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### CAUTION

Beware of the prayer  
Made just to the air  
In big congregations for people to hear;  
Composed of a leaven  
That God has not given,  
Existing in every known city save Heaven.

"Then Jesus said unto them, take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Matt. 16:6. "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." Matt. 23:14.

Beware of the scribes,  
Their money, their bribes,  
And pray that you'll never be one of their tribe.  
Beware of the way  
They may tempt you with pay  
To speak only just what they tell you to say.

"So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day." Matt. 28:15.

Again, too, we hear  
His take warning, beware,  
And watch for the lion, the wolf, and the bear;  
Christ told us, that some  
In sheep's clothing would come,  
But inwardly wolves as they enter your home.

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

Plan Now To Attend  
**THE NATIONAL CAMPMEETING**  
July 16 to 25  
**MONARK SPRINGS, MISSOURI**  
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Beware of all men  
Who teach that "sin  
You must, and can't help it" again and again  
That death will have power  
Your sins to devour,  
And prepare you for life in your last dying hour.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Pet. 2:1.

Beware of the danger  
Of slighting the stranger;  
It might be the one that has lain in the manger.  
He soon shall appear,  
For his loved ones so dear;  
And we know not the hour, the day nor the year.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:37-40.

—G. W. McMillan.

### OBEDIENCE

Jesus to the hungry soul,  
Burdened, and by sin oppressed  
If this day thou wilt be whole,  
Come, and I will give you rest.

Yes, dear Lord, I hear thy call  
I am coming now to thee,  
Though I'm ruined by the fall  
Thou canst cleanse, and make me free.

Take my life, and let it be  
Always pleasing in thy sight,  
As I daily walk with Thee  
May I shed, on others light.

Nothing in this world I prize  
Jesus said, I will prepare;  
A bright mansion in the skies,  
Let us strive, to enter there.

This old world is not my home,  
Better things my soul doth crave;  
Give me Christ for He alone  
Arose triumphant from the grave.

When the storms of life assail  
And the waves our ship doth fill,  
Gently speaking to the gale  
Jesus whispers, Peace, be still.

Peter walking on the waves  
Cast his eyes to look about,  
Cried, Oh Master, help and save;  
Wherefore saith He, didst thou doubt?

It's by dying that we live  
And by giving we possess,  
To the faithful Christ will give  
His glad robe of righteousness.

—Jeff Turner.

## Do You Really Forgive?

We read in Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." We see that God commands that we make a clearance in our hearts before faith can operate, and it is our purpose to speak about the thing that we consider the most detrimental to the operation of the faith of the Son of God in our hearts.

Now we cite you the word of Jesus written in the 11th chapter of Mark, "And when ye stand praying, forgive if ye have ought against any; that your Father which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Now it is clear from this that an unforgiving spirit is displeasing to God, and iniquitous, and so we are sure that anyone would call this just plain iniquity and sin, because it is a transgression of the law of God who says to forgive.

You notice in the preceding verse of the 11th chapter of Mark that the account is given of the fig tree, which at the word of Jesus was killed at the roots. The next morning Peter saith to the Master, "The fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." and Jesus answering said unto them, "Have faith in God."

Jesus had every one of his prayers answered because He had a universe full of compassion and

mercy concentrated in his heart, and not one iota of an unforgiving spirit, and I am sure that you will agree with me that when we have this same spirit in us, there will be such a world of mercy and compassion in our hearts that we will not have any hard feeling or bitterness or enmity toward any one, and if some one does offer an offense, there will be a spontaneous, joyous forgiveness even before forgiveness is asked.

Unforgiveness and unbelief are twin sins in our makeup. If we do not forgive people for imagined or real offenses against us, it clogs our spiritual life; there is no inflow or outflow of God's love. The faith "that worketh by love" is out of commission in us. This kind is the mountain-removing kind. It is the kind that kills the work of the devil from the roots up.

All easy-working, result-getting faith is found in the hearts of men and women who have been broken by the seeing and the receiving of the love, mercy and compassion of Jesus.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, with the sin-burden of the whole world pulling down, tearing at his flesh, Jesus sorrowed more than all. He had become sin for us all; besides all this, the people jeered at Him and mocked and He went right straight through it all without a particle of bitterness. (He was called the Lamb.) It cannot be thought that a lamb has any hatred.

He had to be a lamb without spot or blemish. If there had been one spot of hatred Jesus would not have been an acceptable sacrifice for the sin of the world; because He was the lamb, He became the lion of the tribe of Judah.

There is no spiritual power in a man or a woman who is contaminated and poisoned with hatred or unforgiveness which is the same. I do not believe professing Christians have ever properly estimated the immense, the colossal damage that the kingdom of God has suffered by the spirit of unforgiveness.

A great part of the professed body of believers are so honeycombed by this very thing, that they have become a mass of modernists: New Thoughtists, Spiritists and cults and isms of various kinds and worshippers of almost everything but the true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The very bitterness of hell is imbedded in the unforgiving spirit. There are no doubt many Christians who have talked to people who wanted Christ and salvation and begin earnestly to seek Him, but who find in their hearts a deep-seated hatred for someone who wronged them greatly, and who stop right there, saying, "I cannot forgive."

This same thing has caused many believers to become clogged in their spiritual life, choking out the word that says to forgive "seventy times seven" in one day.

God wants spiritual fathers and mothers all over this world. It may be, dear reader, that you are not able to carry on because your spiritual hands and feet are caught in a jam formed by an unforgiving spirit. I beg of you in the name of Jesus, to let Him, the all-powerful Jam Breaker, get at the key-log of your being.

If we all give Him our hard hearts He will make them over, filling them with His own love and mercy and compassion which will make us free from being hard-hearted and unforgiving.

In comparison it is somewhat like a business that has been run by one who is dishonest and a bad business man. The business has become weak and disreputable, not paying the owner or his patrons and so he fails; but some good man with honesty and energy and good judgment buys the place and about the first thing he will do will be to put up a sign, "Under New Management," and go on conducting the place in such a way that it prospers, and the people in that vicinity find him and his enterprise a convenience to them and give him their support and patronage to their own profit and pleasure.

It may be you have been living a narrow, hard-hearted life holding malice against the people among whom you live; surmising and imagining evil; hating and being hated; filled with jealousy and envy. I want to give my testimony. I have been just that way in times past but now I love everybody around, and when the enemy tries to make someone a dark spot in my life, by the grace of God I go to Him and ask Him to make that one a brightness in my life instead.

Brother! Sister! Don't you want to put yourself under new management and get all the old hatred and jealousy, envy and that murderous unforgiving spirit out of your life and instead be filled with the mercy, love and compassion of the glorious Son of God?

Whereas in times past you have scorched, thorned and nettled people and provoked them to displease God and bring suffering to themselves and possibly caused them to lose their souls, don't you want to turn to Jesus now and let Him have complete freedom in your life so He can cause you to be like a tree planted by God's rivers? Then your life will be fruitful, bearing only the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

Then you will become a shelter to the outcast; a comfort and strength to the ones who are in the scorching fires of trial. With it all you will become a mighty factor in the springing up of a great revival.

Oh, the power of a life filled with the love of Christ, to which hatred and the hard, unforgiving spirit are strangers!

—James Cheek

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## A DOCTRINE, A COMMAND OF MAN

Joining church has become such a custom and practice among Christian people that, no doubt, many really think it is a commandment and doctrine of the Bible. But this theory of joining church, my dear friends, is a doctrine and commandment of man. See Mark 7:7. Nowhere between the lids of the Bible do we find a commandment to join a church; but we find that the Lord adds to his church such as should be saved (Acts 2:47).

The church of Jesus Christ is a divine institution and not organized by man, but by Christ himself upon Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. It is the body of Christ (Col. 1:18, 24; Eph. 1:22, 23). By one spirit are we all baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:13). "So we being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another" Rom. 12:4. God hath set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him." 1 Cor. 12:18. "There is one body and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4:4. Then if the Lord adds to his church daily such as are being saved, and the church is the body of Christ, and there is but one body of Christ, what about the multitudes of churches that the newly converted are exhorted to join? Are they not causing division which should not be? When the gospel is preached and people are saved, instead of exhorting them to join a church, the church of your choice as I have often heard the expression made by ministers, why not exhort them to continue in the faith of the gospel and stand together, not apart, and to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, (Jude 3), and that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10)

Jesus prayed that his people be one even as he and the Father are one that the world may believe "that Thou hast sent me." John 17:21. Those who join themselves to any of the many man-made churches which teach different faiths and doctrines will never be one as Jesus prayed. The only way to be one is to lay down all man-made theories and doctrines and accept God and his word alone as a discipline, which brings to unity and oneness.

God help his people everywhere to see this precious truth and to take a stand for the whole truth and against all sin and division, is my prayer.

—Cora McMillian

"In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Ephesians 2:21, 22.

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This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced; including the Divine healing of the body. James 5:14, 15.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.  
From age to age this voice shall cheer:  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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Anthony, Kans.—Dear Brother in Christ and all saints of God. I am asking the saints of God to please pray that the Lord will restore my health. I have been discharged from the army because of nervousness and heart trouble. I sincerely ask the prayers of all the saints. Love to all of God's people. God bless them all.  
—W. A. Chronister.

**Editorials**

On every hand we hear people speak of the awful times that we are living in, and it is truly so. Great shakings are taking place, both in the earth and in the ecclesiastical heavens. The Lord is permitting all these things because the world as a whole has become so corrupt that the imaginations of their hearts are evil continually. If it is not now in a state of corruption equal to the condition that existed before the Lord sent the flood and destroyed all the people but the few righteous, the antediluvian world must have been steeped in sin and debauchery to an amazing extent.

The nations as a whole have become so wicked and so far from God that He has just turned them loose in their lusts to slaughter and kill one another. He is allowing them to do what is in their hearts.

Out of all this commotion and great shaking the Lord is sifting out and gathering together his jewels for his coming. The preparation is going on and in a far different manner than many professing Christians think. Although there is coming much persecution on the real family of God, yet the Lord will spare them and bring them through to glory.

God has redeemed us from all iniquity and is purifying unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. In Matt. 3:12 we read, "Whose fan is in his hand [Holy Spirit] and he will thoroughly purge his floor [hearts continually yielded to Him] and gather his wheat [faithful] into the garner [heaven]; but he will burn up the chaff [professors] with unquenchable fire." (Judgment flames where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched.)

This surely is a time when the real saints of God ought to be doing all possible for the salvation of precious souls, and to keep the saved encouraged in his lowly and humble ways.

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The campmeetings will soon be on again, and every saint should do all possible to make these meetings the best ever, not only with your prayers, but with your means and your presence. We all know that transportation facilities are not so good as when normal conditions existed, but we all have faith in God and know that He can make ways where there naturally would seem to be no way. These are days when our faith is being tried and is no time to lay down on the job, throw up our hands and let Satan laugh us to scorn. Let each saint have faith in God and move to do all possible to make the campmeetings a great success in the eyes of the Lord. Our God can do any thing and every thing and is not confined to earthly circumstances. Now is the time for all saints to show their loyalty to God although they may seem peculiar to the worldly-minded professor and sect lovers. Let us all be zealous for God and willing to sacrifice and labor under naturally hard

conditions in order to keep the true gospel of Christ going to the people. Paul says, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for we shall reap if we faint not." Seek God for courage and faith in our souls and move forward and set our feet on more land for God this year, seeking out the few who are willing and ready to forsake this old sinful world to follow in the foot-steps of Christ. By so doing we will not only save others, but keep our own experience bright and be saving our own souls. If we listen to Satan or his agents, he would scare us out of doing anything for the Lord. Satan's crafty ways are many, but God will take him in his own craftiness if he can find men and women who will furnish the faith in Him. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

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The office force has been working very diligently and have been kept extra busy in printing the different books and many tracts, together with other work which needs to be done here. The result is, we have our tract stock in pretty good shape for the summer, and a number of books reprinted. We have just reprinted the book, "Heavenly Life for Earthly Living" written by the late C. E. Orr. This book has 61 pages of good soul food. It will be sent to any address for 15 cents or two books for 25 cents. We are stitching and putting the back on another edition of the book, "God's Gracious Dealings." We have added almost fifty pages to the original book, which includes three more pictures, one of the office force which was taken on Easter Sunday, May 25, 1943. This book now has 168 pages. Get one for yourself and some for your friends. Your soul will feed upon and enjoy the reading of this book. The price is 25 cents each or six books for one dollar post paid.

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Bro. Vada McMillian, who has been doing faithful service in the "Lord's Print Shop" for the last nine months, is now visiting friends and relatives in Mississippi and Georgia, where he is also doing what he can to tell men and women about the precious ways of the Lord. He was of draft age and expected to be called into the service of the government, but was turned down in his last examination, which we believe the Lord was instrumental in having done. The Lord had need of him in His work, as He has purchased him with his own precious blood. We miss him here in the office work, but are willing for God to have his way in all things. We believe him to be settled and established in the Lord until the storms of life will have little effect on him, to make him faint hearted and cause him to draw back. We are praying for him and holding him up to the throne of grace. Certainly God's presence will go with him and be with him. Amen.

## 1943 National Campmeeting

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene this year; if the Lord permits, on July 16 and close the 25th. It will be held on the saints' camp ground at Monark Springs, Mo., which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo.

A cordial invitation is extended to all lovers of the truth to attend this meeting. A large attendance is not expected on account of war time restrictions on travel. However, we are confident that the Lord wants the meeting held for the continued advancement of the kingdom of God, and are praying and believing that the Lord will be there, and where the Lord is found is certainly a blessed place. The Word will be preached without fear or favor.

Bro. Sam Barton, chairman of the trustee board, has accepted the responsibility for the business management of the campmeeting which was formerly done by Bro. Strech.

The meeting will be a success both spiritually and temporally if all those coming will make an "all out" effort and preparation before hand. In regard to the temporal requirements, it will be necessary to bring your sugar and point ration books with sufficient valid points to purchase your food for the week, or bring with you its equivalent in food products. Meals will be served at the dining hall and financed by free-will offerings and free-will contributions of fresh, dried, factory-packed and home-canned fruits and vegetables. You may send your food products prepaid to Bro. J. E. Kurtz who is the caretaker on the campground, and whose address is R. 3, Neosho, Mo.

Those coming by bus or train will have to come to Neosho, and then take a taxicab to the campground at Monark Springs.

Rooms, bedsteads, or springs will not be available to rent. Be certain to bring your own bedding and straw ticks. Tents may be rented for \$3.00 each and cots 75 cents each. If you want a tent and cot, please notify Bro. Sam Barton as soon as convenient so he will know the number needed for the meeting. His address is R. 8 Box 119, Tulsa, Okla.

Each individual and congregation should have a special fund for the National campmeeting. Please send the offerings to Bro. Sam Barton or the undersigned by July 1st.

Come praying and willing to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." —L. D. Pruitt, Secy-Treas.  
1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

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The Southern California Campmeeting at Pasadena, Calif. is to be held at the camp ground on Mentone and Washington Ave., from August 20th to 30th. All cordially invited to attend. Ministers of God will be present to preach the whole truth, teaching the exclusive church of God with all its Bible doctrines so no one may go away without knowing the way to heaven. Access to the camp ground is easy available by street car, bus or railroad. Bring ration books.

Those desiring tents should write or notify in time: Bro. Erle E. Forbes, 4250 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles Calif. or Bro. R. W. Morgan, 1302 Lincoln Ave. Pasadena, Calif., of the campmeeting committee.

For particulars, write Mrs. P. K. Turner, 121 W. Bellvue, Pasadena, Calif.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held at Guthrie, Okla., beginning July 30th

and closing August 8th. The large tent will be erected in the 600th block just east of the saints' chapel on Warner Ave. All lovers of the truth are invited to attend this meeting. Those having need of salvation, healing of the body, or to be built up in God should be at this meeting.

As conditions are abnormal and traveling as well as food supplies are under government regulations, the saints will have to put forth more effort to get to the meeting and also bring or send fruits, meat, vegetables, and other supplies for the meeting. Bring sugar and point rationing books with you with which to buy rationed foods. This is no time to grow faint-hearted and throw up our hands, for the need of getting the gospel to men is very great. Sin and evil is over-running the country. Let us do all we can to gather the few who will forsake the world and its sinful ways. Every congregation should make up an offering for this State Campmeeting and earnestly pray that God will give us even a better meeting than the previous meetings. The saints here will do all they can to care for those coming in, but please bring your own straw ticks and bedding.

Ministers from over the state and from other states are expecting to be present to proclaim all the truth of the Bible. Those not in harmony with the saints and the Bible truths will not be allowed privileges in the pulpit. Whisperers and those sowing discord will be invited to the altar of prayer. Jesus Christ will be given full ruling and governing power throughout the meetings. Come praying, looking unto Jesus with your heart and mind filled with heavenly things and thoughts, worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

Send money and food donations for the meeting to Faith Pub. House, or to Bro. G. W. Winn at 1307 W. Mansur Ave.

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The General Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the old Southern camp ground at Hammond, La. from June 25 to July 4. It is located about one mile southwest of the I. C. Railroad depot. Highways 51 and 190 lead here. We have good bus and train service, also mail service. All who love the Lord and his people are welcome to come, also those who have a desire for spiritual or physical help. We believe the Lord saves, sanctifies, and heals, and unites his people into one body. Come and hear the full gospel preached by His ministers whom He may send.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and if any one has provisions or money you care to donate for this purpose, it will be used that way. Bring your sugar and point ration books, also your straw ticks, bed linens, and towels. Straw furnished free, also sleeping quarters on the camp ground.

Send provisions or write to Max F. Williamson, care of post office, Hammond, La., Secy-treas., or Mr. and Mrs. Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La., residing ministers.

#### Notice of a Revival Meeting

The saints at Chicago, Ill. will begin a revival meeting in their new location at 606 Division St. May the 22nd, which will last as long as the Lord wills. Bro. and Sister Key of Hammond, La. will be the evangelists. The editor of the Faith and Victory paper expects to be there by the 29th of May to help with the meeting. All are invited to attend. This is to be a soul saving meeting as well as one to edify the church. Those living in and near Chicago should

not fail to attend these meetings.

For particulars write Sister Cora Dravis, 2443 Seminary Ave., Chicago, Ill.

#### Prayer Requests

Sister Montress, a missionary in Kentucky sends in a request for all the saints to pray for Mr. Cooksize. He has a severe affliction on his hand.

Pray for Sister Lola McCullouth's son, that God will deliver him from the liquor appetite.

Bro. Willard Estes has a bad breaking-out on his body. Pray earnestly for him.

Richmond, Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, I want the saints there to agree with me in prayer for my husband who is very sick. Please ask for prayer through the Faith and Victory paper. He has a growth on his lungs.

—Laura Powell.

#### A Word to the Saints

Bro. Sanders of Choctaw, Okla. writes that they have secured the deed to the lots on which they expect to build the meeting house. He said if the Lord supplies they expect to begin to build the last of June or first of July. They are thankful to God for those who have been sending offerings to help put up the building. One hundred and ten dollars have been sent in for this purpose and they need several hundred more. Let each one do what he can in supplying means to put up this building. Send your offerings to H. V. Sanders, R. 1, Box 255, Choctaw, Okla. The best way to send money is by money order or personal check. The brethren will appreciate your help on this building very much, and God will smile his approval upon any sacrifice you may make for this need.

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#### Confession

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To all the dear saints: I have a confession to make. I have been thinking for some time very seriously. We know we are living in a serious time. As God has revealed to me by the light on His holy word that we must confess our faults to one another. Thirty-three years ago I met a group of people whom I believed taught the whole truth. I fully accepted it and believe I lived up to its teachings. But Satan is ever on the job seeking whom he may devour. While I do not believe he caused me to go into open sin, but he sent a spirit all over the world to divide God's holy people. No honest saint can deny that. Being not just as strong as I should have been, this spirit of confusion and division got hold of me. I know those who were personally acquainted with me saw my condition. Both groups tried to tell me the right stand to take. Oh, the misery I went through, no one but God knows. I had talked to ministers, wrote to ministers, but never got my mind cleared up. There have been over twenty-two years of this traveling along. I knew I loved God, loved His people, loved to read His word, and wanted to teach my children the Right Way. Now they are all grown and all thinking and acting on

their own judgments. I have a remorse: in being confused I caused them to doubt my strength in knowing what was right. Dear saints of God, I humbly confess. I was weak, but oh, the many sorrows, griefs, and pains I went through. But I truly report to you today: "I have the victory! Glory to His name."

As the fog just now is being driven away from the ocean and sky, and God's sunshine shows its face, so the fog of confusion has been lifted and I know my way is clear. I have been made to see God's true saints in light are still walking in light, and their whole trust is in Him for to guide, direct and show them. They can and do trust Him for all things. I am not throwing any stones or condemning anyone. That is not for me to do. But I do warn anyone who has ever been in the state of mind I have been in to just tarry before God, read His word and read inspired writings by those that truly write under the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit and God will reveal to you, "Here is the way, walk ye in it."

Dear young people, obey God at any cost. Neglect not any God-given gift or talent you are in possession of. Know God's will and do it. The devil surely has put on out his signs of "no harm" in so many ways. One may think he can't be snared into any of his traps, but the word of God says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I dare not look back to the mistakes the blunders poor me has made. But now with victory in my soul, my face is fixed heavenward. I had to truly give up my will and my ideas and submit myself "old self" to God. To do His will is my aim and only aim. This world offers nothing that satisfies. To really die out to self means more than making a resolution.

How merciful, how kind and tender is our heavenly Father who gives us life and all we have, and we stumble along and fail to use His blessings for His glory. Many deny being proud, but Satan is deceiving many. When old pride is killed out, one can then see God's truth, His true saints. His path is made clear and one can be able to go up this way singing and shouting victory.

Jessie Holloman.

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## Hoeing Our Row

Some preachers have a "fine time," as we hear the common expression, getting a liberal salary (many times a fat one) from a good sized congregation; hence, are well fed, gorgeously dressed, no spiritual cares because preacher and laity all live on the same low plain of sensual indulgence and covetous luxury, and coveted finery. There is nobody to admonish, for this is as high as the standard is expected to go; hence all is smooth sailing on an unruffled sea. Their portion is among the "smooth stones of the brook."

But it is not so with that small number of preachers who preach "this gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 9:35). They have anything but an easy "row to hoe." But they will have their own row to hoe. Every one will have his own row to hoe. This is what I meant to say at the outset—the way it was given to me a morning or two ago when I was washing and drying my face. We read in Gal. 6:5, "For every man shall bear his own burden. Every minister, true minister of the sanctuary, will have an individual burden that none other can bear. This is not to discourage bear-

ing one another's burdens in another sense (ver. 2); for the two ideas, though apparently diverse, are as consistent and harmonious as all other of God's works. And we are quite sure God's ministers all need one another's support and encouragement.

Each one will have to get his own personal experience by his own personal sufferings and experiences under the hand of God. This is the test-out of all shore lines cut, all leaning on a brother—a building up and ripening of ourselves with God alone. Here comes in the boring through the hard pan of the devil's persistence, that enduring grace to enable us to endure unto the end, to whom only is the promise given to be saved, may come to us. We read in Matt. 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Also in chapter 24:12, 13, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. But he that endureth unto the end shall be saved." And in Mark 13:13, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

When we think of so many prominent ministers who have held up and diligently taught the whole truth to thousands in the past, today under such deception through compromise with worldliness and covetousness, as is plainly evident (among which the late Trumpet movement is the most marked example) it would put a damper on thousands of souls if they fail to remember that each one must have individual, enduring grace, immovable and uncompromising love of the truth (2 Thess. 2:7-12), and get and maintain their bearings from God and his Word alone. So it need not discourage us as the Devil intends it to, for instead of listening to none but God, these prominent ones, when they began to look wistfully at the world as Lot's wife looked back at her worldly friends, and as the world was already down, they went down with it, as every soul will do when catering to such seducing spirits, no difference how prominent they get; and they can still retain a holiness front and name, and put light for darkness and darkness for light (Isa. 5:20). Such are in spiritual darkness and cannot see their hand before them. Is God losing His power to keep? Is he becoming untrue? We know this cannot be. Then what is the matter that so many and prominent ones are falling all around us? Just one thing is the matter. They are listening to seducing spirits (1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 3:13) instead of God. So it is just as sure we will be saved by listening to God alone as it is that God is God and eternally will be. And as sure as God saved and kept people in any age, he can save and keep them now. Is there any thing to hinder him? Just one thing: disobedience—getting out of his pathway, "the old paths." None ever gets too great to fall. God help us all to beware!

—J. H. Pierson.

## Ministerial Qualifications

This is a continuation of a recent article which we wrote on this subject, which was incomplete for we only touched on two phases of it. We commented on the first three verses of the third chapter of First Timothy.

According to Webster, a Bishop is a spiritual overseer. In our way of expressing it, we would say, one who does pastoral work. It seems in the apostolic age there was some difference between a local elder and a bishop; but be that as it may, they all come under the same qualifications.

Let us consider verse four: "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." That is, his children must obey him as ruler over his own household. He is not to be a slave driver, nor beat his children brutally, though a switch is needed at times. His control over them is to be with all gravity, which is his godly life coupled together with spiritual authority and sanctified judgment, seriousness, and solemnity. These all have a natural drawing. No New Testament elder could be qualified to minister the word of God, whose children are riotous and unruly and reproachful to the cause of God. According to the dictionary riotous means to be licentious, noisy, unruly, ungovernable, or beyond control.

If a child loses the victory out of his heart, and yet does not go into riotous sin, would this disqualify the parents? and should they force him to repent? Here is a very tender spot. If real charity is not used, the child may be driven to infidelity and away from home never to return. Some ministers have taken a very wrong stand on this question. Suppose your child backslides, gets pride in its heart, should you drive it from home and out into the world among strangers, or should you not rather suffer and pray and fast for its return? Prayer and a godly life has more influence than force. If the child has not reached the state of being licentious or riotous, there is no reason for the minister to be renounced just because his child has lost the victory. Our duty toward such a minister would be to make his case a subject of much prayer, and make him know we are sharing his burdens.

Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old [accountable, with mature years] he will not depart from it."—from what? He will not depart from his early training. There is a teaching that wrests that text and would imply he must get saved when he reaches the age of accountability. The real teaching of that text is that when he gets under sufficient conviction to get saved, his early training has implanted a knowledge of just what to do in order to get saved. No parent can by brutal force make a child get saved. That is the

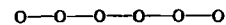
office work of the Spirit of God. We can and must restrain them from bringing a reproach on the cause by disobedience, being unruly. There have been parents who by force have made their children go through a form of worship without any knowledge of salvation, thereby forming hypocrisy in their hearts.

Many children have been driven from home and from meetings because of a lack of wisdom on the part of the parents. When saved parents will work together, they can in most cases have such a godly influence over their children that they can keep them in order at home, and bring them up in the fear of God so they will desire to be saved. It takes much wisdom from God to know just how to train them in the way they should go. The discipline used on one may never work with others. Those who have no children are not in a position to give advice, and to criticize those who are doing the best they know how with their families.

Many ministers have sadly failed to come up to the New Testament standard because of not having their children in subjection. Paul told Titus to set in order the things that were wanting, and ordain elders in every city. Some have held an extreme attitude, and others have followed a standard too loose; but we shall do well if we stay with the word of God according to light and keep our hearts full of love toward those who are struggling to measure up to the standard. They really need our prayers and cooperation.

Let us not lower the standard, neither take an extreme, uncharitable attitude, but live to the plain, simple teaching of the Word of God. I have written this with malice toward none and charity for all. A home where all are saved is the standard every one should strive to attain to.

—E. M. Zinn.



Senath, Mo.—Dear saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I truly hope you are all well and enjoying the wonderful blessings of God. I am glad to report victory in my soul. I am saved and determined to go all the way with Jesus. I can never repay him for what he has done and is doing for me. He comforts my heart when I am sad and heals my body when I am sick. I have recently been healed of a lingering affliction with which I had surely suffered. I would write you for prayer and the Lord would touch my body and give me relief, but it would come back. It seemed I couldn't get complete healing until Bro. and Sister Gibson visited us just before Christmas. I had them to anoint and pray for me and I feel deep in my heart I am completely healed this time, praise God. What a mighty God we serve! Oh, how people need to know the true God who is able to help in time of need. Pray for our boys in the army, that they will get saved before it is too late. Pray that I'll ever be found faithful working for God.

May God bless each one of his children and supply every need at the Lord's print shop, is my earnest prayer. A sister, Katie Marler.



# Young People's Section

## Victory

When I really am contented  
 That my wish be set aside,  
 When I cease from selfish longings,  
 When I triumph over pride;  
 When I'm willing, really willing,  
 "To be nothing," as we sing,  
 But a "broken, empty vessel"  
 In the service of the King—  
 That is Victory!

When I calmly take unkindness,  
 And as meekly bear a sneer;  
 When I'm willing to relinquish  
 All that earth is holding dear;  
 When the falseness of some dear one  
 Fails to waken in my heart  
 Any bitter, hard resentment,  
 Or to wing an angry dart—  
 That is Victory!

When in patient, loving silence,  
 I can hear my good made ill;  
 When I suffer any discord,  
 Or annoyance, happy still,  
 And content with any climate,  
 Any raiment, any food,  
 Bear with any interruption,  
 Company or solitude—  
 That is Victory!

When I cease to long for earth's love,  
 Am content to be unknown;  
 When I smile if friends neglect me,  
 Happy in His love alone;  
 When I lose myself in Jesus,  
 And surroundings cease to be,  
 With their little jars and discords,  
 Able to discourage me—  
 That is Victory!

Lord, I cannot hope to triumph  
 Over every form of sin,  
 And to live but for thy glory,  
 While my own will reigns within;  
 So I bring my will to Thee, Lord;  
 Rule Thou me in all my ways,  
 And the glory shall be Thine, Lord,  
 And the honor and the praise—  
 That is Victory!

Dear Saints: I had quite an experience with the Lord the last week, one which I have never quite seen anything like before. By His help and grace I would like to relate it as it proved a blessing to my soul and perhaps will help some other one to get closer to the Lord.

As you probably already know, I am in a C. P. S. Camp doing work of national importance. Last Monday morning it fell my lot to go out and work on a terrace that we were using to level off "blow humps" that were created during the "dust bowl" era of our history. We had finished one field on Tuesday and moved to another fellow's place where we were to do some leveling, when the tractor we were using broke down. That put me out of a job on the terraces until repairs could be obtained and installed, so they changed us over and had us digging a hole which was to be eighteen feet deep, three feet in diameter at the top and four and one-half feet in diameter at the bottom. My job was to go down in the hole and fill buckets with dirt while the other fellow pulled them out with a rope. I worked faithfully in that hole a day and a half and it seemed to me like it certainly was uncomfortable work. The dust was awfully thick in there and the fellow on top would drop dirt down on me more frequently than necessary, I thought. The ground was hard to dig and my hands were well lined with blisters, which added no little bit to my discomfort. It was hot weather and the dust would cling to my moist skin and lodge in my throat until even the water I would drink tasted like it had dirt in it. I managed not to murmur nor complain fairly well until about the middle of the afternoon of the second day when I got a few minutes rest while the fellow on top went after some water for me to drink. I sat down on my bucket and thought as I did so, "What good could there be for a fellow in a place like this." Just then the thought came to me to read a few verses while I waited. I got my testament out of my pocket and opened it up to read. You cannot imagine what the book opened up to. The first verse my eyes fell upon was the 48th verse of the sixth chapter of Luke. It reads like this: "He is like a man which built an house and digged deep and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." There I sat down there on a bucket full of dirt, fifteen feet below the surface with my face wet with sweat and my hands burning from blisters, but thank God I began to see good in it all any way. I saw more in that scripture than I had ever seen before. I began to realize more than ever before that to dig deep and get on the rock was going to require some good, honest labor and sincere effort. It is going to mean sacrifice and hardship and endurance of unpleasantness. It will mean virtually digging ourselves out away from this old world, launching out into the deep and really putting forth every ounce of strength we have before we will be dug down deep and anchored against the storms of life. My soul cries out for more of God and a closer contact with him that I may be found steadfast and securely anchored when I am put to the test to see whether or not I am able to stand.

The mechanics who are now overhauling the tractor say that some of the parts broke causing it to stop, but I am thoroughly convinced that the Lord had that tractor break down for no other reason but to teach me that lesson. He has taught me many different things in as

many different ways, but this is the first time he ever let me actually work the thing out and then show me his point of view. There were three of us working on that hole and different times the other two would offer to trade jobs awhile and let me stay on top, but for some reason, I knew not why then, I always refused. Now I can see that the Lord wanted me to dig that hole out so he could teach a lesson to my soul, and I assure you I learned it well in those two days. I thank the Lord for it all.

I am much encouraged to live for the Lord and do all I can for him while he leaves me here. There is but very little "big" work to be done here, but a word spoken now and a kind deed then, all in the name of the Lord Jesus, will yield benefit sooner or later and will grow and increase for our Lord I know, for He has promised us that our labor of love is not in vain. I believe His promises from the least to the greatest. Pray for me that I continue to grow in grace and be a faithful servant of the Lord. Your saved brother, Clifford Wilson

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Lake Charles, La.—To the dear saints abroad, I have been wanting to write for some time and would get ready to write and have a little work to attend to. I have been reading the little paper, and it encourages my faith in the Lord. I have been saved and baptized. I want to live for the Lord and go up in the clouds with him when he comes. I surely want to do what is right at all times.

I have a sore on my leg and I struck it on a wire of my uncle's gate. It was about last June or July when it got hurt the first time. I was carrying a bucket of water home and hurt it. It started to get well, then doing the same thing I struck it again in the same place. It tries to get well but won't quite. I have faith in the Lord and pray. I would like for all the saints of the Lord to pray for me when they pray. I have been anointed one time for it after I struck it the first time.

I had a big blood blister between my shoulder and hand, and I was anointed for it. I had faith in the Lord and it was well in a little while. Thank the Lord for His wonderful power. I am now ten years of age and seven months. I have a brother twelve, and a sister nine. My daddy is not so well either, and works eleven hours a day and sometimes over. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ, Aquila Green

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Mt. Grove, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I feel it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to write a few words to you. I am very weak in the Lord, but my desire is to know his will and do it. I have unsaved loved ones and would like to ask all the saints to pray with me for them.

I truly thank the Lord for salvation and my prayer is that these lost ones might accept this salvation while they still have time and opportunity. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Miss Mary Allen.

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Crescent, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus who is our helper in any time of trouble.

Some times it seems as if everything wants to go wrong, so the only thing for Juell and me to do is to get on our knees and ask for guidance. In the eight months of our married life we have found that the Lord is the One to always go to. It seems that the devil has tried in every way to make us turn back and follow his rotten way, but God has done too much for us. He

has showed his healing power many times.

One morning as Juell was starting to get out of bed, he fell back in the bed holding his head and nearly screaming, saying, "Honey, pray, I can hardly bear this pain any longer." I laid my hands on him believing God would heal. God did hear and answer prayer and healed him. We do not know what the pains in his neck and head were, but by the way it drew his neck out of shape, and I had to turn him with a towel, some people say it must have been Inflammatory Paralysis. That is just one instance of answered prayer, but it would be impossible to say all he has done for us.

Oh, I surely thank the Lord for keeping him out of the army. It looked as if he would have to go, but we got down to earnest prayer and God is keeping him on the farm with me where we can be together and do all for our Lord to the best of our knowledge.

We are the only young folks living around in this neighborhood. All the others are old folks. We go visiting quite often, and talk about Jesus and the Bible. I believe we are doing some good here. Our neighbors told us they sure knew that Christians were living here, because they used to hear swearing and bad singing but now if they hear anything, it is religious singing and praising God.

Pray for my folks, Bro. and Sis. Dan Eck. They are not well, and need the prayers of saints.

Let us all pray for the soldier boys. They need our prayers. Yours in Him, Mrs. Juell Tucker

Camp Roberts, Calif.—Dearest Mother and Dad, I will drop you a few lines this afternoon. Hope you are well. I am sorta tired. I have been using a shovel today. This army is a grand life if you like it, but I don't like it. My feet hurt so bad I can hardly walk. A boy doesn't know how he misses his mother and dad until he is in the army.

Papa, I wish you would begin to think about where you are going to spend eternity. I have thought about it several nights since I have been in the army. If I ever get out of here I am going to live a good Christian life. You haven't much of a chance in this God-forsaken army. If you even read in the Bible they all laugh at you. But it matters not where I go, I know God is watching over me. I wish something would happen to me so I could get out. I do not have time to write to any one but you. We are going to start training right in the army next week. I am in the Field Artillery, which is the backbone of the army. It isn't as bad as the infantry, but almost. I think they are going to put me to driving a truck in a few days.

Pray for me every time you pray.

Your son, Private Gerald G. Polmer.

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Luling, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Holy greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. Oh, how I did enjoy reading your message to me, and yesterday the Spirit worked so wonderfully with me in Sunday School and in all the service all day. I told the saints that the Lord was dealing with you so wonderfully.

The Lord saved me from all sin. I love Him and fear Him. I don't want to do anything that is contrary to his word. Glory to His name. As I write these lines, his presence is upon me. My soul is overflowing with His love. I am worshiping with some here who do any thing they want to do, and my spirit is grieved. I am here alone so to speak in a way, but God is with me. I search my life daily. I find some weaknesses which I ask the Lord to help me overcome. Please pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Clara Cassel

## All The Way

This morning as I listened to my wife sing the song ballad, "All the Way to Calvary," my soul was stirred, and I thought about what it meant to go all the way. Had He faltered, had He failed to go all the way, then there would be no salvation for us. Not until he uttered those eternal words on that cruel cross, "It is finished," was our redemption bought. He had paid it all; He had gone all the way.

Oh, how few are the ones today who go all the way! Jesus tells us in Matt: 16:24, 25, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." We must be crucified with him or we can never live with him. That cross means death—yea, death to the world and things of the world, all love of the world, all desire for worldly honors and pleasures, all love of the praise of men, all longing to make for ourselves a reputation (Christ made himself of no reputation), all desire to please men (Paul says, "If I yet please men I am not the servant of Christ"). When we have gone all the way with him and been entirely crucified with him, only then can we be a partaker of his glorious resurrection, only then can we live and reign with him. Gal. 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." Paul had gone all the way, had taken the cross, dead indeed to the world and the world to him. We, too, must go all the way. There is no half way place. We cannot be resurrected until we are dead. All selfish motives and desires must be crucified or we cannot be alive in Christ.

Thank God, when we have followed him all the way, we are then made partakers of his life and can say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." All the way is the only way that we can be live members, prepared and meet for the Master's use. Then, and only then, can we sing with a whole heart, "His yoke is easy, and his burden is light." Oh, Saviour, help each one to examine ourselves to see if we are really dead to all but Thee. Unless we are, we cannot bear the fruits of the Spirit. The life that is in us is the life that will shine out.

Your Brother, crucified with Him, quickened by His power, Sam Wilson

## Follow Thou Me

Did you ever read the twenty-first chapter of St. John? If so, did you consider the conversation that Peter had with Jesus and the question Jesus asked Peter? Jesus asked, "Lovest thou me?" Peter answered that he did. Jesus repeated the question

three times. He wanted to get a complete confession out of Peter, for he had denied the Lord three times, but had wept bitterly in repentance.

After his confession, Jesus gave him some work to do. He said to Peter, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs," and "Follow me." John was there, but Jesus did not speak to him concerning his duty. Peter said, "Lord, and what shall this man do?"

Jesus answered, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

Dear reader, this is an example for us. Jesus first wants our love and sincere devotion, then he has a work for us to do. Jesus also wants us to follow him and the teaching of his word and not what some other individuals may say. Jesus wants us as separate individuals to heed His instructions to us and not to be looking at the other fellow. Let us obey the still, small voice of Jesus as He says, "Follow me." We must not follow afar off as Peter did before he denied his Lord; but we may ever keep, as it were, our hand in Jesus' hand. He will give us grace not to yield to temptations.

Do not look at surroundings or circumstances, but just keep your eyes on Jesus and do as he said to Peter, "Follow thou me." Amen. —Claudia Sidener

Testimony— Just a testimony of God's goodness to me. I was converted when thirteen years of age and have been a follower of Jesus ever since. He not only saves me, but sanctifies my nature and he has healed my body many times. Physically, I am blind. His grace is sufficient if we but ask him in earnest prayer. Yours in Christ, Claudia Sidener.

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How can two walk together except they be agreed? God says, "My ways are not your ways, neither are my thoughts your thoughts." God's ways are higher than man's ways; then to walk with God, man will have to surrender to God's ways, for man cannot get to heaven by his own way. The only way is God's way, and that is by being born again. When a man is born again, he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. The old worldly ways and habits of smoking, chewing, drinking, playing cards, following pride and worldly fashions of dress are gone and he lives to please his new Master. This is a far better way than the old way. Then man desires to go to a place where he can meet with God's people and worship God.

God's word says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

—C. Brandt

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"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."—Col. 3:17.

High Point, N. C.—To all the saints I send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me much better in my body, for which I thank and praise the dear Lord for His healing virtue. I also thank the dear saints for their prayers. The swelling in my feet and legs and other parts of my body from heart dropsy went down, and the choking and smothering which hindered me from lying down and sleeping at night has gone, and now I can sleep. I cough but very little and my feet and legs swell a little if on them much, but they go back down. I have had quite a test, but by the grace and help of the Lord I stood true to my trust in Him. Praise his name. Continue to pray for my complete healing. I haven't resorted to doctors or earthly remedies for nearly fifty years. I am now past seventy-five.

Christian love from your brother in the one church of God, the Bible way, Ashford Newell.

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Jaeger, W. Va.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am so thankful that the blessed Lord has let me live until this time, and I feel like testifying. This leaves wife and me still on the firing line for our blessed Lord. We are war-minded and have much to think about. We have two sons in the service, and you know we have a big job too, but we are so glad we have that great Comforter Jesus sent when he ascended up to heaven. Praise His holy name! We could not stand without the blessed Lamb of God in this trying time. Dear saints of God, let us pray earnestly that God will move upon the scenes. Prayer is the only weapon we could use which would stop the war. Dear ones, let us get on the Royal telephone and get our message through to the throne of grace. May God's richest blessings abide and keep you all in Jesus Christ our Lord. A. L. Bright.

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English, Ind.—I feel encouraged to preach God's holy word more and stronger than ever before. If there ever was a time that we needed prayers and straight preaching, it is now. We need saints who can pray fire down like Elijah of old, that creeds of men will be burned up by the preaching of the pure gospel of our Lord.

The Lord has been blessing in revivals. The fire is spreading. People are getting stirred, and saints are weeping. God has called us out in the streets and by-ways to bid the poor to come. The poor must hear the gospel. Many souls are hungry for freedom and for the truth of God. Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep. Many souls are starving because of a lack of spiritual food. All that God has created are filling their places except man. The only hope for man is for him to return to God's word. Wrath is being poured out on this old world. He is going to show man that He is God. We as God's children must do our best to gather in the lost sheep. We must search for those who have gone astray.

I need the prayers of all the saints. Please pray earnestly. A brother in unity, J. Linton.

Rockport, Mo.—Dear Pro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' name. We are praising and thanking God today for salvation and for His great mercy and power. Truly He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Some time ago we wrote you asking prayer for our youngest boy to be transferred from a combat unit of the army. We praise the Lord for answered prayer. About three weeks ago he was changed to the Medical corp. We know that power belongeth unto God and what a privilege the child of God has to ask anything in His name and He will do it. I thank you all for your prayers in this matter.

God bless all of you, Mrs. J. W. Lorenz.

Mtn. Grove, Mo.—Dear Bro and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I feel that it will please the dear Lord for me to write to you. I think your work for the Lord is fine. I read the little books and paper. I have written to you before and have received letters from you.

I want you and others to pray for my unsaved husband. He is a young man just twenty-seven years of age. I believe the Lord hears and answers prayer. Also pray for our other dear ones.

Your sister in Christ Mrs. Lester Freeman.

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Troy, Ohio.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints: Many thanks for the handkerchief and prayers offered up in behalf of my little nephew's foot. I applied the handkerchief to his foot and he can now wear his shoe and he is walking normally, too. Praise the dear Lord for ever and for ever. God also took all the swelling out of his foot before the handkerchief arrived. His parents went visiting last Sunday and took the child with them. What a mighty God we serve.

May God's blessings ever rest upon you all is my prayer. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Elnora Ayers.

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Chanute, Tenn.—Dear Faith and Victory readers: I am so glad I got acquainted with this dear little magazine which I like so much, and I have had a few sample copies sent to several of my dear friends and loved ones. They, too, enjoy reading it. Oh, how I love the dear saints. My heart is filled with great joy when I think of the faithful ones, and I pray God to wonderfully bless all who read it.

My favorite verse in the scripture is in John 15th chapter, verse twelve: "This is my commandment That ye love one another as I have loved you." If the people in this world would keep this commandment, this would be a wonderful world. It would be like heaven. God is love. I can truly say I do not hate anyone. He says for us to love our enemies and pray for the ones who despitefully use us. That is when the test comes, when the ones we love curse us; but if we hold out faithful to God they can see Jesus in us and perhaps some soul may be saved by our faithfulness. If we fail the devil wins the battle. So be faithful, dear precious, unknown friend, whoever you may be that happens to read this.

God watches over each one and cares even when we do not realize it. He sent His Son into the world to suffer and bleed and die for our sins. Just think how precious our sons are to us. We are sending them away today. Oh, how we love them! How our tears are falling and we miss them. Just think how precious God's Son was to him. He sent him into this old sinful world to die that we might have everlasting life if we only believe and accept him as our Saviour and Lord.

I always wanted to obey God ever since I heard of Jesus and how he loved us. Even little children can know Jesus. May God truly bless His saints everywhere and not only them, but all people who will accept him.

Yours for the saving of souls, Mrs. Pearl Evans.

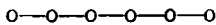
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Santa Rosa, Calif.—Greetings to my brothers and sisters in the precious name of Jesus. I am thanking God for salvation and for His dear Son who brought it to us through His suffering and death. His blood he shed on Calvary cleanses my soul and makes me rejoice in his saving and keeping grace. He is my healer and helper in all things. I never want to live a day without him. I am alone—no saints and no meeting to attend where God's word is taught—but I find God is every-

where if we let Him reign in our hearts supremely, and is ready to help us if we live so we come under his promises. How I thank him and ask your prayers that I may live so close that he can lead and guide me the last mile of my way. Ask Him to help me sow seeds of truth and righteousness in my daily life to my neighbors. Pray for my unsaved children.

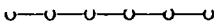
I pray God's blessings on you all, dear saints, just as he sees it best for you and his glory.

Your redeemed sister, pressing on to gain a home in heaven. We cannot afford to miss heaven, for we can miss it only once. Love to all, Bonnie Wells.



Springport, Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Loving greetings in the name of Jesus. I feel led to write my testimony as I am burdened for my husband and son who are in sin. I received the Faith and Victory paper and have been receiving it for about two years. I read them and get encouragement out of them. Also I hand them out to others. By the help of God this morning I am going to keep trusting God. Some time the way seems dark in these war times, but in God's word he says he will never leave nor forsake us. I have been having much sickness this winter and many trials, but God has been with me. I don't get to go to meeting any more. I have five children, four small ones and don't feel well in body at times, but God can heal us if we have the faith. I ask you every one to pray much for my unsaved husband and the complete healing of my body. God has healed me many times and I know he can again. There is much for all to pray about in these days. We need to attend meeting and work much for God, for the time is coming when no man can work.

Love and prayers, Sister Mary Jane Rogers



Okmulgee, Okla.—Unto the saints of God, my husband and I send greetings: We are yet living for the good Lord. He is ours and we are his; bless his great name. I have had a great test. My husband had a nervous break down on July 9, 1942. He has been helpless, speechless, and blind in both eyes. He was unconscious for about thirty days. We love that precious song No. 530. It means so much to us. We sat up with my husband for about two weeks. Some thought that he would pass away any moment.

I am past eighty-five years of age. We have not taken a dose of medicine since A. D. 1900. We just believe God. Husband can now see a block away. He went to meeting the first Sunday in April for the first time since July 9, 1942. He can walk with a stick. To God be all the praise.

In His name, Mrs. Cora Jackson

Our revival meeting at Pasadena, Calif. has come and gone. The presence of God was in our midst. The word was preached with the power of the Holy Spirit. One precious soul professed a hope in Christ. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul." Heb. 6:19.

There wasn't a large attendance from the outside, but the presence of the saints at different times and from other places was much appreciated.

It was suggested that the meeting in April be an annual one at this place according to the will of God.

We are satisfied to stay in the service of the Master until He calls from labor to reward. We see this life as a moving wheel of time: some stepping on, others stepping off. We know not when the summons may come for us to go. May the Lord bless your faithful labors for Him. E. Holden Cage.

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BIBLE LESSONS

PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Sunday, June 6, 1943

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 31 to June 5.

- M. A good conscience 1 Pet. 3:13-17.
- T. Comfort in trial 1 Pet. 4:12-19.
- W. Comfort in temptation 1 Pet. 5:6-11.
- T. Pleasure in adversities 2 Cor. 12:7-10.
- F. How to be strong Eph. 6:10-16.
- S. Fellow sufferers 2 Cor. 1:3-11.

Printed Portion .....1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-16; 5:6-10.

13. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16. Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

12. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

5:6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

**Golden Text:** "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing than for evil doing." 1 Peter 3:17.

**Practical Truth:** Any persecutions we are called upon to endure for Christ's sake should be faced courageously.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Are you being harmed at present for Christ's sake, or do you fear harm? The Apostle Peter appeals to the earnest thought of Christians in his day. "Who is he that will harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?" If tempted to fear, let us ever remember the words of Jesus to us in Matt. 10:28, "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."

God's children, today, have need to seek the secret place of prayer often to tell Jesus about remarks, sneers, snubs, etc. that are grievous, coming from such persons as those for whom Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. Stephen also was in the spirit of Christ when he prayed for those who stoned him, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Acts 7:60.

When upon our knees seeking God for grace in regard to our own trials, let us not forget that in certain lands today, governmental authority is very compelling and many dear souls with convictions according to God's word find themselves an object of hate, with official powers ready to put to death. Let us pray that our brothers and sisters there may have the comforting, sustaining Christ within, knowing that if they lose their physical lives for Christ's sake they shall preserve it, while if they seek to save it they shall lose it. Luke 17:33.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians: "For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:3. Do we not believe that their words and actions were far different than those living in sin in their day and they were probably looked upon as unsocial and queer? We cannot indulge in, nor countenance sin and receive the "well done" at the end of life's way. With Christ reigning within, we as Moses choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Heb. 11:25. Remember we never suffer alone, but with the people of God, 1 Pet. 5:9, "The same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world," and the pleasures that are forfeited are so fleeting anyhow—often pass away before life departs from the body, as in illness or old age; while the peace of God ruling in the heart keeps the saint steady and confident through illness and death. Praise the Lord!

Can you think of anyone subject to taunts, opposition, ridicule, or suffering? They need encouragement such as you or I can give, no doubt, by writing an encouraging letter in which we can tell them truly that we have them upon our hearts for prayer. As we live close to God, we do bear one another's burdens to such an extent.

God's approval is worth all. Christ suffered unjustly, but willingly, bearing our load of sin and guilt, having a purpose in view: your salvation and mine. With eternal joy to look forward to, can we not count oppositions that may arise daily as not worthy to be compared to our eternal bliss we shall have in the place Jesus has gone to prepare?

If we join with people in their evil deeds, we shall perish with them. Jesus sweetly saves and satisfies, leaving His children free in righteousness with no in-

clination to sin. In testing times, as Joseph, we say, "How can I . . . sin against God?" Gen. 39:9.

—Rosella Slifer.

#### GOD'S EXCEEDING GREAT PROMISES

Sunday, June 13, 1943.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

June 7 to 12.

- M. God's great promises 2 Pet. 1:1-11.
- T. God's promises kept 2 Pet. 3:8-18.
- W. God's promise to Abraham Gen. 12:1-5.
- T. God's promise to Paul Acts 26:12-18.
- F. God's promise of Salvation Isa. 44:21-23.
- S. God's promise of immortality 1 Cor. 15:50-58.

Printed Portion ..... 2 Peter 1:1-11.

2 Peter 1:1. Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3. According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6. And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Golden Text:** "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." 2 Pet. 1:4.

**Practical Truth:** The promises of God give us assurance of salvation in this world and in the world to come.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the salutation of Peter's second letter, he introduces himself as "servant and apostle." The union of these two words suggests service, laboring for and pleasing the Lord in all things rather than himself; and authority, the God-given apostolic authority. His readers had obtained faith equally precious to that which he possessed—perhaps not the same quantity, but the same quality. They got it from the same source: the righteousness of God. I like the following scriptural definition of this faith: "Faith is a grace wrought in the soul of a sinner by the Holy Spirit, whereby, being emptied of all opinionative thoughts of his own righteousness, strength, and fulness, he is enabled to look to Christ, to betake Himself to Him as his only Saviour, to receive

Him, to rest and rely upon Him for the remission of sins, for a righteousness to justify him in the sight of God; for strength to enable him to perform duty, to follow after holiness, and to encounter spiritual enemies; and for eternal life when his work of faith and labor of love is ended, and when he comes to finish, with joy, his course." This living, saving faith is the only thing that will enable us to have a knowledge of God. It is because of a lack of this that the world is filled with unbelief and confusing thoughts and teachings about God. They are trying to have an intellectual knowledge of Him; but His word says, "the world by wisdom knew not God."

What are some of the great promises, the acceptance of which enable us to be partakers of the divine nature? Are not these the promises regarding sanctification or the entrance of the Holy Spirit into our hearts? This is only granted to those who have turned from (or escaped) the corruption of the world to walk in newness of life in Christ.

Even sanctification does not cause one to be full grown spiritually. There is still a growth in grace. This growth depends much upon the diligence of the individual. Peter exhorts us to give "all diligence." God has called us, we have answered the call, and as we continue in this state we are His elect. The diligence which we give in moving onward and upward makes that calling and election sure, and is the only means by which we can keep from falling.

Discuss the danger of leaving out one of those things which Peter urges us to add to our faith: virtue, knowledge (This does not mean a knowledge of God which we gain at the time of the new birth, but a deeper knowledge of the ways and workings of God; also the ways and workings of Satan and his agents.), temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. Let us not drift along expecting to barely make it into heaven and run the risk of missing it in the end, when there is a way whereby we can have an abundant entrance.

### JOHN DESCRIBES TRUE CHRISTIANS

Sunday, June 20, 1943.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

June 14 to 19.

- M. Abiding in Christ 1 John 2:1-11.
- T. Out of death into life 1 John 3:13-24.
- W. God is love 1 John 4:15-19.
- T. Sons of God. Rom. 8:12-17.
- F. Friends of Jesus John 15:12-19.
- S. The Christian citizen Psalm 15.

Printed Portion .....1 John 2:1-6, 13-18; 4:15-17.

1 John 2:1. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

13. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write

unto you, little children because ye have known the Father.

14. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Golden Text: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

Practical Truth: True Christians love God and keep his commandments.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The address, "my little children," is one of an affectionate father to children whom he loves. This does not mean children in the flesh. John may have been writing to his spiritual sons and daughters (those whom he had won to the faith), or he may have been talking as an elder brother to God's family. His purpose in writing was to instruct Christians so they would not sin. He added the words, "If any man sin, we have an advocate," to save us from despair and despondency in case we should be overcome in the hour of temptation. Do not be deceived into thinking that Christ is interceding for your sins to the extent that you can wilfully and presumptuously sin and retain His favor. The erring one must return with an humble and contrite heart or the service of the Advocate will not be granted. He is the propitiation or atoning sacrifice through which we receive forgiveness and cleansing, but the condition is, "IF we CONFESS our sins."

Many false spirits are in the world today, which lie to people whose hearts are full of corruption, and make them think they have a great knowledge of God, but the only proof of a knowledge of God is "if we keep His commandments"—holiness of heart and life.

The fourth verse is a severe blow to those who live under the power of sin, yet claim to be Christians.

Christ left us an example that we should follow in his steps. It would be helpful to the class if they would trace some of His steps (actions) when in temptation, when in suffering, when in weariness of body, when dealing with erring ones, when being persecuted, lied about, and forsaken, when being honored by the Father, and at other times that the class can think of to add to this list. He did always those things that pleased the Father. Are you walking as He walked?

Consider verse fifteen. The love of God in our hearts causes us to love God, love the brethren, love our neighbors, love our enemies and love holy things; but if we love the world and things of the world—profits, pleasures, pride, honors—we are ruled by another spirit. If ruled by the spirit of the world, we shall perish with it.

The confession mentioned in chapter four, verse one implies that belief in Christ which puts one in possession of pardoning mercy and indwelling Spirit. This would mean a confession of the heart and lips, and not the brain and lips. God is love, and it is only when He enters that love can really come into a heart.

### JOHN'S COUNSEL TO CHRISTIANS

Sunday, June 27, 1943

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

June 21 to 26.

- M. Observing the commandments 2 John 4:11.  
 T. Walking in truth 3 John 1-12.  
 W. Jesus counsels love Matt. 5:38-48.  
 T. Counsel to godliness 1 Tim. 6:6-12.  
 F. Building a life 1 Cor. 3:10-17.  
 S. Building for eternity Jude 17-26.

Printed Portion .....2 John 4-11; 3 John 5-12.

2 John 4. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

5. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

7. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

9. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

11. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

3 John 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 fellowhelpers to the truth.

9. I write unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth 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.

Golden Text: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Practical Truth: In every age there have been both helpers and hinderers in the church.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Some think the lady addressed in this epistle was the church at Ephesus and the children were the members of the congregation; others that John was addressing a widow. John often used the word children in addressing the family of God whether old or young. He may have been writing to a lady pastor concerning the members of her congregation whom he had found living lives that were in harmony with the truths of the gospel. This matters little, but we do know that he wrote it for the truths sake (verse 2) and we should study it for the same purpose.

As we learned in last Sunday's lesson, keeping the commandments of God was the one sure sign of discipleship, so these were true disciples. John was not writing a new commandment nor scolding because an old one had been forgotten; but was gently reminding them to continue in that which was already practised by them.

The commandment of love was and is the "First Commandment." Love and the keeping of God's commandments go hand in hand in a never ending circle or wheel, and the axle which holds this wheel together is the truth that Jesus is come in the flesh. There are all kinds of doctrines in the world today. Many will confess with their mouths that Jesus (God) came in the flesh over nineteen hundred years ago, but few believe that He comes in the flesh now. If they really believed one, they would believe the other also. That is: If one believes God was manifest in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, he would have to believe that what Jesus taught when here 'was true for God cannot lie. Then if he believes he spoke the truth, he will believe that he comes in the flesh now, for he said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (in his flesh); and "at that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I IN YOU."

Now let us consider the wheel a little more: One comes to Christ, repenting, confessing, and forsaking sin. Jesus promises to have mercy on such and forgive and cleanse from sin and take up His abode in the heart. As soon as He enters, he sets the wheel in motion. His commandment is that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. He gives and inspires love and love causes us to keep His commandments. His commandments are not grievous to His true child. Let us feed the life of Christ in our souls and keep the wheel rolling.

Verse nine is very plain. The Spirit of God in one will not prompt him to transgress, but will cause him to abide in His doctrine. It is important to stress correct doctrine and reject error.

In Third John, the writer commends the spirit of hospitality, and doing good to the household of faith. God calls some ministers and workers out into needy fields to work where the people are poor and unable to care for their temporal needs. It is the Christian duty of others who are able to supply this need. When one helps in this way he is a "fellowhelper of the truth."

Are you a "fellowhelper" or a "fellowhinderer"?