

TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

(Please share with all teachers using the junior *Beautiful Way* lessons.)

For the first quarter of 1987, we shall begin a series of lessons about Jesus' life. The first few will be like a review of the Christmas story but also contain a few new thoughts. The second quarter of this year we shall have thirteen lessons about Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. After that we shall continue with different happenings from His blessed life. There are many things to be learned from studying Jesus' life. He is our example as well as our Saviour. We must therefore take Him as a pattern and form our habits of life according to it.

I believe children will find this study interesting. Learning about the wonderful, miraculous things which Jesus did should prove to be a source of strength to students when Satan challenges them about the diety of Christ. Satan tried to get Jesus to doubt His diety and He will also try to get children to doubt it. Jesus, however, overcame Satan by using the Word of God on him.

Inside is a map of the region where Jesus was during His public ministry. It should be used to show the students the distance people had to walk and carry their sick. Being willing to put forth the effort to take sick ones to Him even through difficulties shows their faith in Jesus. Students should be encouraged to be willing to put forth effort to live for Christ. They should realize that everything has a price. The more value something has, the higher the price. Following Jesus will cost them something, just as it did His followers when He was here on the earth.

Those who came to Jesus were repaid one hundred percent for their effort. Those who faithfully follow Him today will also be repaid one hundred percent. Each one must choose, "suffer a little and gain", or, "no suffering, no gain." The following story by J. R. Miller, shows how much better one can be for choosing to follow Jesus.

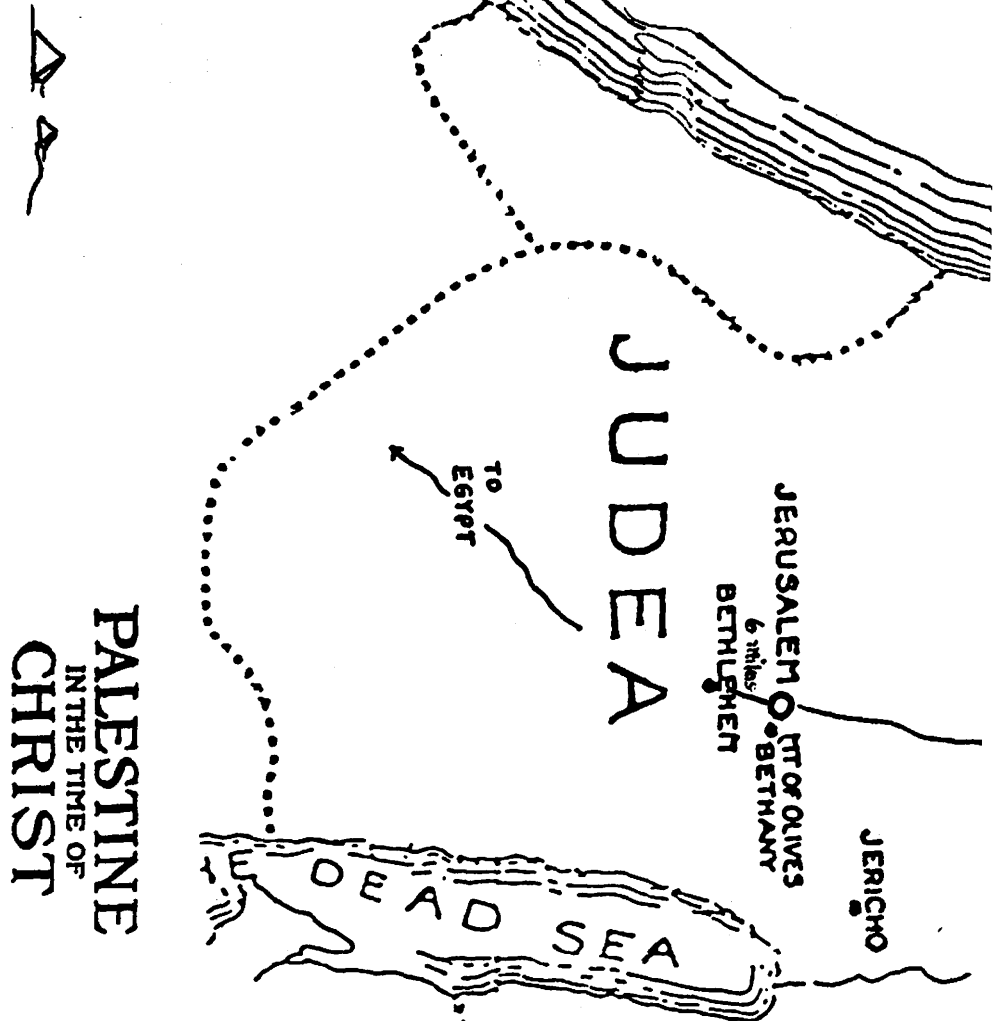
THE LIFTING TOUCH

One day a drop of water lay in a pool on the city street. It was stained and soiled. But looking up, it saw the blue sky and the pure heavens and the white sunbeams dancing everywhere, and began to long for purity and for a nobler, worthier life. It looked up into the sky, and its longing became an earnest prayer to be made clean and beautiful. And its prayer was heard. Presently the little soiled drop was lifted up out of the gutter into the air—higher and higher. Then the breeze caught it, and it was wafted away, away, and by and by it rested in the bosom of a rose, a drop of pure, crystal dew. So God answers our prayers for holiness, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

—J. R. Miller

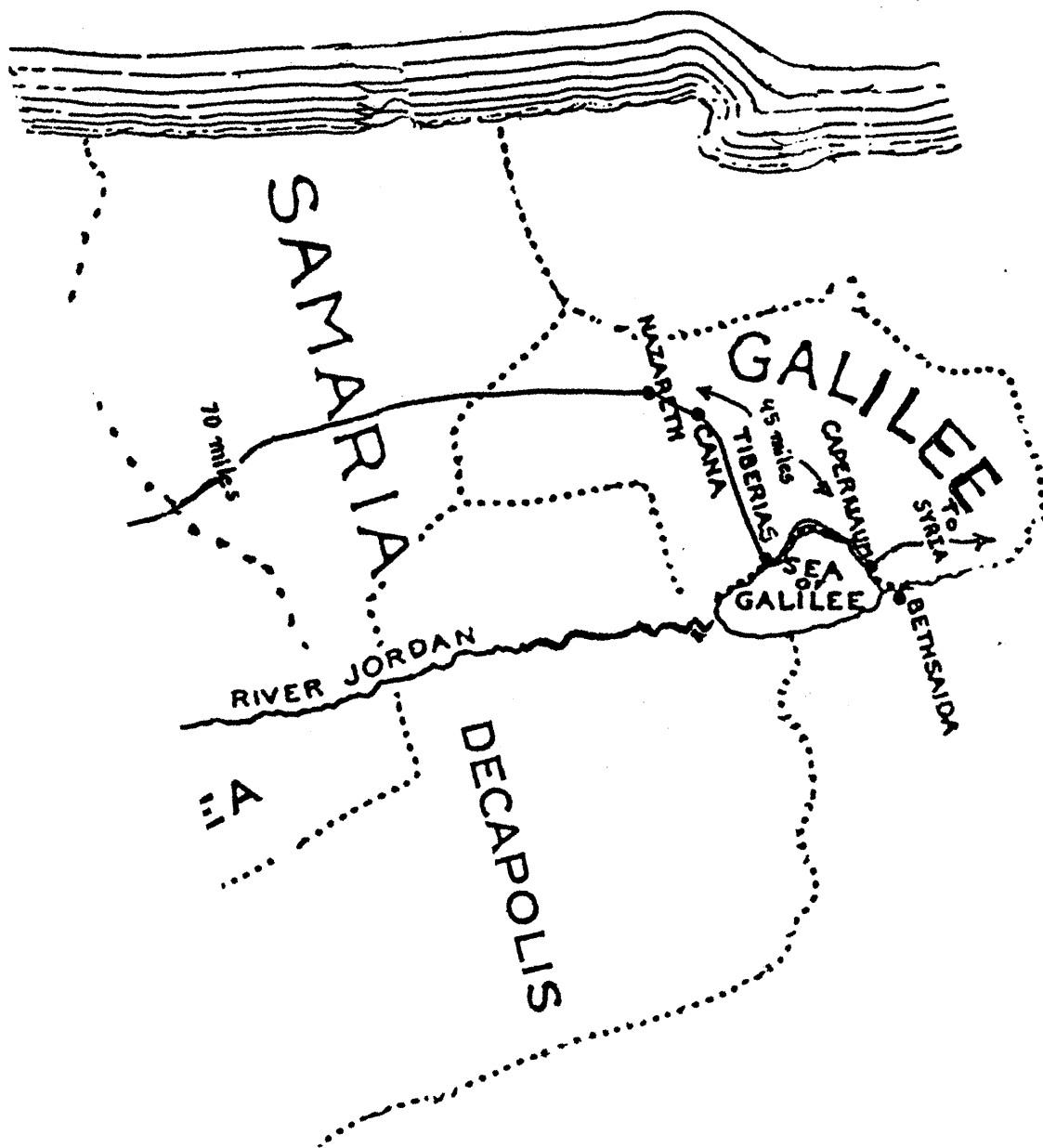
I trust God will anoint each teacher as they give out these lessons, for only with the blessed Holy Spirit working through the teacher can students get the spiritual food they need.

—Sis. Charlotte



1. Jerusalem—Jesus was dedicated to God when He was 40 days old.
2. Bethlehem—Wise men visited.
3. Egypt—Jesus was taken here to escape death by King Herod's men.
4. Jerusalem—Twelve-year-old Jesus studies with the doctors and lawyers at the temple.
5. Jordan River—Jesus was baptized.
6. In the wilderness near Jerusalem—Jesus was tempted.
7. Nazareth—Mary and Joseph lived here before Jesus was born and after returning from Egypt with Jesus. Jesus preached here. People tried to kill Jesus.
8. Cana—Jesus turned the water into grape juice at the wedding feast.
9. Capernaum—Miraculous draught of fish caught and Jesus called four disciples.
10. Capernaum—Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, cast out devils, and healed all the sick brought unto Him, also went to church.
11. Jerusalem—Here Jesus cleansed the Temple.
12. Galilee—The leper was healed.
13. Capernaum—Paralytic man was healed after being put through the roof.

THE GREAT OR MEDITERRANEAN SEA



My Task

I do not ask for mighty words
To leave the crowd impressed,
But grant my life may ring so true
My neighbor will be blessed.

I do not ask for influence
To sway the multitude;
Give me a "word in season" for
The soul in solitude.

I do not ask to win the great—
God grant they may be saved!—
Give me the broken sinner, Lord,
By Satan long enslaved.

Though words of wisdom and of power
Rise easily to some,
Give me a simple message, Lord,
That bids the sinner come.

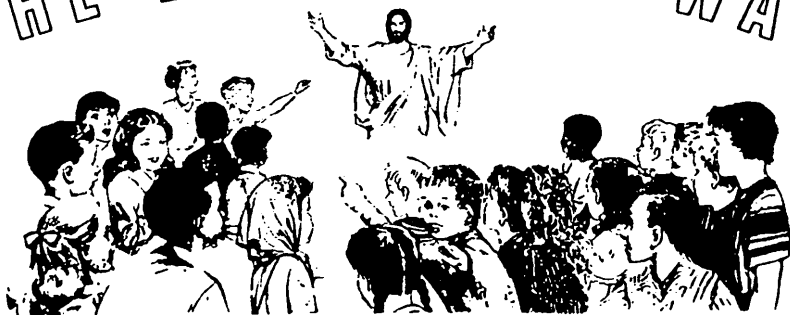
A group of boys and girls may be
My God-appointed task;
Help me to lead each one to Thee—
What greater could I ask?

I ask no place of prominence
Where all the world can see,
But in some needy corner, Lord,
There let me work for Thee.

No task too great, no task too small,
Sufficient is Thy grace;
The darkened heart my mission field,
My light, the Saviour's face.

—Barbara Cornet Ryber

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 1

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Partners With God

I, Stanley Tam, was surprised to learn that in the United States a lot of silver was being washed down the drain into the sewer. Yes, SILVER, the precious metal, was being thrown away! If I could only save the silver from being wasted, I could soon be a rich man. That's just what I wanted to be, a rich man! So I began investigating! The silver would have to be separated from the water and other chemicals. To do this I would need an electric current. A little more investigating led me to find that in 1918, a very long time ago, a man had invented and patented just such a device. I soon found the man and signed a contract with him to use it. The only sad part about all this is that four other guys had tried the same thing I was going to try and had failed. Of course, I didn't know that so I spent a lot of borrowed money trying to get rich collecting wasted silver. Well, just like the others I, too, went broke instead of getting rich!

I was so discouraged that I packed my suitcase and left for home. Now I left Columbus, Ohio, and my home being in Lima, I had a good many hours to think while I was traveling homeward. I had a great habit of praying to God about my troubles, so that is just what I did about this trouble, too. While I was praying and asking God about why I hadn't been successful in my business adventure, He seemed to say to me,

"Stanley, this doesn't need to be a disappointment. Turn the business over to Me, and I will make it successful."

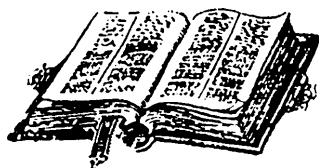
I answered God just like this, "Lord, if you will make it successful, I will honor You in every way I possibly can."

When I got home I had another surprise waiting for me. My good dad was willing to get behind me with money, so I could try again! We named the company The States Smelting and Refining Company. Soon I was renting out an increasing number of silver collectors to photographers, x-ray technicians and hospitals all over the country. In fact, any company that developed a great many negatives was a good place to have a silver collector. For collecting the silver I paid them half the value of the silver each collected. Companies all over the United States were collecting silver and sending it to my company. I then sold the silver and paid them half of the money I received. The other half was mine to keep. It was a good bit of money for them, too. Before long all of them together were collecting about eleven tons of silver a year. (This is worth about \$2,112,000.00 today.)

After about three years I was making \$12,000 a year. That was real good for a young man in those days, so I thought I was able to get married. That is just what I did. Before long, however, God reminded me of my promise to "honor Him in every possible way."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus' First Trip

Luke 2:22 "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

24 "And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

25 "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him."

26 "And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

27 "And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,"

28 "Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,"

29 "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:"

30 "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,"

31 "Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:"

32 "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

33 "And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him."

34 "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;"

35 "(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

36 "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;"

37 "And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day."

38 "And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."



Questions:

1. Why was Jesus taken to Jerusalem?
2. What did they take as an offering?
3. Who was Simeon?
4. What had God showed Simeon?
5. How do you think Simeon knew Jesus was the Saviour?
6. What did Simeon say would happen to Israel?
7. Who was Anna?
8. What did Anna do every day?
9. What did Anna do after seeing Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: . . . John 16:13.



Let's Talk

Mary and Joseph were both from the family of Abraham, Joseph, Ruth, and King David, for all of these great people were from the same family. They lived in different times upon the earth. These great people and their families served God, so they lived by His rules. Some of these rules were given by God to Abraham. Joseph and David obeyed the rules which Abraham passed on to them. After Joseph and Moses were used of God to save the Jewish nation from starvation God gave them many more rules to obey. He used Moses to teach these rules to the people. From that time on, until the time Jesus was born, the people who pleased God obeyed these rules.

Joseph and Mary were people who obeyed God so they obeyed a rule which said that when a little boy is forty days old he should be taken to the temple with the mother and an offering should be given to God. If the baby was a girl, then she should be sixty-six days old when she was taken. This rule is written in the twelfth chapter of Leviticus, a book in the Old Testament part of the Holy Bible.

In the lesson today Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus and went to the temple with their offering of two turtle doves. This was the offering required for a poor family. If they had not been poor they would have taken a lamb.

At the temple they met an unusual man, Simeon, who was so filled with God that the Spirit of God led him into the temple to see Jesus. When he saw Jesus he was filled with happiness. There were many other men going in and out of the temple but not one of them experienced the wonderful feeling that Simeon did when he saw Jesus, the new King and Saviour of the world.

Today those who obey God's rules and are filled with God's Holy Spirit

also experience wonderful feelings that others do not feel. Let each one seek to be filled with this great Spirit and enjoy life like God expects His people to. You can if you will listen and obey the still small voice of God which speaks to you. Obey every little bit of instruction as you work and play.

Another unusual person that Mary and Joseph met at the temple was Anna. Anna was eighty-four years old. Verse number thirty-seven in "Words of Gold" reads, "She was a widow of about fourscore and four years." One score is twenty years, so four score would be twenty times four or eighty. Then add four more years making her eighty-four. She was married seven years and her husband died. After he died, she did not spend her time nosing around in other peoples' business and talking and causing a lot of trouble like she could have. She didn't spend her time feeling sorry for herself, nor watching television or other kinds of entertainment. Of course, there were no TV's but there were other entertainments. Anna spent her time wisely. She spent it at the temple praying for others. She too, was so close to God that the instant she saw Jesus, she knew He was the Son of God, the Redeemer of the people! She was so excited about Him that she spoke to first one and then another saying, "The promised Saviour is born. Now we shall have deliverance from sin and Satan." Some historians believe that she traveled from place to place telling the people about Jesus. Pretty good job for an eighty-four-year-old woman! —Sis. Charlotte



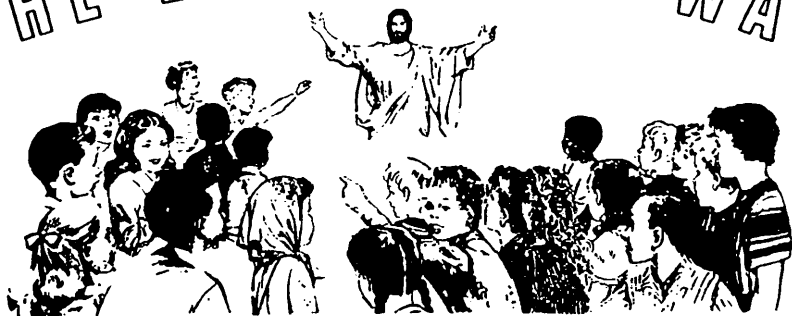
(Answers: 1. To be presented to God. 2. Two turtle doves, 3. A just, devout (consecrated) man, 4. He would not die until he saw the Saviour, 5. It was revealed unto him by the Spirit, 6. Many people would fall and rise again, 7. Anna was a holy woman eighty-four years old, 8. She lived at the temple and spent her time fasting and praying, 9. She told those who were looking for the Redeemer, that He had come!)

Even with God as my Partner, I some times faced serious problems. Like the time I discovered that another man had studied this silver collector and built another just like it. I was paying a great lot of royalty money to Mr. Aukerman who had invented and patented the silver collector. How could this man build another? So I examined the patent and found it was not valid. My lawyer told me I was not bound to continue paying Mr. Aukerman. I stopped paying him, but somehow, I didn't feel good about it because I had promised to pay as long as I used the device. After praying about it, I met with him and explained that I was a Christian and wanted to pay him as I had promised. We talked for a long time and came to an agreeable settlement. As he, too, was a Christian, Mr. Aukerman forgave me and was happy. He died two days later. I was glad I made things right with him!

God has been a good Partner. I hope every boy or girl who reads this will take God as his or her partner, too.
(Rewritten from *Men Twice Born*)

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 2

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Three Wise Men

Gaspar first spied the new star in the heaven. It had a long tail like a falling star yet it did not move. He noticed the intense brilliance of this star. Had he ever seen one so bright? he wondered.

"Melchior," he called, "look to the east at that distant star. What do you think of it?"

Melchior looked where Gaspar's finger pointed. He did not speak for some time, watching the star for movement. It did not move. Melchior's forehead wrinkled in deep thought.

Studying stars and other heavenly bodies was very important to these men because they were Chaldean Astrologers. They lived in Babylonia, and were of the learned class interested in science and religion. They believed that the heaven and all therein had a direct relationship with life on earth. Stars, sun, and moon were carefully diagrammed and charted in making calendars and predicting future events.

The appearance of this new star soon perplexed many Chaldeans. The star was very brilliant against the dark blue of the sky. Its broad tail was like a sun ray in the night. Yet the star did not move. Night after night it always appeared in the same place.

Gaspar and Melchior felt a special attraction to this new discovery. "Let us consult Balthasar concerning this star," Gaspar said. "He may know some prophecy concerning it."

Balthasar did not study stars but was well educated in laws and codes and was advisor to the King. He was particularly interested in the Mosaic Law. He carefully studied the prophecies of Daniel who had been, like himself, of Jewish lineage but living in Babylonia. Daniel had lived there some six centuries before.

It was not difficult for Melchior and Gaspar to find Balthasar. He was busy teaching rich young men who were studying laws.

"Greetings, Master," Melchior began, "we desire to speak with you concerning a new discovery perplexing all Chaldean astrologers."

Then the two men began to tell of the first appearance of the star, and its intense brilliance. Balthasar listened solemnly and that night he too studied this strange star.

However, it was not until the following night that Balthasar had a dream. In this dream, Balthasar saw Balaam, an ancient prophet of the true God, riding on a young donkey. He rode the donkey right before Balthasar but stopped in front of him. Balaam raised his arm and pointed to the star in the sky. Then he spoke: "There shall come a star out of Jacob and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel." While the prophet spoke, the star became as a newborn babe. Then Balthasar awoke. He recalled prophecies Daniel and other prophets

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WORDS OF GOLD



Unusual Visitors

Matthew 2:1 "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

2 "Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

3 "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

4 "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born."

5 "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,"

6 "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the prince of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

7 "Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared"

8 "And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

9 "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

10 "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

11 "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

12 "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

Numbers 24:16 "He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, . . ."

17 "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, . . ."

Jesus is called a STAR:

II Peter 1:19 "... until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Revelation 22:16 "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Questions:

1. In what town was Jesus born?
2. Who came to visit Jesus?
3. How did the wise men know Jesus was born?
4. What unusual thing happened to the star?
5. List reasons why the wise men's visit was unusual.
6. In what ways did the wise men show love for Jesus?
7. Why did they not return to tell Herod they found the new King?
8. Where in the Old Testament is the star spoken of?
9. How can a person show love for Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15.



Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea. The name "Bethlehem" in the Hebrew language signifies "the house of bread." The name is very proper because from Bethlehem came Jesus, the true Bread of Life. Jesus said of Himself, "I am the bread of life."

While the humble shepherds from the hills near Bethlehem were visiting the newborn King in His stable home, in a far away country some wise astronomers were wondering about a new star in the sky. It seems that the Jews were scattered around over many parts of the world and mixed by inter-marrying with other people. It is believed by historians that the wise men who visited Jesus knew from the Jews about the promise of God to send His Son into the world. They, like many other Jews, were looking for God to keep His promise, (which He always does). When they saw a new luminous appearance in the sky like a star, perhaps they remembered the words of Balaam who said, "there shall come a star out of Jacob." Or perhaps because the people around them worshiped stars and fire, they thought surely this must be a new GOD. Whatever the reason for their belief, we do not know. But one thing we know is they believed He was an important King, so important they traveled months and months to come and worship Him.

No suffering or hardships of the journey were too great for them to endure. They wanted to worship this new God, and they would suffer whatever it took to do so. Our desire to worship Jesus should be just as strong as that of the three wise men.

Worshiping God is doing God's will. It is impossible to worship something which is not loved. Worship is great honor and respect, services in honor of God, great love and admiration, or adoration. Honor, love, respect, adoration,

or admiration are given only to things that are loved, whether it be God, Jesus, some person or some thing. In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." A person may come to church and appear like he is worshiping God, but he or she is not worshiping God unless they are willing to do God's holy will, which is His commandments.

Some feel it is impossible to do God's will, that people are all sinners, and cannot keep God's commandments. It is true we have all sinned but Jesus died to take away our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He made a plan to send the Holy Spirit into the heart. The Holy Spirit in the heart gives a person power to overcome sin and the carnal mind and the ability to know and do the will of God.

Today every person on the earth can worship God just as the wise men of long ago. —Sis. Charlotte

How Far To Bethlehem Star?

How far did the wise men of old Follow the star, of which we're told; They followed on with trust and bold Until they found that which they sought. They sought the Christ, the King of kings And unto Him, their treasure brings Which makes their happy hearts to sing They gave of self with what they brought.

How far is it, to Bethlehem star? I'm sure it can't be very far If we just keep our hearts ajar, The Star will come and enter in. And it will guide us in the right And bring us to the place of light, And give to us a clear, clean sight, And shield us from the way of sin.

—Selected.

(Answers: 1. Bethlehem, 2. Three wise men, 3. They saw a new star which they believed to be a sign of a divine King, 4. The star moved ahead of the travelers after they left Jerusalem. 5. Jesus was unknown to them. He was poor and they were considered rich. Perhaps you can think of other reasons. 6. They sacrificed to come, they worked, and they brought gifts. 7. God warned them against it. 8. Numbers 24: 16, 9. By keeping His commandments which is doing His will.)

had written concerning the coming Messiah, King of the Jews.

The next day, Balthasar was very excited when he talked to Gaspar and Melchior.

"Yes," Melchior agreed, "the star stands steady. Accordingly, Jerusalem must be in that direction."

"Then let us study maps and employ guides to lead us unto Jerusalem," Balthasar urged.

Melchior and Gaspar nodded in agreement. Surely they would go also to learn more about the Jewish King Balthasar spoke about.

The journey across Arabia Petraea was long and dangerous. The three Chaldeans or Magi took with them servants to attend the camels and their belongings. Also, they employed two experienced guides. The rocky plains of Arabia Petraea had many bandits eager to rob helpless travelers. The caravan centers had sly traders who easily cheated the wisest men. The windy, rugged mountains often brought hardships to weary travelers. Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar appreciated the guides' knowledge and assistance.

Finally they reached Jerusalem, the center city of all Jews. The presence of such important men aroused much curiosity among the residents. The three requested to see the King, and immediately a messenger rushed to the palace with the news of their arrival.

Soon King Herod was talking with Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. "You say a star guided you here to see the newborn King?" he questioned. "Let me learn more of this. You three must abide here with me until I learn the location of this new King of the Jews."

They left the throne room and were kept in the Palace until further word came from King Herod. In the meantime, King Herod privately called together the Jewish Sanhedrin or Council.

"Where is this Messiah, King of the Jews, to be born?" he demanded angrily. "I expect a prompt, accurate answer!"

The council men began to whisper among themselves. Perhaps some of them had heard the aged Simeon and Prophetess Anna bless God when they held Baby Jesus in the Jerusalem temple a few weeks before. Both had proclaimed Baby Jesus the Messiah. They knew that the ancient Prophet Micah had foretold Bethlehem to be the Messiah's birth place. To lie could cost them their lives but to tell everything to King Herod would be dangerous also. Therefore, the High Priest said, "In Bethlehem a Governor shall come." 2

King Herod related this message to the three special travelers. "Let me know when you have found him," he said, smiling. "I want to worship him also."

The three Chaldeans left King Herod's court. It was six miles yet to Bethlehem. Night had come and before them the star was shining brightly once more.

Soon they found the house where Baby Jesus slept. As the wise men entered the room, the joy, peace and glory of the Lord shone around about them. All the worry, all the questions, all the hardship of the journey was forgotten as they knelt to worship the Divine King.

Gaspar offered his gift first. "This is gold for our King," he said.

"This is frankincense as unto God," Melchior said.

"This is myrrh," Balthasar said, "because God is with us in the form of an infant child."

Mary was meekly quiet and thankful. For many years, she would treasure in her heart the memory of this visit.

Their mission accomplished, the contented Chaldeans began their long journey home. This time they chose a southern route, away from Jerusalem. As they left Bethlehem, their hearts were joyous, their faces were happy, and their lips sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!"

—Connie Sorrell

1. Numbers 24:17

2. Micah 5:2

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Jean's Sacrifice

(A true story about Jean Schirmer)

"Hi, Daddy, I need to know something," Jean called as her father stepped out of a green LTD and started toward the door leading into the game room where his pool table and bar were located.

"What is your question, my queen?"

"Who is Jesus? Mrs. Allen said everyone should know who Jesus is, but I don't."

Dad sighed, "How foolish could I be? I've given my only child everything I thought she needed to be well educated but have never told her about Jesus."

"Daddy, don't you know?"

"Yes, yes, Jean, I know about Jesus. Grandma told me about Jesus and always took me to Sunday school. There I learned about Jesus dying on a cross for all the people of the world. And, Jean, He is God's Son. Men killed Him but the grave couldn't hold Him. He came back to life on the third day after He was killed."

"He must be someone mighty special then. Why haven't you told me about Him before?"

"Jean, I've been a very bad Daddy. But I tell you what, I'll start taking you to church."

He did take Jean to church for a few weeks. Then one Sunday he said he had work to do that day so she'd have to go with the neighbor. Soon he quit going at all.

Jean loved to go to church. Every Sunday she got up early and went. When she asked her parents to go they always had some excuse. Soon Jean became a born-again Christian. She prayed often that her father and mother would also be saved.

Days, weeks, and months passed into years, still her parents would not go with her. One evening Jean dedicated her life to the Lord at a young people's meeting. The Spirit of God filled her and soon spilled out onto her dad. He decided to go with her to a special meeting. On the third night of attending the meeting, he also became a born-again Christian. How happy Jean was! But sad to say it didn't last long.

After graduation from high school, Jean went away to nursing school. Years passed and Jean was ready to graduate.

"What do you want for graduation?" her dad asked.

"Dad, what I want most is that you and mother would dedicate your lives to God."

"Oh, Jean, I know that is your greatest wish, but I mean something I could buy."

"You have given me everything I wanted. Well, that is everything except a better knowledge of Christ. But you are giving me that too, by paying my expenses at the Bible Institute. After all I'm twenty-one now and should be making my own way," she said with a laugh.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Escape or Death!

Matthew 2:13 "And when they [three wise kings] were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

14 "When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:"

15 "And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." (Hosea 11:1)

16 "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

17 "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,"

18 "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not."

19 "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt."

20 "Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."

21 "And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel."

22 "But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:"

23 "And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene."

This is the prophecy spoken by Jeremy, six hundred and six years before it happened: Jeremiah 31:15, "Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not."



Questions:

1. How did the angel appear to Joseph?
2. Did Joseph obey God's message?
3. How long did the family stay in Egypt?
4. How did they know to leave?
5. Why did Joseph not return to the land of Israel as God commanded?
6. Where did the family decide to live?
7. Why did it happen that they stayed in Nazareth?
8. Did Joseph show wisdom by obeying God?
9. Have you promised to obey God?

MEMORY VERSE

... Thou shalt ... obey the voice of the Lord, ... and ... God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand. Deut. 30:8, 9.



Let's talk about the importance of obeying God. Notice that Joseph was very quick to obey God. God communicated with Joseph in dreams. One time before he and Mary were married he had a dream. In the dream an angel told him to not be afraid to go ahead and get married. Joseph then took his wife in marriage and things worked out fine.

A couple of years later the angel of God appeared to him in a dream telling him to go into Egypt where Jesus would be safe. Again he obeyed and sometime later he heard how King Herod had all the baby boys two years old or under killed. The children from Bethlehem and all the area around were killed. Jesus also would have been killed if Joseph had tried to hide out somewhere around Bethlehem. Obeying God was very important!

While they were living in Egypt the angel of the Lord again appeared to him in a dream. This time it instructed him to return to Israel. Joseph again obeyed. While on the trip back to Israel, Joseph heard that King Herod's cruel son, Archelaus was the new ruler. He was afraid to go on, then it seems that God gave him another dream of warning, possibly not a spoken message as the others but a warning. Joseph then turned aside into Nazareth, a city of Galilee. Because Jesus lived in Nazareth, he was called a Nazarene, not because he was part of a church group named Nazarenes.

Just as it was very important that Joseph obeyed God, so it is very important that each of us obey God. God has a special work for each of us to do. Of course, it isn't to be step-father of His priceless Son, Jesus, but it is very important.

Let us talk about some other reasons why God should be obeyed:

1. Those who obey God are a peculiar treasure unto him more than others on the earth. Exodus 19:5.
2. God will protect them. Exodus 23:22, "But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries."
3. They receive prosperity. Deut. 30:8-9, "And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments . . . And . . . God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, . . . for good."
4. They shall have salvation. Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"
5. They shall receive a blessing. Deut. 11:26-28, "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, . . . And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments . . ."

Those who do not obey God can expect:

1. To die without knowledge. Job 36:12, "But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge."
2. To be destroyed. II Thessalonians 1:7-9, ". . . the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—Sis. Charlotte

Give Me Salvation

Give me eyes that I might see
And ears that I might hear,
Give me a will, to do the right,
And love to cast out fear.
Give me a heart, that's full of love
For all of God's creation;
In short, dear Lord, oh, let me live
A life of full salvation.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. In a dream, 2. Yes, 3. Until God told them to leave, 4. God again gave Joseph a message by a dream, 5. He became fearful and God gave him another warning, 6. In Nazareth, a city of Galilee, 7. Because God's prophet had said many years ago that he would be called a Nazarene, 8. Yes, 9. Answer should be YES.)

Summer was soon over and Jean packed her things to leave for school.

"I do hope you will enjoy your vacation at the Bible Conference in Harvey Cedars before having to start studying again," Mother said as she kissed her good-by.

"I'm sure I will! I guess I'll see you Christmas," Jean called from the car window as she drove away. That was to be Jean's last time to see her mother.

Jean did enjoy her vacation. She enjoyed swimming, horseback riding, volleyball and, mostly, the wonderful Christian young people. In the evening the girls met to pray together. On Thursday evening, at one of these prayer meetings, Jean said, "I would like for you girls to pray with me that God would draw my parents closer to Him, even if it means some sacrifice on my part. I am willing to do whatever I can to see them dedicated to Him."

The girls prayed. After the meeting as they parted, someone proposed the idea that they go swimming Saturday afternoon.

Swimming in the surf is great fun! Jean especially seemed to enjoy swimming in God's great ocean, it reminded her of His great love.

Suddenly Jean called for help! Then she seemed to lose ability to swim! Right there just a few feet from the shore she drowned! The girls were terrified and frightened, but they could do nothing. People gathered around, the authorities were called.

The camp supervisor had to call Jean's mom. She called her dad at his office in New York City. "No, Honey," he said, "that isn't our Jean, there is a mistake. I will call the camp myself. What is the number?"

He called the camp. The pastor said with much difficulty, "I am sorry, Mr. Schirmer. It is the truth. Your Jean is dead." Jean's words rang in his ears, "Dad, what I want most is that you and Mother would dedicate your lives to God."

"Oh, Lord," he cried, "I've waited too long for Jean to enjoy Christian parents, but I still want to give her what she wanted most. All these years I've ruled my life and made an awful mess of it. Will you take over, please God?"

God took over and before long He led Mr. Schirmer to sell his business which amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars. They soon began printing Bible portions in languages of natives of other continents of the world, where the Word of God was very hard to obtain.

They missed Jean so much they took five other girls into their home to raise. All of them are living for the Lord. Three are missionaries in Okinawa, India, and Sweden. Now they have daughters here and a daughter in heaven, precious daughters to love and enjoy for all eternity.

(Rewritten from *Men Twice Born*)



'Tis Life Beyond

I watched a sail until it dropped from sight

Over the rounding sea. A gleam of white,

A last far-flashed farewell, and, like a thought

Slipt out of mind, it vanished and was not.

Yet to the helmsman standing at the wheel

Broad seas still stretched beneath the gliding keel.

Disaster? Change? He felt no slightest sign,

Nor dreamed he of that far horizon line.

So may it be, perchance, when down the tide

Our dear ones vanish. Peacefully they glide

On level seas, nor mark the unknown bound.

We call it death—to them 'tis life beyond.

—Selected

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

David slammed the receiver down on the phone! "If anyone else calls for me tell them I can't come. I've got too much studying to do," he said to his sister, Nancy, who was playing with her dolls in the corner of the living room.

"Okay," she said, "I'll tell them, but I won't be here long. I'm going to Edith's house. Mother said I could play with her cause 'she's such a good girl.' "

"Where is Mother?"

"She's gone to Safeway to pick up some ice cream and strawberries, I think, or something she needed for dinner."

"Well, I can't be answering the telephone, nor the door bell. I must finish this lesson for Junior Meeting or I'll make a fool of myself trying to teach."

"I'm sorry," Nancy said as she watched him ascend the open stairway leading to the third floor of their home. Nancy felt happy that David was her brother. All her friends liked him too. He was good looking, cheerful and always had something witty to say to them. In fact, everyone liked him. She could have been jealous but then why should she be, because of him she had more friends and more fun.

David seated himself at his desk again. It was true, he was thoughtful, and kind to Nancy's friends and everyone else. He was especially nice to everyone in the church. He knew it was very important to be that way for he was

their youth leader. He must be a good example if he expected them to encourage their juniors to come to the junior meetings held every Friday night. He knew full well that if the attendance dropped that the pastor would be looking for another leader. He sure didn't want that to happen, for being the leader brought him much satisfaction.

Another thing very important to David was that everyone in the church had a good opinion of him. He loved to hear people tell his father, "Your boy, David, is a wonderful boy. The world needs a lot more boys just like him." Sometimes he heard ladies say to his mother, "I'm so thankful to have such a good youth leader." Thrills ran up and down his spine whenever he heard praise from others, especially those from the church. He was careful with every word and action, that he do nothing that might change their opinion. He worked hard keeping himself looking just right! His hair must be cut and styled each week. Although at times he felt guilty paying the \$15.00 for it when he knew Jake wouldn't come to junior meeting because of his shabby clothing. Sarah, too, had quit coming because she had to work Friday evenings, since her dad was killed in the accident.

He heard the door close behind Nancy as she left for Edith's. Yes, Edith was a good friend for Nancy. She always wore modest clothing and loved to play church

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WORDS OF GOLD



Mary's Surprise

Luke 2:40 "And the child [Jesus] grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him."

41 "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover."

42 "And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

43 "And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it."

44 "But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance."

45 "And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him."

46 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions."

47 "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."

48 "And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

49 "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

50 "And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them."

51 "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject

unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."

52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."



Questions:

1. Of what was Jesus filled?
2. What part of Jesus became strong?
3. How old was Jesus when he went to the passover feast?
4. How far did His parents go before they missed him?
5. How many days passed before they found Jesus?
6. At what place was He found?
7. What was Jesus doing at the time He was found?
8. What was Jesus' reason for staying in Jerusalem?
9. What was the doctors' opinion of Jesus?
10. How do we know Jesus was obedient after this?
11. What verse tells that he grew taller after He was twelve?
12. Why do you think Joseph or Mary did not look for Jesus when they first left Jerusalem?
13. Can your parents trust you to do what is right?

MEMORY VERSE

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2:52.



Jesus was going with His parents to celebrate the Passover Feast. This feast was held annually in remembrance of the time when God delivered the Jewish people from being slaves in the land of Egypt. During this feast the people slept in outdoor booths. What fun the children had camping in these booths. The feast lasted eight days. For seven days they ate a special bread called unleavened bread. The eighth day was the Passover, on that day they ate mutton and some herbs.

On these Passover days, the children heard the stories about their great, great grandparents who many years before went into the land of Egypt to live because it was the only land nearby which had food. At first things went well in Egypt because one of their brethren, Joseph, was a ruler there. Many years later another Egyptian king held them as his slaves. One night God sent the Death Angel. It passed over their homes and went into the Egyptian's homes, killing the firstborn of each family. On this night they were freed from slavery!

Jesus never tired of hearing these stories. They were filled with excitement and adventure. Jesus could hardly wait to get to Jerusalem to enjoy the Passover Feast. He also wanted to see the temple where God's presence rested. He wanted to go inside and stay for a long time! He wanted to talk to the men who worked there.

Mary, Joseph, and others noticed Jesus had more knowledge and understanding about God than most boys His age. Daily He showed wisdom in controlling His actions. Even when He was away for long periods of time, they knew He was not doing evil. He seemed to always know just what to do. He was only twelve, but He was learning a trade and acting like a man.

Things were no different at the temple. He presented Himself before the Lord

with the other men. The women did not present themselves before God, they enjoyed other services at the temple.

Soon the day came that they were to go home. Many, many people came from the same town Jesus came from. A great group started out together, cousins, aunts, uncles, mothers, fathers, grandparents, neighbors, and friends, all walking toward Nazareth. Usually the men walked together, the women in other groups, and the children walked with first one group and then the other.

All day long they walked, until evening when it was time to make camp. Children were then expected to be with their parents. When Jesus did not come to them, Mary and Joseph searched diligently for Him among all the people who were traveling. No where could He be found. Then with sorrowing hearts and weary feet they started for Jerusalem.

For seventy-two hours they searched for their lost boy who could have easily been kidnapped. They found him in the temple discussing spiritual things with the doctors of the temple.

When Mary saw He was safe, her feelings of fear were replaced by disappointment and anger for a son who had caused her so much pain. "Why have you done this to us?" she questioned. "We were afraid something terrible had happened to you, and we've worn ourselves out looking all over this city."

"Why didn't you think to look for me here?" Jesus questioned her. "Don't you know I am old enough to be about my Father's business?"

Mary and Joseph couldn't understand what He meant, but Jesus obediently went with them and caused them no more trouble.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Wisdom. 2. His Spirit. 3. Twelve years old. 4. The distance they could walk in one day. 5. Three days. 6. In the temple. 7. Sitting in the midst of the doctors, both listening and teaching them. 8. He felt He should be busy for God, His Father. 9. They were astonished at His understanding. 10. He was subject to them (verse 51). 11. Verse 52. 12. Jesus always did right actions, so they trusted Him to be doing the right that day. 13. Answers will vary.)

with her friends using dolls as the congregation. But somehow she always made sure the dolls were in pairs, husband and wife, or sweethearts, and she seemed to enjoy playing mostly with the "shapely" ones. David was glad Nancy hadn't been allowed to have a collection of those "shapely" dolls.

"But now I must get busy and finish this Bible lesson," he said to himself.

"Tonight is prayer meeting, which I must attend. Thursday evening I must study for the math test, and practice for a 'special song' for the juniors to sing during morning worship Sunday."

David loved to sing "special songs" for two reasons. He loved to make music with his voice, and he loved the admiration of the listeners. The latter one bringing the greater joy. But the practice time was a great trial to him. There were usually long discussions about what song to sing. As he was the youth leader, he felt more SPIRITUAL than the rest and therefore more qualified to choose which was the best choice for Sunday. Others, however, felt they were as qualified as he. Each feeling as he did, disagreements followed.

David also had a natural musical talent. When he was three years old he could hear a tune and play it on the piano which had occupied the corner of their music room as long as he could remember. Besides that he was now fourteen and with several years of study behind him, he could write melodies and magnificent harmony. All this should have given him some authority to direct the group, but it didn't. David had to be just another member, which made him almost burst with anger. He tried hard to keep his anger concealed, however, most of the group knew how he felt.

"My lesson," he said, bringing his mind back to his work. "'Following Jesus', that sounds like a good title. I shall give a lesson about the different people who followed Jesus. That should be both historical and interesting." He took his pencil and began writing.

The door chimes sounded. "Shall I answer it? No, I will not! But maybe I better, it might be someone important."

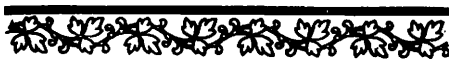
Slowly he descended the stairs, walked across the large room and into the foyer. He opened the door and glared at the boy outside. Then he stood, impatiently waiting as the dirty, wild-looking boy, about his own age, twitched his mouth and wrinkled his forehead as if raking through his blown brain for something to say.

"Say, Gent," he said, "you don't know me, but I'm in trouble. I left home three months ago, cause my folks are on drugs and I want to live different than them. But I can't find a job. No one wants to hire a dirty guy like me. But neither can I be clean without a place to live. The only people who will befriend me are drug pushers. I left home to get away from drugs. Do you know of a home where a boy could work for a place to eat, sleep and bathe?"

"I'm real sorry about your troubles, but I don't know of a place like that in this town. Maybe you should go to a larger city. I wish you luck!" David said, and slowly closed the hand carved mahogany door.

He stepped into the living room and watched through the window as the boy walked slowly back down the lane and through the front gate. Something in David's mind told him the boy's story was true.

(To be continued next week)



Men Chopping Down Trees

They were working for King Solomon, building the House of God which we call the Temple. In what city was this Temple? _____ (II Chronicles 3:1). How long did it take to build it? _____ (I Kings 6:38). In what forest did the men cut the trees? _____ (I Kings 7:2). How many men worked in the forest cutting the trees? _____ (I Kings 5:15). What kind of wood was most of this lumber? _____ (I Kings 6:9).

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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

David returned to his room. Clark's and Matthew Henry's Commentaries, Cruden's Concordance and the King James version of the Bible lay open on his roll top desk. He used them all to prepare his lessons so the lessons would be accurate. "Following Jesus." Who were those who followed Jesus? There were no other interruptions until David finished.

At dinner that night Nancy said, "I saw a very strange looking boy come in the gate when Edith and I were playing in her yard."

"We better check to see that he isn't hiding inside," Mother said. She thought the gate should be kept locked when not in use.

"I watched him leave," David assured his mother. "He said he had left home to get away from drugs and needed a place to stay. I told him there was no home in this town that took in boys, that he'd best go to a bigger city."

"That was a wise thing to say, David, you always seem to find just the right thing to say," Dad said, pushing himself back from the table.

David liked his father's praise, but somehow he felt that this time he had not said the right thing.

The next evening Dad told David he had read in the evening paper about a

minor boy being picked up in the city park after park closing time. "It's probably that kid you sent on his way yesterday. Well, I guess he has a place to stay now. Maybe the authorities will put him in some boy's home."

When the juniors met together to practice singing, Sarah came and was telling about a boy who had been picked up by the police the night before for sleeping on the park bench. "Jake took him home tonight," she said.

"Jake?" David questioned. "How can his family help? His dad drinks all the time, and they dress in rags and eat beans almost every day."

Sandy, whose family was known to be the richest in town, jokingly added, "Well, David, you know how it is, some people think it's more important to help others than to buy clothes for themselves so they can attend church."

"Yes, I guess so," David agreed. "They don't know what is important." But he was wondering himself which is the most important?

Jake brought the strange boy to Junior Meeting. Everyone was surprised, for Jake hadn't come in a long time. There was quite a hustling and moving among them as the boys entered, for no one wanted to sit beside either boy. Especially Sandy, who said she would probably catch AIDS from the stranger. Even the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Smith seemed uneasy about the boy's presence.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 3:13 "Then cometh Jesus from [Nazareth of] Galilee to [the river] Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

14 "But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

15 "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil [obey] all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

Luke 3:21 "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,"

22 "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

32 "And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him."

33 "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

34 "And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

Romans 6:3 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Colossians 2:11 "In whom also ye are circumcised . . . without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:"

12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus . . . spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Acts 2:38 "Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

Questions:

1. What was John doing?
2. What was the name of the river in which Jesus was baptized?
3. Why did Jesus want John to baptize Him?
4. What happened after Jesus was baptized?
5. How did John know which man he baptized was Jesus?
6. In what way are we buried with Jesus?
7. To what does one die when he is baptized?
8. What should one do before being baptized?
9. In whose name should one be baptized?

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: . . . even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Let's Talk

John acted very different from other people. He liked to live alone in the wilderness. He dressed in coarse clothing and ate natural foods which he found in the wilderness. While alone in the desert God communicated with him. God told him what to preach, and to baptize the people in water. Sometimes people came to him to be baptized who were proud or evil. He scolded these men. He told them they must change their thoughts and actions before baptism would justify them before God. Some of these men became angry, others believed and repented of their wicked ways.

One day Jesus came to be baptized. When John saw Him coming John thought, He must be Jesus, so John said, "I am not worthy to baptize You, You should baptize me!"

"No," Jesus said, "I want to obey all of God's righteous plan for the people on the earth."

John then baptized Jesus. As Jesus came up out of the water, the heaven opened and the Spirit of God like a dove descended on Jesus and sat there. At the same time a voice came from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." How excited John felt, for God had told him "on whomsoever my Spirit descends, He is my Son and Saviour of the world. He will baptize people with the Holy Spirit." Now John was sure that this man whom he had just baptized was really the Christ, the Son of the living God!

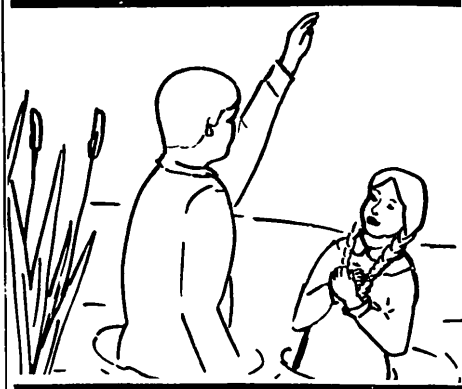
Let's note a few things about this baptism. One is that Jesus wanted to be baptized because it was God's plan for people. It is then God's plan that people be baptized. Ask yourself this question, "Have I obeyed all of God's plan for me?" Being baptized is part of His plan for you. Second, Jesus was thirty years old when he was baptized, Luke 2:23. He was not baptized as a tiny baby

when He was taken to the temple. Before being baptized one should have repented of all known sins—both of thoughts and of actions—and believe in God so much that they are willing to do everything which He has planned for his or her life. The person being baptized must be old enough to have a personal relationship with God. Third, Jesus was put down in the water. Matthew 3:16 reads, "Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water."

Baptism is an action which is also a symbol. It is a symbol of what has taken place in the heart. It is testifying to the families, friends, and enemies that he or she is a new person. He or she will not be doing sinful things any more, instead they will be acting Christlike.

Yes, being baptized is like dying and being buried. Everyone who has repented believed and is baptized becomes a different person than he was before and different than most people around him. John was different from others around him, too, and so are all people who have done great things.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. He was baptizing, 2. Jordan, 3. He wanted to obey all righteousness, 4. The Holy Spirit in the bodily shape of a dove sat upon Him and God spoke, 5. God had said whoever the Spirit descends upon is He, so when the dove descended on Jesus, John was sure, (John 1:30), 6. We are buried with Jesus in baptism, 7. He dies to a life of sin, 8. He should repent and believe, 9. The name of the Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

Someone had given the boy a haircut, probably Jake's mother. His cheeks were hollow and there were dark hollow circles under his sad, blue eyes. His hands were bony, and that was all of him that showed under Jake's much too big clothes which he was wearing. Jake introduced him as, "My friend Steven."

After the lesson Steven spoke, "I am sure you all think it strange of me to speak. But I wanted to ask the question, What is following Jesus? Yesterday I became a Christian. Jake's mom explained God's plan to save all those who feel sorry for their sins and believe in Him. Well, I've been sorry for my sins a long time, but I didn't know how to trust Jesus for salvation. But after his mom got through explaining it to me, I became God's child. I feel happy now, so very happy! But what I want to say is, you kids, who have good Christian homes, must reach out to others like myself who know only "God", and "Jesus" as curse words. Some of these kids my age are already hooked on drugs. But they don't want to be. They need to know about Jesus and His power to deliver them from drug abuse. They want to feel your love just like I feel Jake's love. What is following Jesus anyway? I believe Jake and his mother are following Jesus as the people you read about from your book."

David didn't know what to say, so he quickly dismissed every one and went home.

Saturday evening Dad was reading the paper as usual, when suddenly he spoke, "Marion Harding has been booked for manslaughter in the accidental death of an unidentified male hitch-hiker. I think that's Jake's uncle."

"Marion Harding? Yes, that is a brother to Jake's dad," Mother answered.

"Well, he's hit a boy with his car. Probably drunk again," Dad commented.

"Oh, that poor family, they have so much trouble," Mother spoke rather sadly at first then added, "but it's all their fault! Nothing we can do about it!"

Sunday morning Sarah talked to David about Jake's friend Steven. "Jake's dad was mad because Steven was staying with them. Friday night after the meeting, he ordered Steven away with a gun. Steven told Jake he'd try to hitch-hike to his aunt's home in Manford. It so happened that Jake's uncle was drunk late that night and swerved off the highway and hit Steven. Steven lived only a few minutes. Jake's about to go crazy about it and so is his mom."

(To be continued next week)



Because of Some Good Act

Let me today do something that shall take

A little sadness from the world's vast store,

And may I be so favored as to make Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

Let me tonight look back across the span

"Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say

Because of some good act to beast or man—

The world is better that I lived today.

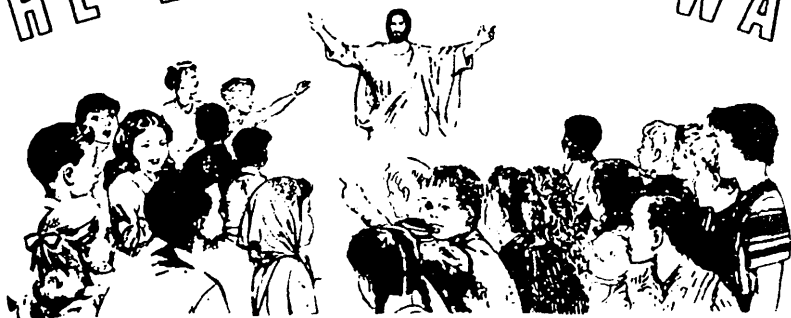
—Selected

You Can Learn to Write Hebrew!

Psalm 119 is a puzzle Psalm, called an acrostic. It has 176 verses, divided into groups of eight verses each. The man who wrote this Psalm in Hebrew began the first eight verses with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet which is Aleph or A, the second eight verses with the second letter which is Beth or B, and so on. Of course this does not show in the English translation.

Look for the strange words printed between sections of this Psalm in your Bible. These are the names of the Hebrew letters. Copy them in order and you will be writing the Hebrew alphabet.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Sandy's mother took the juniors ice skating Sunday afternoon but David refused to go after Sarah told him about Steven's death. "I've got to talk to Dad about some things," he told them.

Mom always said not to talk about sad things at meal time, but David couldn't wait until dinner was over. "Did you know the boy that was killed by Jake's uncle was the same boy who came here looking for a place to work?" he asked.

"What makes you think so?" Dad asked.

"Cause Jake met him somewhere and brought him to Junior's Meeting."

"Brought him to Junior's Meeting," Mother exclaimed. "Why, such boys should not be allowed to associate with our juniors. They might lead some innocent one astray."

"He spoke in the meeting too," David continued. "He said there were many young people just like himself and that the Christian youth should share Christ with them."

"Such kids don't want to hear about Christ! They are already hardened in sin," Dad said, as he refilled his plate with mashed potatoes and gravy. "Besides, if one rotten fruit is together with other good fruit soon several of the good ones are rotten also. It's the same way with boys and girls."

"But what does Jesus expect us to do about them?" David questioned.

"You mean, if Jesus were here what would he do about them?" Dad asked. David nodded his head, "Yes."

"Well, I'm sure Jesus would help everyone," Dad said.

"Then why shouldn't we?" Nancy asked. "Aren't Christians supposed to do like Christ?"

"Yes, Nancy," Mother answered, "but we must be careful. The people of this city respect the juniors and young people of our church as being the best, most refined in the city. And they are the best. They need no changes."

David said no more, but for some reason he thought they needed some changes.

After dinner David went to his room to think about what changes he felt they should make. He realized he had not been a true follower of Jesus. The things he was doing were not to follow Jesus but were for the praise he received from others. He bowed in prayer and asked God to make him a true follower of Jesus.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, David, Jake and his mother attended Steven's funeral. He had never met Jake's mother. She seemed to carry a little bit of heaven around her. And when he saw the peace on Steven's face, he knew she had given Steven a little bit too. Another thing David knew was that he

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus' Temptations

Luke 4:1 "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,"

2 "Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered."

Mark 1:13 "And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him."

Matt. 4:2 "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred."

3 "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

4 "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 "... man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

5 "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,"

6 "And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

The devil quoted Psalms 91:11, 12, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

7 "Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Jesus knew the law in Deuteronomy 6:16, "Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, . . ."

8 "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;"

9 "And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

10 "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Exodus 34:14, reads, "For thou shalt worship no other god: . . ."

11 "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."



Questions:

1. Where was Jesus when He was tempted?
2. What had Jesus been doing for forty days?
3. Was Jesus hungry?
4. What did Satan tell Jesus to do?
5. Why didn't Jesus turn the stones into bread?
6. What was Satan's second suggestion?
7. What was the third temptation?
8. How did Jesus overcome Satan?
9. Why was it important that Jesus not obey Satan?
10. Were the suggestions of Satan evil?
11. How can we overcome Satan?

MEMORY VERSE

... [Jesus] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15.



Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness communicating with God. During this time He trusted God for everything, for protection against fierce wild animals, poison snakes or insects which could have bitten Him at any time but especially at night as He slept on the ground. He also trusted God for strength as He did not eat during these forty days. These days were an intense training time for Jesus' human body. We must always remember that Jesus had a human body, just as you and I have. His body had to be controlled by the Spirit part of Jesus, just as our body must be controlled by our spirit. If a person has the Holy Spirit living within as Jesus did, it will help that person to control the body. If the person isn't filled with the Holy Spirit, he or she must control the body alone.

Satan is always present to give one ideas about what he should allow his body to do. Satan gave Jesus ideas, too. Jesus was very hungry after fasting for forty days, so Satan suggested that because he was the Son of God, He should act like it and change the stones into bread. Of course, Jesus could do it, for some time after this with just five loaves of bread and a few small fish, He fed five thousand men besides the many women and children who also ate. Sure Jesus was hungry and He could change the stones, but He would not submit to Satan's idea!

The second time Satan spoke to Jesus, he tried to get Jesus to prove God was His Father by asking Him to jump off the highest part of the temple. He said, "Go ahead and jump, for God promised to take care of you." Jesus told him that it would be tempting God, and God had said that no one should tempt Him.

Then Satan tempted Jesus to exchange His life of suffering and death on the cross for the beautiful things of the

world. Again Jesus said, "I will not obey you and disobey God!"

Jesus overcame every idea that Satan brought to His mind, by quoting some of God's written Word. Christians today can also overcome ideas that Satan brings to their mind by quoting God's written Word. The person who is too lazy to study God's Word will not have this important tool to use on Satan's ideas.

One very important lesson to learn from Jesus' experience in the wilderness is to study and memorize as much of the Word of God as possible. When Satan comes with his ideas, just pull out a verse from your memory storage and hand it to him. He will get discouraged and leave you alone just as he did Jesus.

Another reason to have Bible verses stored in the mind is to have some knowledge from which to draw information so that one can truly decide if the thought is basically good or evil. Some ideas of Satan may not seem to be evil, like changing stones to bread because He was so hungry, however, the thought came from Satan, who is the source of all evil, it therefore was evil.

—Sis. Charlotte

Hold To Me

Hold to me, my little child,
Comes a voice so sweet and mild
I'll protect you from the foe
And with you to the end I'll go.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. He was alone in the wilderness. 2. Fasting (not eating). 3. Yes. 4. Change the stones to bread. 5. He did not want to be subject to Satan nor to His appetite for food. 6. To jump from a very high place to see if God would keep His promise of protection. 7. It was to worship Satan in exchange for the glory of the world. 8. Jesus overcame by faith in God's written Word. 9. Jesus proved Himself more powerful than Satan by not obeying Satan. 10. Yes and obeying them would have made Jesus a subject of Satan who is the force of all evil. 11. We overcome by confessing faith in God's Word and Jesus' saving power.)

wanted to help others come to Christ as she had helped Steven.

David prayerfully planned the next junior's meeting. All the group was there except Sarah and Jake. They both had to work. Jim Meed, who was editor of the Junior High newspaper, was there. So was Hoel Smith, the school president. He was their sponsor's son and Sandy's best friend. Also Jean Schoor, who caused David the most trouble in song practice, because she could sing well and liked to boss as well as he did.

Then there were Edith's two older sisters, Kim and Kathy. Bert White, the pastor's son, and Peter Pillar were there also, besides all the others.

He began it in a different way. First he asked that they all kneel to pray. In prayer he invited Jesus to be present with them. Some of the young people snickered at such a prayer, others, like Sandy and Hoel, refused to kneel.

David chose for the lesson the same subject as the week before, "Following Jesus." They read together from the Bible about the changes that took place in the disciples lives when they began following Jesus. When they finished, David said very seriously, "Tonight I would like to form a club with all of you who are interested in following Jesus. Each member of this club must promise for a whole year to honestly and faithfully do only what he feels Jesus would do. A follower does what the leader does, so we must do what Jesus would do. Ask yourself 'What would Jesus do?' And after asking that question, each must do what he feels Jesus would do, no matter what the results may be. We shall have a prayer for dismissal. All those interested in joining this club may remain and we shall talk this over."

After dismissal and eating homemade granola bars and drinking hot spiced cider the juniors settled down to form plans for the club. David was surprised at the large group who stayed. Bert, Peter, Kim, Kathy, Jean, Jim and even Sandy and Hoel were part of the group. "Let us pray again," David said softly.

During prayer each felt the presence of the Holy Spirit of God.

"Does everyone understand that he must seriously and honestly do only what Jesus would do?" David asked.

"Yes, I understand that," Peter spoke, "but how are we to know what Jesus would do? The Bible does not talk about some things."

"That is very true," David answered. "But the Bible does teach principles which cover all sin. Some of these can only be understood as we study them with the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, 'When he the Holy Spirit of truth is come, He shall guide you into all truth.' Each of us need the Holy Spirit. We shall have to decide what Jesus would do after going to the Bible for knowledge."

"What if others say that Jesus would not have done like that?" asked Jim.

"We cannot help what others say, but we must be perfectly honest with ourselves. All our actions must be Christ-like!"

"What shall we name our club?" Bert asked.

Kim raised her hand, "I think 'What Would Jesus do?' would be a good name."

They all agreed that "What Would Jesus Do?" was a good name for their club.

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Bible Jumbles

Can you untangle these twisters? Each answer is one word, the name of a New Testament Book of the Bible.

CATS _____
WHAT MET _____
ONE TAR VEIL _____
SEW HERB _____
KRAM _____
NAILS A TAG _____
SITTU _____
NOHJ _____
DEJU _____
LEMON HIP _____
RANSOM _____
HEN IS PEAS _____
IS NO THIN CAR _____

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Jim was the first one to change some things he had been doing. Most of the material for the weekly school paper was paged up and ready to be printed. Jim was doing the last bit of proofreading when Sid, the art editor, and Luke, the public relations manager, walked up. "What do you think of that paper, Jim? I think it's the greatest we've ever gotten together," Luke said.

"I think so too," Sid added. "Just look at those suggestive designs I drew in for fillers. And those jokes that Tamera brought beat any I ever read."

Luke agreed with Sid, then added, "When you say it's okay, we are ready to print."

"I'll need to talk to Miss Dennis about it first," Jim said.

"Well, hurry, it needs to be printed tomorrow."

"Miss Dennis, could I talk to you for a moment?" Jim asked.

"Sure, Jim, what's up? You look pale as a ghost! Are you sick?"

"No, I'm not sick. You are a Christian, aren't you?"

"Why, yes, why do you ask?" she answered.

"Then you will understand what I have to say. I have promised God and my friends that I will not do anything for a year that Jesus would not do. If Jesus was editor of this paper. I don't

think He would print these jokes about sex, drugs, and liquor, nor do I think He would print as the best weekly song this one that glorifies drugs. Neither would He print news about all the bad things that have happened during the week. Instead he would print some news about the Campus Crusade meeting or . . ."

"Jim!" Miss Dennis interrupted. "You are acting out of your mind! Don't be a fanatic! No one can do just what Jesus would do!"

"I will," he said determinedly. "And I'm not printing this trash either." He turned to walk away.

"You can't do that," she shouted. "All the journalism class has a right to decide what is printed in *their* paper. Besides, no one will buy the paper if it doesn't have in it what they want to read."

"I also have a right to resign as editor," he added calmly. He knew she didn't want that! She had said more than once that she couldn't get the paper done without him.

Miss Dennis tried hard to persuade Jim to go ahead with the paper, saying it was too late to change. Jim promised to have replacements the next morning.

Sandy and Hoel met Jim after school. "The whole school's talking about you doing only what Jesus would do. Don't you think you are being too serious about it?" Hoel asked.

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WORDS OF GOLD



An Experience at Home

New Word: Synagogue: A building or place of meeting for Jewish worship or religious instruction.

Luke 4:14 "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about."

15 "And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all."

16 "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read."

17 "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,"

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

19 "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 "And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him."

21 "And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

22 "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"

23 "And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physi-

cian, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country."

24 "And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country."

25 "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;"

26 "But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow."

27 "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian."

28 "And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath."

29 "And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong."

30 "But he passing through the midst of them went his way,"

Questions:

1. To what country did Jesus go?
2. What was the people's opinion of Him?
3. Where was Jesus on the Sabbath Day?
4. What did He do in the synagogue?
5. What Book was given Him to read?
6. What did He read from the Book?
7. What did Jesus say after He sat down?
8. What did Jesus say that made the people angry?
9. What did they plan to do to Jesus and how did He escape?

MEMORY VERSE

... as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. Luke 4:16.



Let's Talk

Jesus was more interested in worshipping and communicating with God than in anything else. You have probably heard about when He was twelve years old and He went with His family to Jerusalem. When the family started back they believed Jesus to be in the great host of people who were walking with them to their home town. But Jesus was not in the crowd. He had stayed behind in Jerusalem because He wanted to study about God with the educated men at the temple. Jesus always had this same interest. When there were opportunities to go into the synagogues for worship, He went. He had worshipped in many different synagogues in other cities and here in His own home town.

Each year Jesus had grown more in knowledge of what God expected Him to do while He was on the earth. He had obeyed God by being baptized. He overcame Satan by using quotations from the Word of God, so we know He had studied the Bible. Later He was filled with the great power of God.

Jesus knew it was time to begin using this power. He did not use it to prove to Himself that He was the Son of God, as Satan had suggested, no indeed! He did use it to heal those who were sick, blind, or crippled; to comfort those who were crushed, wounded or shattered in heart, thought, or feelings, and to deliver those who were captives in the prison of sinful habits, just as He does today. Satan binds people in ways of life or habits that heap trouble and misery upon them. Jesus has power to set them free.

Jesus loved the people in His home town and wanted to help them so He told them that He could and would help, that God had chosen Him to do these wonderful things which He read about.

They did not believe it, and said, "He is no one special. He is the carpenter, the son of Mary. He cannot help us."

Then Jesus tried to explain to them that God was sending help, but they could be like others who had not received help, because they would not accept the help through the person whom God had sent to give it.

The people became very angry at Jesus for saying this and tried to push Him off a high cliff. But He escaped by walking through the crowd of angry people.

Jesus was the Son of God, and could worship with God anywhere, but He still attended public worship. Any child of God can worship God at almost any place and almost any time, but we should do as Jesus did and attend public worship (church services) everytime it is possible. We should also be ready to learn from others more about God, and to do whatever we can to assist in public worship.

Each one should seek to have more interest in the things of God than in any other thing. —Sis. Charlotte

What Man in the Bible Had Eighty-Eight Children?

He was an Old Testament king, son of the wise king Solomon. Find his name in II Chronicles 11:21 and write it here.

How many sons did he have? _____

How many daughters? _____

Answers: 1. Gallilee. 2. He was famous and glorified by the people of Gallilee. 3. In His hometown of Nazareth, a city of Gallilee. 4. He stood up to read. 5. The book of Isaiah from the Bible. 6. He read a prophecy of Himself from the sixty-first chapter. 7. He said that today the Scripture is fulfilled. People can be healed of broken hearts, sinful captives can be freed, and the blind can see. 8. Jesus knew the people did not believe He had that power, so He told them they were like the people of old who could have had help but did not get help. 9. They planned to push Jesus off a high cliff, but in their excitement, He walked away through the crowd.)

"Not a bit," Jim answered. "I'm just doing what I think Jesus would do, that is all!"

"But all the kids think you are crazy," Sandy added.

"I know. Say, why don't you two help me find some interesting articles to replace some I don't want to print? And some good riddles or games. I've got to find a lot of things before tomorrow morning. And I'll need some pictures, too," Jim said.

They agreed to help. Each one called home to get permission then they went to the church library and searched through book after book. Sandy found a poem, and Hoel found a story about a girl who had to work and couldn't go to school, so she propped a book above her machine and continued learning. Later she became a famous person. "This ought to help someone to appreciate our school," he said.

Next they went to the public library for more material, and the local newspaper office for some current news. Hoel suggested they get some current news about the Junior High school's Cheer-up Club. "There's never any news in the paper about it," he said. Kathy was secretary of it so he called her and she promised to write about it.

Sandy's mother collected cute sayings and poems and Sandy found in them, "The Recipe for Happiness" and some riddles to take the place of the sexy jokes that Tamara had contributed.

By 10:15 p.m. Jim had enough material to replace the things he felt Jesus wouldn't print. There was only one thing left that bothered him. It was Jan Thorp's article about "karate." It made karate sound so exciting and after reading it, many youngsters would think they really needed to learn karate. In prayer that night Jim said, "Jesus, please let me know what you would do about 'karate' if you were living today."

Jim awoke early the next morning. First thing he did was kneel and pray for special grace to do that day what Jesus would do. Then he opened his

Bible to read. There was the verse to answer his question of the night before. "But I [Jesus] say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matthew 5:39. "Thank you, Jesus," he said. "A Christian has no need for karate."

Jim noticed the way the other students avoided him. He felt their hard looks and knew they thought he had gone crazy. He tried hard to be polite to Miss Dennis. She was so angry and kept making critical remarks about kicking him out of the class. One thing Jim knew, he had done what Jesus would do, regardless of what should happen to him. He was happy that he had!

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What I Live For

I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too;
For the human ties that bind me,
For the task by God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story
Who've suffered for my sake,
To emulate their glory,
And to follow in their wake;
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crowd history's pages
And Time's great volume make.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Jeannie read in the school newspaper about the Cheer-up Club. She called Kathy on the telephone, "Hello, this is Jeannie. I just read what you wrote about the Cheer-up Club. I think I would like to join. When is the next meeting?"

"It will be Monday at 1:30, in the Home Ec. room," Kathy answered. "Mrs. Smith is the sponsor and she has it in her room."

"Good! I'll see you Monday! Good-bye."

"Good-bye," Kathy hung up the phone but she wasn't a bit happy to have Jeannie join the club. "Jeannie is so bossy and besides her folks are rich and everyone will like her better than they do me," she thought. "Just what would Jesus do in a case like this?" After studying the question a long time Kathy decided that Jesus would be happy for everyone to be a part of the Cheer-up Club, so she too would do everything she could to make Jeannie welcome.

Jeannie was a great help to the club. She loved to sing and was willing to go each time they went to visit homes for the aged, children's homes or other people. Her warm, sweet smile and a desire to become a nurse added to her ability to cheer others. When Kathy felt envious of Jeannie she remembered Jesus wouldn't; so she quickly brushed the feeling aside.

"Why are you eating so fast, Jeannie?" her mother questioned her one day.

"I must practice the song we'll be singing tonight."

"All you do anymore is run around singing for others!"

"I thought you wanted me to be a Christian and do as Jesus did?" Jeannie questioned.

"Of course I want you to be a Christian, but this idea of doing only what Jesus would do is foolishness. You are not Jesus, so quit trying to be."

"We're not trying to be Jesus. We're just following Jesus by doing what we feel He would do."

"Another thing you need to do is to take care of your voice. Someday I'm expecting you to be a famous star. Then you can really do something *BIG* for Jesus."

"Mom," Dad interrupted, "you best leave the girl to do what she wants to do. When she becomes the 'Star' that you want her to become, she might then decide to be a 'punk rock star' instead of doing something *BIG* for Jesus. I never did believe that a person could do something *BIG* for God if he wasn't willing to do little things for Him first."

"You always take Jeannie's side when I'm trying to help her," Mother retorted angrily. "Just like when I wanted her to go ahead this year with dancing lessons and she said, 'I don't want to because I don't think Jesus would waste His time or money on dancing lessons.'"

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus' First Miracle in Galilee

John 2:1 "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:"

2 "And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."

3 "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine."

4 "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

5 "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

6 "And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece."

7 "Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim."

8 "And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it."

9 "When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servant which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,"

10 "And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

11 "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."

Proverb 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

23:31 "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright."

32 "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

33 "Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter [speak] perverse [wicked] things."

35 "They have stricken [hurt] me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: . . ."

Ezekiel 44:21 "Neither shall any priest drink wine, . . ."

Judges 13:4 "Now therefore . . . drink not wine nor strong drink, . . ."

Romans 14:21 "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Matthew 26:27 "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it:"

28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

29 "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus and his mother?
2. What miracle did Jesus perform?
3. What affect did this miracle have upon His disciples?
4. How is wine described in Proverbs?
5. When shouldn't wine be looked at or drank?
6. What are some things one should not do if they offend others?
7. What did Jesus call wine?
8. Can you explain the difference between wine and grape juice?
9. Did Jesus change the water to an alcoholic wine?

MEMORY VERSE

Now therefore . . . drink not wine nor strong drink, . . ."
Judges 13:4.



Jesus' first miracle to be recorded in Cana of Galilee was at a wedding feast. Some historians believe this was the disciple John's wedding. There was not enough drink for all the guests, so Jesus' mother, Mary, said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus told His mother that this should not be His problem, and that it was not time yet for Him to show His real power. Mary paid no attention to His answer but said to the servants at the wedding, "Do whatever He tells you." She knew Jesus was always considerate of her wishes and she felt He would be this time also. She had learned very much about Jesus the thirty years they had lived in the same house. She knew He could do anything. Changing water into wine would be no problem for Him! And that is just what He did!

Are you surprised that Jesus would make wine? Do you think Jesus drank wine?

Both the Old and New Testament parts of the Bible have a lot to say about wine. In Bible times there were different kinds of wine, some contained a drug called alcohol and some did not. Drinking the one which contained alcohol was condemned by God. There are many verses in the Bible which say a person should not drink any drink containing alcohol. A few are listed under "Words of Gold".

There was another kind of wine spoken of in the Bible which was called in the Old Testament "new wine". It was sweet or fresh grape juice. There were different words used in the old manuscripts of the Bible which were not written in the English language. Whenever the Bible was translated into English, all these words were translated into just the word "wine". Sometimes it was referring to grape juice before it had changed into wine, and sometimes to

grape juice after it had some alcohol content.

Two Sundays ago in the lesson of Feb. 1, 1987, we learned that Jesus was baptized because he wanted to obey all righteousness. Another rule to be righteous is not to drink wine nor strong drink, so we are sure that Jesus did not drink wine. Neither did He make something for others to drink, that He and His Father God had said that people should not drink.

Some churches use "wine" for communion service. In the Bible when Jesus was having a communion service with His disciples, He called the drink that He passed to them "the fruit of the vine." Grape juice is the fruit of the vine. It is juice squeezed from grapes which grow on a grape vine. Wine is a product of the grape juice. You may read where Jesus called it "the fruit of the vine", not wine, in Luke 22:18, Mark 14:25, and Matthew 26:29.

To think that Jesus would make something to drink, which He condemns, to be drunk lacks logic. Therefore we conclude that Jesus changed water into grape juice, "the fruit of the vine." What a miracle! —Sis. Charlotte

Refreshments

Look up the Scriptures and make a list of foods the Cheer-up Club might take for refreshments.

1. _____ Eccl. 11:1.
2. _____ Matt. 23:37.
3. _____ I Samuel 17:18.
4. _____ Psalm 105:23.
5. _____ Luke 9:13.
6. _____ Genesis 40:10.
7. _____ Numbers 11:5.
8. _____ II Samuel 13:6.
9. _____ Hebrews 5:13.

(Answers: 1. At a wedding in Cana of Galilee, 2. He changed water into wine, 3. They believed on Jesus, 4. Wine is described as a mocker, as raging, as a serpent, as stinging like an adder, 5. When it bubbles or foams, 6. Drink wine or eat meat (because some meats are prohibited by the Old Testament law), 7. "The fruit of the vine", 8. Wine contains alcohol and grape juice does not, 9. NO.)

What's this girl coming to? If she keeps on with this idea of doing only what Jesus would do, she'll be a saint before she dies. I suppose you will be the next one to take up the idea!"

Jeannie excused herself from the table and went to her room to practice. She knew her father approved of what she was doing and that meant she could go anytime she was doing it for Jesus. She usually sang with an accompanist but now that the Cheer-up Club was going into many poor homes, where there were no musical instruments, she had to learn to sing without it. Anyway, she was beginning to see that people could hear the word message in the songs better without instrumental music. "Voices alone sound like angels singing," many people remarked.

Tonight they were going to a home where they'd never been. Hoel's father, Mr. Smith, was taking them. Jeannie, Kathy, Jim and David had lived all their lives in this city, but had never been in this part of it. The streets were full of chuckholes, trash barrels stood in front of the houses instead of in the alley, and many yards and streets were littered. All the houses were small and many had broken windows, others had sagging doors.

At the house, Mr. Smith introduced the Cheer-up group to Mrs. Marion Harding. The club had brought tuna salad sandwiches, caramel popcorn and fruit punch which they shared with Mrs. Harding and her four children. After eating, the group sang five songs, read Psalm 18, then had prayer.

On the way home, Mr. Smith told the group that Mr. Harding was in jail. "He is the one who caused Steven's death," he said.

At the Smith's home the group planned to gather clothing for Mrs. Harding and her children. Jim and David had joined the club now and they planned to cover a broken window in Mrs. Harding's house with some heavy plastic to prevent the cold wind from coming in. Mr. Smith would get the plastic, boards and nails. Before going home they had spe-

cial prayer for Jim, who was having alot of trouble in the journalism class with both the students and Miss Dennis. When they got through praying, everyone's ride was there.

"See you tomorrow night at Junior's Meeting," Mrs. Smith called from her girl's bedroom, where she was already choosing some clothes for the Harding girls. "Kathy, remember to ask your mother for some dresses that Edith has outgrown. They should just fit Danna Harding."

"Okay," Kathy called.

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President Lincoln

President Lincoln rarely said anything which would hurt his hearers. He cared little for poetry, but in early youth he had found in an old almanac a poem which he committed to memory and repeated often all through his life. It was entitled "Morality", and the first verse was:

"Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

Like a fast-flitting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,

A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,

He passes from life to his rest in the grave."

This poem no doubt helped Lincoln to be careful and control his actions that they not offend God nor man.

He was six feet four inches tall, with muscles of steel, but his strength was always used to protect the weak against the strong, and to humble the bully, who was the terror of the community where he grew up. The community had many rough, cruel, hard-drinking youth. Drinking was so common that it was the habit, and the young men were all addicted to whiskey and tobacco chewing, but Lincoln kept himself pure, even though he was ridiculed for it. He never used either alcohol or tobacco.

Lincoln was a strong boy in both body and spirit. He was a strong boy and became a strong man!

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

Sarah was off work every fifth Friday so she came to Juniors Meeting. Most of the talk was about their experiences following their leader Jesus. Jim shared some of his experiences at school and read some Scriptures that had helped him decide what Jesus would do. Jeannie shared her experience with her mother and how her father had defended her. Then she asked the group to pray that he and her mother would accept Jesus as their example, too. Kathy told how many things the Cheer-up Club had done since Jim, David and Jeannie had joined. She also told how she had gained victory over envious feelings toward Jeannie.

"We are very happy to be a part of the Cheer-up Club," David said. "Each of us has joined it since we juniors formed our What Would Jesus Do? Club. We are doing what Jesus would do by helping cheer up others."

Sandy and Hoel told how they enjoyed helping Jim with his problem and said they were sure he was doing the right thing. Hoel asked that the group pray for him that he would have grace to do some things that he felt Jesus would do.

Sarah, who was always feeling sorry for herself, asked the question, "How can I be a part of this club? I can't do anything like the others. When I'm not in school I have to work all the time. And at school I'm just a nobody."

"It is not doing good for other people that makes one a part of this club," David said. "It is being honest with oneself and doing only those things one feels Jesus would do. You can do that, can't you, Sarah?"

"Yes, I can do that!"

"Then you can be a member of the club," David assured her.

Sarah went home that night with a new hope in her heart.

"Why are you so happy tonight?" Mother asked as Sarah took off her coat and hung it on the rack by the door. "Did a special boy bring you home?"

"No, Mother, something more exciting! I told you about Steven telling us that sharing Jesus was following Jesus. After he was killed, the group formed a club. And to be a part of that club all I have to do, is always do only what Jesus would do. I've never been able to be in a club, either the dues were too high, or I didn't have the time to attend meeting or do the required projects, or something. But now I can be!"

"But Sarah, doing only what Jesus would do is just as impossible as the things that kept you from being in other clubs."

"I don't think so."

"Well, I hope you aren't disappointed. I've been trying to do only what Jesus would do for years, and I can't."

Sarah soon found that she couldn't do what Jesus would do either. David

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Finds Helpers

John 1:43 "The day following Jesus . . . findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me."

45 "Philip findeth Nathanael, . . ."

47 "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

48 "Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered . . . Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee."

49 "Nathanael answered . . . thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel."

50 "Jesus answered . . . Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these."

51 "And he [Jesus] saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Luke 5:1 "And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret."

2 "And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets."

3 "And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship."

4 "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

5 "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

6 "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake."

7 "And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink."

8 "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

9 "For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:"

10 "And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

11 "And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him."



Questions:

1. What did Jesus say to Philip?
2. Who did Philip bring to Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say to Nathanael?
4. Why did Jesus enter into Simon Peter's boat?
5. How did Jesus repay Simon Peter for using his boat?
6. Who were Simon's partners?
7. What did Jesus tell the men they would now be doing?
8. How did the fishermen react to Jesus?
9. What were His disciples to see in heaven?

MEMORY VERSE

And he saith unto them, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19.

Let's Talk

Jesus walked beside the Jordan River one day where John was baptizing people. John saw Him and said to Andrew and the others who stood nearby, "He is the Son of God." Andrew followed after Jesus. Soon Jesus turned around and began talking with him. Then He invited him to go to His home. Andrew hurried away and found his brother Simon Peter and brought him also to meet Jesus.

The next day Jesus was walking in Galilee and saw a man, Philip. He knew Philip would make a good helper so He told him to come with Him. Philip felt so happy about being with Jesus that he found his friend Nathanael and said, "We have found the man who Moses and the prophets told us about. He is Jesus of Nazareth."

Nathanael questioned, "Can anything good come from Nazareth? I've never heard of anything."

"Come and see for yourself," Philip insisted. So Nathanael followed him to where he could see Jesus.

Jesus saw them coming and said, "Nathanael, you are a real Israelite, for you are truly honest!"

"How did you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"I knew you when I saw you sitting under the fig tree. That was before Philip talked to you."

"Truly you are the King that Moses and the prophets told us would some day come to earth," Nathanael said.

First one and then another believed in Jesus until soon people were crowding their way through the narrow streets trying to get near to Jesus. One day so many people gathered around Him that He stepped into a ship and asked the owner to row Him out away from the shore so He could speak to the people. There He sat in the ship and taught. After He finished He said to Peter the

owner of the ship, "Row out into the deep water and let your net down and you'll get a lot of fish."

"I will if you say to, but we have toiled all night and caught nothing." A moment after letting down the net, Peter realized his net was breaking from the weight of the many fish. He beckoned for his partners James and John to come with their nets and ship. Soon both were so full they were about to sink.

Suddenly Peter realized that the man in his ship was really the Son of God. Although he had met Jesus before, he had never fully realized Jesus was also a God. "I am too sinful to be near you," he said to Jesus.

Jesus paid no attention to Peter's words. "Peter," he said, "I need you to help me establish my kingdom on this earth. Will you help me?"

Peter, his brother Andrew and his partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, each left their work as fishermen and began helping Jesus "catch" men, as He called it.

Let us each one tell someone else about Jesus. By doing this we too, can be fishers of men. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Follow me." 2. Nathanael. 3. I knew you before Philip called you, and you are a truly honest man. 4. The crowd around him were pushing close to him on all sides. He could speak better to them from the boat. 5. By causing his nets to be filled with fish. 6. James and John, the sons of Zebedee. 7. They would be catching men or leading men into the kingdom of heaven. 8. They forsook all and followed Jesus. 9. Angels of God ascending and descending on Jesus, the son of man.)

happened to come in the ice cream store where she worked, during her break time so she talked to him about it. "I've got a real problem," she said. "I can't do what I feel Jesus would do. Can you tell me how?"

"Sometimes it is rather hard," David admitted. "But with the Holy Spirit in my life I can. Maybe you need to seek God to fill you with His Spirit. You have trusted Jesus to save you from your sins, haven't you?"

"No, I haven't. I don't really want to be a Christian. I just come to church and Junior Meeting because I like to be with others. I get so lonesome at home with just Mother."

"I'm glad you like to be with us," David said with a smile. He had secretly admired Sarah for a long time. "But it is impossible for any human to do as Jesus did without having His Holy Spirit living in the heart."

"But there are some things I want to do that I know Christians should not do. I plan to just live good and become a Christian when I am old."

"But, Sarah, what if you never get old? Steven never lived to be old!"

"I've been thinking a lot about that since he died," Sarah said slowly. "Maybe I had better give up those ideas and get saved." David and Sarah talked until her break was over.

David's words, "What if you never get old?" stayed in Sarah's mind all afternoon. When she dipped the French Cherry Pecans and Cream ice cream, she thought of Jesus. For some reason the bright red cherries reminded her of Jesus' blood that he shed to save each one from sin. "Jesus loves me enough to die for me and I don't love Him enough to give up a few petty enjoyments. How selfish of me!" she thought.

That night Sarah shared with her mother what David had told her. "Then that explains why I haven't been able to do what Jesus would do. Have you been able to?" she questioned Sarah.

"No," Sarah admitted.

"I didn't think some of your actions were very Jesus-like, but I didn't want to be judgmental."

"If I could just get this chip off my shoulder and quit feeling sorry for myself, it would help a great deal."

"Why don't we try David's advice?" Mother asked. "I really would like to do only what Jesus would do."

"Yes, let's do. I want Jesus in my heart more than anything else."

Together they knelt in prayer. Sarah asked God to help her forgive the man who accidentally killed her father. "And God, please help me to forgive you for letting it happen. David says I need the Spirit of God in my heart also, so please God, whatever I need, please give it to me. I love you, Jesus . . ."

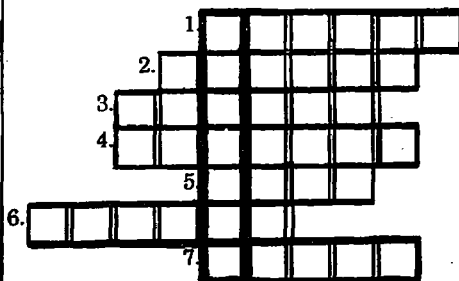
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Sea of Galilee

Put the right answer in the blocks and the word in the heavy lines will be one to remember.

1. What Jesus' disciples preached.
2. What Jesus did on the waters of Galilee.
3. What Jesus did to four fishermen.
4. What Jesus did to the stormy waters.
5. What Jesus came to show and teach.
6. What four of Jesus' disciples did for a living.
7. The name of the Son of God.



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What Would Jesus Do?

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Sarah was saved, but David was faced with a new problem. He wondered how he should handle this new one. Edith and Nancy said they saw Kathy as she got out of Rod's car at the corner. Jeannie said Rod had been coming to school to visit Kathy during the lunch break. Kim said Kathy writes him letters all the time. "She is directly disobeying her parents," he thought, "so she isn't doing what Jesus would do. Yet she keeps pretending that she is doing only what Jesus would do. Almost everyone in our group knows that she is disobeying her parents."

David knelt and prayed for God to show Kathy she was doing wrong.

"Mrs. Poline told me today about all the trouble she is having with Kathy," Mother said to David as they were eating dinner. "I thought you were doing only what Jesus would do. I dare think Jesus caused His parents worry as Kathy is by running around with that ungodly boy."

"No, Kathy isn't doing as Jesus would do, but we must be patient with her," David answered.

"I think Mrs. Poline puts a little of the blame for this on you. For she believes it was your idea to befriend every wretch that comes along . . . I'm rather ashamed among my friends when I think they may find out that one of my son's best friends is the son of a drunk-

ard. Thanks, though, that you haven't found a girl friend of the same class."

David said nothing. He just wished his mother knew how happy he felt since he quit styling his hair and was saving the money to buy new clothes for Jake. He wished also that he had the courage to tell her that Jake's dad was reading the Bible now and seeking God for victory over the drinking habit. He would save that for a surprise later.

"Mr. Meed is rather upset with Jim, too, for making such a fuss out at the school about what was being printed in the school paper. Sometimes I wonder why you young people think you know more about being Christians than we who have been members in a church for years. Even Pastor White is getting concerned about it. But of course, not like we are. He thinks it a rather nice idea, but he always has been a little fanatical."

"But, Mother, why do you scold David? You always said you wanted us to be Christians," Nancy interrupted.

"Yes, yes, I want you both to be Christians, but not fanatics! We used to go to the movies, and ball games together. Now we do nothing together. Why David wouldn't even go to the fair with us this year. I tell you, I'm tired of this! We have nothing to talk about either, because he stopped watching the TV too! What do you have to say for yourself?" she asked looking at David.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Works For His Father

Luke 4:31 "[Jesus] came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days."

32 "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

33 "And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,"

34 "Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God."

35 "And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not."

36 "And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 "And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about."

38 "And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her."

39 "And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."

41 "And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Christ the son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."

Mark 1:32 "And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all

that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils."

33 "And all the city was gathered together at the door."

34 "And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him."

35 "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

36 "And Simon and they [Andrew, John, and James] that were with him followed after him."

37 "And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee."

38 "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

39 "And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils."

James 2:19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

Questions:

1. Into what city of Galilee did Jesus go?
2. What was wrong with the man in the synagogue where Jesus was teaching?
3. What happened when Jesus rebuked the devil?
4. What did the people say about Jesus?
5. Who was sick with a fever?
6. What did she do after Jesus touched her?
7. What did the devils say about Jesus?
8. How many people came bringing their sick to Jesus?
9. What did Jesus and His disciples do before the sun came up?

MEMORY VERSE

... the ... works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. John 5:36.



Let's Talk

Jesus' life was very much like yours and mine. Some people praise us and think we are doing fine, while others criticize us and the things we do. A few lessons ago we read about the people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, wanting to kill Him because He told them he was the person God had sent to help them. The very next lesson was like the one today. People wanted His teachings and His help so badly they followed Him wherever He went. At the lake they crowded so close that He had to get in a ship to be able to teach them.

Today we read how He is teaching in the synagogue and they are pressing close to Him on every side. A man possessed with the spirit of a devil cries out to Him, "Let us alone, you have come to destroy us, and I know you can because you are the Son of God."

Jesus rebuked the devil and it threw the man on the floor in the middle of those who were watching. Then it left the man. When the people saw this miracle they were greatly surprised and said, "His words have so much power that even the spirits of devils obey what He says." Then the people told others about the great miracle they saw. These people told others and soon everywhere in the city people knew about Jesus' power.

Jesus was at Peter's house, while those who saw the miracle were busy at their usual work but pausing at every possible chance to tell someone new about the event.

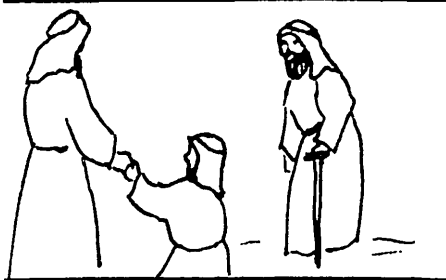
Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus healed her and she got right up and served them. By evening the whole city had gathered around the door of Peter's house. They had brought friends and family who were sick or possessed with evil spirits. Jesus laid his hands on them and healed them. He also rebuked many devils and sent them

away from the people in whom they had been dwelling. It is a true fact that the devils always knew that Jesus was not just another great prophet, or leader, but that He was a part of God. Many times the Holy Bible records places where the devils cried out saying, "Thou art the Son of God."

The last verse in "Words of Gold" reads, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble." Some people have said, "Just believe in God and you will enjoy peace and good things after death." The devils believe and tremble, but they will be cast into the Lake of Fire. What will keep a person who believes in God just as the devils believe in God, from being also cast into the Lake of Fire?

Once Apostle Paul was asked this question, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," James explains "believing" or "faith" in this way, "... faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." By this we understand that good works and believing go together creating faith, which is necessary to enter into a heavenly eternal life.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Capernaum, 2. He had a spirit of an unclean devil, 3. The devil threw the man down and then departed from him, 4. They said Jesus has power and authority in His words, 5. Peter's wife's mother, 6. She got up and served them, 7. The devils said Jesus was the Son of God, 8. All the city came to the place where Jesus was, Many brought sick friends, or family, 9. They went into a place where they could pray alone.)

"I only want to ask one question," David said quietly. "Do you honestly think Jesus would have went to a fair, a movie, or a ball game just for entertainment?"

"Well, no, if Jesus had gone to those places it would have been to help the people, either by teaching, or healing the sick," Mother admitted.

"I like to use my time helping others, too," David said. David felt the sting of his mother's words. He wished his dad was home. Although his dad was not a Christian he had said more than once that he was happy David had become a committed Christian.

That evening Pastor White, Jim Meed, and David were going to visit Mr. Harding in jail.

On the way back from the jail, they stopped by where Sarah worked, to get a hamburger. They overheard a customer ask Sarah, "Why are you always smiling?"

"I'm smiling because I am happy to be a Christian," she answered.

When she served them, David said, "I was glad to hear you say you were happy to be a Christian."

"After our talk last week, Mother and I both surrendered our lives to God. I've had grace to be like Jesus, too. And that old self-pity feeling has left me. I feel so much better!"

"Mr. Harding accepted Jesus as his Saviour tonight also," David told her. "I'm sure Jake wishes he had gone now. We've already called him and Mrs. Harding to share the good news."

"Why didn't he go?" Sarah asked. "He's still bitter toward his uncle for killing Steven."

"I know how he feels," Sarah said, "I was bitter toward God and the man who killed my dad. That caused me to feel sorry for myself. But God has helped me to forgive and He will help Jake, also."

"Yes, Jake needs a better attitude. I think his attitude is hindering his dad from believing in Jesus," Jim said. "It could, couldn't it?" he asked Pastor White.

"Yes, it could, but no one has a right to refuse God's saving grace because of someone else. Jake's dad must accept Jesus regardless of how Jake or anyone else acts. But Jake should try to improve his attitude."

"He may feel helpless to improve it. That's the way I felt," Sarah added. "Maybe you should talk to him; David."

(To be continued next week)

Have Courage, My Boy, To Say No

You're starting today on life's journey,
Alone on the highway of life.

You'll meet with a thousand temptations,
Each city with evil is rife.

This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go,
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say no.

Be careful in choosing companions,
Seek only the brave and the true;
And stand by your friends when in trial,
Ne'er changing the old for the new;
And when by false friends you are
tempted,

The taste of the wine cup to know,
With firmness, with patience and kindness,
Have courage, my boy, to say no!

The bright sparkling wine may be offered,
No matter how tempting it be.
From poison that stings like an adder,
My boy, have the courage to flee.
The gambling halls are before you,
Their lights, how they dance to
and fro;

You may be invited to enter,
Do have courage, my boy, to say no.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,
And trust in your heavenly Father
Will keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow.
But if you are true to your manhood,
You'll have courage, my boy, and
say no. —Selected

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What Would Jesus Do?

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The Cheer-up Club meeting was over and everyone left the Home Ec. room except Jeannie and Kathy. "Kathy," Jeannie said as they straightened up the room, "I'd like to talk to you after school."

"Maybe you could ride home with Rod and I," Kathy said excitedly. "He's coming to pick me up."

"That's just what I want to talk about, you and Rod."

"Really? Oh, what do you have to say about it? Not the same as my parents, I hope! Whatever you have to say, say it now!"

"It's just that I don't think Rod believes you are a Christian."

"What makes you think that?"

"He works for Jim Meed's dad and one day he said to Mr. Meed, 'Kathy wears Sunday clothes, but has a Saturday night heart.'"

"Whatever does he mean by that?" Kathy questioned.

"Jim and I believe he means you love evil things but dress modest and like to look like a Christian."

"He's sure wrong if he thinks I love to wear these long dresses and look like I do! I dress like this only because I'd have no peace at home if I didn't. In fact, I'd probably get kicked out of the house! Then where would I live? He's sure wrong if he thinks I want to look like this!"

"But you do love the Lord, don't you, Kathy?"

"Yes, I do."

"Then you want to be a Christian?"

"Yes, I really do want to be a Christian. But my parents are so-o-o strict!"

"They are only trying to help you do what Jesus would do."

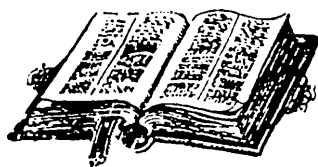
There was a long pause, then Kathy said, "I guess they are, and that's what we are supposed to be doing. I haven't been a very good follower."

That evening Kathy went home with Rod but she didn't feel good about it since her talk with Jeannie. She realized the enjoyment she received from being with him was costing her the enjoyment she received from following Jesus. It was also keeping her parents from trusting her and that was costing her a lot of freedoms she usually enjoyed. Besides that, she didn't enjoy the Junior Meetings, nor the What Would Jesus Do? group. She was wondering if the little thrill she received from Rod was worth all she was sacrificing for it. He left her off at the corner as usual so her mom would think she came home on the school bus. She waited to walk with Edith and Kim, who had sworn to keep this a secret from her parents.

Everyone in Kathy's family noticed she acted strange. She went to her room early asking to not be bothered. "Going to write a letter?" Edith teased. A quick

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WORDS OF GOLD



Trouble With Men and Cattle

Matthew 4:23 "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people."

24 "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers [various] diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils [evil spirits], and those which were lunatic [insane person], and those that had the palsy [were paralyzed]; and he healed them."

25 "And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan."

John 2:13 "And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem."

14 "And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:"

15 "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;"

16 "And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise."

17 "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

18 "Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?"

19 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple [his body], and in three days, I will raise it up."

20 "Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?"

21 "But he spake of the temple of his body."

22 "When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said."

23 "Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did."

24 "But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,"

25 "And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man."

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus teaching, preaching and healing?
2. Into what country did Jesus' fame spread?
3. The people from Syria brought whom to Jesus for healing?
4. The multitudes who followed Jesus were from where?
5. Why did Jesus and others go to Jerusalem?
6. Why did Jesus not like the money changers in the temple?
7. What did Jesus say would prove He had authority to cleanse the temple?
8. What temple was Jesus speaking about?
9. How did this sign affect His disciples after He arose from the dead?

MEMORY VERSE

... Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

John 2:16.



Let's Talk

Jesus went from city to city preaching to and teaching the people about God. In whatever place He went He felt sorry for the sick and suffering people and He healed them. Soon people everywhere were telling about the great miracles of healing that Jesus was doing. The people in Syria, a country which extended about 300 miles north of Jerusalem brought their sick to Him for healing. Jesus healed all of them.

Many people also came from across the Jordan River bringing sick with them. This was very hard for there were very few bridges in those days. They had to forge the river where the water was lowest carrying the sick on beds high above the water or hire boats to take them across. Nazareth was the only town where Jesus did not do great miracles and that was because those people did not believe Jesus to be the Son of God.

Crowds followed Him in every city and some followed from city to city, but in some cities the religious leaders became extremely jealous of Him. One of these cities was Jerusalem which was the center of the Jewish religion. The leaders in this city were selfish and cruel to others. They took advantage of every opportunity possible to make themselves rich even if it caused the people to suffer. While they were doing all these evil things, they were pretending to love God and teach the people about God's laws. However, many of the laws of God were changed in some way to help them get richer.

At the Passover Feast they set up many tables in the temple to change money. At these tables they charged a high fee for their services and gave little money in exchange. The foreign people must get their money changed to be able to buy necessary food and lodging while in Jerusalem. Besides buying food and lodging, they must buy ani-

mals to be used for offerings. These also the leaders sold right in the temple at very, very high prices.

Jesus had been to the Passover many, many times. Probably about eighteen times. He had seen these wicked leaders treat the people in this mean and selfish way. He saw the people did not enjoy worshipping God because of all the suffering they endured by the hands of these evil men. Jesus wanted the people to enjoy worshipping God.

One day during the Passover, Jesus went into the temple and with a small whip, He drove the animals out of the temple. As He passed the money changers tables, He overturned them. At the same time He said, "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." It is not a place to buy or sell, it is a house of prayer!

Angrily the leaders shouted, "Who gave you authority to do this?"

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Then you will know by what authority I do this."

"It took forty-six years to build this temple," they said. "Do you think you can build it in three days?"

Jesus was talking about His body and after He arose from death in three days, His followers believed even more in Him.

We may learn two lessons from this. One is to not accept wrong even if religious leaders are doing it. Another is to be patient until it is God's time for you to do His work. Jesus had seen this evil for many years before He did anything about it. —Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. In the country of Galilee. 2. Syria. 3. Sick people with divers diseases and torments, devil possessed, lunatic, and palsy. 4. Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judaea, and beyond Jordan. 5. To the Passover Feast. 6. For the temple was to be used for prayer or worship. The money changers were using it to cheat others and gain money for themselves. 7. If the temple was destroyed He would rebuild it in three days. 8. His body. 9. After Jesus arose from the grave in three days. His disciples remembered this sign which He gave and they believed on Jesus even more.)

look from both Kim and Kathy told her to say nothing more.

Kathy took two pieces of paper from the desk in her room. She wrote across the top, "Things I gain by being Rod's friend." Below the heading she wrote:

1. ENJOYMENT
2. A handsome boy friend
3. A ride home (sometimes)
4. ~~Maybe a husband~~

Kathy thought a long time after writing "husband." She knew she didn't want a husband like Rod. She marked a line through, "Maybe a husband." She thought a long time longer but could not think of anything more to write. She picked up the other paper and wrote "Things I gain by being a Christian."

1. Enjoyment
2. Many good friends
3. Interesting things to do
4. Approval of my parents
5. Freedom to do more things
6. Self respect
7. Respect from others
8. Courage
9. Wisdom to face problems
10. Eternal life

"Yes, eternal life, why haven't I thought of that before?" she said to herself.

11. Peace inside myself

And on and on she wrote.

"There's no place to stop writing what I gain from being a Christian," Kathy said to herself. "I've been acting like a fool. Neither have I been doing what Jesus would do. Oh, Jesus, please forgive me!" she said and laid her head on the paper and cried a long time. "Jesus, I promise I will stop seeing him, and do what my parents and you want me to do."

She opened the second drawer of the desk and took out her Bible which she hadn't read the last three weeks. She thumbed its pages until she came to I Peter 3:3. She read, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, . . . even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of

great price." "I will try to adorn my inner man," she said to herself, "so no one else will say I have a 'Saturday night heart.' "

Friday night at the What Would Jesus Do? meeting, which now took the place of junior meeting, she apologized to the group for not keeping her promise to do only what Jesus would do.

"Thank you, Kathy, for being honest. I am happy you have decided to do what Jesus would do." David said. "If each one of us will be as honest as Kathy, we will have victory."

Bert White, the pastor's son, said, "I want to be honest, like Kathy. I'm having a terrible time with Mrs. Allen, my English teacher." Peter snickered as if making fun of Bert. The group was surprised that Bert would have trouble doing what Jesus would do, for he had Christian teachers in the Christian school he attended.

Jim was next to speak. "I wish Jake was here to tell what I am about to tell, but he had to go collecting on his paper route tonight. Anyway, Jake's uncle, Mr. Harding, asked God to forgive him for his sins."

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What Would Jesus Do?

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It was Thursday evening. The other students left the room and Bert found himself alone with Mrs. Allen. His lips quivered and tears welled in his blue eyes, his head, covered with dark brown curls, lay resting on a seventh grade English book, while he picked endlessly at a small tear in his gray sneakers.

All was quiet except for an occasional sigh from Mrs. Allen and the nervous clicking together of her long silver fingernails. The dead silence was broken by the squeaking of her chair as she arose. He heard the click-click-click of her high heeled shoes as she came toward him. "Bert," she said, "I hated to keep you after class again, but I must speak to you about your report. It's due this Wednesday."

Bert looked into her plump round face, framed by a mass of curly, dyed black hair. Earrings dangled from each ear lobe. He could see wrinkles under the thick layer of make-up she wore. The mascara around her eyes reminded him of a halloween witch.

Bert stuttered, "I-I-I can't do it. I told you that before. Let me report on something else." A lump in his throat caused his voice to squeak.

Mrs. Allen chattered on and on about the reasons he must give a report on that subject. Bert tried to ignore her, that is, until he heard her say, "You'll

get an 'F' for the class if the report isn't finished on time. You have this weekend to research and make an outline. I must see the outline Monday."

Bert left the room. His friend, Peter, was waiting at the end of the hall. "Why did she keep you late?"

"It's about the report."

"Haven't you handed in an outline?"

"Nope."

"I handed my report in Monday. Mr. Macy, the Bible teacher, helped me. Why don't you get him to help you?"

"You know he doesn't explain the Bible right."

"So what, just write it the way he explains it."

"I can't do that. I can't write something which isn't true about the Bible."

"Don't be a fanatic! Write it to please them and get a good grade. You surely won't miss getting the trophy for the highest grade average over some fanatical scruples. You are far ahead of Tony. He can't possibly catch you—unless you get an 'F' in Mrs. Allen's class."

"Do you think Jesus would write something untrue about God's Holy Word?" Bert asked Peter. Before Peter could answer Bert's mother, Mrs. White, came. "See you tomorrow," Bert called as he rode away in his dad's blue Tempo.

Bert settled himself in the car and said nothing. He was thinking about Peter not doing as Jesus would do, and

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Touches a Leper

Mark 1:39 "And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and cast out devils."

40 "And there came a leper to him, beseeching [begging] him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

41 "And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

42 "And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."

43 "And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;"

44 "And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them."

45 "But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter [place]."

Leviticus 14:2 "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing:"

3 "... the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;"

4 "Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:"

9 "But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave

off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean."

10 "And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil."

21 "And if he be poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass offering . . . one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil."

22 "And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; . . ."

23 "And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, . . ."

32 "This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing."



Questions:

1. In what country was Jesus preaching?
2. What did the leper do?
3. What did Jesus do for him?
4. When was the leprosy healed?
5. What did Jesus command the leper to do?
6. What offerings were to be taken to the priest?
7. What else did the leper need to do?
8. From this lesson what do you think one should do after they are healed?
9. List some things one can offer to God as thanksgiving.

MEMORY VERSE

... what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?

Micah 6:8



Let's Talk

Let's talk about leprosy. It is a disease which causes the skin to become discolored and later die and fall from the body. If the disease continues growing, the person affected will lose fingers or toes, or perhaps a nose or whatever part of the body is affected. This disease also spreads very easily from one person to another. In countries where this disease is still active, the person with leprosy is called a leper and he must live in a leper colony. He must stay in this colony until the disease is no more active in his body. In Bible times, the lepers were not allowed to live in the city nor to mix with other people. If anyone came near to them they were to call out, "Leper, leper," so the other person would not come near and get the disease.

Not one of the lepers were brought to Jesus to be healed. But the leper in our lesson today was able to walk and so he himself came to Jesus to be healed. Jesus was not afraid to touch the leper. He reached out and touched him and the disease was healed as soon as Jesus spoke. Then Jesus said to the man, "See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest and offer for thy cleansing."

The leper was so excited about being well that he told it everywhere. That made everyone so excited that Jesus had to stay out of the city for a while.

When a leper was healed, he was commanded to bring two live birds to the priest. The priest was to look at the affected part of his body and if it was well the priest was to kill one of the birds which the leper brought and dip the live bird in the blood of the other and then let it fly away free. Surely the leper felt free just like the bird. Now he could live in the city again with his family. He no longer had to live in the leper colony and cry out whenever some one got near to him. He was also to

make another offering to God for his healing.

Leprosy is a good example of sin. When a person does one little sin, he becomes more easily attacked by Satan who will cause him to do more sins. Soon sin will spread throughout his soul and he will be sin sick. He can come to Jesus for healing just like the leper did. Jesus will wash away all his sin, and he will be free and happy again.

Thank God He can heal the disease of leprosy and He can heal the sin sick soul by cleansing from all sin and unrighteousness. —Sis. Charlotte

My Creed

I would be true,
for there are those that trust me;
I would be pure,
for there are those who care;
I would be strong,
for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave,
for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all—
the foe—the friendless;
I would be giving,
and forget the gift;
I would be humble,
for I know my weakness;
I would look up—
and laugh—and love—and lift.

—Harold Arnold Walters

(Answers: 1. Galilee. 2. The leper knelt before Jesus and asked to be healed. 3. Jesus touched him and said, "Be thou clean." 4. Immediately. 5. "Tell no one, and show thyself to the priest and offer what Moses commanded." 6. All who could were to take two birds, cedar wood, scarlet, hyssop, and three perfect lambs, three tenth deals of flour, mingled with oil, and a log of oil. If the leper was poor, he was to bring one lamb, one tenth deal of flour mingled with oil, a log of oil, and two turtle doves, or two young pigeons. 7. The leper was to shave all his hair, beard and eyebrows, take a bath, and wash his clothes. 8. They should give an offering to God. 9. Money, or other possessions can be given to the pastor or church, or one can offer himself more fully to God, his time, talents, and energy to be used according to God's will.)

even calling him a fanatic for doing so.

"Why so quiet?" Mrs. White asked Bert.

"Peter called me a fanatic because I won't write an untruth about the Bible."

"Why don't you write the truth about it?" his mother asked.

"Mrs. Allen told me to write about the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. It's about the Beast and his image. Dad says, 'the "beast" represents the Catholic church and the "image of the beast" represents the protestant church.' Mrs. Allen thinks all protestant churches are fine. If I say they aren't, she'd give me an 'F' and embarrass me in front of the class. They aren't right, are they, Mom, because they don't teach all the Bible?"

"No, they aren't right, because they don't teach all the truth. Another reason they aren't right is because God never planned that His people be separated in different churches. His plan is that all Christian people follow only Him and worship together. No church or church leader is right before God if they do not teach exactly as the Bible. If each one teaches only the Bible there would be only one church."

"And the Bible teaches to do as Jesus does, doesn't it, Mom? That's what our What Would Jesus Do? group is trying to do."

Bert wondered if Peter was trying very hard.

"Bert, I'm glad you want to do only what Jesus would do. Write only what you believe Jesus would write and He will take care of everything else."

"But, Mom, you don't know how angry Mrs. Allen will get!"

"No, I guess I don't, but I know you made a promise and promises must be kept. I also know God will bless those who follow Jesus."

"Won't you please go and ask Mrs. Allen to let me change?" Bert begged.

"I hadn't thought of that! Yes, I will talk to her."

Mrs. White went Friday morning and talked a long time to Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Allen wouldn't let Bert report on any-

thing else. Then Mrs. White went to Mr. Raymond, the principal, about it.

"I appreciate being able to send Bert to this Christian school. Studying and memorizing the Bible has been a great encouragement to him, however, Bert is having difficulty in his English class trying to do a report on a subject from Revelation."

"Bert is a very gifted child. I'm sure he can handle the subject quite well. Both Peter and Tony are giving reports from Revelation. We have an excellent Bible teacher who will be glad to help him, or maybe your husband, who is a pastor, could help him."

"But our beliefs about that part of the Bible are different," Mrs. White stated. "Bert is afraid if he writes what we believe instead of what you believe . . ."

"All we ask of any student is that they write the truth about any subject. Now if you will excuse me? . . . I have another appointment in just five minutes. If you need any more help, do come in again Monday." Mr. Raymond arose from his seat and politely opened the door for Mrs. White to leave. She stepped into the hall and walked slowly to her car. "All we expect from any student is that they write the truth about any subject." His words sounded good, but who except him, Mr. Macy, and Mrs. Allen would decide whether Bert's report was truth or what they believed was truth. "Poor Bert," she said to herself, "I wonder if he will be strong enough to do what Jesus would do in this case?"

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Little Things

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

Thus the little minutes,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

—Frances S. Osgood

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What Would Jesus Do?

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"I'm beginning to wish I could go to the Christian school where Bert and Peter go," Kathy said to Jeannie.

"Wouldn't that be fun?" Jeannie replied excitedly. "But my mother would NEVER let me! Besides Bert says he sometimes has trouble doing only what he thinks Jesus would do."

"What did your folks say about your idea of forming a trio?" Jeannie asked Kathy as they were walking to the Home Economics room.

"They think it's a great idea. They even want Kim and I to take voice lessons from your teacher. They say she's the best one in this whole area."

Jeannie was so excited she squeezed Kathy's arm.

"They are willing to do anything for me right now," Kathy added, "they're so happy I broke up with Rod. But they are no happier than I am! I feel so much better now that I'm doing what Jesus would do."

"I just hope Mrs. Smith will let Kim join the club," Jeannie said thoughtfully.

"So do I," Kathy added, "you know how she is about obeying rules. Let's talk to her after class."

After the class was finished, both girls hurried up to Mrs. Smith. "Can Kim join the Cheer-up Club?" they asked.

"This is a Junior High School club," Mrs. Smith answered. "Kim is only in the sixth grade."

"Kathy, Kim and I are forming a trio, and we want to sing for the Cheer-up Club," Jeannie said.

"How would she come to the meetings? She would be at Gred Elementary School on the other side of town at 1:30 in the afternoon. Now, hurry on to your next class."

"But can she?" Jeannie begged.

"I don't think it is possible," Mrs. Smith answered.

"What will we do now?" Kathy asked as they left the room.

"I guess we should do whatever Jesus would do, whatever that is," Jeannie answered.

"What would Jesus do if He planned to do good and others wouldn't let Him?" Kathy asked.

"I don't know," Jeannie answered.

After school the girls talked again about their problem.

"Kim and I will go ahead learning to sing, surely something will work out," Kathy said. "Next Tuesday is our first lesson."

On Tuesday, Kathy's mother picked up the girls after their voice lesson. She told Mrs. Tipton the girl's desire to form a trio with Jeannie Shoor.

"I will do all I can to help the girls with their project," Mrs. Tipton said.

"Your girls have beautiful voices and so does Jeannie. Maybe we can make a famous trio!" she added with a smile.

"That is if we can get Jeannie out of

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WORDS OF GOLD



Tearing Up a Roof

Mark 2:1 "And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house."

2 "And straightway many were gathered together insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them."

3 "And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four."

4 "And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay."

5 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

6 "But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,"

7 "Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?"

8 "And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?"

9 "Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?"

10 "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)"

11 "I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

12 "And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion"

13 "And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them."

James 5:14 "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:"

15 "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

New word: *Palsy*: Paralysis; loss of power to feel, to move, or to control motion in any part of the body.

Questions:

1. What did the people do when they heard Jesus was again in town?
2. What was Jesus doing?
3. Why did the four men uncover the roof?
4. What were Jesus' first words to the sick man?
5. What did the scribes say about Jesus' words?
6. Did Jesus know what the scribes were thinking?
7. Why did Jesus say, "Thy sins be forgiven"?
8. What did James say that sick people should do?
9. Does God promise to forgive sins when He heals?

MEMORY VERSE

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15.

Let's Talk

Nazareth was the only city that did not welcome Jesus. In every other city the people gathered around him in great crowds. Many followed Him out of the towns and cities into desert places. Others who could leave their responsibilities at home followed Him from city to city. Sometimes Jesus went from place to place at night. At other times He would arise while others were sleeping and go into the wilderness places to be alone with God, His Father. These were His only ways of not being followed.

In the Bible reading today, He has come again to the city of Capernaum. When the people heard that He was there, they came from everywhere to hear Him teach and to bring sick ones to be healed. One man was paralyzed and wanted to be touched by Jesus so four of his friends carried him to the house where Jesus was. When they got to the house, it was full and people were gathered all around it. "How shall we ever get to Jesus?" they questioned. "The crowd will never let us through."

While Jesus was preaching inside the house, the four men climbed onto the roof of the house and started carefully removing the tile roofing. Tile after tile they lifted from its place and stacked carefully in a safe place. When enough tile was removed, they lifted the underlayment, making a large hole. In this hole they fitted the sick man on his bed. Carefully they lowered the bed down over the heads of those who were listening to Jesus. Jesus was impressed by this action of faith and immediately said to the sick man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

There were some in the room that doubted that Jesus had power to forgive sins. They believed only God could forgive sins. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is easier to say, . . .

Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?" But I said it that ye may know I have power on earth to forgive sin.' Then He said to the sick man, 'Arise, take up thy bed and go thy way into thy house.'"

The paralyzed man who had been lying on his bed listening to Jesus, immediately stood up, picked up his bed and went out of the house.

The people were so amazed that they glorified God. Some were filled with fear to be in the presence of such a powerful being. Many said, "We have seen strange things today." Others said, "We never saw it [God's power] on this fashion!"

Jesus was willing and happy to heal this paralyzed man who showed faith in Him. Jesus is also willing today to heal those who show faith in Him. I was once paralyzed and could not walk, nor even crawl. My parents called for the elders of the church to pray over me and I was healed. I well remember wanting to run and play with the other children, but could not after I had polio. After prayer, however, I could soon walk and play again.

Let us show faith in Jesus, and He will heal.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. They gathered around the house where He was. 2. Preaching. 3. They could not get to Jesus because of the great crowd of people around Him. 4. "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." 5. They said Jesus' words were blasphemy, because they believed only God could forgive sins. 6. Yes. 7. So others would know that He could forgive sins. 8. They should call for the elders of the church to pray over them. 9. Yes, read James 5:15.)

this notion she's gotten lately of singing only what Jesus would sing."

On the way home Mrs. Poline said, "You girls must sing whatever the teacher asks you to sing. Don't be fussy and picky like Jeannie."

"But, Mother," Kathy protested, "we promised each other that we would do only what Jesus would do."

"Now, don't go too far the other way," Mrs. Poline cautioned. "First you're running crazy over some wild boy and now you're trying to be a living SAINT. Get balanced Kathy and be sensible."

Before the next voice lesson the girls hunted for a song that they thought would please both Jesus and the teacher. Sure enough, it did! She drilled first one and then the other of the girls on their parts. By the time the lesson was over, they had learned a new song to sing.

At the next What Would Jesus Do? meeting, Jeannie told the group about their plans to sing as a trio.

"We will be glad to sing for anyone, or any place," Kathy added. Then the girls shared their new song. After Mrs. Smith heard the song she agreed to let Kim go along with the Cheer-up Club when singing was a part of the trip.

Bert told about his fear of getting an "F" in English if he wrote the truth about the Bible. "I didn't get an 'F'," he said with a smile, "I got an 'A.'"

Peter then told how he had called Bert a fanatic. "I'm sorry," he said. "Now I'm glad you were strong enough to do what Jesus would do regardless of what it might cost you. It has helped me realize how I need the Holy Spirit in my heart so that I, too, can be strong."

Mr. Smith, who seldom spoke in the meetings, said, "I would like to hear a report about the school newspaper."

Jim Meed stood to his feet, he straightened first one leg and then the other, as if trying to make himself taller than his five-foot-ten stature. "I have good news," he said. "As most of you know, Miss Dennis kicked me out of the Journalism class and let Sid take my place as editor. The paper he had printed came out

just before Hoel, our school president, had Mr. Morrison speak to the school. Mr. Morrison remarked that we needed a newspaper that would uphold good things instead of drugs. Then someone showed him one I had published and he praised it so much that a lot of the students began wanting me to be editor again. So Miss Dennis asked me to come back. Now we have a good clean paper to read. Of course, some of the kids are mad about it, but even Mr. Taylor, the principal says he can see the overall attitude of the school is improving. Now let's listen to what Hoel has to say about himself."

Hoel started off slowly, "First I want to thank all of you for praying for me. God has helped me to confess before the school my desire to do only those things that Jesus would do. I felt the hushed silence that fell over them and heard the whispers that followed. I can understand. It came as a surprise to many for I really have changed since that first night when David challenged us to promise to do only what Jesus would do for one year. I confess, I've had to do lots of praying to have grace to do what I thought Jesus would do. Peter said it right, when he said Bert was strong. That's how I feel about Jim. He's a strong guy! I want to say everyone here is strong! Jeannie also showed strength when she made the decision to do what Jesus would do about dancing and ungodly music. David was strong and courageous to start this club, and begin sharing Jesus with the poor people of our city. Jake was the most courageous of all to bring a guy like Steven to Junior Meeting. That's where this all began."

Everyone nodded their agreement. Hoel went on, "Kathy proved she was strong by breaking up with Rod. Sarah showed strength by forgiving. It takes a lot of strength to do *only* what Jesus would do. And we are all proving that with the Holy Spirit living inside we can be **STRONG!**

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

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TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

(Please share with all teachers using the Junior *Beautiful Way* lessons.)

The lessons for this quarter are found in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus covered so many topics in this sermon that if a person disciplined himself to do as Jesus taught, he would live a beautiful Christian life. Jesus taught: loan and not ask again, turn the other cheek when smitten, not to look lustfully on the opposite sex, not to judge, and not to be desirous of earthly riches. All these commandments are against the human nature and are impossible to obey without the presence of God's Spirit in the heart.

Jesus said the greatest commandment of all the commandments is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37. Unless a person loves God more than any other thing and has the love of God within his heart, Jesus' teachings are meaningless to him. Then the greatest job of any teacher is getting the students to desire to be saved. Until the student loves Jesus, the advice that Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount will seem to him or her, ridiculous! Although it may seem ridiculous, it is none the less, the words of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. These words must be accepted as truth and obeyed. Each teacher should seek God for wisdom to know how to spark a desire in their students' hearts to be saved. Also, ask God to give wisdom to show the children living examples of people who have followed Jesus' advice and came out a winner for it, or show examples of people who refused to benefit by Jesus' teachings and were losers. Jesus promised wisdom to those who diligently seek for it.

Any person who meets a problem and follows Jesus' advice in the Sermon on the Mount for the solution, will grow in character. Each time he exercises himself in this way he becomes stronger for the next confrontation.

"As one learns life's lessons and makes the most of each confrontation, strength accumulates to meet the next one. The wealth of experience of one test carries over into the next test and the next and the next and the next, so there rolls up a momentum of strength, purpose, power, courage, character and ripeness of personality that is the finest fruit that earth holds up to God.

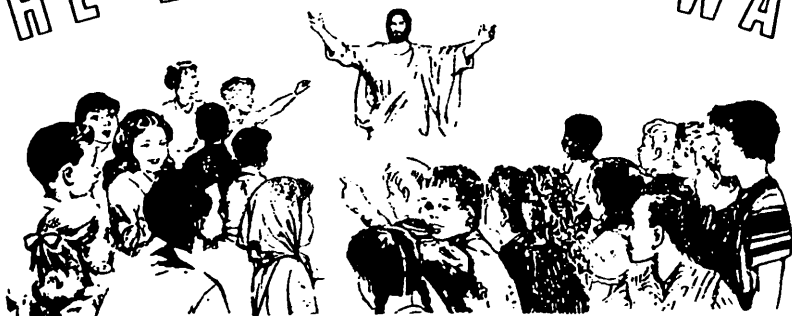
"I can imagine angels can scarcely wait to open the door of death and welcome these great coming citizens of the Universe. One can live a life so true and faithful that he can sweep from one period into the next until he sweeps through the Golden Gate into the presence of God and hears the 'Well done.' "

—(Thought taken from *Quests and Conquests*)

May God strengthen each one to live according to Jesus' great teaching in the Sermon on the Mount.

—Sis. Charlotte

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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

It was Sunday morning April fifth. Nancy slowly descended the stairway, repeating carefully as she went, "Micah 3:8, 'But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, . . .'"

"What are you saying?" David asked as he raced down the stairs past her.

"That's my memory verse for Sunday school," she answered. "Isn't it great?"

"I don't know. What does it say?"

"It says, 'Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, . . .'"

"That is a good verse!" David exclaimed. "Let me read it." Then taking Nancy's Bible from her hand, he read, "'But truly I am full of POWER by the Spirit of the Lord, and of JUDGMENT, and of MIGHT, . . .'" I need to read this verse in our next Junior Meeting. Last meeting, several of the juniors shared how God had given them power to be strong to do what Jesus would do. That is what this verse is saying. Come on, we'd better eat breakfast so we won't be late," he said, glancing at his watch as they walked to the kitchen.

"I like learning a new verse each week," Nancy said. "I'm glad Pastor White suggested it."

"Yes, it is a good thing."

Both children were surprised to see their mother dressed in her housecoat sitting at the breakfast table reading the morning paper.

"Aren't you going to church this morning?" they chorused.

"Not today," she answered coolly.

"What's wrong?" they chorused again.

"Mother, are you sick?" Nancy asked as she placed her hand on her mother's shoulder.

"I'm just sick of hearing 'What would Jesus do?' I think I'll stay home a while until the Reverend White gets it off his mind. Now he has asked that we not call him the Reverend. 'Reverend is God's name,' he said. Now we must call him Brother or Pastor. I think Mrs. Poline is getting tired of this too, but she wouldn't miss Sunday service if the pastor was crazy! You two can ride along with them."

After finishing breakfast and brushing their teeth, David and Nancy left.

"Mother must not believe the Bible," Nancy said, as they hurried toward the Poline's home. "Pastor White read to us the only place that Reverend is written in the Bible."

"Yes, and it says, 'holy and reverend is his [God's] name.' I just don't understand Mother."

"I don't either, but I think she will go next Sunday, it's Easter. Did you see my new dress? I like the suit she bought for you."

"You do?"

"Sure! Don't you like it?"

"Well, I guess so," David replied, "but I just don't care for expensive clothes. You know, since we've started doing

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: FALSE TEACHERS

New Words: *Seduce*: to lead astray or win over. *Scribe*: a professional interpreter of the Jewish religious law.

Matthew 24:11 "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."

Mark 12:38 "And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations [greetings of honor] in the marketplaces."

39 "And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:"

40 "Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation."

Matt. 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

16 "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or of figs of thistles?"

17 "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

18 "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

19 "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

20 "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

23 "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:"

Mark 13:5 "And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:"

6 "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

21 "And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:"

22 "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."

23 "But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things."

Questions:

1. Who were the people to beware of?
2. Why did the scribes make long prayers?
3. To what did Jesus liken the false prophets?
4. How shall we know if someone is a false prophet?
5. What will happen to those who do not have good fruit?
6. Why do the false prophets believe Jesus should know them?
7. The man who built his house on the rock is likened to whom?
8. Why should Christians take heed to Christ's words?
9. What are some things that false prophets are able to do?

MEMORY VERSE

For false prophets shall arise,
and shall shew signs and wonders,
to seduce, if it were possible,
even the elect.

Mark 13:22.



Jesus said, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Because there are many false prophets out to deceive us, each one must be careful. Children especially need to be careful, for they learn more easily than adults, and more easily learn false doctrines about the Bible and believe the doctrines to be true. Only false teachers or preachers teach falsely. A preacher or teacher filled with God's Spirit will teach only doctrines that are true. Only listen to teachers and preachers that you know are godly. We can decide if a teacher is godly by the way he or she lives. A godly person will have godly actions. If you know someone who teaches the Word of God and does things that the Bible condemns, you will know he or she is a false prophet. It is best to not listen to the Bible lessons taught by him. If for some reason you must listen to them, listen with caution! Don't let yourself believe things you hear that do not agree with God's Word. If you do not know a Bible teacher, it is best to not listen to his teachings until you have asked some godly adult about the person.

Jesus called these false teachers, wolves in sheep's clothing. They have selfish, unloving natures, which cause them to work hard making tricky plans to get money from others. All these tricky, cruel plans are covered over with false love to make it appear they are really men of God. The nice smiles, sweet voice and shrewd plans are what Jesus called the sheep's clothing.

Some false teachers and preachers even do great deeds of kindness. Some have great healing campaigns. In these healing campaigns, some people are really healed. For in Revelations 19:20, we read about a "false prophet that wrought miracles." "And the beast was taken, and the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he de-

ceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Revelation 16:14, reads, "For they are spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world. . . ."

There are false prophets that can work miracles, so we must not believe that everyone who has ability to heal or work other miracles is a godly person. Never be foolish enough to think that!

Many false prophets are in the world, so be careful that one doesn't deceive you by miracles, good works, smooth preaching, or cunning teaching. There are many different avenues by which God's children may be deceived. Seek God daily that the Holy Spirit may lead you into truth and not error.

—Sis. Charlotte



False Prophets



Beware of men who preach and pray.
Yet do not live the holy way;
They claim to be the Saviour's sheep
But in their lives is sin so deep.

For Satan often does appear
Just like an angel, oh, so near.
And so his ministers will be
Deceitful workers, you will see.

So don't believe just anyone
Who claims to follow God's own Son
But try them by God's Word so true
You'll know them by the fruits they do.

—Leslie Bushee



(Answers: 1. The scribes. 2. As a pretence that they were very righteous. 3. Wolves in sheep's clothing. 4. By the evil things he does. 5. They shall be cast into the fire. 6. Because they prophesied in his name, cast out devils, and did other wonderful works. 7. Whoever hears and does the sayings of Jesus. 8. So they will not be deceived by a false prophet. 9. Signs and wonders.)

what Jesus would do, there are a lot of new people coming to church. Some of them are like the Hardins who can't afford to have new clothes at Easter. I would have been happy to have bought some new things for them and worn my old suit. It looks as good as new, and I haven't outgrown it either!"

"Oh, David, you're so nice."

"Only because the Holy Spirit is within me," he answered.

After service, Pastor White asked David about his parents.

"Dad is out of town," David answered, "and Mother didn't . . . um . . . well, she just didn't come. Please pray for her." Then they talked for a while about other things.

"Why were you talking so long to Pastor White?" Nancy asked, as they walked home from the Poline's.

"I asked him to explain to me why he felt so strongly about not being called the Reverend White."

"What did he say?"

"He said that he felt he was just a Mr. Nobody in comparison to God, whose name is 'Reverend,' so he felt the title Reverend had no place near his name. 'Men and women study hard to receive their titles and degrees,' he said. 'It gives them a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment when the title is used with their name. But I have not earned a title of the Reverend. I am a Christian only because Jesus gave me this free gift. I am a preacher only be-

cause He called me to be one. When was the time that I worked or studied for a title that belongs to God? Never! If I preached the gospel of Jesus Christ all my life I could never earn such a title!" "

Nancy interrupted David by saying, "I don't think any person could ever be like God."

"That's right! Even though we live for God many years, we are still unworthy servants, and servants don't have titles."

"Well, what else did he say?"

"He said he has been getting phone calls from some members of the congregation who do not appreciate his request to be called Brother or Pastor. Some think he should be called Doctor. It is true, as they say, 'most doctors like to be addressed Doctor.' He is both a Doctor of Philosophy and a Doctor of Theology. But since he's been doing what Jesus would do he realizes this training is of little value in bringing people to Christ."

Nancy said, "I read about George Washington Carver, a great doctor of science. When people called him Dr. Carver he would say, 'Just call me Mr. Carver, the plant doctor.' Mr. Carver was a humble man just like Pastor White."

"I wish mother would understand how important it is to be humble," said David. "She would be much happier." (To be continued next week)

Complete the Verse

To complete the verse, fill in the blanks at the beginning of each sentence then print the numbered letter in the same numbered blank below. —Connie Sorrell

— — $\frac{7}{2}$ — sinned in secret. Genesis 4:8.

$\frac{2}{2}$ — — $\frac{4}{4}$ sinned on impulse. Genesis 25:32.

— — — — $\frac{8}{8}$ sinned and tried to hide it. Joshua 7:20, 21.

$\frac{3}{3}$ — — — $\frac{6}{6}$ sinned under a woman's persuasion. Judges 16:13, 16, 17.

— — — $\frac{1}{1}$ sinned because of greed. I Kings 21:2.

— — $\frac{9}{9}$ — — — — $\frac{5}{5}$ sinned under influence of strong drink. Daniel 5:1-4.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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Nancy was right! Their mother, Mrs. Powell, was ready to go to church Easter Sunday morning.

"Did you children leave your rooms neat?" Mrs. Powell asked. "Remember the Wilshires are coming home with us today."

"Good!" Nancy squealed. "I do like Sandy." Then she covered her mouth with her hand as if to keep a gasp from escaping. "Mother," she said, "You are wearing your diamond ring! You only wear it at very special times. Is Easter that special to you?"

"This day is very special to me," she answered, cocking her head. "It is the day some of the important people of the church are going to make an impression on Pastor White, as he likes to be called. Today you will see the fine rich people of this congregation. I think it's time that he took notice of the *ones* who FILL the offering box! Oh, there's Dad, back from getting gas," she said, when she saw him driving in at the front gate.

When they arrived at church, people were already filing inside. "There is a big crowd here today!" Dad exclaimed.

"Some thanks to me," Mother added. "I invited the Wilshires, the Millers, the Grays, and the Spires. They are very important people and haven't been coming lately."

The Wilshires were in the vestibule when the Powells entered. Greetings were exchanged and Mrs. Powell invited the Wilshires to sit with them. In they walked, Mrs. Powell's mink stole over one shoulder and her diamond ring sparkling in the light. Mrs. Wilshire was dressed equally as impressive. The Millers, Grays, and Spires were already seated. Mr. and Mrs. Shoor, Jeannie's parents were there also. What a display of wealth and fashion!

A lot of other people were there also. Four poor families that the Cheer-up Club and the What Would Jesus Do group had been visiting, besides both Hardin families, Jake's family and his uncle's wife and four children. Almost every seat was taken. Only a section near the Hardins was empty. For lack of anywhere else to sit, they sat there. "Looks like the beggars are taking over this church," Mrs. Powell whispered to Mrs. Wilshire. Mrs. Wilshire agreed. David knew Mrs. Hardin heard what they said. He felt sick, it was the first time Jake's father had come to church. David hoped he hadn't heard.

Pastor White chose for the morning sermon, Luke 6:20-26, "Blessed be ye poor . . . but woe unto you that are rich!"

On the way home from church Mrs. Powell remarked to Mr. Powell, "I would think Mr. White would be careful about his Easter Sunday sermon, and not

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: THE RICH AND THE POOR

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Luke 18:18 "And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

20 "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."

21 "And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up."

22 "Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me."

23 "And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich."

24 "And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"

25 "For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

26 "And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?"

27 "And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Luke 6:20 "And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God."

21 "Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled . . ."

22 "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake."

23 "Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets."

24 "But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation."

25 "Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger . . ."

Luke 14:12 "Then said he also to him that bade him, . . ."

13 ". . . when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:"

14 "And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."



Questions:

1. Who did Jesus say was blessed?
2. What did the ruler ask Jesus?
3. Besides obeying the commandments, what else did he need to do to have treasure in heaven?
4. What was the rich ruler's reaction?
5. What did Jesus say about the difficulty of the rich entering heaven?
6. Is it possible for a rich person to enter heaven?
7. List some conditions in which Jesus said we were blessed.
8. What promise did Jesus make to those who are hungry?
9. What promise did He make to those who invited the poor, lame, and blind to their feast?

MEMORY VERSE

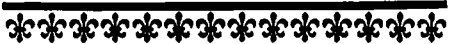
And He lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. Luke 6:20.

(Answers: 1. The poor. 2. What must I do to have eternal life? 3. He needed to sell what he owned and distribute to the poor. 4. He walked away sadly. 5. He said it was as hard as for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. 6. Yes! All things are possible with God. Luke 18:27. 7. Those who are poor, hungry, or hated, separated, or reproached by men are blessed by God. 8. That they would be filled. 9. They would be rewarded at the resurrection.)



Take the number of the sons of Jacob (Gen. 35:22), subtract the number of the sons(s) sold to slavery (Gen. 37:28), subtract the deceitful sons (Gen. 42:3), add the number of disciples of Jesus (Mark 3:14), subtract the number of mourning sisters (John 11:19), subtract the disciples in the garden (Mark 14:33), subtract the number of traitor(s) (Mark 14:43), and the answer should equal the number that symbolizes perfection (Rev. 1:12). —Connie Sorrell

Biblical Arithmetic



Why did Jesus say, "Woe unto you rich men to enter into the kingdom of God?" "Who then can be saved?" they asked. Jesus explained that it is impossible with men but not with God. Jesus knew that people must trust Him to be saved, and that rich people trust their riches to get whatever they want. But no amount of money can buy a ticket into the kingdom of God. Only faith in our Saviour, Jesus Christ will get us a ticket into God's kingdom. A poor person seems to have believing faith more easily than a rich person.

"Blessed be ye POOR!" —Sis. Charlotte

It is very strange to most people why Jesus said that poor people were especially blessed by Him. Most children think it would be really nice to be rich! Many children, and grown-ups too, think it is a special blessing from God. Jesus didn't seem to think so. He said, "Blessed are ye poor, . . . but woe unto you that are rich!"

Jesus said, "The poor ye have with ye always." There are some years when a nation has less poverty than in other years, but always there is some form of poverty.

Many records have been written about the history of man. It seems from these records that every society has had both rich and poor people. Many good people like to dream of a society of people living together in such a way that the problem of poverty could be erased. This has never been and probably never will be, although we all can hope for it. Even God's special people of whom we read in the Old Testament, were faced with problems because some people were rich and some were poor. God's commandments to them were that every fifty years the people who were poor had all their debts forgiven and family property which had been taken for indebtedness was restored again. These laws protected further generations of families from suffering poverty or past indebtedness. God knew careless management, accidents, and other things would cause people to become poor. Therefore He made rules to protect His children from continued poverty which could result in slavery. There was less poverty during the years when the "Children of God" obeyed the laws which God had given, but still the problem of poverty was among them. Between the fifty year intervals, many families would slump into poverty which caused much suffering.



offend important people who rarely attend except on Easter."

"I suppose he's just preaching what he thinks Jesus would," Mr. Powell answered. Mrs. Powell replied with a heavy sigh.

While Mr. Powell was showing the Wilshires some pictures of their last trip to Europe, Mrs. Powell excused herself to work on the dinner. "I'll slip off my ring while preparing the food, but I want to put it back on before eating," she thought to herself. "I'll just lay it on the dresser in my bedroom and not put it back in the safe." She laid it carefully on a silk handkerchief close to the base of the mirror.

She placed first one beautiful dish of food after another on the table. "I'll help you," Mrs. Wilshire offered coming into the dining room.

"Thank you very much, but I think everything is ready. Just call the children. I have the kitchen table set for them."

The ring was forgotten!

Nancy, David and Sandy came from upstairs and found their places. They loved eating alone with their friends. After they filled their plates the children bowed their heads and thanked God for the food. They could hear the adults in the other room as they talked about the "terrible" sermon. "I think it's time Pastor White noticed who is paying the bills of his church!" Mrs. Powell said. "He's so caught up with this idea of doing ONLY what Jesus would do, that he has forgotten that churches also need money. And to have money in a church he needs some people in the church who have money to give."

"What's your mom so uptight about?" Sandy quietly asked David.

"She thinks we need another pastor."

"She doesn't like Pastor White? I thought everyone liked him."

"Not my mom! She talks and talks on the phone about needing another pastor. She says, 'it's embarrassing to have all those beggars,' as she calls the poor, 'being a part of our social group.' "

Sandy leaned over the table and whispered, "My mom doesn't like it either. She said I may have to drop out of Junior Meeting and if the Cheer-up Club doesn't quit going to those homes I'll have to quit the club."

"Aren't our parents strange?" Nancy questioned.

As soon as the Wilshires left, David went upstairs. From his room he could hear his mother talking on the phone to different church board members. She talked with each one a while about the morning sermon, "Blessed be ye poor." If the listener agreed with her that it was insulting, harmful to the church and inappropriate for Easter Sunday, they were invited to her home the following Thursday evening for a time of discussing the problem.

David slipped to his knees, "Oh, Lord," he prayed, "will you please touch my mother's heart. Don't let her cause Pastor White any serious problems." And then above the sound of his own voice he heard her say to his dad, "You will be here Thursday evening, won't you?"

"No, Honey," Dad answered, "I will be having a supervisor's meeting at the plant that night. I'm not a part of your church anyway. I only go to be a good example to our children. But if I were to become a Christian I would be one just like our son David, or Pastor White."

(To be continued next week.)



"The House By The Side of the Road"

Let me live in a house by the side of the road

Where the race of men go by—

The men who are good and the men who are bad.

As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorner's seat,

Or hurl the cynic's ban—

Let me live in the house by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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David noticed Sarah as she got off the school bus, "Hi, Sarah," he called.

"Hi, David, why didn't you come over yesterday?"

"I couldn't get courage to ask my folks. Mom's so uptight, I'll have to stay around home for a while."

"You mean you can't come to Junior Meeting or go with the Cheer-up Club?" asked Sarah.

"I think I can still come to Junior Meeting but not go with the Cheer-up Club. Anyway, how was your dinner?"

"It was great!" said Sarah. "Even Mother, who did most of the work, thought so! She read to me a place from the Bible that says, when you make a feast not to invite your family and rich neighbors but to invite the poor who will not be able to return your favor. I think that is in Luke 14:12. That made her feel real happy about it."

"Did Jake's dad come?"

"Yes, and do you know he said that Pastor White is the best preacher he ever heard. He said, 'I think I'll go hear him again.'"

"I sure hope so. Who else came?"

"Old Joe. Remember? He lives in the house down the street from Jake's uncle. And Lissa, June, and Tammy, our neighbors who live on Broad St. There goes the bell! I'll tell you more at lunch time."

"I've already planned to talk with Mrs. Smith during lunch break," David replied.

"Well, sometime. See you later."

The smell from the cafeteria tempted David to stop, but he went on to Mrs. Smith's room.

He had committed himself to fast today about the problem his mom was creating for Pastor White.

"What's on your mind, David?" Mrs. Smith asked.

"Well, it's just that my mom, Mrs. Poline, and Mrs. Wilshire don't like the Hardins, and others that live in that neighborhood having a part in our activities. Sandy says she may have to stop coming to Junior Meeting. They don't think the Cheer-up Club should visit their homes either."

"Do you know any reason? Do they think it is unsafe?"

"Yes, Mom says it is. But that isn't the real reason. You know my mom!"

"Sure I know her. She is a sweet woman."

"You wouldn't have thought that yesterday!"

"Now, David," she said, laying her hand on his shoulder. "I'm sure you don't agree with all your mother does, but that isn't a real problem, is it?"

"Yes, really. Mrs. Smith, you may not believe me, but she is planning a meeting of the board members to persuade them to vote Pastor White out and get another pastor." Mrs. Smith's mouth

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: LOVE

Luke 6:27 "But I say unto you which hear. Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you."

28 "Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you."

31 "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

32 "For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them."

35 "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

36 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

Matthew 5:43 "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy."

44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

45 "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 22:37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

38 "This is the first and great commandment."

39 "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

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

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

Outwitted

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

—Edwin Markham

Questions:

1. How should we act toward others?
2. Who are we to love that sinners do not love?
3. What was the teaching in old times about love?
4. In what way was Jesus' teaching different?
5. How does God treat the evil and the good?
6. What new commandment did Jesus give?
7. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?
8. What is the second to the greatest commandment?
9. How do people show their love to God?

MEMORY VERSE

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 5:44.

Let's Talk

Let's talk about love. Jesus spoke about love in a different way than anyone has ever spoken before. Until His time, the godly teachers had taught that men should love their neighbors and do good to them, but that it was alright to hate an enemy. But Jesus said to his listeners, do to others as you wish they would do to you. Loving those who love us and treating them good is easy. Most anyone can do that! Jesus gives Christians super strength so that they are able to love those who hate them. They are able to give even to their enemies and not expect anything in return. If they have things taken from them, the power that He gives will help them to not prosecute the thief in vengeance. Prosecuting will be done only for the protection of others or to help the offender become a better person.

This strange, powerful love which Jesus places in a Christian's heart enables the Christian to not strike back when hit by another. The Christian is able to bless those who curse him. He will also be able to pray for the person who insults him, or treats him mean. He will also have power to pray for those who treat him cruelly because of his beliefs in God.

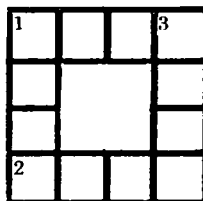
I am sure that each of you would enjoy having this wonderful, powerful love! You can! Just ask Jesus to take out your old stony hard heart and replace it with a loving one. Jesus loved and even died for those who mistreated Him. He loved Judas, the man who betrayed Him to be killed. Jesus loved him enough to humbly wash his feet, and treat him with respect as they and the disciples ate together the last time before being killed.

How many people do you believe could act like that? It takes a lot of power over emotions! But Jesus promised, "He that believeth on me, the

works [acts] that I do shall he do also: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14: 12, 13. Another promise, in Luke 11:9, reads, "I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; . . . For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;" These are promises that He has given to us that we may get this wonderful powerful love. Let each one of us seek God for this LOVE, that we may keep each of His commandments. Jesus made some new commandments for Christians to obey, but He has never given a command which He does not give us the power to obey. —Sis. Charlotte

Four Square: Body Parts

- 1 across: God told Moses, ". . . but my _____ shall not be seen (Ex. 33:23).
- 2 across: David's men slew a giant who had six fingers and six _____ (I Chronicles 20:6).
- 1 down: A woman anointed and kissed the _____ of Jesus (Luke 7:36-39).
- 3 down: Jesus often said: "He that hath _____ to hear, let him hear (Matthew 11:15). —Connie Sorrell



(Answers: 1. Act toward them as we would want them to act toward us. 2. Our enemies. 3. Love your neighbor and hate your enemies. 4. Jesus taught, "Love your enemies." 5. He sends rain and sun on both the evil and the good people. 6. "Love one another as I have loved you." 7. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. . . . soul. . . . and all thy mind and . . . strength." Mark 12:30. 8. "Love thy neighbour as thyself." 9. By doing what God commands.)

fell open. David continued talking, "I don't know whether to tell Pastor White or not?"

"Don't tell this to anyone, David, until I talk with you again. Mr. Smith is on the board also. I'll talk to him about it. We will all pray about it, too. Thanks, David, for sharing this with me. Come in at lunch again tomorrow. I'll have your tray of lunch brought with mine."

"Thank you, Mrs. Smith. See you tomorrow."

David's dad was waiting to take him home after school, so he had no time to see Sarah.

"Hi, Mom," David called as he headed up the stairs to his room.

"Hi, David," Mrs. Powell called as she came from the kitchen. "I think I did something today that will make you very happy."

"What's that?" David questioned.

"I hired Mrs. Hardin to vacuum the house Thursday."

"But I thought you didn't like the Hardins?" Nancy questioned as she came into the room. "You complained so much about having to sit by them in church Sunday."

"I don't dislike anyone, as long as they stay in their proper places. At least I can trust her. She is a Christian and will not steal." B-r-r-ring. "I'll get the phone. Hello. . . yes. . . just a moment. David, it's for you."

"Hello," David said.

"This is Sarah. I wanted to finish telling you about the dinner."

"Okay."

"Tony Gray's two friends, Jose and Alex were here. They said they would be coming to Junior Meeting. They are very poor. Keith and his three sisters came. Their mother left them last month. Then we took a dinner to three women who are shut-ins. David, I've never did anything that made me feel better. Everyone was so happy! We ate and ate until we were stuffed. After that we cleared away the dishes and just got acquainted with each other. Then we played king and queen. You should have seen Jake when he fell between the chairs!"

"Sounds like you did have fun. I wish I could have been there!"

"That's not all we did. After that we played 'Talking Up a Broomstick'."

"Played what?"

"Talking up a broomstick. Haven't you ever played that?"

"Nope."

"Then we will play it sometime. It's real fun! The best part of all was when we all sat around and listened to Jake's mother tell about some of the different times God had answered prayer for them. Wow, David, you should hear her talk!"

Just then Mrs. Powell cautioned, "You've been on the phone long enough, David. Phones are for business, not for gossip."

David nodded to his mother, then said to Sarah, "Yes, I have listened to her talk. It is amazing! . . . Well, I'd better get off the phone. See you tomorrow. Good-bye."

"Good-bye."

(To be continued next week.)

The Magic of Love

Love is like magic

And it always will be,

For love still remains

Life's sweet mystery!

Love works in ways

That are wondrous and strange

And there's nothing in life

That love cannot change.

Love can transform

The most commonplace

Into beauty and splendor

And sweetness and grace!

Love is unselfish,

Understanding and kind,

For it sees with its heart

And not with its mind.

Love is the answer

That everyone seeks—

Love is the language

That every heart speaks—

Love can't be bought

It is priceless and free.

Love, like pure magic,

Is a sweet mystery!

—Selected

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What Would Jesus Do?

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David descended the stairs. "Ready to go to Junior Meeting?" Dad asked. "I'll take you as I go to the shop."

David noticed from the stairs that everything was ready for the secret board meeting. A bouquet of red tulips sat in the middle of the large oak dining table to which the leaves had been added. Mom's crystal punch bowl and matching cups sat on the roll cart near the end of the table. Crystal plates and bowls dotted the table, each one filled with either cookies or crackers, cold cuts of meat, cheese, olives, pickles, etc. The thought of the meeting made him sick.

"Why don't you answer me?" Dad asked.

"Oh, I'm sorry, Dad," David apologized. "Yes, I'm ready."

"Take me, too, over to Edith's," Nancy called.

"Is Nancy to go to Edith's?" Dad called to Mom.

"That's right. Mrs. Hardin is baby-sitting Edith and Nancy as Mr. and Mrs. Poline will be coming here. We have important things to discuss and must have no interruptions from children."

"Okay, good-bye."

"Good-bye."

Dad let Nancy off, then took David to the Smith's home.

David opened Junior Meeting with prayer for a special request, but still he could hardly keep his mind off the secret meeting at home. Mrs. Smith expected it, so she had two games planned. First she passed out a Bible quiz and pencil to each one. After this was finished and scored and a prize given to Bert White for having the most correct answers, they played, Who Am I? Mr. Smith (who had not been invited to the board meeting although he was a board member) acted like a Bible character. Jeannie guessed that he was Joseph dreaming about his brothers bowing to him. She was right! Then Jeannie acted like another character. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, except David. He couldn't enjoy ANYTHING!

David could hardly believe that his mother was already in bed when he came home. A glance at the table told him that something was wrong. Most of the food was still on the plates, and only a few of the crystal cups had been used. "Did her friends not come to the meeting?" David wondered. He tip-toed silently up the stairs and into his room. He took off his jacket and hung it in the closet, hoping all the while that perhaps the people had not come and the meeting had been a complete failure. The thought made him feel a little better. How he loved Pastor White! As he turned from the closet, he noticed his door open just a crack and heard Nancy whisper, "May I come in?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: CRITICISM

New Words: *Condemn*—to pronounce guilty of crime or wrong; to assign to an unhappy or unpleasant fate or condition. *Forgive*—to give up the wish to punish or get even with; pardon. *Judge*: to criticize or condemn. *Mercy*: kindness beyond what can be claimed or expected.

Luke 6:36 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father [God] also is merciful."

37 "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

39 "And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?"

40 "The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master."

41 "And why beholdest thou the mote [splinter or grain of dirt] that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam [large board] that is in thine own eye?"

42 "Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

43 "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit [actions]; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit [actions]."

44 "For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."

45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

John 7:24 "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

2 "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say about being merciful?
2. How can a Christian show mercy?
3. When Jesus said, "Judge not" what did He mean?
4. What is the meaning of condemn?
5. What does one do who forgives?
6. What was in the man's eye who wanted to get a mote from the eye of his brother?
7. What kind of heart produces good actions?
8. What kind of actions does an evil heart produce?
9. How can others know what kind of heart a man has?
10. What happens to the person who judges others?

MEMORY VERSE

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: . . .

Luke 6:37.



Have you ever been tempted to criticize someone? I'm sure the desire to criticize has come to your mind many times. When someone else does something that might cause trouble or pain to you or someone you like, you may have felt like criticizing what they have done. Criticism is sometimes a form of revenge or getting even, but not always. Sometimes a lack of understanding may cause some to criticize. Whatever the reason for criticizing, Jesus taught that we should not do it.

He taught that Christians must be merciful instead of critical. He said if we condemned others that we would be condemned by others, if we understand others instead of condemning, we would receive understanding from others. He said if we were merciful (which is being kind beyond that which is expected), others would also show kindness to us. A merciful, kind attitude is never a critical attitude.

A person should always remember that he also has many faults and some of his faults may be as bad or worse than those of the one he is criticizing. Jesus told about a man who wanted to pick a little splinter out of a brother's eye when he had a large board in his own eye. Do you think he could see well enough to get the splinter out of the brother's eye? No and neither can a person help someone else be better than he is himself. Nor can a Christian help someone become a Christian if he is doing evil things himself. The parable which Jesus told about the blind trying to lead the blind shows this point very clearly. He said, "Shall they not both fall in the ditch?" What do you think will happen to the two blind men?

The next time you feel like criticizing someone else, stop and think about your own faults and see if they aren't as big as those of the one you wish to criticize.

Your faults may be as big as a board and his may be like a little splinter.

Now let's talk a little about the difference in criticism and disapproval. God does not expect His holy children to approve of the many sinful or unjust actions of other people. Disapproving of something is alright but having a rash critical attitude is not alright. Judging is okay, if it is done without a rash critical attitude. Judging is getting evidence about something and forming an opinion about it. Everyone must do that in order to make good decisions.

Judging another person and saying he is guilty of wrong in a harsh attitude is what Jesus meant when He said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." No one needs to judge another, for every person's words and actions are as an announcer saying to those around him, "I am evil," or "I am good."

Let's not be critical and announce to all the world that we have a heart unlike Christ. —Sis. Charlotte

Should You Feel Inclined to Censure

Should you feel inclined to censure
Faults you may in others view,
Ask your own heart, ere you venture,
If thou hast not failings, too.

Let not friendly vows be broken;
Rather strive a friend to gain;
Many a word in anger spoken
Finds its passage home again.

Do not, then, in idle pleasure,
Trifle with a brother's fame;
Guard it as a valued treasure,
Sacred as your own good name.

—Author unknown.

(Answers: 1. Jesus said to be merciful as God is merciful, and if we are merciful, others would be merciful to us. 2. By being kind beyond what is expected. 3. To not criticize and condemn others. 4. Condemn is to say someone is guilty of wrong or to put into unhappy or unpleasant fate or condition. 5. He gives up the desire to get even. 6. A beam, or a large board. 7. A good heart. 8. Evil actions. 9. By the kind of actions he has. 10. He will also be judged by others.)

"Yes," he answered, opening the door gladly. "Maybe you can tell me what happened tonight."

She closed the door carefully and sat down heavily on the bed. "Guess what happened?" she gasped.

"I don't know. What?"

"Mrs. Hardin stole Mom's diamond ring!"

"No, she didn't!" David almost yelled in defense of Mrs. Hardin.

"Sh, you'll wake Mom! She is sick about it and went to bed."

"Why does she think Mrs. Hardin stole her ring?"

"Because she is the only person who has been inside this house since Sunday. Just before the meeting tonight Mom went to the safe to get her ring because she wanted to wear it. Well, it wasn't there! And then she remembered that she had laid it on her dresser after wearing it Sunday."

"Why didn't she put it in the safe when she took it off?"

"She planned to put it back on as soon as she had dinner ready, but Mrs. Wilshire came in the dining room to help her and that made her forget all about the ring. She told the police that all this week she was so upset about some other problems . . ."

David interrupted her by saying, "The police came and investigated it?"

"Yes, and they came over to Edith's house and talked to Mrs. Hardin and made her sign some papers and Mr. Poline took Mrs. Hardin home, almost as soon as she got there, because they were afraid she might steal from them."

"Go on! What else happened?"

"Not anything much except Mom told everyone that came, about it. Mrs. Wilshire just screamed and cried, she felt so sorry for Mom. She said it was the prettiest diamond she had ever seen. Then Mom cried some more and Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Spires all cried."

"Oh, poor Mom," David said as he sat down and placed his head in his hands. "Did the Meeds come?"

"I don't think so. I didn't see them. Neither did Mr. and Mrs. Poline."

"Why didn't they come?"

"Mom found the ring missing before they left home and she asked them to keep Mrs. Hardin there so the police wouldn't have any trouble finding her."

"Did they take Mrs. Hardin to jail?"

"No, I already told you. They made her sign some papers. And they said something about a lie detective test."

David laughed. "You mean a lie detector test."

"What's that David?"

"It is a test given to decide if a person is telling a lie or not telling a lie. I'm sure Mrs. Hardin's will show that she didn't take the ring."

"But if she did take Mother's ring, will that show up too?"

"Yes, it will. I can't believe all this has happened tonight, but maybe somehow this is God's way of getting Mom's mind off of Pastor White. I'm sure Pastor White's pastoral work in this city is just as valuable to him as the diamond ring is to Mother."

"Could it be worth as much as Mother's ring?"

"Well, not in dollar value, but everything can't be priced in dollars. Some things are worth more than all the money in the world," David said as he yawned. "Say, we better go to bed, it's late. Why is Dad so late coming tonight?"

"He's already here. Mother called him before she called the police."

"Then I'd better go down and lock the door. Good-night, Nancy."

"Good-night, David. After you lock the door," she said as she lingered by the door, "let's pray together that Mom will find her ring. Okay?"

"Okay, Nancy, I'll be right back."

(To be continued next week.)

What Little Prince Was Hidden in a Church?

This baby boy was saved by his aunt and hidden in a church for years. (II Chronicles 22:12) When he was.....years old he was proclaimed king. (II Chronicles 24:1) His name was (II Chronicles 22:11) He reignedyears (II Chronicles 24:1)

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Friday morning's *news* told about Mrs. Powell's stolen ring and stated Mrs. Hardin as being arrested as a suspect. Jake wasn't at school. David knew why. All day long he had been the target for many students' curiosity. He heard many critical remarks about Mrs. Hardin. He was glad Jake hadn't heard them.

Mrs. Poline brought David home. He could see through the gate as he unlocked it, that a strange car was in the front of their house. Weary from all the questions, feeling sorry for both his mother and Mrs. Hardin and afraid of the turmoil at home, he paused before opening the door.

"Oh, Lord," he said, "please help me to act as Jesus would act if He were in the mess we are in." When he opened the door he was relieved to see Mr. Tubbolt, the insurance adjuster and another man.

Mother was telling the men all about what had happened. "I was so upset about some serious problems in the church," David heard her say. He thought to himself, "Problems that she is making." He went unnoticed to his room. After finishing his homework, he came out of his room. The men were still talking to Mother in the living room below. He heard Mr. Tubbolt say, "I will send this in. It will, however, be a

month, or perhaps more, before you will receive the adjustment. A criminal claim takes longer. In the meantime Detective Hayes will be watching the Hardins and collecting information for the prosecution."

David leaned against the wall, he felt weak and sick about it all. "Well, I'm sure," he heard his mother say, "that Harvey Hardin, their oldest son, will soon be driving a new car. The Hardins wouldn't have brains enough to keep the ring until this dies down. Of course, I know the boy didn't steal the ring, when he came to pick up his mother. I stood in the open door to be sure that he didn't come inside THIS HOUSE! You know he's using drugs and may be stealing to support the habit."

"All pawn shops in this area have been alerted to call the police on any person selling a ring of this description. I don't think your ring is far away and I'm sure it will soon be recovered," Detective Hayes assured Mother.

"I do hope so, for it was a gift from my Aunt Mary and there is not another like it anywhere."

"We will be keeping in touch with you," the men said as they left.

Mother pushed the electronic gate opener so the car could leave. The new lock which she had had installed locked automatically when closed.

While they were eating supper, Mother told Dad, "Detective Hayes said, 'Mrs. Hardin showed innocent on the lie de-

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: HIS CARE

Luke 12:22 "And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on."

23 "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

24 "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?"

25 "And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?"

26 "If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?"

27 "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

28 "If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

29 "And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind."

30 "For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."

31 "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

32 "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Matthew 6:34 "Take therefore no thought of the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Mark 4:35 "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side."

36 "And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships."

37 "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full."

38 "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

39 "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

40 "And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"

Questions:

1. Which is most important, our body or our clothing?
2. Can a person make himself grow taller?
3. People trust God for growth, should they also trust Him for clothing?
4. What are we promised if we seek the kingdom of God first?
5. Which does Jesus want us to think about, today or tomorrow?
6. How did Jesus show His care for His disciples?
7. How did Jesus show His power to care for people?
8. What words did Jesus speak to the sea that He also speaks to troubled minds?

MEMORY VERSE

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33.



Let's Talk

In the Holy Bible there are many accounts of Jesus showing his love and care for people. He was filled with compassion and care for the poor and sick. He healed ALL the sick that came to Him. Many times He fed those who were hungry. He comforted the sad. Sometimes He brought dead people to life again when he saw their loved ones in great grief. Lazarus of Bethany, the brother of Mary and Martha, was one of these. Another was a widow's only son. He was being carried to the cemetery. Jesus saw the broken-hearted mother and touched the dead man and gave him new life.

Our story today tells about a storm on the sea. During the day, Jesus used a ship for a place to stand while teaching the multitude who followed him. That evening He said, "Let us pass over unto the other side." The men rowed out from the shore and started across the sea with the smaller ships following. Jesus laid down on a pillow and went to sleep. While He slept, a great storm arose. The waves blew very high and splashed into the ships until the ships were filled with water. The disciples were so afraid they ran to Jesus for help! "Wake up! Wake up!" they cried. "Don't you care if we perish in the sea?" Jesus did care. He arose and rebuked the storm by saying, "Peace, be still." Suddenly the wind stopped! The sea was again calm and quiet.

Jesus still cares when His children have trouble. He listens when we ask Him to solve our problems. He hears when we tell Him our needs. He also has all power and He will use this power to help us!

Jesus teaches in His Word that we must believe that He will take care of our problems. Most of our problems that seem impossible to solve are problems that need not be solved today. Many are future problems, or "maybe"

future problems. Most of us are able to handle today's problems, even though they are really hard at times. But fear of future problems makes life too hard. Jesus' words of advice to us are, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil [trouble or problems] thereof." Let us each be happy today and face only problems that come to us today, for we know that Jesus cares and will help us through them.

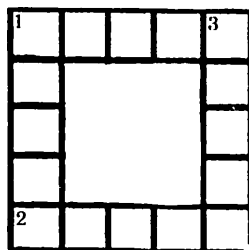
Jesus shows His power by keeping the universe operating. He shows His care for us by creating the natural world so that it supplies for us all that we need and a lot of extra things just for our enjoyment.

The next time you have problems, just remember that Jesus cares and He is ready and able to help you. Trust in Him! Rest in Him and don't worry!

—Sis. Charlotte

Five Square: Faith in Jesus

- 1 across: But without _____ it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6.
 2 across: Behold, I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, _____, precious; and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. I Peter 2:6.
 1 down: For a testament is of _____ after men are dead. Hebrews 9:17.
 3 down: Come . . . learn of me; for I am lowly in _____. Matthew 11:29.
 —Connie Sorrell



(Answers: 1. Our body. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. All the other things that we need. 5. Today. 6. He showed His care by making calm the stormy sea of which they were afraid. 7. He showed power by controlling something which no man can control. 8. "Peace, be still.")

tector test.' " David's and Nancy's eyes met.

"Then she didn't take your ring? Who took it?" Nancy asked.

"I'm still sure she took it. The gate was never opened. The house shows no signs of a break-in. The police spent four hours investigating around here today. They searched outside and inside, especially our bedroom. No one has been in that room except her, your father and I. She probably just knows how to remain calm in every situation after living with a drunkard husband who beats her. And to think that I trusted her so much. How foolish I am!"

"I'm awfully sorry about your ring," David said to his mother.

"I suppose this will be a lesson to you that not even faithful Christians can be trusted. And it certainly should be a lesson to the whole church why these beggars and thieves are coming to church."

"Why do they come to church, Mother?" Nancy asked.

"Maybe because they think they can fool a few people like they did me and get some work. Maybe for the handouts. But not because they love to obey God's commandments."

"Oh," Nancy answered.

Before going to bed David took the phone into his room. He wanted to talk to Jake. He was so disgusted after hearing his mother talk so long about the Hardins that he felt guilty just for listening. He dialed Jake's number. "Hello, Jake," he said. "This is David."

"Hello, David," Jake answered, then he remained silent.

"I just want you to know, I'm still your friend. I never thought your Mom took the ring."

"She didn't, even the lie detector test proved that."

"Yes, I know. Will you tell me about it?" David asked.

"Well, I don't know what happened except that Mother called Pastor and Mrs. White to have special prayer that the Lord would cause the real truth to show up. Mom said she felt like the

Lord would take care of her and He surely did."

"Then they aren't going to prosecute her?"

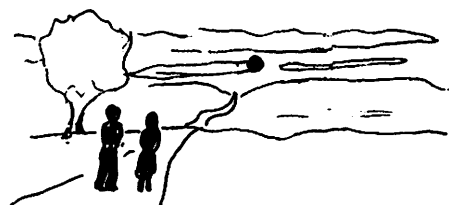
"I don't know. You should know that! All I know is that she is to take another test sometime. I'm sure God will take care of that one, too. Say, who do you think took the ring?"

"How would I know? I don't go around guarding Mom's things."

"David, I'm glad you called. I was just beginning to forgive Dad and Uncle Marion for all the trouble they caused, and now this trouble with your mom. I do want to be able to forgive those who cause me trouble."

"Just give all your problems to Jesus," David said. "He will take care of all of them. He's taking care of my special request that we prayed about last Thursday in Junior Meeting."

(To be continued next week.)



Caring For Others

"Every day hath toil and trouble,
Every heart hath care;
Meekly bear thine own full measure
And thy brother's share.

Fear not, shrink not, though the burden
Heavy to thee prove;
God shall fill thy heart with gladness,
And thy mouth with love.

Labor! wait! though midnight shadows
Gather round thee here,
And the storm above thee, lowering,
Fill thy heart with fear.

Wait in hope! The morning dawneth
When the night is gone,
And a peaceful rest awaits thee
When thy work is done."

—Selected

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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

David picked up the four tracts chosen for the What Would Jesus Do group to give out on Saturday, May 9th. He sat down and wrote the order for 100 of each tract. He put the letter in the mail box on his way to school.

"Did you get the tracts ordered?" Jim Meed asked when he saw David in the hall as they changed classes.

"I sent the letter this morning."

"I sure like the one, *What Shall I Do to be Saved?* It explains how a person can become a Christian, and everyone should be a Christian so they can do what Jesus would do."

"That's right!" David said, and gave Jim a slap on the back for encouragement.

"Quit hitting Jim," Hoel said teasingly as he walked up. "You know, David," Hoel said as they walked together to their history class, "of all the tracts we chose, I like *Our Silent Society* the best. I think it is time we Christians speak up about the disgusting filth of pornography and all the sins it causes. I know I'm just a boy and don't know much about that stuff but I think a modest girl is beautiful, even if she doesn't look like a movie star."

"I think so, too," David added. "And so do lots of boys."

After history class, Sandy walked with David and Hoel to the cafeteria. "I'm excited about giving away tracts

when the Cheer-up Club visits at the hospital," she said.

"I am, too!" both boys said at the same time.

"I want to give the one about Jesus visiting your house. What is it called?"

"*If Jesus Came to Your House.*"

"Yes, that's it. I'm sure Mom and Dad would make some changes if He came to visit our house. They read a lot of magazines but hardly ever read the Bible. I'm not allowed to see the TV and video movies they watch. I'm sure they'd be ashamed to share them with Jesus. I think a lot of Christians are like that. That tract should make them think." Sandy chatted while they waited in line to get hamburgers.

They set their hamburgers and drinks on the table and sat down. Jeannie and Kathy saw them sit down and came to join them. Together the students bowed their heads and thanked God for their food. Most of the students in the junior high respected the group for trying to do what Jesus would do, but there were times when they tested them, especially Kathy, who had dated an ungodly boy for a while. Sometimes boys asked her to go with them to the movies, or some school activity which they didn't think Jesus would attend. Kathy was brave and would say, "I'm trying to do only what Jesus would do, and I don't think He would go there."

Today the Cheer-up Club was meeting. Sandy brought some damaged silk flow-

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: WITNESSING

Matthew 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

14 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

15 "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Matt. 9:37 "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"

38 "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matt. 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

33 "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Matt. 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded

you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Luke 24:46 "And [Jesus] said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:"

47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

48 "And ye are witnesses of these things."

49 "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Mark 5:19 "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

Questions:

1. Who are the lights of the world?
2. Why is it foolish to hide a candle?
3. What is a Christian to do that his light may shine?
4. To what is a Christian without good works compared?
5. What is unsavoury salt good for?
6. Tell how you think a Christian can obtain good works?
7. What will happen to those who confess Christ before men?
8. What will happen to those who deny Christ before men?
9. What was one of Jesus' last commands to His disciples?

MEMORY VERSE

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32



Let's Talk

Let's talk about witnessing for Jesus. Witnessing isn't a big job just for the grown up. It is something each Christian can do. It is really just sharing Jesus with others. When you get a new bike, skate board, or some other new toy, you are happy. Sometimes boys and girls feel so happy they rush to phone their best friend to tell them about the new gift.

God gave His Son Jesus as a gift to everyone in the whole world. There are, however, people in the world who do not know about this great gift they may have. Some of these may live in your neighborhood. You may be going to school with other students who do not know about this obtainable gift. Many people know about Jesus from the radio or television, but may not know how to let Him into their heart. Some people believe that this gift can be obtained only by having good actions all the time. They may have tried to be good all the time but have not been able and therefore feel that the gift is not for them. These are just a few of the kinds of people to whom the Christian may witness. Remember that witnessing is sharing with another some GOOD NEWS about God or Jesus!

Have you ever asked yourself this question? How do I witness? How can I share the good news of Jesus with others? The most natural way to share Jesus is to let your good actions make you a light. One small light can be seen in the darkness. "God is light and in him is no darkness at all." I John 1:5. Christians have God's Spirit living in them. The Holy Spirit is light and will shine through the Christian. Seeing a Christian's good actions is one way people can see God. Every Christian must discipline himself to act in a godly way. Although God lives in the heart, He does not take away from the Christian the freedom to do as he wishes. A Chris-

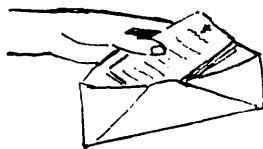
tian can choose to lie, steal, tell smutty stories, or laugh at ungodly jokes, or anything else that are not good actions.

By doing these things the Christian puts a basket over his light. Read Matthew 5:15 in Words of Gold.

If the Christian does not repent of these actions, he will become as the salt of the earth that lost its savour. He will also be "cast out" as the salt which lost its savour was "cast out."

One of Jesus' last instructions to His disciples was, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." We are Jesus' disciples when we follow him, regardless of our age. He wants each of us to be a witness for Him. "We teach a little by what we say, more by the things we do and most by what we are." Everyone can be a witness for Him!

—Sis. Charlotte



The Silent Preacher

I preach some weighty sermons,
But utter not a word;
And tell folks things worth hearing
Although I can't be heard.

Born of a love for mortals,
I help those in distress
To find the loving Jesus,
Who gives the weary rest.

I go into the prisons
Where captives sadly mope.
And for eternal freedom
I tell them how to hope.

Unto the sick I hasten
With a prescription sure:
Tell where the poor and needy
Great riches can secure.

'Tis strange but true: my message
Doth comfort, bless, and cheer;
Yet oft the truths I herald
Make sinners quake and fear.

Yes, many miles I travel—
And sometimes I'm sent back.
I go where you can't enter,
For I am A GOSPEL TRACT.

—Geneva Ray

ers and greenery which her mother, Mrs. Wilshire, had gotten from a florist. The girls busied themselves steaming and smoothing the wrinkled petals. Torn petals were cut carefully so the missing petal wouldn't be noticed. The boys filled the little pots and vases with plaster of Paris and Mrs. Smith and some of the art students who belonged to the club, formed the arrangements while the plaster of Paris was still wet. This was the third meeting they had worked on the flower arrangements. The idea was born when Mr. Taylor, the school principal, told Mrs. Smith he was receiving complaints from parents about the students spending so much time in the slums. The club then decided to take flowers to the hospital and senior citizen homes on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Mrs. Smith had suggested inviting the What Would Jesus Do group to go along and give out reading material at the same time so every patient would receive something. The students had agreed.

David took the tracts to Junior Meeting on May 7th. Everyone was reaching for the one he liked best. "I want to take *What is Salvation* home for my dad to read," Jeannie said. "He says, 'Why would I want to be saved? I don't know what salvation is.'"

"This should explain it to him," David said, handing her the tract.

Bert, Tony, and Peter were going, and so was Jake, Sarah and Kim. They were the only Juniors who did not belong to the Cheer-up Club. Jake and Sarah did not belong because they couldn't afford the dues, and Bert, Tony, Peter and Kim because they went to other schools. When Junior Meeting dismissed, all plans were final.

At 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, both groups met at the Smith's home. Boxes and boxes and boxes of beautifully arranged flowers were stacked carefully in Mr. Meed's van. Four small boxes of tracts were placed on the front seat of Mr. Smith's car. The boys piled into the van while the girls found seats in Mr. Smith's car and Pastor White's three-seater station wagon. At the hos-

pital they paired off, one Cheer-up member with one What Would Jesus Do member. Jeannie and Kathy both wanted to stay together and take Kim, so they could sing if the patient wished to hear them. That left Sandy and Sarah to be together, and to everyone's surprise, Sandy acted just like Jesus would have acted. David chose to go with Bert White, Hoel with Tony and Jim with Jake and Peter. Each boy carried a box of flowers. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. White remained in the hall with the boxes of flowers while the students went from room to room cheering up the patients and giving each a flower arrangement and a good tract to read. If the patient agreed to listen, they read the tract to them. After each room was visited, a flower arrangement was placed in the nurses' station and tracts laid beside it.

There were 23 flower arrangements left so they headed to the nearest Senior Citizen home to give away those remaining. At this home the Cheer-up Club had sang, so they were asked to sing again. What fun they had singing to cheer up the people in the home. Then they gave each one something to read and headed for the park to have a picnic and play games.

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. Ye (Christ's followers). 2. Candles are made to be seen or for light. Hiding it would make it useless. 3. He is to do good works. 4. To salt that has lost its saltiness or savour. 5. Nothing but to be thrown out and walked on. 6. Christians obtain good works by having Jesus in their hearts and making themselves do as He commands. 7. Christ will confess them before God. 8. Christ will deny them before God. 9. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," Matthew 28:19.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

Saturday, May 9th, had been a good day! Not one word had been said about the ring. David loved Jake but felt embarrassed every time he was around him, or any of the group. Everyone knew the lie detector test proved Mrs. Hardin innocent. Some of the group still blamed Mrs. Hardin and didn't want to be friends with Jake. Some of them felt sorry for her and said David's mother was just trying to collect a lot of insurance money. The whole thing made David feel sick. It made him want to stay at home and not see anyone!

Things weren't very pleasant at home either! Mrs. Powell drooped around like she was sick and when she talked, it was about the way she'd been fooled by Mrs. Hardin, or the great loss of her ring. Sometimes David even felt hungry because he thought she rarely cooked a decent meal.

David heard the phone ring. Br-r-ring. He heard Nancy calling, "Telephone for you, David."

"Okay," he said, and then picked up the phone that set on the maple antique phone table in the upstairs hall. "Hello, this is David," he said.

He heard Kathy's voice on the phone. "Oh, David!" she sounded excited, "have you heard the news?"

"No, what?" he asked, thinking surely his mother's ring had been found.

"Jeannie Shoor's mom and dad are getting a divorce. I wish you would call her, maybe just talking to her will help."

"But I don't know what to say."

"Just say anything, to encourage her. Don't you think that's what Jesus would do?" Kathy asked.

"Well, yes, I guess He would."

"Then do it!" she urged.

"Okay. Good-bye."

David went back into his room and asked God to help him say what Jesus would say. Then he looked up her number and dialed it. "Hello. Jeannie?" he questioned in a trembling voice.

"Yes, this is Jeannie."

"This is David. I would like to say, to say, I'm sorry to hear about your problem. Kathy told me about it."

"It's all so horrid. Mom and Dad fussing all the time was bad enough but now I just wish Dad was here so I could hear them fuss."

"Your dad moved out?"

"Yes, last Sunday. That was Mother's present from him. Mom filed for divorce today. David, how can I ever forgive my mom and dad for this? I thought Dad was going to get saved, he went to the youth rally with me and went forward. But he never stopped running around with his old friends, and soon he lost all interest in living for God."

"He's glad you are a Christian, isn't he?" David asked.

"He says he is. But he wouldn't read the tract about salvation that I brought

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: ADULTERY

Matthew 5:27 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:"

28 "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

31 "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement."

32 "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

Luke 16:16 "The law and the prophets were until John [the Baptist]: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

17 "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail."

18 "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

Matthew 19:4 "... Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,"

5 "And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

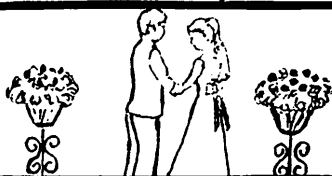
7 "They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?"

8 "He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

9 "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

Mark 10:11 "And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her."

12 "And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."



Questions:

1. What was the old-time commandment about adultery?
2. In what way did Jesus change this commandment?
3. What was the old commandment about divorce?
4. What did Jesus say about this commandment?
5. People were to obey the old-time commandments until when?
6. Why did Moses allow divorce?
7. In the beginning what was God's plan for man and woman?
8. List ways a man can commit adultery.
9. List ways a woman can commit adultery.

MEMORY VERSE

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

Luke 16:18.

Let's Talk

I have a friend who once bought a pair of expensive pigeons. These birds were saleable for a high price because of their tender meaty breast. They reproduced in a short time and grew rapidly to eating size, so she thought it would be a good way to make a little money. The birds were rather odd looking with their high protruding breast, feathers on the legs and feet, and high top-knot on their heads.

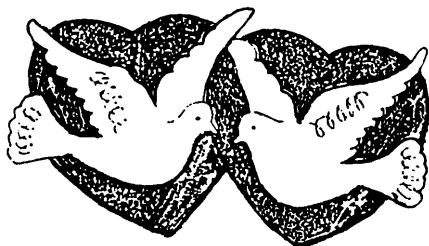
The mother bird layed well and soon my friend had quite a group of pigeons. She sold only the males and kept the females. Then after hunting a little she was able to find a cock for her flock of young females. To her great surprise, however, she found that the cock chose only one hen for his "wife" and paid no attention to the other birds. The only way she could get the cock to mate the others was to take his "special hen" away. After a period of time, he would then mate another. Using this method the hens laid only a few eggs, so she had to sell a lot of her hens because she could not find enough cocks for each hen to have one. All went well with those she kept until the first old hen became so old she laid only a few eggs. "I must find a new young hen for my old cock," she thought. So she turned him loose in the pigeon pen to seek a new "wife". The poor bird was uninterested. He kept flying up to the coop where the old hen was. Finally my friend shut up the cock and a young hen in another coop at the other side of the building. But it did no good, he still wanted his old hen. Then she took the old hen over to a friend's house to get her out of his sight. When this was done and a period of time passed the old cock and the young hen had baby pigeons. After another period of time her friend, tired of caring for the pigeon, brought it back. Can you guess

what happened? The old cock saw his "first wife" and had nothing more to do with the new one.

My friend realized if the cock was to father any more pigeons she would have to get rid of his "first wife", so she did, and he fathered many more pigeons.

This true story of my friend's pigeons shows to us God's plan for people. Jesus said that God "at the beginning made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:4-6.

Divorce is man's plan for people, but God's plan is that husband and wife be one and nothing except death is to separate them. —Sis. Charlotte



Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." 2. Jesus said when a man lusteth after a woman, he commits adultery in his heart. 3. A written divorce was allowed. 4. Jesus said, giving a divorce causes one to commit adultery and marrying one who is divorced causes adultery. 5. Until John the Baptist. After John, the commandments of Jesus are to be obeyed. 6. Moses allowed divorce because of hard hearts. 7. That a single man and a single woman be married and become one flesh, and men are not to divide that one flesh which God had joined together. 8. Divorcing his first wife and marrying another woman, marrying a woman who is already married or divorced, living with any woman except his first wife while she is living. 9. A woman commits adultery by living with any man other than her first husband while he is living, by marrying a man who is married or divorced, or by divorcing her husband and marrying again.

home to him. I begged Mom to talk to Pastor White and she did. The talk only made her angry, because he told her that God did not approve of divorce and that she should be patient and pray that Dad return. He quoted from the Bible, 'let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband.' 'It is much easier to be reconciled if there is no divorce,' he told Mother. Dad is supposed to call me tonight. It's Friday and he has taken me someplace almost every Friday night since I can remember. Last Friday night we went shopping, and I bought Mother a gift for Mother's Day. When I asked if he had a gift for her, he told me he had ordered flowers. Oh, David, my dad has never before lied to me. I don't know why he has changed so much."

"I don't either, except maybe he isn't willing to surrender to Jesus and that gives the devil more power to control him."

"I think you are right, David. I'd like to talk to you longer, but it's 7:00 o'clock and Dad may call anytime, so I'll say good-bye."

"Good-bye."

After talking to Jeannie, David realized that his troubles weren't very big after all. He knelt beside his bed and asked God to please help Jeannie's dad to call her, to come home, and to be saved, and that Jeannie would not grow bitter at either of her parents.

He waited all evening thinking maybe she would call back. The only one that called was Sarah. She said that Mrs. Hardin was supposed to go in Monday and take another lie detector test. "I know you don't think she took your mother's ring, but what do you think happened to the ring?" Sarah asked.

"I don't know. At first I thought it must be somewhere in this house, but Mom and Dad have moved everything in their bedroom looking for it. The police searched the safe and inside and outside of the house, also, and no trace of the ring has been found."

"I wonder how it could so completely disappear?"

"Sarah," David said after a little pause, "I just talked to Jeannie and she needs us to pray for her. Her parents are getting a divorce and she wants to forgive them, but she needs some more power to be able to do so."

"I'll sure pray for her. Jesus helped me to forgive the man that caused my dad's death. I thought I could never do that. I'm going to also pray that your mom's ring will be found, and that Mrs. Hardin will be freed from all this. I know that's how she is praying."

"I believe we should pray together about these things in our next Junior Meeting."

"That's a good idea!" Sarah exclaimed.
(To be continued next week.)

In the Morning

If I had known in the morning
How wearily all the day

The words unkind

Would trouble my mind,

I said when you went away,

I had been more careful, darling,

Nor given you needless pain,

But we vex our own

With look and tone

We might never take back again.

—Margaret Sangster

The Choice of a Life Companion

The human heart is so hungry for love companionship that there are many feelers always out for a life to cling to. These feelers of the heart are delicate and the experience is so new that they are likely to attach to the nearest attractive thing at hand. When these tendrils fasten to an object they cling. It is not easy to disentangle or disentwine the affections when they have made a location.

The heart tendrils must be guided. If not it will cling to some unworthy thing and life will be very unhappy because mismatched. Unless it is directed it will likely cling to the first thing it touches just like the tendrils of a vine. So go slow in making serious attachments.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

Mrs. Hardin opened the door and looked down the street. It was already dark and Jake hadn't come home. She always worried about him working on his paper route after dark. "Something must have happened," she said to herself.

She went back to the kitchen, stirred the spaghetti sauce that was cooking on the gas stove and turned the flame out. Then she returned to the front door to keep an eye out for Jake. He would be collecting a lot of money and there were untrustworthy boys in the neighborhood. She watched carefully in the direction from which he would come. Presently she saw someone walking. She watched as the form came nearer and nearer until she could see that it was not Jake, but his older brother Harvey.

"Waiting at the door for me?" he asked as he came across the yard and upon the low porch.

"I'm watching for Jake, he's collecting tonight and an hour late."

"He'll be alright, Mom. You worry about everything. Say, what was the outcome of that lie detector test you were to take today?"

"It showed I was telling the truth."

"I knew it would. You've never told a lie in your life, have you, Mom?"

"Yes, I have told lies, before I was saved. I did a lot of things that were

sinful before God made a new person out of me."

"I guess that's what I need, to be made a new person."

Mrs. Hardin glanced out the door again. "A police car is turning the corner and slowing down," she said. "Harvey, it's stopping!"

Harvey slipped into the bedroom.

"Are you Mrs. Hardin?" a short fat policeman asked.

"Yes," she answered.

"Do you have a son named Jake?"

"Yes," she said softly.

"There has been an accident and a Jake Hardin is in the hospital. You better go to the hospital, if you want to see him," the big policeman said. Then he got back in the police car and drove away.

Mrs. Hardin, dazed by the news of the accident, stood as still as a statue.

"I'll go next door and call the taxi," Harvey said, as he came from the bedroom and started across the yard toward Mrs. Hyle's house.

In a moment the taxi was there. Mrs. Hardin got in. Harvey slid in beside her.

At the hospital, Jake was in the emergency room, doctors and nurses were working with him to get him to regain consciousness.

"Oh, my boy, my good, good boy. What has happened to him?" she questioned when she saw the blood covering his face and his wet clothing.

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: MURDER

Matthew 5:21 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:"

22 "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:"

John 8:37 "... ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you."

38 "I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father."

39 "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

41 "Ye do the deeds of your father. . ."

42 "... If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceedeth forth and came from God; . . ."

44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, . . ."

Mark 7:14 "And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:"

15 "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man."

16 "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."

17 "And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable."

18 "And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing

from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile [make profane or ungodly] him;"

19 "Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?"

20 "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man."

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders."

22 "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:"

23 "All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

I John 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."



Questions:

1. What is murder? Is it accidental?
2. What is the old commandment about murder?
3. In what way did Jesus change this commandment?
4. What usually precedes murder?
5. Why were the men who planned to kill Jesus angry?
6. Who was their father?
7. Who is a murderer from the beginning?
8. Which defileth a man, that which goeth in his mouth or that which cometh out?
9. From where did Jesus say murders come?

MEMORY VERSE

**Whosoever hateth his brother
is a murderer: . . . I John 3:15.**



Murder is a terrible thing. The murderer is taking from another something that can never be replaced. If a car is stolen it can be replaced, or at least there is a possibility that it may be replaced. There is a chance that most anything stolen could be replaced or something can be used in its place as a substitute. But life is something that only God can give. Nothing can replace it or substitute it. It is a sacred trust from an almighty God. It is to be cared for more carefully than anything else.

Men have always had laws to punish those who are brazen enough to disregard this sacred trust and take another human's life. Some laws say that the murderer must give his life as punishment. There are less severe laws of punishment for manslaughter, which is the killing of a human being unlawfully, but without deliberate intent or under strong provocation. Murder is killing of one human by another with thoughts of anger, hatred, or malice. It is not accidental, but intentional homicide.

Jesus knew that murder was an intentional act which is an outgrowth of anger in the mind. He therefore instructed us that we should bring to judgment every angry thought. In other words, face the problem and make a judgment about the anger. If there is cause to be angry, then go to the one who has offended you and get the problem solved. If there is not a legitimate reason for the anger, then take it to God for forgiveness. Let Him judge it and remove it from you forever. To keep anger is sin. It is also dangerous for you and those with whom you are angry. If it is kept it will grow and may some day explode into violence. The one harboring anger may murder! It is better to play it safe and get rid of the anger!

Controlled anger may become uncontrolled and cause sin. So it is that some

things which go into our mouths may lead to sin. National records reveal that most crimes are done while the doer's mind is working under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Each of us realize that criminal actions are also sinful ungodly acts. We will each be benefited by not putting anything into our body that would cause our mind to not be able to control our body in a sinless, godly way.

In verse eighteen of Mark chapter seven Jesus said, "whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him:" At this time Jesus was talking about eating bread with unwashed hands. Although we know there is a chance that one might contact germs and could suffer in his body because of the germs entering his body, he would not be ungodly because of it. Let us be careful about keeping our hands clean and lessening our chances of being sick, but far more important, let us keep anger out of our lives and lessen our chances of it exploding into violence or murder! —Sis. Charlotte

Why Were Saints, Saints?

It is quite simple:
 Because they were cheerful
 When it was difficult to be cheerful.
 Patient,
 When it was difficult to be patient.
 Because they pushed on,
 When they wanted to stand still;
 And kept silent
 When they wanted to talk;
 And were agreeable
 When they wanted to be disagreeable.
 (That was all)

—Selected

(the heart)
 devil. 8. That which cometh out of 9. From
 told them the truth. 6. The devil. 7. The
 the judgment." 4. Anger! 5. Because He
 without a cause shall be in danger of
 "whosoever is angry with his brother
 "Thou shalt not kill!" 3. Jesus said,
 thought. No, it is not accidental. 2.
 human by another with malice afore-
 Answers: 1. Murder is killing of one

In a moment Jake groaned, then he opened his eyes. "Where am I?" he asked.

Everyone was silent, as if waiting for the other to break the news to him. Finally the doctor spoke, "You are in the hospital and may need to stay here a few days. You've had two pretty hard hits on the head . . ."

Jake groaned again and made an effort to turn over. A frightened look spread over his face and he cried, "I can't move!"

"Just lie still until we get you fixed up," the doctor said. "You'll have to be moved into another room. Take him on in," he ordered the nurse. "The sooner it's taken care of the better. Now, Mrs. Hardin, if you'll just remain in the waiting room, we'll let you know about him as soon as possible." They watched as the doctor followed the stretcher bearing Jake through the double doors, down the hall and into the surgery room.

Mrs. Hardin wiped tears as she asked Harvey to call Pastor White. She found a seat in the nearby waiting room while Harvey called. In no time at all Mr. and Mrs. White were there.

The police arrived to explain about the accident. Then questioned her why Jake was out late and if he had money. "It appears that someone hit him on the head and may have robbed him. After coming to consciousness he must have tried to find his way home when he fell into the water canal, striking his head on the cement bottom which caused unconsciousness again. A boy playing hide-n-seek was hiding behind some bushes along the canal at the same moment that Jake fell into the water."

After the police left, Pastor White said, "We must offer prayer and thank God that he protected Jake from drowning." When Pastor White finished praying, Mrs. Hardin prayed. "God, I thank you that my unconscious boy didn't float down the canal during the long night. He may never have been found by morning. Thank you that you had the children playing nearby. Thank you too that you have kept Dad and Harvey from falling into the canal the times when they have stumbled home in the

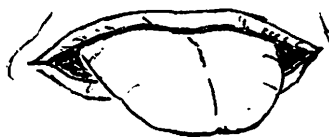
darkness" Before she finished praying, Harvey was crying.

When she finished, Harvey said, "I feel so unworthy of God's protection. I dishonor God by the things I do, yet He protects me through many dangers. I feel so ashamed of myself. I wish I could be like Jake."

"You can be like Jake if you will surrender your life to Jesus and be born again," Pastor White assured him.

"I could never be as good as Jake! He's so good, and now he's suffering all because of me."

(To be continued next week.)



The Tongue

In James 3:2-8, we read about the tongue. Verse 8 says: "But the tongue can no man tame." Can you meet this challenge and tame your tongue? Tame this grid and find 18 key nouns used in James 3:2-8. —Connie Sorrell

Tongue, man, word, body, bits, horses, ships, winds, helm, fire, world, nature, beasts, birds, serpents, sea, evil, poison.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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After Jake's accident, Mrs. Hardin, Harvey and the Whites remained in the waiting room while the doctor worked with Jake. Mrs. Hardin and the Whites asked Harvey to explain why he felt that Jake was suffering because of him. Harvey said, "I've made lots of mistakes and done things I shouldn't, but I'll never make a dumb mistake like this again."

"What did you do?" Pastor White asked.

"I borrowed fifty dollars from Ernie a long time ago and he's been bugging me to pay him, but I just haven't had the money. He was real angry when I saw him last night and he said, 'If you don't pay me tonight, you'll be sorry!' I have a hunch that he's the one who robbed Jake. I should have gone with Jake, 'cause Ernie will do anything when he's angry."

Just then the doctor appeared in the doorway of the room. "You may go in to see the boy. He's in room 207," he said. "He may have to be in the cast for several weeks. We cannot tell yet just how much damage has been done. It seems that the most damage was done by hitting the bottom of the canal. I will see him again in the morning."

Harvey walked ahead as they went to Jake's room. He went in and leaned over Jake. "I'm so sorry you got hurt," he said.

"I'll be alright in a few days. I know Jesus will heal me," Jake said with a smile.

Mrs. Hardin chose to spend the night at the hospital with Jake. Jake was very drowsy so they didn't talk much, only a little about what had happened. Jake said, "Ernie tried to borrow some money from me. I refused saying, I have to pay for the papers with this money. But Ernie said, 'Harvey owes me some money and he said he would pay me tomorrow, but I need it tonight.' I still refused," Jake said, "and the next thing I knew, he grabbed my bank bag and hit me on the head at the same time. I don't remember anything after that, until I saw you in the emergency room."

"You fell in the canal! A little boy saw you and got some help to get you out. Oh, Jake, what if you had drowned? What would I do without you? You are so much encouragement to me," Mrs. Hardin said, and brushing his hair back, she kissed his forehead.

About ten o'clock, Jake asked her to read the Bible aloud. "I'll read what Pastor White read to me," she said. "It's in Hebrews 12:3,

'For consider him [Jesus] that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: ENDURANCE

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

17 "But beware of [ungodly] men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;"

18 "And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles."

21 "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death."

22 "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

38 "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Matt. 24:9 "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

10 "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another."

11 "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."

12 "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

13 "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Luke 18:1 "And he [Jesus] spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

2 "Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:"

3 "And there was a widow in that city: and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary."

4 "And he would not for a while but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man:"

5 "Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me."

6 "And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith."

7 "And shall not God avenge [uphold or justify] his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"

8 "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Questions:

1. Of what did Jesus say to beware?
2. What will men do to Christ's followers?
3. In what way will families betray one another?
4. What happens to the person who endures unto the end?
5. Will it help a Christian to endure unto the end if he has fear of God instead of fear of men?
6. Why will many be offended (distressed)?
7. Why did Jesus tell the parable?
8. Why did the judge finally listen to the widow?
9. What will God do for those who cry unto Him?

MEMORY VERSE

... ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22

Let's Talk



Every good athlete must endure hours of exercise and training to build strong muscles. If his chosen sport requires running for long distances or with great speed, the muscles of the legs must be used through regular exercise over a long period of time. This will take endurance. If his chosen sport requires great strength in the arms, then he must do many exercises to build great power in the arms. This will take endurance. The athlete must pay especial attention to developing strength in certain muscles but he must also discipline himself in good health habits so that his entire body will be in good shape. All this takes endurance.

What then is endurance? Its meaning is, "the power to last or keep on; the power to put up with, bear, or stand." There are perhaps many times when the athlete would rather be in a boat on a cool lake, fishing, than working up a sweat running laps on the track field. But his desire to win makes him endure the discomforts of training. When he has run one lap or played one game, even though tired, he will ignore the tired feelings and the thoughts to quit and keep right on going until his coach says it is enough. Why will he endure? He is working to win!

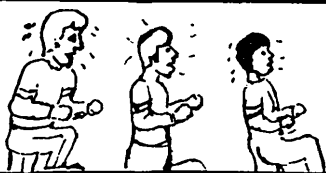
Every true Christian has a goal to reach. He has in mind a desire to win—to win through Christ everlasting life. To win, the Christian must endure many things. His exercise is not always with the physical body, although some times it is. He must exercise himself in prayer, in reading God's Word, and other good books. He must exercise his mind to think holy thoughts, and to know how to resist the unholy and discouraging thoughts that come from the devil, who is the enemy of our soul. After the Christian has exercised in these ways for a while, he will be able to endure the

unhappy times when they come. Jesus plainly said in His Word that Christians will have trouble with others who do not agree with their way of doing. He said that there will be times when others will take Christians to court and cause them to suffer, just because they are Christians. This is happening in other countries of the world. It is also happening in the United States of America. In one school the teacher told the students to give a book report on whatever book they loved best. One Christian girl in that classroom gave a report on the New Testament.

What do you think happened after that? She was sent to the office and told she had put her teacher and the whole school in serious trouble because of her report. She asked to call her mother but was not allowed to do so. She was kept the rest of the day in the school office as punishment. Later she was made to collect from her classmates the New Testaments which she had given as a gift the day of her report.

Remember, every athlete who wins a trophy must endure a lot of hard work in his training program. So must the Christian who wins for Christ endure a lot of hard looks, words and evil actions from other people. Get prepared for these times by seeking Christ for a cleansing of your nature and a filling of your heart with the Holy Spirit.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Beware to ungodly men." 2. Men will scourge the Christian and bring him before councils, governors and kings or (judges). 3. Brother against brother, father against children and children against parents. 4. He shall be saved. 5. Yes, fearing God who can destroy both soul and body will help him to endure. 6. Many will be offended because of the things they must suffer. 7. To teach men to always pray and not faint. 8. Because she continually bore him. 9. God will uphold or justify those who continually call upon Him.)

son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

"He explained to me that God lets things happen to us for our good, just as I sometimes make you do things you don't like, because I know doing them will be of help to you. I asked him if God had a reason for letting this accusation of stealing the ring happen to me and he read to me from I Peter 2:15,

'For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 19 For this is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.'

"Then he read I Peter 3:16,

'Having a good conscience; that, where as they speak evil of you, as of evil-doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.' "

"The children at school sometimes say you are a thief." Jake said when she finished reading.

"I'm sure they do, but I just read from the Bible that those who falsely accuse us will be ashamed."

"Yes, and it also says that if we do well and suffer for it, that is acceptable to God. I know you are doing well, Mother."

"Since the day I got saved, I have tried to do what Jesus would. It hasn't always been easy, but after I was done I felt good about what I did even when it was hard."

"Mother, did you know, our What Would Jesus Do group was started because of something you did?"

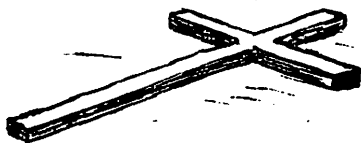
"No, I didn't, Jake."

"Letting Steven stay with us is what started it. During Junior Meeting, Steven said you showed him how to become a Christian. He also said that he thought you did just what Jesus would do. After Steven was killed, David suggested we promise each other to do only what Jesus would do. That's how it started," Jake said, as he smiled admiringly at his mother.

"Well, I'm glad the little that I did got such a great thing going. You juniors doing what Jesus would do has helped your Uncle Marion, Sarah and her mother to be saved. It's helped your dad go to church at least once, but now he says he'll never go again since Mrs. Powell accused me of stealing her ring. Also the Junior High School is a much better school now than it was when Harvey went there. That's where he first started messing around with drugs."

"A lot of the students think it's dumb to use drugs and alcohol," Jake added.

(To be continued next week.)



Your Cross

Seek not to drop the cross you wear,
Or lay it down; for if you do
Another shall be built for you
More difficult and hard to bear.

The cross is always made to fit
The back which bears it. Be content:
Accept the burden which was sent,
And strive to make the best of it.

Think not how heavy is your load;
Think not how rough the road or long;
Look up and say: "Lord, I am strong,
And Love makes beautiful the road."

Who toils in faith and knows not fear
Shall live to find his cross some day
Supported all along the way
By angels who are walking near.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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Part 10

June 7, 1987

What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

The Juniors met at the Smith's home for Junior Meeting. Jake was still in the hospital. Jeannie didn't come either. There were, however, some new ones. Tony's two friends, Alex and Jose, came. Harvey, and his cousin John, came. They said they wanted to take Jake's place. Sarah Jink's friends, Lissa and Tammy came, also Sid, the art editor of the school newspaper, came with Jim Meed.

News had gotten around that the meeting would be a special prayer time for Jeannie and her parents, Mrs. Hardin, Mrs. Powell and the missing ring, and now for Jake's healing. David gave a short explanation to the new comers of the purpose for this special prayer meeting. Then he told that each of the juniors had made a promise to each other and to God that for a whole year they would do as nearly as they understood, only what Jesus would do.

Harvey raised his hand, "I know Jake has been doing only what Jesus would do." John nodded his head in approval of what Harvey said. Harvey continued, "I would like to also, but I can't, I'm too mean." Some of the girls giggled when Harvey said, "I'm too mean."

"None of us can do what Jesus would do without having God's Spirit living within us," David said. "But each of the juniors who has surrendered his

life to Jesus and asked the Holy Spirit to abide in his heart, is finding he has enough strength to do what Jesus would do. I'll read you a verse we have learned, "Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord." "

"How do I get God's Spirit in my heart?" Harvey wanted to know.

"God is holy and His Spirit is holy, therefore it will not come into a heart that is not pure. You must do everything within your power to do only what Jesus would do. You don't believe Jesus would curse, do you?"

"No, I don't!" Harvey answered.

"Then you must make yourself not curse. But no one can make his heart pure by doing only good. He must also trust God's plan to cleanse his heart of evil by trusting in Jesus' blood to clear away all past sins and let Him make a new person out of him."

"I want to be a saved person. Jake and Mom have a much better life than I do."

"Then you have given us something else to pray about. We will all pray for you to be born again, won't we?" he asked, looking at the juniors. They all agreed to pray for Harvey.

"Pray for me, too," John added as they were kneeling to pray.

Sarah was the first to pray. She mostly prayed for Jake to not be paralyzed and for Jeannie. She didn't want Jeannie to feel miserable like she had when she couldn't forgive. "Please, Lord," she

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: PRAYER

Matthew 6:5 "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

6 "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

7 "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

8 "Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

Luke 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican."

11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

12 "I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

13 "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: . . ."

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when

ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

25 "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 13:33 "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

34 "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, . . ."

Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say about praying on the streets?
2. Where did Jesus say was a good place to pray?
3. Is Jesus more pleased with a long or a short prayer?
4. Did God justify the man who was proud of himself?
5. What was the prayer of the man who was justified?
6. What must we do to get what we pray for?
7. What must we do to get Jesus to forgive us?
8. Name some reasons the Christian should watch and pray?
9. Try to learn by memory, "The Lord's Prayer," Matthew 6:9-13.

MEMORY VERSE

Take heed, watch and pray:
for ye know not when the time
is. Mark 13:33.



Let's Talk

Each of us have a private communication system to God. Prayer is talking to God through this communication system. Any communication system, if neglected or misused, can be broken down and become useless. This system is no different. There are several things that Christians can do to keep the system in good working order.

One thing the Christian must do to keep the system working good is to forgive those who offend them. Jesus said, "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also . . . may forgive you . . . But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses [sin]." If we want to hear God say, "Yes, my child, everything is alright. I forgive you for all the mistakes you have made today," then we must say in our heart to all those who offended us during the day, "I forgive you, everything is alright."

Keeping a humble attitude about one's self is another way to keep the system in good working order. Jesus told about two men to illustrate (show) this. Both men were praying. We know their attitude about themselves by what they said. One said, "I thank thee Lord that I am not like other men, [I am better than most men. I don't steal by cheating, I am not unfair, nor an adulterer, I am not like this man standing near me.] I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I have."

The other man felt so humble about himself that he bowed his head and cried out saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus said the man who only cried out for mercy was accepted by God. His humble attitude about himself caused the communication system to work and God justified his heart.

The other man's proud attitude caused a break in the system and God could not answer. Things must be according to established rules for the system or God cannot work to help people.

There are also rules about prayer that each Christian should follow. Some of these are found in the sixth chapter of Matthew. First, He gave these DON'Ts. *Don't* pray just to receive glory of men. The hypocrites do that! They pray standing in the synagogues or in the streets so people can see them. *Don't* make prayers with many words just to make the prayer longer, for you shall not be heard more if the prayer is long than if it is a short prayer. *Do* pray to be heard by God. *Do* add praise and thanksgiving to your prayers. *Do* submit yourself to God's will, forgive others and ask that He take care of your daily needs.

Keeping the communication system in good working order is more important than words said in prayer. For Jesus said that He knew before we pray what things we have need of, but He cannot send the answer through a broken communication system.

"Keep the way clear! Let nothing between!"
—Sis. Charlotte

An Hour With Thee

A foolish, wayward child, I know,
So often wandering;
A weak complaining child—but, O!
Forgive my murmuring,
And fold me to thy loving breast—
Thou who hast died for me,
And let me feel 'tis peace to rest
A little hour with Thee,
Dear Lord,
One little hour with Thee.
—Mary Wheaton Lyon

(Answers: 1. Be not as the hypocrites for they pray in the streets to be seen of men. 2. In our closets. 3. Jesus answers both long and short prayers, but extra words mean nothing to Jesus. 4. No. 5. "God be merciful to me a sinner." 6. We must believe. 7. We must forgive others. 8. The Christian should watch and pray because he knows not when Jesus will come again, to be accounted worthy to stand before God, and because the flesh is weak, although the spirit is willing to do God's will.)

prayed, "help Jeannie to forgive her parents whatever they do. But, God, you know we want them to love each other. Place love in their hearts again. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Hoel prayed next, he was especially burdened that the mystery of the ring be solved. "We are brethren in the same church accusing each other, making our church a bad testimony to the world. We want to be a good testimony," he said in prayer.

Jim Meed prayed that God would cause Jake to be healed so unusually fast that people who knew about it could see the power of God. "Most everyone in the school believes Jake is a good boy, and they think You should heal him." Jim paused, then added, "But we know whatever You do will be best."

Kathy and Kim both prayed. They prayed for Jake to be healed, for Harvey and John to be saved, that all the problems about the ring be solved, and they especially prayed for Jeannie who was their trio partner. After the girls finished praying, David and Mr. Smith prayed. Then a short period of silence was broken by Harvey's voice. "Dear God," he said, "I don't know how to pray like these kids who are younger than me, but I love You and wish I could be good like they are. Will You please forgive me for all the wrong that I've done. I need Your Spirit in my heart, too, so I will have power to break away from my bad habits and worldly friends. Please, God, will you heal Jake and help him to come home soon. This is all I know how to say. Amen."

The first thing David did when he got home was to tell Nancy about the Junior Meeting and Harvey getting saved.

"I'll sure be glad when I'm old enough to go," she said.

"Just one more year," David assured her. "Nancy, I feel like God is going to heal Jake, and the ring will be found."

"Really, do you think so?" Nancy asked just as Mrs. Powell came into the living room.

"Think what?" Mrs. Powell asked.

"David says he thinks that Jake will be healed and that the ring will be found."

"You may think what you will, David," she said, looking straight at David. "I'll tell you what I think. I think that God is punishing Mrs. Hardin by letting Jake, the only good one of the bunch, get hurt. I suppose the money from the sell of the ring will pay his hospital bill. I've asked Detective Hayes to check it out. I just hope Mrs. Hardin doesn't continue in her pride until God can't heal the poor boy. It would be a shame for him to be paralyzed the rest of his life."

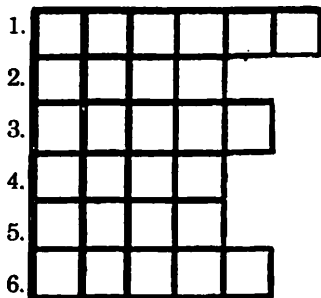
David stood with his head down, while Nancy looked at first one then the other. (To be continued next week.)



Who is He?

Fill in the blank spaces by looking up the Scripture references, then fill in the same numbered squares to complete the answer.

1. He gave Himself for the _____ (Ephesians 5:25).
2. He is the _____ of glory (Col. 1:27).
3. He sits on the _____ hand of God (Mark 16:19).
4. He said: "— the bread of life." (John 6:35).
5. He was sorrowful in His _____ (Mark 14:34).
6. Because He lived, died and arose, we can _____ in Him (I Timothy 4:10).



—Connie Sorrell

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Jake was home now. Everyone was amazed at how quickly he recovered. The body cast had been removed and he could walk and use his arms and hands. He only wore a neck brace. Most of the What Would Jesus Do group had been to visit him. David had not been allowed to go, but he had talked to him on the phone several times. Harvey and John were still taking Jake's place at Junior Meeting.

Nine weeks had passed since the ring disappeared. The police nor Detective Hayes had any clues about it. Mrs. Powell had received a telephone call stating the ring would be property of the insurance company and the payment would be made. Two days later the check came and she deposited it in the savings account, until they could decide what should be done with the money.

Nancy and David were out of school for summer vacation. There wasn't much to do except read and they were both tired of that.

"Let's clean the house for Mother, maybe we could earn some money," Nancy suggested.

"That sounds like a good idea," David agreed. "I'll run the vacuum and you do the dusting. But you'll have to ask for our wages, 'cause I'm not going to."

Nancy ran to Mother. "May we clean the house and earn some money?" she asked.

"Why, yes, I'll pay you \$25.00. That's what I pay the woman who helps me. But you must do a good job, and you must PROMISE to not spend the money for the Hardin family."

"Okay," Nancy promised. David also agreed, although he hated not being able to spend the money the way he wanted.

First, they did their own rooms, the spare bedroom and the hall and bathroom upstairs. Nancy dusted all the furniture, the baseboards, the window sills and the banister of the stairs. David carefully vacuumed all the carpet. He then carried the vacuum hose downstairs, plugged it in and vacuumed the living room. Next they cleaned the music room, the foyer, and the dining room. "We only have Mom's room, and then we are finished," Nancy said excitedly. "Mom said she'd do the downstairs bathrooms."

They took a break and ate fresh strawberries from their garden with a little sweetened cream over them. "Shall we start on Mom's room?" David asked as he rinsed their bowls and spoons and placed them in the dishwasher.

"I'm ready," Nancy answered.

They went into the room and began their jobs. While Nancy was dusting the antique dresser she noticed the mirror was loose. "Did you know the

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: FORGIVENESS

Matthew 5:38 "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:"

39 "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Mark 11:25 "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

26 "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 18:21 "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?"

22 "Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

23 "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants."

24 "And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents." (this is equal to \$10,000 silver, \$52,800,000 gold.)

25 "But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold . . . and all that he had, and payment to be made."

26 "The servant . . . [said] Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all."

27 "Then the Lord . . . forgave him the debt."

28 "But the same servant . . . found one . . . which owed him an hundred pence [about \$44.00]: and he laid hands

on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest."

29 "And his fellowservant . . . besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all."

30 "And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt."

31 "So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they . . . told . . . their lord all that was done."

32 "Then his lord, . . . said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt. . . ."

33 "Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?"

34 "And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him."

35 "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

Questions:

1. What was the old law about vengeance?
2. What did Jesus say about vengeance? (Matthew 5:39)
3. What should a Christian do when hit?
4. Which is the most valuable, approval of God or getting revenge?
5. What must the Christian do when he prays?
6. Will God forgive those who will not forgive their offenders?
7. How many times should a person forgive?
8. In what way does the story about the king and his servants illustrate men and Christ?
9. How will God do to those who will not forgive?

MEMORY VERSE

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Matthew 6:14.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about forgiveness. Forgiveness is giving up the desire for vengeance. Now, let's talk about vengeance. What is vengeance? What was the law about vengeance? What part does vengeance have in a Christian's life?

First, let's look at the word's meaning. Vengeance is the inflicting of injury or punishment in return for a wrong. In our common talk we might say it is "getting even" with someone who has wronged us. Telling an untruth on some one who has told an untruth, "cutting down" someone who has "cut us down." And hitting the person who has hit us. I am sure each reader can think of many more examples.

Second, what was the old law about vengeance? The laws that God gave Moses read like this: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall surely be put to death." Exodus 21:12. Verses 24 and 25 read, "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." The Greeks and Romans had these same laws. These laws stated that every man should suffer what he caused another man to suffer. There was also a civil law among the Persian messengers which gave them the authority of forcing horses, ships, and even men to assist them in the business in which they were employed. Jesus was dealing with these kind of laws in Matt. 5:38-42.

Thirdly, what part does vengeance have in a Christian's life? Jesus said to the Christian, "resist not evil." If someone hits you in the eye, don't hit them back. Don't rage on another person because they rage at you. Rather than avenge yourself, be ready to suffer patiently the same hurt again.

In all of Jesus' teachings He showed great disapproval for anything that might even tend to destroy brotherly kindness and charity. It is evident He

would rather have His followers suffer the loss of property than to risk breaking the bond of love and fellowship. The Christian must do all he can to keep fellowship between himself and others, and between himself and God. Vengeance should be left to God. Romans 12:19 reads, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

The proper way to face the injustice from others is to discipline oneself to be meek, gentle, and willing to suffer long and not avenge ourself. Acting in this way is the only way that the Christian can be happy. For whoever avenges himself loses the blessed approval of God. Losing the approval of God will cause the loser to suffer ten times more than any injury he could receive from another person. Revenge at such an expense is very costly and not worth the little relief it brings.

Remember, forgiveness is giving up the desire for vengeance.

—Sis. Charlotte

Cube Quiz

- 1 A kind of tree. Genesis 35:4.
- 2 A large monkey. I Kings 10:22.
- 3 Unlocks doors. Judges 3:25.

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(Answers: 1. It was "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth", or, "knock out the teeth of he who knocks yours out." 2. Jesus said, "resist not evil." 3. He should be willing to be hit again rather than fight. 4. Approval of God. 5. Forgive. 6. NO! 7. "seventy times seven", 70 x 7 = 490 times. 8. The king forgive the servant an unpaid debt, and the servant would not forgive a very small debt. Christ forgive us an unpaid debt, we forgive only very small offenses from others. 9. God will not forgive those who will not forgive.)

mirror is coming off the dresser?" she called to her mother who was cleaning the bathroom.

"Yes, I know it. I think the police pulled it loose when they were moving things hunting for the ring. They found the screw on the floor. I think I put it in that small gold vase which sits in the center of the dresser," she said. Then coming out of the bathroom she added, "I think I'll go to the store while you two finish cleaning."

Nancy picked up the vase and tipped it upside down in her hand. Out fell the screw. "I wish Mom's ring would have fallen out of this vase instead of that screw," she said.

"So do I," David said. "I wonder if it could be in some of these other containers?" He picked up another and tipped it upside down, then another and another. Nancy stepped quickly across the room to the other dresser and looked in everything that was big enough for a ring to be in. Then they closed the door and snooped into every corner and every drawer in the room. "Well, we're not very good detectives," Nancy said when they were all through.

After dinner that evening Nancy asked her father about fixing the mirror of the dresser. "Sure thing, I'll fix the mirror if I can have a good helper like you," he said.

"I know where the screw is," she said and ran into the room to get it from the vase.

Dad got his screwdriver from the garage and went to repair the mirror. David went upstairs to his room after helping Mom clear the table and fill the dishwasher. Mom was still in the kitchen when Dad came through to get another screw from the garage. "This screw doesn't seem to fit. It won't go in the hole and it is too small around," he said. He went back to the bedroom. He placed the new screw into the hole, it was about the right size around but would not go in far enough to tighten the mirror. "There seems to be something in the screw hole," he said to Nancy. "Get me the flashlight."

"Mom, Dad needs the flashlight," she called, running into the kitchen.

"It's right there," Mom said, opening the door to the shelf where she kept the flashlight. "Why do you need a flashlight?"

"Somethings in the screw hole," she called as she ran back into the bedroom.

Dad took the flashlight in his hand and looked into the hole. He gave a half moan, a heavy sigh, and then said, "I can't believe what I see."

"What is it?" Nancy asked.

Nancy looked. Her eyes got big. She turned and dashed from the room screaming, "Mother! Mother! We've found your ring!"

Mr. Powell came right behind her, carefully carrying the ring in the palm of his hand. They met in the living room. Mother took one look at the ring and slumped.

"Oh, David, come quickly! Mother's fainted 'cause we found her ring," Nancy called to David.

David bounced down the stairs two at a time. Dad was already kneeling beside Mother, cupping his hands over her mouth so she would breathe deeply. She opened her eyes and said, "My ring, so it was stuck in the screw hole all the time I've been blaming Mrs. Hardin for stealing it."

(To be continued next week.)

Out in the Fields with God

The little cares that fretted me,

I lost them yesterday,

Among the fields, above the sea,

Among the winds at play;

Among the lowing of the herds,

The rustling of the trees,

Among the singing of the birds,

The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may pass,

I cast them all away

Among the clover-scented grass,

Among the new-mown hay;

Among the rustling of the corn,

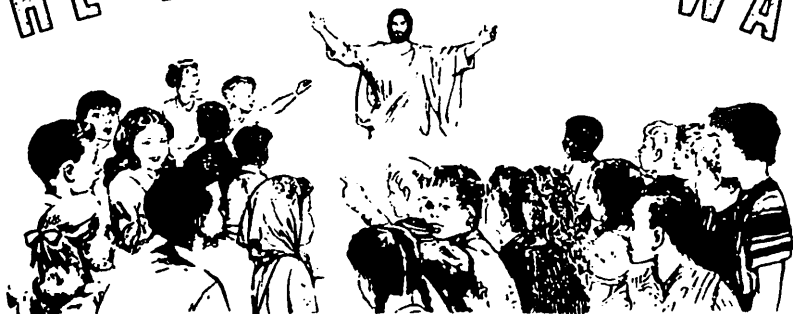
Where drowsy poppies nod,

Where ill thoughts die and good are born,

Out in the fields with God.

—Author unknown

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What Would Jesus Do?

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"I must have fainted," Mrs. Powell said as she arose from the floor. "But what shall I do? The insurance has paid me for the ring. I don't want to give up the ring, neither do I wish to repay the company. After all, that is a lot of money to give up just to wear a ring a few times a year." She paused a while as if thinking, then added, "I wouldn't have to tell them that we've found it."

"Mother," Nancy gasped in surprise. "Aren't Christians supposed to always be honest?"

"The ring was accidentally lost. I didn't hide it. Look at all the humiliation, trouble, and suffering this has caused. Why I've come near to losing my mind! I think I need a little compensation for all of it. Besides that, I also must do something for Mrs. Hardin in apology for my gross accusation against her." She covered her face with her hands and moaned, "How terrible, horribly terrible I've been toward Mrs. Hardin and her family."

"I'm sure Mrs. Hardin will be so happy the ring is found that she'll be glad to forgive you," David assured her. "May I call and tell her?"

"Not yet, David. Let me first decide how I should apologize."

"Shall we call Pastor White?" Nancy asked. "He could help you."

"Yes, I believe he is the person I should talk with, but let your father call him."

When Pastor White came, Mrs. Powell explained how the ring was lost, why she accused Mrs. Hardin, and about the insurance payoff. "I haven't thought it very important that Christians do only what Jesus would do, however, now that I see how terribly wrong I've been. I feel that I should. Could you help me decide what Jesus would do?"

"A Christian is to be Christlike and follow Jesus' example," Pastor White said. "I Peter 2:21 and 22 reads,

... Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

A swindler uses guile, a robber uses force, however, they are both guilty of stealing. You could keep the ring or give the insurance company a ring of a little less value and swindle them out of some money, but what do you think Jesus would do?"

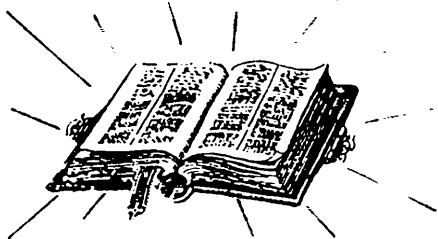
"I don't think Jesus cared that much about money," Mrs. Powell said. "Nor do I think Jesus cared to have expensive things."

"I'll read you what God's Word says about those things," he said, turning the pages of his Bible to I Timothy 2:9.

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: TREASURES

Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."

21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Luke 12:16 "And he [Jesus] spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:"

17 "And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?"

18 "And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods."

19 "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

20 "But, God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

21 "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

22 "And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on."

33 "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not

old, a treasure in the heavens that fail-eth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth."

34 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 13:44 "Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:"

46 "Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

Matt. 19:21 "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."



Questions:

1. What may happen to our earthly treasures?
2. Where should we lay up treasures?
3. Name some ways to lay up treasures in heaven.
4. How many masters can a man serve?
5. Which master should we serve, God or mammon?
6. What happened to the man whose ground brought forth plentifully?
7. What did God say about any person who lays up treasures on earth and is not rich toward God?
8. Did Jesus say our heart would be wherever our treasure is?
9. What did the man do who wanted the pearl of great price?

MEMORY VERSE

... where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
Luke 12:34.



How many of you have gone on a treasure hunt? Wasn't it fun! Even if the hunt was for nothing really valuable.

Jesus had something to say about treasure hunting also. Jesus said that we must hunt for treasures that are everlasting and that cannot be ruined by rust, rot, insects or any other thing, and that cannot be stolen or taken away. He told about a man who managed very wisely and produced such abundant crops that his storehouses couldn't hold all he had to store. One evening he made plans to build larger storage buildings. "After I am finished," he said to himself, "I will not have to worry again. I will just enjoy life, eating, drinking, sleeping and having lots of fun."

But that night God spoke to him, saying, "You are a fool! Tonight you will die! Then who shall enjoy all these things that you have stored away?"

Jesus said that every person who chooses to gain riches at the cost of disobeying one of God's rules is just as foolish as this man, for it is much better to be rich toward God than to have a lot of riches in this world.

Many people think they can hunt treasures in this life and also serve God in an acceptable way, but Jesus plainly said, "Where your **treasure** is, there will your heart be also. No man can serve **TWO** masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. **YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON.**" Remember, mammon is greed for wealth and a dishonourable goal.

Jesus' disciples chose as a goal for their lives to share with others what Jesus wants to do for people. That is a much better goal than getting rich. Because the disciples had for their goal spreading the gospel, Jesus told them that they need not worry about what

they would eat or wear for He would supply all they needed. Some people He told to sell what they had and give to the poor, and follow Him. We have record of different people who did this very thing. The disciples quit their jobs to spend all their time for Jesus. Many men in the late 1800's and early 1900's sold their farms and businesses and bought equipment for travelling and gave their time to preaching the gospel. Others bought equipment to print godly reading materials and in this way shared the gospel. Others did other things to share the wonderful news of Jesus' saving grace!

What kind of treasures are you hunting? Will you spend your time foolishly hunting for earthly riches that will burn when the earth is destroyed or will you spend your life putting treasures in God's eternal storehouse?

—Sis. Charlotte

Let Us Smile

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile,
The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men
Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again.
There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile;
It always has the same good look—it's never out of style—
It nerves us on to try again when failure makes us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me and you.
So, smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant,
It's worth a million dollars, and doesn't cost a cent.

—W. D. Nesbit

(Answers: 1. They may be stolen or destroyed. 2. In heaven. 3. Treasures in heaven are gained by everything we do because of love for God. 4. Only one, God. 5. God. 6. He died after he had made plans to enjoy the rest of his life. 7. God said that anyone who sought worldly riches instead of Godly ones is a fool like the rich man. 8. Yes. 9. He sold everything he had to get the pearl.)

broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array [clothing].”

Then he read I Peter 3:3,

“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, . . . even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Then he added, “A Christian’s ornaments should be a beautiful, sweet spirit instead of expensive clothing and jewelry.”

“Strange that I never remember reading those verses,” she said. “I will study about what you have told me. I have some very important decisions to make within the next few days, and will need your continued prayers. Thank you for coming, Pastor White.”

“I will be praying for you, and call anytime you wish,” he said, and then left.

David stood in the doorway and watched him drive away.

“Now I know why Pastor White does not show appreciation for the rich women of his congregation. We probably embarrassed him with our costly clothing and diamond jewelry,” Mrs. Powell said, then laughed.

“Shouldn’t all Christians obey what the Bible says?” Nancy asked.

“Yes, I suppose they should. But how could I ever give up my mink stole and jewelry? I’d look like a beggar, too.”

“Better look like a beggar and go to heaven than be shut out because of pride,” Mr. Powell said laying his paper aside.

“I would think it better to believe and be saved than to not believe and miss heaven also,” she said in retaliation to what he had said.

“The more Christians I see doing what Jesus would do the more I see my own need,” he responded. “Perhaps if you, too, started doing only what Jesus would do, you might have a changed husband.”

“I think I shall try. I’m sure not happy the way I am. Tell me then, how do you think Jesus would apologize to Mrs. Hardin? I don’t think Jesus would

wear the ring, so I’m sure He would turn it over to the insurance company, but I don’t know what to do about Mrs. Hardin. I’ve been so cruel to her.”

“I think I heard about a man in the Bible who loved wealth about as much as you and Jesus told him to sell all he had and give to the poor. Now, you better not sell all we have and give it to the Hardins, but you could maybe give her the money you received from the insurance on the ring now that you aren’t going to wear it anymore.”

“Who said I wasn’t going to wear it anymore?” questioned Mrs. Powell.

Nancy interrupted her by saying, “You said Jesus wouldn’t wear it, aren’t you going to do like Jesus?”

“Oh, I wish I could but really, I don’t believe I can do only what Jesus would do. How do people have strength to make themselves do the right every day?” she asked, addressing her question to David, who had been quietly listening.

David answered, “Our group has found that a person cannot do what Jesus would do unless he is made a new person by Jesus and has the Holy Spirit living in his heart.”

“I know I need to be made a new person, for I am such a terrible one.”

(To be continued next week.)

Faith Grid

Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and find in this grid all the names listed there.

G	I	L	S	A	J	A	T	Z	N
E	S	A	U	B	A	R	A	K	O
D	O	P	C	D	C	A	I	N	A
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N	A	N	I	P	A	O	E	N	A
D	R	T	S	H	J	I	N	O	M
L	S	M	A	T	E	D	O	S	O
E	I	R	A	H	A	B	C	M	S
B	B	Z	C	A	I	N	H	A	E
A	B	E	L	E	U	M	A	S	S

—Connie Sorrell

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What Would Jesus Do?

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David and Nancy were not allowed to tell that the ring was found. To be sure that they didn't, Mrs. Powell refused to let them talk on the phone or have any company. David also had to miss Junior Meeting.

"A decision to do what Jesus would do will cost a lot of money," she said, "I don't want anyone telling me what I should or shouldn't do."

David noticed his mother staying long periods of time in her bedroom. "I wonder if Mother is sick?" he said to Nancy.

"I don't know," she answered. "Let's go see." They went to the door and heard her talking. "She's on the phone," Nancy said.

David listened a moment. "She's not on the phone," he said. "Listen!"

Nancy put her ear carefully to the crack of the door. "Oh, Father," they heard Mother say, "Make me a new creature. I've been proud, hateful, and ugly, and I love wealth more than I love You. Your Word says I must love You more than anything else. Please, give me a new heart and the Holy Spirit that I will have strength to follow in Your steps."

They tiptoed away from the door without making a sound. They went upstairs and bowed together and prayed that God would answer their mother's prayer.

As they were eating dinner, Mother told them what she had decided. She said, "I have decided to call the insurance company to come and pick up the ring; my gift from dear Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary was a good Christian many years before her death. I'm sure she would be pleased to know that I am sacrificing the ring that I might do what Jesus would do."

"Oh, Mother, you're so strong!" Nancy shouted.

"Don't be so noisy!" Dad reproved Nancy.

"Yes, be quiet! Mom may have some more important things to tell us," said David.

"Not much, only that I feel real good inside. I think Jesus made me a new person."

"Have you apologized to Mrs. Hardin?" Mr. Powell asked.

"I wanted to talk with you about it first. The Hardin's have a huge hospital bill, I'm sure. They could probably use the whole amount I received from the insurance on the ring. May I give it all to them?"

Nancy's mouth fell open and a pea rolled out. She couldn't believe her mother would give such a big amount of money away, especially to someone she disliked.

David sat still as a statue. He didn't know if he believed what he heard.

"It was your ring, and it is your money. You do with it whatever you

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Jesus Said About: GIVING

New Word: *Alms:* Money or gift to help the poor.

Matthew 6:1 "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."

2 "Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

3 "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

4 "That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

Mark 12:41 "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much."

42 "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing."

43 "And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury."

44 "For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Luke 19:8 "And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord,

the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Matthew 5:42 "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away."

Luke 6:30 "Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again."

31 "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

34 "And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again."

Luke 11:41 "But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you."

42 "But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Matthew 10:8 "... freely ye have received, freely give."

Questions:

1. What are alms?
2. What happens to those who give just to be seen of men?
3. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth?"
4. Who put a lot of money in the offering?
5. Who put the **MOST** money in the offering?
6. How did Jesus explain the widows offering being the most?
7. What did God promise to those who give?
8. What did Zacchaeus promise?
9. Why should we give freely?

MEMORY VERSE

... freely ye have received,
freely give. Matthew 10:8.



In countries where there are not enough jobs for earning money, the people are poor. Many families live in tiny houses with no yards for the children to play in. Few jobs, small houses and no yards cause many people to be in the streets of the town or city in which they live. The streets where Jesus walked were filled with people. Jesus had often seen rich men come into the streets and sound a trumpet. When the trumpet sounded the people knew that something was to be given away. People, young and old crowded around the man who blew the trumpet. He would then give whatever he had to give away. At the same time he would lift his head high with pride as the poor praised him for the gift.

Jesus didn't like the way these men acted. He said, "Do not sound a trumpet when you get ready to give. If you do, you will not get praise from God. You will only get praise from people. When you give," Jesus said, "don't let anyone know what you are giving, and don't think you have done anything great, for God has given you everything that you have to give to others."

One day as Jesus sat in the temple watching the people give their offerings, a poor widow came in. She also gave an offering. Her offering was the very smallest amount that was allowed to be given as an offering. Many rich people gave large amounts of money, but Jesus said, "This poor widow has cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in ALL that she had, even all her living."

Even though the widow had put in less than anyone else, Jesus said she put in more than anyone else because she put in ALL that she had. Jesus doesn't always require people to put in all that they have, but sometimes He

does. The rich young ruler was told "sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." Sometimes people need the experience of trusting God for daily needs. The rich young ruler didn't want to experience what Jesus wanted for him so he went away sorrowful.

Zacchaeus was not like the rich ruler. Instead he volunteered to give. He said, "The half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

God commands the Christian to give to the poor. Jesus gives the "born again" Christian a new heart of mercy so that he wants to give to the poor.

Check out your heart. Do you give because God commands to give or do you give because of love and compassion for the poor? —Sis. Charlotte

"I Shall Not Pass Again This Way"

The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,

The water pure that bids the thirsty live:
I want to help the fainting day by day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
I want to give the oil of joy for tears,
The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears.

Beauty for ashes may I give always;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
I want to give to others hope and faith,
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Money or gifts to help the poor. 2. They get praise from men but no praise from God. 3. He meant to not brag to yourself or to anyone else about what you have given. 4. The rich. 5. The poor widow. 6. Because she put in all that she had. The other people had plenty left for themselves after they put in their offering. 7. He promised that men would give them back more than they gave. 8. To give half of his goods to the poor. 9. Because we have received freely.)

wish," Dad answered. "However, I'd hate to see that money get in the hands of Mr. Hardin or that older boy, Harvey."

"I heard Mrs. Smith ask Harvey about the hospital bill and he said something about the Crippled Children's Society or something, paying for it," David said.

"Maybe you should seek Pastor White's advice about something of this importance. Such a large amount of money should be used wisely," Dad cautioned.

"I will call him as soon as I clean up the dishes," she said. Then she began clearing the table.

"We'll do the dishes and clean the kitchen, won't we, Nancy?" David said.

"Yes," Nancy agreed, "so you can talk to Pastor White."

"Thank you!" said Mother. "Then you can go upstairs as soon as you are through, and Dad and I will talk to him when he arrives."

Nancy and David hunted excuses to be out in the hall, hoping to hear a few words of the conversation below. "I just heard Pastor White say the hospital bill was taken care of," Nancy whispered to David.

"Don't be so nosey," David scolded, listening himself all the while. "They are talking about a house for the Hardins now," he said.

"Look who's being nosey," Nancy teased.

After Pastor White left, they bounced downstairs to ask, "What are you going to do?"

"I think we have decided to use the money to fix up the Hardin's home. Pastor White thinks some men and young people in the congregation will be happy to do the labor to help Mr. Hardin and Harvey if we will buy the materials. I think it's a grand idea. What do you two think?"

"I think the Juniors and the Cheer-up Club will be glad to help," was David's answer.

"I think it is great!" Nancy said, "But when are you going to tell them? They don't even know that the ring is found."

"Pastor White is going to tell them tonight. They will trust his word. After

all that I have said and done, they would probably think it a fraud."

"This will be fun!" Nancy exclaimed.

"I'm really happy you did what Jesus would do," David said, and gave a deep sigh as if being relieved of some great burden.

Mr. Powell walked across the room and gave Mrs. Powell a kiss, and then said, "My dear, you are a real Christian."

(To be continued next week.)



The Beatitudes

Complete the crossword puzzle by filling in the blanks in the verses found in Matthew 5:3-12.

Blessed are the poor 14d_____ spirit, for 10d_____ is the 6d_____ of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall 9a_____ the 3d_____.

Blessed are they which do 11a_____ and 7d_____ after 13d_____eousness for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall 15a_____ 1a_____.

Blessed are the 5d_____ in heart, for they shall 16a_____ God.

Blessed are the 5a_____makers . . .

Blessed are 4d_____ when 12d_____ shall 13a_____ you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of 2d_____ against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be 8d_____ glad: for great is your reward in 17a_____.

Matthew 5:3-12.

