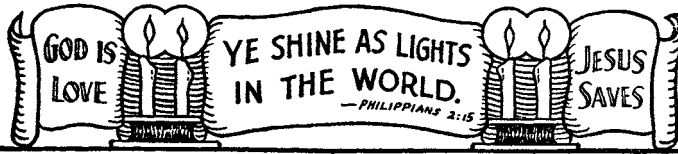


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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Why Will Ye Die?

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, your Maker, asks you—Why?
God, who did your being give,
Made you with Himself to live;
He the fatal cause demands,
Asks the work of His own hands—
Why, ye thankless creatures, why
Will ye cross His love and die?

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you—Why?
He who did your souls retrieve,
Died Himself that ye might live!
Will ye let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, ye long-sought sinners, why
Will ye slight His grace and die?

Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God, the Spirit, asks you—Why?
He who all your lives hath strove,
Urged you to embrace His love;
Will ye not His grace receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
Why, ye long-sought sinners, why
Will ye grieve your God, and die? --Anon.

Kindness

Kindness is a word used in Scripture to express God's gracious dealings to man. Christ was kind to us, thus proving His unfeigned love for us; and we must be kind if we ever prove to this world that we are the people of God, and that His Spirit dwells in our hearts. The word "kind" may be defined as follows: Affectionate; favorable; disposed to do good to others and to make them happy, supplying their

needs or helping in distress; having tenderness of nature; gracious; merciful. There is not a condition, or vocation in life where kindness is not needed; and where, if manifested, it will not bring cheer and sunshine. As the saints of God, we must guard this precious jewel with the greatest of care. Without it, our profession is vain and our hearts void of true love; for we read, "Charity suffereth long, and is *kind*."

Kindness is also a fruit of the Spirit. First, we will note what the apostle says regarding the ministry being kind. He first says that he proved himself as a minister by kindness; and to us who are in the ministry he says, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." It takes only a little harshness or unkindness in preaching to drive souls away from the Lord. We can be kind to all, and yet not compromise. We should render God's judgments with a heart full of tenderness, love and mercy. As children of God, we should be kind and gentle. "And be ye *kind one to another*, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4: 32. Oh, how often we meet with dear souls who are hard to satisfy! They can apparently see faults in others easier than they can forgive, "Making others offenders for a word, and laying a snare for him that reproveth in the gate." Isa. 29: 21. This is not kind, and the Lord is not pleased with such.

Let us now consider the great need of kindness in our homes. Husbands, how do you treat your wives? Do you speak gently and kind? Do your wives know that if they fail in some undertaking, or get home late from town or from their visit, that you will be pleasant and have a kind word, and not chide

or scold? If the children follow your examples, will they be kind to one another and to their mothers? Wives, how do you act? Do you get peevish and cross? Do you complain about your lot, and because you do not have more to do with, or have you learned to be content with such things as you have? Do you act unkind if husband fails to wash clean before wiping on the clean towel, or, if he does not clean his shoes just as he should before stepping in on your nice, clean floor or carpet? Do you scold a little then? If so, you are not so kind as you should be, and you are far beneath your privileges, and God can not bless you with His refreshing showers, and your prayers are badly hindered. Do you remember that of all saved wives it is said, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness"? Prov. 31: 26. If the law of kindness rules in the heart, the tongue will always speak kindly, even in the severest trial. Even as the 'law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes us free from the law of sin and death' (Rom. 8: 2), so the law of kindness makes us free from the law of churlishness.

Last of all, dear parents, how are you treating your precious children? Those helpless, tender, innocent children. Are you truly living in the fear of God before them? Do you speak kindly, pleasantly and encouragingly to them? Do they know you appreciate their presence and their efforts to help you with your little duties? Will they rise up and call you blessed (Psa. 31: 28), or are they discouraged in trying to please you? O beloved, do not cast this question from you without first asking each of you yourself these questions: Am I kind? Do I manifest true forbearance in my home? Would I like for all my children to speak and act to each other and to me as I do to them? I have heard parents who seemed to speak in a displeased, chiding and unkind tone. Remember in doing so you are destroying the true principles in your child that you ought to cultivate. Dear parents, let me entreat you to be kind. You can have by far, better control, government, and influence over your children by being kind and pleasant, than you can by complaining. There is a tone of voice in which you can correct your children; this is instructive, kind, pleasant, and which will help you to be successful in training them. May the Lord grant you wisdom, for of wisdom it is said, 'That all her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.'

— J. G.

Good Works

We are not saved and given a home in heaven because of our good works, and yet we must work as though our getting to heaven did depend upon our works. Man may do a great many good deeds and yet be far away from God; but it is true that those who are near to God are active in good works. One of the surest evidences that we are gaining a closer walk with Jesus is that our lives are becoming fuller of good deeds; that we are more eager to do something to His glory. God wants a people to walk with Him: therefore He saves us from evil works, makes us new creatures in Christ, and prepares us for good works. Is that not wonderful and glorious? God has ordained that man should walk in good works. See Eph. 2: 10. He provides the work and prepares man for the work. God has provided plenty of work: and if those whom he has prepared become neglectful and fail to do what he has provided, he will cast them out.

Be not weary in well doing, but as you have opportunity, do good unto all men. You desire a closer walk with God, but you are not willing to share your abundance with the poor widow in want. You sit down to your table bountifully spread, while some of God's dear children somewhere are crying for bread! To have a closer walk with God is to have ears that can hear more distinctly the pleadings of the poor. *If you are not willing to let all your earthly possessions work for Jesus, you can not walk with Him.* You want to be nearer to God, but you are not willing to get up early in the morning or spend half a night praying for the souls He died to save. God has some children in dark heathen lands calling for the gospel, but you are not willing to lose a few hours sleep to pray God to send them some one with the words of life. You long to feel yourself growing in grace; but you spend Sunday afternoon asleep in your easy chair or visit some neighbor and talk with them of unprofitable things instead of taking your Bible or some good book and going to read something helpful to the needy. you are praying to be more like Jesus, but in your carelessness let many opportunities of doing good pass by you daily unimproved. It is not my purpose now to read you everything the Bible says about good works; but if you will take that blessed Book and your concordance and in some quiet evening read all the texts relative to the subject, you will no doubt be benefited.

Let me say, however, that there is something for you to do. There is much for you to do, and much

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 "Our work is what we are. To do one thing and to be another—is impossible."

you must do if you would walk with the Lord. Oh, that all beloved saints could only realize the great responsibility resting upon them! God makes you greatly responsible for the salvation of souls. What has God chosen you for? What has He sanctified you for? To prepare you unto every good work and to make you meet for His use. God wants to use you; he wants to use you in saving other souls, which are of more value to Him than a world. Will it not be an awful thing in the day of judgment to know that there is a soul in hell that would have been in heaven if we had only let God have His own way and will in us? It seems that heaven could scarcely be heaven to us should we have such knowledge. Some may think that God will not permit a soul to be lost that would be saved; that if he does not save by one means he will by another. This is not correct. God wants to use you, and no one can do your work and do his own, for each one has all he can do. God could gain nothing by taking some one else to do your; for if some one is used to do your work, then some of that person's work must go undone. If you fail to do your work, it will never be done. The good that you can do will never be done unless you do it.

Will you listen closely and prayerfully while I read you a few words from God's Holy Book? "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3: 16-17. God has done all that you might be furnished throughout unto all good works. He has given you the Scriptures; he has given ministers and tells them to put saints in mind to be ready to every good work. See Titus 3: 1. We have before said that our good works do not take us to heaven. This is true; but it is equally true that if we are not zealous of good works we shall never gain heaven.

In Titus 3: 8 are these words: "This is a faithful saying." What does the apostle mean to say is a faithful saying? It is the words in verse 7—"Being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." This fact of being heirs according to the hope of eternal life is a faithful saying; and He would have ministers to affirm this faithful saying constantly, "that they which believe in God might be careful to maintain good works." See verse 8. This clearly implies that to be heirs according to the hope of eternal life we must be careful to maintain good works. Work to be done is at your hand constantly. You need never be idle because of a lack of anything to do. There is a kind

word to be spoken, a child to be instructed, a cup of water to be given; there are the hungry to be fed, the sick to be cared for, and all men to be prayed for.

You would be very industrious in waiting on Jesus if He were here. Well, He is here. That poor woman who called on you for aid, that was Jesus. That old man who wants a few pennies, that is Jesus. The sick child who wanted a flower, that was Jesus. And those around your own fireside that need your help so often, they are Jesus. I will tell you a story I read years ago. One cold winter night as a man was returning to his home from his place of labor, he passed near a soldier at his post of duty keeping sentinel. The laboring man saw that the soldier was very thinly clad. Going up to the soldier, the man said, "You may have my heavy coat to protect you from the cold of this wintry night." While speaking he took off his coat. Handing it to the soldier he went on to his fireside, to his supper, to his bed, and to his dreams. That night he dreamed that he saw the Savior coming in the distance. As he came nearer, the man saw that the Savior had his (the man's) coat on. When Jesus came near enough, the man said, "I let the thinly-clad soldier have my coat last night, and how has it come about that you have it on?" Jesus answered, "As oft as ye do it unto one of my little ones, ye do it unto me." Whenever you do a good deed to any one with a pure motive, you do it to Jesus. Be zealous therefore of good works.

— C. E. Orr.

Christ's Coming—His Purpose

The millennial doctrine that Christ will set up a literal kingdom on earth at His coming is believed and taught extensively at the present time. But is this true? There are a few thoughts I desire by the help of the Lord to present to the readers. Will the Lord really set up a literal kingdom when he comes? Let us appeal to the Scriptures for an answer. Most all so-called Christian people believe that Jesus will come again. But the question for consideration is, What is He coming to do?—His purpose?

He is going to come in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from His presence; and at the same time He will change our vile (fleshly) body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body. Phil. 3: 21. For "it doth not yet appear what we shall

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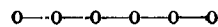
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EDITORIALS

We again greet our readers with thankful hearts to God for His continued blessings and mercy extended.

The Bible says, "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss." 1 Cor. 16: 20. Judas kissed the Lord in the garden when he came to take Him, but it was a kiss of hypocrisy or deceit. An holy kiss denotes purity of heart and purpose toward another and shows love and affection one to the other. Proud-hearted professors never greet one another with an holy kiss. If they did, it would only be a form and not edifying to either.

It is very natural for saints who have the fire of the Holy Spirit burning on the altar of their hearts to embrace one another and greet with an holy kiss. Not promiscuous kissing, but the brethren the brethren and the sisters the sisters. One who receives the Divine nature will have this affection.



Paul said, "The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their consciences seared with a hot iron." It seems to me if there ever was a time when the devil was having preachers to speak lies in hypocrisy, it is NOW—as we find confusion and clan-making on every hand and many fainting because of things coming upon the earth. The signs of the times proclaim the soon coming of Christ. Those who really possess the Spirit of Christ in the soul are few in number. Because the few are the salt of the earth, or the preserving element that keeps this world from being destroyed, it is very evident that God's long-suffering is soon to end. Peter, in speaking of the world that was flooded and unbelievers destroyed, says, "But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." We who have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in our souls need not fear that day nor the judgment. God has always taken care of those who love Him with all the heart and walk in humility of heart and mind. When He destroyed the world with a flood he saved and preserved the eight faithful souls. When Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed with fire and brimstone from heaven, He preserved the faithful few. So it will be when the earth and all things in it will be destroyed, God will lift the righteous far above the flames which destroy this earth and the evil workers.

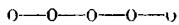


We rejoice to know that wife and the others at the Office have been able, amid many difficulties, to keep the tracts, papers and booklets going out to all parts of the country. They are doing a good work for the Lord.

The funds for the upkeep of the work have been very limited. At present the machines, especially the linotype, is badly in need of repairs. It is rather discouraging for the operator to work with a machine which has parts so badly worn that it continually gives trouble. If God lays it on the heart of any of our readers to furnish means to repair the linotype, you can write to Lawrence my son at the Office about it and he can give you information as to the cost, etc. I am of the opinion that it will cost \$100 to make the present needed repairs. Perhaps a number of readers would like to help fix up the Lord's linotype machine.



Several saints would like to secure the book, "Bible Readings For Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside," compiled by several of the pioneer ministers of this Reformation, and now out of print. Those who have one to sell, write to this Office and state price wanted.



A number of the YEAR FILES of Faith and Victory, May 1934 to May 1935, are still in stock. The new reduced price is 25 cents each, postpaid. You should secure one at this small price—a neat, well-bound volume at the price of a single subscription!

Report of Evangelistic Work

The Lord impressed us very strongly that a trip made to the east and northeastern states would be very profitable to our own souls and to the souls of many of the dear saints scattered through those parts. As was advertised in the paper about our leadings of the Lord in this matter, we began to receive many requests and urgent calls to hold revival meetings and call on isolated saints and have meeting a few nights at different places. We began to pray earnestly to the Lord for guidance as to who was to make up the evangelistic party and date of starting on this trip, and in accordance with His leadings and directions we left Guthrie, Oklahoma on July 8, in Sister Watson's car. The company is composed of the following persons: Sister Watson of Hammond, La., Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr. of Anthony, Kansas, myself and daughter, Anna Marie, and whom we feel assured

the Lord has gathered together for this work. About 6 p. m. July 8, we arrived at Bro. Sam Barton's at Tulsa, Okla. We found them very sad at heart because of Bro. Will Barton being so low and truly our hearts wept with those who wept when we beheld our beloved brother and fellow minister in the Gospel of Christ struggling with death. He passed away the next morning after we had spent more than an hour with them endeavoring to encourage and console them in the spirit of the Lord. We spent that night with Bro. Hughes and family at Webb City, Mo., and the next morning a number of the Webb City saints gathered at his home and we enjoyed the saintly association and communion of the Spirit together before leaving. The following night we spent at Rolla, Mo., and the next night at Indianapolis, Ind., having traveled those two days. The next day, July 11, we arrived at Anderson, Ind. where we expected to visit Bro. Wilson's uncle, Bro. Otto Bolds, who had been sick for some time, but when we arrived we found that he had passed away the night before, July 10. The funeral services were to be held Saturday afternoon so Bro. Wilson remained there with his mother, Sister O. B. Wilson, who had been there for some time helping care for her brother, Otto, and the rest of the company went to Muncie, Ind. and visited in the home of Bro. O. E. Baker and family who received us in a saintly manner and their hospitality and kindness made us feel that we were not strangers. We also visited with dear old Bro. Losh and wife who live at Muncie, and he is an old time Gospel minister. We also visited with a number of other precious saints in that vicinity. On Saturday afternoon we went back to Anderson for the funeral services of Bro. Bolds which was held in the Park Place Church of that city with Chas. E. Brown, Editor of the Gospel Trumpet, officiating. A large crowd assembled to pay their respects to this soldier of the cross who has preached the gospel of Christ for 47 years. On Sunday, July 14, through the kindness of Bro. Baker, we attended meeting at Portland, Ind. where the minister gave us liberty to proclaim God's truth. Our association with the members there was very pleasant. In the afternoon we attended a service held at Sister Baumgartner's home near Berne, Ind. and listened to Bro. Foster of Yorkshire, Ohio, bring a good message of refreshing truth and met many dear saints whom we had longed to see. That evening we attended services at Dunkirk, Ind. where Sister Watson had the liberty to break the Bread of Life to a large number of people. The Lord gave us a precious service there. We

returned to Bro. Baker's that night feeling in our hearts that the day had been profitably spent to the glory of God.

Having previously received an urgent request to come to West Sonora, Ohio and hold meeting, we drove over there on Monday, July 15, and started meeting that same night. On the way, we stopped for a while and visited in the home of Bro. and Sr. Hitchcock at New Castle, Ind. where we also were privileged to meet and converse with Bro. Lawson who is pastor there. We also visited a short time at the home of Bro. Wolford in Richmond, Ind., and then drove out to Bro. Jenkins' home near New Paris Ohio. Bro. Jenkins went with us to visit Bro. Decker who was seriously ill. He was anointed and the prayer of faith was prayed. When we started to leave, he followed us to the car praising God for his healing. The meeting at West Sonora continued for one week. It closed on Sunday, July 21, with an all-day meeting in which two souls were saved and five were sanctified wholly and the saints were wonderfully encouraged. While there we stayed in the home of Bro. and Sister Chellis who are very precious saints and made us feel perfectly welcome. That Sunday night, July 21, we began meeting at Richmond, Ind. which continued over the next Sunday. We found a number of very earnest, sincere seekers after truth at Richmond and the Lord blessed us wonderfully in proclaiming the truth unto them and in helping them to receive the truth. The meeting lasted for a week with good success and the Lord is raising up a church in that place. On Sunday, July 28, we had all-day meeting under some large shade trees near a stream of water five miles out of Richmond. We had two preaching services and a baptismal service. Six persons (three men and their wives) followed the Lord in baptism. The Lord made it a very precious service causing them to rejoice much in this obedience to His Word. That evening we returned to Richmond where we observed the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper. Twenty-two took part in this ordinance service and the Lord made it very precious to all of our souls. It was the first service of this kind for the most of them and the Lord blessed them wonderfully and helped them to truly realize that "If ye know these things, *happy* are ye if ye do them."

On Monday, July 29, we drove to Dayton, Ohio where we started meeting that same night and continued for one week. The meeting was much blessed and owned of God and the fellowship of the saints was sweet to our souls. Quite a few saints got in

touch with one another in this meeting which will make the congregation larger at that place. Here we met Bro. McCoy and Bro. Wolcott with whom we have corresponded for several years and had desired to meet personally. Our fellowship was deepened and strengthened by our personal contact one with another and we expect to meet these dear ones in the Glory world some day.

At the present writing we are in the home of Bro. and Sister Sheffield of Knightstown, Ind. where we have had two nights' meeting with the blessings of the Lord prevailing. After this meeting we met with the saints at Richmond, Ind. in prayer meeting and also visited a few of the saints in Ohio, leaving for Pennsylvania on the 8th of August. The Lord made the meetings and association of the saints in Indiana and Ohio very precious to us. In three other different places in those parts they desired us to come and hold revival meetings, but having promised the saints in Penn. and other states to be there, we could not remain longer there at present.

We arrived here at Sister Gibney's near Shermansdale, Pa. on the 10th of August and will be here a few days and then go to Perkasio, Pa. where we expect to begin a revival meeting on the 15th of Aug.

The Lord willing, we will give a report of this meeting and others in the Oct. issue. —Fred Pruitt.

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Campmeeting Report

Hammond, La. —Dear saints scattered abroad: Again we greet you in Jesus' name.

I want to tell you about our camp-meeting which was held at Hammond, La. from June 21 to 30th. It was one of the best I have ever attended—such sweet unity prevailed among us. We trust camp meetings elsewhere were as precious as ours was. As the Word of God went forth on different lines the saints quickly responded to it with rejoicing. There was no picking or fault-finding. The ordinance service was real good. It brought so vividly to our spiritual vision the example set by our Lord and Master in washing His disciples' feet, and His intense suffering for our redemption. We believe lasting good has been done, and the saints left for their homes more encouraged to do His will and draw closer together in the bond of unity. A few claimed pardon from their sins, some were sanctified, others received definite witness of their healing. The baptismal service also was precious.

Ministers present were Bros. Cleo Murray of At-

thens, Tenn., O. B. Wilson, Jr., of Anthony, Kans., C. C. Carver, of Shreveport, La., G. T. Breland of Good Pine, La., and Sister Lottie Joiner of Loranger.

I am now on my way to Guthrie, Oklahoma where I expect to join others in holding meetings in Eastern states. We are out only in the interest of souls, and desire your earnest prayers that some precious ones will receive lasting benefit through our efforts. This is our time to labor and pray, the night is coming when our work will have ended. In these last days the enemy of souls is doing his best to keep all he can from gaining heaven, but praise God, he is a conquered foe through Jesus if we will only go forth in His name. Let us hold up the shield of faith and be true to the end. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest and abide with each of you blood-washed ones.

Yours in His service,

— Mrs. Katherine Watson.

Obituary

Brother Will Barton departed this life July 9, 1935 at Tulsa Oklahoma. Age, 49 years, 10 months and 9 days. He leaves his wife, Sarah Barton, and six daughters: Grace Roberts, Tulsa; Ruby, Ruth, Wilma, Mary and Dorothy, all of the home address, also six sons: Frank, of Alton, Mo., Elmer, of Bagnell, Mo., Oscar, of Tulsa, Raymond, Dean and Donald of the home address. Also five brothers: James E. Barton of Springfield, Mo., John M. Barton of Havana, Illinois, Aaron Barton of McCune, Kansas, Sam and Bryan Barton of Tulsa.

Bro. Barton's father and mother, one little daughter and several brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Strech. Interment was made at Collinsville, Okla.

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be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 5: 2. It will happen "in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15: 52. Blessed day for those who are ready! And the time evidently draweth nigh, yea, is even at the door. May the dear Lord help every reader to be ready for that great day.

One more thought I desire to call the reader's attention to. At or before Christ's first advent to this world, the Jews were the professed people of

God, and were a people looking for Christ, the Messiah to come. But they were deceived in regard to the manner in which He was to come and what he was to accomplish by His coming. They expected Him to come in worldly splendor and glory to set up a literal kingdom to Israel. But not so. He came a meek and humble Savior and set up a kingdom, but not a worldly, literal one. No, he says Himself: "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18: 36. But He set up a kingdom in the hearts of His people (Luke 17: 21), and it came with power on the day of Pentecost; not of worldly power, but by the power of the Holy Ghost. And He is still reigning over His people in His kingdom. Col. 1: 13-18; 1 Cor. 15: 25. Praise His name!

As the Jews were deceived in regard to the manner of His first advent, so it is evident to my mind that the majority of 'Christian professors of today are deceived in regard to the manner in which Christ will come the second time, and in regard to what He will do at that instant. For Paul tells us that He will then "judge the quick (living) and the dead." 2 Tim. 4: 1. So, reader, we warn you, "be ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Amen.

— E. K.

Answer To A Question

Q. Why do not the people of God use instruments in their houses of worship?

A. The use of instruments in worship indicates a falling below the New Testament standard on this point and is a substitute to supply the lack. Singing properly rendered is the most superior kind of music, and when performed in the Spirit by God's redeemed saints, is heavenly. Where the singing is poor in a congregation, there is a lack which should not exist. Either the spiritual condition of the congregation is not good or not enough attention is given the singing, or both. Unsatisfactory music may not be in every case a sign of a like spiritual condition, but it is wonderful how the music is affected by a decline or advancement in spirituality. To resort to instruments in worship is only to take the wrong course to rectify matters. It is only, as we have said, a substitute for that which is needed, and it can never supply that which the Spirit can supply through the voices of those who are enjoying the victory of salvation and filled with the praises of God. The New Testament way is that we have something better than instrumental music in our congregational worship. Let every congregation see that they have it. —W. B.

More Than Conquerors

(Romans 8: 35-39)

You cannot trust in your natural instincts to lean toward God. "I have an intellect, but it is fallen, for if I follow it in its natural deductions about God, it will doubt instead of believe." Victory is not in your natural reasoning faculty; not in your natural heart. Jer. 17: 9; Mark 7: 21, 22; Romans 7: 19, not in your natural will. This life of victory is not in your intellect, emotions, or will. Since that is the trinity that forms you, there isn't anything else left to lean on. "Lord, it is not in me. I promise to turn from self as a sinking ship."

1. **Count On God's Ability—No Longer Your Own Power.** Heb. 2: 18; Romans 4: 21; 2 Cor. 9: 8; Phil. 4: 13; Jude 24. Walk right on minding HIM in all your acts, words. A miser lived in his shack on a large corner lot in a part of a city where millionaires had homes. Many offers had been made him for his property, but with each offer he simply raised his price and lived on in his small shack. Finally, a rich man paid him \$100,000. "Listen," said the owner, "I do not want your shack, good as you think it is. It must all come down. This lot must be cleared. But there is something here which I want very much, and have paid this enormous price for it. The thing I want here is the situation, and on it, out of my wealth I intend to erect a new structure—a mansion. Do you see? I wanted the situation—only the situation."

2. **All The Patched up Self Life Must Go Under His Own Clearing Hand.** Turn the whole situation over to Him. Let Him do what He pleases with the shack (flesh); and from henceforth it is to be his working, His building. You have given Him (the Holy Ghost) the whole situation. Reckon yourself dead to the old shack and alive to the new building of the Spirit.

3. **The Miser Thought That The Banker Would Be Interested In Patching It Up.** But no, the millionaire is not interested in the patching up of the old shack. We must learn as God's children that our Heavenly Banker is not interested in our bolstered up self-righteousness; He builds mansions of spiritual life.

4. **Many Folks Talk About Giving God Their Money.** The only thing that anybody can give to the Lord is the glory and praise that is due to His name. Nobody has money to give. It already belongs to God. Folks can only invest His money in eternal spiritual

values. This world is God's house. He is the Land-Lord. You and I are the tenants that rent His property.

— W. J. Hawley.

Where Are Your Treasures

Jesus, in his sermon on the mount, said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6: 19-21. The wise man said, "Labor not to be rich." And another inspired writer says, "They that would be rich fall into temptations and a snare."

Earthly treasures will fade away and perish with their using. This the blessed Savior well knew, and therefore kindly and tenderly gave the admonition to lay up treasures in heaven. If we lay up treasures on earth our affections are most likely to be centered or placed upon them when they should be placed upon heavenly things. Paul's instruction to the Colossians was: "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3: 2), and he gives the reason why they should do so. He says, "For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." To be dead is to be completely alienated from the world—all shore lines cut, all straps and bands burst asunder, so that we stand alone in Christ, and see nothing but Jesus our blessed Savior. The world has no attraction for us, and our highest delight is to do our Father's sweet will. Losses and crosses do not move nor terrorize the soul that is hid away with Christ in God. Dollars and cents and property are only worldly dross not worthy of consideration, only as it can be used to the glory of God, and thereby be laid up as treasures in heaven that will bring an everlasting reward.

Many dear souls have made shipwreck of themselves by being more careful for the things of this present life than for the needed soul food. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The salvation of your soul and that of your neighbor's is of the greatest importance.

G. W. C.

The rich man was covetous, and lost his soul in hell. Am I helping God's cause regularly with part of my money? If no one did any more for God's cause than I do—what would become of things? Think it over!

-- Erle Forbes.

« Young People's Section »

Perfect Freedom

If Thou impart Thyself to me,
No other good I need;
If thou the Son shall make me free,
I shall be free indeed.

I cannot rest till in Thy blood,
I full redemption have;
But Thou through whom I come to God,
Canst to the utmost save.

From sin, the guilt, the power, the pain,
Thou wilt redeem my soul;
Lord, I believe and not in vain
My faith shall make me whole.

I too with Thee shall walk in white,
With all Thy saints shall prove
The length and breadth and depth and height
Of everlasting love. — Chas. Boundy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the Psalmist David we should ask the Lord to "teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Our days of life come and go only once, then how needful it is for us to make every one count toward fulfilling God's purpose in our lives. You should know His will for you individually.

The days of youth very quickly pass, but the question is, Have we applied our hearts unto wisdom in the days of our youth? Holy wisdom is a valuable possession. In youth is the time to obtain it. There are several ways to apply our hearts unto wisdom. The first step should be to turn away from sin, repent and accept the soul-cleansing blood of Jesus, obtaining full salvation. Then we know that "He that winneth souls is wise." What are we doing to win souls? Does our life adorn the Christian profession? Let us not forget that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." James exhorts those who lack wisdom to ask of God for it, and that wisdom which is from above is first pure, etc. Jas 3: 17. The Apostle Paul reminds us that worldly wisdom is vanity.

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Sometimes young people who are saved often accept the idea that they can do very little or nothing in the cause of God. Yet all around them lie opportunities, though small, to be improved. There is a kind word to be spoken, a deed of charity, the weak to be supported and the gospel to be given to every creature.

Oftentimes the Lord will take our small sacrifices and use them to do a great work for Him. We read in the Bible of a boy who had only a small lunch to give. It was given and Jesus increased it so that it fed 5000 people. That was wonderful! John 6: 5 -13.

Again we read a parable of five young women who were locked out from a feast because they neglected to be ready—they left undone what they ought to have done. If we do not take advantage of our privileges and duties for the Lord, heaven's door will be barred against us. Watch and pray that ye may be ready.

-- L. D. P.

Bright Pictures

The memory may oft-times bear you back through the past days of your life and set pictures before your mind's eye. This may be for your good or it may not be. It is according to the nature of the scene you are viewing. Some things of the past you should forget. Some pictures you should tear down from memory's wall and cast them into the deep abyss of forgetfulness.

One day I entered a sick-chamber and saw at once discouragement written upon the countenance of the afflicted sister. She began to tell me of the afflictions she had had for many years. One disease after another had laid its torturing hand upon her body. There was hardly a fiber of her physical being but had experienced severest pain. "And now," she said, "I see nothing but pain and suffering through all my future days." I talked with her and showed her that she had been looking upon the dark pictures of the past. "Here," I said, "you saw trials and here temptations and here pain and suffering. These dark pictures which you have allowed Satan to hang upon memory's wall have cast a dark, gloomy shadow down your future pathway, and you see nothing but suffer-

ing and pain and dark days." I then asked her if she remembered certain blessings she had enjoyed in the past—if she remembered how precious God was to her at such a time. "And don't you see," I continued, "that although you are now suffering from an attack of la grippe, your general health is far better than it was in former years." She saw that this was true; and as she began to look upon these bright pictures, behold, they cast a bright beam down her future walk, and her soul was filled with hope and cheer.

Remember this: The pictures you are viewing cast a shadow before them. Satan is in the picture business. So also is Jesus. Satan's pictures, being dark and gloomy, will cast a shadow over your life if you look upon them. But bright are the pictures that Christ presents to view. They will cheer you, make sunny all your way. Be careful where you look.

I recently read in a child's paper a beautiful story that is so appropriate here I must ask the privilege of relating it. Two little girls that lived in the city went to visit their aunt living in the country. The next day after their arrival these little girls went for a walk in the garden. Soon one came back wearing a disappointed expression on her face. She said, "O Auntie, those rose-bushes have such ugly thorns on them!" The other, coming in a little later with joyous, brightened countenance, exclaimed, "O Auntie, those thorn-bushes have such beautiful roses on them!" We leave you to find and to be benefited by the moral.

— C. E. Orr.

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Meno, Okla. — Dear saints scattered abroad: Greeting in Jesus' name. Today finds me saved and encouraged to follow the Lord and fight the battle that is before us. Truly it means much to live humble and true to the Lord. This is not only known by words but by experience while in this life.

Dear saints, I have been burdened for some time to sound a warning. I have taken it to the Lord and asked Him if it was His will and that if it was, for Him to control my hand, so in writing this letter I want it the Lord's way. I can see where that I have been a failure by not writing and obeying the Lord. Today my heart feels a heavy burden for the sake of souls that are discouraged and nearly to fall into the claws of the evil one!

As we have heard of and have seen so many that have fallen, it has grieved our hearts to the extent that at times it almost discouraged us. But the thought comes to me, if the rest give up who will there

be to let their lights shine so that men and women, boys and girls can see there is truly something to live for? My heart's desire is that I might live so that my light can shine for Jesus in the darkest spots of this world. Dear saints, keep encouraged and live close to the Lord. Though you may have trials and tests, it pays to serve Jesus. Let nothing part you or me from the Lord, so that some day we can meet on yonder shore. When we have passed this vale of tears, then no black clouds will face us there! What a blessed thought that is!

Dear saints, let us hold up the standard and live it high. May the Lord help us to read His Word and give us the understanding He wants us to have. My prayer is that the Lord will shower wisdom on His ministers.

To those who have given up salvation, don't say within your heart, "No use," but beg the Lord to have mercy, open your heart freely to the throne of God. Dear people, the end is near at hand. The Bible prophecies are mostly fulfilled. We read in the Bible that there will be a "falling away" before Jesus comes. We are in that time now! But let us all take warning, watch and live prayerfully until the Lord sounds the trumpet from the sky. My prayer is that it will not be you or me who will be among the fallen ones.

"Then souls, be up and doing,
We have no time to lose—
There's life and death before us,
Oh which one will you choose?
Then let us all take warning,
And heed the Saviour's call,
Be robed in white adorning,
Then we'll be ready all."

Your saved Sister in Christ, — Miss Inez Eck.

FOLLOWING BLIND GUIDES

"The husbandman that laboureth must be first partakers of the fruits." 2 Tim. 2: g.

We must know God and be partakers of the fruits of righteousness or we are not fit to be a leader or teacher of others. Are we bearing these fruits? (Gal. 5: 22) "But the fruit of the Spirit is *love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.*" "We shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7: 16, 20. "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matt. 15: 14. If you are following someone who is blind, one who does not know the way of truth, you will go right into the ditch with them. The Lord, speaking of the hypocrites,

said, "They draw nigh to him with their mouth and honoureth him with their lips, but their hearts are far from him. In vain they do worship him, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15: 8, 9. "The leaders of the people cause them to err and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isa. 9: 16.

Mal. 2: 8, "But ye are departed out of the way. Ye have caused many to stumble at the law." Oh, how these blind guides cause good honest people to err and stumble at God's word and cause many to be destroyed. We must be careful whom we follow. Christ says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Let us follow Him and He will lead us in the path of righteousness. The Lord says, "If we do his will, we shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of God or whether it is of man." John 7: 17. In John the 10th chapter the Lord says, "His sheep know him and a stranger they will not follow." If we are the Lord's sheep, then we will follow Him and we will not follow after any strange doctrines. We have His word as our guide, and His Spirit always agrees with His word. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway. We will not stumble when walking in the light.

If you are lost and want to be saved, go to God's Word. It will tell you his plan of salvation, and the way to be saved. There is only one way to get into the fold—the Bible way. Don't let some one try to lead you some other way.

If you are a child of God, listen for His voice. God is calling His people from where they have been scattered by false shepherds and teachers, calling them into His fold. So if you are following blind guides or belong to some man-made church or movement that does not live up to all of God's Word and are not bearing the fruits of the Spirit, I beg you to wake up and call on God to open your eyes and let you see His way of salvation. Study God's Word and ask Him to guide you. He will lead you out of darkness into His marvelous light!

I praise the Lord that He opened my eyes and let me see the truth and the way. —Miss Rada Belcher

If some precious soul, dying and lost, should call on me NOW to pray for them—am I altogether fit and ready for service regardless of surrounding circumstances?

I promised God; now I am fulfilling that promise by conscientious service to Him.

Did you ever promise God? Are you true to God and that promise now? —Erle E. Forbes.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

By Sadie E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond La.

Dear young people and readers of *Faith and Victory*: I greet you in Jesus' dear name.

Two years have passed since I have tried by God's help to fill a little place in "Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools and Home Study." All the good any one has gotten from their study of these lessons, give God the praise. Many times I have prayed God to grant dear souls the good in home and Bible school that I have gotten in the preparing of these lessons. God has by His precious Spirit turned sorrow and loneliness into joy, peace and comfort as I studied to make these lessons helpful to spirituality for all who were interested in the study of God's Word.

Dear young people, renew your diligence in getting the Word of God stored away in your hearts. Read Psalms 119: 11. Remember the greater the love we have for the Word, the greater the love we have for the Author! Read John 1: 1 to 5, and just drink in and absorb Life and Light from the One who gave His life that we might have Life and have it more abundantly. O praise Him for His matchless love!

Dear eternity-bound souls, do you know you have an appointment to meet? Hebrews 9: 27. I notice our dear young people fix themselves up to meet their appointments in this world. How about meeting the requirements of the Word of God so you will be fixed up for this the most important of all appointments? If you repent of your sins, receive a pardon by faith in Jesus, then go on to perfection by offering your body a living sacrifice to God, receive the distinct second work of grace in your soul, you will always be fixed or dressed for this the greatest of all appointments. I have been so burdened for souls. So few to take the humble way of the cross. Do you know, dear ones, we are living in an awful age? Our young people are doing things we never could have thought possible for them to do. Are they responsible? Yes, we are all responsible creatures—created for God's glory.

I once read of an august body of men who were assembled. The question was asked by one of them, what was the most important or sublime thought he ever had? One answered, "The most sublime thought I have ever had is expressed in this, 'My personal responsibility to a personal God.'" Yes, dear souls,

young and old, you are responsible to God. You will have to give an account to God for your own doings. No matter how gladly another might be willing to take your place, it cannot be done. Read Exodus 32: 32, 33. It could not be done in Moses' time, and no more now than then, and no more at the final reckoning than now. NOW is the day of salvation, get on the robe of righteousness so you will be ready for the final appointment.

Pray for me that I faithfully fill my place in the Body of Christ. Yours in much love, all on the altar for sacrifice or loving service in the sweet will of God.
— Mrs. Sadie E. Orr.

Sunday, Sept. 1, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

August 26—Paul a Laborer. Acts 18: 1- 11.

August 27—The Secret of Contentment. Phil. 4: 8- 12

August 28—The Courage of Contentment. Heb. 13: 1- 6.

August 29—Spiritual Service. Romans 1: 8- 17.

August 30—An Unselfish Minister. 2 Cor. 11: 1- 9.

August 31—Loving the Brethren. 1 John 3: 13- 24.

Sept. 1—Devotional Reading. Acts 22: 3- 17

SUBJECT—Paul (A worker with hand and brain).

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 20: 33- 35; Phil. 4: 4- 13.

Acts 20: 33. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Phil. 4: 4. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if

there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again: wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13. I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me.

Memory Verse—I have shewed you in all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak. Acts 20: 35.

Central Thought—Unselfishness.

Practical Truth—Emulate Paul's unselfishness.

Suggestions To Teachers

A busy, happy worker for Jesus. How to find happiness in work for Jesus as a good soldier. Paul's example as a toiler in the Church.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

There is so much in Paul's life from his conversion to its end.

1. Work without thought of self. "I coveted no man's gold or silver or apparel." 2. Work for the uplift of others. "Ye ought to help the weak." 3. Work in the will of God. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus." 4. Work with a view to giving. "More blessed to give than to receive." 5. Work with happiness in the heart. "Rejoice in the Lord always." Joy lifts up. The Word says, "The joy of the Lord is thy strength." 6. Work in view of higher goals. "Think on these things." Yearn upward if you desire to advance upward. 7. Work in the strength of Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

The Bible does not tell us much of his life after being released from Rome, but we know from history he visited the churches where he had labored and established the work on his three missionary tours. While in Rome a fire broke out which burned for several days. The people believed their wicked em-

porer Nero had ordered the city set on fire, and to save himself from the blame, he accused the Christians of doing it. Then the people rose up in great fury against the Christians and put many of them to death. Among those killed, we are told, were the apostles Peter and Paul. Paul, it is said, was beheaded and Peter crucified. This bit of history is from Foster's Story of the Bible.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- Sept. 2—A Faithful Convert. Acts 16: 11- 15.
 Sept. 3—Hospitality of a Fellow Craftsman. Acts 18: 1- 4.
 Sept. 4—Women Helpers. Phil. 4: 1- 7.
 Sept. 5—A Benevolent Seamstress. Acts 9: 36- 43.
 Sept. 6—Women at the Mill. Matt. 24: 38- 44.
 Sept. 7—Workers at Home. Titus 2: 1- 8.
 Sept. 8—Devotional Reading. Pro. 31: 23- 31.

SUBJECT—Lydia and Priscilla.

Christian Women in Industrial Life

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 16: 11- 15; 18: 1- 3, 24- 28.

Acts 16: 11. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis:

12. And from thence to Phillippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Acts 18: 1. After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2. And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Acts 18: 24. And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

28. For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

Memory Verse—Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates. Pro. 31: 31.

Central Thought—Women able to have their work count for God.

Practical Truth—Christian women can engage in industry pleasing to God.

Suggestions To Teachers

A meeting out of doors by the river-side. Serving God in our daily work.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Women have been used by God in His work all down through the time of Christ as helpers extending hospitality. There were benevolent seamstresses, home makers, sacrificing for the cause of God, teacher of good things, working with their hands, eminent in teaching the gifted Alexandrian, Apollos, "the way of the Lord more perfectly." Read of the prophetess Miriam's song of deliverance. Ex. 15: 20, 21. The prophetess Deborah. Judges 4: 4- 9. The courage and willingness she went to battle with Barak while she judged Israel.

Dear women in Christ, take courage, live the life of faith and teach it to your sons and grand sons as grandmother Lois, and mother Eunice did Timothy. All dear Christian women, live a life worthy of imitation, God will reward.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- Sept. 9—Paul Chooses Timothy. Acts 16: 1- 5.

Sept. 10—Paul's Charge to Timothy. 2 Tim. 1: 1- 14

Sept. 11—A Good Soldier. 2 Tim. 2: 1- 13.

Sept. 12—A Good Workman. 2 Tim. 2: 14- 26.

Sept. 13—A Good Preacher. 2 Tim. 4: 1- 8.

Sept. 14—A Good Teacher. 2 Tim. 4: 6- 16.

Sept. 15—Devotional Reading. 1 Tim. 6: 11- 16.

SUBJECT—Timothy, a Christian Worker in Training.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—2 Tim. 1: 1- 14.

2 Tim. 1: 1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.

2. To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose, and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11. Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus,

14. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Memory Verse—Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2: 15.

Central Thought—Timothy in training.

Practical Truth—All workers for God and souls need the kind of training Timothy had.

Suggestions To Teachers

The boy Timothy, a missionary in making. His training in home and church.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Timothy was a native of Lystra, son of a Jewess and a Greek. He received very careful religious training from early childhood, and was converted at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra, no doubt. The apostle's next visit seven years later found Timothy "well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium." From that time on he became a constant, faithful companion of Paul.

Paul in his second imprisonment, knowing his end was near, urgently wrote Timothy to come to him at once. We do not know but may reasonably believe that this last recorded wish of Paul was gratified and that his "son in the gospel" was a comfort to him in his last hours. It is said Timothy also suffered martyrdom some years later.

Timothy's training for service consisted in training in godliness, prayer, faith, fellowship, development, courage, endurance, hope, doctrine and fidelity, all by the precious Holy Spirit and the Word. Dear workers, let us all tarry in the same training school.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

Sept. 16—A Great Leader. Acts 21: 15- 19.

Sept. 17—A Wise Leader. Gal. 2: 6- 10.

Sept. 18—A Safe Counsellor. Acts 15: 12- 21.

Sept. 19—A Man of Faith. James 1: 1- 11.

Sept. 20—God's Good Gifts. James 1: 12- 18.

Sept. 21—Wisdom from Above. James 3: 13- 18.

Sept. 22—Devotional Reading. Matt. 4: 1- 11.

SUBJECT—James, A Great Christian Leader.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—James 1: 1- 17.

James 1: 1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad greeting.

2. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10. But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Memory Verse—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1: 12.

Central Thought—Blessedness of endurance.

Practical Truth—The endurance of temptation brings victory with its joy and strength.

Suggestions To Teachers

James gives a motto for youth, also the message today, How to meet life's circumstances.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

James in the beginning of his epistle announces himself, "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus

Christ." Who could wish a higher title Yet it calls for a life of service to men in accordance with the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." My observation and experience many times is that dear souls flounder around until all bruised, discouraged, and then find what a loss of strength, joy and lack of growth in patience, and begin to recall and regain faith. God extends his compassion and help, and joy springs up and we find "the joy of the Lord is our strength."

Here's a bit of the history of James' life. From the earliest times James the writer of the epistle has been recognized as the brother of our Lord (Mark 6: 3). Some think also he was one of the twelve apostles. He favored the admission of Paul into the fellowship of the Church and soon became leader of Christianity in Palestine. Surnamed "The Just." He was highly esteemed even among the unbelievers, and when about 62 A. D. he was stoned to death by bigoted foes, the people of Jerusalem where he lived were intensely indignant. His execution was believed to have been the cause of the destruction of the city a few years later.

His whole epistle is an exhortation to a life of service, joy, patience, wisdom, brotherliness, victory and trust. It was written in Jerusalem where he lived. The readers are warned against deadly covetousness and worldliness, and comforted in present and threatening temptations and sufferings.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1935

Home Study For The Week

- Sept. 23—A Pastor and His People. 3 John 1- 14.
 Sept. 24—Walking in the Light. 1 John 1: 1- 10.
 Sept. 25—God's Loving Commandments. 2 John 1- 12
 Sept. 26—The Gift of Eternal Life. 1 John 5: 1- 12.
 Sept. 27—The Primacy of Love. 1 John 3: 1- 12.
 Sept. 28—John the Seer. Rev. 1: 10- 20.
 Sept. 29—Devotional Reading. 1 John 4: 7- 21.

SUBJECT—John, The Minister and His People.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—3rd John.

3rd John 1. The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers;

6. Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

7. Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth.

9. I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, received us not.

10. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

12. Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13. I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14. But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

Memory Verse—Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 3rd John 11.

Central Thought—Being friendly.

Practical Truth—"He who would have friends must show himself friendly."

Suggestions To Teachers

A letter from John, written with pen and ink. Making the church friendly. A friendly and hospitable church.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

We learn John was one of the first followers of Jesus. He was distinguished as the beloved disciple. At the crucifixion scene Jesus said to him, "Behold thy mother" and to His mother, "Woman, behold thy son. From that time he took her to his own home." It is thought John lived in Jerusalem laboring with Peter in the gospel until her death. He then removed to Ephesus, suffered exile on Patmos, but was liber-

ated after two years and died about the close of the first century.

Our lesson places emphasis on fellowship in love prayer, witness, walk, hospitality, reproof, commendation and friendliness. John was the author of the fourth book; the three epistles bearing his name, and Revelations. Much more could be said of the "beloved disciple." He was the only one of the apostles who died a natural death.

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