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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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Divine Love

by Ezra Hood

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," (John 13:35).

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend," (John 15:13).

What marvelous statements are here given! They show a way by which we can prove God's love, sincerity, and true devotion, and give us an example of how we can prove our love and devotion to God and men. I marvel at what love can do, and has done in the hearts of even barbarous men in those lands where darkness and superstition prevail, and where, till recent years, they never heard of the true God, the Bible, or Christians. Isn't it wonderful when salvation comes into human hearts! When love comes in, hatred and superstition automatically go out. How long can one ignore his brother in the flesh, and in the Lord, and still retain his integrity with God? Pure love will break down the strongest wall and the greatest barrier that sin and hatred have built up. When Jesus bowed His head, gave up the ghost and cried, "It is finished!" the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile was broken down, making way into the Holiest of all accessible to all men. No longer were men merely ceremonially sanctified, but sanctified by the Blood that was shed on Calvary—cleansed from all sin, by faith in the atonement that was made there by Jesus himself. No more were their sins "rolled ahead" a year at a time, as under the Mosaic Law, but a better plan

was finished on the Cross—Love exemplified; Love in action; for there God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. It sounds like a severe test, but it was proof that God did love the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe on Him should have everlasting life, and not perish.

Our actions will not only prove our love FOR one another, but also our love TO one another. The world looks on, and takes note of it all. They know more than you think they know, and by your acts and general deportment, you can mar your spiritual influence for all time to come. Influence can be killed. The love and respect that we have and manifest toward one another counts either for or against us in this present world.

Confidence is a wonderful thing but it can be greatly abused, and when it is broken, all suffer. The Wise Man said, "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." (Prov. 25:19). The preceding verse says, "A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul (see your dictionary), and a sword, and a sharp arrow." What a tragedy!

It seems that confidence, when once broken is never restored as before, and as the song says,

"But the bird with broken pinion
Never soared so high again."

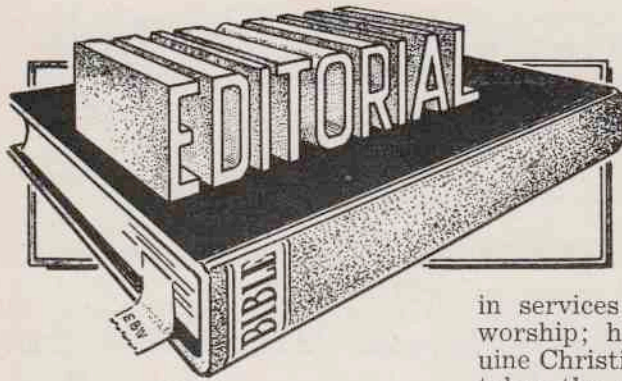
Love is God's greatest attribute. It is also the greatest to which we have access—love in action; not love merely in word, but in deed

and in truth. Love never fails. If it fails, it isn't pure love—it is adulterated. So many things which we buy today are not pure. There is not much pure gold, and not much pure religion. James tells us that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27). Not much of this is portrayed in our day. There are too many substitutes, and too much pretense—shoddy religion! Christ proved His love, as previously cited (Romans 5:8).

How many pioneer missionaries in earlier days, when it took so long to reach the field, went out, and never returned, but died on the field! They gave their lives for the cause. I think of the example of Chas. E. Cowman, who left a good job, his good home, and went out to Japan and Korea, and he literally burned out his life for God and lost souls. God bless his memory—and I am not discounting any others of our day, or former days, who did or are doing likewise for souls, not seeking popularity, prestige, or material gain. God has some on the field today who are doing the same. It seems we have more than there formerly were, and I am sure more are needed.

How can we measure that type of love that will not let go nor give up, but holds on tenaciously and gives its life wholly to God and His service? Many in our day do not give themselves wholly to God's service, but must have a job, besides plenty of financial remuneration. Some preachers live too high. They say they can't live on what the church gives them. The day may come when they will have

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Values

Luke, chapter 15 gives us the account of three things that was lost; a sheep, a coin, and a soul or a man. The real purpose that Jesus had in mind, was to teach men to place the proper value upon things. The truth is man places more value upon those things that less value should be placed upon, and far less value on those things which are valuable. Paul tells us in the book of Romans chapter one and verse 28, "as man did not like to retain God in their knowledge God gave them over to a reprobate mind." The dictionary gives us several meanings of this word "reprobate." 1. No discernment or ability to judge correctly; 2. The inability to distinguish between right and wrong, good or evil; 3. The inability to evaluate correctly. We seem to be living at a time when man does not have the ability to properly evaluate, or place the value of things in its proper place.

What was once evil is called good, what once was right is now wrong. What was once looked upon with horror is now gazed upon with extreme delight. What once men called immoral is now labeled social naturalness.

This inability to judge correctly has some how invaded the Church. What was designed by Christ to be a spiritual institution has now become a social organization. Feasting has replaced fasting; traditions of the fathers has overshadowed the faith of the fathers; Church loyalty has taken the pre-eminence over loyalty to God; law and legislation has replaced principle and personal conviction; a spurious piousness has sprung up where once was genuine piety; form and program have crowded out the fire and blessing; entertainment has become the ultimate

in services instead of heart felt worship; hypocrisy replaced genuine Christian living; mere charity takes the place of divine love; a shallow surface emotionalism has sufficed for a real depth of spirituality; evangelism and forward movement now have precedence over real heaven sent revival and last the desire to please and exult God has been replaced with a desire to attract men to ones-self and to please the crowds.

All of the above mentioned things are serious signs of a church that has become seriously ill. The only cure for this spiritual malady is a real prayed down, heaven sent revival of repentance and returning to God. A mere conformity to church rules, religious dogmas, ancestral traditions and a giving in to man-made systems of religion will never take the place of a real transformation by the Blood of Jesus Christ, convicting the world; reviving the church and glorifying God. Outer signs are convincing evidences of inner illnesses and certainly point to the need of the Great Physician.

Doubtless the most serious act is that man has so long gone on in this condition that he has grown accustomed to these things, and is almost if not entirely aware of his sad condition. Doctors tell us that an individual may have an ailment so long that he gets "used to it" and lives almost without an awareness of its presence. Has this happened to man spiritually? The truth is, as long as man is not aware of his need he cannot be helped. I talked with a man some time ago who had a slight shortness of breath and at times just barely noticeable pains in his chest and arms. Thinking that he was just overweight and perhaps had some indigestion, he just passed it off until one day a real seizure rendered him helpless, he then called the physician and received some medical help. Will we wait

for some tragic thing to happen before we realize we are too far from God and Bible salvation, or will we recognize this illness and call upon God for help?

I am afraid that as long as man can get by, as long as religious dogmas, church traditions and religious rites will satisfy man's feeble desire for worship and spiritual things, he will never get spiritual help, or know the joy of heart felt worship and a life transformed by the grace of God. As long as entertainment can keep the heart light and the conscience at ease we will never see a revival that will bring a deep spiritual life, exulting God, lifting up Jesus Christ, filling mens hearts with the Holy Ghost, edifying the believers, saving sinners and getting men to heaven.

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What is Worth it All?

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What in life makes worthwhile all of its toil, hardship, and uncertainty? King David answered this question and proved the answer true in a very difficult experience.

To save his life, he fled Jerusalem. Even though he had ruled Israel with integrity in the fear of God and had skillfully managed state affairs, his people had forsaken him to follow a young, handsome flatterer, the king's own son, Absalom.

Absalom had taken advantage of the embarrassing circumstances of his father's life, and on his increasing tendency to delegate authority and seclude himself from his subjects, the unworthy son paraded himself among the people. While he sought to undermine his father's influence, his attractive face and winsome manner hid his unholy ambition and treachery.

Finally, he had also won over the army so completely that he marshalled strong forces at Hebron and prepared to march upon Jerusalem. It was necessary, then, for David to flee the city in order to save even his life.

It was a sad, dark hour. The beloved kingdom for which he had given himself was wrenched from him.

Early in the morning, as the sun rose above Moab's sombre hills and as Mt. Olivet cast its shadow over the valley of the Kidron, the king gathered his bodyguard and little band of adherents. Brokenheartedly, reluctantly, he trudged up Mt. Olivet, a hill later made sacred by the weeping of David's greatest Son. Feet bare, as a sym-

bol of humiliation and defeat, the king fled, seeking shelter and refuge anywhere.

As night came on, David in his meditation ponders on the fact that men everywhere are asking, "Who will show us good?" They are seeking to know what the ultimate good, the supreme value in this life is. They are asking, "What is worth it all?" David says that he has found it to be the light of God's countenance, shining upon him. For, he declares, as it were, "I find more joy in that in my present dire straits than the man of this world finds when he is having a great increase in earthly store." (See Psalm 4:6-8.)

Men everywhere are still asking and seeking for the ultimate purpose in life. They are still asking, "What's worth it all?" An eminent modern historian would give an answer in keeping with David's discovery. Arnold Toynbee in his "Study of History" in speaking of factors essential to the continuance of the race says, "I wish with all of my heart, that the human race may survive, because I believe that man has been given the capacity to see God, and I believe that this is the summum bonum (the supreme good) toward which all creation groans and travails."

It would, however, seem that the majority of mankind does not care to listen even to such Twentieth Century authorities, for from the time and effort expended on them, it would appear that most people have concluded that the things which are most important are not those which enable them to see God, but are strictly materialistic. Such things as: intellectual attainments, physical prowess, and material accumulations.

It is evident that David saw quite clearly the proper values of

life. He knew what it was that made life's battles worth fighting. He was indeed a man of intellectual attainments. He was a brilliant soldier, statesman, poet, and musician.

He was a man of physical prowess. As a mere lad, single-handed he had slain a bear and a lion. He had with one rock in his sling, grounded the challenging Philistine giant.

And he was a man of great material accumulations. He had lived comfortably. He had an honored position among a devoted and loving people.

But his joy and hope did not depend upon those things. They were not the goals for which he lived. They were incidental. If such had not been the case, as he left the royal palace a disgraced and fleeing monarch, he would have been most disconsolate. His library, his musical instruments, his trained choir were all left behind. His honor as a mighty man in Israel had been stolen. All the comforts and pleasantries which he could enjoy as king of a prosperous empire were gone. But in this, one of the darkest hours of his life, he could say that even then he had more joy and assurance, more real peace of mind than worldly-minded men have at their heyday of prosperity and well-being.

A trained mind, a fit body, and plenty of money may bring a sort of happiness, but even at best it is mixed with sorrow and is only transient. These things may bring a feeling and measure of security, but David found that the smile of God's countenance was a boon to his broken heart in one of his most tragic times.

A modern poet has expressed David's joyous discovery like this:

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What We Need

By Samuel Stevenson

A city full of churches,
Great preachers, lettered men,
Grand music, choirs, and organs;
If these all fail, what then?
Good workers, eager, earnest,
Who labour hour by hour;
But where, oh where, my brother,
Is God's Almighty power?

Refinement: education!
They want the very best.
Their plans and schemes are perfect,

They give themselves no rest;
They get the best of talent,
They try their uttermost,
But what they need, my brother,
Is God the Holy Ghost!

We may spend time and money
And preach from wisdom's lore,
But education only
Will keep God's people poor.
God wants not worldly wisdom,
He seeks no smiles to win;
But what is needed, brother,
Is that we deal with sin!

It is the Holy Spirit,
That quickeneth the soul.
God will not take man-worship,
Nor bow to man's control.
No human innovation,
No skill, or worldly art,
Can give a true repentance,
Or break the sinner's heart.

We may have human wisdom,
Grand singing, great success;
There may be fine equipment,
But these things do not bless.
God wants a pure, clean vessel,
Anointed lips and true,
A man filled with the Spirit,
To speak His message through.

Great God, revive us truly!
And keep us every day;
That men may all acknowledge,
We live just as we pray.
The Lord's hand is not shortened;
He still delights to bless,
If we depart from evil
And all our sins confess.

Gold

Many years ago the people in the eastern part of the United States heard that there was gold in California. Thousands of them sold their homes and loaded their possessions in wagons and went West. There were great dangers to be faced. The roads were very poor. There were high mountains

and sandy deserts to be crossed. There were wild animals and Indians to contend with. Many people died on the way West. Only a few of those who reached California found gold! The rest were disappointed.

A story is told of one man who found gold in California. He found much of it. He decided to come back East to spend it. As he and others were crossing the Mississippi River, the boat they were in struck a rock and sank. It happened not far from the shore. Those who could swim, swam to shore and were saved. Those who could not swim were drowned. Among those who drowned was the man who had found much gold. He was a good swimmer. No one could guess why he should drown. When his body was recovered, it was discovered that around his waist he wore a belt. To the belt were fastened bags filled with gold nuggets! The weight of the gold nuggets caused him to drown. He could have taken off the belts and saved his life, but he didn't want to give up his gold. His riches carried him down to a watery grave!

Thousands of people are like that poor man. They are more attached to earthly riches than they are to anything else. They work hard and become rich. Sometimes they lose their loved ones. Some times they lose their interest in God and the Bible and the church. In short, they lose their souls! What terrible thing it is when a man loses his soul for earthly riches! The Bible says, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Riches are profitable only when we use them the right way.

—Selected



Did You Know

That Rahab, mentioned by the writer of the book of Hebrews in his catalogue of faith (Heb. 11:31), was changed by faith in Israel's God from a person of notorious character to a person of notable character.

We read in Joshua that she was a harlot. Some believe that she was an inn keeper, but this word actually means one who sells her body for livelihood. The flax and the scarlet cord would infer that she was also a weaver of linen and a seller of dye.

She hid the spies sent out from Israel, by faith in Israel's God and was changed. She was, first of all, saved when Jericho was destroyed. She left the place of destruction and went to dwell with the Israelites. She later fell in love with Salmon, son of Naasson believed to have been one of the spies she protected, married him and became the mother of Boaz, the grandfather of Jesse who was the father of David, thus she was prominently listed in the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Savior of the world.

—Paul Miller

My Daily Prayer

My Heavenly Father,
Help me to live each day like
Jesus lived;
To be pure of heart and clean of
speech,
To be kind and gentle in all my
acts.
To be sincere in all I say.
To be faithful in all I undertake.
To seek to make others happy,
To show sympathy to those who
are troubled,
To show patience when I am tried,
To forgive all those who trespass
against me.
Give me strength to hold fast my
faith in Thee.
Give me courage never to deny
Thee, never fail Thee,
But always honor Thee, in word,
thought, and deed.
And let my life be lived in service
to Thee.
I thank Thee for Thy boundless
love and tender mercies.
Forgive my wrong doing and guide
me by Thy Spirit.
Give me grace to do Thy will.
In Jesus name I pray, Amen.
—Selected

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Answering Christ's Call

Christ's call to the young man of our story challenged him to go to some distant islands of the sea where cannibals inhabited the land—nevertheless, he was determined to do Christ's sweet bidding with a willing heart.

After making the necessary preparations to go, the young man went to the captain of a New York liner to arrange for transportation. The captain questioned such an unreasonable venture, and refused him booking—however, the young man did not take "No" for an answer; and finally arrangements were made for his passage.

While on the way, the captain used every means to change the mind of his new young friend from landing on the islands which had been known as "The White Man's Grave"—for those who had gone there previously never returned—the natives having killed them!

The time for landing was nearing. The captain said he would not land at the shore, because the steamer would not be safe, on account of the savage natives; so he offered to stop in midocean and give the young man a small boat, with which he might go to shore.

The small boat was loaded with all the young man's baggage, and sent on its way, the captain following its every movement with his distant glasses, to see how matters would fall. He saw the natives on the shore seize his friend and carry him inland; so it was concluded that the natives had eaten him for food.

Two years later, the same captain spotted a church spire on the island to which the young man had gone, and decided it would now be safe to go ashore. Landing the steamer, he headed toward the church spire, and to his amazement, found his young friend in the midst of a group of natives, teaching them out of the Bible, the Book of books.

His curiosity aroused, he called for an explanation. He said,

"Tell me all about it. The last time I saw you, I thought you were being prepared for food."

"So did I," said the young man, "but God undertook in my behalf. It was this way. While the natives were preparing to cook me, I asked God what I should do, or for grace to face death bravely for His sake, and bear a testimony that would count with them, for whom I would be giving my life. While praying, the idea of giving the natives a taste of my leg came to my mind; so out came my pocket-knife, and I cut off a piece of my leg and gave it to the chief. He did not seem to like it, so passed it down the line to his head-man who, in turn, showed his dislike of it.

"After talking matters over between themselves, the decision was reached that I would be released. You see, I have one cork leg, and it saved the day, because God had prepared the way. When leaving the shores of New York the day we became friends I could say—"I heard the call, 'Come follow!'

That was all.
My gold grew dim,
My soul went after Him,
I rose and followed:

That was all.
Who would not follow,
If they heard His call?"

"Since being here, Christ Jesus, my Lord, has become more real day by day. He has proved Himself strong in my behalf, over and over. 'There is nothing too hard for the Lord.' Now, after two years of service I can say, 'And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me,' (Psa. 50:15).

—Selected

God Will Know You

One evening a gentleman was strolling along a street in Toronto, with apparently no object in view but to pass the time. His attention was attracted by a remark of a little girl to a companion in front of a fruit stand: "I wish I had an orange for Ma."

The gentleman saw that the children, though poorly dressed, were clean and neat, and calling them inside the store he loaded them with fruits and candies.

"What's your name?" asked one of the little girls.

"Why do you want to know?" queried the gentleman.

"I want to pray for you," was the reply. The gentleman turned to leave, scarcely daring to speak, when the little one added, "Well, it doesn't matter, I suppose. God will know you." —Selected

Witnessing

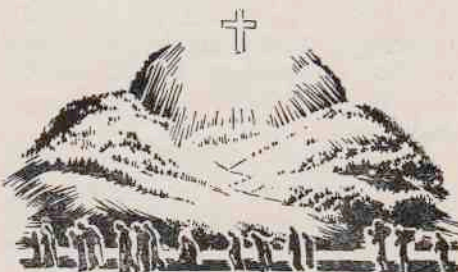
Someone has said that the fruit of a Christian is another Christian. Every Christian should realize the need of witnessing for Christ. There are hungry souls everywhere that will be lost if we do not witness to them.

The purpose of witnessing for Christ is to win others to Christ. If we want to win others to Christ, we first have to win them to ourselves. Dale Carnegie gives six ways of making people like you: (1) become genuinely interested in other people; (2) smile; (3) remember that a man's name is to him the sweetest and most important sound in any language; (4) be a good listener; (5) talk in terms of the other man's interest; and (6) make the other person feel important, and do it sincerely.

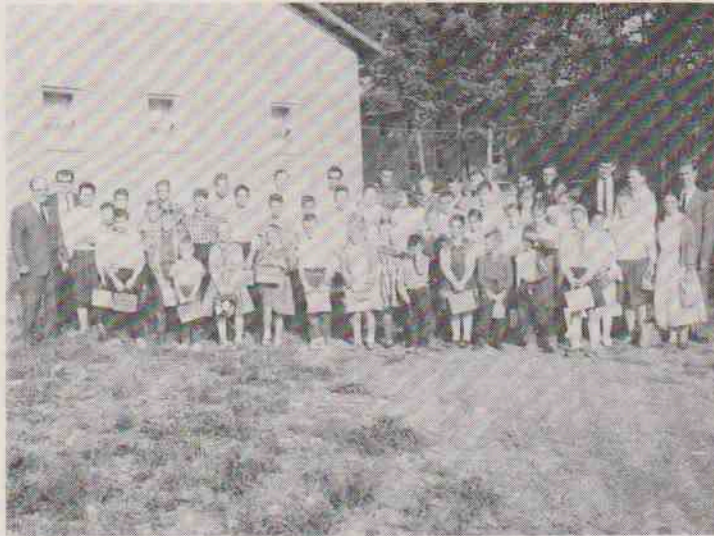
Our most effective way to witness for Christ is by our daily lives. Our actions speak louder than words. But we should not be content to go without verbally speaking for Christ.

Some people have greater ability to witness for Christ, but I believe that every Christian is capable of doing some kind of personal witnessing. God will give grace and help, with each time we witness, and we will grow stronger.

The reward for witnessing for Christ is greater than any earthly blessing. We can have the joy of knowing that we won someone to Christ because of our witnessing for Him. —Selected.



"Lift up your eyes to the hills"



News from the Campus

As you look at the above picture, try to envision the mixed feeling of those who were present as school opened September 6th at Penn View. A joy inexpressible filled each heart. We were thrilled as each new student arrived, filled with joyous nervous anticipation.

God witnessed His divine approval upon this great site, by His coming in great power at the ground breaking service held the last Sunday of the Penns Creek Camp Meeting. Many felt His glorious presence at that time. We do praise God for the help He has given since that time.

As you left camp, everything was as it has been for a number of years. Only a little over a month has passed by since that time, but, the new dormitory has been completely remodeled. Four lovely new class rooms now take up space where once was only room for campers, a book room and office, rest rooms and storage space has been added. At the time of this writing it is being rewired for electricity and a heating system is being installed. The upper floor is being made into rooms for teachers and a few boarding students on campus at the present time. We now have a principal for the school and six teachers, all saved and sanctified to teach the children.

Miles have been traveled by the school committee to secure the best books available, plan class room schedules, arrange the proper curriculum, secure the permits and to observe other schools to

make the best and most efficient school for the teaching and training your children in the Arts and Science but also in the Word of God, which is most important of all. As a baby learning to walk, we through faith in God as our guide have allowed one prayerful careful step to be succeeded by the next.

Here very appropriately, a word of sincere thanks and appreciation is given to all for your prayers and financial help toward the school. As the need has arisen God, through you, has met the need. All pledges and gifts have been greatly appreciated. Without these we could never have done it.

Please continue to pray for us, we are becoming more aware of our own inabilities and recognizing our sole dependency upon God. This is a new experience for all, students, teachers, principal, school committee and parents. With this great opportunity comes a much greater responsibility, for we are dealing with the souls and minds of future America.

These things are not being done in a corner, but month by month, by picture and word we plan to keep you informed of the progress made at the school campus and the new building. As I left the school Sept. 9th. the heavy equipment had moved in and was at work. Many tears and beyond doubt much toil and prayer is yet ahead, but by God's help we can win. We also need your help, both prayer and gifts and we are sure that heaven will grant all rewards.

—Reporter

The Praying Hands

The "Praying Hands" are much,
much more

than just a work of art,
They are the "soul's creation"
of a deeply thankful heart —
They are a Priceless Masterpiece
that love alone could paint,
And they reveal the selflessness
of an unheralded saint —
These hands so scarred and
toilworn,

tell the story of a man
Who sacrificed his talent
in accordance with God's Plan —
For in God's Plan are many things
man cannot understand,
But we must trust God's judgment
and be guided by His Hand —

Sometimes He asks us to give up
our dreams of happiness,

Sometimes we must forgo our
hopes of fortune and success —

Not all of us can triumph
or rise to heights of fame,
And many times What Should Be

Ours,

goes to Another Name —
But he who makes a sacrifice,
so another may succeed,
Is indeed a true disciple
of our blessed Saviour's creed —
For when we "give ourselves
away" in sacrifice and love
We are "laying up rich treasures"
in God's kingdom up above —
And hidden in gnarled, toilworn
hands

is the truest Art of Living,
Achieved alone by those who've
learned the "Victory of Giving" —

For any sacrifice on earth,
made in the dear Lord's name,
Assures the giver of a place
in Heaven's Hall of Fame —
And who can say with certainty
Where the Greatest Talent Lies,
Or Who Will Be the Greatest
In Our Heavenly Father's Eyes!

—Selected

Temptation

There are two remedies against temptation: first, to obey the light given us, and without hesitation to cut off and cast away whatever calls out or encourages the temptation; second, when temptation arises, to turn without fear to God, without pausing to consider whether we may have given any encouragement. Too close searching endangers a renewal of the temptation.

—Fenelon

The Spirit Filled Church

The prayer of the Spirit filled Church in which heart purity and holiness is a Divine reality, has ever been; "Even so come Lord Jesus." Its members live in a spirit of expectancy, well anchored in the faith; with a steadfast hope that is bright with life and immortality. Their hope is not in the unreal, the transitory or superficial, but in the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost. There are many religions, but they are vain if not of the supernatural origin. Members of the true Church are born again Christians. They have cast their lot with God for time and eternity. Their reliance is placed not in human ability, legislation or ecclesiastical power; but in the power of the Holy Ghost, the blessing of entire sanctification and holiness of God. They esteem the things of this world lightly, they have a vision of the immortality of the soul; and being justified by faith they have peace with God, and whether minister, deacon or nominal members of the church, by the grace of God, can say, it is well with my soul.

The radiance of Christ's resurrection glory will be their guiding light through the valley of death, the star of hope that dispels the darkness of the tomb. It will span the fearsome vale with a bow of promise for every consecrated child of God. It is through faith in our Saviour's resurrection power that we can stand at the open grave of those so dear to us, and say by the grace of God, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. When our life is hid with Christ in God, we watch and wait for the answer to our prayer. "Even so come Lord Jesus." Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face." At trumpet sound we shall see Him in all His transcendent glory, and our loved ones gloriously transfigured in His immortal light. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

Not all who die are so blessed. We cannot serve two masters as some seem to believe. It costs the world and all its allurements to be a cross bearing follower of Jesus. If there is no cross there will be

no crown. Members of the body of Christ live by faith, soberly, righteously, and godly in this present evil world. Their religion is something more than a set of rules, or a finespun theory of morals. They have learned by divine inspiration that the religion of Jesus Christ is a soul experience that requires crucifixion of the flesh, putting off the old man with his deeds, and putting on the new. In other words they have been born again, and are partakers of the Divine nature of God. God has never lowered the heavenly standard of heart purity and holiness. What He required of the early church He requires today. We go back in history to the day of the apostles, we see a Spirit filled church at its best, scattered abroad by stress of persecution, but it was a day of power. It lifted empires from their hinges and turned the then known world upside down. If the church of today is to stem the tide of worldliness and modern day infidelity they must have more than education, legislation, or ecclesiastical power. They must have the power of the Holy Ghost, the blessing of God.

Nothing but the old time religion, that stands for radical conversion will satisfy the inward longing of the soul. Oh that the fire might fall, and old fashioned revivals would come to the church. But we cannot hope for this unless our people are willing to pay the old time price for them. There is nothing between the soul and eternity but the river of death, and you will find the old time religion is good to live by, and glorious in the hour of death. It is holiness that is at home with God.

—L. M. Curry

Every Finger Was A Candle

At least a thousand of God's saints served as living torches to illuminate the darkness of Nero's gardens, wrapped in garments steeped in pitch. "Every finger was a candle."

"A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne
rejoice

In robes of light arrayed;
They climbed the steep ascent of
heav'n
Thro' peril, toil and pain,
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train."
—Mountain Trailways for Youth

Give Us A Militant Spirit, Lord

Give us a militant spirit, Lord,
Come, set our spirits on fire.
Give us a passion to share Thy
Word;
Give us consuming desire.

Give us a flaming and burning zeal
Moving us forward and on;
Help us the urgency, Lord, to feel
Till greater victory is won.

Help dear Lord, all to volunteer
Time, talents, service and all.
Burn out indiff'rence, sloth and
fear;
Challenge us with Thy call.

Baptize our souls with Thy holy
love;
Yearn through us, love through
our souls.

Center our vision on things above;
Banish all lesser earth-goals.

Give us a spirit of sacrifice,
Help us to learn how to give;
Help us to love and forget the
price,
Unselfishly help us live.

Teach us to value Thy Kingdom
most
Putting our own int'rests last,
Send in a new way Thy Holy Ghost
Helping us often to fast.

Pray through us prayers that will
shake the world,
Make us all warriors in prayer.
Keep us with banners of faith unfurled:
May we real prayer-battle share.

Help us a mighty offensive begin—
Forward for God on our knees!
Help us to conquer the hosts of sin
Praying for what Thou dost
please.

Give us a militant spirit, Lord,
Banish indiff'rence and ease;
Help us advance and obey Thy
Word,
NOW the offensive to seize.
—Selected.



Missionary Message

It's All Up To You

(Continued from last month)

"Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?..." Lamentation 1:12

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by

As you hear the small ones in cradleboards cry?

Is it nothing to you that they've heard not of Christ

Is it too much for you to pay the small price?

That Indians from darkness to Jesus might flee,

Oh, say passerby is it nothing to thee?

Is it nothing that many are longing for hope

As endlessly, hungrily in darkness they grope?

The poverty, hunger, and pain that they bear

Can easily be shared in a burden of prayer.

Our going is important, but prayer is the key.

Oh, say passerby is it nothing to thee?

Is it nothing that you can their burdens share

You can lift up the fallen in sin and despair.

Oh, show the weary that Jesus does care

By slipping alone in the closet of prayer.

Behold, you will help the blinded to see.

Oh, say passerby is it nothing to thee?

Is it nothing to thee as they dance on in shame

See them as they come, the sick and the lame.

Some lay out all night upon the hard ground

Hoping to be cured and again be made sound,

Many die in the night as the cold settles in.

Oh say passerby must they go on in their sin?

It's all up to you, all ye that pass by

You can help lift sin's load, if you only will try

It's all up to you if they die in their sin

Through prayer, to Jesus their souls you can win

Lord, give us a vision to see those in need.

Oh, say passerby for your prayers they do plead.

—Joyce Hoch

Is it nothing to you that many Indians right in our own country, America, serve the sun and the moon and the stars, that they in their pursuit of peace, happiness and freedom from sin, give themselves over to receive and worship the Devil. That in their pagan worship and dance, they dance to the enemy of their soul until their body and mind is in a frenze and they know not what they are doing. Is it nothing that many times at these dances they will lay out all night in the damp and the cold trying to appease the evil spirits and get peace for the soul. Picture with me the look in the eyes of these precious people as they think some one is dying. The eyes show one main feature, FEAR! Fear is a very common thing for these people, they face it every day. They're very superstitious and everything they do must be done in a certain way for fear the evil spirits will be displeased. It reminds me of a verse of scripture in I John 4:18 "...because fear hath torment..." How they long for real peace and contentment in their mind and soul.

One day at the mission an Indian woman was brought in from the reservation in a car. The Indians had brought her to the mission because they didn't have gas enough to go on to the city hospital. One of the missionaries there took her on to the city with some other ladies and boys. On the way, the lady died. When the missionary stopped the auto at the hospital,

the Indians disappeared. Why? Fear! Fear because they believe the evil spirits will harm you if you are around when someone dies.

There are Indians in our land that have never seen a White man. In South Dakota there are said to be some who have killed all "adventurers" who have tried to come in to them. Many of the Seminoles in Florida are very hostile. Oh, many have never heard of Christ. No, my friend you may never be able to reach them in person, but your prayers can penetrate all the darkness, all the swamps of Florida, all the bad lands of South Dakota, and all the hostile battle fronts. Our God came to seek and to save all that are lost. Yours can be a mission of prayer.

What Am I Doing Here

by Mrs. Charles Bustin

"What am I doing here?" No doubt every missionary has asked himself that question at least once, if not many times, as problems and burdens have risen to a seemingly insurmountable height, hiding momentarily from view any good that may have already been accomplished.

"What am I doing here?" he asks as the beggars flock to his door, continually interrupting his busy schedule. Perhaps he has just gotten engrossed in deep study, or attacked that stack of unanswered letters or some other task that demands uninterrupted concentration when a feeble voice calls at the front door, "Please a little charity." As these interruptions continue throughout the day the missionary, beginning to feel distressed at not being able to accomplish the work he set out to do for that day, suddenly asks himself, "What am I doing here?" Then a sweet still voice speaks reassuringly, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Divine Love

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to—then what? I imagine if we had less, we would live on less. It is easy to neglect one's God-given call and allow other things to enter in and hinder one's spiritual usefulness for God. We used to sing to those seeking to be sanctified—

"The slaying power in me display,
Let me die, let me die.
I must be dead from day to day,

Let me die, let me die,
Unto the world and its applause,
To all the customs, fashions, laws,
Of those who hate the humbling cross,

Let me die, let me die!"

As you read these lines, reader, will you examine your consecration and see if it is as complete as it once was. Do you put God first in your life? Do you consult Him at all in your daily affairs? I believe God still has some in the world who are wholly following Him, as did Joshua of old. I am praying that God will put His finger on anything in my life that might be out of harmony with His will and way for me. I am praying that He will give me strength and grace to finish this task with joy and real victory. I suppose that perhaps I did not wisely conserve and use my strength when younger, but I still feel that love for others burning in my soul. May God stir our hearts and keep us spiritually alive and willing to do more for Him. There are so many idlers in the churches who seem to be so easily satisfied. I would love to have more fire, if possible. May God help us to strive to enter in, for many, He says, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able. There must be a cause for it all. Give us more of that Divine Love in action among the churches, and among the members in the churches—love that will sever the bands and set us free.

While we were in West Virginia, I appreciated the fact that the Pilgrims, the Nazarenes, and the church of God people worked together in the meeting where we were, so that I could not tell which they were if someone didn't tell me. I believe it should be that way, the world over. God makes no difference, but says: "In every nation, he that feareth God

and worketh righteousness is accepted with him," (Acts 10:35). Salvation is obtainable in every nation under the sun, and it works the same in every nation. It saves people from their sins.

"Jesus loves the little children—

All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight;
Jesus died for all the children of the world."

May God give us more of this love!

Values

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and silently ask God to open your heart to you? Show you where you have placed the most value. Honestly ask yourself, have I been content with a mere conformity when God wants to be transformed? Where in the light of the Word of God and the searchings of the Holy Ghost do I stand spiritually. Do I really want to go to heaven and see Jesus? If we do we must begin to place the proper value upon spiritual things.



What Kingdom do you Seek

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. —St. John 3:1-8.

Christ is speaking to this inquisitive lawyer about a new order of things. He is inviting him to be born into a new kingdom. He is suggesting that he be lifted out of the material into the spiritual realm. Christ was trying to connect that which was in Nicodemus with that which he knew to be in the person of God, a new spiritual freedom, a new spiritual liberty, an antidote for the sinister influence of material existence. What kingdom do you seek?

I. Do you seek the material kingdom? If so, you will in all probability find it. You will find gold, silver, and precious stones. The Prodigal Son sought the kingdom of material things, so his father divided his wealth and gave the young man his portion. Like so many others he found that though he gained wealth for a time he lost love, and finally all his so-called friends. It is easy to gain the material things and lose the spiritual.

II. Do you seek the kingdom of knowledge? This seems to be the aim of almost everyone in this age of higher education. This is a worthy objective if we can keep our lives firmly rooted in the things of the Spirit. We can be like the farm boy who found a rock in the furrow. He carried it to a fence corner and pronounced it a nuisance. A few years later he attended a university and studied geology. On returning to the farm he examined the rock and saw in it a high deposit of ore. He had gained knowledge. If we are honest we will have to admit that most of us know less than enough.

III. Are you seeking the kingdom of the Spirit? In this kingdom you will find love and truth as well as peace. We are not trying to minimize peace. We are not trying to minimize the material kingdom or the kingdom of knowledge. We are making a special plea that we may be re-born, born into the spiritual kingdom. It is only in this way that the church will be able to keep her place as a spiritual institution. What kingdom are you seeking?

—Selected

What Am I Doing Here

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"What am I doing here?" he asks again as the church refuses to tithe or give anything toward the support of their native preacher. Disheartened, feeling all his messages on giving have been in vain, he suddenly remembers a Christian brother who stood to testify after such a message. The Christian had come to service with only four cents in his pocket. As the offering was being taken he debated on whether to give the four cents or keep it to buy a little food. On impulse he gave it all. Another man passing the place of worship a little while later, stopped and called the Christian brother outside to give him twenty cents which he felt he owed him. What a fitting testimony! The missionary remembers and a surge of hope sweeps through him as he feels assured there will be others—soon perhaps.

"What am I doing here?" the missionary wonders as the new cook must repeatedly be reminded to wash her hands with soap, wash the dishes in lots of hot soapy water, use the dish towel on dishes only, and other matters in cleanliness of extreme importance. "It would be easier to do it all myself," thinks the missionary wife. Then she remembers. Several months earlier training had begun on another promising new cook. Complainingly she had said, "We'll probably just get her trained to do things well, then she will get married, start raising a family, and we will have to train another girl." "Well, what are we here for?" the companion had gently but wisely reprimanded.

"What am I doing here?" the missionary questions as his children lay sick and trust-worthy doctors are almost a thing unheard of. At such a time the missionary must often rely upon his own limited knowledge of medicine, his doctor book, a small supply of sample medicines generously donated by a doctor friend in the States, and of course, the Great Physician. Heavy at heart, worried, his spirits suddenly lift as he is reminded of other children who are alive today because he was there with a life saving drug.

"What am I doing here?" he

ponders in his mind as people who have come to pray—to be converted—are following only for the material benefits which they think they will receive. "If I join your religion" inquires one, "will you put a new roof on my house?" "I'll join your religion," says another, "if you'll provide me with milk and flour." Discouraged? Disappointed? Yes, perhaps for a moment until the missionary remembers that when the Great Missionary walked this earth there were those who followed for the "loaves and fishes." With renewed hope the missionary thinks and prays, "Someday soon perhaps the real light of the Gospel will penetrate their darkened hearts."

What am I doing here? What are we here for? To preach? Teach? Train? Minister to the needs of the sick and poverty stricken? Yes, all that but much more. Again the words of the Master ring in the missionary's ear. "Inasmuch . . . Inasmuch . . . ye have done it unto me."

Watch Your Steps

A lad of eight years had been started quite young to Sunday School, and had become passionately fond of the man who was his teacher. One day he saw his teacher enter a saloon. So utterly astonished was he that he stepped quietly up to the door and, peeping in, saw the man drink three glasses of beer. The lad went home and told his mother, but a wound was inflicted that day upon a sensitive soul which never was healed!

To the day of his death at thirty-two, no amount of entreaty or exhortation ever succeeded in getting him again into a Sunday school, and very rarely did he ever cross the threshold of a church. During his fatal illness a devoted minister succeeded in leading him to Christ and to confess faith in Him as his personal Savior and Lord.

How many times has a tobacco-smoking, card-playing, movie-going, dancing Sunday school teacher caused a sincere pupil to stumble and fall! Those who think there is "no harm" in such sinful indulgences are sadly deceived. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." —Selected

What is Worth it All?

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"I cannot read God's future plans, But this I know, I have the smiling of His face And all the refuge of His grace While here below. Enough, this covers all my needs, And so I rest. For what I cannot, He can see, For in His love I e'er shall be Forever blest."



What Will You Do With Jesus

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died of a loathsome disease in dishonor and disgrace.

In your life and mine there comes an hour of decision when we must do something with Jesus Christ. You must either accept Him or reject Him. Many people listening to me have made the right choice and have turned to Christ, and He has opened to them a whole new, wonderful life; but many of you have chosen to reject Him and are living unhappy and discontented lives, and one day you will die a death of despair.

What will be the outcome of your choice? What will you do with Jesus, which is called Christ? Joshua said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven," (Matt. 10:32, 33).

What will you do—confess Him, or deny Him?

"What will you do with Jesus?"

Neutral you cannot be! Some day your soul will be asking: "What will He do with me?"

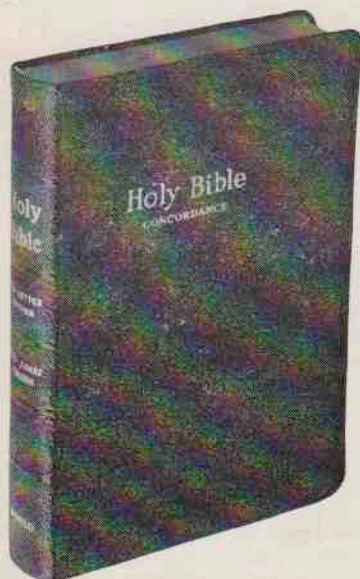
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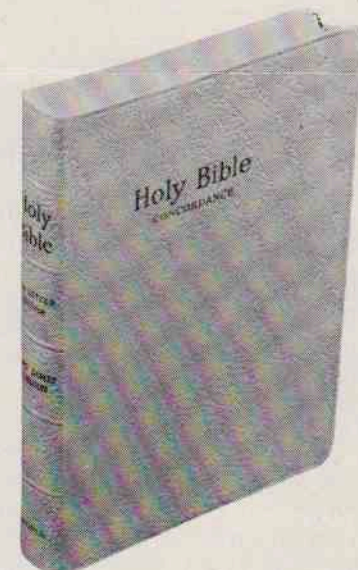
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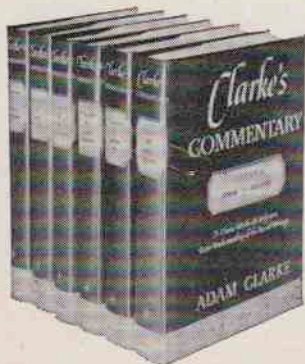
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What Will You Do With Jesus

by Raymond Pollard

Life is an endless chain of choice-making. Every day, the choice must be made about who shall be served, what road shall be taken in life, and how life shall be lived. In almost every area of life where a choice must be made, there is an expert's answer to be found.

If the question is about the physical, there is the doctor's answer. If the question is one of finance, there is the economist's answer. If the question is one of learning, there is the educator's answer.

But there is one question in the Bible that brings us face to face with an issue that no expert can settle for you or me. It is a question that Pilate asked of a crowd of people who were clamoring for the release of Barabbas rather than Jesus. Here is Pilate's question, "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" While Pilate asked that question of the crowd, in reality he asked it of himself. No one in that surging crowd could adequately answer that question for you or for me.

This question asked by Pilate is the most important question that any man can ever consider. In the answer we give is life, or death. If one answers rightly, everything that is worthwhile in life will be added. If one answers wrongly — if one makes the wrong decision regarding Christ — everything that is worth having is lost, now and forever.

Just as Jesus was on trial before Pilate, so Christ is on trial before every one of us at this moment. There comes a time in every man's life when he must make some decision as to what he will do with Jesus Christ.

First consider the Object of this Choice that every man must make. The Bible says that this man is "Jesus, which is called Christ." Perhaps you are saying now, "Well, what of that? Why should I have to make any more choice about this man than any other man? Just who is this Jesus, called Christ?"

This Christ is the sublimest fact in human history. The whole system of human civilization attests

to this fact. Every letter you write is an acknowledgement of this truth. Jesus Christ is the fulcrum of all existence and all civilization. He is the first cause, the fixed center, and the final consummation of all things.

History has well been called "His story." Before Abraham was, He is. Before fossil rocks or ice ages or geological periods, He existed. You can go back into the dim and distant ages of history and you will find that the most ancient and the most glorious of all things is outdated by this Jesus, which is called Christ.

When the last star has ceased to shine in its silver socket, and when the oceans have wept themselves to deserts, and when the mountains lie level with the plains, Christ will still be the sublimest fact in human history.

Christ is also the surest remedy for human sin. Man was originally made holy and undefiled. But sin brought ruin to the soul and body of man, and man fell; and the vile-ness with which man is afflicted is not physical, but spiritual.

But God, in His great love and mercy, has provided a sure remedy for this vileness. It is not found in "Alcoholics Anonymous," or in a psychiatrist's office. The remedy is found in Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Jesus is "the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world." The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ saves from all sin. This is the Christ who is the object of every man's choice.

Secondly, consider the Opportunities of the Choice. Every man has the opportunity to do with Christ as he chooses. There are some things that you cannot do with Christ. You cannot get rid of Him. Men have been trying this for years; but just as Herod could not kill Him, and death could not destroy Him, neither can you nor I get rid of Him. Christ stands at every turn of the road. He is the one with whom we all will have to do one day.

Neither can you mistake Christ for someone else. Satan may come as an angel of light and deceive you for awhile, but when Jesus comes and speaks to your heart, you recognize Christ for who He is. The Bible says, "He spake as one having authority." He still speaks today with the

same authority to the hearts of man.

You cannot change His terms of discipleship. He set the price nearly 2,000 years ago, and He has never marked the price down. He put the price of discipleship high. The "strait gate" has never been widened and the "narrow way" has never been broadened. If you come to Christ, you must come by way of repentance and faith.

While you cannot do these things with Christ, there are some other things you can do with Christ. You can admire Him as teacher, but reject Him as God. Some say Jesus was a good example, a moral man, a fine example, and a high idealist. He was these things, but He was more than that. He was and is the Son of God. He is "God of God, Light of light, very God of very God."

You can also admit His claims, but postpone your answer. You can believe every New Testament claim that Christ makes for Himself. You can acknowledge every claim that He has to your life; but all you need to do to be lost is to postpone your answer and put off making the right decision and allowing Him to come into your life as both Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "Today is the day of salvation; now is the accepted time."

There is one more thing that you can do with Christ. You can accept Him now, and go free from sin. You can acknowledge your sin before God, repent of it, forsake it, and accept the gift of salvation. You do not have to struggle any longer under the load of sin. You do not have to be bound by evil habits. You do not have to sell your soul for a mess of pottage. You can come to Christ and leave your sin-burden at the Cross. You can be forgiven of every sin through the precious blood of Christ.

Finally, I want you to think of the Outcome of this Choice. Some choices that you make will have no eternal significance, but what decision you make toward Christ does.

Tradition tells us that Pilate took his own life in exile by jumping from the window of a castle. Caiaphas, the high priest, lost his position and never regained it. Herod was banished in exile, and

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