

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—Eccl. 12:1



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Dear Reader,—On the cover of the September issue we had these words: "Your Challenge: If you are not helped by reading this issue, let us know." While we try to give you an issue each month which would warrant such a challenge, we feel that this issue especially warrants it. We hope you find it so. . . . Send us the name and address of one or more of your friends if you want us to send them a copy of this issue. Will you?

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SUPREME PURPOSE:

"That the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13)

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That we might do good to all men, and that believers might have joy.
(Galatians 6:10; John 15:11)

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Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from Heaven (John 14:13, 14)

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The Holy Spirit (John 14:26)

PRAYER ARMY:

Those who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, trust in Him
for salvation, gather in His name, and who have this
ministry brought to their remembrance in prayer.

DIVINE PROTECTORS:

God Himself, with His ministering angels (Psa. 34:7; Heb. 1:14)



By LEROY C. BROWN

THE PASSENGER coaches of the train were well occupied by people, but Paul spotted a place beside a young man who was about his own age.

When Paul asked if the seat was taken, the young man shook his head "no." Paul sat down.

"Do you live near here?" asked Paul.

"Why, yes—in Velpen. It's a village about ten miles from here, I believe."

"I have been in Velpen," said Paul.

"You have?" said the boy with increased interest. "Do you know any Kemps?"

"No, I'm not well acquainted there. Is Kemp your name?"

"Yes—Dan."

"I suppose you are going home, then, Dan," said Paul.

"I don't know."

That was a strange answer! Paul looked at Dan for a few

moments, then ventured this question, "Why don't you know?"

"It's a long story," said Dan. "But to make a long story short I ran away from home about two years ago. I don't know whether my parents have forgiven me or not."

"Do you have Christian parents?" asked Paul.

"Yes."

"Then you may be assured that you are forgiven."

"I don't know. I wrote a letter telling them to nail a white cloth on the old maple tree in the front yard if I am forgiven. Before long the train will pass right by that tree. I want to look, but I am afraid to."

Paul thought quickly and said, "Describe the house to me. Then shut your eyes and I'll look for you."

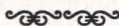
Dan liked the idea, so he described the house in detail. Paul watched.

"Open your eyes, Dan! Look at the old maple tree!" said Paul.

Dan opened his eyes and saw not only one white cloth on the old maple tree, but many!

He smiled and said, "I'll be getting off at the station!"

—Gospel Herald, via Midway Manna



SPURGEONETTES—EXPRESSED TRUTH BY C. H. SPURGEON

When the Word of God converts a man, it takes away from him his despair, but it does not take from him his repentance.

True conversion gives a man pardon, but does not make him presumptuous.

True conversion gives a man security, but it does not allow him to leave off being watchful.

True conversion gives a man strength and holiness, but it never lets him boast.

True conversion brings a man to live for God. He does everything for the glory of God—whether he eats, or drinks, or whatever he does.

True conversion makes a man live before God—he desires to live as in God's sight at all times, and he is glad to be there.

And such a man now comes to live with God. He has blessed communion with Him; he talks with Him as a man talks with his friend.

A Sorrowful Son's Return Home

A CERTAIN MAN had two sons, the younger of whom said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that is coming to me.' So he apportioned to them his means of living.

After a few days the younger son collected all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered what he had in reckless living. When all had been squandered, a terrible famine visited that whole land and he began to lack; so he went and imposed himself upon a citizen of that country, who sent him into his fields to care for hogs. He aimed to get his stomach filled with bean pods which the hogs were eating; but no one gave him any. But when he came to himself, he said,

"How many of my father's hired hands have more than they can eat and here I am starving! I will rise and go to my father and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you and I no longer deserve to be called your son; take me on as one of your hired hands!'"

So he got up and went to his father; but when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and felt deeply moved (for him) and, running, fell on his neck and kissed him. The son said to him,

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I no longer deserve to be called your son!"

But the father told his servants, "Hurry! Fetch the choicest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; bring the fatted calf, too, and butcher it. Let us feast and be merry; for this my son was dead and he lives again; he was lost and has been found."

—Luke 15:11-24, The Berkeley Version. By permission.

We, too, have sinned before our Father, God. Have we been forgiven?



The greater perfection a soul aspires after, the more dependent it is upon divine grace.—Nicholas Herman

Let's Learn Some

Four-Letter Words

By MRS. W. J. BERRY

RECENTLY a certain comedian gave a good lecture on a well-known college campus. In a humorous manner he upheld old-fashioned, high ideals. Following the lecture, there was a question period. His answers, though humorous, showed great wisdom. One young lady (?) asked if he did not think they were right in their fight for "freedom" to use "four-letter words." He answered, **appearing** to agree, so that he could really hold such a question up for the ridicule it deserved: "Why, of course! They have forbidden us to use a three-letter word—G-O-D! If we don't stand up for our rights, soon they will ban the use of 'four-letter words'!"

The young audience roared its applause, which showed that he had made his point. It made one glad to realize that the majority of the young people were there to learn more suitable words than those for which the questioner wanted freedom. I imagine she felt ashamed—if she had the capacity!

Just **why** should a lovely young girl **want** "freedom" to use foul language? The answer is—she wouldn't! Something very **unlovely** had happened to a young lady who could ask such a question.

Let us look at some lovely, **beautiful** four-letter words. LOVE, CARE, PITY, HOPE, GIVE, HELP, DUTY, GOAL. Any one of these beautiful words can occupy the mind of a REAL (there's another one—REAL) intellectual so there is not TIME nor desire to explore filthy gutter language.

Then there are KIND, WISE, TRUE and ZEAL. This girl manifested zeal all right, but for wrong purposes. Her GOAL was no higher than the gutter! There is FREE. She

talked about freedom, but freedom from what? Freedom from purity, freedom to be FOUL! (A bad one that last one is!) [That sounds more like "fouldom than freedom,—or maybe it's "FOOLdom."—Ed.] She had heard the speaker point to many facts, important facts, that night, but her MIND could not absorb the four-letter word FACT because she was too "intellectual" to be fooled with facts!

Some consider it to be intellectual to question all GOOD while GULPING DOWN the garbage!

Another beautiful four-letter word is HOME. But we fear a poor child like the questioner never had learned this word. Perhaps this was the real cause for such a low-beamed question. If she had learned the meaning of HOME by having a real home, she would no doubt have held it as hallowed, not even **wanting** to use foul words.

WORK is another of the worthwhile words. Those whose minds and hands are never occupied with WORK are prone to be lowered to the level of licentiousness. You know the saying about an idle mind. That little word IDLE is **not** one of the nice four-letter words. It is exactly the opposite of WORK, and is the real cause of most of the riotous rebellion of the youngsters. Such poor people **think** they are "living it up," but they do not know what LIFE is. Another nice word they are missing—L-I-F-E!

Of course such a pathetically poor young person would scoff and ridicule a most beautiful word, PRAY. How "kooky" can one be! they think. **They** are too "intellectual" to be interested in **that** word. Why, it went out with the witches! [But the WORD of the LORD teaches us that all nations—BOYS and GIRL(S)—who forget God, who don't KNOW the LORD nor how to PRAY, and FOOL(S) who say there is no God, will be CAST into HELL. These are more four-letter words for you.—Ed.]

This brings us back to the banned, but beautiful word, GOD. Here are some beautiful four-letter words which are

titles and descriptions of our dear Father, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

ABBA Father.
ROSE of Sharon.
Consuming FIRE.
ROCK, VINE, ROOT.
Bright and Morning STAR.
God is LOVE. HOLY is His name.
KING of Kings and LORD of Lords.
The WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Never FEAR to use these four-letter words. Go on now and expand on this four-letter vocabulary on your own.

The Man With 101 Poisonous Snake Bites

Charles Lindbergh has the distinction of being the first man to cross the Atlantic in an airplane. William Haast, a Florida scientist, has the distinction of being bitten more times by poisonous snakes than any man alive! . . .

William Haast has been bitten 101 times by poisonous snakes, according to "Science Digest" (Oct., '67). He "has been bitten by the Indian blue Krait, coral snakes, the green mamba, cobras, even the King Cobra." He is connected with the Miami Sepentarium. . . .

A DYING BOY SAVED

The same article, in "Science Digest" tells of a most remarkable "deliverance" of a boy in Venezuela who had been bitten by a poisonous snake and was dying.

"A child of five was dying in a Mission hospital near Barquesimito, Venezuela, after being bitten by a deadly coral snake. Dr. Eduardo Pena, of Miami heard about the child's plight through a Miami ham radio operator. The doctor called Mr. Haast. Could he do anything to help?

"Bill Haast has survived 101 bites from the world's most

venomous snakes. The National Institute of Health at Bethesda, Md. has processed serum from some of Mr. Haast's blood. Some of the serum (from Mr. Haast's blood) was on hand at the Serpentarium when Dr. Pena called. . . .

"A special jet plane was dispatched from Washington to rush Bill Haast to Venezuela. When Haast arrived at the hospital he found that the boy, Francisco Jose Pina, was gasping and close to death. The serum was administered . . . and the boy's life was saved!"

It was a thrilling experience. We know, all Christians know, of an even more thrilling experience. The Government of Heaven sent a Special Agent (God's own Son) Who came all the way from Heaven to earth, on His special mission to save, not one boy, but [countless numbers] of people who have been bitten by sin. HE is the only One who has the right Blood "Serum" that can save us! "The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

—Christian Victory

TOM ANDERSON TALKS STRAIGHT!

Jesus Christ was not a "moderate." He was an "extremist." The "modernists" amongst us today proclaim that there is no black and white; that sin is imaginary, non-existent; that we are to be "moderate" and "tolerant" in all things, including evil.

An agnostic is a moderate. Moderation is not a virtue when one is moderately wrong or moderately sinful. Christ had this to say about moderates—a religious type He denounced in extreme terms: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. So because thou art neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth."

The Bible is not tolerant; it's "narrowminded." And so is the compass, radar, the multiplication table, the boiling and freezing points of water, nature and the Kingdom of Heaven. The gates of Hell are broad-minded. God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ are unchanging. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow." The Ten Commandments are forever the same. A true Christian has an unchanging standard.

—From "Straight Talk," in Tennessee Farmer

The Other Cheek

By DAVID AUGSBURGER

"We Communists have many things in common with the teaching of Jesus Christ," Nikita Khrushchev, ex-premier of Russia once stated to American pressmen. He continued, "My sole difference with Christ is that when someone hits me on the right cheek, I hit him on the left so hard that his head falls off."

His sole difference? Doubtful. But certainly a very basic one. A difference most men have with Jesus Christ.

If anything comes natural to every man, it's the urge to get even. To deliver insult for insult, blow for blow, injury for injury. The law of tit for tat is the oldest law in the world. It is found in the earliest law code—the code of Hammurabi, from ancient Babylon, 2250 B. C. It is cited in almost all systems of law, including the Jewish. (Ex. 21: 23-25, Lev. 24:19-20, Deut. 19:21)

And it seems like simple fair play. A man pokes out your eye, and he's gotta pay with his own. It's second nature to demand it.

But Jesus said, "You have heard that it has been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say to you, That you resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matt. 5:38, 39)

Perhaps more men have tripped over that statement, and turned away from faith than over any other demand Christ ever made.

No retaliation? No revenge? No repayment? To the shallow thinker, it's a ridiculous demand. It denies a man his most basic right—the right of self-defense. And we men, who have come to equate violence with manliness, usually conclude that a defenseless man is spineless. But is it so? Does it not take far greater strength to practice non-violence than to quickly put up your dukes and fight?

Watch any argument. Isn't it the mental and moral weakling who swings the first punch? When a man is wrong and he knows it, his temper is bound to flare, his fists

clench, his knuckles whiten. And then—the punch in the face. Violence is usually an unconscious confession of weakness, inferiority, and cowardice in facing up to the true state of things.

So a man loses his head, and looses a punch. Why should not you return the compliment with a bit of extra force for good measure?

But wait. Violence never resolves violence. Hate cannot overcome hate. Evil is never destroyed by evil. It may be temporarily arrested or postponed, but payday always comes. Revenge is always self-defeating.

The only antidote to hate is love. Only goodness can extinguish the fires of evil.

If you let the other person's evil actions determine your reactions, or let his violence move you to violence, you lose the opportunity of helping and healing which comes only through love.

"Oh, but I've got my rights," you may say. And you're right. If you strike back, you can claim: "I was justified in what I did, I did nothing that he did not do to me first."

And that may well be true. If you intend to claim all your "rights" in life, to even all scores against you, to demand every penny ever owed you, then go ahead. Look out for yourself first. Live for yourself, solely. Love yourself supremely. But if you give no inch, expect no second chances; if you show no mercy, do not hope for mercy; if you extend no forgiveness you can expect none. Life, love, mercy, and forgiveness are all two-way streets. To receive, you must give. Humbly. Aware that you are constantly in need of the understanding and acceptance of others and the loving mercy of God.

We who love retaliation and revenge can be thankful that God does not! When God walked among us in Jesus Christ, He lived—and called us to live—in a far different way. He chose to show patience, even at the cost of suffering. He chose to forgive, even at the cost of His life. All this, because of love.

Love sacrifices its rights—its human rights because it lives by a **higher right, called "righteousness."**

So the man who follows Christ in living-by-love responds differently to the person who abuses him.

Sure, he cares when someone slaps his face, but he cares more about the other person than about the insult.

And as he turns the other cheek his action is saying, "What I care about is you, friend. I don't want you to go on in bitter, harsh anger. I may have the human right to strike back, but I pass it by because I feel a responsibility for you before God. I take the humiliating, defenseless way . . . but not out of cowardice. Obviously it demands more bravery and more strength of character to control anger than to obey it. But I refuse to retaliate because **you** are far more important, your discovery of the love and forgiveness of God is of greater value than my getting even."

Obviously, that's no easy thing to do, or say. In small insults that matter little, it's possible and practical. But in the harsh, painful conflicts when you feel the full weight of the other's contempt, it's almost impossible.

Yet Christ was speaking of the lowest expression of contempt. "If a man strikes you on the right cheek . . .," He says. What does that mean? If you are righthanded, you would naturally strike another on his left cheek. To strike on the right would demand an awkward contortion . . . unless you struck him disdainfully with the back of the hand. In Christ's time, as in ours, to slap a man with the back of your hand is a doubly insulting arrogant flick of hate.

To even the lowest of insults, said Christ, turn the other cheek, accept the insult without resentment.

Did Christ practice this Himself? When slapped inhumanely, He accepted it unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, turning the other cheek even as He asked, "Why do you strike Me? 'If I have said anything wrong, you must give evidence about it, but if what I said was true, why do you strike me?'" (John 18:23, Phillips) He gladly gave up the right to defend Himself in order to speak in defense of the truth.

Peter, who stood by watching, later wrote:

When He was insulted He offered no insult in return. When He suffered He made no threats of revenge. He simply committed His cause to the One Who judges fairly. (1 Peter 2:23, Phillips)

To this Paul added:

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.' Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans. 12:19-21)

That is the strategy of the utterly unexpected. Such love has a scalding, humbling power. For example: A Canadian friend once wrote me:

"I once slapped a Christian's face during a conversation we had. He got me mad. I had anger in me and I slapped him. When I did, he turned the other cheek. I had no courage to slap again. I was stunned."

Or take the case of a friend, May Haviland. She opened the door of her room one night and was astounded to see a burly, dark-haired man rifling her bureau drawers. Quietly she closed the door behind her. At the faint click the burglar wheeled, pistol in hand.

"Put that thing down," she said, "I'm going to help you because you must need whatever I have much more than I do, if you have to steal for it."

The burglar, dumbfounded, watched as she opened a secret drawer and pressed her jewelry on him, telling him she was sorry that his need was so urgent. Suddenly the man dropped his gun and fled, taking nothing.

The next day, an unsigned note was in her mailbox.—

"Madam, I have known only hate and fear. I can deal with them. But I was powerless before your kindness."

Retelling it, May added, "Even guns are silent in the face of love."

"But," you ask, "if I turn the other cheek, how do I know it will work?"

It may not. After all, love is not a strategy. It is a way of life. The life Jesus Christ gives. The life of love.

The defenseless love of Christ that is always on the

offensive. Always serving. Always concerned about the other. Always giving itself for the good of others. Always turning the other cheek for the sake of others.

That is the way of Christ.

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EVOLUTION COULDN'T DO IT!

Pollination By Force

"Science Digest," issue of May, '67, tells of the "Trigger Plant" and its unique method of pollination.

The trigger plant belts passing insects with a powder-puff hammer. It either dusts them with a thick smear of pollen, or removes it from pollen-carrying individuals, depending on what happened to previous insects. The "trigger," which gives the plant its name, acts just like that. When an insect lands on the flower, the weight triggers the release of a curved column with a pollen-covered knob at one end. The blow is quick but the insect is unharmed, except that it now has a load of pollen.

To illustrate its action: a ladybug lands on the plant. This releases the knob of the trigger plant which quickly lowers and strikes the ladybug's back, dusting it with pollen. Its job now done, the knob (and its stem) rotate downward, and this action re-sets the flower's trigger mechanism! It is a unique device—a definite "machine-like contraption."

It is impossible that such a clever mechanism evolved. Obviously it was designed—not by the lowly trigger plant, but by the God who made the trigger plant and gave it this unique distinction of having what resembles a mechanical device which sets itself and is released by the weight of an insect landing on the plant. CREATION in ten million instances gives its witness to the fact of a marvelous **Creator** by the fact of intricate design and most unusual organs to be found in both plants and animals.

—Christian Victory

'Here Comes the Mailman'



RESPONSE FROM THE SPECIAL MARCH ISSUE



Lyon, France

... Peace be with you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for keeping Youth's Living Ideals coming my way. I have read them hungrily each time they have come, and have benefited not just a little from them.

I didn't know exactly what to look for when you announced [the] "Special Issue," but I must say it affected me far beyond what I could ever have imagined. I visited Germany's first concentration camp (at Dachau, near Munich) in February, so I had already been furnished a gory but inspiring prelude to torture camps like those in Rumania—inspiring, because of the co-operation between the prisoners and the spirit of love which torture **could not** quench. I was impressed enough by the scary reminder that this camp was so recent (1933—it began **before** World War II—to the release by the Americans in 1945), but Glen! I was shocked into reality when I read about these same **tortures**, this excruciating, unbelievably inhumane physical **hell** being created this very moment by **insane** ideologists for their fellow-men! Oh, Lord, how long, how long?

—Gloria Huffman

Michigan

... We feel you did a good work in letting us know where we stand. May it serve to awaken many slumberers across the nation.

Arkansas

... I was touched very much with your articles in Youth's Living Ideals by Richard Wurmbrand, in the March issue. I wish everyone in America could read it.

—Louise Larimer

North Carolina

... Just a line thanking you for Youth's Living Ideals and the one on Brother Wurmbrand I would like all the Lord's people to read and see what lies just ahead. I hope the Lord will give me strength, faith and grace to stand the trials that are looking us in the face. We need more brave soldiers like Wurmbrand.

We may not live to see the worst of it, but I think of children and grandchildren. Not only mine but others. May God have mercy on us. If we try to save our life we will lose it, but if we lose it for Christ's sake we will save it. Praise the Lord.

—Mrs. Willie Lynch

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Virginia

... I am enclosing a copy of the leaflet, "America Marked for Judgment." Everywhere here in America Christians should be turning to God and trying to be in His will. If they pray and turn to Him, He may show us a way out of this that we do not see now.

—Edith Divers

West Virginia

... The issue containing the account of Richard Wurmbrand's persecution by the Communists, etc. and others like himself, has the effect of causing this unworthy being to wonder what would be my attitude or conduct under such a severe trial and the answer was as always in the past: that unless given grace to endure to the end, I would end a craven coward. Paul said he labored more abundantly than his fellow apostles, yet not I but the grace of God that was with me, etc.

—L. B. Hylton

North Dakota

... It has touched our hearts and we hope it will touch many more. It is no wonder we are so lukewarm—we have it too easy.

—R. Steinhaus

Minnesota

... I was so impressed with the testimonies of Richard Wurmbrand. Our Christians need to be informed.

—Nina H. Winter



A real disciple does not seek gifts, but Christ Himself, and so is ready for the ultimate self-sacrifice.—Richard Wurmbrand

Christians ... earn barely enough to survive, leaving NOTHING with which to go from village to village, town to town with the Gospel. This is the "miracle" a few dollars a month will do for them. Pastors of official churches who conduct a secret, parallel ministry at great risk must have funds secretly provided for such purposes. Their "salary" set by the Communist government is extremely small. The willingness of these pastors to risk their freedom by ignoring Communist regulations and preaching the Gospel to children, youth and to adults in secret meetings is NOT enough. They must have the MEANS to carry out their fruitful, secret ministry.

Fifteen to twenty dollars a month will help such a member of the Underground Church effectively spread the Gospel. This is another way YOU can help the Underground Church.

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Will you help inform Christians? Will you help the Underground Church behind the Iron Curtain?

Address: Richard Wurmbrand, Box 11, Glendale, Calif. 91209

Mackay's Boomerang Bible

When W. P. Mackay, years ago, left home for college, his mother gave him a Bible. On the flyleaf she wrote both his and her name, and a Bible verse.

This young Scotsman became a physician, having been a brilliant student in the medical school he had attended. In time he became head of the largest hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland. His success in medicine and surgery was equalled only by his wickedness as an infidel. He was elected president of a society of atheists in the capital of Scotland, and consistently went far into vicious living. His life might be called a synonym for licentiousness.

Into his hospital one day was carried a man who had been fearfully injured. As Dr. Mackay looked at the pitiful crushed body, he was amazed to note the peace and radiance on the victim's face. The desperately injured man put this question to the surgeon:

"Just what is my condition? I want to know the truth."

"You have, at the most, but three hours of life," was the reply.

The brightness on the face of the one who would soon be in eternity did not dim at the news. He asked, Will you please send at once to my landlady, and request her to send me the book?"

"What book?" questioned Mackay.

"Oh, just ask her for the book. She will know."

The doctor made arrangements for it to be brought, and went to other patients in the great hospital. But some words the dying man had said came repeatedly into his mind; they were, "I am ready; I am going to be with the Lord Jesus Christ."

A few hours later Dr. Mackay was back in the ward where the injured man had been taken. The doctor asked the nurse in charge about him, and she replied, "He died just a few minutes ago."

The doctor asked another question, "Did he get the book in time?"

"Yes, not long before he passed away," was the answer.

"It was his bank book, wasn't it?" further interrogated the medical man.

"No. He died with it under his pillow. It is still there; go and look at it."

The physician stood beside the bed; reached under the pillow and drew out a Bible—of itself opened at the flyleaf.

There in his mother's handwriting was her name, his own, and a Scripture verse! It was the very Book he had received from her years ago, as he was leaving for college. Long before, on a drunken spree, he had pawned it to obtain money for more liquor.

Overwhelmed by tremendous memories, he hurried down to his private office, fell on his knees, and prayed to his mother's God for mercy on his soul.

The petition was heard; his "blind eyes opened on a new, sweet world." The old things passed away, and he was a new creature in Christ Jesus.

And Mackay, the physician, became a minister of God.

—Wayne Stahl, in *Cheering Words*

A RARE JEWEL FOR THE AFFICTED

God knows best what is needful for us, and all that He does is for our good. If we knew how much He loves us, we should always be ready to receive equally and with indifference from His hand the sweet and the bitter. All would please that came from Him. The sorest afflictions never appear intolerable, except when we see them in the wrong light. When we see them as dispensed by the hand of God, when we know that it is our loving Father who abases and distresses us, our sufferings will lose their bitterness and become even matter of consolation.

Let all our employment be to KNOW God; the more one knows Him, the more one desires to know Him. And as knowledge is commonly the measure of love, the deeper and more extensive our knowledge shall be, the greater will be our love; and if our love of God were great, we should love Him equally in pains and pleasures.

—Nicholas Herman. Translated from the French.

Of all tears, they are the best that are made by the blood of Christ; and all joy that is the sweetest that is mixed with mourning over Christ. Oh! 'tis a goodly thing to be on our knees, with Christ in our arms before God.—John Bunyan

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: "Should a 16-year-old own a car?"



Edwina Crosswhite, 19, Jackson, Miss.: "Anyone who has a driver's license can own a car. He should, however, be able to show consideration towards other drivers. He should not take chances with his, or anyone else's life."

Mrs. Dennis Fenter, Portales, New Mexico: "No one should own a car until he is able to buy it himself and pay the upkeep. A 16-year-old is still in school (or should be) and if he is studying to get the most out of his education, he does not have time to earn the money to pay for a car, gas and upkeep. Young people (and others, too) need to learn what responsibility is and as long as parents and others give everything to them, they cannot learn."



Cheryl Lois Vass, 18, Floyd, Va.: "I do not think a 16-year-old should own a car. In the first place, he may be too immature. There are many young people who have cars that are not fully aware of all the responsibilities they are taking upon themselves when they get behind the wheel. Also, a car interferes with school work. Studies have shown that students who have cars drop in their grades at school. Traffic accidents are growing higher every day. Most of these accidents involve young people.

Teen-agers are showing off most of the time, and I do not think one should be behind a wheel when he is inclined to do this.

Linda Arnold, Fisk, Missouri: "A sixteen-year-old should own a car if he or she is 'old' enough for it. I feel age limits are wrong, because people don't mature at the same age. I've seen 10-year-olds quite responsible, and I've seen 20-year-olds who haven't begun to mature. I think this question should be between the parents and individual teen."

Editor's Note: This is a question that cannot be answered with a definite yes or no. As Linda says, it should be between each individual teen and his parents. And the teen should by all means abide in contentment with the decision of the parents. They have much at stake when it comes to taking chances with your life. And they can measure maturity better than anyone not even half as old.

In my own case, when I was sixteen I was a "tuition student" at a city high school 12 miles from home. I could have gone to a local

county school but judged it best to pay \$45 a year for the privilege of gaining the advantages of a first-class city school. Therefore, I needed a means of transportation. My parents allowed me to buy an old used car. I worked part-time in order to pay for it and its upkeep. As Mrs. Fenter says, a teen should not have the privilege of owning a car if he is not responsible enough to pay for it and its upkeep. And if owning a car is detrimental to the teen's education, he should be content to wait.



Agnes Romeyn, 17, Chilliwack, B. C., Canada: "I don't think a 16-year-old should own a car of his own, since the majority is too young to accept responsibilities. Also, at that age they often like to show off, which can cause great tragedies."



Patricia Sandifer, 19, Memphis, Tenn.: "No, most sixteen-year-old boys and girls are much too immature to own a car or to know how to properly handle it."

Minnie Jones, Richlands, N. C.: "Definitely not. At this age one is not mature enough to realize the danger for himself nor for others. There may be some more careful than others at this age, but there is plenty of time in the future for one to handle a car when he will then be more careful and more experienced."

Editor's Note: A car should not be owned as a novelty, a luxury, or "because everyone else has one." This would be but willful waste. If owning a car becomes a necessity, then that is "a horse of a different color."



"I WOULD LIVE"

I would live the life of my Savior,
Follow fervently His blessed footsteps.
I would that all within me reflect His holiness;
That in me all be perfectly spotless and pure.

Why have I not a flight as sure as the swallow's?
I'd have for my country, like it, the azur sky!
My soul far from this world would fly,
And never more would suffer its vile blast.

I would, as the rapid gazelle on winged foot,
Be able to flee far away, like it, from all danger!
Or better yet, full of courage, valiant champion,
With heart serene, brave the storm like a lion!

—Poem taken from religious paper, "Croire et Servir," 1968, No. 1, published in Paris, France. Translated by Gloria Huffman.

Keep Thou Thy Heart

By J. B. DUNAGAN

Allow, if you please, a grandfather to speak to all youth who may be interested in this. I want to call your attention to your heart. I want to speak about a different heart than that which has been transplanted from one person to another in medical surgery in South Africa only recently. This heart is not physical as that was, but is your spiritual heart. And this heart concerns your spirit.

Now I think most young people in their teens think spirit always means something equated with goodness. Well, you must know that there is an evil spirit as well as a good spirit and of course good spirit is what Youth's Living Ideals is dedicated to promote. We all ought to be dedicated to this.

Your ideals, the things you have your heart set upon, the things you yearn to have, possess, or accomplish in life, **just what are they?** If you will, please stop right here and see if you have ever thought about this. Have you ever seized on anything particularly as your goal or goals in life or are you just running with the pack, aimlessly following the crowd? It does not really matter, so long as your goals are good and honorable, what in particular they are, but it is highly imperative that you have them. Have them, even though you replace them from time to time, or modify them all along.

Keep Thou Thy Heart concerns your will, your determination, your loyalty to ideals, your persistence, your resistance, your steadfastness, your attitudes, your outlook, your hopes, your burning desires. When you combine all these things, **out** of these your character, or what you **are** emerges for all the world to see.

There is no section of the road of life quite so slippery as that section called adolescence. That is the time in life when

one is in the transition from boyhood to manhood, girlhood to womanhood. This is a time when the wonderful and beautiful world is opening up to our eager eyes. This is a time when boys are neither boys nor men, and girls are neither girls nor women. This is when of all times in your life you will need guidance and the best advice from those who love you most. So surely your parents, guardians or elders, if they are good themselves, would be the proper ones to listen to and heed.

Maybe some parents are reading this too, so I will say something to you. You have my sympathy and understanding, for in these times you have a difficult task to perform, but you **must** perform it, even though all the pressures of present-day society are against you. Spare the rod and spoil the child and if you do spare it, wait and see. You will live to regret it. The rod does not always mean the stick, but **discipline**. If you err, let it be rather too much than too little. Afterward it will bear the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them who are exercised thereby.

So my young friends, if you have a temptation to disobey your good parents—no matter how unreasonable it may seem—don't do it. You will have plenty of time to put your notions into effect after you are grown, and you will be surprised by that time you won't want to do them.

Let me suggest if any of my young friends are looking for a guide to what is right and what is wrong, read the book of Proverbs in the Bible. You will not understand all of them but you will pick up a few you can never forget. Remember, in your youth your character forms and molds. Be careful to build one which you will not have to spend the rest of your lives trying to live down or blot out because you are ashamed of it. Build it to live upon! Not to live down.

Keep thou thy heart for out of it are the issues of life. We all, even adults, have to make many decisions every day about many things. What we decide determines the general

course of our lives, toward nobility or ignomy. Toward which goal are you sailing—nobility or ignomy? Come out from the ignoble crowd and bring as many as you can with you. This is the advice of a grandfather who has traveled the way.

Our present-day leadership in these United States, the only country we will ever have, proves to me that back yonder somewhere, when present-day leaders were youths, in most all of them noble character and unselfishness were not firmly established. We will never have a better generation of men and women until we all pull together to develop a better generation of youth, the leaders of Tomorrow!

Words Fitly Spoken

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

None can make a Christian but He that made the world.—J. Hart

Prayer is the task and labor of the Pharisee, but the privilege and delight of a Christian.—Joseph Hart

Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this, that you are dreadfully like other people.—Lowell

"As the door turns upon his hinges, so does the slothful upon his bed." (Prov. 27:14)

There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. True nobility is being superior to your previous self.—Sunshine Magazine

Economy is in itself a source of great revenue.—Seneca

Mere doctrine, though ever so sound, will not alter the heart.—Hart

"The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow; and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood."
—J. Edwards

No real progress or growth is possible when personal responsibility is buried, and the will to do is willingly surrendered.—Sunshine

Notes from Mom



Dear Young Friends,

It is strange, but too often true, that a person who wants commendation so very much, finds it hard to commend someone else. In fact, it seems to build his own self-esteem to destroy the self-esteem of others. One like this makes himself very hard to live, or work with. It is hard to maintain the best of relations with such a person. He causes others to feel that he takes them for granted; that even their best is not good enough. They feel they are not appreciated, no matter how hard they try to please a person like this. They feel that he is a most ungracious, ungrateful person. They have the mistaken thought that he feels in himself that **he** is above criticism; that he knows all there is to know on any subject; that he has too high an estimate of himself.

Unfortunately, the very opposite is true. He acts as if he is sure of himself, just because he really feels so very UNSure of himself. He cannot allow others to criticize him in the least way, for he really is much too critical of himself, his resentment of any word of correction only covering up his real self-condemnation. His estimate of himself is pitifully low. It is very sad to see his pathetic perversion of values cause him to tear from others that which he holds dear to himself.

This person is really pleading for that which he prevents: An appreciation of his real worth. The best remedy for such a person is to just graciously and sincerely show him that we do indeed appreciate his worth; that we esteem him for the fineness we see in him. He does not see it, but we do. We value him as a person even if he places such a small value upon himself.

Amicable relations are regained and retained by a con-

stant effort on our part to help him support his sagging self-esteem. It requires patient watchfulness, understanding, love. It requires real maturity on our part. But it is worth the care. It is easy, if we remember that he is exactly opposite to what he seems to be. As he realizes that he need not constantly struggle to prove to himself that he is worthy, we see his true character shining through. He can then spend his efforts in developing the gracious, loving personality he is meant to be.

When one's self-esteem needs bolstering, let US do it—then he will not have to.

See you next month, the Lord willing.

Lovingly,

MOM

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

You painted no Madonnas
On Chapel walls in Rome;
But with a touch diviner
You lived one in your home.
You wrote no lofty poems
That critics counted art
But with a nobler vision
You lived them in your heart.
You carved no shapeless marble
To some high soul-design;
But with a finer sculpture
You shaped this life of mine.
You built no great cathedrals
That centuries applaud;
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedraled God.
Had I the gift of Raphael
Or Michaelangelo,
Oh, what a rare Madonna
My Mother's life would show! —T. W. Fessenden

It is hard to be charitable toward those who do not believe exactly as we do. Many times we are disposed to be very much put out with those who do not see the world just as we see it. Whether we are right or wrong, our best plan will not be to denounce and upbraid them, but rather to spend our time and energy in praying that we both may be able to see all things as God would have us. Unquestionably that is easier to talk about than to practice; but God will give His children that spirit of love and tenderness toward all his creatures that will enable a child of God to be Christ-like even when he cannot agree with those with whom he comes in contact.

—From *How To Be Happy*

Along the Sunny Side

By SIR ORACLE, in *Sunshine Magazine*

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

"I knew I had to." That was all "Smiley" said.

He came to my door one day to paint a sign on my window. It gave me an opportunity to ask a question that had long been in my mind whenever I would see him labor so patiently and persistently at a window sign until it had formed a symbol of perfection. I loved to see him work, and marveled at the skill of this man who had lost his good right arm in an unguarded moment.

"How can you do it with one arm, 'Smiley'—and the left one at that—when most of us couldn't do it with six?" was my question.

"I like to do it," he explained. "When I was a kid, I used to cut out letters and pictures, and made posters out of them. I made 'm look pretty!" He chuckled a bit, then was very quiet for a full minute. I contemplated what was going through his mind.

"When I lost my right arm," he continued slowly, "there was nothing for me to do—except paint with what I had left. You see, I knew I **had** to!"

And "Smiley" became the best sign painter in town.

The trouble with most of us is, we like to let someone else, or the government, solve our problems, and we remain mediocre the rest of our days. We say, "Oh, I can't do that." And, of course, we can't—and don't.

"Smiley" Gilpin has long since passed on, but his beautiful signs, and his philosophy of life, will endure for generations after him.

THE TREASURE-LADEN SHIP

It is a long and weary wait on the shore of time for the return of the ship we never sent out to sea. Yet, how often we find men and women who wait and wait, and wonder

why they aren't having the same good things of life that others are enjoying.

The truth is that everyone gains a measure of blessings in exact proportion to his desire to impart them to others. This is hard to believe, and still harder to learn. There are some people who finish their years of usefulness before they have paid any attention to the law that says "it is more blessed to give than to receive" until it is too late.

Once, when I was conducting a daily newspaper in Indiana, I was confronted by a group of unscrupulous businessmen who proceeded on the theory that it is up to a man "to make a living—make it honestly if you can, but make it."

This theory almost upset me, for that was not my concept of life. Today, I am told, not one of these men still remains in business, and a goodly number of them have been on the dole for years.

The only way to get more in this life is to DO more. When we realize that truth, we have turned the corner onto the highroad that leads to usefulness and abundance.



A DIME'S WORTH OF SOMETHING

I paid a dime for a package of seeds.
The clerk tossed them out with a flip.
"We have them assorted to every man's needs,"
He said with a smile on his lip—
"Pansies, poppies, asters, and peas;
Ten cents a package, now pick as you please."

Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store,
And dimes are the things that he needs.
And I've been to buy them in store before,
And thought of them merely as season's seeds.
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time:
"You've purchased a miracle here for a dime!"

"You've a dime's worth of power, which no man
can create;
You've a dime's worth of life in your hands.
You've a dime's worth of mystery—oh how great—
Which the wisest cannot understand.
In this bright little package—now isn't it odd?
You've a dime's worth of something known only to God!"
—Selected

The Guide Book

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR DAILY LIVING

IS IT REALLY TOO MUCH TO ASK?

Is it too much to ask of young people that they spend some time thinking about the fact that there is a time coming when time will be no more?

Basil F. Holt, in "What Time Is It?" says, "We may define time as a piece of eternity cut out by the hands of God, definitely marked off, and consecrated by Him to the accomplishment of His gracious purposes concerning sin and redemption. Time is an island washed by the oceans of two eternities."

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by Him that lives for ever and ever, Who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **TIME NO LONGER.**" (Rev. 10:5, 6)

It is really hard, I know, to think of a time when there will be no time! But unless we do so think of this timeless "time," we are not thinking aright.

"... what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appears for a **little** time, and then **vanishes** away." (James 4:14b)

"... we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ... **So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**" (Psa. 90:9b, 10, 12)

ARE YOU STILL WITH ME? You remember, I asked you if it is really too much to ask young people to spend some time thinking about the fact that there is a time coming when time will be no more?

The GOALS of this life, in this materialistic world, can be summed up in two words: PROVISION and GAIN.

Let's "zero in" on this and see what it is all about.

When our Creator God was manifested to us in the flesh in Jesus Christ, nearly 2,000 years ago, He taught us many things that are exactly opposite to the way we naturally think. Even those who profess to be "Christian," are now living in an opposite manner from what Christ really taught. For example: World societies say get to get. But Christ says give to get, yet not as a business strategy but as an unselfish way of life—of love. Worldly society says be independent; pay your own way; provide for yourself first. Christ says seek the welfare of **others**. Worldly society says keep your life in order to have it. Christ says, "Whosoever shall **lose** his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." And "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it."

Let us consider PROVISION. The worldly way is to worry, fret, scheme, dream, and put all thought on material provision. But Christ says, "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat, or What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles [unbelievers] seek:) for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. **BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.**"

Now consider GAIN. (Remember, we are dealing with the two things people are concerned about in this life: **provision** and **gain**.) We know that we naturally want much increase in wealth and this world's goods. Again, this world's society says "GET GAIN." And I admit, even the Bible teaches us to consider the ant. If we do not store food in the summer

months, we will likely suffer in the winter months. If we do not diligently **WORK** then we should not **EAT**. But getting gain—storing and hoarding for ourselves—is **NOT** to be our **PURPOSE** and **way of life** in this little span of time in which we live. The foolish unbelieving world says, “Fill your barns, tear them down and build bigger barns, then take your ease when you retire.” And Christ counters, “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your **HEART BE ALSO**.”

Finally, the world says, “Serve mammon, riches, money, material gain.” Christ says, “Ye **CANNOT** serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life . . .”

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After the smoke from our materialistic education has been blown away by the Wind of the Holy Spirit, and after our brainwashed minds have been cleansed by the Word of God—after our souls have been washed white in the Blood of the Lamb of God,—then we can see **TIME** in proper perspective. We can see that the two main concerns motivating the life of most people are **PROVISION** and **GAIN**. And we can see that if we are Christian—Christ-like—then we are not **PLAGUED** with these concerns. Christ Jesus Himself takes both of them upon His shoulders for us. He **provides** for us daily those things that we need. And **HE** is our **GAIN** so that we need not rest in a fat bank account for the “rainy” day. He has **PROMISED** to provide continually and forever. What better **security** could we want. Indeed, this is the **ONLY** security.

Not only has Christ Jesus taken these two main concerns

upon His shoulders for His believing children, but He has **COMMANDED** His followers **NOT** to try to carry the load that He is carrying! "The battle is God's." And praise His name, the battle being His, He will always and finally gain all victories.

So now! With our lives divested of the earthly weights of **PROVISION** and **GAIN**, being delivered of the burdensome worry and constant **THOUGHT** on these, just what do we do with our time? **We have the RESPONSIBILITY to work at providing for our households or we will be "worse than an infidel."** This provision is material, spiritual, and moral. And one realm is not to be sacrificed at the expense of the other. But what is our **WAY OF LIFE** to consist of. What is our **PURPOSE**? What is our "raison d'etre"—our reason of **BEING**?

As we have learned, our time here is short, and **TIME** itself shall soon be no more. So what are we to **DO** and what are we to **THINK** about?

One young person who spent hours each day watching TV, said, "I don't know what I would do without our TV; I don't know what I did with my time before we got it"! But what are **WE** who love Christ Jesus to **DO**?

"**Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.**" Have you yet done this **FIRST** thing? Have you now? Have you entered the kingdom of God? Have you been **BORN** into it? Have you met the Lord Jesus Christ? Really now, "Is it too much to ask of young people that they spend some time thinking about the fact that there is a time coming when **TIME** will be no more?" Consider—

Have you been "born again," born by the Spirit and Word of God? Have you **ever** heard the voice of the good Shepherd, Jesus Christ? And before that, have you seen yourself by Spirit-given sight as a **LOST** sinner before Him, undeserving of anything from His hand? Has there been a stirring in your heart to **SEEK** His kingdom? Have you really sought the Righteousness of God? Is He, even Jesus Christ,

YOUR Righteousness? Is He your Substitute and Mediator that will enable you to see and live with God WHEN TIME SHALL BE NO MORE? Is He? Do you LOVE Him?

"And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: THEY SHALL PERISH; but Thou remainest; and all shall WAX OLD as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt Thou FOLD THEM UP, and they shall be changed, but Thou art the same. . . ." (Heb. 1:10-12)

When this small slice, this infinitesimal speck of eternity called TIME shall be no more and the earth and heavens that we now know are folded up, where will WE stand? Where will you **stand**? Can it be said now that you "seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness"? And then do you strive to do all that you do to His glory? When everything is folded up and even time is dissolved and there is nowhere to STAND but in Christ Jesus, will you be standing in Him? Do you believe that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the Son of God, the ONLY Giver of eternal life? Does His Spirit witness that you have been forgiven and are indeed safe in Him? Do you go to Him as a real living Person, as LORD, for divine guidance in ALL your ways and decisions? What does He **mean** to you? **Have** you met Him? (If you have not, you have not been born again of His Spirit.) Has He talked with you? Have you ever heard His Voice? (His sheep hear His Voice.)

My very dear young friend, these things just give a slight hint at what we should be doing and thinking about during our life here. Soon all will be over. Life IS but a vapor? How are we spending it? Where does our life NOW manifest that we will be going when there shall be be "time no longer."

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." And may His Spirit draw you not only to remember Him as Creator but to know Him savingly as Savior, Priest, Pro-

vider, King and Lord. I would desire that you stand with Him both now and when time shall be no more.

"Behold, I come quickly. . . . Surely I come quickly."

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"There is none other name (Jesus Christ) under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

At the end of time, the people who are redeemed by God will exult in the realization that "In My Father's house are many mansions: . . . I go to prepare a place for you." Then—oh blessed eternal day—we will be totally wrapped up in God instead of being in any degree detained from joy and praise by being wrapped up in ourselves. That eternal day of life, joy, peace and perfect praise to Jesus Christ the Giver of it, will never, never end.

NEWS ITEMS . . .

• **ANOTHER VOICE OF TREASON**—It is disquieting to read of treasonable utterances of "Black Power" leaders. In addition to the radicalism of Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown, Black Nationalist Thomas Jacquett is reported to have said, in the First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton, Calif., "I and other Black revolutionaries intend to spill blood in the streets, to loot and burn and kill until White America comes around or crumbles to its knees."

It seems to this writer that America in the last ten years has done more for colored folk than any comparable time—and yet some of their leaders are clamoring for "blood, murder and loot." Is it because of America's sins that "our cities are burned with fire, and strangers devour our land"? (See Isa. 1:7)

—Christian Victory

• **A NEW AND DEADLY FAD AMONG TEENAGERS**—"Frost freaking" has become a fad among teenagers in some sections of the country. The "game" involves inhaling a chemical spray used to chill cocktail glasses. It already has killed a Connecticut girl by freezing her larynx and blocking her air passage.—Health Bulletin

• **SOMETHING TO REMEMBER**—"I have lived," said Benjamin Franklin, "a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the sacred writings, that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'" (Said in 1787, after the delegates to the Constitutional Convention had wrangled in bitter debate. Subsequently, the Constitution was produced).

—Christian Victory

FOR THE KIDDIES

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The Piano Prayer

Once a little girl wanted to take music lessons very much, but she had no piano nor were her parents able to buy one. So the mother sadly told her daughter that she would have to wait until they could get a piano.

"I am going to pray to God for a piano," declared the little girl. "All right," said the mother, "let us earnestly pray together that God will make it possible that you may have a piano, and let us also give thought toward that end by saving what we can to pay for your lessons."

A few months went by with earnest prayer for a piano and gradually there accumulated a little saving toward "music lessons." Then one day the mother was cleaning for a lady for whom she worked and remarked on the beautiful tone of her piano. "Yes," said the lady, "and the shame of it is that no one here plays it any more." Then as an after thought she said, "By the way, wouldn't your little daughter like to take music lessons?"

"She is just wild to do it," the mother answered.

"I was just thinking," said the lady, "that the piano is rather in the way now that my daughters are gone. And I was wondering if you would like to take it and keep it for a while until I can decide what disposition to make of it."

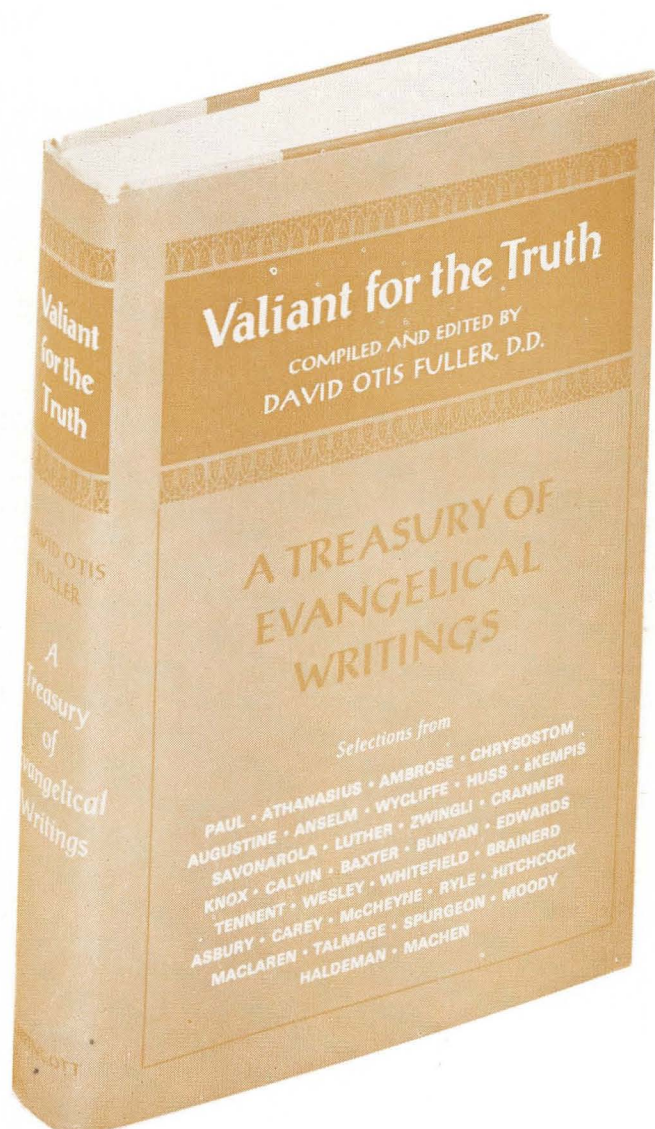
And so a prayer was answered in an unexpected way.

"And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive." (Matt. 21:22)

". . . ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." (James 4:2b, 3)

—Horace Walker

A 13-year-old-boy summed up his answer to the question, "What do you think makes a happy family?" in these words, "A happy family reminds me of a baseball team, with Mom pitching, Dad catching, and the children fielding, with everyone taking a turn at bat."—Sunshine Magazine



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