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A messenger of salvation, healing, comfort, good cheer, and encouragement to the poor, the needy, the unsaved, the sick, the afflicted, the heavy hearted, the distressed, the discouraged, and to all who are in need of blessing and comfort from on high.

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Jesus Saves — Jesus Heals

"... In the last days ... men shall be lovers of their own selves, ... lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: ... from such turn away." (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

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"... All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, ... the lust of the eyes, ... the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (1 Jn. 2:16)

"... The world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 Jn. 2:17)

Love Not The World

By Cora L. Vinal

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 Jn. 2:15-17). Why not? Why not join hands with the world and hope that everything will come out all right? Because, according to God's Word everything will not come out all right. This whole world system, its human philosophies and policies, its ungodly devices and ambitions, its fleshly inclinations and desires, are altogether out of harmony with the will of God. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." God is holy, but this world knows not the meaning of holiness. God is light, but this world has wandered out into the darkness. Beware, therefore, and love not the world.

"If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." A strong statement, but the truth. This world is estranged from God. It has no love for God. It is dominated in great measure by the evil one. The minds of men are blinded to spiritual things. And so the earthly-minded man crams himself with the vain and fleeting things of this world, and has no room for the things that are worthwhile and enduring. As it is written: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud ... heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

"Ye (spiritual) adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of this world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of this world is the enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4). If a man loves worldly entertainments, or ungodly associations, or earthly possessions, more than he loves the Word of God and the fellowship of God, it is quite likely that he has little or no love for God. And if any man loves the praise of men, or a high position in this world more than he desires the blessing of God, then something is wrong. He needs to make this way to the mercy-seat. He needs a change of heart. These days are too crucial, and too uncertain, to trifle with God, or to take any chances. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

"And the world passeth away." It cannot go on in its present condition forever. It is doomed. It is like a sinking ship without any hope of survival. All on board must flee to the life-boats, or perish. Why so? Why is this world in the process of passing away? Because it has not the quality of life to make it worthy of enduring. The people of this world are "dead in trespasses and sins." They are "alienated" from God. Therefore they have nothing substantial to cling to, and nothing enduring to build upon. For sooner or later all of the great worldly institutions of every kind will crumble and pass away to make room for the glorious things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

"But he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." And that is really doing something, and really going somewhere. For doing the will of God is not some menial kind of occupation, with hard work and poor pay, nor is it something

Death By Delay

The city of Pompeii was destroyed by a huge rain of burning lava and ashes from a volcano. Among the people who ran to escape was a lady who tried not only to save her own life, but also some valuable jewels. She gathered rings, bracelets, necklaces, and chains, but was soon overtaken by a rain of ashes from the volcano. There she died.

Nearly 2,000 years later a group of men were uncovering the ruins of this city and this woman's petrified body was found. She still had the jewels tightly clutched in her hands. Her wealth did not protect her in the hour of death. Perhaps if she had not waited to collect her jewels she might have escaped.

That is the way many people do today. They know that a terrible judgment is coming upon all who have not given themselves to Jesus. But instead of getting saved they wait to make money. And often they die without Jesus, but the money which they have gotten will not keep them from the judgment to come. It doesn't pay to wait to give your heart to Jesus! — Sel.

There are no tomorrows,
The yesterdays are all spent,
All we have left is today.

to be ashamed of. It is the most rewarding business that can possibly be engaged in. It is a most honorable service, with benefits without end. For he that doeth the will of God shall live eternally. He belongs to the family of God. His affections are set on things above. He lives only to please his heavenly Father. He has no fear of death or judgment. His account with God has been settled. He has been delivered from sin and condemnation. Therefore, never feel sorry for him, and be careful never to despise him. The smile of God is upon him. His future outlook is transporting. Oh, he may be allowed to suffer some persecutions and trials, and the road may sometimes be rough and steep, and he may become worn and weary, but "the trials of the road will seem nothing when (he) gets to the end of the way."

Jesus said: "And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn. 6:40). Not every kind of person may have everlasting life. No! not every one that is religious, or well-behaved, or highly-honored among men, will have an inheritance in the kingdom of God; but every one that believeth on the Son of God.

Jesus said again: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). And who are these people? and from whence do they come? The Word of God gives the answer. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb ... And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What

Unsaintly Saints

By A. W. Tozer

(Unsaintly saints are the tragedy of Christianity. People of the world usually must pass through the circle of disciples to reach Christ, and if they find those disciples severe and sharp-tongued they can hardly be blamed if they sigh and turn away from Him.)

THERE ARE FEW HINDRANCES to the cause of Christ as effective as a bad disposition on the part of God's people. It is hardly too much to say that an evil disposition manifested by an evangelical does the Church more harm in the end than anything that modernists and unbelievers can ever do.

A bad disposition has been called "the vice of the virtuous." The woman who would not gamble or smoke or attend places of worldly amusements may yet manifest a churlish temper and keep her family in terror with her acid tongue. A man who will fight for the faith once delivered to the saints may be so hard to live with that his family actually wishes him gone, and feels little real sorrow when he finally shuffles off his mortal coil.

Chrysostom once preached a great sermon to show that nothing can harm a

are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? ... And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb ... They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ... For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:9-17).

"Let me go where they are going,
Who will evermore be blest;
Let me go when Christ, my Savior,
Comes to give His people rest;
I would see the jasper city,
Where the night comes nevermore,
I would stand amid the glory
On that ever-shining shore.

"Let me go through pearly portals,
With the throng that shall be there;
Let me join them in the chorus
They will sing in mansions fair.
I would be among the number
That shall gather near His throne;
I would hear Him speak and tell me
He had chosen me His own."

Another Blocks The Way

A greatly distressed mother came to a minister and asked: "Is there forgiveness for a sin such as mine? Years ago on a Sunday I was out walking with my ten-year old daughter. We saw a large tent. A gospel meeting was in progress. 'Let's go in, Mommie,' said my little girl. We did. As the minister closed the service, he said, 'Anyone who will accept Christ as Saviour, stay for awhile.' My little girl said, 'Mommie, I'll stay if you will!' I said, 'No' though I knew I needed Christ and His forgiveness. My daughter has grown up to be a profane person. She is a heavy smoker and drinker, with no thought of God whatever!"

Christian who does not harm himself. Over the humble and obedient soul the devil has no power. He can harm us only when we, by unspiritual and un-Christlike ways, play into his hands. And we play into his hands whenever and as long as we harbor unjudged and uncleansed evil within us.

Dispositional sins are fully as injurious to the Christian cause as the more overt acts of wickedness. These sins are as many as the various facets of human nature. Just so there may be no misunderstanding, let us list a few of them: Sensitiveness, irritability, temper, restlessness, cruelty, uncharitable attitudes, and of course there are many more.

These kill the spirit of the church and slow down any progress which the Gospel may be making in the community. Many a soul who had been secretly longing to find Christ has been turned away and embittered by manifestation of ugly dispositional flaws in the lives of the very persons who were trying to win them.

It is time we Christians stop trying to excuse our un-Christlike dispositions and frankly admit our failure to live as we should. Wesley said that we will not injure the cause of holiness by admitting our sins, but that we are sure to do so by denying them. There is a remedy for inward evil. There is a power in Christ that can enable the worst of us to live lives of purity and love. We have but to seek it and to lay hold of it in faith. God will not disappoint us.

Moses was not the meekest man—
it was Jesus.
Job was not the most patient—
it was Jesus.
Solomon was not the wisest —
it was Jesus.
Jesus Christ did all things well.

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We are constantly revising our files. If you have not written us during the past six months, won't you do so at once? We do not want to remove your name from our mailing list.

Sorry

(Through an oversight, the following two announcements were omitted from the November-December issue of the Herald of Hope. Indeed we are sorry.)

Baby

Born to James D. and Cheryl Smith of Newcastle, Wyoming, on September 19, 1968, a 7 lb. 5 oz. baby boy, named Erickson Harold.

P.S. This is another grandchild of your Editor, H. J. Smith.

Coronation

An old-fashioned coronation service was held at the "Old Pisgah" Tabernacle, August 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Honored was the memory of Frank Vernon, one of the last pioneer workers of the Christ Faith Mission.

Brother Vernon was born in Manchester, England, Nov. 3, 1893, and departed this life on August 25 at the age of 74. He, together with his wife Amelia, who preceded him in death, came into the Christ Faith Mission work over 30 years ago. They were well known Gospel singers and Mission workers.

A good bit of the interior decoration of the Tabernacle was the result of "Dad" Vernon's labors, for he was a painter with the South Pasadena Schools for 21 years and until his retirement.

Brother Vernon leaves, besides his wife Leota, a son Frank Vernon, Jr. of Seattle, Washington, and two grandchildren. Also a sister, Mrs. Mable Brown of Riverside, Ontario, Canada.

"Dad" was buried in beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Calif., there to await the promised resurrection.

Sky Writing

"Why did Noah build the altar?" asked the teacher of Sunday School beginners. "To say 'thank you' to God for taking him safely thru the flood," was a tot's reply.

"Why did God put the rainbow in the sky?"

"To say, 'you're welcome.'" —Words of Cheer.

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A Warning From England

From the Weekly Review, (of August 4, 1967) a highly respected British Intelligence source, comes the following:

The present urban guerilla warfare in the U. S. is only in its opening phase. The tactics and strategy may be used full scale very shortly.

The plan for revolution set forth is as follows.

"We must defend ourselves. We must fight back. We must reject the unwritten commitment that so-called negro leaders have made guaranteeing our brutal oppressors immunity from retribution for their hideous acts of violence against our defenseless people. Not only must we defend ourselves violently, but we must do it collectively. We must condition ourselves for defense, both physically and psychologically. We must become adept in the methods of massive defense.

"We prefer peaceful negotiations, but our oppressors have proved to us that they are not susceptible to such mild pressures for reform and that they will utilize massive violence to attempt to contain our struggle.

"When massive violence comes, the U.S.A. will become a bedlam of confusion and chaos. The factory workers will be afraid to report. They will be afraid to venture out on the streets. The telephone workers and radio workers will be afraid to report to their jobs. All transportation will grind to a complete standstill. Stores will be destroyed and looted. Property will be damaged and expensive buildings will be reduced to ashes.

"Essential pipelines will be severed and blown up and all manner of sabotage will occur. Violence and terror will spread like a fire storm.

"At U. S. military bases around the world local revolutionaries will side in with the Afro GIs. Because of the vast area covered by the holocaust, U. S. forces will be spread too thin for effective action. U. S. workers who are caught on their jobs will try to return home to protect their families. Trucks and trains will not move the necessary supplies to the big urban centers. The economy will fall into a state of chaos.

"... the new concept of revolution defies military science and tactics. The new concept is lightning campaigns conducted in highly sensitive urban communities with the paralysis reaching the small communities and spreading into the farm areas ... the new concept is to huddle as close to the enemy as possible so as to neutralize his modern and fierce weapons. The new concept creates conditions that involve the total community whether they want to be involved or not. It sustains a state of confusion and destruction of property. It dislocates the organs of harmony and order and reduces central power to the level of a helpless, sprawling octopus.

"During the hours of day, sporadic rioting takes place and massive sniping. Nights bring all-out warfare, organized fighting, and unlimited terror against the oppressor and his forces."

God Points The Way To Our Only Sure Hope

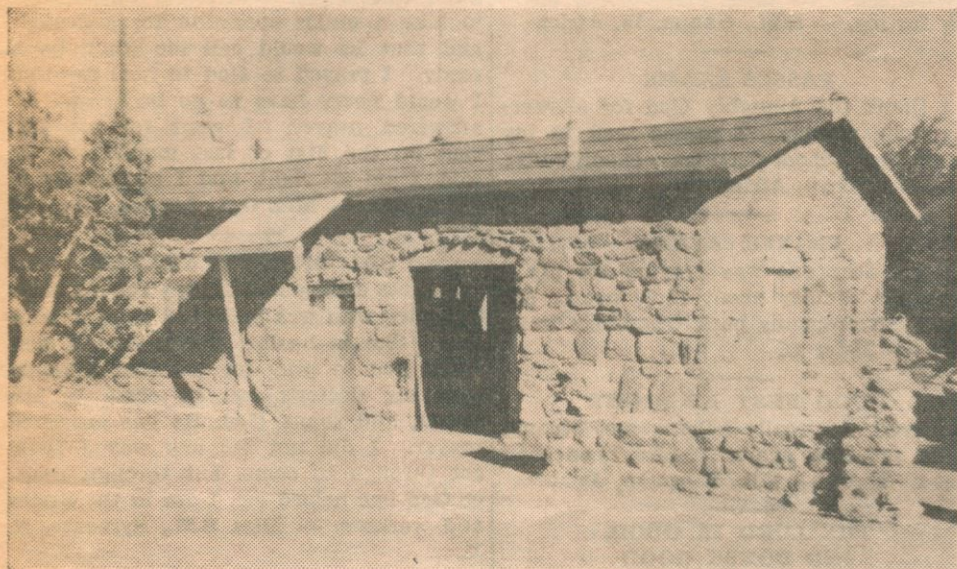
Our destruction and enslavement is planned, and at this late hour there is only one hope. I have prayed to God about the condition of our nation. I have asked Him what should be done. The impression that came to me was "I have already told you what to do under such circumstances. You will find the formula in II Chronicles 7:14."

As I considered that scripture I realized that this was our hope and our only hope. But it is a sure hope. However, the instructions must be followed precisely and without compromise. II Chronicles 7:14 states, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

You'll notice in these words that the main responsibility for rescuing our nation rests upon the people who are called by God's name. And today those people are called Christians. Therefore, fellow Christian, it is your and my responsibility to accept this message for ourselves and carry it out—otherwise we perish!

Satan hinders prayer it is true; but prayer hinders Satan far more.

Home Missionary Society Moves



To Our Readers and Prayer Band:

In the last issue of the HERALD OF HOPE we gave you a brief history of the Home Missionary Society, which was founded a number of years ago by Brother and Sister Amos Hedge. Shortly after the homegoing of Brother Hedge, the trustees took action to make this endeavor a part of the Christ Faith Mission work.

Since the property was in a redevelopment area, we knew that we would only have a short time before we would have to re-locate, yet we were not really prepared for the 'notice of termination of rental agreement' which we recently received.

We endeavored to find a suitable location, in a nearby area, to continue this rural evangelization effort, seemingly to no avail. Building rentals were either too expensive or those within our means were not large enough.

We finally began to feel that God wanted us to move this printing equipment to our Christ Faith Mission Mountain Home. The transfer has now been accomplished, and although the present building is not quite as large as at the former location in Pasadena, we believe it will prove suitable.

Yet to be completed is the special electrical wiring necessary to the operation of the press, folders and addressing equipment. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated that all financial demands will be met speedily.

Continue to pray, too, for God to supply a printer who is dedicated to the ministry of Christian Literature and who will be willing to live the Faith life with our other workers.

At the bottom of this page you will see a photograph of the damage done to our Ford pick-up in a recent accident. Fortunately, our driver was not to blame, for the other party was traveling quite fast, and after a skid, caused all this damage. Thank God, none of our men were injured, but all three in the other car were taken to the hospital. However, their injuries were not serious.

We desperately need this pick-up, for sometimes it is in service from morning to night. Pray that the insurance company will speedily and willingly make a settlement so that we can either get this car repaired, or purchase another one without further delay.

The workmen are still busily engaged in repairing and restoring the "Old Pisgah" Home. I suppose the work is progressing as well as can be expected, but it does seem to go slow at times. So far, we have restored or are in the process of restoring at least 10 rooms. This is in addition to two half-baths and a shower room. Some very difficult labor still lies ahead of us, so a little more special prayer will surely be appreciated.

The HERALD OF HOPE radio broadcast each week-day morning over KGER in Long Beach, still seems to be meeting a need in the lives of our listeners. The broadcast is usually "live", for we prefer not to tape it unless it is absolutely necessary. We look forward to that early morning visit with our many friends. (See the announcement on page 2 of this issue.)

For over a year now we have had an early time of prayer from 6 to 7 A.M. daily. Of course we are continuing the regular prayer time from 10 A.M. to 12 noon, at which time prayer is offered for the requests that are phoned in after the morning broadcast, and also, intercession is made for the prayer re-

What Others Have Said

If God can find 500 key leaders who will mobilize enough literature distributors to reach 2000 people daily — we will introduce 1,000,000 people to Christ every 24 hours (365,000,000 a year). In 10 years (or slightly longer) the entire world can receive a witness as to who Christ is, what He did when He came, and what He'll do now for "every one that believeth." And remember, for properly prepared "paper missionaries" there is no "cultural barrier." The gospel is presented to "every man in his own tongue, wherein we were born."

By and large — Protestants have not used the printed page on a mass scale for evangelism. While church membership increased 65% in the last 25 years in the U.S.A.—the Jehovah's Witnesses increased 2000%. Literature was their key weapon. We were thrilled when people filled Yankee Stadium to hear Billy Graham. That summer the Jehovah's Witnesses filled both Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds on the same day — 180,291 people! They baptized 7136 people in a single service! They don't have one full-time paid preacher in the entire U.S.A.—but they do have the largest privately owned printing press in the world! One press produced more than 4000 tons of literature last year.

Let us listen to these voices. T. E. Lloyd, the British Home Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission says, "Christian literature is today's absolute number one priority in all missionary planning." The late Kenneth Strachan said, "Eighty-five per cent of all Latins won to Christ are converted as a result of a Christian book, paper, tract, or Bible, and being convicted of sin because of it."

Dr. Guy Playfair of the Sudan Interior Mission said, "After much thought I believe that the influence of our Africa Challenge literature would be worth more than 5000 new missionaries going to Africa at this time."

Dr. Harold Cook, Missions Department Chairman of Moody Institute says, "Literature can be our most efficient medium of mass communication of the gospel. In

terms of the price paid for it, the number of people reached and the fact that the message can be read over and over again until it is understood, there is no other method that can compare with literature." No other agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly and influence so irresistibly as the printed page.

Missionary Statesman, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, said, "After studying the challenge of World Evangelism for more than 50 years — the only plan I have heard of that could result in the fulfillment of the Great Commission is a literature distribution ministry."

One of the great German Christians of the 15th century was Johann Gutenberg — the father of modern printing. Five hundred and sixty years ago he wrote, "God suffers because of the great multitudes whom His sacred Word cannot reach. Religious truth is captive in a small number of manuscript books which guard the treasures. Let us break the sea which holds the holy things; give wings to the truth that by a means no longer written at great expense by the hand that wearies itself, but multiplied by an unwearied machine IT MAY FLY TO EVERY SOUL BORN INTO THE WORLD." The God-given purpose and vision of the man who invented the first printing press was World Evangelism!

If God trusted the revelation of the Living Word to the written Word—so can we! There is no reason to believe that God's Word is more powerful when it is spoken—than when it is written.

We have one task — it is to evangelize the human race with the only Gospel God ever gave. The size and urgency of our task demands the use of the mass media of literature. Our task can be accomplished in a short time — when our autobiography can be stated in the one sentence—"I have compassion on the multitude!"

"It is possible to imprison God's faithful witness, but that will in no wise destroy the testimony of that witness."

Some man said most of us fail because we stop two feet from our goal.

quests that come to us from our reading audience all over the world. Needless to say, God is still answering prayer.

If this paper is a blessing to you, why not become one with us in prayer and intercession for the great need so clearly evident in these days? Then, too, we would appreciate your sharing with us in any way God moves upon you. Offerings, whether great or small, will always be appreciated. Thus the work of God is carried on and the Gospel continues to be preached.

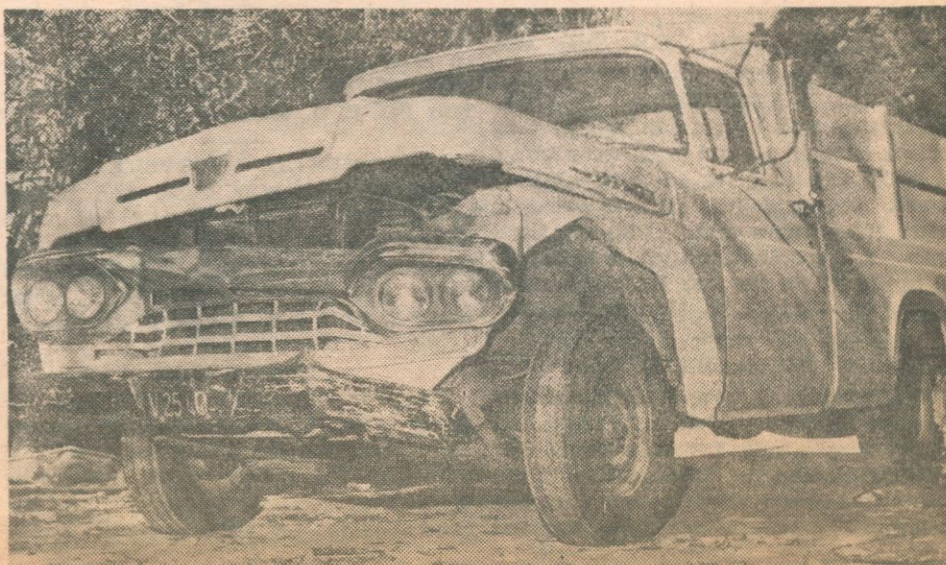
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H. J. Smith, Editor

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Pray!



Blest Handkerchief

Our authority for sending these handkerchiefs is based on the Word of God as found in Acts 19:11,12, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." If it could be done then, why not now? Elijah was a man of like passions as we, yet he prayed and God heard and answered him. God will hear and answer yet today.

Paul said, "It is no more I, but Christ." We can also say, "It is no more I, but Christ." To Him be the glory. Do you want to add glory to His great name? One way you may be able to do this is to get the poor, sick, and discouraged ones, the devil-ridden ones, to write to us in a brief way, describing their case or situation. We will pray for them and send them the handkerchief, and our paper. We are sure that God will bless you in doing this as you do it in His name.

Please do not fail to read the Gospel tracts that are enclosed in the letters. They are sent for your benefit and better understanding. Read prayerfully the Scripture references and we are sure that you will be greatly benefited, for it is the entrance of the Word that giveth light.

Please do not send for handkerchiefs without giving the name of the person, their disease or trouble. We send them out, not only for the healing of the body and casting out demons, but also to take the place of laying on of hands of the elders for special blessing, as well as for power of service when elders are not available.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

NOTICE!

In view of the fact that the writers of the testimonies sent to us have sometimes been bothered by those writing to them for help, which they are unable to give in most cases, we have decided to omit their names and addresses.

A BLESSED CHRISTIAN FAMILY

I don't know how this paper got into my home, but, believe me, it has been a real blessing to me. I keep it in my Bible, so I can re-read it. The messages really do something for me.

I am a child of God, dedicated to the Church. Also, I am a Sunday School teacher. My class is ages 6 through 10 years of age. I also sing in the choir. I stand ready to do the Lord's will.

My family is a Christian family. We love the Lord very much. My husband is a deacon in Church. He tries to do the Lord's will also. I have three very fine gifts from God. They are three sons. Their ages are 11, 17, and 19. My oldest son will soon be leaving for the Armed Services. We desire your prayers always. We all know we are sinners saved by grace, not by works, lest any man should boast.

I have a very dear Mother who lives with me. I'm so unworthy of all God's love. My Mother is 80 years of age, has had many illnesses, and two major operations. Her words were, "Children, don't worry about me, I'm going to be all right, for I have the Great Physician with me." That has been about 2 years. She is eating anything she wants and getting along good for her age. I desire your prayers that we may hold out faithful until the end of this life, that we may have a better life after this one is over. Before I became a Christian, I just lived to die; now I'm just dying to live. That is my testimony.—Mrs. J.C.S., Snow Hill, N.C.

VICTORY

Sometime ago I wrote to you to pray for me because certain ones were trying to claim my 40 acres of land which I bought and paid for. It was tried in Court three times and I won all three times. I thank God and praise God with all my heart for the way He has answered prayer. — Mr. L.M., Monroe City, Mo.

PASSES EXAM

With your prayers and mine and my belief in Him, I am glad to say I passed all my exams, and I have received the prize for outstanding performance. I am now at University, studying for a degree in law.—Miss V.B., Birmingham, England

GOD IS KIND

I wrote to ask you for some prayers that my parents come together and stop quarreling, and also my father to stop strong drinks, and that I should get a job. I am very thankful to the Almighty God and for your prayer band for the blest cloth. My parents are together now, I have a job, and my father has not wanted to drink so much. Praise the Lord.—V.K.A., Ghana, W. Africa

WILL LIVE AND NOT DIE

I am writing to tell you what great things the Lord has done for my brother, since all of you prayed for him. The awful swelling is leaving rapidly, the terrible burning that has tormented him day and night left instantly! He is feeling fine, and says, "I feel as though I am going to live, and not die." We are giving God all the praise and all the glory.—Mrs. E.B., Los Angeles, Calif.

HERALD OF HOPE BLESSES

Since I've been receiving your paper I know they have been a blessing to me, for I have used them on my chest for 3 winters and I haven't had a chest cold or shortness of breath, as I had before using them.—L.B.S., Midville, Ga.

HEALED OF LOCKED BOWELS

I requested prayer for my sister-in-law who had locked bowels four years ago, and she was instantly healed after receiving your blest cloth. We have been wonderfully blessed through your prayers and the paper.—Mrs. J.E.M., Mont Alba, Tex.

THE GOD OF PEACE

Our family disputes have suddenly declined. Praise be to God Almighty for answering your prayers.—R.B., Ghana, W. Africa

HONOR ROLL STUDENT

I asked that you pray for my grades to be better in school and now I am an "Honor Roll" student.—M.D., Gloster, Miss.

QUITS SMOKING

I thank God, through your prayers I quit smoking.—W.H., Waco, Texas

OUT OF PRISON

I am writing to let you know the wonderful work of God for my son. The case was heard on the 30th of April and he got 6 months, but on the 15th of May they released him from prison. Thanks be to God, and for your prayers.—Mrs. S.C., Dorchester, Mass.

EAR INFECTION HEALED

I asked you all to pray for me—I had a bad infection in my ear. I put one of the Herald of Hope papers in my pillow case and I was healed of the infection.—L.S., Dunn, N.C.

JOY TO THE LORD

Your paper I have received. It is so interesting, my soul lights up with joy. A friend came and paid me a visit and he saw the paper and said to me, Are you still with these people? I said, Yes, I pray God I shall never leave them; they are my friends.

I read a part in the paper which said, My Faith
God's ways are not like human ways; He wears such strange disguises, He tries us by His long delay, And then our faith surprises.
What wonderful words, my heart is filled with joy, glory to God in the highest! — London, England

JESUS HEALS

I thank you very much for praying for me. I am feeling much better. No doctor could cure me—my Mother took me to several doctors and I was still sick, but now JESUS is my doctor.—E.M.M., May Pen P. O., Jamaica

MENTAL RECOVERY

I've received your letter and blessed handkerchief. Thank God, I feel much better; also my husband who was suffering from mental sickness, is feeling much better and has been able to do some work.—Mrs. E.T., Kingston, Jamaica

INSPIRATION

For your information, since I have received your blest handkerchief, papers and tracts and the loving words of God in them, and reading them, my heavy burden, unhappiness and ill feelings are gone.—F.M., Leicester, England

FEELING FIT

I should like to state that God, through the blest handkerchief sent me, has been doing much for my health. I have been feeling quite fit since you started praying for me.—D.M., Ghana, W. Africa

PASSES EXAMS

I thank the Almighty God for answering your prayers. I passed well in my Cambridge School Certificate examination.—E.K., Kenya, Africa

PRAYER AVAILS

Some dear one was praying for me a week ago Sunday about 12:30 noon. My pains left from my back (sacroiliac trouble).—Sister C.

GOOD REST AT NIGHT

Prayers are really helping me, because I am not sick again. I also have good rest at night.—V.E., Kingston, Jamaica

THE LORD IS GOOD, AND DOETH GOOD

I received your letter and the blest cloth, also the tracts and papers. They were a blessing to my soul. Whenever I am feeling sick, I just read and believe and lie down and the next morning the sickness is all gone. My daughter has delivered a lovely girl baby, all through the sweet name of Jesus Christ. She did not have any operation. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. P., Surrey, Eng.

PASSES DRIVING TEST

Sometime ago I wrote to you asking you to pray for me that I pass my driving test. I thank God, He answered and I have passed my test.—Mrs. C.C., Croydon, England

FEELING FINE

I wrote you a few weeks ago asking you to send me a prayer cloth. My body was in much pain, suffering with backache, high blood, swelling in my left arm. Thank God, all is well, and I am feeling fine, praise God.—Mfs. W.M.O., Chicago, Ill.

GOD IS ABLE

I hope I have already reported to you the miraculous healing of my "heart trouble and high pressure". Praise God, Alleluia. I pinned the blessed handkerchief on my chest and prayed, and felt heart trouble and high pressure gone.—Rev. O.A., Ghana, W.A.

BEST OF HEALTH

Thank you for the blest cloth, paper and tracts you sent to me. God answered prayers. Thank God, I am in the best of health now.—A.G., Montego Bay, Jamaica

LARGER HOUSE

I asked you all to pray for us to get a larger house to live in. Thank the Lord, we got one. Praise His Name.—P.E., Douglas, Ga.

May God answer your prayers as He has for me over my 27 years of life. My Mother has always written to your prayer band for prayers for her children, and I have now for my children. Thank God for friends like all of you.—N.M.B., Redwood City, Calif.

NERVOUS TENSION GONE

I am writing this letter to say "Thank You" for your prayers. My mother wrote you concerning me and the battle I was fighting with my nerves. Since then I haven't been bothered with nervous tension. I do praise God for healing me.—Mrs. R.B., Baltimore, Md.

LIKE A NEW MAN

I had written you for prayer for my husband's health. Praise God, husband gave up smoking; says he feels like a new man.—Mrs. F.M., Bethel, Ohio

GOD'S MERCY & BLESSINGS

It is through your prayer that my father is able to pay my school fees, to overcome the shame that I had brought on myself. It is also through your prayer that God gave me such happiness.

I had stopped going to church. Breaking the commandments didn't mean anything to me, but one night I lay down in my bed and I thought about the things that I had done bad, and I suddenly became afraid. The next night I confessed my sins to God and He has surely forgiven me. I suddenly wanted to go back to church. I feel so contented and happy that I feel I could shout.—A.R., Kingston, Jamaica

NO MAJOR OPERATION

I cannot find words to say thanks to you all who have been praying for me in my illness. When I had my minor operation, the doctor told me I might have to take a major operation for a growth, and that he would call me when he is ready. I prayed to God to heal me that I would never have to go back, and He answered prayer. I went for my last visit on the 31st of last month and he said, I am all right, and I don't have to come back.—Mrs. O.E., London, England

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I wrote asking you to pray for my step-daughter who was suffering from a lame foot. She is healed, thank God. I also asked you to pray for me that I would pass my doctor's test to come to the States, and thank God, He has answered prayer. I did not see any way I could get through to come, but through prayer God has helped me. I am in the States and working.—Miss E.M., Syracuse, N. Y.

HEARS FROM SON

A few weeks ago I wrote to you for prayer for my son in Vietnam. I couldn't hear from him at the time. You prayed for us, also sent a Herald of Hope. I have heard from my son now three times.—Mrs. L.W., Houston, Texas

HAPPY MEMORIES!

I wonder if you would send the issue of your paper, Herald of Hope that speaks of Doctor Yoakum. When I was about 12 years old my Mommy and Daddy took me and we attended the meeting there on Sunday, staying all day and had supper of beans and home-made bread. It was grand. Many miracles took place.—R.H., So. San Gabriel, Calif.

DELIVERED FROM DRINK

The Lord has delivered my husband from drink and he is going to Church with me now, for which I surely praise the Lord.—Mrs. H.L.,

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

I am so glad to write and tell you the good news. I wrote asking prayer for my Church and Pastor. During our revival we baptized 22 candidates and more than that were added to the Church. I wrote you also to pray for my Mother. She had her hip broken, but now she is walking all over the house with a chair.—Mrs. Ida L.H., Macon, Ga.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

I have requested prayer and God has answered. Praise His Holy Name.

I wanted to be delivered from smoking, and very quickly God delivered me. Glory! In one of the fellowship meetings you and others prayed for my young daughter who had a nervous habit. God delivered her. Praise God.

I wrote in also and asked you to pray with me for another baby. That was about 2 years ago. I am now expecting that baby most any time. It seemed as though God gave us the assurance for such a long time of Sarah conceiving in her old age. I thought I would never have another one, since my youngest daughter will be 11 by the time this one is born.—Mrs. J.R., Gastonia, N.C.

HUSBAND QUITS HABITS—NOW A DEACON

I wrote you last year asking for prayer that my husband might stop drinking. Well, praise God, he stopped drinking and smoking, and he has now been ordained a deacon in the Church, and is as faithful as he can be.—Mrs. S.P., Spring Valley, N. Y.

OUR GOD IS ABLE

Thank you for your wonderful prayer over the telephone. I asked for a miracle, and God really did perform one.—V.G., Los Angeles, Calif.

GETS JOB AND A HOME

About a month ago I wrote to you about my daughter and family finding a house to rent or buy, and that week they found one to buy, and he (son-in-law) told the minister who was selling it he would take it if he could find a job, and the minister said I know the man to see, so he had the job and the house.—R.S., Whittier, Calif.

THE LORD OUR HELPERS

I requested prayer a few months ago, that I might sell my home. I thank the Lord, He is helping me to do this.—C.T., Chapel Hills, Tenn.

SAFE DELIVERY

The last time I wrote you I asked you to pray that my baby be delivered safely. Words cannot express how happy and thankful I am to tell you that my baby was delivered quite safely and everything was fine. — Mrs. I.A.D., London, England

HEALED OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

My daughter has her complete healing. The doctor said he could not do any more; it was up to God now. Praise the Lord, He sure did work a miracle. She can do all her work and walk and it is so wonderful, that's all I can say. You see, she had only half a kidney that was working; but there is nothing too hard for God. — Mrs. W.B., Spokane, Wash.

GOD HEALS

Sometime ago I wrote you to pray for me, as I was suffering from a swollen knee and pain in my right shoulder. I have since received your paper and blest cloth, which I used on my knee. Thank God, my knee is now better, so is my shoulder. — E.M.J., Jamaica

DESIRED JOB OBTAINED

I wrote you a letter during last year, asking for prayer that I might be made a permanent Radio Licensed Inspector, because it was said that I could not qualify for the job. Praise the Lord! Through your prayers I was made permanent. — H.D., Johannesburg, So. Africa

NEW CAR

My automobile was giving me trouble. I asked you to pray that I could get it fixed for a reasonable price, and that I would be able to get another one before it breaks down again. I'm blessed to get a 1967 financed, and I will not have to pay interest. — Sister W.D., Los Angeles, Calif.

MOVES INTO FURNISHED HOUSE

Not long ago I wrote to you asking your prayer that we wouldn't be set outdoors. God has answered in a miraculous way, and we were able to arrange for a big four-room house with a bath and furnished through and through, not new furniture, but is good. Everything we needed God gave us. The owner had this house up for sale and had turned people down who wanted to rent it, but he let us rent it. — Mrs. B.B., Madisonville, Ky.

SAVED AND QUILTS SMOKING

I was a lost sinner. I wrote you to pray for me to quit smoking, and you sent me a blest handkerchief. Well, I did quit smoking and I got saved. — Mrs. M.B., Effingham, S. C.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I have seen that God has begun to work miracles in my life. I have got a job and I am feeling much happier than before. — J.B., Kingston, Jamaica

LONGER STAY IN U.S.A.

Thank you for your prayers. I have some good news. I will now be remaining in the U.S.A. until a later date. As you know, I should have been leaving sooner to return to Barbados. — N.H., Westlyn, Mass.

FAMILY ALL CHRISTIANS NOW

I want to write a testimony of a miracle which happened in our family. My son was five years old and going to kindergarten. One morning he was late for school and, running to school, didn't pay too much attention to the red light. He was struck with a car, had a double concussion, and was unconscious for almost 3 weeks. It gave God a chance to talk to my husband and me, for we were divorced at the time. The doctor said the boy would never live. But God was in the arrangements. I was not saved at the time, neither was our household. We have a wonderful Church here which believes in Divine healing, and they prayed every meeting for his healing. But God wanted to talk to me. I promised if He would heal our son I would live for Him. I lived in Canton, Ohio, at the time. I moved to Pennsboro, West Virginia after our son was healed and our 6th child was born. I gave my heart to Jesus, and went on to a greater experience—sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Our whole family are Christians now. — Mrs. H.T., Newell, W. Va.

STOPS SMOKING

Praise Jesus, my daughter got back to God and has stopped smoking. — Mrs. C., Long Beach, Calif.

HOUSE AND CAR

I asked God for a house and car. It seemed impossible, but 3 months after I asked you all to pray, we moved in to our house and got the car, although we didn't have any money. God has done so much for me. — Mrs. M.B., Benton Harbor, Mich.

NOW A CHRISTIAN

I am writing to you because I have seen what your prayers have done for my sister. She was a drunk and a very sick girl, and now she is a true Christian. — M.M., London, England

COUPLE GETTING ALONG WELL

I am so thankful that the Lord answers prayer. My son and his wife are now living together and getting along well, and he doesn't drink. — H.B.M., Lambert, N.C.

GAINS WEIGHT BACK

My sister wrote you for anointed cloth for me. I am now doing all my work and gaining back the 25 lbs. I lost. Thank God and all of you that prayed for me. — Mrs. R.L.C.

HEALED OF LONG TIME PAIN

Am thanking the prayer group once more for praying for me and for the wonderful healing power that God has given to those that ask and believe. I have been healed of a pain that I have had for quite a long time. — G.D., Kingston, Jamaica

GOD KNOWETH

While we were living in Bell Gardens we were preparing this place to live in, but someone was breaking in and stealing our things. I called your prayer group and the little lady that answered asked God to reveal who was doing it. We received immediately an answer clear enough for me to accuse them right to their face. The place has never been bothered since. — H.H., Yucca Valley, Cal.

BLESSED

Your papers I have received, and oh, how they bring new life to me! I cannot give God enough praise. God be with you my brothers in Christ. Thanks for the paper. It met me when my heart was very troubled. — Mrs. E.H., London, England

CAN EAT NOW

I have received your letter and blest handkerchief. Before receiving it I was wondering why I didn't hear anything. God is wonderful. I went to bed and dreamed that a doctor was operating on me. Next morning when I awoke I said to myself, "My letter has been received, for God is answering prayer; I feel a complete change in my body and soul." Then I got your letter. Glory to God! I could not eat, but since I got the healing I can take my meals. — J.G., Jamaica, W.I.

COMFORT

It is a joy receiving the Herald of Hope paper. It is a comfort to body and soul. It means so much to me. It was a glad day when the good Lord did let me pick up that Herald of Hope. I was so depressed with worries, I was a sick soul, and it healed my soul. Praise the Lord. — I.D., Peckham, England

QUITS SMOKING

I receive so much help in listening to your Broadcast. I had smoked cigarettes for twenty some years. I can say I thank God that early last year I quit smoking cigarettes while listening to your broadcast. I would kneel every morning by my radio, waiting for you to pray, and when you would pray each morning in your prayer, "Lord if it's a man or woman, boy or girl, that's bound with habit, whether it be alcohol or cigarettes or tobacco, Lord loose that poor one and let the bound go free." I heard the message in prayer and it pricked my heart each day, but at last one morning, fear came upon me, for I knew the Bible said, The day you hear my voice harden not your heart. I thank God that I took heed as God spoke through you, and I obeyed. — H.M., Los Angeles, Calif.

DIDN'T GIVE UP

I want to praise the Lord for answering prayer. I called the prayer band one morning, asking prayer that my husband who is 76, could get his driver's license. He had tried several times and failed, but when you prayed, he received it. — Mrs. H.S.,

PROBLEMS GONE

I am very thankful to our God and also to all of you who have prayed for me. All of my problems are gone. — Miss E.L., St. Kitts, W.I.

HAPPY SURPRISE!

God is good to us and I must tell you this. My wife has had multiple sclerosis for many years, and has been helpless in bed for 8 years. We have been married 21 years. The doctor said we would never have any children of our own. The dear Lord on November 11, 1967, gave us a 7-lb baby boy and we had only 45 minutes notice that such a blessing was to take place. God is able to do all things. Pray that He will raise my wife up for His glory. — Mr. and Mrs. W.H., Pikeville, N.C.

ACCEPTED AS A NURSE PLUS FINANCIAL HELP

Thank God for answered prayer. I wrote to you sometime ago asking your prayers that I would be accepted to train as a nurse in the United Kingdom. I also asked for prayers that the Lord would touch my Brother's heart that he would help me. Well, praise be to His matchless Name, your prayers have been answered. My brother has written telling me he is going to help me. — J.S., Kingston, Jamaica

SAVED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

I am happy to report to you that I have accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour. He has done great things for me whereof I am glad. I am in the Church of God in Christ and I have been filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, what a wonderful experience! I just can't express that glorious feeling that came into my soul that Sunday night, and since then I feel like a new creature, thank God. I have made up my mind to go every mile of the way, by the grace of God. — G.T., London, England

HANDS HEALED FROM ARTHRITIS

I am very happy to let you know that your prayer has been answered. God has wonderfully healed my two hands from arthritis pain. — I.G., Jamaica

GOD, A VERY PRESENT HELP

I wrote you about my little girl who was in a car wreck some weeks ago. On the day your letter arrived she started to get better. On that Sunday I put the handkerchief on her broken neck and she has not hurt any more. She is improving nicely now. — A.M.D.

GOD BLESSES

How I enjoy reading the Herald of Hope. It is a blessing to me at all times, it is a faith builder in the wonderful Word of God. When I wrote you last year about my son-in-law who was to be transferred to another place, I asked prayer for them, and they didn't have to move and he got a raise of \$40.00 more on the month. — A.M., Carrabelle, Florida

PASSES EXAM

Not so long ago I wrote you to pray that God would help me to pass my Junior Exams. Today I am so happy to report that I have been more than conqueror through Him that loved us all. I also wrote about a pain in my chest and, praise God, it has gone. — J.R.A., London, England

GOD GIVES HEART'S DESIRES

Just a few weeks ago I wrote you asking you to pray for me that I may get saved, and also buy a car. Just as I got saved, my brother-in-law came to me and said that he is going to give me some money to buy it. — W., St. Ann

STOPS SMOKING & DRINKING

Thank you for your blest handkerchief received recently — it helped my friend to stop smoking and drinking since 4½ months now. Also he has a better job. Praise God. — F.A., Ghana, West Africa

PASSES DRIVING TEST

I am happy to say that I have passed my driving test, and I am saying thank you for the help of your prayers. — L.P., Nottingham, England

DAUGHTER HEALED

I recently wrote you about one of my daughters who was slightly off her mind. I am happy to inform you that she is now normal in health and in mind. Praise be to God. — A.L.G., Ghana, West Africa

GOD SENDS RAIN

I have written to you a week ago yesterday, asking for your prayers, that God would send us rain. The prayers were answered and we had an inch rain within a week's time. Everything looks nice and green. Every time someone said that it will not rain all summer, I only smiled and said, that it will rain in a week's time, which it did. Now I know that with God all things are possible. — Mrs. C.G., Hallettsville, Tex.

SON IS LEARNING

I wrote to you sometime ago asking you to pray for my son who was very backward in school, that God would help him to learn. Thank God, he is getting on very well now. — Mrs. L.B., London, England

RECOVERY

Praise God! When I had your blest handkerchief, I saw the miraculous works of God. One evening I was suffering from my head and all my joints were paining me, and I placed it on my head and I gave a short prayer; everything vanished on the following day, thank God. — J.K.A., Ghana, W. Africa

STOMACH HEALED

I promised to testify through your paper if God would heal me of a continual pain in my stomach. Praise God, I am healed after applying your anointed cloth with prayer. God is a wonderful healer. My soul says Amen to His will. — B.N.D., Jamaica, W.I.

A JOB & PROMOTIONS

I hereby beg most humbly and respectfully to send me a healing handkerchief. I have seen it used by a friend of mine who was jobless for a considerable period of time, and as soon as he was in possession of this handkerchief he was employed by a reputable firm and he has had a series of promotions. His ill fortune has totally changed for good. Now he believes in Christ more than ever. — Y.O., Nigeria, W. Africa

ON WAY TO RECOVERY

I sent for blest cloths. I gave one to a Methodist minister, as doctors had done all they could for him; he even was thrown off the stretcher while traveling to Gloucester Hospital through the ambulance colliding with a truck, but still God over-ruled and he is now well on the way to recovery. His daughter also fell and injured her leg. I told her to have half the cloth and she is fully recovered. Praise God. — L.M., Glos., England

QUICK DELIVERY

I wrote the prayer band to pray for me that I would have a safe delivery. Glory be to Jesus, I had a baby girl quicker than I had expected. It is wonderful to see how your prayer and mine were answered by the Almighty God. — J.T., Poynton, Sask.

EMPLOYMENT

I wrote you and asked you to send me a handkerchief that I may get a job, and in God's precious name, I got one. — G.S., Plum Tree P.A., Jamaica

PREGNANCY

Thank God for your wonderful work which you all are doing. Sometime ago I sent and asked you to pray for me to have a baby. Your prayer was answered, for I am going to have a baby. — Mrs. R.W., Brooklyn, N. Y.

MUCH BETTER

It gives me great pleasure to hear from you. I made a great change from my illness. Thank God that I am feeling much better now. — S.T., St. Thomas, Jamaica

A CHANGED BOY

I have been reading your Herald of Hope paper and have found and read a lot of interesting things in it, so interesting that my heart has changed. I am sure that I am a different boy from what I used to be, for things I used to do, I don't want to do any more. — O.S.J., Jamaica, W.I.

HUSBAND QUILTS DRINKING

About three weeks ago I wrote asking you to pray for my husband who drank a lot, and for my son to get a good job. Thanks be unto God, my son has a job and my husband hasn't been drinking as he did, in fact, he hasn't been drunk since that time, for which I am very thankful. — Mrs. R.W.A., Harill, Ohio

An Altar Speaks

I am a tear-stained altar. No, I haven't always been like this. At first I had such a high luster that you could almost see yourself in me as you knelt to pray. But it isn't like that now. Tears make a difference . . .

I remember the first teardrops I felt. That Sunday morning the pastor had encouraged the people to trust the Lord to help them with their problems. When he gave the invitation, many came and knelt by me. This had happened before, but suddenly something warm and wet touched me. This was new. Then I felt it in another place. Then in many places.

Tears! And such praying! I had not experienced anything like this in the entire month I had been in this new church. When the service was over, the people who had wept now had such joy upon their faces that I didn't care if my finish was marred. Not when it did so much good for this congregation.

The spots over there bring back warm memories. I must admit I was not expecting tears when that teenager knelt in front of me. She was a haughty one, that pretty blond. From what I heard, she must have come to pray only because her boyfriend had asked her.

For so long she would only kneel, with no praying, no crying, no sign of feeling at all. But then she looked right down at me and must have seen her sad, sad face looking back up at her, because she began to weep bitter tears. A little puddle began to form. It got bigger and bigger, but I didn't mind. These were tears of heartfelt contrition. Then this lovely girl raised her hands and praised the Lord, and my heart sang with her. Her haughtiness was replaced with humility.

Then, there are other stained places I shall never forget. Over here are many left by a dedicated Sunday school teacher. Some of the teen-agers she teaches are still unsaved. I am sure if they could hear her pray for them as I do, they would run to be saved. Every time she comes, she prays for them one by one, with tears accompanying each name.

Some of these stains are not of sadness and pleading, but of joy. You see, some have given their hearts to Christ; and when they do, this teacher weeps for joy. It may take many more months to win all her class, but I am sure she will not give up.

Down here are masculine tears! Some stains are quite new, such as those from that father whose boy is in Vietnam. He prays for his son faithfully just as he has ever since the child was brought to the church to be dedicated. I recall the time he knelt with the boy for salvation, and later for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I remember too when the boy no longer knelt at the altar. How that father prayed, weeping unashamedly. Months later the grief turned to joy as the young man knelt once more and rededicated his life to the Lord. I heard the father praying just last Sunday night, "Lord, if you take my boy, at least I know he is ready to go." Tears that bring this kind of assurance to a father's heart are worth more than a gleaming, barren altar.

I could point out more places where my shining finish has been dulled by tears, but I guess the one that sums it up best is right here in front of the pulpit. This is the pastor's favorite place to pray. I wish his congregation could hear how he agonizes for them when he prays alone. If they are sick or in trouble, he calls upon God to help them. If they are bereaved or discouraged, he asks for strength for them. If one has just been converted, he prays for spiritual guidance.

But the real intercession comes when he cries out for those being overcome with indifference. His heart seems almost to break when he sees some falling away instead of growing in grace. . . .

Yes, I am a tear-stained altar, and I am glad! I cannot boast of fancy carvings or plush cushioning, but I have something far more precious in God's sight—the tears of His saints. And I know that those who weep now will one day rejoice at their Master's feet, for He promises, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." —from Pentecostal Evangel.

Wherever the joy of the Lord is not present — the death sentence has been given.

We are either rejoicing in the Lord or trusting in the flesh.

Fragrance Through Crushing

By Dr. Wm. S. Deal

Perfume is produced only at great cost. To bring forth such delicate fragrance, requires death by crushing for millions of flowers. At Grasse, France, which is a center of the natural perfume industry, each year 5,500 pounds of orange blossoms, nearly four and a half tons of roses, 1,400,000 pounds of jasmine, 800,000 pounds of violets, and about 80,000 pounds each of cassia and tuberoses are used for the production of the perfumes made there.

Flowers for perfume making are also grown in Turkey, Bulgaria, Arabia, India and Syria. Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, and Adrianople are noted for their production of attar of roses.

Without ultimate crushing into nothingness on the part of these beautiful flowers, there can be no gorgeous perfumes for those who love their delicate scents. The flowers must die, that the perfume may become a living aroma, sending out its sweet, winsome fragrance to all who come near it.

Flowers, left alone, will soon wither and die. Many of them can endure only for a few days, or a week or so, at best. Then they fade and die. Their natural beauty is so very transient, and their perfume, while sweet, yet left alone, can bring only very passing pleasure to those caring to smell of them. But when crushed into perfume, these same flowers become far more profound in their sweetness and much longer lasting in their duration. Perfume may be kept even for years, as against the few passing days, in the roses alone. Then, too, the roses, or other flowers, must ultimately die, slowly wilting and fading away. Suppose a rose would refuse to become part of a perfume-making scheme, what would it gain in the end? Only death — slow, withering, fading and unappreciated death. But by becoming part of the perfume production, it gains life, length of days, the glory of being useful and the joy of being appreciated far more than had it remained and died alone.

Such is human life. Alone, aloof, and selfishly lived, it will soon wither and slowly die away, becoming forgotten in the process. It will end in natural death, perhaps mourned by a few but soon forgotten by all.

But the same life, turned over to Jesus Christ and through His grace put through the processes of God's measures in making saints, can become a fragrant thing of beauty. God often uses trials, sorrows, misfortunes, broken plans, failures, ill health, and a myriad of other such things in His process of crushing. Job found this out through bitter experience. So have millions of other saints, but out of the crushing there has come the beautiful, gracious and ever-living fragrance of their lives. Try and think, if you will, of a Bible without a Job or a Daniel or a Jeremiah, all with their tale of woe, full sufferings, or without a Moses, or an Abraham, with their misunderstandings and sufferings! It was their sufferings which contributed so much to their meaningfulness and usefulness.

William Jones once expressed it beautifully in this way, "Our life is deeper than we know, is always more divine than it seems, and hence we are able to survive degradations and despairs which otherwise must engulf us." And surviving, we send out fresh, fragrant odors of the sweetest and most wondrous influence for God and good. Out of our crushing has come forth the sweetness of holy courage and spiritual trust. Others have seen it and been encouraged to plod onward toward the Holy City.

Out of Paul's life of suffering and constant crushings has come the most extraordinary, powerful influence for good. Possibly no single life of a New Testament Christian has meant so much to the world as has that of St. Paul. God has used his crushed life, turned into the perfume of inspiration, encouragement, and giving boldness to others, to forward His cause as no other similar life has ever been used. It is not Saul, the stiff, strict, starchy Pharisee that we remember. Many would not recognize him by the name Saul. It is Paul, the humble, suffering, enduring, broken and trusting Christian, that has blessed the world.

There is a text in the Old Testament which says, "Bread corn is bruised." That is it; it can never become BREAD until it is BRUISED, broken, crushed into flour

Faithful

Gerhardt was a German shepherd boy, and a noble fellow he was, too, although he was very, very poor.

One day, while he was watching his flock, which was feeding in a valley on the borders of a forest, a hunter came out of the woods and asked:

"How far is it to the nearest village?"

"Six miles, sir," replied the boy, "but the road is only a sheep track, and is very easily missed."

The hunter glanced at the crooked track, and said: "My lad, I am hungry, tired, and thirsty. I have lost my companions and missed my way. Leave your sheep, and show me the road. I will pay you well."

"I cannot leave my sheep, sir," rejoined Gerhardt. "They would stray into the forest, and be eaten by the wolves, or stolen by robbers."

"Well, what of that?" queried the hunter. "They are not your sheep. The loss of one or more wouldn't be much to your master, and I'll give you more money than you have earned in a whole year."

"I cannot go, sir," rejoined Gerhardt, firmly. "My master pays me for my time, and he trusts me with his sheep. If I were to sell my time, which does not belong to me, and the sheep should get lost, it would be the same as if I stole them."

"Well," said the hunter, "will you trust your sheep with me while you go to the village and get some food and drink and a guide? I will take good care of them for you."

The boy shook his head. "The sheep do not know your voice," said he, "and— and—" Gerhardt stopped speaking. "And what? Can't you trust me? Do I look like a dishonest man?" asked the hunter angrily.

"Sir," said the boy, "you tried to make me false to my trust, and wanted me to break my word to my master. How do I know you would keep your word with me?"

The hunter laughed, for he felt that the boy had fairly cornered him. He said: "I see, my lad, that you are a good, faithful boy. I will not forget you. Show me the road, and I will try to make it out myself."

Gerhardt now offered the contents of his scrip to the hungry man, who, coarse as it was, ate it gladly. Presently some attendants came up, and then Gerhardt, to his surprise, found that the hunter was the Grand Duke, who owned all the country around. The Duke was so pleased with the boy's honesty that he sent for him shortly after, and had him educated. In after years Gerhardt became a very rich and powerful man, but he remained honest and true to his dying day.

Honesty and truth and fidelity are precious jewels in the characters of a child. When they spring from piety they are pure diamonds, and make the possessor very beautiful, very happy, very honorable and very useful. May you, my readers, wear them as Gerhardt did. — Sel.

What kind of a church would your church be, if all the members were like you?

A man born again doesn't know time.
— Josiah Hopkins

or meal. So, we can never become all God may wish to make of us until we, too, have had our bruising, breaking, crushing.

If one will examine carefully the lives of almost all God's most useful saints, both in the Bible and in sacred history outside of the Word, we will find that God has seldom used anyone until he has had his introduction to "crushing" in some form or another. Even Jesus, our Lord, did not "return in the power of the Spirit," until He returned from the wilderness and His forty days of temptation and lonely fight with the Evil One.

There is a simple philosophy of Christian life which I have developed from all of this. It is this: First God Chooses; then He Bruises; and then he Uses. His children . . . If we are to be very much Used, we must first be Bruised, and stand the test by faith. So, when in the "furnace of affliction," do not draw back from even the severest of flames; for God is only refining your silver and cleansing the dross out of your gold. He has a Purpose for you, and is only preparing you for that place and work. It is only as He is permitted to Prepare you that He can later Use you.

Selfishness?

By Gertrude Troutman

As we look back to the time when we first gave ourselves to God, we can thank Him for the many changes that have come in to our lives and our dispositions. He uses many methods to teach us Godliness or holiness. I remember when God began to speak to me about selfishness. Me selfish? I should say not! I was generous; But God did not think so. He showed me that I was generous when I was able to afford to be generous but when it hurt, well, that was different. But He showed me also that lack of generosity was only a small phase of selfishness, that ANYTHING that was like self was selfish, and had to do with all of self and manifested itself in the works of the FLESH, whether it was hatred, strife, jealousy, uncleanness, idolatry, gossip, backbiting, taking up a reproach against our neighbor, etc. well, anything that is not holy or God-like. We find that the flesh is an enemy of God. Flesh is what Jesus Crucified.

We blame the devil for many things that we do. The devil is mean to the core and capable of many things, but we have to face facts. James 1:14 says, "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." So then the lust is within us before we can be enticed. Lust is not only passion, and fornication, but it is any inordinate or excessive desire, whether it be for money, food, drink, or companionship. We all have self within and we need a FULL salvation that will deliver us to the uttermost. Self is our worst enemy. Jesus is the only one who could say, "The prince of this world cometh and findeth nothing in Me." Satan did try, but was defeated.

It is SELF that comes to the front to justify itself, to brag. It is self that holds a grudge, and is unforgiving. It is self that is envious, or causes strife, that makes us give way to anger. So anything that is like SELF is selfish.

If God showed us what our self-righteousness looks like in His sight we might think it would be hopeless to try to be like Him. But He shows us His loveliness and His power to change us, and our confidence in Him grows until we see Him great enough to make us like Himself. When He dealt with me about selfishness He gave me this Scripture. Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Here we find out God's attitude towards us after He has convicted us of something we have done wrong. It may not be any outbroken sin, but when we disobey God or the promptings of the Spirit it is SIN. The Word tells us that if we know to do right and do it not, that it is to us a sin. If He has revealed to us some one thing that easily besets us, then we had better cry out to God for strength and power to overcome that fault. Praying for a broken and contrite heart will help us, because a heart that is tender towards the Lord will sense more quickly when the Spirit is trying to check us and keep us from sinning. The tender heart will repent quickly. Godly sorrow for our shortcomings, mistakes, or sins will give us a greater deliverance. We read in 2 Cor. 7:10 "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." What is repentance? It is being sorry enough to stop doing the sin. Surely every Christian wants to be like Christ instead of being selfish or like self? God is able to change us, for He has said, "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (Gal. 5:17) Let us go on to perfection, to Christ-likeness.

Be Careful

A lady complained to a friend visiting her that her next door neighbor was a poor housekeeper, her children were dirty, her house was filthy, and one was almost disgraced by living near her.

"Just look," she said, "at those clothes she has hung out on the line. See the black streaks up and down those sheets and pillow cases."

The friend stepped to the window, raised it, and looked out.

"It appears, my dear," said the visitor, "that the clothes are perfectly clean; the streaks that you see are on your own window."

It Works

The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountainside in Arkansas. Here is the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of the brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This of course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

"One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said:

"Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday school just once. A woman taught the Sunday school class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man — I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?"

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic — at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my son. I'll get the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor. He came and mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead but he was still struggling. As the light began to fade from his eyes he looked up and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe in it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So I said, 'All right, my son, I will get the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain. I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing. I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew him. If there is a heaven I know she is there. So I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me.

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak and trembling voice. 'For God so loved the world, 'For God so loved the world'; 'He gave His only begotten Son,' 'He gave His only begotten Son'; 'that whosoever believeth in Him,' 'should not perish,' 'should not perish'; 'but have everlasting life.' 'Now, my boy, my mother

The Wonder Of The Word

Psalm Twenty-three

The Lord is my shepherd . . . I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine (John 10:14).

I shall not want . . . my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures . . . Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

He leadeth me beside the still waters . . . I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely (Revelation 21:6). . . . Peace I leave with you. . . (John 14:27).

He restoreth my soul . . . I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish . . . (John 10:28).

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake . . . he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out . . . he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice (John 10:3,4).

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death . . . he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . . (John 11:25,26).

I will fear no evil . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

For thou art with me . . . lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me . . . I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you (John 14:18).

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (John 6:35).

Thou anointest my head with oil . . . he breathed on them, and saith unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost' (John 20:22). . . . ye, have an unction from the Holy One . . . (I John 2:20).

My cup runneth over . . . the living God . . . giveth us richly all things to enjoy (I Timothy 6:17). . . . and of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace (John 1:16).

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life . . . And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God . . . (Romans 8:28).

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever . . . we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (II Corinthians 5:1).

A little girl went for an evening walk with her father, and she kept looking at the stars. Her father asked her what she was thinking about.

"If the bottom side of Heaven is so beautiful," replied the child, "how wonderful the other side must be!"

said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several times: 'For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, whosoever . . . whosoever believeth, believeth in Him, believeth in Him.'

"Then he stopped and said in a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again. Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, 'It works.' I leaned over and kissed him and then as he drew his last breath he said, 'It works.'

The old man wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face said, "The lad was right. It does work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has now everlasting life. It works. I know it works!"

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom. 1:16. —Tract.

To Do The Impossible

Here's what is expected of a minister in the 20th century.

1. A successful minister must be a man of broad civil concern. He should be interested in the public school, and attend PTA. He should be active in the "March of Dimes," "The Community Chest," "The Crippled Children's Fund," etc. He is often called upon to trade a benediction or invocation for a T-bone steak at a political rally.

He must also be a publisher or editor. Some ministers spend two days putting out a church newspaper.

3. He must also be a "marrier and buryer." People from the community, who have no church connection, will expect him to give of his time in these and other areas.

4. He is expected to be a youth specialist. Some churches are so concerned about youth that they are choosing a minister on the basis of his appeal to young people.

5. He must visit the sick. Elders may visit; deacons may visit; the ladies may visit — but the minister is expected to be on hand (as he should be, naturally).

6. He must be an expert in financial affairs. A sag in budget will have the finance board around to see him, suggesting a "stewardship" sermon. He should know how to organize an EMC (Every Member Canvass); no one else does.

7. He must know a little about counseling (without the church helping financially, of course).

8. He must be a promoter. He is expected to promote the Bible School, Sunday evening attendance, Christian Service camps, etc., since a "thriving church is a growing church."

9. He must be a family man. Neglect of his family is one of the chief criticisms being leveled against the twentieth century minister. "If he doesn't watch out, his children will be the worst in the community," some concerned member will often comment.

10. He must be a first class preacher, with spiritual depths that leaves his congregation amazed. This depth of preaching must be demonstrated twice on Sunday and once during the week. He would also be prepared to write soul-stirring messages for conventions, rallies and youth camps.

Of course, no minister can measure up to these demands! Some try, and soon find themselves facing chronic health problems. Our larger churches are simply killing some of our best ministers prematurely.

The solution? Delegation of responsibility. That is why God has given elders and deacons to the church. The ministry of the Word must be put first. All responsibilities not related to the Ministry of the Word ought to be turned over to someone else. Then watch the minister catch fire for the Lord!

(A digest of a message by Paul Benjamin given at the North American Christian Convention.

Warning!

Beware of: Publicity without prayer; Emotion without instruction; Campaigns without continuity; criticism without construction; preaching without personal work; sensationalism without spirituality; exhortation without indoctrination; ingathering without enlistment.

The Pastor

The pastor teaches, tho he must solicit his own classes. He heals, tho without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a bit of a philosopher and entertainer, a salesman, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those with sorrow and to admonish those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty. He plans programs, appoints committees (when he can get them); spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair; between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement.

Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, "What a job — one day a week!"

Don't Stay Away From Church Because

YOU ARE POOR — there is no admission charge.

YOU ARE RICH — we can help you cure that . . .

BECAUSE IT IS HOT — it's hot at your house, too.

IT IS COLD — it is always warm and friendly at church . . .

NO ONE INVITED YOU — people go to the movies without being begged.

BECAUSE WE HAVE AN EMOTIONAL RELIGION — how about the ball games?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE VERY SMALL CHILDREN — what if you did not any longer have them?

BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE THE PREACHER — remember he's human just like you.

BECAUSE YOUR JOB MAKES YOU SO TIRED — you could lose your job.

BECAUSE THERE ARE HYPOCRITES — you associate with them every day. You should be accustomed to them by now.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE COMPANY — they will admire your loyalty if you invite them along, or tell them to wait until you get back.

BECAUSE OUR CHURCH STANDARD IS TOO HIGH — just take a look at the Bible standard if you think OURS is high.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME — are you SURE?

You are a part of all you appreciate; and this feeling of appreciation will lead you to the discovery of many values of which you are not now aware. Your point-of-attitude will change. You will see the half-glass of water is HALF-FULL, not HALF-EMPTY.

Let's Go To Prayer Meeting

No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. Our feverish activities can be a display for one's talents; the prayer closet allows no showing off.

The rising tide of hungry, seeking hearts in prayer, midnight prayer, or morning prayer meetings give cause for rejoicing. As poverty stricken as is the church of today, she is most stricken in the place of prayer. How is it with you?

There are two necessities to successful Christian living — vision and passion, both of which are born and maintained in prayer. The ministry of preaching is open to few; the ministry of prayer, (the highest ministry of human office), is open to all. Spiritual adolescents say, "I'll not go tonight, it's only the prayer meeting." God help our church when we have more organizers than agonizers; more players than pray-ers, more singers than clingers; more fashion than passion. Let's meet together next prayer meeting night.

When God Needs A Worker

God never goes to the lazy or idle when He needs men for His service. When God needs a worker, He calls a worker. History and Scripture attest this fact.

Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb. Gideon was busy threshing wheat.

Saul was busy searching for lost beasts. Elisha was busy plowing.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Amos was busy following the flock. Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Jesus was busy about His Father's business.

Definition of Mass Evangelism — A mass indictment of the impotent members of the body of Christ.—Cliff Custer.

Your hands speak of the things you do your feet speak of the things you are.

Please

When writing to the HERALD of HOPE, ALWAYS write your name and address clearly on the outside of the envelope.

The Poets Corner

Bees Without Stings

B-lieve and B saved by Jesus the Lord
(Acts 16:31).
B happy, B holy, B trusting His word
(John 13:17).
B prayerful, B watchful, B faithful, B true
(Luke 18:1).
B thankful, B careful, keep Jesus in view
(Thessalonians 5:18).
B humble, B hopeful, B friendly, B kind
(1 Peter 5:6).
B thoughtful, B striving, B steadfast in mind
(Luke 13:24).
B ready, B waiting, B loving to all
(Luke 12:40).
B helpful, B running, B-ware and not fall
(1 Corinthians 10:12).
B learning, B patient, B sorry for sin
(Matthew 11:29).
B taught by the Spirit, and Bright within
(II Corinthians 3:17).
B merry, B singing, B always sincere
(James 5:13).
B now of good courage, B fervent in prayer
(James 5:16).
B wise as a serpent, B harmless as doves
(Matthew 10:16).
B firm as the mountain that never re-moves
(I Corinthians 15:58).
B naught in yourself, but in Jesus B strong
(II Corinthians 12:10).
B looking to Him, and you cannot B wrong
(Hebrews 12:2).
B-lieve and B-hold your Redeemer is near
(I John 5:10).
B-hold Him by faith, and B of good cheer
(Hebrews 10:22).
B-hold Him again, and B-hold till you find
(Matthew 7:8).
B-lieving in Jesus is peace to the mind
(John 3:14-15).
B now like the Psalmist, B praising the Lord
(Hebrews 13:15).
B praising, B thankful for His written Word
(Hebrews 13:15).
B praising the Father, B praising the Son
(Hebrews 13:15).
B praising the Spirit, B-hold the Three-One
(1 John 10:7).
B like your Redeemer, B doing much good
(Colossians 1:10).
B-seech Him to help you, B-hold He is God
(Hebrews 13:6).
B working, B busy, His will to obey (Acts 5:29).
B-seech Him to bless you by night and by day
(Acts 3:26).
B always pursuing these blessings divine
(Matthew 6:33).
B asking, B seeking, and all shall B thine
(Matthew 7:7).
B coming to Jesus, and Him you will please
(Revelation 22:17).
B-lieve now in Him, and forget not the B's
(John 3:16).

— Janet Richardson.

What to do with the Bible . . .
B-uy one
I-vestigate
B-lieve it
L-ove it
E-mploy it

The Secret

Not for the wise the teaching,
But for the little child;
Not for the strong the guidance,
But for the meek and mild.

The feast is for the hungry,
The treasure for the poor;
The naked and the outcast
Enter the open door.

The pure in heart behold Him,
From vulture's eyes concealed;
And to the bruised and bankrupt
The kingdom is revealed.

Philosophers may stumble
In daylight, like the blind,
While teachable disciples
The heavenly pathway find.

Where human wit is baffled,
Love finds the golden key;
And with anointed vision
Reads heaven's mystery.

Say, wilt thou come and enter
This strange yet blessed school
Where only fools learn wisdom,
The wise becomes a fool,

Where littleness is greatness,
And bigness becomes small,
Where pride strips off her glory,
While nothingness gains all?

The Potter's Hand

"To the potter's house I went down one day,
And watched him while molding the vessels of clay;
And many a wonderful lesson I drew,
As I noticed the process the clay went through;
Trampled and broken, down-trodden and rolled
To render more plastic and fit for the mold.

"How like the clay that is human, I thought;
When in heavenly hands to perfection its brought;
For self must be cast as the dust at His feet
Before it is ready for service made meet,
And pride must be broken, and self-will lost,
And laid on the altar, whatever the cost.

"But lo! by and by, a delicate vase
Of wonderful beauty and exquisite grace!
Was it once the vile clay? Ah, yes, yet how strange
The potter has wrought so marvellous a change!
Not a trace of the earth nor mark of the clay;
The fires of the furnace have burned them away.

"Wondrous skill of the potter—the praise is His due
In whose hands to perfection and beauty it grew.
Thus with souls lying still, content in God's hand,
That do not His power of working withstand;
They are molded and fitted a treasure to hold,
Vile clay now transformed into purest of gold."

—M. F. Clarkson

Judge Gently

Pray don't find fault with the man that limps,
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears,
Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
Tho' hidden away from view.
Or the burden he bears placed on your back
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong; but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the selfsame way at the selfsame time,
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the man that sins,
Or pelt him with word or stone,
Unless you are sure, yea doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own;
For you know, perhaps if the tempter's voice
Should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray,
It might cause you to falter too.

—Author Unknown

Dropped Stitches

I dropped a stitch in my knitting
As I sat at work one day,
And it seemed such a little matter
I sang as I worked away.
But lo, when my work was finished,
I saw with infinite pain
The stitch I had missed in the morning
Had rendered it all in vain!
That all of my perfect stitches
Were useless because of one;
That one little flaw had cost me
The loss of my heart's "Well done!"

Just so it is in our lives, dear,
But the stitches dropped, ah me!
Are part of the soul's own garment
We weave for eternity.
The stitch of unbridled passions,
Of an evil, bitter thought,
The stitch of neglected duties
Are into the pattern wrought!
The stitch of the first cigar, lad,
The stitch of your first strong drink,
And the work of your life is ruined—
Does it pay, dear, do you think?
Alas! for the stitch unheeded,
Ah me, for the mischief done,
For the glad hopes of the morning,
For heartache at set of sun!

—Selected.

Scripture Shower

Gal. 5:22-23—"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance; against such there is no law."

Gal. 3:27—"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Col. 2:6-7—"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Ephesians 3:17-19—"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Jude 20—"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

II Thes. 1:11-12—"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Tim. 1:19—"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck."

1 Tim. 4:12—"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

2 Tim. 2:22—"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

2 Tim. 3:15—"That from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation thru faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Heb. 6:1—"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."

Heb. 10:38-39—"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them that draw back unto perdition . . ."

Heb. 11:6—"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

1 Tim. 6:12—"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

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"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matthew 25:13

When Someone Is Drifting?

Do you join in the temptation to talk about it as a common topic of conversation?

Do you easily shrug your shoulders and say to yourself, It's none of my business?

Do you give it a passing thought, then plunge into your own interests?

Do you merely become a "busybody," settling for the luxury of clucking your tongue with no real tact born of intelligence and burden?

Or Do You

—Pray that God will make you a help, not a hindrance?

—Search your heart to see if you are spiritually concerned or merely curious?

—Use your sanctified intelligence to be a friend?

—Do something definite, like a phone call, a date for lunch, a visit that is genuine for the person's interest, an invitation to your home?

—Strive to be worthy of the confidence necessary in order to help that person over the "low spot" on again to the "high road" of victory?

Truth In Humor

The Ten Commandments make page One when they are broken, and page 48 when they are kept.

Gossips are like blotters — they absorb a lot of dirt, but usually get it all backwards.

Sometimes when a person thinks his mind is getting broader, it is just his conscience stretching.

Folks what do a lot of kneelin', jest don't do much lyin'.

It's not that people don't understand the Bible; it's just that they'd rather not.

Don't blame the rule if you don't measure up.

You are not responsible for what people think about you, but for what you give them reason to think!

The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to a person who isn't.

Some Christians drink deeply at the fountain of God's Word; others only gargle.

Gossip is just a matter of letting the chat out of the bag!

Men who pray much don't bray much.

Salvation is like a parachute; there isn't any substitute!! — Burma Shave Sign

If life hands you a lemon, make lemonade!

The trouble with blowing your own horn is that it seldom leaves any wind for climbing.

Do unto others as tho tomorrow you would be the others.

Don't nurse your sorrows; like babies, they grow bigger that way.

Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need most.

Scheming to avoid work is often more exhausting than doing the thing.

You can't get rid of a bad temper by losing it.

"Well, little man," said the kindly woman to the boy standing beside her in the surf, "you mustn't be afraid — why don't you just splash right in and swim?"
"I would," was the timid reply, "but you're standing on my flippers."

Perhaps we should ask ourselves "am I standing on someone's flippers?"

Playing Church

A man came home and saw his children on the front steps and asked what they were doing.

"We're playing church," they answered.

The puzzled father inquired further and was told, "well, we've already sung, and prayed, and preached, and now we're on the steps outside and smoking."

Kids are close observers! — The Flame

Building Program

Some congregations find the spiritual life of a church suffers when they get involved in a building program. Bernard Miller, of Hamiota, Manitoba, has some good advice for times like this when member relations may become strained: "You will have a better building if you refuse to include scraps."

Sin adds to your troubles, subtracts from your energy, multiplies your difficulties, divides your interest in your work — and its wages is death.

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