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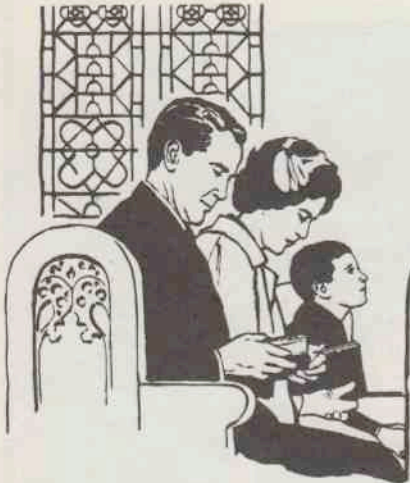
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The Father's Threefold Obligation

There are three characteristics which an ideal father should possess. First, he should be a leader in the home. I didn't say a boss or a dictator. I mean by leader that he should set the right example before his family; and I do not believe that he can do this in the fullest sense unless he is a genuine Christian. Also, he should take the initiative as to religion, both in the home and out of the home. It is his business to see that thanks are returned at the table, that family prayers are held, that the pastor is encouraged to visit the home. Besides, he should lead the way to Sunday school and church. His wife and children should not have to get him up and out to these services; he should go of his own accord and insist that the other members of the family go.

There is at least one more thing which this leadership on the part of the father should mean. He should stand for the proper type of discipline, and take the lead in it. He should not wait for the wife to do this. He is the head of the house. However, I would

add here, woe be to the wife and mother who does not stand **with** her husband as he leads in these matters. She had better not hold back on any of them or take issue with what her husband is doing, at least before the children. There must be unity in the home, and the wife must stand by her husband as he stands by the right.

Second, the ideal father supports his family. He isn't lazy. This does not mean that he is obligated to satisfy their every whim as to food and clothing, but it does mean that he, as an energetic man, does his best for them. The Bible isn't very complimentary of the man who fails at this point. It says, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8).

When a young man gets married he should remember that he is taking on a big responsibility. One very important part of it is that he will have to earn a living for himself and his family by hard work. In this connection I think of my own father. He provided well for his family by the sweat of his brow. He took very few vacations during forty or fifty years. He was on the job providing for his wife and six children. Nevertheless he didn't find it necessary to work on Sunday except in emergencies.

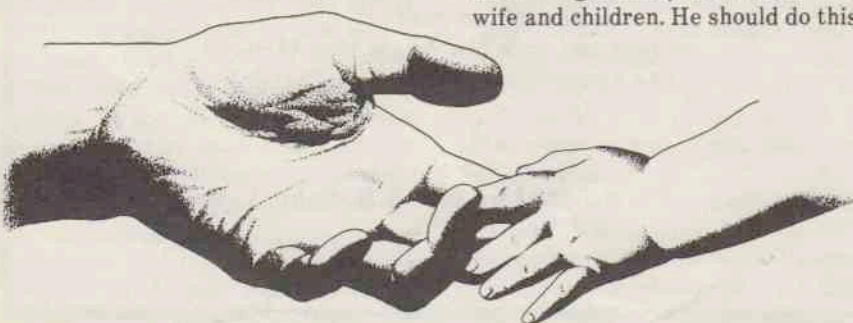
Last, the father should befriend his family. This means that he should love them — genuinely love them — his wife and children. He should do this in

spite of everything. Many homes die, or live on the border of death, because of the lack of true love on his part. But this is not the chief truth which I would emphasize in this third and last thought.

The father, along with the busy life of supporting his family, should find some time to play with and befriend his children. This is more easily done today than it used to be. Back in my father's day, men worked ten hours per day and six days each week. This did not give them much time for playing with and befriending their families. With a shorter workday and week, the father should do better now. We must not only discipline our children, we must find time to play with and befriend them. They need love, and love which is expressed in genuine interest and joy. The father who does his best for his children must spend some time with them.

What I have set forth above is an ideal, what a father should be and do. I am sure that I fell short of the ideal. I believe that I could do better if I had a chance at it again. On the other hand, the ideal which I have set up for the father is important, and every father should strive to reach it.

— By Stephen S. White



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Father

*It seemed we scarcely knew him,
In his many years on earth,
Nor realized, 'til he was gone,
His wondrous father's worth.
Too much he gave, too freely toiled
For others, all the while;
Too much we blindly let him give —
Forgetting thanks, or smile.*

*Now, looking back across the years,
Our hearts are wrung with pain,
Remembering the price he paid,
That we — his own — might gain;
He placed no price upon his deeds,
Love prompted every one;
We simply knew he filled our needs
Until his work was done.*

*Those toil-worn hands had never meant
So much to us, until,
Upon his quiet breast they lay
So white, and cold, and still;
What service they had done for us
We never paused to say,
Until we missed their ministry —
When he had gone away!*

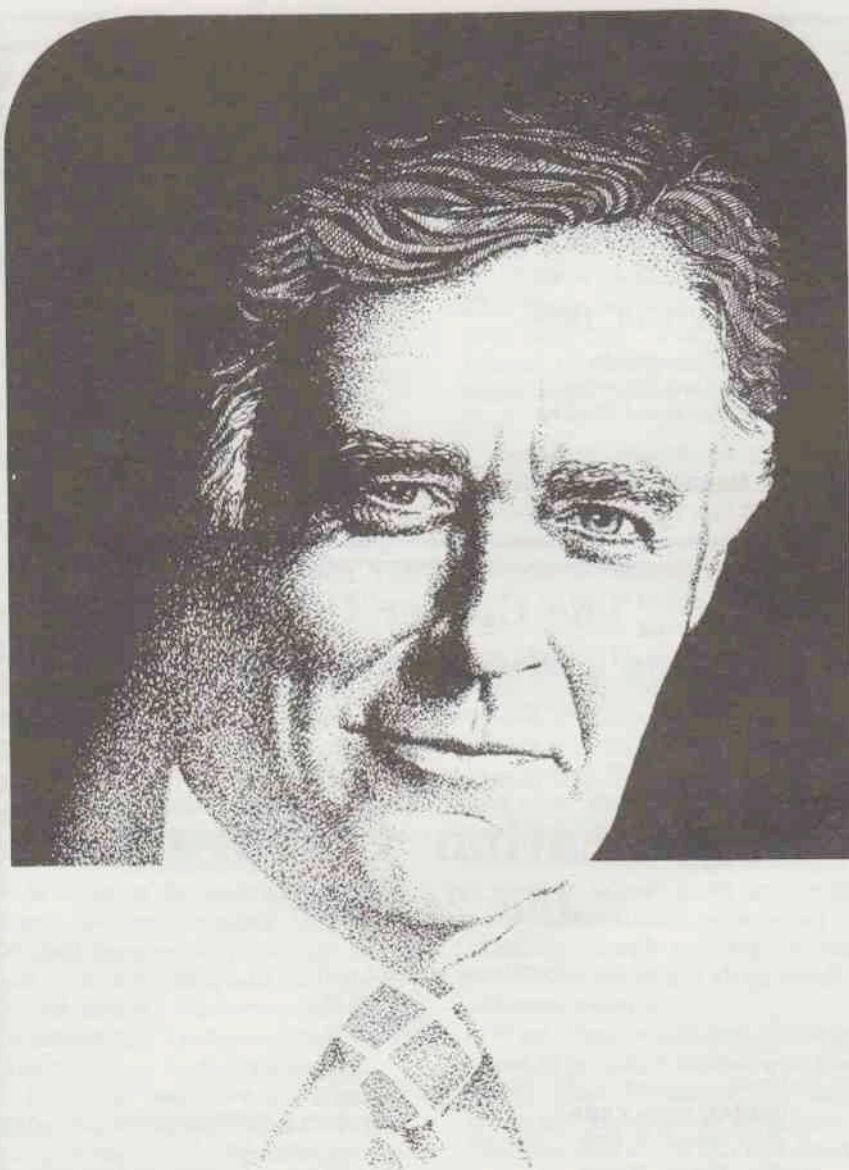
*The thin, gray hair upon his brow
Was like a halo-light,
But we had never known it —
Till he went away that night;
We longed to tell our love, at last,
And how we held him dear,
But, oh, that hour had glided past —
Our words he could not hear!*

*Heart-breaking tears! At last we saw,
With vision clear and bright,
The beauties of that noble soul
Who went away that night;
With aching hearts we knew, too late,
There never was another
so fine and true the whole way through
As him whom we called — Father!*

— Selected by Bro. H.D. Cohu, Lynnwood, Wn.

NEEDED:

FATHERS WHO CAN SAY "NO!"



Father's Day is almost forgotten after the excitement of Mother's Day. Why is this? Experience and the Scriptures make it clear that family destiny is determined by the father, the family head.

The Bible has a lot to say about fathers. In fact, it speaks of fathers several times as often as it mentions mothers and mothers-in-law combined. Evidently fathers are rather important in God's sight.

Being a real father is one of life's greatest privileges, and one of its most serious responsibilities. The role

of father cannot be over-estimated in importance. It is a trust that is anchored to eternity.

God blessed Abraham and heaped upon him the highest honors "because he will command his children and his household after him." In the New Testament it is plainly stated that "the promise is unto you, and to your children."

As Noah was commanded to build an ark "to the saving of his house," so is every man charged with the heavy responsibility of bringing his family into the "ark" provided in Christ.

Such a father will leave to his family the bigger and finer things of life. He will teach his children true values wherein genuine happiness may be found, and he will light a lamp to the high roads of nobility and truth.

About a generation ago a sturdy English farmer took his family to Australia and settled on a small sheep ranch. His nearest neighbor was ten miles away. The settlers, however, thought nothing of riding twenty or even forty miles to a central barn to spend the week-end drinking and gambling.

It came time for the newcomer to do the entertaining. He sent his two sons around the circuit with this message: "Father invites you for Saturday and Sunday as usual. There will be no cards and no liquor, only a quiet talk about Old England and the welfare of our district."

He did not expect a single guest. But one after another rode up until the whole section was represented.

"With Mother opposite him," one of the sons related, "Father said grace at the table. That night the men talked about bushmen and rabbits and fences and drought, and how to stand by each other. The next morning, as he did every Sunday morning, Father conducted prayers. This time it was before fifty of the roughest men I had ever seen assembled. But when they parted, my father, though a recent comer, was the acknowledged leader of the community."

"My father's no," said the son, "was the one thing needed to save the community. And it did."

A son wants to be like his father, so his father should be a good example. A right example will speak in thunderous tones when all a person's words will speak but in whispers.

What is your example, Father? Do you want your family to be like you? Can the members of your family say, "We are traveling home to God in the path our father trod?"

— **Morris Chalfant,**
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Rev. Paul F. Miller,

General Superintendent of the
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Gospel Band
7:00 p.m. **Rev. Herr**
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The church has been extensively remodeled:— a basement with Sunday School rooms, new Restroom facilities, new entrance way and porch, new vinyl siding, new windows, new carpet, new pulpit and pews, and more. The parking lot also been added recently.

The Lord has been helping. The church people are working. New houses are all but springing out of the ground in the area. New people are coming in. We are praying for God to move in Bucks Valley. We are encouraged.

Come, rejoice with us as we celebrate what the Lord is doing at Center Union.

— Timothy L. Cooley

Biblical Apparel

Editor's Note: This is the last of six articles on this very timely subject. Ignacio Palacios is co-pastoring the God's Missionary Home Missions Church in Donna, Texas on the Mexican border.

Conclusion: What is Biblical Modesty?

In today's society, much is heard about situation ethics — what one does depends on the situation. This philosophy is becoming popular in Christian circles as well. It is even involved in trying to determine what modesty is. The World Book dictionary's third definition of modest is: "Not calling attention to or exposing too much of one's body; decent." However, it includes the following phrase: "a modest bathing suit." In this definition, the word modest and bathing suit do not belong together. It seems that modesty is being determined according to the situation. The same dictionary in its third definition for modesty says, "a being decent or chaste," but adds a quote: "Modesty, then, appears to be a culturally determined function of clothing, and very likely not a fundamental or original purpose (Beals and Hoijer)." Apparently, Beals and Hoijer are of the opinion that modesty depends on the culture or situation.

In studying the topic of biblical apparel, we have noticed that God's original purpose in providing Adam and Eve with adequate clothing included modesty. Modesty ought not to be determined by this world's cultural standards, but by God's standards.

It is clear that there was a drastic difference in the apparel of God's people and that of the surrounding people. One might say, "That's fine for fashions of antiquity." But what is the acceptable apparel for today's people of God?

If one goes back to the New Testament, he will note that Jesus followed the customs of the Hebrew people, and His definition of modesty must have been the one of the Hebrews. John 19:23 indicates that Jesus wore at least five pieces of clothing. The Roman soldiers divided four pieces, perhaps the inner tunic, the mantle, His sandals, and His girdle, and cast lots over the last garment, which may have been the outer tunic made of one

piece. Jesus followed the Hebrews' definition of modesty in attire. The only time we hear of Jesus wearing less clothing than that which was modest, is when the soldiers shamed Him by taking His clothes, and finally crucifying Him!

The early Christians also followed the Hebrew definition of proper attire. Many fashions have come and gone since then. What, then, are the biblical principles for Christians to follow today in any culture or situation?

Let each understand the biblical definition of nudity or nakedness. Looking at Gen. 3:7 and 3:21 one will notice that "loin cloths" are not enough! According to God's plan, there is more of the body to cover than the groin. Someone who is wearing "aprons" or only enough clothing to cover the loins is still naked, according to God (Gen. 3:11, 21)! There are other scriptures which describe nudity according to God. For example, Job 22:6 says, "For thou hast stripped the naked of their clothing." How can someone be stripped of his clothing if he is already naked? According to this, nakedness is simply not wearing adequate or enough clothing. In other words, the naked are those needy of sufficient clothing.

What, then, is sufficient clothing so as not to be naked according to God's Word? Shall Christians use tunics? What are the biblical principles of Christian attire? We can find them in God's Word, and they are universal for all times and cultures.

The **first** principle is that clothes are to cover, not to uncover (Gen. 3:21) God's design was for man to be covered with glory. Since man fell, God provided adequate coverings to take the place of the missing glory. Man's fashions tend to uncover, rather than to cover.

Isa. 47: 1-3 would teach one that legs ought to be covered, for it is a shame to uncover them. Ezek. 29:18 would indicate that "peeled" shoulders are also shameful; therefore, arms ought to be well-

Ignacio Palacios

**A Study
in Six Parts**

covered. Hos. 2:2 would indicate that breasts are to be well covered, lest a woman be considered an adulteress. In fact, if we note that Job (Job 30:18) wore his garment's collar at the base of the neck, it would even shame most of us men!

The **second** principle is to distinguish between the sexes. Deut. 22:5 applies to Christians as well as to the Hebrews people. Christians are to distinguish between the sexes also in their hair (I Cor. 11:14-15).

The **third** principle is to dress simply, not showily (I Pet. 3:2-4 and I Tim. 2:9). Christians ought not to wear jewelry, costly clothing, or use fancy hair-dos. These attract attention to self, rather than glorify God.

The **fourth** principle is not to conform to this world but to God's Word (Rom. 12:2 and Zeph. 1:8). Christians must not let their definition of modesty be that of the current fashion or culture, but always be that of God's Word. God does not want Christians to dress as the ungodly or those of the world around them, but rather as the people of God.

The **fifth** and most important principle is: always dress for God's glory and honor, and not to satisfy self (I Cor. 6:19-20). Just as Christians would not smoke to dishonor God's temple and sin against His Holy Spirit, so they ought not to dress in a way that does not bring glory to Him.

The way a person dresses (to satisfy himself or glorify God) indicates the condition of the heart. If Christians use this world's principles to determine their attire, they may be falling short of what God considers modest and appropriate apparel. Shall Christians let sinful man dictate their apparel, or shall they let God speak to them through His Word and let Him determine what is appropriate apparel? May God help all Christians to seek His will, and to do it.

Correction: The Biblical reference in the March article marked as Exodus 29:18 should be Ezekiel 29:18. The Standard regrets this error.



Missionary Message

Knowing God — What A Privilege

Born in some remote place here on the island of Haiti was a man. His lot in life turned out to be a witch doctor in the mountains. He was well-known to his countrymen—not for his kindnesses, but for his wickedness. He had tried many times to do away with others, and only God knows how many times he succeeded. Being in and out of prison was his usual way of life.

One day someone got the bright idea that he was "tying up" the rain so it couldn't fall. He was not only blamed for one year of drought, but for several. Apparently his accusers knew him to be a man who was in contact with the spirit-world, and therefore they believe him to be capable of putting a curse on the rain.

His accusers this year, not willing to wait for God to send the rain, decided to take the situation in their own

hands. So, they caught the wicked witch doctor and started to beat him, stopping just before they succeeded in killing him. Then, along came some more accusers from another area, and these finished beating him until there was no more life left in him.

What a horrible life to have lived. What a horrible, unnecessary way to have died. What a horrible judgment awaits this man and his accusers—murderers they are. These are the end results of sin and heathen darkness.

What a privilege it is to know the true and living God. I'm sure you would agree with me. It's also a privilege to be able to intercede before God for the souls of this people for whom Jesus died.

I'm thinking about a woman whose family is making her funeral ar-

rangements. She will soon be an unnecessary victim of tuberculosis. She had an opportunity to be treated for the dreaded disease, but due to ignorance, superstition, lack of money, and God knows what other reasons, she refused to cooperate with those trying to help her.

My heartfelt prayer for her is that God will bring to her memory something she may have learned in the missionaries' hands. And even though it's too late for the healing of her body, she may experience complete healing of her soul. Then Jesus could take her to be with Himself where there is no ignorance, superstition, nor lack of any kind.

Thank you for praying and giving to make it possible for some of these to have the privilege of knowing a true and living God, too.

Missionary, Beverly Wing

Time of Departure At Hand

Time has flown by and our time in the states is drawing to a fast finish. It's hard to believe that our first furlough is over. Now we are returning to the field, if not as seasoned as some of our co-workers, at least, not as green as we were 3 years ago. Things will be different now—as the language barrier and culture shock encountered the first time are no longer in our way. We will be able to get right back to work. We are anxious to see the faces of our Haitian folk. I'm sure they have missed us terribly, but the time apart will be quickly forgotten as we meet again.

Speaking of time apart reminds me of our sojourn here on earth. The

Saviour has gone to heaven, on furlough, you might say, but He has promised to return. It helps me to trust the Lord more, as I realize how we told everyone in HAITI, "Don't worry, or be sad, we are going to return!" We meant it when we said it. All of our time spent back in the states has been a time of preparing to return, getting equipment etc. together—packing all with an eye on our return to Haiti. If the Haitians can trust our word, surely, surely we can trust our Lord, when He says, He's coming back again. The time of our departure from this world may not be in the too distant future either, and as the time of furlough has quickly ex-

pired itself, so will the interval of time remaining before Jesus' return, quickly pass. I hope that you have everything all packed and ready to leave, too. In the meantime pray for us as we begin our second term in Haiti, that more souls will be won to the Lord. We are expecting to see some expansion of our work during this time, both in the clinic and church. Pray that God will direct and provide the finances and sanctified man-power. Keep encouraged in Jesus our returning Lord.

The Evans family,

Rex, Karen and Margaret

Behavior In The House of God

by Isham C. Holland

St. Paul's instruction to Timothy gives us the above caption:

"These things write I unto thee * * * that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

While the general teaching of the chapter has to do with those who conduct the affairs of the church, the matter of behavior in God's house, by all, is of vital importance.

We should all understand that preachers, deacons and church officers should all conduct themselves and the affairs of their respective offices in a most serious and sincere manner. We are all going to be called to give an account of our stewardship. The tendency to make God's house into a playhouse ought not to overtake us. Our attitude, on approaching any service at the church, should be controlled by the thought: "This is God's house. I am going, to talk to Him, and to hear Him speak to me. I am approaching the Presence of the Great King. A part of eternity is wrapped up in this service."

The pulpit is no place for clowns to disport themselves in relating all the jokes — some of them of questionable nature — which they have lately heard, and which have neither point nor place in Gospel preaching. The nearly - pointless ramblings of some of our "messages" are indications that we have not really prepared to preach or teach. We have been insincere with God who called us, and unfaithful to the people who look to us for help.

And what of those who come to church to sleep? Often, our attention is turned to the text, "Sleep on, now, and take your rest." Doubtless the writer has put to sleep his share by not being interesting, but I refuse to

take credit (or blame) for the fellow who is asleep before the end of the second song. We do not want to injure anyone or turn anyone away. If it is the best that can be done, by all means let them come to church and not stay at home. We would not want to embarrass needlessly that person who has a physical infirmity, nor the person who lost a night's sleep in caring for a sick child, nor the one who after working until midnight still perseveres and comes to the services on Sunday morning. Some "break the Sabbath" by overtaxing themselves on the day or night before the Lord's Day. Some young people I knew made a practice for some time of spending hours each Saturday night, and far into the early morning hours, in visiting their friends at an all-night drive-in eating place. Then on Sunday morning they would slump down in the pew at church like hibernating sloths, and get nothing from the service. Others — not exclusively young people — gad about all Sunday afternoon. Then they come into the evangelistic service so physically and emotionally "wrung out" that they make no positive spiritual contribution to the meeting.

Particularly reprehensible are those who come to church principally to talk. The house of God is a social center in the sense that it is a good place of friendly Christian association; yet it is first and foremost a spiritual center. Some of us feel that when the services begin, the visiting and gossiping should stop. It is a shame bordering on criminality when during a Sunday school class or a preaching service, certain individuals set up an incessant buzzing that disturbs others, robs themselves, and is an insulting and unmannerly affront to the teacher or preacher. Often as not, the chief offenders are not young people, either. The teacher may have spent a

week mining out spiritual truths to make the class period interesting and informative. The minister may have spent many hours in prayer and preparation — a work that borders, at times, on an agony of concern — in order to hold up to his people the glories of Christ, the path of victory and safety, and the realities of the eternity to come — but no matter! It falls on deaf ears of careless souls who are engaged in telling some vastly important thing that one of the witty grandchildren has said, or in reporting on the progress of somebody's arthritis, or relating the contents of the last letter from some second cousin in a distant state.

Once, while seated by an old preacher in a service, I noticed that he was doing some writing, and supposed that he was jotting down some scripture references or taking notes on the speaker's message. Then, to my great surprise, he presented to me his amazing mathematical findings which showed that since Solomon had 1,000 wives and concubines, this would mean that there was a wedding at the royal palace on the average of one every two weeks for over thirty-eight years!

And what of the fellow who, because he did not like the preacher, spent the time of the whole service reading his Bible? How much spiritual good may have been derived is certainly open to question. Such an exhibition of lack of good manners and of good religion alienates friends, antagonizes others, and hinders the cause of God.

Gum chewing in a church service would not be the most irreverent thing, of course, but it certainly would not make much of a positive contribution. What preacher is there who has not noticed the person who seems to be racing with time in a frantic at-

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Doors Of The Bible

Dr. William S. Deal



A Door of Friendship

On the slopes of Mt. Olivet there nestled the little town of Bethany. It was only a short distance from the city of Jerusalem, with its dense population and hurry and bustle. Often after the evening shadows began to fall and the stars peeked through the blue above, the Master and His disciples could be seen winding their way down the road toward Bethany. Perhaps there had been a long hard day of teaching, healing, and helping people with their pro-

blems and sorrows. The Master was weary from work — for even Jesus was human and was often weary and needed rest, despite the fact that He was the Son of God. His physical body became tired and needed rest.

Upon reaching Bethany He would turn down a certain path toward a neat and comfortable house. As he came before it, there always faced Him the large door in the front, either standing ajar, or awaiting His gentle rap for admission. This was the door leading into the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They were friends of Jesus. Here he spent many hours of pleasure and rest from His many burdens and cares.

This door speaks of **true friendship**. Whatever came and went in the course of the Master's successes or reverses, He knew He always was welcome here. During the last hours of His life on earth, when the multitudes had turned against Him, He knew He still had true friends inside this door. These friends were not like so many today who will be friendly as long as everything is going well, but will turn their backs and forsake one when he is in trouble. They were true to the end. That is the kind of friends Jesus needs everywhere. When His cause is suffering, when other people are talking about His people and making fun of His church and His work, or even persecuting those who live for Him, then is when we need to draw closer to Him and never give up.

Again, this door speaks of **Christ's friendship** for the members of this home. We are told that Jesus loved these friends. It did not seem to them that He really did one day when Lazarus became ill and Jesus did not even come to see him. Worse still, He just let him die and they had to bury him; then He finally came. The sisters were quite disturbed about it all, but Jesus had a purpose in it. He wanted them to see that He had power over even old Death. So they went out to Lazarus' grave, and when Jesus spoke to him, Lazarus came out of the grave, even after he had been dead four days! Now they were happier than ever. They **KNEW** now that Jesus did love and care, and that this Friend understood better than they what was best. They knew the meaning of the proverb that says, "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Yes, Christ is our truest friend. We must never let Him down. He will certainly never let us down.

Third, this door speaks to us of the **spiritual unity** which friendship with Jesus will impart among believers. It was this fellowship with Christ which later brought Mary to an intimate acquaintance with so many other fine Christian people in Palestine. There are six Marys mentioned in the New Testament, and this Mary, sister of Lazarus, was of course one of them. What wonderful fellowship resulted in their friendship with Jesus. This is true in our lives today. Our friendship with Christ will result in the friendship of many others of His people. This will greatly enrich our lives and make us happier.

Finally, this door of friendship speaks to us of **opportunity**. It is the highest privilege in all the world to have Jesus as our Guest. The next is to have His people as our guest, for in doing this for them we are really doing it for Him. But there was another opportunity which they had when Jesus was there. There were many Jews who came to see Mary and Martha when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. And when they saw this miracle, they believed on Jesus, too. So this door of friendship became the opportunity to win new ones to Christ. So our homes will also become places for winning others to Him if we make Him our chief Friend.



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June is a month for rejoicing! Children and young people are free from the rigors of another school year. They are anticipating a summer of leisurely activity, void of quizzes and tests! The adult population is waiting for a well deserved vacation from their various places of employment. For the graduate it is a time adjustment. Adjusting to a new walk of life and way of living. For the Christian, it is a time for planning various ways of reaching out into our community with the message of full and free salvation. Vacation Bible Schools are being planned. Tent meetings are scheduled and various other activities are on the agenda. It is the prayer of the Home Missionary Department that every one of these endeavors will produce much fruit! Pray for our Home Missionary churches as they engage in their outreach in some form of evangelization this summer. It is the responsibility of the church to take the gospel to every creature, and that begins at our door step!

Summer is also a time for camp-meeting. Those special places of spiritual retreat where we gather for Christian fellowship and Scriptural enlightenment. Let's make an effort to get to some good camps this summer and have our souls fed and our hearts

stirred!

This is also the time of year for pastoral changes in our churches. Several Home Mission churches are changing pastors this year. We would appreciate your prayers that God would direct the right man to the right congregation. I believe that God has a man that is suitable for every situation. It is vitally important for the sake of God's work that congregation and pastor be compatible. This is a very apprehensive time of year for both pastor and congregation so let's believe together that God's grace will be sufficient at this time.

The complete total for the Easter offering hasn't been compiled yet, but as of this writing \$5500.00 has come in for the purchase of the trailer in Donna, Texas. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for every gift that was given, large or small. We only need \$3500.00 to have the trailer paid in full. Might we believe together that the need will be totally met and paid in full in the very near future. If you haven't contributed to this need, there is ample time for you to send your offering. Let us hear from you today if God is laying it on your heart to give!

In closing let me say that it has been a real joy this past conference

year to visit the churches and camps and represent the Department of Home Missions. You have been so kind and gracious to accept us into your midst. Our prayer is that in the coming year, new territory will be taken for the Lord, and the strong holds of Satan be torn down. May the Lord bless you today!

Give Thanks

*"Give thanks to God
And humbly pray
To serve Him well
This new-born day.*

*Give thanks to God
For friends and flowers,
For sunn days
And cooling showers.*

*"Give thanks to God,
Fill well your part;
Let love divine
Possess your heart.*

*"Give thanks to God,
His bounty see;
Be still and know,
Just grateful be."*

— God's Revivalist

BEHAVIOR IN THE HOUSE.....

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tempt to beat out the last bit of flavor in a piece of gum? It is almost enough to give the observer the jaw-ache in a voracious sort of way.

The people who save their fingernail trimming until during the Sunday morning service must come in here for their share, also. This one fellow would look up occasionally to the speaker and grunt approval on some point, then down at this fingernail, and snip! So up, then down, then snip! And the lady, so well taught in some forms of etiquette that she would not pick her teeth in public, yet manicures her nails in church. What concentration on cuticle and nail! The issues of eternity must wait. It seems to me that these personal chores — just like peeling potatoes and brushing one's teeth — should be done at home.

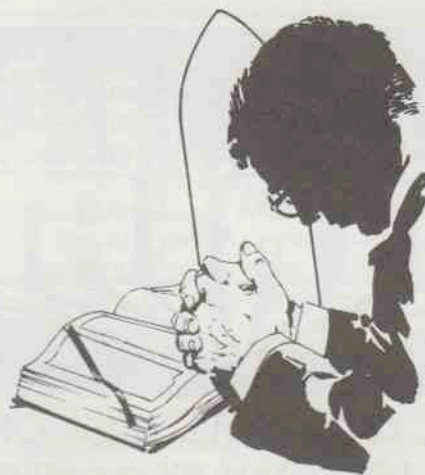
No one can say how many strangers have been turned away from our services because they were not permitted to hear what was said. No one knows how many spiritually-hungry people who may have become honest inquirers have been disgusted by noise and disturbance that stole away the Word of Life from them and sent them back worse than when they came!

Why can we not get most of our talking done outside of the services? Why must young people write notes or whisper during prayer? Why will parents bring the most noisy toys which, when dropped by their little ones, make such a clatter on the church pew or floor? They may be "little angels" (potentially), but they are "little hyenas" (actually) when allowed to tear up song books, destroy church furnishings, disturb the services, and distress and disperse the worshipers. Parental toleration of rowdiness in their children borders on criminal neglect and contributing to the spiritual delinquency of minors.

Here we enter our plea for a serious consideration of the necessity of true worship without distraction in the house of God. People are carrying burdens, and need a lift in bearing them. Others have lost their way and need a light to guide them back home. Inexperienced youth and "the wayfarer" need to be instructed in the infallible Word of God. Everyone needs fresh, inspiring contact with God.

Let us strive to make each service what God wants it to be — an oasis in the desert of these barren times — and to make the church the gateway to heaven for pilgrims on the path of life.

The Answered Prayer



*He asked to be made like his Savior;
God took him right at his word,
And sent him a heart-crushing burden
Till the depths of his soul was stirred.*

*He asked for a faith strong, yet simple;
God permitted the dark clouds to come,
And he staggered by faith through the darkness,
For the storm had quite obscured the sun.*

*He prayed to be filled with a passion
Of love for lost souls, and for God;
And again in response to his longings
He sank 'neath the chastening rod.*

*He wanted a place in God's vineyard;
He took him away from his home
And placed him among hardened sinners
Where he humanly stood all alone.*

*He asked to lean hard on the Savior
Who took human props quite away,
Till no earthly friend could give comfort,
And he could do nothing but pray.*

*I saw him go out to the vineyard
To harvest the ripening grain;
His eyes were still moistened with weeping —
His heart was yet throbbing with pain.*

*But many a heart that was broken,
And many a wrecked, blighted life,
Was made to thank God for his coming,
And rejoiced in the midst of the strife.*

*He had prayed to be made like the Savior,
And the burdens He gave him to bear
Had been but the Great Sculptor's teaching,
To help answer his earnest prayer.*

— Author Unknown.



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Christian greetings to our Standard Family! We appreciate your interest in our school, that causes you to read this page every month.

The past school year is now history and we are grateful to the Lord for a place like Penn View where students were again permitted to attend for their training for the Christian ministry.

Recently I was speaking to several businessmen not more than 70 miles from the school, and to my surprise they had never heard of Penn View. What a privilege to tell them about the school and report to them some history concerning our school. They were very interested and wished to

learn more.

Through the years Penn View has been consistently training youth who are now out in many areas of the world, serving the Lord. One of the rich experiences students have by attending Penn View is the privilege of going out in the summer months for mission internship. This summer is no different. Students and faculty alike are out there in the mission field ministering.

Our music director and his family (The Barry Masons) are on a small island in the Bahamas ministering in children's meetings; Academy teacher, James Susan, and his wife

are helping in a building project in Haiti; and Susannah Gutierrez has left for the entire summer in Papua New Guinea.

Jonathan Gutierrez will be in Donna, Texas, helping in the Mexican mission, plus some ministry in Mexico; Ben Zeigler and John Peabody are in Arizona ministering among the Indians; Jason Ellis left from Belize, working with the EWM staff; and Sandy Mosenthin will be in the mountains of Mexico for VBS. Let us join in prayer for these youth and adults that they may have a fruitful summer.

This year marked 15 years of service as faculty members on the campus of PVBI for Dean McIntire and Barry Mason. These brethren have served well. Many students are successful in the Lord's vineyard today, with much credit going to these men for their class instruction and lives lived. May the blessing of the Lord continue to be upon them as they continue in Christian ministry.

Academic Dean Timothy Cooley will give you the picture of the fall term prospects. I do rejoice that Penn View is growing; and we give God the glory!

NEW STUDENTS

We have received quite a number of applications. We are anticipating more applications through the summer. It is not too late if you have not sent yours in.

NEW FACULTY

Mr. Charles Moon will be joining the Institute faculty this fall. He is a graduate of Anderson School of Theology with the Master of Arts in Religion (Major in Church History). He will be teaching Bible, some History and a new course in Mechanics. We welcome him to the Institute faculty.

NEW COURSES

We will be offering several new courses this year:

Practical Christian Living I and II is a practical study intended to lead the student into a satisfying Christian

experience. This one-hour course, to be continued second semester, will stress personal inductive Bible study, a notebook on personal prayer requests and answers, and class interaction on ideas that have been meaningful in the prayer lives of the students. The course is structured for freshmen and sophomores.

Through this course, the student should develop: 1) A personal relationship with God, maintained by a daily fellowship in the Word and in prayer, 2) Practice in personally discovering and applying truth from the Bible, and 3) Closer attention to his prayers and the specific answers he receives.

Christian Beliefs is intended as an introductory level Bible doctrine course. A survey of our basic teachings, it develops a foundational theology and prepares students for the more advanced Systematic Theology. The basic doctrines of the Christian faith are established by Bible studies. Students will be made aware of the best Scriptural references in each area.

Topics covered include Faith, Scripture, God, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, Man, Sin, Salvation (including Justification, Regeneration, Sanctification, Glorification), the Church, and Prophecy.

Through this course, the student should: 1) Grow in the knowledge and likeness of Christ, 2) Participate in inductive and topical Bible studies in order to assemble the various teachings of the Bible into a pattern that will give him a concept of the overall teaching of Scripture, and 3) Understand the basic teachings of the Wesleyan-Arminian position.

Mechanics is being developed to give students a basic understanding of how to maintain a vehicle and make small repairs.

The Freshman English courses have been restructured to strengthen the students' ability to understand what they read and to produce better written compositions.

— Timothy L. Cooley
Academic Dean

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