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### Out of This Life

Out of this life I shall never take  
 Things of silver and gold I make.  
 All that I cherish and hoard away  
 After I leave, on this earth must stay.  
 Tho' I have toiled for a painting rare  
 To hang on the wall, I must leave it there  
 Tho' I call it mine, and boast it's worth  
 I must give it up when I leave this earth.  
 All that I gather, and all that I keep,  
 I must leave behind when I fall asleep.  
 And I often wonder what I shall own  
 In that other life, when I pass alone.  
 What shall they find, and what  
 Shall they see, in the soul that  
 Answers the call for me?  
 Shall the Great Judge learn  
 When my task is through,  
 That my spirit has gained some riches too?  
 Or shall at last, it be mine to find  
 That all I'd worked for I'd left behind?  
 —Author Unknown

### The Corrupt Tree

On the sixteenth limb of the Corrupt Tree let us write drunkenness. (Gal. 5:19-21) "Drunkenness is the state of being drunk with or as with strong drink: alcoholic liquor so that the use of the faculties is materially impaired." (Web. Dic.)

It seems that words fail us to know how to write about a subject with such terrible consequences. My heart's desire is to write something that will touch the hearts of each reader and cause a vehemence to be created to such an extent that you would never touch liquor of any kind and would also warn others with a force from God that they, too, would never touch it. It is a curse among mankind. It isn't the drunkard that staggers down the street or is lying in the gutter that causes young people, or others, to start drinking. Such is repulsive to most people. But it is the well behaved business man or the prosperous neighbor who

"drink or let it alone" or who drinks moderately, who influences the young to start drinking. But how terrible the results. Statistics show that one out of every seven who start drinking will become an addict or drunkard. Does not common judgment tell you to leave it alone? A few drinks cut down your normal reactions from ten to twenty per cent. That is one contributing factor to many deaths on the highway, and accidents otherwise.

Excessive drinking so cuts down the normal intake of protein, vitamins, and minerals that often drinkers suffer severe nutritional deficiencies. Most of them have disturbed liver and other diseases which need not be but for drink. Shun it, stay away from it, abhor it, touch it not! It means slow death.

Children who are born into the world who have parents who drink are affected in some way by it. Dr. Andre Mignot, an eminent physician in France says, "That which one must fix in one's mind and must repeat to others again and again is that the intoxication of one day, a single day, on the mother's part can be catastrophic for the little one she is carrying. It can cause malformations which may perpetuate themselves to numerous generations." May God help the mothers of our nations to wake up and take warning. How sad it makes us feel when we read of the increase of the use of alcohol among women.

Much could be written on this subject about its evils. We trust something has been written that will help someone to never start drinking and if you are a moderate drinker that you will make a vow before the Lord that you will never touch it again. But we want to also give a word of encouragement to those who are under its influence and cannot, in their own strength, quit. There is deliverance through the blood of Jesus Christ. God is able to deliver and set you free. Many have been delivered and it is for you also. One brother said that he was praying and asked God to take the desire away from him for liquor as he confessed his sins, and he said that God spoke to him and made him have the assurance in his very soul that he would never HAVE to drink again, and

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he didn't. We should believe God and His power to deliver. Drunkenness is one of the works of the flesh and Jesus died on the cross to save us from all sin.

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things." Prov. 23:29-33. May God bless all to have faith for their every need.

The Corrupt Tree (Matt. 7:16-21) will be cast into the lake of fire. Those who have any of these fruits need to confess them here, now! Ask God to forgive you and get rid of them before death overtakes you. May the Lord bless you.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.

### -----:----- Cigarette Smoking

Briefly I shall endeavor to show the effects of cigarette smoking as an evil and very ruinous to the human body and defiling to the soul of the user.

First, it is an acquired habit and may be inherited through parents who use it.

I shall quote a few brief statements from "Essentials of Health," a high school Physiology, made to teach the students the effects of cigarettes upon the human body:

1. "It lessens the natural appetite for food because of indigestion." It affects the nervous system, which directly acts on the stomach and has much to do with ulcers and cancerous conditions, of throat, lungs, and stomach.

2. "Some brands of cigarettes have opium mixed in its ingredients, which creates a desire for narcotics." In itself it is a habit forming drug which calls for strong drink. Many inveterate smokers are habitual drinkers. Cigarettes destroy the will power; and as a proof, not many will give up its use—can not, as the will is under its influence so that one can not make up his mind to quit.

3. "Some cigarette papers contain a small percent of arsenic" which is a deadly poison.

4. The deadly fumes from cigarette smoke inhaled into the lungs causes in many cases consumption. Did you ever notice the fingers of those who hold cigarettes in them? The yellow, sallow color is the stain from the smoke; the lungs look the same. (Quotations from "Essentials to health.")

One time I was finishing a house for a young husband and wife. They had a small child, perhaps five months old, which was lying on a quilt under a nearby shade tree. The child was extremely poor and was crying and fretting all the day. I became very much interested and made its case a close observation. I soon saw that both its parents were cigarette smokers; and saw also the reason for the child's ill health. It was getting its food through its natural food source,

yet polluted by nicotine from its mother. This stirred my soul, so I began to study the effects of nicotine on children reared under the circumstances we have just mentioned. I am giving you the facts I learned by studying Physiologies and books on health. With thousands of children reared under these conditions, don't you think it is time we should faithfully warn parents of the causes of many premature deaths? Others are carrying some kind of diseases that are sapping their lives. I met a man who is now a faithful minister, but at one time smoked five packages of cigarettes every day. He kept this up for a long time, drinking intoxicating liquors, until he had a stroke; but he gave his heart to God and God saved him from all these habits, healed him of that stroke, and now he is a New Testament minister in the church of God.

Now let us do some figuring: Five packages at twenty cents means an expense of \$1.00 per day; and thirty days per month would mean an out put of \$30.00 per month. Now we multiply this by twelve months, which would mean \$360.00 per year, and for a period of forty years, \$14,400.00—enough to buy a good home, besides his health gone, stopped by a stroke and God's saving power. This same man drank \$90.00 worth of whiskey and other intoxicants each month. For a forty year period his cigarette and whiskey bill would be \$57,640. Can YOU see any reason for using this deadly stuff? Suppose a more reasonable smoker would use two packs per day at 15 cents each. What will he spend in forty years?—\$21,600.00, which is enough to buy a good home and help the Lord's work. Besides, the non-smoker saves health and doctor bills.

Now we come to the greatest evil, I think, and one that is destroying the very vitals of American manhood and womanhood. And that is the effect of cigarette smoking on women rearing a family. The expectant mother who smokes is killing the unborn babe. The nicotine absorbed through the system by inhaling the smoke and conveyed through the natural source of the babe's food, causes the unborn child to get the distilled nicotine, which dwarfs its growth, poisons its system, and in many cases causes premature births in which the child is born dead. The nursing mother poisons the child (if it is born alive) through inhaling the smoke. The nose and lungs become a distillery for nicotine which in turn goes to the nursing mother's stomach and the child gets it thus through the mother's milk glands. As a result, only a small percent arrive to maturity because of heart disease, consumption, and many other diseases such as stomach troubles, dropsy, infantile paralysis, and lunacy.

We have been giving the dangers from the physical side in brief, but if you will examine any of our school books you will find much more than I have written concerning this. Now we look to the spiritual side. God did not create in man an appetite for smoking. It is acquired and classed as filthy, abnormal, and impure. God said, "Let us make man in our image" Gen. 1:26. Can you imagine the God of heaven smoking? Surely not! Paul said that we are his

(God's) workmanship. Eph. 2:10: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves [throw it away] from all filthiness of the flesh [acquired appetites] and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7:1. No Christian with any degree of light can use these things and keep clear in his soul.

Smoking makes a slave of its user and he becomes so bound by its cravings that he may even lie and steal to get the thing his appetite craves. The habit masters him. (Rom. 6:16). Smokers sometimes get what is known as "smokers' blindness" and premature blindness comes as a result. God expects us to use our eyes for His glory.

Reader, I have tried to show you the evils of cigarette smoking. You may have become a slave, but Jesus, the one who loves you, can destroy the very appetite and let you go free as though you had never smoked in your life. Acts 26:18 and Col. 1:13, 14. Turn your case over to the Lord and He will help you. Though your bodies have become diseased through these vile habits, God will heal you and make new creatures out of you. (2 Cor. 5:17). If you should receive any help, I shall truly be thankful to God and shall be greatly paid for my small effort to help men and women in whom Jesus is interested and for whom he died.

—E. M. Zinn

### *The Church of God*

The burden of my heart is for the church of God which is the Bride of Christ. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev. 21:2. I am thankful for the saints of God. I realize we are living in a time that worldliness is trying to take over, but God wants us to lift up a standard for the people. There are many who at one time stood for the truth in its fulness but now the spirit of the world seems to have entered their hearts. But I am thankful for the faithful few who are willing to help the truth keep marching on. Praise God!

I John 2:15, 16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." This Scripture makes us to know that we are to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. The life that we live is surely going to have its effect on others. God requires us to live a pure and holy life. In order to live a life that is pleasing in the sight of God we must give up the world. There are very few who are willing to do so. Truly there is a need for more humility. Many seem to put the cares of this life before God. There needs to be less bowing to men and more submitting to God.

A child of God is willing to measure up to His Word and walk in the light as it shines on his pathway. A person that goes along disobeying the Lord and not willing to measure up eventually finds himself no longer a child of God but a servant of the devil.

We must have a desire to please the Lord at all times. It means much to obey Him. There are some who seem to think there is one standard for the young and another for the old, but it is not so. There is one Bible standard for us all to live by.

This is not a time to be slack and unconcerned but let us be up and about our Father's business. It will be a terrible thing to stand before the judgment bar of God and be weighed and found wanting.

Are you adorning the doctrine? There are quite a number of by-paths and the devil is going about causing souls to get off this highway of holiness. My soul is stirred to be up and about my Father's business. We don't hear of many souls being born into the church of God. Let us search ourselves and see if it is something we have neglected to do. Have we laid aside every weight? I feel that if more weights are laid aside then the spirit of God can fully have His way with us. There is strong opposition coming against the church in this evil day and time. Saints, it is going to take much fasting and prayer for us to have complete victory. By the help of the Lord the victory is ours.

It is not wisdom to fellowship everyone that comes along because we realize that 2 Cor. 6:14-18 tells us: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

—Irene Andrews.

### *We Shall Reap What We Sow*

We shall reap the seeds we sow,  
It matters not how far we go;  
We may laugh and play along,  
But we shall reap the deeds of wrong.

Subtile Satan lurks about—  
Be sure your sins will find you out.  
His work is to cast men down,  
It matters not where they be found.  
Tho rich or poor, high or low,  
He leads them to Eternal woe.  
If men would only stop to think  
Ere in the fiery lake they sink!

God is love and hath made the way  
For us to escape on the Judgment Day,  
If we follow Him who died in our place  
To save to the uttermost the human race.  
Salvation is a free gift to all that call,  
But to be saved, it will cost you your all.

—Goldie Curtis.

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**Editorials**

The Lord has been taking care of his work at Faith Publishing House, which he has us carrying on for him. The devil has been rebuked and his intentions belittled many times by the clever working power of God. The tracts, books, booklets, and papers have been kept going out in a steady stream to all parts of the world, and according to reports from the field, much good has been and is being done.

The Lord's workers at his print shop are extra busy at this time of the year. We are now getting the July issue of "Faith and Victory" paper ready to print, after which the workers will be on vacation until about the middle of August. As usual, there will be no "Faith and Victory" issued for August; however the August Bible lessons will be sent out to subscribers of the same or anyone who requests one or more. It will be needful for someone to be at the office to answer letters, fill tract orders, and do other necessary work which is always developing. My wife and I are looking to the Lord for guidance, and feel at present it is his will for us to attend the Hammond, La. camp meeting which convenes June 27 (this month). We also expect to attend the Monark Springs, Mo. National Campmeeting, if the Lord wills it so. We shall surely be glad to meet the saints again at these meetings. Also, any of our readers who may be there and those who are getting loose from sectism and seeing the truth of the evening light will be appreciated at the camp meetings. Quite a number of folks have taken their stand against the Trumpet sectish worldly religion and are claiming to be back to the old time truth in the crucified way, but on investigation we find that they have traveled along with that worldly compromise so long that they have some of the sectish ways with them that will eventually make them just like the mother. The Lord, by direct leadings, took us out of that thing in 1917. He has enabled us to hold against it steadfastly and uncompromisingly unto this day; and, by His grace and wisdom, we expect to continue right on as he leads the way and makes it possible for us to do so.

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It was forty years ago the 13th day of June (this month) that we landed in Guthrie, Oklahoma, having come by direct leadings of the Lord. We came here from Clovis, New Mexico in a 1915 Ford car, bringing my wife and four children and practically all of our household belongings with us in the car. At that time the Lord had never revealed to us what was in store for us in the future and we were practically like Abraham. We went out not knowing whither we went.

Those of you who wish to know about our life and God's dealings with us for the past forty years can find it in our book, entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings." It is a 224-page book and will be sent to any address in the U. S. A. for the small sum of fifty cents post paid. Quite a number of souls have found their way to the Lord and His salvation by reading this book. You should have one for yourself and some to loan out to work for the Lord.

It would be hard for me to find words to write and make clear the many joys and sorrows that followed our move to Guthrie. In some of the most prolonged and severe trials the Lord taught us lessons that we shall never forget. He made us to know what it meant for the just to suffer for the unjust and how often it is needful for us to stand still and see and know that HE IS GOD and let Him open up ways and supply needed means. By experience we have learned that many times the devil will get otherwise well-meaning Christians to work things around so they can use God's little ones or the work of God to gratify their own selfish desires. Such work as that will bring burdens and hardships upon those whom God has called to be ambassadors for Him. I am persuaded that very few of our readers know or understand how hard and in many cunning ways the devil works against the publishing of the clean Gospel by the printed page. He does all he can to hinder it or to destroy it, and that through professors of like stripe who ignorantly persecuted Jesus and finally slew him on the cross. Satan hates anyone who will drag him out in the open. He loves darkness. The Lord has had us on the front of the battle for the past forty years, and, as Paul says, "We are not ignorant of his devices." We find that he uses human wisdom to deceive and fool many of God's little ones. His agents put on a pious voluntary humility which brings many under bondage, and in that way they use their strength and means to foster and build up false systems. Jude tells us about some whom he met in his day. In the 16th verse he says about them, "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words [human wisdom] having men's persons in admiration because of advantage." The remaining words of Jude's epistle have been a great comfort to me in the many battles against the encroachments of Satan. Brethren, pray for us and the work He has entrusted to our care as a servant of the church. We are surely living in perilous times and the waves are roaring. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and not on the stormy waves and go down as Peter did when he started to walk to the Lord on the water. Let us obey the last verses of Scripture in Jude's epistle and keep alive in Christ. Then we can meet Him in that day wearing a robe of righteousness. May God bless each of our precious souls.

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In the eleventh chapter of 1 Cor. the apostle Paul is writing about the bread and wine being symbols of his broken body and of his blood sacrifice for our sins and in the 26th verse we read thus, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." In the next verse he pronounces awful curses on those who partake of it unworthily. In the 28th verse we read, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

The important thought in these Scriptures is the need of one examining himself by comparing his words and deeds with the Word of God. In John 14:23 we read, "If a man love me he will keep my words." All the truth taught in the Bible are words of God to us. We who have received the Spirit of God have the promise of being guided into all truth (John 16:13) and more especially the New Covenant teachings found in the New Testament, for we read in Matt. 17:5, the voice of God from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; HEAR YE HIM."

In the tenth chapter of Luke and the 25th verse we read of a lawyer who asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life? Then Jesus asked him a question and said, "What is written in the law?" The lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus said, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." One who obeys this Scripture in loving the Lord would certainly be far from being spiritually weak and sickly for he would be obeying all other teaching of the Word. He could love his enemies as Christ did, he would have all fleshly lusts crucified, all earthly things which was in his hand would be used to the furtherance of the cause of God and he would give freely as the Spirit led him to do, and he would not slander any one, he would not flaire his brother's faults around, nor in any way speak reproachfully or in any way to injure his brother's influence for good. He would prefer his brother rather than himself, all of his labors, words and deeds would be done with an eye single to the glory of God. He would think of God and the need of souls when he made his will and would not leave the largest portions to his unsaved children to squander upon their fleshly lusts.

He would not be like the rich man Jesus told us about recorded in the 12th chapter of Luke who just thought within himself what to do with his goods. He did not consult the Lord about it at all. He thought only of his selfish interests. He was going to have ease, eat, drink, and be merry. What did God say unto this man? It is written that he said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" Listen to the instruction of the Lord, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Some one may think if he had plenty, he would give freely unto the cause of God. I fear lest you may misjudge yourself for the rule is in practice today. If one does not give of the little that God puts into his hand, he will not give much were He to supply him plentifully. Some folks think that when they give of their substance for the cause of God that they have done a lot. The fact is they have only taken of what God has given them and have given it back to God. Jesus says, if ye give a cup of cold water unto a little one it would be as unto Him and you would not lose your reward. Giving of our substance to needy ones or to the cause of souls being saved is as essential to our soul's welfare as the air

or breathing is to your body.

We are taught in the first verse of the twelfth chapter of Romans to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto the Lord which he says is our reasonable service, and he also says for us to be not conformed to this world but to be so renewed in spirit that we will conform all our ways unto the Lord so as to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. The religious world is far away from God and a saint in evening light should in no wise conform to their ways in spirit, in their programs, in their human organizations, or fun-making plays. We are taught in the Word to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Saints should not pattern after their worldly dress or undress. Abbreviated clothing should not be worn by those that love the Lord, but all should conform their dressing according to the Word found in 1 Tim. 2:9, 10 and also 1 Peter 3:3, 4, and 5.

## Obituaries

Sister Gertrude Francisco, the daughter of Israel and Georgia Ann Dyer, was born April 27, 1897 at Clarks-ville, Texas, and departed this life May 25, 1958 at the age of 61 years and 27 days.

In 1911, she with her parents moved to Boley, Oklahoma. It was there in 1916 she was married to Zedore Francisco. To this union 13 children were born, five girls and eight boys. One girl and one boy preceded her in death.

She remained there and around Boley until in 1936 the family moved to Bakersfield, California and here remained until her death. When a very young child she sought the Lord and was converted. Even through the little misunderstandings and tests that a child has, she loved the Lord and wanted to be a Christian. In 1920 she heard the pure unadulterated gospel taught by the pioneer ministers of the church of God and wholeheartedly accepted it and was saved. She was faithful down through the years. Later she felt the Lord had a special work for her to do which was the carrying of the gospel. She served many years.

She leaves to mourn a husband, Elder Z. E. Francisco; four daughters: Georgia Davis of Pasadena, Calif, Robena Montgomery, Lucy Mae Gaines, Lucille Dillard of Bakersfield, Calif.; six sons: Clemet of Detroit, Michigan, Otis, Nathaniel, Manuel, Felix, Lawrence, Charles of Bakersfield, Calif.; two brothers: Isaac of Okmulgee, Okla., and George of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters: Cecial Stewart of Blythe, Calif., and Mary Webb of Boley, Okla.; 49 grandchildren, and many other relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services conducted by Bro. Isaac Chandler, Bro. Ostis Wilson, and Bro. Ira Stover, and others.

Sister Ellen Porter was born March 9, 1876 at Grandby, Mo., to Jessie H. and Anna Trent, and passed away May 14, 1958 at the age of 82 years, two months, and five days.

She was a thoughtful and dutiful daughter to her parents giving them full reverence as parents. From a very early age she had a deep reverence for God and righteousness and was converted while still very young. She received the Evening Light truth of full salvation under the preaching of Bro. D. S. Warner.

In later life she was united in marriage to W. H. Porter. He, six sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Surviving are her step-children, which were also her niece and nephew, Zelda O. Speak and Amos L. Porter of Grandby, Mo.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers: Jessie H. Trent of Carthage, Mo., and Hugh Trent of Grandby, Mo. Other relatives and many friends and brothers and sisters of the church mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted in the Webb City Chapel by Brothers Egbert Allen and Charles R. Smith. Interment in the Carterville Cemetery.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mo.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt,—This finds me still saved and determined by the help of God to go all the way. It seems sometimes the devil's flood will overtake me, but God says his grace is sufficient and if we will put our trust in Him He will carry us through, no matter what comes.

I want the saints everywhere to pray for me as I am awfully nervous at times. I know God is able to help me. I have lived 51 years and never have taken a drop of medicine in my life, and if the dear Lord spares my life that much longer I am determined to put my trust in Him, for He has come to my rescue so many times. We cannot ask for a better friend. He promised in His Word that He never will leave nor forsake us. So I want all the prayers of the saints that I will draw closer to God.

Your brother in the Lord, Lowell Bowers.

S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Faith and Victory readers, Greeting you all in Jesus' dear name. I desire the earnest prayers of the saints that God, through His grace, will heal my body of high blood pressure and heart ailment and soreness in my left side. The Bible teaches us the prayers of the righteous people availeth much. I am very glad I know the dear Lord and I know that God has all power to heal through prayer, for I have been healed before through prayer.

May God ever bless you all in your good works for Him. Mrs. J. E. Fairey.

To the saints of God. The Lord laid it on my heart to do all in my power for a young man who is doing a great work for the Lord. But the enemy has set in to get him into a trap with the unclean and hateful birds. Every saint, please pray earnestly for him to forsake even a thought of this, and that God will bring him the way of true holiness. The man is young and does not understand the enemy's work. Pray for him.

One who stands for the whole truth of God's Bible.

Bainbridge, Ohio,—Dear saints,—I would like for you to pray earnestly for this community. I feel if we labor long enough God will undertake in a revival for us. And pray that I will do the Father's will for I don't want to mislead any souls.

May the dear Lord bless and keep you.

Your loving brother in Christ, Fred E. Anderson.

Calif.—Dear saints everywhere.—Please pray for me. I have something wrong with my leg. The saints here have been praying and I am some better, but I need complete healing. It hurts so badly. I also have a knot on my shoulder. The Lord wonderfully healed me of a goiter last summer, so I know God is still on the healing side.

I am saved and fully trusting God. He is wonderful to me. I love Him and aim to live for Him.

Sister Ada Leach.

## Meeting Notices

The annual BAKERSFIELD CAMPMEETING will convene Aug. 1 through Aug. 10. We extend a hearty and sincere welcome to all to come and enjoy a feast from the Father's table. The Lord has richly blessed these camp-meetings in past years; for example, last August more than one hundred souls came to the Lord during the meeting. Let us all pray that God will give us a still better meeting this year.

The meeting will be held on the corner of Brown and Virginia Streets. Virginia St. is the same as 4th St., so anyone coming from the south on Highway 99 will turn east on 4th St. one-half mile after crossing Brundage Lane. Those coming from the north on Highway 99 will turn east one-half mile after crossing California Ave. Those coming from the east on Highway 466 turn south on Brown St. Those coming by train or bus call and someone will meet you.

For further information write or call: Frances Blackwell, 501 Monticello Ave., phone FAirview 3-2731; A. W. Sherman, Route 6 Box 35 C, phone, FA. 3-2079; Bud Gaines, 330 Augusta St. phone, FA. 3-1181; J. A. Harris, Route 6 Box 35, phone FA. 2-0705.

—Bro. I. C. Chandler, Pastor, Rt. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif., phone, FA. 4-9044.

The GUTHRIE, OKLA. State CAMPMEETING is to convene, Lord willing, Aug. 1 to Aug. 10 at Sixth and Warner. Contact Bro. M. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Guthrie, Okla.

The BOLEY, OKLA. annual CAMPMEETING will be held, the Lord willing, Aug. 15th to the 24th, or as long as the Lord leads. For further information write Sister Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 109, Boley, Okla.

The MYRTLE, MO, CAMPMEETING will begin Aug. 15 and continue through Aug. 24, Lord willing. The chapel and camp grounds are located one-half mile east of Myrtle off B B Highway two-tenths of a mile. Watch for signs.

This meeting will be run free of charge to any one. Expenses will be met by free will offerings. Those coming to camp on the ground, bring pillows and cover. Pray that God will send ministers of His choosing.

—A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.

PACOIMA, CALIF. State CAMPMEETING will be held, Lord willing, at 12312 Osborne Place, Aug. 22 through Aug. 31. For further information contact Brother O. B. Wilson of the above address or phone EMpire 9-5836. All are welcome. Pray for the redemption of lost souls.

The DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING will be held the Lord willing one mile north and two and one half miles east of Dover, from Aug. 29 through Sept. 7, 1958. We are expecting some cool nights so bring your sheets or blankets. Send contributions or donations to Bro. Henry Caldwell, or Ulysses Phillips. Dover is on Highway 81. We will meet any one coming by bus if notified in time. Tell us what time your bus will arrive in Dover. Pray for the success of the meeting.

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38, 39.

## CAMPMEETING DATES

Hammond, La.,	—June 27 — July 6
Akron, Ohio	—June 27 — July 6
Green Pastures, Okla.	—July 11 — July 20
Kalamazoo, Mich.,	—July 11 — July 20
National Campmeeting, Monark Springs, Mo.	—July 18 — July 27
Guthrie, Okla.	—Aug. 1 — Aug. 10
Bakersfield, Calif.,	—Aug. 1 — Aug. 10
Myrtle, Mo.,	—Aug. 15 — Aug. 24
Boley, Okla.	—Aug. 15 — Aug. 24
Pacoima, Calif. (State)	—Aug. 22 — Aug. 31
Dover, Okla.,	—Aug. 29 — Sept. 7

## Workers Together With Him

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." II Cor. 6:1. We, the saints of God, as a body of true believers are being instructed in this Scripture. We are to be workers together, and not to work apart in an independent manner, as the custom of some appears to be. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment." I Cor. 1:10. Those who try to work in the vineyard of the Master with an independent spirit, not willing to co-operate with the Body, the Church, are deceiving themselves, for they are working against the cause of Christ, and not for it.

This company in which we are workers together includes God and His saints; and God is the main one to be first considered. In order to be able to work with God in such a manner that our work will be effectual, we first must know God, and the manner in which He works. We must have a close walk with Him, and move as He moves.

Second, we must know each other, and always consider the other fellow. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Phil. 2:4. "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3. Brethren, we must put forth an effort to keep the unity of the spirit until we come to the unity of the faith. And this endeavor or effort must include all the saved, not just those whom we consider with us. "... Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." Luke 9:49, 50.

Christ is our leader in the work of the Lord. Let us consider how he works in the plan of redemption: His first and main effort was to save the lost, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 18:10. "And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to

call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31, 32.

The salvation of the lost received the first consideration in the days of the early church. The disciples were told to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15. The last instructions to the saints (including ministers and all) given by Jesus was to tarry until they were endued with power, then they were to be witnesses for Jesus, "both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 and Luke 24:49.

Our first duty as workers together with him is to seek and save the lost by pointing them to the Lamb of God that has power to save from all sin. Brethren, are we doing this? Or are we putting more stress upon the feeding the saints, than upon spreading the gospel, and bringing in the lost? It is true that most of the writings (if not all) of the Apostle Paul to the early church were to the saints, but we must remember that Paul or some of the others had visited these places when these folks were not saved and that they labored faithfully with them until they were won to Christ. When we lose our soul burden and cease to pray and to work for the salvation of the lost, we have received the grace of God in vain, because it has ceased to work in our hearts. The grace of God, that we are to pass on to others, ("Freely ye have received, freely give") is the unmerited favor of God, and this includes all the blessings that one receives when he comes to God. If we have not received these graces in vain, we will be living in such a way that these graces will be visible to all. The lost will see that we are interested in them, and that we are burdened for their salvation.

Many backslide because they lose the graces of God out of their hearts; and then go on trying to work for God, as they call it; not being able to work *with* him. More souls backslide over becoming discouraged than over all the sins and failures that are common to the race of man that God is trying to redeem. "All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me *I will in no wise cast out.*" John 6:37. One backslides when he willfully sins—yields willingly to the power of Satan. When through a weakness one is overcome and does that which he knows to be wrong, God does not reject and cast him off immediately; no, he gives him time to repent. If such an one sees his sin or mistake and immediately corrects it by godly sorrow which worketh repentance, God will restore such an one, fully unto the place he occupied before he fell, giving him the full confidence that he had in the beginning: confidence in himself and in God.

It is the devil's business to get one to give up when he fails; and to make him think there is no use trying any more. Oh, if we could only see the tender mercies of God! "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." Psalms 103:4. Seeing these things, we should seek him again and again, until we get

stronger and stronger in him. Remember that Jesus taught us to forgive, "Until seventy times seven." Matt. 18:22.

Your brother in the faith, —H. P. Huskey.

Those who give out such a good report of themselves and their righteousness and at the same time see so many faults and wrongs in others need to receive from God some well compounded substance as spiritual eyesalve.

## Testimonies

Okla.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' name. This afternoon finds me still saved and encouraged to press on for Jesus. The Lord is so good to us we can never praise him enough. I promised the Lord I would send in this testimony to His glory. He surely has blessed me.

Friday night a lady told me of the death of one of my girl friends. We grew up together and went to school together. It was such a shock to me that it just made me sick. I had been bothered with my heart some also high blood pressure. My heart began to beat very fast and it made me very nervous. I told the lady I would have to go and asked her to go with me and my husband would bring her and her son back. I drove home by the help of the Lord and told my husband to take me to my mother-in-law, Sister Jordon, so she could pray for me. We went by her house and she was not at home, so we drove on to Sister Annie Bell Allen's. He had to help me in the house. I think he told her my trouble and we all agreed in prayer. I began to get some better. The Lord brought something to my mind that He wanted me to straighten with my husband. After that the Lord gave me the victory altho I was still nervous from the shock of it. I lay down on Annie Bell's bed until I felt well enough to go home. That night I could not sleep until after two o'clock. The next evening I went to town and bought groceries. My nerves had not settled and I still could not sleep. The saints continually held me before the Lord in prayer. I could see that there were things I could have been doing for the Lord that I wasn't doing. I promised the Lord if he would heal my body and spare my life I would do anything he wanted me to. The Lord gave me witness that he was going to heal my body. Sunday evening I had another real nervous feeling and I sent my husband to the chapel to tell the saints to pray a special prayer for me. I said, "Lord, if you just let me sleep I'll write and let the world know about your wonderful power." That night I slept almost all night. I truly thank the Lord for His goodness to me. I thank the Lord for the many saints that came in and offered their prayers and help. May the Lord bless them every one in a very special way. I asked Annie Bell about going to the doctor to see how bad my heart really was. She said the shock I suffered was enough to show it was in a serious condition and that I should let the saints know so we could fast and pray for complete healing. I desire the saints' prayers that the Lord will heal me completely for I have five little children from two to seven years of age. I desire the Lord to help me rear them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. I thank the Lord for this affliction. It has helped me to see my self even as God sees me and to get my life straightened up.

I had forgotten about one thing that happened before I was saved, but the Lord put His finger on it, and now there is nothing before me. I know this was for my own good. At this writing I am still a little nervous, but in

the name of Jesus I believe the Word of God which tells us that God will answer before we call and hear while we are yet speaking. Ever keep me before the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, Earnestine Jordon

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Ky.—Dear saints abroad,—I just feel like telling every one about the love of God in my heart. A few weeks ago I sent in a request for prayer for the healing of my legs of blood clots. God hears and answers prayer—praise His sweet name! My legs are much better, and I do thank you dear saints at the print shop for your prayers in my behalf. I give God the praise for the healing of my legs. I felt all along that God would undertake for me, and I know he has the power to heal, save, sanctify, and anything we ask of Him if we only believe and trust in Him. I am glad that I am trusting in the Lord.

God has healed me recently of weak spells and severe pains in my body. I'll forever say, "Praise the Lord!" God is very good to us. He has been so good to me and my family; He has healed my children of colds and sickness many times.

This old world is in an awful condition and souls need God now more than ever to help them stand in this day and time. But so many seem to think they are going to live forever or that there is no life beyond the grave. If they would only wake up to reality, they would see their lost and dying condition. I am glad I am a Christian and living for my Lord.

Let us always pray for lost souls.

A sister,

Wilma Horsley

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I feel led to write about God's love. I believe we young saints need to get more down to business for God, and have more faith in God. I thank God that He is helping me to see some of my need.

We read in Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Verse 6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him." We know that the older ones are passing out, so let us be willing to take the little place where God would have us work. God gives talents as we read in Matt. 25:15. To one He gave five talents, to another two, and to another one. Dear ones, if we have one talent, let us use it for the Lord. Jesus was displeased with the man who hid his talent in the earth because he was "afraid." (Matt. 25:25); so let us not hide our talents, but rather use them.

My legs have been giving me trouble and I am looking to the Lord to heal me. He is blessing me, thank God! Pray for me and my unsaved husband.

A sister in Christ,

Fletcher Johnson

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Texas—Dear brother in the Lord,—I wish to thank you folks for your nice letter and thank you also for your prayers. I am happy to report to you that the Lord has heard and is answering our prayers. Big orders and little orders for cotton have come in in answer to prayer—pound bag orders, big orders too, sixty odd dozen of them. I read the orders today while on the job.

I plead the blood over my body and it helps my body to relax after a day's work.

Thank you again for your prayers. May God bless and encourage your hearts.

Your sister in Christ,

Lora Stracener

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Oklahoma.—Dear saints,—I feel led to testify for my Lord. This finds me much encouraged to press on for Jesus. Praise the Lord! I am still saved and sanctified. I am so happy in my soul, for it rests in Jesus! Praise God for

His wonderful salvation. He leads us each day in the heavenly way.

On the day of May 27 I went to work and while there a lady needed to be taken from her wheel chair and put into bed. She was a large woman and I had to get a nurse to help me. The nurse lost some of the strength in her arms so most of the weight came on me. At the time I did not notice it, but soon my back started hurting very much and I felt sick all over.

I called Sister Marie at the print shop and asked for prayer. By the time I got home from work my body felt very hot and I was miserable. I called on my heavenly Father to give me rest and strength. Praise the Lord! He did. I was later anointed and prayed for by the elders; for the Lord says in James 5:14, 15 what to do when we are sick. Thank the Lord! As I was leaving meeting that night, the hurting came back.

A sister said, "Now, Sister Joy, rebuke it in the name of Jesus." When I arrived home I went to my heavenly Father and told Him I was His and had done what His precious Word said and was leaving it committed into His hands. I went right off to sleep, and rest was sure.

Dear ones, when I awoke the next morning ALL pain and soreness was completely gone and a song was in my heart, "The Victory is Mine." Praise the dear Lord forever and ever. A sister in Christ, Joy Mannon.

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S. D.—Dear Sister Miles,—Thank you so much for your letter of encouragement and your prayers. The Lord has graciously healed me in answer to the prayers of the saints there. Praise His name!

I am trusting the Lord for healing of varicose veins which cause me much discomfort, also for my eyesight which is very poor. Please remember me in prayer.

I teach an adult Sunday School class in the Church of God here, and I do so wish to lead them in the old time path. I have received much help from "Faith and Victory." It is truly food for the soul. I love to read the good testimonies. We need to pray that the Lord will bring people again to a knowledge of the Bible way and that they will be led of the Lord to "walk ye in it."

Please pray that my daughter Vivian will have a safe journey to Florida and find suitable employment and that all her life will be pleasing to the Lord.

I am enclosing an order for some articles and a small offering to be used as most needed.

A sister who needs your prayers, Sister McFarling

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love. Again we want to thank the saints for their prayers in our behalf. We received a card in the mail this morning stating that Clayton, my husband, was classified I-O. Praise the Lord! God still answers prayer. Many of you know that the draft boards would not give him anything but I-A. He had gone as far as he could go, and the Lord made it possible for the case to be reopened. Clayton went before the Alton board again and took some of the ministers with him. The board members were very hard against the stand Clayton had taken. It looked discouraging, but we knew it was in the hands of God and that many of the saints were praying for us. After that hearing, Clayton sent an appeal back to the appeal board.

I often thought about Pharaoh and how God hardened and softened his heart. I felt God was doing the same in our case. Just the other day I had said, "God can work in a hard situation just as easy as in an easy situation if it be his will."

Last time the appeal board gave Clayton I-A. We

did not add any information or material when the case was re-opened, and when we received the card saying that the appeal board classified him in I-O, we felt God had performed a miracle in our behalf.

Surely our hearts are rejoicing and it encourages us to keep holding on by faith for God to work in other trials and problems. The song, "We are sure the sun is shining just behind the cloud" came to my mind. Surely I have found that so in our experiences of these past months. Be encouraged, dear ones that are having many discouragements. Pray for us, and may God bless each one who has prayed for us. Christian love, Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

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La.—To all the readers of the "Faith and Victory"—We send greetings of love to all in the name of Jesus. The dear Lord has been so good to us and has done so much, especially in healing so wonderfully in our home the past few months, that I feel we are much indebted to Him in telling others, also writing a testimony of it in the little paper that reaches so many hungry isolated saints who never get to services to hear sermons and testimonies to help build up faith which we so badly need in times of serious afflictions.

In the past fourteen months we have had real tests of faith by serious afflictions coming on each of our children, Randall 16 and Ruthie 8. All, we feel sure, were permitted by the Lord for our good, giving Him a chance to prove himself such a wonderfully great loving Father when we are in such great distress and trouble. Surely He knows what is ahead of all of us and the grace and faith we are going to need in order to be able to go thru for Him. And He knows what things to send to strengthen and build us up in faith to the place we will have to be in order to be able to stand. So we are not questioning the Lord why these things came our way, but just praising Him and rejoicing because of the way He stood by us, proving His great love and power, and brought us through with greater faith and determination to be true to Him.

Some of you will remember our son's testimony in the last November issue of "Faith and Victory" of the very serious condition he was in with a bone fellow. Surely this was a testing time for us! It seemed his dad and I were about to go down physically. All true parents know the effect these sufferings and serious afflictions of our children have upon us as parents. But the Lord knows how much we can stand and will not come too late. The way He protected our dear boy when his arm and hand was in such infected condition from this fellow and brought him through was surely strength and a blessing to our souls, helping to prepare us for another great battle that was a little less than a year ahead.

Randall and Ruthie had each had the flu last fall, but neither case was severe. Then the first of March Randall went to bed with a high fever and aching all over, especially head and back. We felt it was a real hard attack of the flu and realized later in the night we had a real sick boy. As the next day or two went by and the ministers would come in to pray for him, we all were aware of the fact that our dear boy was seriously ill and developed pneumonia. That word was so big to us. We had to fight fear. But we knew our God who so wonderfully stood by us nearly a year before was standing by us now and would heal him if it could be his will. We had to keep consecrated though and be willing for the Lord to take him if He saw fit. This takes special help from the Lord to be able to do. Randall has loved and served the Lord from childhood and all said it was easy to pray for him. Almost everyone felt the Lord could get glory

out of healing him. His fever was high and he was very delirious most of the time, especially at night, just battling almost constantly, seeing things and people that disturbed him so much. He had no rest at all in this condition except little short naps. Besides cold water, a few drops of nourishments at a time was all we could persuade him to take. We wondered how long he could last in that condition, but we knew the Lord knew and would not come too late if he wanted us to keep our dear boy.

The dear ministers and saints meant so much to us in this time of distress. Besides our home ministers, Bro. and Sister Key and Sister Lottie Joiner, Bro. and Sister Porter from Guthrie were with us holding on in prayer. Wednesday morning a call was made to Guthrie to Bro. Pruitt's office for them to be agreed in prayer with the saints who were praying and fasting here that day. He seemed so seriously ill, and that night was one of his worst nights; but, oh, when the Lord undertook the next morning about 8:30 it was glorious! Things had to change because He spoke. Truly, it is wonderful when the Lord steps in on a case like this one. The fever began to cool. Sweet sound sleep came so suddenly. When he awakened, all the delirium was gone. In a day or so all the fever was gone and he began to take more nourishment. He was very weak, but the Lord brought him right on through. The healing came on Thursday morning, and it was Friday night he had become ill. It took this pneumonia no nine days to reach the crisis. Thank the Lord, it was He who spoke it away! The days of healing are not past. Divine healing is for the children of God till Jesus comes.

Ruthie had broken her left arm the last of November by falling on it. Then Feb. 13, her right arm was broken by a fresh cow getting her down and butting her against a fence. This was hard on her little skinny nervous body. The fright from this was bad. Besides the broken arm, in a couple of days she began to complain with her stomach and ate very little. We went to the Lord in earnest prayer about her condition and had her anointed and prayed for. The Lord undertook and completely healed her stomach. She began to eat much better and was like a different child.

On March 21 while she was yet wearing a cast on her arm, and about two weeks after Randall's healing, she came down with a bad case of the flu. After a couple of days and nights of high fever and aching all over, the Lord undertook for her; but because of a severely sore mouth, for over a week she ate and drank very little, and it seemed her nerves were wrecked. She got very little sleep day or night. The saints got under a special burden for this nervous sleepless condition and her sore mouth. The Lord undertook and she began to sleep better and eat better, and her mouth was healed.

Little would we have thought such a serious sickness was just ahead of her. No doubt, all she had gone through with because of the broken arms and flu lowered her resistance. On the night of May 3, she woke up with awful suffering in her right ear, different from any earache she had ever had. Before morning most of the suffering left the right ear, but started in the left one. We called for prayer. Before noon Saturday the pain had eased, leaving her head and ears very sore. She had quite a temperature that afternoon, which lasted till Monday morning. Most of her fever cooled and we thought she would soon be well. But that was just the beginning. By early Monday afternoon she had a very high fever. That night the delirious condition was awful. She, no doubt at all, could have been heard a quarter of a mile screaming twice during the night when she saw snakes with their mouths open

coming toward her. I could hardly hold her in bed till her dad could get to her. She could not be convinced that snakes were not right in the room after her. The next few days we had a great battle on hand. Again the ministers and saints were so faithful to help hold us up. We soon realized she had pneumonia as Randall had. The fever was high. The pain in the left side of her chest was severe. The pneumonia rattle in her chest could easily be heard. Such a battle that little nervous thin body had for about three days and nights in that awful delirious condition, equally as bad as Randall had been. It seemed we could not hold up under this strain much longer, eating and sleeping so little and seeing our little girl in this serious condition.

She would call so loudly and plead with us to come get her and take her home, not knowing we were holding to her and telling her we were right with her. We kept telling the Lord He knew how much she could stand and would not come too late. After earnest prayer and fasting, the dear Lord undertook in the same miraculous way He had for Randall just two months before. She was sick about the same number of days he was when the dear Lord said, "It is enough." He broke the pneumonia up. Her fever cooled. All the delirium left. Her hearing was bad for a few days, but the Lord soon cleared that up and took the awful cough away. Her healing was precious. Being hungry for food and getting good sound sleep was wonderful to that little nervous weary body. We had no doctor to see Randall, but no one doubted his having pneumonia. But when Ruthie was so bad (three weeks ago today) we knew if the Lord took her we would have to have a burial permit; and, too, if opposers found out how bad she was, there was danger of their turning us in and a doctor would be sent who would force medicine or take her to the hospital. O. D. talked with the Keys and Sister Lottie about getting an old doctor who respects our belief. He feels that people ought to be allowed to do as they believe. He knows Sister Key, and Aunt Lou went to him before she was saved and took the Flynn children to him, so O. D. and Keys first went and talked with him. He said he would come to see her, but would not force any medicine or turn us in. He came and found her serious. He said, "She may pull through." Said it was pneumonia, which we already knew. Oh, it is wonderful how the Lord raised her little thin body right out of it. All praise to Him!

This testimony is getting so long, but I feel I have just written a little about what these wonderful healings have meant to us. I have told the Lord over and over I just can't find words to express to Him how much we appreciate all He has done for us. It has been hard on the flesh, but good for the soul. His way is perfect. He will take us to heaven if we will let Him, but we will have to go His way.

I do trust this testimony will be of some encouragement to someone as so many of the other saints' testimonies are such an encouragement to us.

Pray that I will keep my hand in His and be willing to follow Him in whatsoever He sees fit to lead us through. Much Christian love to all, Alta Flynn

Calif.—The God of all peace and comfort keeps our hearts cheerful in our tests, and even when the way of help seems gone forever, the God of our Salvation makes a way. It is beyond my tongue to tell what God has done for us. Praise His holy name! In years past I have been much of a talker about God and Jesus, but many times suffered defeat. But thank God, Satan cannot stand the Blood. It makes me think of the night the blood was

applied to the doors in Egypt. Where the blood was found, there was no sorrow, but where the blood was not found, there was weeping, wailing, and death. No wonder the poet in the song said, "There is power in the blood." I am rejoicing today in the God of my salvation.

The God of all good is giving me a keen sense of spiritual smell. When Satan brings his discouraging thoughts to me, I soon detect the smell of the pit and have the gates and door to my heart barred and sealed with the blood, and the devil does not stay long. He does come again and again. He doesn't seem to give up; but thank God! God never leaves a trusting heart.

Praise God, I have a deeper love for the things of God than ever, also a deeper love for His dear saints than at any time since I started life's journey some fifty-four years ago. This coming September my wife and I will have been married twenty-three years. Much of it has been rough and strewn with sorrow, but, thank God, we are dearer to each other than ever before. Oh, how I thank the Lord for a saint wife, a home where prayer is always welcome and often made, where peace and love is the crowning piece of the home. As I look over the checkered past, oh, how it makes my heart surge with love and thankfulness for the time God looked on my soul with favor when lost in guilt and woe!

Remember us in prayer. Love and wishes in Jesus.  
Your blood-washed brother, C. W. Watkins

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Calif.—Dear Sister Miles,—We are fine. My husband has been very well for several months now. We surely do appreciate what God is doing for him. When I look back and remember that just prior to coming among the saints he was taking a heart stimulant three times each day, also other medicine to fortify his body in various ways, I can hardly realize it was not all some terrible dream.

We have always had a family altar, but lately we have been trying to do a better job of it than up to now. Twice a day we stop to read and pray and sing—and it is "paying off." How thankful we both are for the dealings of our Father.

I have recently had some trouble with my back—don't know just what, but at times I could not stand nor even sit up. There was no strength in my spine. I had two attacks of it about a week apart. It caused quite a stir in our families when we refused to get a doctor; also among our neighbors. The suffering was severe, but what an opportunity it was to witness for the Lord! I trust I did not fail Him in the least. Many who seemingly love the Lord do not realize what the Scripture teaches about healing; so I tried to take advantage of the situation and tell them that I was not following some fable but doing what the Word teaches.

It seems like the work here in Pomona is going ahead. We have had such trials lately with illness, and then because so many of our people are elderly the enemy tries to discourage them because they cannot do much in a physical way (I'm sure the younger ones who can get out need their prayers much more than they'll ever realize, nevertheless the devil is on the job) but in spite of it there is a moving forward. The size of the congregation is increasing with new faces frequently. My Sunday School class has a regular attendance of fifteen children and six others who come now and then. We also have a sister recently saved who has four small children, and I hope they will soon be in our class regular. That will make a total of twenty-five children. We have some deep discussions in the class. The Lord has blessed us from time to time.

Last March we had all day meeting and had children's meeting and they seem anxious to have another one. We had one little boy who has never been to S. S. but came to the children's meeting. He was about eight years old and had never heard the story of Christ being born in a manger. So we stopped everything and together—the other children and myself—told him the Christmas story. He listened so carefully and seemed impressed. I trust he will come to S. S. and learn more.

Bro. Smith is just fine. God did give him complete deliverance from that severe affliction. He had quite a siege strung out over several weeks, but was able to witness to his family. It was while two of his brothers were standing over his bed issuing an ultimatum that God touched him and healed him. God stepped right in and let them see him get deliverance. God surely knows when and how to work to destroy the works of the enemy.

Sincerely in the Lord,

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S. C.—Dear saints and all who chance to read this,—I am so thankful to be able to say of a truth that I am truly saved and sold out to the Lord live or die to His glory. The Lord is my friend, my helper, my healer, and keeper. I am seventy-one years old and have not taken a dose of medicine in over 26 years. I take no pills, teas, or sleeping powders and thank the Lord I sleep and rest well all through the night and can get up early and work practically all day. The Lord never is off duty but is ready to help us at all times and never gets tired of listening to our petitions. There are so many experiences I could relate of how I've been left penniless, sick, and helpless, but God has never failed coming to my rescue, and He'll do the same for all who fully trust Him. If people would put their whole life and affairs in His hands they would be relieved of so many difficulties of troubles and heartaches. I guess all saints have afflictions at times, and have trials and tests of faith, but if we stand directly on God's promises and obey Him, we will never fail to come through with the victory on our side.

There is so much divorcing and double marrying these days, it seems as if people are about to make it a custom. But let me tell you as a friend, I got into this sin. I had been married, but this husband died. Then I got into a business matter with another man who was divorced and I married him. I was uneasy and restless from that hour. In two weeks he took seriously sick and all that doctors and medicine could do gave him no relief at all. He suffered so awful he could not stay on the bed but would just stumble over the floor and call out and pray. He said his wife's face was right before him all the time. He had told me a falsehood about being married until the evening before we were to marry, but he had me in bondage in a financial way so I married him anyway. When he would be suffering so awful and say he saw his wife's face, I would tell him I would forgive him and for him to repent and beg God to forgive him too. I told him we should separate, so when he became willing to give up and repent he soon was able to go to work and he left and went back to his old-time work which was hundreds of miles away.

For some cause the Lord let this marriage happen to me. But old Satan failed to keep me in adultery. Every one take warning from one who knows by self-experience that adultery is an awful sin. For Jesus' sake, I warn every one to be sure you know whom you are marrying. It is either for good or it is for bad, and should never be planned at all except by earnestly asking the Lord to lead and choose in the whole matter, from start to finish.

God planned matrimony when he gave Eve to Adam, but He never intended for there to be more than one. Just one man and just one woman, and these vows hold good until death alone severs them. All who willingly disobey and die in sin will certainly make their destiny in torment.

There is another point the Lord is urging me to mention and I can't close without obeying His voice. There are too many saints who are careless about other souls. We all know according to God's Bible that in the last days perilous times would come. The devil is raging, seeking whom he may devour. All kinds of false teaching and deception are on every hand. Satan is having a big time. But there is a great help in reach if all will take interest and use the remedy. Some earnest, consecrated fasting along with fervent prayer is a tool that is too sharp for Satan. Let us think of the value of a soul, and how many there are going out unprepared to meet God. Sometimes I can hardly eat the food the Lord provides for me, for thinking of the souls who are leaving here only to sink in the flames of torment forever. That is awful. I can hardly write for tears, besides a five day's fast to go with this appeal. I have never been able to do much public work for the Lord, but I do much fasting with my prayers in the quietness of home. In this, the Lord dictated the writing of this letter. I am not able to give money to the Lord's work, but He takes my appetite and lets me make good use of my privilege to fast and pray.

So dear saints, let us all move up and ask the Lord earnestly, with a perfectly opened heart, to show us how and what more we can do to help save a soul. Other souls are just as precious as ours. None of us know how soon the Lord is coming, and if we can help rescue a few souls or be sure we are doing all we can to help them, then we will have no throbs and heartaches over our neglect and carelessness. This is a little sermon the Lord dictated for me. So I am passing it on as He dictated. Some who are able can move up and give more money, some can preach more, and I believe most all can pray more. Talk to the Lord earnestly about this.

I am one bought by the blood of Jesus, redeemed and trying to help redeem others. —Sister. M. J.

Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints of God.—We just closed a five night meeting with Bro. D. A. Gibson, the evangelist. I never knew there was such a godly man that stands for the truth like D. S. Warner brought years ago.

I had a bad nervous break down. My kidneys failed to work. My stomach would not digest my food. I was a sick man. I did not rest day nor night. I have always preached and practiced divine healing. When this affliction hit me I completely trusted God. It was over two weeks. Seemingly I was getting worse. The old enemy was trying to kill me. We have a Bro. and Sis. in our congregation from Thayer, Mo. They suggested we call Bro. D. A. Gibson to come and anoint and pray for me. He came and I am on the way to recovery. Praise the Lord. I am 69 years old and never in my life before had any kind of nervous trouble. We asked Bro. Gibson to have a few nights meeting with us.

Today finds me more encouraged to live for the Lord and trust Him for both soul and body. Live or die, I am trusting God. I would like to request you dear saints to pray for me so I can sleep at nights. My back and shoulders hurt so badly I cannot lie down and rest. I want complete victory so I can fill my place that God has given me. Lord willing we plan on coming to Guthrie this year to campmeeting.

Your Brother and Sister in the Lord, C. F. Higgins.

Mo.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints,—I am sending in my testimony of May 11. Our dear Brother and Sister Edwin Weir took me up to Coffeyville, Kansas all day meeting. Just before we left to go up there that morning, I woke with sharp pains around my heart and shoulder blade. I kept praying for the Lord to stop the pain and it began feeling better, but when I would cough it would pain again. When we got to Brother Beisley's house it pained badly and the saints had to pray the third time before I could get any relief but then the pain left me and I got up and went in and enjoyed the preaching and services. I made the trip back home just fine but that night when I lay down on the bed it began paining again. I prayed and said, "Lord, please don't let me suffer like I did today," and my heart just calmed down and I went to sleep and slept all night just like a baby. I haven't had a pain since, thank the good Lord!

I miss my darling husband so much, but I am thankful that he is gone to be with Jesus where there is no pain, but all peace. Pray for me. —Sister Will Allen

Ireland—I desire to pass some thoughts on to the readers of the "Faith and Victory."

I started on the narrow way that leadeth unto life as a young girl in my teens, and meant to serve the Lord, come what may. I knew it would mean separation, opposition, being counted odd, etc. I worked in a weaving linen factory and knew that among the large number that worked there very few knew the Lord as their Saviour. I knew it would be up-hill work to be a Christian. I thot, "A dead fish goes with the stream, a living fish swims against it." I knew I would have to go against the stream of this evil world.

An evangelist asked the young converts to gather, to bid them goodbye. There he gave some good advice which has meant more than silver or gold to me. He asked if we could look to the Lord for ten minutes. "Oh," I thot, "that's easy." Then another ten minutes, and that, too, sounded very easy. Then he said, "Remember a few ten minutes run into a day and it is only a day at a time, only a step at a time—just a step at a time with the Spirit of God's hand." Oh, how that helped me. It was such an uplift. It is easy to carry my cross a day at a time and step at a time instead of looking at weeks and months and years of crucifying the flesh and turning from the things of the world and being separate from the world. Instead of looking forward to a life time of burdens, loneliness, grief, misunderstandings, I saw it was at most, only a day at a time. Oh, the help and blessing this has been to me! and I write it to help others who may be going through trying times. I am in my 77th year. When the outlook is a bit dark and gloomy I try the up-look and think of that blessed hope of the Lord's appearing. "The toils of the road will seem nothing when I get to the end of the way." And I think of the words of another Hymn, "When by His grace I shall look on His face, That will be glory, be glory for me." May God encourage all who read this to make your calling and election sure. It is a sad empty life where Jesus the "Light of the world" is left out, and if I had a thousand lives I'd give them all to Him. I look forward to the end like falling asleep, then to awake and see His face and thank and praise Him in all Eternity for saving a sinner like me.

Your sister,

Margaret Dundas.

Oklahoma.—Dear Saints and readers,—These are my words of my true experience I have had with Jesus. About the first of October in the year of 1951, I became sick. I think it was the flu. It started with a hard chill

which I believe lasted around two hours. I shall never forget how I felt as I lay there shaking. Suddenly I began to grow numb, and got weak fast. It seemed that the very darkness of death was creeping over my body. There seemed to be nothing that I could do to stop it; neither was it in the power of my mother, who was doing all that she knew to do. I knew I was dying. Only God knows of the misery and agony I felt that night.

At the last moment, I began to look back upon my life. "Was I ready to meet God? Is there any thing between me and the Master of the resurrection? O God, undertake for me. I am in distress." I remember how God saved me a few months before, and how he had answered my prayers so many times. New hope began to rise in my heart. With trembling lips I whispered a prayer to Jesus. I promised him if he would heal me, I would go to church every night I possibly could, and do whatever He would ask me to do, that was in my power to do; and if it was out of my own power to do His will that I would step out on the promises and strength of God. It was then that I felt the living faith of God in my heart. All of a sudden I felt the power of God moving in my room. I felt Jesus at my side. I heard Him say, "Fear not, only believe. Death have I put out side." It was then that the grip of death turned me loose. It began to go from my chest downward through my legs, as the power of God came from the top of my head going down through my body. Jesus said, "I have heard your cry, and now I have put death out side. Holy power is in this room, in your body, upon your bed, upon your doors, and windows, and now let no one touch the door or windows until morning and you shall live."

Now my mother had been coming to see me every few minutes to see how I was feeling. I knew it was about time for her, and I said, "Lord, what can I do? If I tell my mother not to touch the door, she might not understand or she will think that I am out of my head and call a doctor and I will die." Again Jesus spoke and said, "Obey my voice and live." I heard my mother coming and I knew that this was it. I knew that I must obey God no matter how my mother would take it. I cried, "Don't touch the door, what ever you do. Don't touch the door." Mother came to the door and looked in, but she did not touch the door. She asked if I was all right? I said, "Yes, don't touch the door, don't worry. I am all right. Please go to bed, and believe God." She seemed to understand. She went to bed and went to sleep. I felt God's power all night. The next morning I got out of bed, walked over to the door, and touched it as I felt led of the Lord to do so. I did not go back to bed, but went to the breakfast table and ate breakfast. I know what it means to suffer, and I know what it means to feel the sting of death. I feel that I have learned the meaning of Jesus' words, "All things are possible to Him that believeth."

Yours in Christ,

Clarence Lankford

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Ohio.—Dear saints and sinners,—I would like to testify to what the good Lord has done for me and my home. About seven years ago I went to an altar of prayer. The Lord didn't see fit to save me then. For seven years I've wandered from here to there. We lived in Ky., then moved to Ind., then back to Ky., then to Ohio where we live now. About three years ago my wife got saved but she couldn't stay saved and live with me. She went back on the Lord. About that time I got a ringing in my head

that almost drove me crazy. It got worse all the time. I suffered something awful. I lost weight and got so nervous I couldn't stand my wife, children, or myself.

I went to all the doctors I could find. All the time I knew that if I would only go to the Lord and get saved that all my troubles would be over. About seven months ago the saints got under the burden for me. My wife had been going out to meeting with the saints and had been asking prayer for me. I decided to go to Minn. to the Mayo Clinic. That is supposed to be the best in the world to find out what is wrong with one. When I came back I didn't know any more than when I went.

About the first of November, 1957, Bro. and Sister Abbott were holding a revival. We started going out to the meeting. On Saturday night my wife got saved. Oh, was the Lord dealing with me! but I kept putting it off. But I went back every night, until Thursday night I just couldn't stand it any longer. I went to the altar and prayed to the dear Lord to forgive my sins. Bless His dear name, He did just that! He saved my soul. About a month or so later I put every thing I had on the altar and the dear Lord sanctified my soul. Since then, my troubles have been over. The ringing in my head doesn't bother me any more. I had the flu this winter and my children have been sick with fevers as high as 104, but each time we have called upon the dear Lord He has been right there to help us. Bless His dear name! The dear Lord has helped me forsake all my bad habits. I smoked, drank, cursed, and lots more. I love my wife more than I ever did, and my children mean more to me. Everything is so much better. Bless the dear Lord.

If you are a sinner and the Lord has been dealing with your heart, please, don't put Him off any longer. The only thing I'm sorry about is that I didn't come to Him sooner. I thank the dear Lord for the peace and joy that he is giving me. I thank Him for this true way. I thank Him for the saints. Pray for me and wife that we might grow stronger in the Lord. Praise His holy name for ever.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Mart Samons, Jr.

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Mo.—Dear young people,—God impressed me to write my testimony of His goodness to me. If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore. He has been so good to me. He healed me of diphtheria, of a weak heart, of appendicitis, of pneumonia and many other sicknesses, thank God.

He saved me Aug. 23, 1956 and sanctified me a year later. I am satisfied in Jesus and I want to sink deeper in his truth. The young people need to have their minds on spiritual things and not on having a good time, at campmeeting. Pray for me that I will live so my life will be a light to this world, and that God will give me grace, boldness, and patience to stand the devil and his tricks.

Your brother in Christ, —Benny Sorrell.

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#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear saints, neighbors, and friends, —We wish to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, love and kindness shown to us during the long illness of our loved one, Sister Gertrude Francisco.

First we especially want to thank the Lord for His goodness and tender mercy, and then thank the dear ministers and loving saints who stood by us night and day.

Also we are thankful for the beautiful get-well cards that so many dear ones sent. They were also encouraging

and uplifting.

Since her passing we have received kind words and sympathy, many beautiful cards, telegrams, and love offerings. Oh, how we thank each and every one of you. We also appreciate the many dear ones who came miles and miles to show their last respect.

We desire your prayers that we will live worthy of the many good blessings the Lord bestows upon us.

Bro. Zedore Francisco and family.

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"... Be ye holy in all manner of conversation: Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

I Pet. 1:15, 16.

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

Eph. 4:23.

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:2.

"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Eph. 4:26.

Ye sinners: "Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4:9, 10.

—Scripture selections by Mrs. Cora Brant.

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#### Have You Done What You Could?

You may not have had means to give as you would, But did you give of your time and do what you could? Help in the meetings? or were you a guest? Just in for your meals then out for your rest? Help in the kitchen? or just wait around, Thinking others more able to help on the grounds?

Did you do your best?

Receive with thankfulness, or find fault and complain? Ask God to help you then strength you will gain.

Have you done your best?

There are chapels and pews, and restrooms to clean, Children about who scarcely are seen.

Are you doing your best?

Sinners are watching, oh, let us take heed, And set an example by doing good deeds.

Will we do our best?

"Lord lay some soul upon my heart, And love that soul through me.

And may I always do my part,

To win that soul for thee."

Our campmeetings and assembly meetings in past years have come and gone. We hope all who attended received encouragement and food to their souls, and have a stronger determination in 1958 to draw closer to the dear Lord and do more for Him.

May the Lord bless all,

A sister.

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#### REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—We are yet saved, and on the battlefield for God. His service grows sweeter all the time. When we last wrote we were in a meeting in Shreveport, La. and en-

joyed meeting the saints in that place. God blessed and refreshed us all together by His sweet Spirit being in our midst. We came home and were at Myrtle, Mo. for Wednesday night service. Found and left those dear saints encouraged in the Lord, and making nice improvements on their camp ground in advance of their campmeeting. We are looking for, and expecting a good meeting and much lasting good accomplished for God and His cause there.

We visited my folks in Ky., and were so glad to learn they are getting along very well. Thank the Lord. We were with the congregation at Dayton, Ohio over Sunday and baptized three precious souls who had recently found the Lord. God is blessing the work there and the saints are encouraged in the Lord. Visited our daughter and family, Alberta and Jack Cook, who have recently moved to Zelenople, Pa. It was precious visiting them a few days and getting some much needed rest. On Sunday we all went to Akron for the a.m. service. It was good meeting the saints there again and to see how God is blessing and working with souls. Several hands raised for prayer, and some were under conviction. Husband and I went back one day through the week and visited in a home where a precious soul was desiring to be saved. The enemy fought long and hard, but praise the Lord, at one o'clock a.m. the battle was over and the VICTORY won, and a new name was written down on the Book of Life. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Brethren, God is still saving every soul who will meet the terms of the gospel.

Last Sunday we visited some isolated saints near Pittsburgh. Monday we visited those dear people at Duffy, W. Va. They were glad to see us and are anxiously looking forward to a meeting this fall, or any time God sends the workers. Oh, dear ones, the gospel needs to be taken to hungry souls in those far away places, but who will go for God?

Tonight, June 11th, we are in So. Charleston, W. Va. enroute to Holly Hill, So. Car., to join Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen in a meeting to begin June 15th, Lord willing. Please pray for us, especially my husband, that God will strengthen his body generally and especially his nerves, for he has to do all the driving. May our God who is rich in all things richly bless each one is our prayer. In the Master's service,

Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott, Box 223, Thayer, Mo.

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and saints,—As I write these few lines this morning I am rejoicing in the Saviour's love for His goodness and mercy extended to me and my family. It is a real blessing that we can live in this old wicked world with the peace of God reigning in our hearts and live a victorious life over all sin.

I certainly enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. The many articles and testimonies are a real source of encouragement to me, and today I feel like witnessing to how the Lord came to our rescue recently in behalf of our children.

Our oldest boy who is seven years old had a small knot to appear just above the outer corner of his left eye in January. It did not pain him so we didn't pay too much attention to it. In March the school nurse called me and said it looked like my boy had an eye tumor and if that was the case only an operation could move it because they had another, a girl, in school with the same thing and despite all treatments given her an operation had to be performed to remove it.

We had his eye checked and it was an eye tumor. The position it was in could have resulted in injury to his eye

sight. We became concerned and asked the saints for prayer. My husband and I fasted and prayed. We anointed him and asked the Lord to remove it in His own way. About a week later we noticed a small yellow spot just underneath the eye lid. It grew larger and came to a head and began to run. It ran pus and water for about three weeks. At times it looked like his eye was closing up, and despite all, the tumor was still there. But we held on to God for him. The last of April it began to shrink and the running almost ceased. Just now and then I would have to clean his eye out. About the middle of May his eye was completely clear and no sign of tumor. He was so happy and so were we. He said, "Mother, this eye looks just like the other one." We give God all the glory and praise.

A few weeks ago the children were in the back yard playing. My baby who was 11 months old was in the bunch too. I had to come in the house for something and told my oldest boy to watch the baby a few minutes until I got back. But in playing, the children forgot about the baby and when they missed him they went in search of him. He had toddled to the driveway behind the car. My brother was just backing out the driveway and said the oldest boy yelled, "baby" about the same time he felt his car hit something and immediately he stepped on the brakes. It was the baby and he was crying, but I could tell from the way he cried that he was not hurt seriously. We came in the house and fell on our knees and thanked God that it was no worse. He was a little sore from where the tire hit him, but when I think of how near he came to being crushed, it makes me rely more and more on the Lord for His protecting care and for our children and ourselves.

I realize as parents we certainly have a great responsibility and need to stay close to the Lord and seek Him daily for wisdom in behalf of our children.

May the Lord ever bless each one of you.

Alta L. Hobbs.

## Secret Service

If the shut-ins all united

In one voice of common prayer  
What a ceaseless shower of blessing  
Would be falling everywhere.

Though so weak and oftentimes helpless,  
They can wield a mighty power,  
Lifting up the soul's petitions  
To the Saviour hour by hour.

They can importune the Father  
From the secret place and then  
In the quiet and the stillness  
They can hear him speak to them.

Never soldier in fierce conflict  
Could a higher honor bring  
Than the "shut-in" who's performing  
"Secret service" for the King.  
By a Shut-in.

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## Sincerity Does Not Save

Some do not think it matters much what religion

a man professes, so long as he is sincere. Let us give this doctrine a trial. Suppose your child is desperately ill or poisoned and you wish to have a doctor's service at once. You start to run for a doctor. You know the name of the street on which he lives, but you start running in the wrong direction. "Never mind, it does not matter which way I go," you think, "I am sincere, and if I keep on doing the best I can I will get there." "Stop, friend, stop," cries a neighbor, "you are going the wrong way; turn around." "Never mind! leave me alone; I am sincere in doing the best I can. Surely the doctor will see I'm sincere; look how faithfully and hard I am running." But you never make it, and the child dies.

Sincerity when on the wrong road means hastening farther away from God and the truth. Friends, there is but one way, the narrow way, God's way, the holy way, a sacrificing way. There is but one door; one name, "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. Then said Jesus unto them, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in [heaven or the church] he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." John 10:7-9. There is but one church built by Jesus and bought with his blood (Acts 20:28). He is calling his sheep out of all other places and ways and doctrines and doors (Rev. 18:4). Nothing shall ever enter heaven (the church of God) which is not pure and clean, walking in all the truth (Rev. 21:27).

—Brother R. R. Halladay

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### Living As We pray

A man prayed fervently every morning at family worship for the poor in the community, but he was never known to give anything to the poor. One morning at the conclusion of family worship, after the usual prayer being offered for the poor and destitute, his little son said, "Father, I wish I had your corncrib."

"Why, my son?" asked the father. "Why, because then I would answer your prayer myself." Sel.

I John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

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### When Ministers Cannot Deceive

At one of the many churches that employ the gambling games of bingo and raffels etc. to rake in the shekels, a lady's purse was found during the course of the game. The Priest announced the discovery and specified that the owner must identify it. A young lady stepped out and was asked to state what was in the purse. She named a number of articles and the Priest asked, "And what else?" Rather shamefacedly she added, "A package of cigarettes." The Priest handed her the bag, and, as she started away, stopped her to say, "I doubt whether the virgin Mary ever smoked cigarettes." With a toss of her head, the maiden replied, "And I doubt whether the

Lord Jesus Christ ever played bingo, raffels, roller-skated, etc." All of which goes to show that the churches that stoop to worldly entertainments and methods of getting members and cash are not deceiving even the members who participate. Sel.

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### Have Faith In God

One day when Jesus was going to a certain city he became hungry and seeing a fig tree he went over to it expecting to find something to eat. But finding no fruit he said, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward." The next day he and his disciples came back along the same road and the disciples saw the fig tree, and it was all withered away. They told Jesus about it, saying, "Behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." Jesus answered his disciples, "Have faith in God." Here is a good lesson for all. Jesus spoke to the fig tree and apparently nothing happened. But it came to pass just the same. Beloved, have faith in God.

If you have been troubled over something, maybe spiritually or physically or financially, have faith in God. Ask God for whatever you need. He will answer. Don't be discouraged if it looks like He isn't going to answer. A winner never quits and a quitter never wins. Remember the unjust judge. Though he didn't fear God or man yet he avenged the woman and gave her what she asked for to keep her from worrying him. God is greater than the old unjust judge. Even though some people don't believe He is, the Holy Bible says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." God won't fail you. If you want Him to meet your need, don't give up. Keep knocking. Keep asking. Have faith in God.

If any of you being a father and having a son who would ask of you a fish, would you give him a serpent? I ask you, would you love your children and give them what they wanted if they needed it? You are God's children if you are saved. He is your Father. His love for you is far greater than any man's. Trust Him as your Father. In the name of Jesus you can be healed; in the name of Jesus you shall be healed; by the stripes of Jesus Christ you are healed, at this moment! Believe God; have faith in Him. Ask Him to meet your needs as you would an earthly parent. Hear Him say, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." May the needy say, "Forgive me, O Lord, for all my trespasses, and heal me now."

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord establish you in the faith. You must believe. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Keep seeking. He will reward you. He is always present and He earnestly desires that you trust Him. He has always been the great "I am." He is with you today, you that believe. He will not fail you. Trust Him. In the name of Jesus, have faith in God.

Clarence Lankford

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## *Where Is The Blessing?*

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. The object of this article is to help the people of God to be drawn closer to Him and be more able to receive the manifold blessings that He desires to give. If you are one who is wondering where the blessings are, please read and give this careful consideration and prayer. As the Scripture tells us, it takes a person who has a pure heart to be able to discern the spiritual blessings of God. I Cor. 2:14 says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." In Acts 15:9 as Peter was speaking, he said, "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Again in I Pet. 1:22 he said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." The Word of God, when accepted and put into practice by any person, will purify his heart and life through the workings of the Spirit of God. In Heb. 12:14 it says, "Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord." To be holy is to be pure.

In the beginning, after God had seen all things that he had made, "Behold it was very good." Gen. 1:31. Everything that your eyes can behold, naturally, is pure and good. The trees, rivers, lakes, streams, animals, mountains, grass, and everything that God made (which was all things, John 1:3) is good and pure. God's very plan for the human race in every way was good. But something happened to man when he disobeyed God that caused a separation to exist between himself and God. He was driven from the Garden and the fellowship with God, with the sentence of death upon him. And this death "passed upon all men, for all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. But when Jesus came he made a way that man could be brought back into that state of holiness that he had once enjoyed, praise the Lord! We can be passed from death unto life and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Titus 1:15: "Unto the pure ALL THINGS ARE PURE, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." So we see that all things are pure and in these things we have found many, many blessings to our souls.

When you are driving down the road, where is your mind? Is it on your troubles, or is it on the Lord? Just notice the beauties of nature. You might think that the country in which you live is not pretty, but you take a closer look. Look at it with a pure heart. You may see a tree. Think about that tree and how it lives and grows and meditate and apply it spiritually and you will be surprised, maybe, at the blessing the Lord will pour out upon you. "Keep your eyes on the road," they say. That is right, but have you ever tried to get a blessing from it? Think of the road that Jesus walked and the example

He left us, then think of the road that He left us to trod and how that if you will keep on it you will reach your destination, Heaven. A group of cows are straying a little close to the road and you have to slow down in order not to hit them. Is that such a trial that you frown and think they ought not to be there? Or do you look for the blessing? There is one there. Look for it. On a hot summer day you are delayed on your trip by having a flat tire. Such a trying time you may have in getting it fixed may turn you to leaping and shouting if you will look for the blessing. It is there, my friend. When you are at your daily work and something trying happens like a cow kicking over the bucket or a dirty dog jumps upon you knocking you down or you take a hard knock in the head by running into something or your tractor runs out of gas or many other hard trials we meet up with, do you worry and fret about it or do you look for the blessing? I want you to try it. Be sure you love the Lord and have a pure heart and then begin to look for the blessing, because it is surely there.

One strain of a song that we sing says that He will turn what seems to harm us into everlasting joy. I read a story one time about a horse that fell to the bottom of a well. The men didn't know how to get him out so they decided to bury him in the well. They began to shovel the dirt in on the horse and every time they put some dirt in, the horse would trample it down and they kept on until they had the well full of dirt and the horse just stepped out and went free. The very thing that was meant to kill the horse saved him. These trials that we hear so much about would be more joyous to us if we would look for the blessings that are surely there. I could tell many blessings in which the Lord blessed me in that way. But one in particular stands out in my heart.

In West Virginia last summer, I happened to be driving Bro. Darius Gibson's car and we stopped at a station for gas. We told how much we wanted and while they were filling with gas, the man came around and I, thinking that we had all the gas we wanted, gave him the money, started the car and left. The attendant had to quickly jerk the gasoline spout out of the tank to prevent damage being done and we went away with just part of the gasoline we were entitled to have. When I realized what I had done, it made me feel bad for a while, until we began to look for the blessing. The Lord brought a Scripture to Uncle Darius in Jer. 23:21. "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied." The blessed lesson we received helped us to realize that God wants us to wait on Him, then after we are prepared and have all God has for us, then we can go. We will lose every time we get ahead of the Lord. That was a blessing to me, but I realize now that the secret in receiving a blessing from God is to have a pure heart and keep in the center of God's will.

Do you know that one of the best ways to get a letter is to write one yourself? So it is with blessings. If you want a blessing, just bless the Lord your self and be a blessing to someone else. When we all get

to that place more fully and stay there then the blessings will roll. I Pet. 3:8, 9 says, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called that ye should inherit a blessing." Follow the instructions in God's Word and I am sure that we can never cease to tell of His manifold blessings.

Yours in Christ,

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### LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42). We repeat, we do not know the full extent of the reward, but it is true that the small act of giving a cup of water in love is not lost upon the giver. It builds up into manhood. You may say that the giving of a cup of water is a very trifling act. Do you remember the words of the famous painter? "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle." Again Jesus says, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matt. 12:36). We are not the same after speaking an idle word, nor are we the same after giving a cup of cold water. The one makes us a little more like Christ, the other a little less like him, and this much at least will be our gain or loss in the day of judgment. God does take notice of trifles.

Every soul we can help get saved will be a treasure laid up in heaven. We will not only have the joy of seeing a soul brought home to heaven through our effort, but the helping of a soul also lifts us up into a higher life. Every word of praise and thanksgiving to God, every thought of him is laying up treasure in heaven. Every act of sacrifice or self denial out of love to Christ is adding to our treasure store in the glory world. Oh, how busy we ought to be laying up treasures in heaven! Every act of true worship to God is a treasure in heaven. Whatever thought, or word, or deed, or song, or sermon, or prayer, or sacrifice, or self denial that makes us more like Jesus, and makes our life on earth a little more heavenly is a treasure laid up in heaven. Look and see how busy men are laying up treasures on earth. Let us follow in the footsteps of Jesus who "went about doing good."

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### HAVE YOU A NEED?

My God shall supply all your needs: according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8.

Therefore I say unto you, Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abun-

dantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Eph. 3:20.

(The power that worketh in us is faith.)

But let him ask in faith nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. James 1:6, 7.

Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16.

--Cora Brant

### BROTHER CRAWLEY

A loving husband to his devoted wife,  
Asked a question pertaining to their Christian life:  
"Now which to the other do you think most true?  
You to me, or I to you?"

"To you goes the honor," she then replied.

He, "Would you stand for that and be satisfied?"

--E. E. Forbes.

### BIBLE STUDY

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### THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF GOD

July 6, 1958

Printed Portion .....Deuteronomy 10:12-15, 17-22; 11:1;

Romans 5:6-11

Deut. 10:12. And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14. Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

15. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

17. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

18. He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

21. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

22. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the Lord thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11:1. Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

Rom. 5:6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

**Memory Verse:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children. *Psa. 103:17.*

**Practical Truth:** The Lord is a God of both justice and mercy.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first part of our lesson is part of an address given by Moses near the end of his life. Moses brings out the fact that God requires us to fear and love Him. One writer states that "the fear of God which He requires is that pious reverence which not only can coexist with love to Him, but is not where love is not." (W. L. Alexander). If we have this kind of fear we will walk carefully before Him, lest we wound or grieve the great heart of God by disobeying His precious commands. If we love Him with all our heart and soul, we will want to be like Him in every possible way. We will want to keep His commandments, which includes those given to us by His dear Son Jesus Christ, in whom "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (*Col. 2:9*). As we read of Jesus and the great deeds of love performed by him, we understand more about God. When we yield ourselves to God and are "born again," we realize the greatness of God and feel his love burning in our very souls. Since God is just and merciful, we as His children are expected to, and do, reflect these characteristics in our relations with others.

As we reflect upon the mercies of God toward us, we can praise God from whom all blessings flow. Those who will not accept the mercy of God through Jesus Christ will feel the justice of God upon them in the Judgment Day. The decree of God is that all who come before Him in the Judgment Day with unconfessed sins will be punished.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE GOSPEL

July 13, 1958

Printed Portion: .....Matthew 5:17-20, 46-48; 23:23-26.

*Matt. 5:17.* Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfil.

18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

23:23. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

**Memory Verse:** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. *Matt. 7:12.*

**Practical Truth:** The gospel has been an outstanding factor in promoting social justice in the earth.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The question is often asked, "Do we live today under the teachings of the New Testament or the Old Testament?" Our lesson brings out the fact that Jesus came not to destroy the law but to fulfil it. Under the old law people could not live up to the law because they did not have the power to do so as we do today through the Holy Spirit. The law said, "Thou shalt not kill." But Jesus came to fulfil that law. He says to "love thy neighbor as thyself." "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." *1 John 3:15.* If we love our neighbor we will not hate him, therefore murder would never be. Under the old law they were told to take the sword and kill their enemies that came against them, but in the New Testament Jesus told Peter to put up the sword; to pray for those who despise-use you. Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, who were strict law keepers. It means more than just good works: we must be born again to be ready to meet God.

Justice, mercy, and faith are the weightier matters of the law. One to be thought about in connection with our lesson topic, "Social justice and the Gospel" is a recognition that all men have immortal souls. They should be treated like human beings. In Arabia I read that pretty girls sell for \$1200, and an able-bodied man for \$100. Mohammedanism permits this, but not Christians.

### JUSTICE IN THE FAMILY

July 20, 1958

Printed Portion: .....Eph. 5:21-31; 6:1-4; 1 Tim. 5:8.

*Eph. 5:21.* Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also

loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Eph. 6:1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1 Tim. 5:8. 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.

Memory Verse: Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Phil. 2:4.

Practical Truth: If there is to be happiness in a home, there must be justice on the part of its members toward each other.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first part of our lesson is a beautiful comparison of the husband and wife to Christ and the church.

In the beginning God opened the side of man and took out a rib from which He made woman. Adam looked at Eve and said, "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." Adam loved her because she was part of him. God wants men to love their wives as their own selves; as one minister put it: "Remember, God took a rib out of man's side and not out of his foot to make a woman."

Jesus died on the cross, and out of his side flowed blood and water. Through that blood that was spilled on Calvary he purchased for Himself a bride. We are "born again" and made "new creatures" when we accept Jesus as our Saviour and the blood covers our sins. Jesus looks upon us, the Church of God, the bride of Christ for whom he gave himself, and loves us because we are a part of Him. We must be pure, spotless, and without blemish to be able to be received in that great day when Jesus will come bursting through the clouds to receive to Himself his bride.

Parents should give love and understanding to their children. Show them that you are interested in the things they are concerned about. Take time to play with them, and teach them to be fair and tolerant. Children should in turn love and honor their parents and care for them when they grow old. It is best that parents live by themselves when they grow old as long as they possibly can.

#### JUSTICE IN COMMUNITY LIFE

July 27, 1958

Printed Portion: .....Leviticus 19:15-18; James 2:1-9.

Lev. 19:15. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judg-

ment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16. Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Jas. 2:1. My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3. And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4. Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5. Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6. But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7. Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8. If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

Memory Verse: Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13:10.

Practical Truth: Justice in community life requires that there should be impartial efforts to bring about the material and spiritual welfare of all.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In a neighborhood or community there should be a burden bearing and a bearing of responsibility. This world is full of heartaches, sorrow, and trouble. Who is more able to comfort and share this burden than the person who is in touch with God? Who is more able to set a good example in a community than a child of God? If we are careful to obey God's commandments and to regularly attend services held at the chapel, this will be a help to others around us who look on our lives. When going to meeting try to take the neighbor children with you. I know by experience that the sacrifice will bring a blessing to your soul.

Today's lesson does not include the Ten Commandments, but the portions from Leviticus shows how that fundamental law was applied in Jewish life. In the James portions we see the Christian application of those commandments. We should show the same considerations for the poor brother as we do for those who may possess more. James plainly tells us that if we "have respect to persons, ye commit sin."

Parents are largely responsible when their children show respect of persons. Children will generally play with others regardless of their race, color, or status in life. Be careful that you have a good feeling toward all, and it will be reflected in your smaller children and have a great influence in the lives of your older children. —M. Miles.