British TV is now run.

We know that God Almighty is the one who opened the door of radio to Britain—the doors of these commercial ship-stations located in international waters. They beam their broadcasts into the heart of England.

Other commercial ship radio stations are reported to be planning to commence broadcasting in the near future.

But powerful forces are now pressuring the British Government to forever silence these commercial off-shore stations!

The Gospel to Ephraim

A number of prophecies specifically reveal that the peoples of Ephraim (Great Britain and her Common-



Ambassador College Photo
 Ambassador College Press, Walford, Herts., England, bespeaks the quality of power with which God is fulfilling His promise of carrying the Gospel to Ephraim.

wealth) would have the Gospel preached to them before the close of this age.

These prophecies surely include the over-fifty-million Ephraimites living in modern-day Britain—the motherland of the Commonwealth!

Much of the entire book of Hosea is directed to the people of Ephraim. God says: "EPHRAIM *shall be desolate in the day of rebuke* [referring to the time of 'Jacob's trouble'—Jer. 30:7]: *among the tribes of Israel have I MADE KNOWN that which shall surely be*" (Hos. 5:9).

Since Ephraim is the chief birthright

tribe, this verse surely reveals that the people of Britain will be among those tribes of Israel who are going to have the Gospel—the good news of God's Kingdom—made known to them in our day!

I have before me two British newspaper cuttings, both of which show that God's Church has revealed, through the sure prophecies of God's Word, that Britain will be defeated in World War III (unless, of course, she repents)! And many millions are being warned directly through God's Work—through *The WORLD TOMORROW* program and through *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine.

Hosea 7:12 further explains this: "When they [Ephraim] shall go, I will spread my net upon them; *I will bring them down* [in national defeat] *as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them AS THEIR CONGREGATION HATH HEARD.*"

Isaiah 9:8-12 also reveals that God's Word has to be preached to Israel—Ephraim in particular! "*The Lord sent a word* [the true Gospel] *into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And*

all the people shall know, even EPHRAIM . . ."

This prophecy shows that a vast segment of Britain and her Commonwealth shall hear God's Word preached—shall "know" what is going to come to pass—before it happens!

Matthew 10:23 shows, however, that God's ministers will not necessarily personally evangelize every single city in modern Israel before the second coming of Jesus Christ!

God warned the earth's inhabitants in the days of Noah before He destroyed those wicked people by a great deluge. Christ warned the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judaea before the Roman legions slaughtered over one million Jews in the days of the Apostles!

And God Almighty is warning the peoples of America and Britain before our doom—giving us a chance to heed His Word, repent and avert the terrible calamity which otherwise is certain to overtake us!

Pray Ferently For This!

Commercial ship broadcasting now appears to be the only really effective way of reaching Britons via radio.

We do not yet know for sure all the details of *how* God will continue to open up effective daily broadcasting to the people of Great Britain; but we feel certain that He will do this for the sake of His Work!

We do know, however, that if all of the members of God's Church will pray unitedly, fervently about this matter, leaving the result in God's hands, that He will greatly increase the effectiveness of daily broadcasting in the British Isles.

In the meantime, we are very thankful to Almighty God for opening up these stations by which we now are able to reach additional millions of Britons.

We, here in Britain, are very grateful to be used in this branch of God's Work, and ask the prayers of all of God's people on behalf of God's ministers and His people living throughout Great Britain.

Also, don't forget Mr. Ted Armstrong's admonition to fervently pray

that God will open up more commercial radio stations; let us also earnestly pray that the British Government will not pass legislation which might forever destroy our chances of using radio to reach all of Britain in a powerful way.

Through your prayers and your fi-

nancial support, you have your vital part in helping reach the peoples of Great Britain!

The people of modern-day Ephraim badly need to be reached with the dynamic good news of the soon-coming government of God!

Whose Opinion Counts?

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true minister to that office, and it is respect to the Holy Spirit through which God will inspire and direct His servants.

Unity in the Church

Many of you brethren have had to "come out" of this Babylonish system and its churches. You have been regarded and perhaps *have regarded yourself*—as an "independent" or radical in matters of belief.

Many of you, having been disillusioned by false ministers, have come to feel that you could place no reliance on anyone or anything except yourself. You have been in the habit of studying the Bible and accepting *your* conclusion as final. It was between you and God alone. "Me and God," said the German Kaiser. That is the way some of you have felt and acted—perhaps without realizing it.

But *should* you be an "independent"?

Didn't Jesus build a Church which will endure *forever*? Haven't we just shown you that God's true ministers—whom He sets in His Church—speak in His name with authority?

If you have really been converted, you have been "baptized" or *put into* God's Church by receiving His Spirit. You are then *no longer* an "independent," but a member of the true Church of God—the body of Christ.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (I Cor. 14:33). Even though you may be separated from local church fellowship, you *belong* to God's Church which has *order* and *government* in it—not confusion.

The apostle Paul commands us to be humble, "Endeavoring to keep the

unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Some ministers quote this text to persuade their congregation to blindly follow them in a *false* unity, NOT of the Spirit. The *unity of God's Spirit* is that mutual harmony and love which it produces because we will *all* be seeking *God's will*. It is *not* a "unity" based on *man's reasoning* swayed by the devil!

God gave some individuals positions of preaching and teaching, "Till we all come into the unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:11-13). His ministers are *responsible* for teaching and guiding the flock in the *right* way as God's Spirit reveals *until* they come into the "unity of the faith."

We are all still human and have a lot of *growing* to do. We won't all see eye to eye on every point of doctrine at first. God's children are "knit together"—not in doctrine—but "in LOVE" (Col. 2:2).

But God has set His ministers in the Church to preserve order, and to teach and instruct the brethren with *authority* so that each one may finally come to have "the mind of Christ" (Phil. 2:5).

The Final Authority

In Hebrews 13:17, Paul gives an inspired command to, "*Obey* them that have the rule over you, and *submit yourselves*: for they watch for your souls, as *they that must give account*, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Here, and in verse seven, God is commanding *obedience* to His Ministers. It is *they* who "must give account." They are *responsible* for teaching you the *truth*. When there is a doubt as to the meaning of a scripture, or when there is a Church policy to be

decided upon, God's ministers are given the **AUTHORITY** to make those decisions to be based on His *revealed* will. And He holds *them* **RESPONSIBLE** for seeking *His* will!

This of course applies *only* to those whom you know by the "fruits" are God's *true* ministers.

And even then, if there is ever a case when you have a *real conviction* that one of God's ministers is teaching something contrary to His will, you ought to "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). But *knowing* that any true minister of God will be honest in seeking the truth, be sure to discuss the matter privately with him. Remember that you are not to rebuke an elder or minister, "but intreat him as a father" (I Tim. 5:1). Then, any *true* minister of God will *study* and *pray* over the matter, and in due time will either show you your error—or he will confess his mistake and be thankful to find and teach the *truth*.

God Himself has chosen ministers who are still quite *human*. But His ministers will remain yielded to Him and be willing to *grow*. It is His *responsibility* to remove them if they don't.

In all matters, then, it's *God's opinion* that really *counts*!

God has specially "called" His ministers to act as His spokesmen—teaching the people *His* will. Christ set the example (Mat. 7:29) when He astonished the people by teaching with **AUTHORITY**. That authority is to be *respected*! It is not respect to the man, but to the *office*, and to *God* who placed him in the office.

God's ministers need your *prayers*, and your *love* and *co-operation* in carrying on this great Work He has committed to all of us. Mr. Armstrong has set a wonderful example by his love, humility, wisdom, zeal, and his constant willingness to *grow* into more truth as God reveals it. God's *true* ministers will continue to seek and to teach *His* will—not their own.

We realize the great *responsibility* we have as God's ministers. We pray that you true brethren will respect the *authority* God has given us with which to carry on His work. This work of God

is rapidly growing! To accomplish our mission successfully, we need to practice the way of *order* and *church government* which God has commanded. This way of God will be a great blessing to us—and to the *millions* who will hear the *true gospel* because we have been *willing* to set aside our selfish interests and to work together in *harmony*—under God's guidance—in carrying out His great work.

Let us all submit ourselves to *God's government* in His Church—and in His kingdom to come. As the *true* Church of God, let us go forward together with *love* and *unity*, guided by *Divine wisdom*, and inspired by a contagious *zeal* to carry out with God's *power* and *authority* the great work of proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom as a "witness" to all nations before Christ's soon return as King of kings.

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Talk about **GROWTH**!

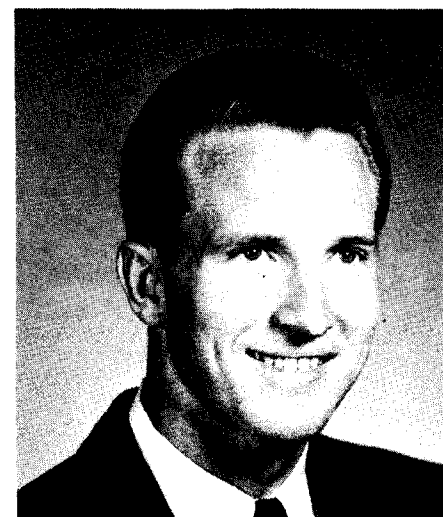
It may also be interesting for you brethren to realize that there are nearly

thirty thousand people attending local churches *every Sabbath* in the United States alone! Because literally *hundreds* have to drive long distances and cannot come every Sabbath—but *alternate*—and others are in scattered areas and unable to come at all, we know that



Preaching Elders raised to Pastor rank: Above: Mr. Harold Jackson, shown here with his wife as a special treat for our Negro brethren; and Mr. Dennis Luker. Below: Mr. Arthur Mocarow and Mr. Arthur Craig.

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we have over *thirty-five thousand* who are members of God's Church here in America!

Add to that figure some five thousand Canadian and overseas brethren—most of whom are able to attend either local churches or Bible Studies—and you have a total of *over forty thousand* people in the true Body of Christ today! And, very frankly, there are additional *thousands* of co-workers and other strong adherents to this Work of God who consider that this *is* "their church"—even though they might not fully understand yet and have not been baptized by one of our ministers.

Certainly, we *did* start "as small as a grain of mustard seed." And by any standard of measurement we are still the "little flock" of which Jesus

Christ spoke! But *steady* and *INSPIRING* progress has surely been made as the above figures reveal!

I can also report to you that there are—at this very moment—at least *two dozen* locations over the United States and Canada alone where we really *NEED* to establish new churches! So more growth is *definitely* in the offing. But the need is for more trained, dedicated and *consecrated* ministers to do the tremendous *JOB* of feeding all these local congregations!

As we have told you, beside the need for more of God's Spirit, His love and His power—which is always with us—the greatest need in His earthly Ministry is for *more ministers and elders!* So take this need *SERIOUSLY!* Pray *fervently*—and *KEEP PRAYING*—that

Christ will call more consecrated men to this task!

Pray also that *all of us* in the Body of Jesus Christ will keep *yielding, growing* and *servicing* *FERVENTLY* in the tremendous Commission God has given us of getting His message to *all the earth*—and in feeding the flock which He, and He alone, calls to conversion!



ABOVE: Ministers and wives examine the future Dining Hall. LEFT: During the tour of the Ambassador Press, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mrs. Raymond McNair pause to peruse a section of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. BELOW: From left to right, those raised in rank from Local to Preaching Elder: Mr. James Doak, Mr. Lowell Blackwell, Mr. Kelly Barfield and Mr. Royston Page.

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