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THE BETTER PART

Life offers many choices to us today. And how and what we choose has everything to do with our future. We as Christians are not only asked to choose between good and bad, right and wrong, but often we have the opportunity to choose between what is good and what is better. Some have put it as the permissive and the perfect will of God. We often cheat ourselves out of many blessings by choosing good rather than the better. The question is not where can we find the most pleasure, enjoy the most ease and contentment or get the most of this world's honor and acclaim, but rather will the decision I make today result in the greatest good in the light of eternal values. Christians do not live for today alone.

Mary and Martha were both good women, but Mary was not content with second best she sat at Jesus' feet, listened to His words and wanted the Highest good. She must have been a remarkable woman. Matthew, Mark and John all three tell of her anointing Jesus' head and feet with the alabaster box of precious ointment and John even records that she wiped his feet with her hair. Oh, what utter abandonment of the pleasures of this world this woman had in preference to worshipping Jesus. Haley's handbook says this Spikenard must have cost \$50. Only wealthy people can afford \$50 bottles of perfume, and yet she poured it on Jesus and then wiped his feet with her hair. A woman's crowning glory is her hair. I feel much better in an old dress and pair of shoes when my hair is fixed pretty than in new, pretty clothes when my hair looks tacky. Could I have wiped Jesus feet with my hair? Mary did and Jesus said she would be remembered for this act wherever the gospel should be preached. Luke tells the story of her sitting at Jesus' feet listening to his words while Martha served and complained to Jesus that her sister did not help her. Jesus said, "She hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Martha's failing was not that she was busy serving but that she was troubled about so many things. The cares of life seemed to have robbed her of communion with her Lord, and she was perturbed about her sister's actions. In another place Jesus told some of his disciples, who were perturbed in much the same manner, "What is that to thee, follow thou me." Some of the disciples complained that the ointment Mary used on Jesus should have been sold and given to the poor. In other words they didn't like her wastefulness. Martha complained to Jesus that she was shirking her duty but Mary looked beyond them to Jesus, and sat at His feet, drinking in his words. He was her source of strength, joy and peace. We are living in a confusing world. We cannot look to those around us or to man made organizations. If we do we become perplexed and perturbed about many things. We must look to Jesus, and leave all things to His care. He is the one.

Some have made it seem that we should abandon our tasks here and shirk our duties to families and friends to be in God's presence. But I don't find it so.

God meets us whenever and wherever our hearts are in tune with him. It can be among a crowd or on a busy thoroughfare. I have had some of my most precious moments with Him driving down the highway when the car seemed flooded with His Spirit. I have washed many a dish as my tears mingled with the soap suds and I poured out my heart to Him both in praise and supplication. This is what the Bible means when it says, "Pray without ceasing" — always in an attitude of fellowship and communion with God. We can be like Mary, choosing that good part and doing what we can for the work of Jesus. How powerless would many in the limelight be if it weren't for those quiet people across the land who hold them up daily in prayer.

"She hath done what she could . . ." Mark 14: 8.

". . . Mary hath chosen that good part." Luke 10: 42.

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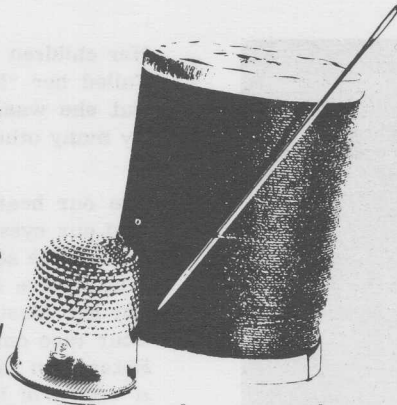
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A MOTHER'S CALLING

to make and to mend



WHAT CHILD HAS NOT WATCHED with wonder as mother wielded a needle and thread?

How comforting it is for children to see mother making new clothes for them or mending their old garments, particularly their favorites.

But mothers not only make and mend clothes, they also make and mend character!

To do this sometimes requires "needling."

The greatest heritage anyone can receive is the influence of a Christian home. But children do not always respond favorably to the efforts of a Christian mother. Sin often snares the sons and daughters of the saintliest parents. But a godly mother never gives up. She ever encourages righteousness and redemption.

"Stop needling me, Mother!" If Robert Moffatt did not say it, at least he was thinking it when his mother volunteered some advice as her son prepared to leave home. Earnestly she sought his promise that he would read his Bible and pray twice daily.

Robert tried to ignore her entreaties. But at the moment of parting his mother once again implored, "Son, please promise me that you will read the Bible."

The youth recognized that he dare not refuse. "Yes, Mother," he replied, "I promise." Later he explained to acquaintances who inquired about his practice, "My promise once made, must be kept." So you see, if mother had not "needled," South Africa might have missed its pioneer missionary!

Some mothers have children who serve God from infancy. Others grieve as they see their offspring detour from the straight and narrow. Instead of making, they must strive to mend. Such a mother was Monica. Her son Augustine broke her heart by departing from the faith and living a life of wild abandon. But Monica would not give up. She talked to Augustine and she talked to God. At last she apparently was successful in dissuading him from sailing to Italy where she feared the influence would wreck him beyond recovery. He said he would not go, but his cronies persuaded him to sail anyway. Monica, distraught, feared God had failed her. But she continued praying for her wayward Augustine. And in Italy he met Ambrose who led him to Christ. God saved St. Augustine in the very place his mother feared to have him venture lest he be lost beyond recovery!

Christian mother, never give up in your efforts to make or to mend your offspring according to God's revealed pattern. Scripture encourages us to "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

What more wonderful assurance could you ask this Mother's Day and every day of the year than a promise from God's Word that your efforts will be rewarded?

SOLILOQUY OF A MOTHER

by Henrietta Holdeman

Who am I?

Am I

A peeler of potatoes,
A cooker of meals,
A washer of dishes?

Am I

A maker of beds,
A sweeper of floors,
A feeder of fishes?

Am I

A tyer of shoes,
A zipper of zippers,
A granter of wishes?

Am I

A baker of cookies,
A teller of stories,
A sewer of dresses?

Am I

A teacher of lessons,
A judge of fusses,
A comber of tresses?

O, I am

A woman so blest —
Loved of small children,
Favored of God —

I am a Mother!



"GRANDMA DOLL"

by Barbara Waterbury

Grandma Doll is what we called
Our little lady with a smile,
And the hands forever searching,
For the tasks that were worthwhile.

She was quiet and unassuming,
But her love reached near and far,
And she left a mark for Jesus,
Time cannot erase nor mar.

Oh, her testament of faith
Was not in oratory loud,
For she never filled the pulpit,
Nor addressed a worldly crowd,
But her sweet, consistent living,
Left a light for all to see,
The transforming grace of Jesus,
That begins at Calvary.

Tho her hair had turned to silver,
And her steps were getting slow,
Her vibrant faith and zest for living,
Kept her still aglow.

Her children and grandchildren
Called her "Blessed", it is true,
But she was loved and will be sorely missed
By many others, too.

Tho our hearts today are aching,
And our eyes are filled with tears,
Let us live so we can join her,
When we've finished out our years.
For her Master called, "Come Higher child,
Your race on Earth is run.
Enter thou to peace and rest,
A crown of life you've won."

OBITUARY OF DOLLY MARTIN

Mrs. Dolly Martin, 81, a long time resident of Baxter Springs, Kansas, passed away at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday, April 10 at the Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas, where she had been a patient for two days. Mrs. Martin was born May 6, 1891 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and was raised in Mulberry, Kansas. She was a resident of Baxter Springs practically all her life. For the last six weeks of her life she had made her home with her daughter, Romona, and her husband, G. K. Kerr in Katy, Texas, where they are pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church at the present time.

She was married to Lee Martin in 1908. He passed away in 1953. Survivors include two sons, Chester Martin and Gilbert Martin, both of Los Angeles, California; one daughter, Mrs. Ramona Kerr, Katy, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Ryder, Arma, Kansas; Mrs. Emma Compton, Mulberry, Kansas; Mrs. Ollie Wyant, Pleasanton, Kansas; 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Ronnie Martin, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, Missouri is one of her grandsons that she raised.

The funeral service for Sis. Dolly were held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, April 14, in the Apostolic Faith Chapel at the Bible College in Baxter Springs. Rev. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas officiated and was assisted by Rev. Ted Barker of Baxter Springs, and Rev. Paul Clanton of Galena, Kansas. Music was furnished by the College Vibration Singers of the Bible College. Burial was in the Lowell Cemetery under the direction of the Purdy Funeral Home of Baxter Springs. A memorial service was held for her on Wednesday, April 11 in the Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, Texas.

Pallbearers for the Baxter service were Gary Kerr, Buddy Martin, Ronnie Martin, James Martin, Gilbert Martin, and Lonnie Dean Greenfeather.

Sis. Dolly was one of those rare persons who was happiest serving others wherever she could. Her sweet smile warmed the heart of all who came into her presence. I have never heard her say anything bad about anyone and I haven't heard anyone say anything bad about her. What a wonderful testimony to leave behind.

In Remembrance



OBITUARY OF ATREL ILENE FERGUSON

Atrel Ilene Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Black, was born March 28, 1918, at Purdy, Missouri, and departed this life April 9, 1973, at the age of 55 years and 12 days.

On June 9, 1934, she was united in marriage to Waple Ferguson at Webb City, Missouri. To this union was born two children, Martha Lou and Janice.

She was preceded in death by her father, a sister, Carrie DeCocq, and a brother, Bill Black.

Survivors include her husband, Waple; two daughters, Martha Traylor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Janice Cassity of Muskogee, Oklahoma; her mother, Lelia Black of Purdy, Missouri; a brother, Gene Black of Purdy, Missouri, a brother, James Black of Lewiston, Maine and, a sister, Charlotte Copher, of Joplin, Missouri; five grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and was a dedicated Christian through her lifetime. Sis. Ferguson labored faithfully by her husband's side as long as her health permitted, in pastoring many of our churches and in revival meetings. She was an inspiration to all that knew her. We draw comfort from the knowledge that her years of suffering are over and she is at rest, awaiting the resurrection and that new body.

Funeral services for Sis. Atrel Ferguson were held Thursday, April 10, 1973 at 2:00 p. m. in the Mt. Pleasant Church at Purdy, Missouri, where Bro. Ferguson is pastoring. Rev. O. A. Busch officiated, assisted by Rev. Marcus Adair. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kingrey and Mrs. O. A. Busch. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery next to the church.

THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to express our thanks for every act of kindness, prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, and financial help during the loss of our wife and mother. A special thanks to Rev. O. A. Busch and Rev. Marcus Adair and singers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kingrey and Naomi Busch for a beautiful service. May God bless all is our prayer.

A. W. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Traylor,
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cassity



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bro. Onal Nunn, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Cave Springs, Arkansas was united in marriage to Mrs. Opal Vance of Granby, Missouri on March 5 at 5:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Mittie Bard, 611 Park, Joplin, Missouri. Bro. Paul Clanton performed the ceremony. They are at home in the parsonage at Cave Springs. The church people recently had a little welcoming get-together at the parsonage for the new Mrs. Nunn.

Miss Brenda Deal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deal of Laverne, Oklahoma, and Rick D. French of Amarillo, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry French of Wichita, Kansas, were united in marriage in the Apostolic Faith Church at Laverne, Oklahoma on Saturday evening, March 31, 1973. Rev. Jack Cornell of Canyon, Texas performed the ceremony. Rick was a member of last year's College Vibration Singers that toured our churches with Bro. Ted Barker for the Bible College. The young couple will be at home in Amarillo, Texas where he is director of the youth work in our church there. He is also employed by the Borden Ice Cream Company in Amarillo.



Carol and Gatha Oakes of 307B 4th, Monett, Missouri, announce the arrival of a new "little acorn" at their house April 3, 1973. They named him Glenn Alan and he weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Martin of Hardesty, Oklahoma, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oakes of Neosho, Missouri.

The FRUIT

Galatians 5:22-23 — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

This is a very familiar passage of scripture which is often referred to when people discuss the scriptures and Christian living. But how many times have we heard people say, 'the fruits of the Spirit . . .' ? However, if you will carefully look at the scripture, you will note that the nine qualities listed here are referred to as a singular fruit. As we press into the deeper studies of the Word of God, we find that we must examine these nine qualities as one — and that in so doing we discover a real challenge to ourselves to approach a closer walk with God with a new and more open mind to seeking perfection in our lives based on letting the Spirit of God lead us in further developing these traits in our daily Christian living. By looking at this subject in light of other scriptures, we are given the directives for developing the fruit of the spirit as a singular work, the parts of which work together toward one eventual end — the giving of glory to God our Heavenly Father. Jesus told His followers, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Love — I John 3:11, 16, 23. Love as given in these verses of scripture contains a very deep dedication and devotion to others; the kind of devotion and love that Jesus demonstrated through John 3:16 in that He cared for the needs and concerns of others above that of Himself. You may also remember that Jesus told the lawyer that the first commandment was to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; and the second commandment was to love thy neighbor as thyself. But more than that, we find this recorded concerning the fulfilling of this kind of love: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40), and to love God and ones neighbor is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:33).

Joy — Habakkuk 3:17. A very unusual look at joy from a most unusual source. The prophet tells us that even if everything around him should fail, 'yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation'. In the Acts of the Apostles is recorded that the disciples were beaten by the council and commanded not to speak in the name of Jesus again. (Acts 5:40). "And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:41-42). These are examples of the kind of joy that the Spirit of God instills in us. (See also, Isa. 61:10-11 and Rom. 14-17).

Peace — John 14:27. No other scripture gives us such a positive statement of the peace of Jesus Christ: 'my peace I give, not as the world giveth . . . let not your heart be troubled. There is no lasting peace in anything in this world — only in Jesus Christ is eternal peace assured to us. And this peace is a living reality as we are partakers of the Fruit of the Spirit. (See also Rom. 8:6 and Isa. 32:17-18).

Longsuffering — Numbers 14:18. Here we find that the Lord is longsuffering and of mercy; that is, He patiently waits for the sinner to repent. Peter tells us that 'God is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.' (II Peter 3:9). This is definitely a trait of the Spirit filled as one aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, for as Jesus is longsuffering towards us, we should be longsuffering and patient towards one another. (See also Psa. 103:8 and Eph. 4:1-2).

of the SPIRIT

Gentleness — James 3:17. A quality that evades many of us from time to time is that of gentleness. James tells us that the wisdom that comes to us from above is pure, peaceable, and gentle; without partiality and without hypocrisy. God gives to each of us a talent and ability to be gentle; and if we truly love one another as Jesus has given us a commandment to, then we are going to be gentle towards all. (See also II Tim. 2:24-26).

Goodness — II Corinthians 9:8. When we are looking at the fruit of the Spirit, we find that goodness and gentleness go hand in hand. As in all of the elements of the fruit of the Spirit, 'God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that we may abound in every good work'.

Faith — Luke 17:3-6. In this scripture Jesus is telling the disciples to forgive as many times as one asks for forgiveness. After all, isn't this the high point of the Fruit of the Spirit? As we go about seeking to live Spirit filled lives, then we too must cry out, 'Lord increase our faith.' And what is Faith but accepting, believing (Rom. 10:9-10 and Acts 8:37), relying on, and trusting in (I Tim. 4:8-10) Jesus as our Lord. The writer of Hebrews says that 'he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him'. And as faith is a part of our Christian experience, so it is an integral part of the Fruit of the Spirit.

Meekness — Gal. 6:1. In this scripture, we find the picture of a meek individual — not one cowering under a table, but rather one who in the act of serving God, is objectively looking at his relationship with others in connection with how he himself would feel should the situation somehow be reversed. We might also consider this to be humility. (See also I Tim. 6:3-11).

Temperance — I Corinthians 9:24-25. Paul gives us a very appropriate example of something in the natural to portray a spiritual truth. We know that successful athletes in whatever sport must temper themselves if they intend to be a successful best. And so it is with our spiritual lives. We must have temperance (a willingness to do without the natural things of this world) in order to accomplish the total development of our spiritual being. Temperance is defined as moderation, especially in respect to the appetite or passions. Jesus told Satan that man shall not live by bread alone (the consumption of natural or secular qualities), but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (the Spiritual food that builds us for eternal things.) See also Matt. 6:19-21).

So we find in these nine elements: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, a singular quality in our lives that indeed pleases God. And just as the several gears and mechanisms in a watch must all work together if we are going to be able to tell time with the watch, so must these nine qualities all be at work in our lives if we are going to claim ownership of the fruit of the Spirit.

by Carl Jelsovsky, Kingman, Kansas



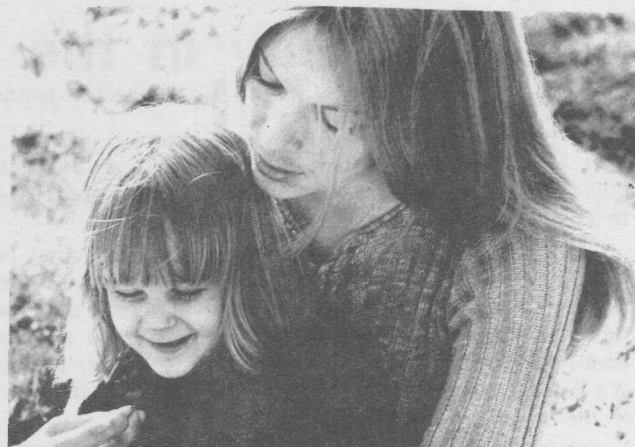
NO TIME TO TREAT MEN WRONG

BY WALTER E. ISENHOUR

There is a time to work and play,
 A time to eat and sleep;
 A time to study and to pray,
 A time to laugh and weep;
 A time for fellowship that's sweet,
 A time for sacred song;
 But never is there time to treat
 A human being wrong.

There is a time to lift men up
 And help them on life's road;
 A time to drain their bitter cup
 And share their heavy load;
 A time to bless them with our grace
 And boost them all along;
 But never is there time and place
 To treat our fellows wrong.

There is a time to help men seek
 Our God who saves the soul;
 A time to show them that the meek
 Shall reach life's highest goal;
 A time to help them turn aside
 And leave the wicked throng;
 But never did our God provide
 A time to treat men wrong.



TO A MOTHER WHO HAS LOST A CHILD

By Ione Simmons

God made mothers, — millions of them —
 And how much He must have loved them —
 For He gave to each, in turn, a love
 that only mothers know;
 Sacrificial, pure and selfless —
 For an infant, small and helpless —
 For the child that she will love and
 cherish as she sees him grow.

Love that knows no comprehension,
 Love whose joys have no dimension;
 Yet, whose sorrows, too, may oftentimes
 seem more than love can bear.
 Still, the God who made a mother
 Understands, and like no other
 Friend, His wisdom shows the height and
 depth and breadth of all His care.

Mothers who have known such loving
 Then in death have lost the loved one,
 God must surely love the more because
 He knows and understands.
 For He, too, once lost a Son, and
 In the sureness of his wisdom
 He will draw that mother nearer in the
 Shelter of His hands.

Through the lonely hours of sorrow
 Put your faith in God's tomorrow.
 With each evening sun that sets reach out
 for hope's still brighter ray.
 And when sorrow's fetters chain you,
 Let His quiet strength sustain you;
 Find in God's great overwhelming love
 the grace to meet each day.

Surely God will daily bless you —
 For, though thoughts sometimes distress you,
 Know that He in His wisdom knows the
 measure of your worth.
 May this Mother's Day now brighten;
 Every hour may God enlighten —
 And may you be given grace for each
 new day you spend on earth.

Clay in the Potter's Hand

by Henrietta Holdeman, Perryton, Texas

I peered into the peep-hole and observed the white heat of my kiln. The cone had bent at just the right angle telling me that it was done. I snapped the switch to "off" and trudged wearily to bed.

What a satisfying, creative hobby I had found ceramics to be! I thought of the slow process involved in turning a useless lump of clay into a lovely and useful piece. Then through my mind there flashed a scripture I had read in Isaiah, "Thou, O Lord art our Father. We are the clay, Thou our Potter. We are all the work of thy hands." Isa. 64:8.

A lump of potter's clay is lifeless, cold and totally without character. The potter, however, sees what that clay can be. He starts to work on it. He may punch it, knead it, beat it, cut it, scrape it and all this is necessary to mold it into the shape he wants.

"We are the clay", said Isaiah, "Thou our Potter." God sees in each of His children great potentialities. D. L. Moody once said, "The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly yielded to Him."

When we hand our lives over to God, He takes us in His hand, cold, useless and without Christian character. Then He starts to work on us. He begins to shape us into what He wants us to be. The trials of life beat upon us. As we yield to the potter's hand our life begins to take on a new shape. Sometimes we are not as submissive as the lump of potter's clay. The pounding and cutting and kneading — the pressure of the Potter's hand may bring pain. Sometimes we cry and whine and complain. We don't understand and we resist. We ask, "Why Lord, must this happen to me? What have I done to deserve this?" Some have said "I've had more troubles and difficulties since I've been a Christian than I ever had before I was saved." There's no mystery to this. We must realize that our Potter is working out His perfect will in our lives. Everything that happens to the child of God who is yielded to Him will work out for his good. We have God's Word for this — "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28. The trials that seem so hard will work toward molding us into what our Potter wants us to be.

After the potter has molded the clay into the shape he wants, he will often take a knife and scrape off a little here and a little there and smooth it to make it more perfect. Our Potter wants to bring us into perfection. We need to be worked over by our Potter, for we are so imperfect.

After the potter has formed his piece he sets it aside to dry. The clay can rest a while. Then when all is right it is placed in a kiln and brought through hours of extreme heat. This heat has a marvelous effect on the clay. It is made more strong and more beautiful. So it is in the spiritual life. When we have been tried by our Potter and shaped as He will there comes a time of relaxation and freedom from conflict. We are grateful for

victory in Jesus. We relax and feel the wonders of His love. We sometimes feel like Peter on the mount of Transfiguration. We want to settle down and stay there. But we aren't perfect yet. Soon our Potter puts us in His kiln and turns on the heat. Things seem to be harder than ever. Through the heat of trials we are strengthened, the impurities are burned away and the beauty of Jesus is brought forth in us.

Peter said, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." I Peter 4: 12, 13.

A human potter cannot tell for sure just how his piece will come through the fire. Sometimes the extreme heat is too much for the clay. It may become lopsided, cave in, collapse. I have had pieces explode into small fragments when the fire became too hot. Then there was nothing to do but discard the fragments of fired clay. But we need not fear this with our heavenly Potter. He knows all about us. He knows how much we can bear and has promised that He will not suffer us to be tempted (tried) above that we are able." I Cor. 10:13.

If we yield ourselves to the will of the Potter we can become a vessel meet for the Master's use. If we become rebellious and snatch ourselves out of the Potter's hands we will be marred and good for nothing but the scrap heap. How sad it is when a christian refuses to yield to the workings of the Potter, consequently losing his testimony and being cast aside as useless by the great Potter.

Sometimes after the potter has brought his piece through the extreme heat of the kiln he sees more imperfections. He examines it closely and decides that he can re-do it to make it more perfect. So back into the kiln it goes, and is brought to an even higher heat where the old colors are burned away. Then the potter begins again to decorate, apply new glaze and refire to make it just as he has imagined it to be. Sometimes a piece has to be fired many times before the potter is satisfied with his handiwork.

All through this life we will have trial after trial with perhaps periods of rest and peace interspersed. But when we yield our lives completely to the Potter we can have peace in the midst of the fire. Our attitude toward trials is important. When we realize that the heat of trials causes us to mature and grow strong we can say with Job, "But He knoweth the way that I take. When He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10.

Finally after the last firing the potter sets his beautiful piece in a prominent place where he can enjoy its beauty. And all who see it will remark on its loveliness. Just so, one day our trials will be over. The great Potter will look at us and be satisfied with the work of His hands. ". . . when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." James 1:12.



(The above picture was sent to me by Bro. Waple Ferguson. It is of he and his wife, Atriel, whose obituary is in this paper, at one of our camps several years ago at the height of their work together for God.)

Those on the front row from left to right are: Nancy Cates, Lula Parham, Mrs. Joe Dewees, Mary Jo

Elkins, Eula Ray, Atriel Ferguson, Pauline Broiles, Phylis Bachler; back row, Joe Faries, Jacob Regier, Robert Girouard, Jimmy Wallis, Marcus Adair, Waple Ferguson, and Olen Bachler. There is no date or place on the picture. Maybe some of our readers can inform us of that.

THE 12
MARKS OF A

TRUE CHRISTIAN

BY
HERBERT J. TAYLOR

1. He has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord (John 1:12).

2. He loves God with all his heart and expresses his love through constant prayer, praise and thanksgiving (Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Philippians 4:6,7).

3. He has a deep and abiding faith in the truth of God's Word and reads it regularly to strengthen his faith (Romans 10:17; Matthew 4:4).

4. He follows Christ's commandment, "Love one another"; he is quick to forgive others their trespasses against him (John 13:34; Romans 12:20,21).

5. He constantly seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit as to God's will and follows God's commandments as to thoughts, words and deeds (John 16:13; Matthew 7:21).

6. He contributes of his income, as the Lord directs, to Christian projects; he is an active and faithful member of his church (2 Corinthians 9:6,7; John 12:26).

7. He faithfully seeks to be more Christ-like; he is sincere, just, honest and dependable in his relations with others in home and community life (Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 4:15).

8. He knows that he is accountable to God for all of his possessions, including his time, talents and property, and does his best to be a good trustee (Romans 14:12; Psalm 24:1).

9. He is a humble person and gives God the credit and glory for his accomplishments (Micah 6:8; Proverbs 3:5,6).

10. He has a deep appreciation of what Christ did for him on the cross and readily witnesses for his Lord to others (Hebrews 13:20,21; Romans 10:9,10).

11. He is cheerful, patient and calm, and trusts confidently in God to provide the means to overcome temptations (Galatians 5:22,23; 1 Corinthians 10:13).

12. He does his part, as the Lord directs, in carrying the Gospel message to all peoples of the world (Matthew 28:19,20; Luke 24:47,48).



Guymon, Oklahoma

Our bus is fixed again and we are happy about that. We will be starting a building fund for our new Activity Center before long. There was an Easter Retreat Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at the Methodist Youth Grounds southeast of Canyon, Texas. This was in conjunction with three youth groups, ours, one from the Laverne, Oklahoma area and one from Amarillo, Texas. Rev. Rene Heil was the speaker on Friday night. The Canyon Choir will be here to sing for us Saturday, April 28th at 7:30 p. m. We continue our Men's Prayer and Share breakfast every Thursday at 6 a. m.; our Ladies Prayer and Share group every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m.; Student Vespers every Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock and the Good News Club every Saturday at 5 p. m. for anyone under 12 years of age. God is blessing in these services and our regular Wednesday and Sunday meetings.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Wayside Chapel Edna, Texas

"Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God shall bless us." Ps. 67: 5 and 6.

We were privileged in February to have a wonderful revival with Evangelist Jacob Regier and his gospel party; Barry Methvin, J. J. Arnall and Paula Buschman.

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayed for us at the passing of my father. We praise God for His love and comforting spirit.

We just had the interior of the church repainted and are in the process of having a communion table built to match the pulpit and banister. We praise God for these improvements.

Earl Malone, Pastor

Rockdale, Texas

We are enjoying the Apostolic Reports and pray that the Lord continues to bless your efforts. The church in Rockdale is progressing nicely. The front of the church has been bricked, new side entrance completed and a lovely planter divider built in the entrance hall. The new curtains have been hung thanks to some industrious ladies of the church. Also some curtains have been hung in the nursery that are quite a spirit lifter.

Bro. Doc Methvin was by the church for a one night service a short time ago, and he was a blessing. The College Vibrations with Bro. Ted Barker came April 16th. with a wonderful musical presentation. This group can not only sing, but they are an inspiration to others.

Mrs. Adele Bartlett was united in marriage just recently to Mr. Harvey Luckey. Brother Luckey is making a wonderful addition to our congregation. Mrs. Norma Jean Doty has her new record out, and it is a solo album. We are most anxious to hear and own one of the albums.

Bro. Blythe has been preaching some wonderful sermons lately. They are strict, as they should be, but full of love and concern for the people. He is turning the Wednesday night service over to the lay members for a while and his wife, Rose assisted by Dona Satcher, brought a very interesting and enlightening service on April 18. We are looking forward to future services by various members.

Our church is in need of a good spiritual revival. We are not praying for a program, but a revival with the Holy Spirit in charge. Pray with us that God will send an evangelist our way.

Prayer list. Mrs. R. D. Busch, Mrs. T. M. Lanford.

Rev. Van Blythe, Pastor
Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter

Tri-State Youth Rally

The Tri-State Youth Rally for the past years has consisted basically of five churches — Baxter Springs, and Galena, Kansas, Granby, Joplin and Prosperity, Missouri. Beginning in April we are happy to add the Union Chapel Church to our list. We had a good rally with a capacity crowd Monday, April 16 there. We have recently undertaken a chain fast and prayer for our area youth's needs. Almost every meal of every day someone has been fasting and praying this past month. It has already proven to be effective. May 14 our rally will be in Baxter Springs. We desire your prayers as we endeavor to serve the Lord in a greater way.

Holli Speak, Secretary

Patrick, Arkansas

So happy to get the Report each month. I know God is blessing as you labor for Him. Zana and I took a trip to Vanderpool, Leakey and Hempstead, Texas. We enjoyed ourselves so much. Glad to have a small part in working for the Lord. Just a thought. "When we call on God for guidance, don't hang up before He can answer."

Bill and Zana Yeakel

San Diego, California

Nineteen hundred seventy-three is off to a good start. Our Sunday School is on the increase. Our Missionette and Royal Ranger program is well under way and already this year, we have had several visitors. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler were here in February for a revival. Rev. Marcus Adair stopped by while he was in town and Rev. Ted Barker and the College Vibrations spent four very short days with us. We wish they could have stayed longer. As a pastor, I just couldn't have hoped for a finer group of young people to inspire the youth of our church. The kindness and warmth that each one conveyed to the church will be remembered for a long time. I wish that each one of you could have attended the Sunday night concert in Tijuana, Mexico. The barrier of language was certainly no barrier to their testimony of God's Love. Because of our affluence and the difficulty of talking through an interpreter, it is so easy to seem condescending. But it was not that way at all with this group. Our Christian Brothers and Sisters of Tijuana will remember that concert for a long time. We thank the Lord for some wonderful, talented Christian singers who took time to come our way.

Homer H. Allen, Pastor
Apostolic Faith Church
1735 Donax Avenue
San Diego, Ca. 92154

Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

We are still praising our wonderful Lord for the blessings He poured out to us in our 10 day revival with Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton and gospel party. Each service was closed with wonderful altar services. Definite blessings and victories were won and the people gave testimonies to the working power of God.

Bro. and Sis. Dean Harper were with us Sunday, April 1, and he brought us a good message from John 17. We were happy to have this young couple back home for a visit. We send a welcome to visit our church at any time.

Doyle Wiles, Pastor
Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

Purcell, Missouri

We are enjoying working with the fine people in Purcell. The Lord has been blessing in each service and we are very thankful. Bro. James Hosler, of Laverne, Oklahoma had 12 days of services with us in March which was enjoyed by all. All were blessed and encouraged by the wonderful messages of the old-time gospel. The Bible School group was with us April 10 and their service was inspiring. We are praying that more people will become interested in our church services. Our attendance has been from 22 to 30. Pray for us as we work for the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hindergardt, Pastors
Box 334, Baxter Springs, Kans. 66713
Ph. 316-856-5790

Roswell, New Mexico

Greetings from the church at Roswell. We knew Spring had arrived not only from the return of the robins but also the return of the singing College Vibrations. Their beautiful music was a real blessing to all of us. One visitor aptly put it, "You could tell they knew what they were singing about."

We had a "Work Day" on the church grounds recently. Some landscaping was done; gravel put down; and the parking area redone. One rainy Saturday the young people gathered to clean the interior of the church and did a very nice job.

During the latter part of March we had four nights of special music instruction to aid those who lead singing. Besides being enjoyable, it has already proved beneficial in the services.

Brother and Sister William Yeakel were here and preached one Wednesday night. It's always good to see old friends again and to know they are still serving the Lord.

This year we are again planning to have our traditional basket dinner in the park after Easter services.

My God bless your work and pray for us that we'll be led by the Lord in all that we do.

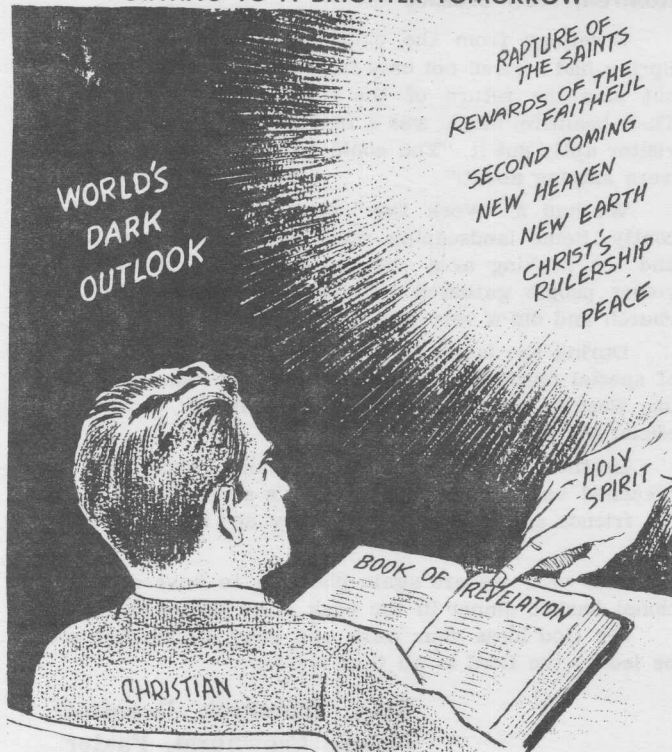
Helen Hammock, Reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor

Pattison, Texas

I heard a fellow say just the other day that the day of miracles is over. Well, praise God, our little church and congregation at Pattison can, through experience, tell the world that that definitely is not true. We began, as many churches have, in a house. I was saved in that house. God moved and we saw some saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost there, then God provided an available building and funds to buy it, but we had no way of moving it to the land that Bro. Buddy Stenzil had donated to the church. We still trusted God and spent many hours in prayer about this matter. God worked in His mysterious way bringing people and events to pass at exactly the right time, and our building was moved onto the lot. We began to grow and to need more space. After consulting God many hours, and feeling His leading, we stepped out by faith, trusting God to meet the need, and He has been faithful to do so. Our last treasurer's report showed us to be almost completely free of indebtedness and we are still growing. We have fought some mighty battles, won some great victories, done some crying and shouting around our altar and Praise God the day of miracles is not over! We have been having some extremely good services lately and the last Friday of every month we have a Gospel Singing. The Lord has richly blessed us in this effort. We want to invite everyone to enjoy these blessings with us. Pray for us.

John Scruggs, Pastor
R. K. Fulkerson, Reporter

POINTING TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



HE WILL SHOW YOU THINGS TO COME. JOHN 16:13

Randall

RECENT REVIVALS

Liberal, Kansas. G. K. Kerr, Evangelist, F. E. Waterbury, Pastor.

Katy, Texas: M. D. Methvin, Evangelist, G. K. Kerr, Pastor.

Joplin, Missouri: Neil Ragan, Evangelist, Ollie Kinser, Pastor. (Barry Methvin, Paula Buschman, and Calvin Klaus assisted).

Granby, Missouri: Jimmy Wallis, Evangelist, Ronnie Martin, Pastor.

Sister Edna Schultz's condition is very grave and she continues to lose ground. Please remember her and her family in prayer, especially Galen Lee and her sisters that help care for her. She's still in the rest home in Denver.

Sis. Bonnie Clanton came home from the hospital on Saturday, April 21 after a two week stay for a severe burn on her right hand and arm from burning grease. The doctor tells her it is healing beautifully, though slowly, and there is no infection. He is reasonably sure there will not have to be any skin grafting. We are praising God for this answer to prayer. Sis. Bonnie wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls and concern. God still heals today. Continue to pray for her.

May 1973

Pine Hill, Alabama

God has been very good to us and has blessed us with a most rewarding work here in Pine Hill for the past nine years, but we have resigned as pastors as we feel God has other avenues of service for us. We desire your prayers for our lives and also for the church here, that God would send the minister He would choose to these dear people, whom we have learned to love and appreciate.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor

Stockton, California

After pastoring in Stockton for the past three years we feel that our work here is done and it is time to move to a new work for the Lord. We will be moving the last of May and the church has asked us to announce that anyone having a burden to pastor the church should contact Bro. Glen Oyler, 3136 E. Anderson, Stockton, California 65205. Phone 209-463-5745. Our address for the rest of the summer will be: Box 514, Katy, Texas 77450, phone 713-371-3638.

Dewey and Sandra Flock, Pastors

Bayard, Nebraska

Dear Sis. Busch,

This letter is long overdue. We appreciate your efforts and wonderful talent with the paper. It is such an inspiration to us. We are busy with Spring work, also enjoying new life in each tender plant God has been so good to us, for which we are very grateful. Bro. Bennie Stanberry recently brought us some good services — their singing has a message all its own. We're planning VBS now.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris

Dear. Sis. Busch,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus. It is our prayer that God richly bless you in the furtherance of your work on the paper. It has been a blessing. I would like for you to add my name in the open for calls section, and also to the minister's directory. My address is

Rev. Terry Mathis
Box 40398
Houston, Texas 77040
Phone 713-462-3039

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sis. Busch,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. I thought it good to write you and let you know that we, my wife and I, are planning to come outside for awhile this summer. We plan on leaving around the 5th of June. Please put a notice of our intentions so if anyone wants to contact us for services they will have the opportunity.

Rev. Lyle O. Sharp
Box 4-450
Ph. 907-333-4131
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

The OVERSEERS

Opal Wimer, Kingman, Kansas

As we are living in perilous times and the time of Apostasy how it behooves us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith and if our motives are Christ-centered. We are given many words of advice and warning how the laymen should behave, but what about the church's leaders? Many examples in the Bible are given of the men of God, who were full of the Holy Spirit and faith such as Stephen, Acts 6:8 and Barnabas, Acts 11:24, to name a few. How important that the overseers of the church be good examples and stay small in their eyes!

Many people in responsible positions act like lion tamers, using their authority as a whip over the members. Woe to those who do not obey.

Some use the pulpit as a club. Standing behind it to attack one or two members that do not agree with their opinion but the rest of the church endure the clubbing too. Sin must be rebuked but differences of opinions should be worked out in discussions between individuals.

Sometimes congregations are looked upon as puppets, docile and listening, until their string is pulled, then they are to jump.

Then we have the political type. Their goal is selfish-ambition. They use numbers and publicity to push their cause not the cause of Christ. Perhaps it is a place in the church or a bigger and better church. They want everyone to know just how much they have done for the church. Their eyes are not on Christ and HIS work but furthering their own ambitions. They want to make a name for themselves not lift up the name of Christ, they want a following not for Christ but for themselves. They enjoy power over people, not showing others of the power in Jesus' blood and His name for deliverance from the bondage of Satan.

Then we have those undershepherds, Christ's followers, who have love, compassion, and a burden for HIS flock. Many are the scriptures about the sheep of HIS pasture. The shepherds lead not drive the flock.

The shepherds feed the flock. That means prayer and study of God's Word to know what are the needs of the flock. How many sheep have gone to the house of God hungry to be fed or to be led by the Holy Spirit only to feel they have been beaten in the face and driven away by some shepherd who is not led by the Holy Spirit. Acts 20: 28-30, gives warning by Paul concerning the flock, Ezekiel 34 is another warning to shepherds not led by the Lord. Many times we have seen shrugs of indifference when people leave the church, always blaming the one who left. Are we sure we have not become a stumbling block to them? Have the needs of their souls been met? Do they feel like the song "No one carest for my soul"? Do they come and find a man lifted up not Christ? Do they find the need for their lives whether deliverance for soul, spirit or body? Many people have

been so oppressed and beaten by the enemy until they can hardly go on. Do they find compassion and a sharing of the burden until they have the courage and strength to fight on? This is a time of great oppression by the devil and such indifference shown toward those who carry these loads by those who name the name of Jesus. Do we judge people's spirituality by how loud they pray and behave in church?

May God take away the arrogance of some, the sleepiness and indifferences of others and give a travail to each of us until our churches will become lighthouses, the soul saving places He intended them to be. When people enter they will find deliverance for soul, spirit and body, rest for the troubled heart and direction for their way. Let us quit looking on the outward appearance and ask God to give us discernment to know when people need help and what kind. Just because someone looks prosperous does not mean they are not being beaten by the enemy. Tomorrow we may need their help, what if they are not there to lend their hand and prayers? Let us carry one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but, far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

A SUCCESSFUL RESEARCHER

If you get a positive idea don't just think about it — do something about it.

We are not to accept failure as such for there are no failures in Christ. Therefore, we are not failures but we are **Spiritual Researchers**.

You say it this way. Now, I've got an idea. I believe it is a God-given idea. It may be a good idea. Now, I don't know if it will be a successful idea, or a non-successful idea. I will become a spiritual researcher. I will become an experiment prober. I will try it!

If I try it and it works . . . Glory to God! If I try it and it doesn't prove successful, I will have been a successful researcher.

By the Bible we can be a successful spiritual researcher. We cannot fail, unless, you fail to "dare to try" to experiment with that which could be a great thing. Dare to try and become a successful spiritual researcher for God and Christ's kingdom.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Max Y. Pennington, Pastor and Evangelist

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me . . . in Tithes and Offerings." Malachi 3:8. To begin this study you should read Malachi 3:8-12.

The tithe is the tenth part of our increase in crops or wages which belongs to God. The creation including the world and all that is in it belongs to God. What we have is loaned to us in trust, and we are the stewards of God and will give an account to Him for all our substance of this world's goods. God has levied a tax upon us and has said that we must return 10% (an interest) of all that we receive from Him. This is to be used for His work, the support of the ministry.

I. Tithing before the Law of Moses.

1. Practiced 430 years before the Law.
 - A. Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, the king and priest of Salem. (Gen 14: 18-20; Heb. 7:11)
 - B. Jacob promised the Lord the tithe of all the substance he might acquire in Mesopotamia. (Gen. 28:22)

II. Tithing under the Law of Moses.

1. Commanded (Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:10)
2. Five purposes of tithing
 - A. To supply material sustenance for the Levites. (Num. 18:21-24)
 - a. The Levites were not given a land grant as the other tribes. Their time was to be devoted to God's service.
 - B. Tithes were to be paid of the Tithes for the priests. (Num. 18:26; Neh. 10:37; 12:44).
 - C. Tithes paid of Tithes every 3 years for the sustenance of the poor, fatherless, and widows. (Dut. 14:27-29; 26:12-14).
 - D. To supply God's House (Mal. 3:10).
 - E. To Honor God (Pr. 3:9-10).
3. They were brought yearly along with other offerings for the feast. (Dt. 12:6-7; 14:22-26).
4. They belonged to God, not the people who paid them (Lev. 27:30-34; Mal. 3:8).
5. The tithes were brought to the Levites and to the Temple (God's House) (II Chr. 31:12; Neh. 10: 38; 12:44; 13:5, 12; Mal. 3:10).
6. If borrowed: 20% interest had to be added when paid (Lev. 27:31).
7. If exchanged: both it and the exchanged must be paid (Lev. 27:33).

III. Results of withholding tithes as noted under the law.

1. Levites and singers forced to the fields to support their families.
2. The House of God was Forsaken.
3. Scriptures for 1. and 2. (Neh. 13:10-12; II Chr. 31:4-10).
4. Robbery of God brings a curse (Mal. 3:9).

IV. Results of paying tithes as noted under the law.

1. Brings spiritual and temporal blessings (Mal. 3:10-12; Prov. 3:9-10).
2. God's house will be well supplied and the workers needs supplied. (II Chr. 31:9-10).

V. Old Testament Offerings.

1. The Tabernacle built with free-will offerings (Ex. 25: 1-9; Ex. 35:4-9; 21-24, 27-29).
2. The Temple was built with free-will offerings (I Chr. 29: 1-9).
3. No tithes were used to erect either building.

VI. Tithing in the New Testament.

1. Christ taught it. (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42; compare Matt. 5:20 with Luke 18:11-12; See Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:7-8).
 - A. This was teaching for the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 11:11-14; Luke 16:16).
2. Paul taught tithing.
 - A. Condemned sacrilege (Rom. 2.22). Sacrilege means to rob temples (Mal. 3:8-10), use consecrated (holy) things for self (Lev. 27).
 - B. Teachers of the word (ministers) to be paid (Gal. 6.6).
 - a. Communicate means share with, be partaker of, distribute. Greek word KOINONEO
 - b. Gal. 6:6 in Living N.T. "Those who are taught the word of God should help their teachers by paying them."

C. God ordained the support of the ministers (I Cor. 9:6-14; I Tim. 6:17-18).

a. I Cor. 9:7-14

- (1). In verse 6 Paul is saying, "Are we the only apostles that have no right to be supported by the church?"
- (2). Verse 7 — Charges — Gr. OPSONION — means soldiers rations, translated wages in Lk. 3:14; Rom. 6:23; and II Cor. 11:8. Paul is saying "who at any time serve as a soldier at his own expense?" KJ II Version.

(3). Following is quotation from the Living New Bible, paraphrased.

"What soldier in the army has to pay his own expenses? And "have you ever heard of a farmer who harvests his crop and doesn't have the right to eat some of it? What shepherd takes care of a flock of sheep and goats and isn't allowed to drink some of the milk? (V.8) And I'm not merely quoting the opinions of men as to what is right. I'm telling you what God's law says. (V.9) For in the law God gave to Moses He said that you must not put a muzzle on an ox to keep it from eating when it is treading out the wheat. Do you suppose God was thinking only about oxen when He said this? (V.10) Wasn't He also thinking about us? Of course He was. He said this to show us that Christian workers should be paid by those they help. Those who do the plowing and threshing should expect some share of the harvest. (V.11) We have planted good spiritual seed in your souls. Is it too much to ask, in return, for mere food and clothing? (V.12) You cage them to others who preach to you, and you should. But shouldn't we have an even greater right to them? Yet we have never used this right, but supply our own needs without your help. We have never demanded payment of any kind for fear that, if we did, you might be less interested in our message to you from Christ. (V.13) Don't you realize that

God told those working in his temple to take for their own needs some of the food brought there as gifts to Him? And those who work at the altar of God get a share of the food that is brought by those offering it to the Lord. (V.14) In the same way the Lord has given orders that those who preach the Gospel should be supported by those who accept it."

b. I Tim. 6:17-18

(1). Distribute — means willing to impart or give away, liberal in giving.

(2). Communicate — means share with, to give or have in common. (Gr. KOINON- IKOS).

c. Other scriptures: Gal. 6:6; Heb. 7:1-11; Lk. 10:7; Matt. 10:10.

D. Christians to give as God prospers them (I Cor. 16:2).

E. Melchisedek Priesthood is eternal and must be supported by children of Abraham. Heb. 6:20; 7:1-11; 17, 21).

a. That is, Christ is the High Priest; the pastors, Evangelists, Ministers, Gospel workers, are his ordained workers after the order of the Levites and should thus be supported by tithes.

F. Children of Abraham in faith (Christians) must walk in his steps. (Rom. 4:12; Heb. 7).

G. Tithing is proof of obedience and appreciation of God's blessings (Rom. 4:12; Heb. 7:6-10; I Cor. 9:7-14; I Tim. 6:17-18. Compare Mal. 3:8-10; Pr. 3:9-10; Gen. 14:20; and Dt. 8:10-20).

VII. Blessings of Tithing.

1. Blessing for obedience (See above).
2. God's ministers will not want (I Cor. 9:7-14; I Tim. 5:17-18; Neh. 13:10; Mal. 3:8-10).
3. God's House will not want (Mal. 3:10).
4. Material and spiritual blessings will follow. (Mal. 3:8-10; Pr. 3:9-10; II Chr. 31; Neh. 13).

VIII. Examples of paying tithes.

1. Abraham (Gen. 14:20; Heb. 7:1-11).
2. Jacob (Gen. 28:22).
3. Levi in Abraham (Heb. 7:9).
4. Hezekiah and Israel (II Chr. 31).
5. Nehemiah and Israel (Neh. 13).
6. Hypocrites (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42; 18:12).
7. Christians (I Cor. 9:7-14; 16:2; II Cor. 7:11; 8:1-15; Gal. 6:6; I Tim. 5:17-18; Heb. 7).

IX. No scripture even mentions a substitute program for tithing in the New Testament.

X. Synagogues — the forerunner of the Christian Churches.

1. The Bible does not tell us how the synagogues were financed and built.
2. The church is patterned after the synagogues and not the temple.
 - A. There is and can be only one Temple of God.
 - B. There were many synagogues scattered among the communities.
 - C. The synagogues originated during and in consequence of the Babylonish Captivity. (The Life & Times of Christ by Edersheim, MacDonald

Publishing Co., Book III, Chapter X, page 197).

D. At least ten men were required before building a synagogue (The Life & Times of Christ, page 198). (1) Ten men of leisure who would devote their time to worship and administration.

3. Jesus and Paul preached in synagogues, as well as others.

A. Jesus taught in synagogues. Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21;

B. Paul preached in the synagogues. (Acts 9:20; 13:5).

Much study has gone into the making of this outline. Several sermons both written and spoken have been the outcome of this study. I pray that as you study these scriptures the Holy Spirit of God will help you understand them. Much more detailed and deeper study of these passages can be made by studying the Greek words for their in-depth meanings.

TITHING

A Command of Law An Imperative of Grace

The tither's troubles are seldom money.

The finest thing in life is not getting but giving.

Christian stewardship begins with tithing.

Tithing increases your size in the eyes of God.

The bigger the Christian the bigger the gifts.

Nine-tenths goes farther with God's blessing than ten-tenths without it. If you don't believe it, try it!

"God's, not mine" is the true Christian attitude.

There are two kinds of church members: Those who give to live and those who live to give. Which kind are you?

Love is loftier than land; grace is greater than gain; tithing is truer than things.

Tithing puts wings on your love.

Your gifts can never equal God's.

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