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Blessed is the man that WALKETH NOT in the counsel of the ungodly, NOR STANDETH in the way of sinners, NOR SITTETH in the seat of the scornful. But his DELIGHT is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The UNGODLY are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly SHALL NOT STAND in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD KNOWETH the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall PERISH.—Ps. 1

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What To Do With Your TV Set

By WILLIAM E. PAUL

There are many millions of TV sets in American homes. Some have two or even three sets, one for bedrooms as well as the living room. Now the big thing is color and soon the "black and white" set will be "old timey." Television is about as common as the kitchen can opener, although in no way to be compared with it as far as being necessary is concerned.

No doubt there is a large number of professing Christians who own and watch television. Because it has become the most universally practiced source of entertainment in America, even many professing Christians have come to accept it as part of normal daily living.

The surprising thing is that few, if any, would deny that television has had a great influence for the bad on American morals, especially in children. This will be granted for the evidence is overwhelming. TV, in its portrayal of crime, vice, brutality, nudity and in general low moral standards is plainly and simply **unchristian** and **anti-spiritual**.

I have in my possession a 957-page book produced by the U. S. Government giving the hearings of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency. These hearings present testimony from hundreds of sources, in the fields of government, law enforcement, social work, education, psychiatry, entertainment and religion. These testimonies pin-point the effects on young people of violence and crime **portrayed on television**. The testimony in this government report is devastating on the evil effects of

television and cannot be successfully refuted. The book did not get widespread circulation and is now out of print. But, suppose it had been widely distributed . . . it would have had about as much effect on the television-watching habit as the Surgeon General's report on smoking had on the cigarette-smoking habit. (Statistics show that smoking is at an all-time high despite the fact that it has been proved that it is a major cause of fatal lung cancer.)

There is too much in the book to quote. If anyone reading these lines tends toward skepticism about the bad effects of television on the attitudes and actions of Americans, just write me asking to borrow the book and I will gladly loan it to you, providing you promise to read it clear through.

But there are many professing Christians who persistently argue that television is not all bad. They point out a few educational programs and the news and thereby justify maintaining a set in good working order in a prominent place in the house. But, alas, the odds are against them. The prime TV watching times on all networks are filled with ungodly scenes of people hurting each other; of scenes of people doing bad things; of scenes of people talking rough and mean; of scenes of people of the worst type doing things that are unlawful and wicked. No question about it . . . TV is **generally** no good. The **majority** of programs are unfit for Christian consumption.

Can you picture the Lord Jesus seated in His favorite reclining chair with His can of beer or mixed drink at His elbow, a pipe or some cigars or cigarettes nearby, casually enjoying His favorite program? Can you see Him chuckle at off-color jokes of the comedian (with his ever-present full-bosomed girl singer), or observe Him staring with wide-eyed amazement at the sadism portrayed by the moron fiend upon the voluptuous heroine? Or notice Him squint at the blast of a gun which mercilessly snuffs out the life of the villian? Would He figet with the control nobs, tuning from one channel to another only to find sex, drinking, dirty talk, violence, more sex, more dirty talk and on and on?

Friend, Christian, the Lord Jesus Christ died to save you FROM all that type of thing! Can you truthfully see your sinless Savior soaking up that type of rot into His mind, to provide Him with food for meditation in His lonely hours? Can you imagine the pure-minded Son of God absorbing eagerly the average TV show preparatory to going out among the masses of lost humanity with the gospel of love, truth, goodness, kindness, compassion, purity, meekness and salvation? [Of course such would be impossible for the Son of God! Well, then, are we Christian or not? Are we Christ-like or not?—Ed.] All right, take away the beer and the cigarettes and see if you can STILL see Him whiling away the hours in front of a TV set. Remember, we are to imitate Him. (1 Peter 1:15; 21)

If the Christ you love and are serving could be pictured as an avid television watcher, let me urge you to reread the gospels and notice what Jesus loved, what He hated, what He encouraged, and what He denounced.

Of course, there is always the argument that "we control what we watch" on television. First of all, do you ALWAYS succeed in keeping ALL of the bad things from appearing before you, even for a short time? Now, honestly, do you? Second, are you sure you are qualified to tell exactly what IS no good? Remember, if you have been watching TV for very long, you could easily become hardened to seeing people sinning and watching their immodesty, and observing their unchristian conduct, so that you might . . . just might . . . not be able to properly discern good from evil by now. The ability to so discern comes from having exercised your senses, as a mature Christian. (Heb. 5:11-14) If you are a new Christian you surely would not be qualified to tell what was good or bad with any degree of spiritual discernment, would you?

Third, do you believe that children are capable of exercising proper control? They don't do it in other realms of life, do they? You say you will teach them HOW to control it. Will you also keep deadly snakes around so that you

can demonstrate to your children how to avoid being bitten by one of them? What if they got struck by one of them before they mastered the technique of keeping out of their way or killing them first? If TV is as bad as the concerned authorities say it is, why even take the chance of exposing your children to its influence? Can't you see that the average child, yours and mine, would be too captivated and intrigued by the adventurous western or the tantillizing mystery or the gay leg show to "control" himself to turn the set off? Why did Paul tell Timothy to "flee youthful lusts" if young people weren't especially susceptible to the power of evil?

But suppose you did successfully control what you saw (and thereby used the TV set only a few minutes a day), what about your example on others? A newly converted person, still a babe in Christ in need of all the help possible to grow in the Lord, sees you are a TV watcher by the fact that he notices a nice looking set in the corner of your living room the first time he visits you. Would he not rightly conclude that TV watching is all right for the Christian? Would he automatically conclude that you "controlled" your set so as to NEVER watch the wrong things? Indeed, would he, as a babe in Christ be able to properly decide what programs to watch and which ones not to watch? His children, who had no previous Christian training SURELY could not know what to avoid. So the new converts are kept unspiritual at best or quickly fall away at worst. And all of this because your example indorsed **watching television**, not just **watching the good shows**, but **watching what comes on** (that was intended by the producers for the eyes of the unconverted). Would you not by your "liberty" be destroying one of the children of God. Rom. 14.

I can just hear someone say, "But, what would I do if I got rid of my TV?" The very fact that you are so concerned about that indicates that you have become addicted to watching television. Anyone who is disturbed over the loss of his TV set is one who has certainly become overly

attached to it. It indicates that the person may be so engrossed in watching television, he has actually become enslaved to it. To over simplify the matter we might ask, "What did people do before television came along?" But we won't ask that question, for that really doesn't offer much constructive help, does it?

Whatever you do, be sure it will be something that would not be detrimental to your spiritual life. And better yet, make it something that will actually prove a blessing by helping you spiritually. Here is a solution that will not only remove the problem but replace it with something worthwhile.

After disposing of your TV set, purchase a stereo record player. One that will accomodate a stack of records that will play, uninterrupted, for several hours. It need not be expensive (they are priced considerably less than TV sets). Or, if you can afford it, buy a better one for it can prove to be an investment capable of providing you with wholesome pleasure and spiritual enrichment for many years. Then get yourself some records of the gospel songs and hymns you love the most. Play them during the day, during meals, at night before retiring. Fill your home with the strains of lovely songs of praise to God. Allow the words, as you hear them over and over, to implant in your mind the great messages of hope and happiness found only in Christ. Play them when you are alone and see if you are not blessed, as you are reminded of the love and goodness of God. Play them when unsaved persons visit your home and thereby provide a testimony in song of your stand for the Lord. Allow your children to become familiar, right in your home, with the treasured melodies and words of uplifting hymns. There will be no "control" problem about what is played for you can simply see to it that no "rock and roll" records enter the house. That would be simple.

Then there are a number of challenging "talk" records, designed for young people. They are both entertaining and contain spiritual truth which children will want to hear

over and over. Invite the youth of the church over to listen to several of these records (while providing them with light refreshments). You will soon find many ways to use this replacement for your TV set that will bring untold joy and satisfaction to your family and will also provide a means of wholesome entertainment as you add tasteful music to your home circle.

People have done just this. It works. You too, can determine to dispose of your television set and replace it with a record player and use it in a manner acceptable to the Lord. If you now have a console containing both stereo and TV set, sell or trade it for one that doesn't have the TV part. If you have both a stereo set and TV set, see how much more of a blessing it will be to move out the TV set and find your enjoyment from playing sacred recordings.

Do it today and write me about the blessing it brings to your home.

—William E. Paul, in *News and Truths*

Editor's Note: For the one not interested in spiritual things, there are books that are instructive and enjoyable. And for one who is interested in spiritual things, there is a virtual world of precious jewels which lies hidden because of ignorance or lack of interest. This gold mine is so vast that if one spent 24 hours a day in digging from the blessed pages, one would never get through. This is true of the multitude of spiritual books, but even more so of the Bible itself.

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God will make a way of escape out of every temptation. He often turns something in the temptation and trial into a comfort.



Music and "Swing"

By WILLIAM W. ORR

Music belongs to God.¹ He created our ears, fixed the ether waves and passed the laws of harmony. God loves melody and has bestowed upon us the capacity to love and enjoy it too.

In music God has implanted great power to inspire, comfort and stir the depths of men's souls. It is wrong to divorce music from God, for its highest function² is to act as a vehicle of the praise of men's thankful hearts.

Music is a universal language, but how different is that language in lands dark with paganism and superstition. There the music is minor, sad and fearful, clearly showing the darkness of hearts which know not the God of light and love. On the other hand, in Christian lands where the story of Christ has come, the music is vibrant,³ joyful and triumphant. Christ and music are inseparable.

The mechanics of music testify to the creative⁴ hand of the Great Composer, God. The notes of the scale are all related on the basis of exact mathematical precision. Middle "C" has just 440 vibrations per second, while the "C" above middle "C" has just twice that number or 880, and so up and down the scale. Each note has its own distinguishing characteristics. **Do** is basic and restful, while **sol** is soul-stirring and military. **Mi** is romantic and idealistic, while **la** is pensive and sometimes sad.

Only recently have we come to discover the fascinating relationship between light⁵ and music. If our ears were properly attuned we could hear the sunset as well as see it, or we could see the harmonious color of the song of the meadow lark as well as hear it. Some day,⁶ God willing, we

1 James 1:17

2 Psalm 105:1-3

3 Psalm 150:1-6

4 Psalm 104:23

5 Job 38:7

6 1 Thess. 4:17

shall. But even today music is one of life's choicest joys. How dull our hearts should be without melody. How wrong to take this delightful creation of God and misuse it.

Swing, with its older brother, jazz, is a strange new madness in music. Born in the corruption of evil minds, this foul plague has literally swept the world. The air today is filled with it as radios blare it forth, juke boxes grind it out and dance bands sell it. Swing is difficult to describe, for sometimes it is subtly, sensuously sweet, and other times blatant with harsh discord. But always there is present that underlying beat of lawlessness and unrestraint. Absent is the nobility and inspiration of true music. Certainly, this is **not** God's music. Shun it.

No one will deny that swing moves in bad company. Its bosom companions are a well-known infamous trio, the dance, the movies and liquor. Its effect seems to be to promote a frenzy of emotional excitement which with some becomes a delirium. The jitterbug demonstrations connected with it amount to barbaric shamelessness and the contortions, vile and suggestive. Swing is nothing less than a satanic seduction of music for sinful purposes. Those who love their Lord Jesus should have absolutely no part¹ in it.

But music is ours!² Its majesty, melody and rhythm belong to the Christian. It is ours to thrill to the dignity and stateliness of the grand old hymns.³ It is ours to sing the psalms of David⁴ or the songs of evangelism. It is ours to carry in our hearts constantly the easily remembered choruses of today. Christians should employ music to its fullest. They should play and sing and never stop. This is a power in the Christian life.

Here's the criterion if you want one. Let your music constantly honor⁵ your Lord Jesus. That's the antidote for the devilish attraction of modern perversions of music. Let your music always be in harmony with the melody of your blessed Savior's voice.⁶

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Read how the
Providence of God
saved this preacher
from possible death
while he was hunting.

A Light Thing

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"Listen, O isles, unto Me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called Me from the womb; from the bowels of My mother He hath made mention of My name. And He hath made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand hath He hid Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver hath He hid Me; and said unto Me, Thou art My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent My strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely My judgment is with the Lord, and My work with My God. And now, saith the Lord that formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob again to Him, though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and My God shall be My strength. And He said, It is a LIGHT THING that Thou shouldest be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles, that Thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:1-6)

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IN THIS text we have the Almighty speaking to His Son and saying that it is a **LIGHT THING** or an easy matter for Jesus to raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the preserved of Israel. I take it to mean that He is saying that such a small work by itself is utterly unworthy to show forth the resplendent glory of God in His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore He will be given as a light to the Gentiles that He might be God's salvation unto the ends of the earth. My purpose in using this text is to show that things that are beyond the combined abilities of humans to accomplish, are just a light thing to "He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers."

CHRISTIANS UNDERESTIMATE GOD

I think that one of the greatest understatements of the year is that Christians completely underestimate the ability of God. It is to be wondered sometimes if we realize what a horrible thing it is to refuse to take God at His Word. What is the matter with Christians who claim that God is all-powerful, has all knowledge, and is everywhere present, and yet refuse to trust Him in even the smallest details of life?

What is our estimate of God? One would think that our God is like the one that Elijah described, "And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awakened." (1 Kings 18:27) It is high time that we began to accept the fact that our God is not asleep. "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do." (Heb. 4:13)



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Without fear of contradiction, I make the flat statement that the most impossible situations and the most unattainable goals known to man are just a light thing to the Almighty God.

1. To Deliver His People.

"If it be so, our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king." (Daniel 3:17)

I am sure that most of you are familiar with this scripture. The three Hebrew boys were told that they must worship the king or be thrown into the fiery furnace. Their reply was that the king might throw them into the furnace but their God was able to deliver them. They had complete faith in their God and they believed that He was sovereign and the controller of all things. You know the result. They were thrown into the overheated furnace, but when the king looked he saw four walking unharmed in the fire. God had sent His Son to deliver the courageous boys, and when they came out their clothes weren't even scorched.

We consider this a miracle, but I say it was an easy matter for God to deliver those boys. This was just one of the little things that God did that day. He fed the birds, clothed the flowers, numbered the hairs on the heads, sent the sun on his race, and a million other things we know nothing about, and yet He watched over three with just as particular care as if there were no one else in the world.

I tell you, we have a wonderful God and we need to raise to a much higher level both our conception and appreciation of Him.

I want to give you my personal experience. On the day before hunting season opened, I scouted through the woods and found two hickory trees side by side that the squirrels were feeding on. All experienced hunters know that squirrels will return to trees day after day until they cut them out, unless they are frightened away.

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Bright and early on the first day of the season I was going up the hill to the trees and I fell. Not being hurt, I continued on my way. Arriving at the trees about daybreak, I was reasonably sure that I would get about two or three squirrels at least, but I waited in vain under those trees for about three hours and to say the least I was completely baffled. Giving up, I walked through the woods to another place and sat down. After a short while I noticed a smudge on the end of my gun barrel, and after investigating I found that the barrel was plugged so solid with dirt from my fall that I couldn't knock it out and I had to take my knife blade and cut it out. I have no doubt that if I had fired the gun in that condition it would have blown up and could have resulted in fatal injury and even death. Fifteen minutes or less after I unplugged the gun, I shot and killed a grouse, the first game I had seen that day.

You say it is coincidence, I say it is God, the Disposer of all events. Those little squirrels, against their very nature, were caused to go elsewhere for their breakfast that morning. Discounting that fact, in these woods one should have had several shots on the opening day of the season. You might ask me why God didn't show me that the gun was plugged earlier. I grant you that He could have, but we need to be reminded of His signal care over us. He did arrange those events in such a way that I have no doubt that He alone was responsible for my safe keeping, and it was a LIGHT THING for Him to do so because at the same time throughout the world He was watching over millions of His own in like manner.

Any Christian can recount like instances of God's loving care. You children who have never trusted in Christ must admit that God has delivered you from many pitfalls that you weren't able to escape yourself. The long-suffering of God is intended to bring you to repentance. It is time for you to repent of your sins and confess Jesus Christ as Savior.

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2. To Have Obedient Children.

"Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Luke 3:8)

One of the worst things we have to cope with at this present time is spiritual pride. The Jews claimed to be God's children because they were descendants of Abraham. I don't want any of you Christians to think that election or belonging to a church or any such thing is grounds for you to continue in your sins. You would think from the way some people talk and act that they are doing God a favor by becoming Christians. Someone has their wires crossed. God had all glory from the beginning, you can neither add to nor take from it. It is foolish to think that God is gaining anything when we turn to Him. Even at our best we are unprofitable to Him. I tell you that God could take every gravel that is in our driveway and raise up children that would be obedient in every respect. It is a light thing for Him to have obedient children. We ought to be ashamed to act as if we were something special within ourselves because we are Christians. It is all of God's grace when anyone becomes a child of God and we ought to begin to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Cor. 10:12)

Just as John told the Jews that God could raise up children to Abraham from stones, likewise we need to understand that it would be a trivial matter or light thing for God to have millions of obedient children. Oh, how we need to realize that we are bought with a price and we belong to Jesus Christ!

3. To Fulfill His Promise.

"And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform." (Rom. 4:21)

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he and his wife were both old and according to all natural reasoning unable to have children, he staggered not through unbelief. God had promised him a son and he believed that He would do just that. Have you ever thought of what you are doing when you fail to trust the promises of God's Word?

First, we are calling Him a liar; and secondly, in thought we limit His ability. If God has made a promise that He doesn't intend to keep, He is a liar. If He has made a promise that He is unable to keep, He is neither omnipotent nor infinite. When we fail to trust and act on God's promises, we are agreeing to one or both. That is logical reasoning, He promises with the full intention of keeping them, and I am fully persuaded that He is able to perform it.

You believe that God is infinite and almighty and utterly incapable of telling a lie, don't you? I say it is an easy thing for Him to fulfill His promise. All the demons of hell and the powers and principalities of earth and air can't hinder Him from doing His will. Therefore we must quit calling Him a liar and limiting His ability by failing to trust His promise. Let us look confidently to Jesus in Whom all His promises are yea, and amen, both positive and accomplished. God's ability far exceeds His promise. I assure you it is an easy matter for Him to fulfill all His promises.

4. To Make All Grace Abound.

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

In this portion of scripture Paul has just told the Corinthians that God loves a cheerful giver, thus encouraging them to hasten the collection for the saints at Jerusalem. Now I want you to notice that he is asking them to give their money on the principle that God is able to make all grace abound. Many of us claim that we don't have the means or gifts to fully discharge our obligations as Chris-

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tians, but no one has told us to look within ourselves, but rather to look to the God of heaven Who is able to make all grace abound toward us. Do you see our mistake? We judge what we can do on our ability and means, when we should be drawing on the resources of God's grace.

Paul says God's grace will cause us to have all sufficiency in all things that we might abound to every good work, and in this instance he is speaking of material things. Paul says give your money, God's grace will supply more. It is a light thing for God to make His grace abound both in material and spiritual things. The reason we do so little and in vain is because we are going in the strength of the flesh and not in dependence of the grace of God. Perhaps your means and ability are limited but you are to use that knowing that God will more than restore through the unsearchable riches of grace vested in Christ Jesus.

5. To Exceed Our Expectations.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." (Eph. 3:20)

There is no need for us to fear that our expectations will ever exceed God's ability. Our fault lies not in asking and expecting too much, but too little. All that our intellects are capable of conceiving won't put any strain on God. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think. That is why we are trying to get you to raise your estimate of God. If this whole church would ask of God from morning till night it wouldn't be too much. God's saints have been asking and receiving for hundreds, yea, thousands of years, and the storehouses are not diminished one whit. The word is still, ask more. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. Let us raise our sights. We must begin to ask and think more. It is a LIGHT THING for God to exceed our expectations.

(Editor's Note: Any believer who wants his life to

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render glory to God should and must realize that one essential way to honor and glorify God is to believe in Him enough to ASK in faith. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON."
—John 14:13)

6. To Change Our Bodies.

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." (Phil. 3:21)

It seems that one of the hardest things for people to receive is that God can resurrect our bodies. There are thousands of people who don't believe in the resurrection. It is a light thing for God to resurrect our bodies. Though every particle is turned to dust, or cremated, and cast to the winds and the waters, yet shall He raise us and give us glorified bodies even as His. Why should we consider it such a hard task for Him to raise our bodies? Every year we watch vegetation die out—trees, plants, flowers,—and yet in the Spring we look expectantly for it to burst forth into life. What makes it come forth? You didn't work it did you? No! It is God. It seems to me that if God can accomplish this major miracle year after year, that He can also accomplish the miracle of bringing forth our bodies once at the general resurrection.

I want you to notice that the One Who is able to subdue all things to Himself is the One Who has the glorious body. Who has the glorious body? Jesus Christ! I never tire of taking these scriptures and showing that Jesus is eternal God. In Hebrews you will find that He is in Heaven and upholdeth all things by the Word of His power. Isn't that wonderful? He came and redeemed us, He is able to subdue all things to Himself, and He shall change our vile bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, and it is a light thing for Him to do so.

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7. To Keep Us.

"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." (2 Tim. 1:12)

Christ died for us and He is able to keep us. He upholds all of the things we think are so substantial—earth, rocks, mountains. They have a purpose and they shall have an end, but until that time they shall be upheld by Him, but we shall be kept until that day and beyond. It is a light thing for Christ to keep us.

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25)

We are saved by His death and kept by His life. He is able to save the uttermost or worst sinner and He is able to save him to the uttermost. There is no possible situation that Christ is unable to keep you, because He ever liveth to make intercession for you [who believe].

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." (Jude 24, 25)

The only wise God, our Savior Jesus Christ, is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless in Heaven. It is an easy thing for Him to do so. Let us rejoice with exceeding joy and ascribe to Him glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and forever! Amen!



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Notes from Mom



Dear Young Friends,

It has always been a part of my very religion to refuse to try to cover up with artificial coloring what God has given me. I have felt this very strongly from my youth. Sometimes the girls would tell me: "You'd really be a 'knock-out' if you would use some make-up." "Knock-out" was the word they used then. Now it might be, "She's a living doll!" Or maybe you know some other "slanguage" to say a person is nice-looking.

But who *wants* to be a "doll" or a "knock-out"? Who wants to go around knocking people out? Not me! And a doll is a toy to be played with! Again, not me!

So the best I could ever merit in the beauty "contest" was that I would be . . . **IF!** So I was really very content to be called "intelligent-looking." (A nice way to say, "She's plain"), or, at best a wholesome-looking person. This made me happier than if I been a walking advertisement for some drug store. For that big "IF" quoted above would have involved some drug store. So I could have felt little pride in being a "knock-out" if. . . . It would have been the drug store, or some cosmetic firm that would have been the "knock-out,"—not me!

See you next month, the Lord willing.

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Round Table Discussion

• YOUTH PROBLEMS ANSWERED BY OUR READERS •

This department is mainly for the views of you the readers.
Please send in any questions you would like to
see discussed in this department.

QUESTION: "What part, if any at all, should TV play in the Christian's life?"



Dale Victor Knowles, II, 21, Ottumwa, Iowa: "TV should NOT play a part in any Christian's life. TV is a time-robber, a home-breaker, an evening-waster, an argument begetter, a thief of study, prayer and meditation. It keeps people home from church. It keeps people from having a wholesome family life. It brings into the living room all sorts of wickedness from Hollywood. It has taken priority over the Bible and the old family altar. The F.B.I. has connected it with the rise of crime among youth. It has

inspired murders and robberies. It glorifies crime and the criminal; degrades Dad, morals and the law. TV should not be in a Christian's life."



Cheryl Lois Vass, 18, Floyd, Va.: "I think one should consider both sides. TV is a wonderful invention, only if it is used right. TV, as anything else, can be used in the wrong way. In high school, we use the TV to watch speeches about politics and educational programs. At home, we were to watch and listen to the news. We were also required to watch special programs. This part of TV is okay, and I do not see anything wrong with this. On the other hand, TV is an evil institution when one uses

it to watch evil, which a person should be able to choose between right and wrong, just as anything else."

Editor's Note: I would add a word of extreme caution. Human nature is just naturally evil, carnal, bent toward unholy things. And even the Christian who has the very nature of Christ in him, still has this old nature which must be warred against. Since the old nature is bent toward evil, it is really incapable of choosing righteous things. And the Christian with the new nature, the holy nature of Christ, is able to see so much that is displeasing to His Lord that He knows the Holy Spirit is grieved. He must conclude that there is such little good in TV that it is about like going to the garbage can to try to get his supper.

We hope the invention of TV will be used to some good in the schools for educational purposes. But even here, with emphasis put on material things, and with Communist infiltration in the educational system, we greatly fear what a weapon the future could prove TV

to be in the brainwashing and warping of young minds. This brainwashing is in effect even now more than we realize.



Edwina Crosswhite, 19, Jackson, Miss.: "Television should not play any part in a Christian's life. The programs that are shown are usually about thefts, murders, etc. It is bad for adults to watch but it is worse for young children."

Minnie Jones, Richland, N. C.: "TV is an instrument for entertaining the hungering, craving, lusting eye of the world. Christians may find themselves constantly confronted with this, but they have no lust or feverish craving to sit for hours gazing at the ugly things to be seen."



Agnes Romeyn, 17, Chilliwack, B. C., Canada: "I don't think TV should play any part in the Christian's life."

MORE ON THE QUESTION—

"How old should a girl be before she can have her first date?"



Edythe Fenter, Portales, New Mexico: "The age depends largely on how mature the girl is. Some girls mature earlier than others. I feel that for most girls, the senior year in high school would be a good time. This would allow her a few years in which to date several different boys before she is mature enough to assume the responsibility of marriage. Girls who begin dating in early years usually marry during their teen-age years and so many teen-age marriages end in divorce. (This also applies to boys.)"

Editor's Note: Young people cannot be too cautious here. And Christian young people cannot seek too diligently the Lord's guidance for a mate, if indeed it is His will for you to have one. I can hardly think of anything more pathetic than a teenage girl thinking that if she doesn't find a mate by the time she's out of high school, then she'll end up an old maid. And then, as a consequence of this thinking, she accepts dates and proposals of nearly the first one who comes along. And then 9 times out of 10 the marriage ends in divorce and ruined lives, and unhappy lives. Another word of caution is that the 18-year old teen-ager is not the same person he becomes at 24 or so. Youthful ideas change as maturity comes. This is why youth marriages usually end on the rocks. Each partner changes and after a few years they see they are not well suited and maybe not even in love. And where there is not an ever-deepening love, there can be no truly happy marriage. Oh young people, TAKE HEED!

The Cheerful Teenager

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE MISERABLE

By EILEEN CADE-EDWARDS, in GRIT

"Did you get the job?" I called out to Audrey, my next-door neighbor's teen-aged daughter, as she walked briskly down the walk toward her front door. I knew she had gone early that morning to apply for the job I had pointed out to her in the help-wanted column.

Audrey smiled, and her whole face lit up.

"Wait till I tell you what happened," she said. Then she recounted how, with "butterflies in her stomach," she had called at the dark, little office of a wholesale firm, had presented her qualifications, and had waited breathlessly for the decision.

The serious-looking man sitting in the manager's chair had leaned toward her and said, "The wages aren't too bad, but business is slow, and there won't be any raises until business looks up. That's the picture!"

His unexpectedly frank manner caught Audrey completely off guard.

"I laughed because he reminded me so much of my favorite comedian," she told me, "and for the moment I forgot I was applying for a job!"

"And that lost you the job, I suppose," I said sadly.

"No, it didn't, as a matter of fact." Audrey laughed, and two big dimples appeared at the sides of her mouth. "I said I was sorry, that I just hadn't expected him to be so frank with me."

"Don't be!" he had answered without a smile. "Yours is the first happy face I've seen this morning! A happy face is good for business. It gives customers confidence in a firm. That's what we need most around here—cheerfulness!"

"So you got the job after all!"

"I got the job!" Audrey repeated. "I start on Monday. Thanks for everything!" And she went off smilingly to tell her mother her good news.

Nice, happy girl, I thought. A joy to have around—no wonder she's so popular. But would a cheerful, smiling face really make all that difference to business? Would a prospective employer actually look for this natural qualification in an applicant? I decided to ask a business friend his views.

"Does a happy face really make all that difference?" I asked him, after relating Audrey's experience.

"Certainly, it does," he answered. "A smiling face and a cheerful countenance promotes an impression of success and good team spirit. Not only that; as any foreman knows, it takes only one discontented, unhappy man to spread dissension amongst fellow workers. Anything that keeps defeatism at bay is to be encouraged—cheerfulness is most certainly the most effective way of doing so."

And this could apply equally at home, in church groups, at clubs, and anywhere where people get together.

"Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other," a wise man once wrote. And no one can deny the good, warm feeling that springs from a happy heart.

A friend of mine who has a rather moody husband and an equally moody teen-aged son told me once:

"I always try to begin each meal with a happy thought or a cheerful remark. It makes for a more enjoyable meal and discourages controversial discussions which would invariably lead to fierce arguments."

Most of us would rather have a simple meal served in a cheerful way than a feast served in an atmosphere of tension and irritation. "A cheerful look makes a dish a feast," said George Herbert, the poet.

No one is born either completely cheerful or completely irritable. A happy disposition is something we must acquire, then develop through practice and more practice.

In the words of E. P. Whipple, the American author and critic: "Cheerfulness in most people is the rich and satisfying result of strenuous discipline."

Most doctors will agree that one of the principal ingredients of good health is cheerfulness. Cheerfulness can

open the door to many wonderful things. A cheerful person is never without friends, never without resources, never defeated by setbacks. He finds delight in tackling new and difficult things. Dismal days and routine chores do not bother him. There is always the brighter day—the end of the chore to look forward to!

When being cheerful has so many advantages, can we honestly afford to be miserable?

God's Word gives us, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." (Prov. 17:22a)

NEWS ITEMS . . .

• **SYPHILIS EPIDEMICS—A HIGH COST OF SIN**—Instead of wiping out this loathesome, social disease, our government is worried over its tremendous increase in recent years. "Syphilis epidemics are raging at this very moment in 25 or 30 of our largest metropolitan centers," says Dr. William J. Brown of the Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga. Reliable estimates indicate some 200,000 new cases of syphilis and 1,000,000 new cases of gonorrhea during the past year.—Gospel Herald

• **A SIGN OF THE TIMES: OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**—New York City's School Superintendent asked for one and one-quarter million dollars, to provide a "security guard" at each of the city's 906 public schools.—Christian Victory.

• **SAINTS MADE BY THE POPE**—"The Grand Inquisitor, Peter Arbue, who was responsible for burning 40,000 people at the stake, was made a saint by the Pope in 1860."—"Believe It or Not"

• **ECUMENICALISM AT WORK ABROAD**—"Thirty participating Protestant Denominations elected a Roman Catholic priest as Chairman of the Hong Kong Council of Christian Clergy.—Voice Magazine

• **THE BIBLE IS ALWAYS RIGHT**—Years ago, Prof. E. Slosson, of Washington, an analytical chemist of high reputation, said that these simple words from Genesis 2 are true: God made man from "the dust of the ground." He explained, "The dust of the ground contains just 14 of the 96 chemicals known to science, and that the body of man is composed of these 14 chemicals."—Christian Victory

• **"30,000,000 CHRISTIANS SLAIN IN CHINA!"**—Do you still wonder if Communism is anti-Christian? Not long ago the Communist leaders of Red China announced that "during the past ten years 30,000,000 Chinese people had been liquidated—most of these people being the ones who refused to renounce Christianity."

—News Bulletin

FOR THE KIDDIES

WHO TAUGHT THE BIRDS?

"Tell us a story, Uncle Edward!" chorused the children's voices as they clustered around their uncle in that delicious dusklight hour before bedtime.

Uncle Edward having just returned from South America, had wonderful stories to tell. He was quite a hero in the eyes of the children.

"I'll tell you a snake story," said the young man. "One beautiful morning, off I roamed as usual, with gun over my shoulder, and my lunch in my pocket, in search of game.

"After a while, feeling rather tired and very hungry, I sat down on a fallen tree to rest.

"While seated there, my attention was attracted by the cries of a bird which was fluttering over a leafy spot, doubtless her tiny nest. She was in great distress, and I could not help rising to see, if possible, the cause of her trouble. I soon found out. Creeping slowly along towards the tree was one of the most venomous snakes in South America, with its small glittering eyes fixed on the bird, and its forked tongue darting quickly out and in.

"Presently I saw a curious thing happen. The male bird flew quickly away. In a little while I saw him return with a small twig covered with leaves in his beak. Perching near the nest, he laid the twig carefully across it, covering his mate and her young. Then, taking his place on one of the topmost branches of the tree, he seemed to grow quieter, and there awaited the approach of the enemy.

"By this time the snake had reached the spot. He twisted himself around the trunk and climbed up the tree. Then gliding along the branch, he came closer to the nest and lifted his venomous head, ready to dart upon the poor bird.

His small, glittering eyes watched the nest for a moment and then—”

Uncle Edward paused.

“Oh, what, Uncle?” cried the children.

“—then suddenly throwing his head back, as if he had received some sudden blow, he turned around, made his way down the tree and disappeared in the long grass.

“I climbed up the tree and examined the little broken branch. I carried it home and told the whole story to a native friend, showing him the twig. I learned from him that it had been plucked by the bird off a bush which is poisonous to the snake and which he is never known to touch. The little helpless creature had used it as a shield of defense.”

Satan is called in Scripture “that old serpent.” He is intent on the destruction of men and women and boys and girls, helpless as birds against his attacks and his wiles.

But God has told us in His Word of a tree that is poison to our enemy, and as certain protection for old and young. I mean the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ “His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.” (1 Peter 2:24). “By His stripes we are healed.”

Isn’t it wonderful that our gracious God should teach the bird about the tree where it may “help itself” to a healing branch? And is it less wonderful that He has provided the cross, the great salvation accomplished there by our Lord Jesus Christ? No, it is the most remarkable fact in the universe that the “Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me.” Salvation is revelation that He has done this for you personally.

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only Begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” (1 John 4:9)

—Selected

"Straight as a Gun Barrel"

"Is he straight?"

"Straight as a gun barrel; you can depend upon him in every spot and place."

This was said of a boy who had asked for a job and had given as a reference the minister who made this firm reply.

How straight is a gun barrel? In the factory where guns are made, the metal is bored and pressed, ground and polished until the most practised eye cannot detect the slightest curve in it anywhere. Not until it is so, can it be permitted to leave the factory.

Over and over again it must be tested and tried until it is as perfect as men and machines can make it. If the gun barrel were not straight, no one ever could hit what he aimed at. The bullet could not help flying wide of the mark.

And hitting the mark is the goal. "Straight" is a homely word, but it is full of the deepest meaning. No one can ever reach his aim, be it ever so high, unless he always does the true, manly thing. One little mean underhanded act and his life may be marred forever. The world needs men who are straight.

—Horace E. Walker

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Words Fitly Spoken

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Proverbs 25:11

My interest is in the future, because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.—Charles F. Kettering.

Courage is no more necessary on the battlefield than in the hourly choice between right and wrong.

We have found wealth when we have found enjoyment in unbought pleasures.—Suzanne Magazine

God grants not the requests of His people because they pray; but they pray because He designs to answer their petitions.—Joseph Hart

It's so easy, the night before, to get up early the next morning.

An unbeliever has a double condemnation: one from the law which he has transgressed, and the other from the gospel which he has despised.—Shelton

Many of our marriage failures are caused by failures marrying.

“ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU”

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My unbelief being great, I pressed the matter further, picturing Heaven as the place where God dwelt in unsullied light and infinite holiness, I asked her if she would be at home there. Never shall I forget her answer:—"Oh yes, sah, I is going to be all dressed up in Him."

—F. W. Mehl