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This is a view of the Grand Canyon taken by Brad Busch

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The Word

Editorial

At our Sunday morning service on our nation's 200th birthday celebration, July 4, we repeated the pledges of allegiance to our country's and the Christian flags and to the Bible. I have done this so many times through the years especially at VBS every year, but never has the words to the pledge to the Bible hit me so forcibly as on that morning. "I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God."—"I will hide its words in my heart"—I was convicted of the limited amount I had hid in my heart. In these uncertain days when the faith of the very elect is being shaken in many ways, (Heb. 12:27) to determine whether we'll be able to stand or not, the only sure foundation we have to plant our feet upon is the **Word of God**. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but **My Words** shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. We, who name the name of Christ, need to dig into the **Word** for ourselves. Too many Christians are content to be "spoon-fed". Our spiritual strength comes from obtaining our own nutrition from the feast of **His Word** that He has prepared and preserved for us.

The longest chapter in the Bible, Psalms 119, contains some of the most precious scriptures about **The Word**. There are 41 verses in that chapter that use the phrase **Word of God** or **Thy Word**. Nearly all the rest of the 176 verses refer to the **Word** as commandments, statutes, judgements, law, testimonies and precepts. Every verse is a gem. The 11th and the 105th make up the pledge to the Bible. The 89th verse is a sure foundation, "For ever, O Lord, **Thy Word** is settled in heaven." The 130th shows the power of **The Word**, "The entrance of **Thy Words** giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple." The 160th declares, "**Thy Word** is true from the beginning: and every one of **Thy** righteous judgements endureth for ever." The 140th "**Thy Word** is very pure: therefore **Thy** servant loveth it." David was a man after God's own heart not alone because of his continually praising God but also because of the love, reverence and respect he had for **God's Word**.

Two other favorite passages of scripture on **The Word** are Hebrews 4:12 "For **The Word of God** is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."; and Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **Word of God**."

The devil hates **The Word**. It is his down fall and he knows it. He'll do everything in his power to keep you from **The Word**. But it is our greatest source of power and strength and if we expect to be overcomers and victors we must with all diligence dig into it. We have many helps today in memorizing **The Word**. One of the greatest is the new swing toward scripture songs and choruses. I love them. And who can find fault with such lyrics? My grandmother taught me the books of the Bible, when I was a little girl, by singing them to me to the tune of "Bring Them In". To this day it is easier for me to sing them than to quote them, although I have made a point to do both. Young and old alike soon can sing, from heart, the

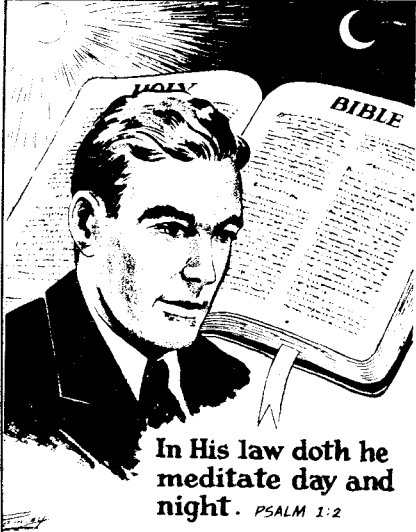
memory program. I am using their "scripture memory packets" now on a renewed effort to "hide **His Words** in my heart". Each packet contains 36 scriptures on small cards that are easily carried with you wherever you go and can be memorized at moments all through the day while riding in the car, waiting for appointments, and while you are working by putting them in places where they are in your view even while your hands are busy with other things. Each packet also contains a card with 7 steps called "memory habits to develop". Perhaps this method does not appeal to you or lend itself to your schedule and preference. The main thing is to make time to study, put in practice, memorize and meditate upon **His Word**. It will pay off in marvelous dividends.

"I will delight myself in **Thy** statutes: I will not forget **Thy Word**." Ps. 119:16 "How sweet are **Thy Words** unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Ps. 119:103.

One of the best thermometers for our spiritual temperature is the measure of our love for **God's Word** and the time we spend in it. If we love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves we will love **God's Word**. And if we love, cherish and do the commandments of **God's Word** we will love God first and others second.

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In His law doth he meditate day and night. PSALM 1:2

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A REPORT FROM ONLY DAUGHTER OF AGNES (OZMAN) LA BERGE – FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST AT BETHEL BIBLE COLLEGE IN 1901



1936, Mrs. Agnes [Ozman] La Berge

Alhambra, California

(The Following information is from an article titled "My Mother was the First" sent to us recently by Naomi Gibson, 320 South Fremont Ave. Alhambra, California. Her mother, Agnes Ozman LaBerge, was the first person to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other languages of the 1900 Bible School in topeka, Kansas, at Stone's Folly Mansion, held by Brother Charles F. Parham.)

Agnes Ozman was one of 6 children of old time "shouting Methodists," parents, who moved from Wisconsin to Nebraska in a covered wagon when she was two years old. She was dying with pneumonia when she was healed by God through the prayers of the Methodist minister and his wife. She attended Bible Schools at St. Paul Minn., A.B. Simpson's in New York and Dwight L. Moody's in Chicago, Illinois before attending Brother Parham's Bethel College at "Stone's Folly" in Topeka, Kansas. She was one of 40 students that attended there in the fall of 1900. There she became so hungry to be filled with the Holy Spirit that she did not care whether she ate or slept for three weeks.

Three days before Christmas Brother Parham gave the students an assignment to Study the book of Acts especially and the New Testament to find the answer to the question, "What is the evidence when a person receives the Holy Spirit?" All of the students studied individually and found the same answer to this question—"speaking in Tongues." 75 people were present for the New Year's Eve Watch Night Service when she asked them to lay hands on her and pray for her to receive the Holy Ghost and Brother Parham said in this book that "it was like a "halo" around her



January 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson

face and a bright light shown around her as she began to speak in tongues." She later wrote a book, now out of print, "What God Hath Wrought" in which she tells of this and other wonderful experiences during her life. Her daughter is now working on a 100 page typed manuscript of her mother's life until 1926, which her mother wrote and is adding the story of their life until Mrs. Ozman LaBerge's death in 1937. She is also adding the last Chapter of her family since her mother's death. Agnes Ozman married Philemon LaBerge February 6, 1911 when she was about 40 years of age. Mrs. Gibson is their only child. She was born in Perry, Oklahoma. They traveled all over the mid-western states, as pioneer evangelists preaching in school houses, on the street, in tents, buildings, parks and churches. There are thriving works in many of these towns today. Mr. LaBerge passed away when Mrs. Gibson was 17. She married Mr. Gibson September 5, 1931. They have two sons and a daughter, and 13 grandchildren. They are both very active in all phases of Christian work and are both accomplished musicians. They receive many invitations to speak about their Pentecostal heritage, and go wherever doors are opened. It is our understanding that they are affiliated with the Assembly of God.

Since this year 1976 is the 75th anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Topeka, Kansas, January 1, 1901 in Brother Parham's Bethel College we find it very interesting to print this follow up on the life of the first person to receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance. He is just the same today and this experience is for everyone who is willing to pay the price of selling out completely to Jesus now.

Introducing More 1976 AFBC Faculty Members



Myrtle Carney, Evangelism Teacher and Girls' Dorm Mother

Myrtle Carney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Carney of Quitman, Mississippi, and she has five sisters and two brothers. Myrtle felt the call of God upon her life at a very early age and attended her first term of Bible School at age 15 in 1962. She returned home to complete her high school and graduated from Zack Huggins High in 1964 at Quitman, Mississippi. Attended Bible School again in '64 and '65. Ordained as Minister in 1964. Since being ordained she has worked in Spring of 65 as gospel worker in Cave Springs, Arkansas. Spring of 66 as evangelist, conducting 8 revivals and ministering in week-end services in 24 churches. From July 66—June 67 served as youth director in Big Spring, Texas. July, '67, she began Pastoral ministry in Hinton, Alabama, and there remained for five years. In 1972 moved to Big Spring, Texas, as pastor. In 1974 back to Hinton, Alabama, as pastor, where she is still pastoring as well as serving as dorm mother AFBC in 75 and again on faculty in 76. While pastoring the church at Hinton she has been very active in the work at Camp Pine Crest, and has served on the committee for the past three years. Myrtle will be teaching Evangelism at AFBC this fall and will be in addition will again be dorm mother.



David and Carolyn Lively, Child and Youth Evangelism Teacher and AFBC Secretary

David Lively will be the teacher for the Child and Youth Evangelism class at A.F.B.C. this fall. Bro. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lively of Guymon, Oklahoma. He has two brothers, Dale Lively and his wife, Sue and their two children live in Guymon. His other brother, Dennis, also lives in Guymon. Bro. Lively graduated from Guymon High School in 1967 and then graduated from Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Oklahoma. He also attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in 1974 and 1975. Since he finished Bible School he has been Youth Minister at Taneyville, Missouri and also active in the evangelistic work.

Bro. David married Sis. Carolyn Quesenbury on April 24, 1976, at Guymon, Oklahoma. Sis. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Quesenbury of Hardesty, Oklahoma. She has two sisters. They are Mrs. Gary (Barbara) Crouse of Wichita, Kansas and Glowanda Quesenbury of Hardesty, Oklahoma.

Sis. Carolyn graduated from Hardesty High School and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1966 and 1967. She also attended Panhandle State University. Sis. Lively has been the Secretary of the Bible School for the past eight years as she will be again this year. She also has been active in the gospel work and has been youth director at Laverne, Oklahoma and Alvin, Texas.

We are very pleased that this couple will be working in our Bible College this fall.



Jack Wimer, Dean of Men

Jack Wimer will be Dean of Men at the Apostolic Faith Bible College this year. Bro. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wimer of Kingman, Kansas. His mother was the former Opal Reno, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reno of Cheney, Kansas. Many will remember Sis. Opal and her sister, Elba Opydyke when they traveled with Claude and Lula Parham and other ministers before their marriages. Their other sister is Lillie Wolford of Kingman, Kansas. Bro. Jack has seven sisters: they are Mrs. Clint (Donna) Kingsley, Mrs. Gary (Pat) Stansbury, Mrs. Phil (Marge) Moorehouse, Mrs. Andy (Jeanette) Madersky, Miss Kathleen Wimer, Mrs. Arvil (Karen) Satcher, and Miss Phyllis Wimer. He has one brother, Robert Wimer.

Bro. Jack graduated from Kingman High School. He attended Hutchinson Junior College and also the Apostolic Faith Bible School in 1974 and 1975. Bro. Wimer dedicated his life to the ministry at the close of Bible School last year. He has been active in evangelistic work since then.

Mollie Lewis Cook for AFBC

Sis. Mollie Lewis of Bayard, Nebraska, will be the cook for AFBC again this fall as she has in previous years—1970, 74 and 75. Her husband helped her cook in 1966. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Conrad, who are now deceased as is her late husband, Walter Lewis. She has two sisters, Sarah Huck of Bayard, Nebraska and Connie Brown of Hawaii; two brothers, Harry Wilhelm of Gering, Nebraska and Conrad Wilhelm of Fresno, California. Her family includes two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Esther) Barker of Katy, Texas and Mona Mae Christy of Omaha, Nebraska; two sons, Walter Lewis, Jr. of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Robert Lee Lewis of Westminster, California; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Sis. Mollie was saved in 1938 at Bayard, Nebraska, in a tent revival there.

Vicki Bartel, Cook's Helper

Sis. Vicki Bartel will be helping in our Apostolic Faith Bible College this fall as cook's helper again. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bartel of Balko, Oklahoma. She has two sisters and a brother. Her sister, Toni, attended AFBC last year and is presently living at home and working in Perryton, Texas. Vicki's brother, Kevin, will be a senior this fall at Balko High School and her younger sister, Julie, will be a 5th grader this year. Vicki graduated valedictorian of her class in 1971. She attended AFBC that same year. She also attended Patricia Stevens School in Wichita, Kansas, where she studied fashion merchandising. She helped Sis. Lewis in the kitchen last year and we are happy to have her returning to AFBC again this year.

[Pictures not available for this issue]

AFBC 1976 Fall Semester August 16 - December 9 Plan To Come Study The Bible With Us

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NIGHT LIGHT

The night, dark, quiet, mysterious,
Lies heavily outside my window,
My eyes you have held wide
Though tired, fain and weary
Discouragements have flooded the day—
And bereavement too sad for thought
Numbly lie without movement,
Sliding into the black nothingness
That is the night beyond my sill.

Sortly a Presence fills the void
Faint flutterings beyond the darkened pane,
Is it your Spirit speaking to my heart?
Pleading that you be admitted to my Gethsemane?
Healing leads now come as I remember
That other lonely vigil in a quiet garden
On Jesus' eve of separation from his Father
When he the sins of earth would assume,
Bending his thorn-crowned brow
As blood and water poured from heaven side
And nail-pierced hands and feet
Held him to cross of shame—
Propitiation for a world of guilt!
Oh, wondrous love—had I forgot?

Risen now, all glorious
Yet with the print of cruel nails
Marking you the sacrificial Lamb
Ever interceding for your own
Naught happens but you know well!

Beyond my window glimmers faint a star
And in my heart your Spirit spreads his balm
And tired eyes close
Tomorrow I'll have grace to live
Because each step of joy or sorrow here
Jesus took before—and gently read me aright!

—MARGUERITE DUFFETT

From The AFBC Superintendent:

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just concluded our trips to the youth camps. I thank you for your reception and interest in all the works at the Bible School. We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to be in and a part of the services of all four camps. The call of the Lord for us to "feed the lambs" rings out loud and clear. The responsibility we have requires that all of us bind on our sandals and go to the work. That work is not only to be fervent in prayer, preach the word, and to study to show ourselves approved unto God, but also to freely give that the gospel may go forth. I ask you to do your part in all of these aspects of the work of the Lord.

As we look ahead to the start of the 1976 term of Bible College it is now only five weeks away. The outlook for prospective students is that we will have a large school again this year. The financial outlook is that we must make an insurance premium in the amount of \$2,490 and an interest payment of approximately \$1,700 by the time school starts. We praise the Lord for the way He has met all our needs in the past and we have confidence in our God and in you that all the needs of the school will surely be supplied. To God be the glory.

Yours in Christ,
Ollie L. Kinser.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck of Katy, Texas, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 6, 1976, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. C. (Floy) Stockdick of Katy. They have two other daughters, Mrs. Wallace (Mildred) Ditto of Ganado, Texas and Mrs. Roland (Lela Kathryn) Busch of Katy; and one son, Leonard Peck of Houston, Texas. Their children and grandchildren hosted the event. We wish these dear friends God's very best.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Walls announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Mark Wayne Roomsburg, son of Mrs. Dorothy Roomsburg, on Sunday, July 4, 1976 at the Silver Bell Wedding chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rebecca is the granddaughter of the Rev. James W. Hosler of Laverne, Oklahoma and the late Clara Hosler, and her other grandparents are Mrs. Florence Walls and the late C.M. Walls, Sr. of San Diego, California. The couple will make their home in Tulare, California.

Teloia Stanberry and James Pearman were united in marriage on May 26, 1976, in Katy, Texas. Twanna Stanberry and Jimmy Botter were married on June 4, 1976 also in Katy. Teloia and Twanna are the daughters of Buddy and Doris Stanberry of Katy, and they are the granddaughters of Bennie Stanberry. Jimmy is the son of Stacy and Doris Botter of Alvin, Texas.

June 5 Rev. Randy Dalton and Jane Ann Ewing, both of Taneyville, Missouri, were married in the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church. Randy's parents are Eudell and LaQuita Dalton and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clemons.

Rhonda Gale Pletcher, daughter of Floyd and Julia Carol Pletcher of Battle Mountain, Nevada, was married to Robert Kevin Olson June 12, 1976. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pletcher of Pampa, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Busch of Rockdale, Texas.

Stacy Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts of Katy, Texas, was united in marriage to Carolyn Sue Brown, also of Katy, on June 12, 1976 at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church.

May 27, 1976, was a big day for the T. S. Abraham family of India. At 7:30 a.m. their son, Valson, was united in marriage to Laly Thomas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Thomas of India. Then at 11:30 a.m. the same day Valson's oldest sister, Molly (Annie Abraham), was married to Shaji (Jacob Thomas). It is our understanding that Shaji and Laly are not brother and sister. Bro. Valson plans to return in late summer to Canyon to finish up his thesis for his Master's Degree at WTSU and he hopes his wife can join him in the fall after her finals in India. She is studying to be a lawyer. We wish to thank Brenda Martin for this information that she gave to us by phone. Randy Wallis is to be the new Student Director at Faith Student Center at Canyon, Texas, this fall.



Carl and Cody Jelsovsky announce their new son's arrival on June 2, 1976. They named him Craig Allen and he weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. His older sister's name is Chandra Kae.

Lynden and Starley Bensch of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, are the proud parents of a baby girl, LaDonna Lynn, who was born June 17, at 9:03 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs and 12³/₄ ozs. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. (Buddy) Brewer of Booker, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Glenford Bensch of Logan, Oklahoma. Lynden and Starley attended Bible School in 1974 and Lynden is presently attending Oklahoma State Technical Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Oakes of Monett, Missouri, are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Their new little Miss was born on May 17, 1976 and they named her Darla Kaye. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother, Glen Allen. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oakes of Neosho, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Martin of Hardesty, Oklahoma.



Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma

We are in the summer months and it seems everyone is so busy. Some of our Young People attended the Laverne Youth Camps and came home with good reports. Our church people also enjoyed the Camp Meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma.

Bro. Whiteley announced June 6th that they will continue pastoring here for the coming year. Bro. Whiteley really has a burden for our community and the lost. He works so faithfully in visiting and trying to do his part. We are so thankful for such a consecrated family as this. Sis. Whiteley, Laschelle, and Lynn attended the music clinic in Mississippi.

We invite any of our minister and gospel workers to stop and be in services with us anytime.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor.
Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, Reporter.

In the Report for June—July, 1976, the church report from Logan, Oklahoma, had some mistakes in names mentioned. One of the seniors mentioned was Mary Ann Haynes and it should have been Mary Ann Harper. One of the babies dedicated should have been Andrea instead of Adrea. We are sorry about that.

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP 1976

We thank the Lord for the encampment we all enjoyed this year. We began our camp on Saturday night, June 26, camp meeting style services for the week-end. Monday morning we started youth camp with a record enrollment of 79. We express our appreciation to our fine list of workers that taught the classes, conducted the rallies, and brought inspiring evening messages. We say thank you to all our helpers and to those who helped carry the financial load. God blessed us with an addition to our kitchen of added space with a new hot water heater and an automatic dishwasher. Enrollment as we had this year creates a demand to expand and provide more bed space. We thank God for what has already been done and are expecting to do more in the future. Camp was a great success—and it was possible because of God's people feeling a burden to reach out to the youth of this day.

A. F. Report

Westminster, Colorado

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 3. We wish to express God's goodness to our lives and extend it to our friends. What a wonderful feeling to know we serve a risen Saviour and to know that He lives within the hearts of His people.

We have been blessed by the testimony of a dear friend to the movement, Sis. Ruth Leager. Many prayers went up for Sis. Ruth during Bible College and also these summer months. She recently came to Denver and expressed God's healing power in her life, she also played the piano for us expressing God's goodness. Her bout with cancer has only increased her confidence and faith in God and His healing power.

Bro. Ronnie Brening, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brening, is to undergo surgery to remove two hernias. We wish all believers would agree with us in prayer that God would undertake for him. As a body of believers we can do all things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recently Bro. Calvin Klaus and also Bro. Glen Webster have been with us in our services. Linda Bard, Roberta Sluder and Billie Jean Mullins from the Joplin, Missouri Church took time out from their vacation to Canada and other points of interest to attend our church services. We appreciated this so much. My wife, Corrie, got to attend the Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, Kansas, along with my family from Granby, Missouri.

Do come and be with us in our little chapel. We always love to have visitors and to share the Gospel.

Bro. Frank Arnall, Pastor.

Bayard, Nebraska

We are praising God for His goodness to us, we have had a beautiful spring, and rain when it was needed, which we are so grateful for. We have appreciated having the Buschmans assisting us with the work here, and are looking forward to greater victories in the future for needs here. At present we have special services planned in August, plus a Children's Crusade. We extend a welcome to all who may, come by and see us.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris, Pastors.
Violet Harris, Reporter.

West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

We are so thankful God never fails His own, but is truly a very present help in every time of need. We are so glad Jesus was willing to give His Life that we might have life and that more abundantly, and that He didn't leave out one thing that the human race needs from His wonderful plan of Salvation, Praise His name. We are thankful for some real good services recently. We have enjoyed having several visitors. We plan to attend our family reunion in Gate, Oklahoma, and also the Camp Meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma, the Lord willing. We are grateful to have Bro. and Sis. Ted Jackson to take care of the church while we are gone. We appreciate your good work on the Report very much, Sis. Busch. God bless you. Please put Mrs. Helen Pitts, Baxter Springs, Kansas, on your prayer list.

George Hintergardt, Pastor.

Union Chapel, Missouri

We had a wonderful celebration on July 4th. The church was packed as people came from everywhere. Bro. Bob Cooper, the present pastor brought the morning message. The noon meal was served in the church yard. There was an abundance of all kinds of food. Bro. Olen Bachler spoke in the afternoon service. He told about the history of the church and how he was saved here many years ago. His parents brought him to Sunday School here as a boy. The wonderful truths of the Bible have been preached at Union Chapel for over 50 years. Many preachers have been called from among the congregation of those that attend here. The singing was unusually good and everyone enjoyed the day. It was a very good way to celebrate our country's 200th birthday. We extend a welcome to all to come visit our church anytime.

**Bob Cooper, Pastor.
Lola Kidd, Reporter.**

Open for Evangelistic calls:

The Max Pennington family are leaving Granby August 1, and by the time this goes to press they will be gone. They can be reached by mail at their Granby address: Box 205, Granby, Missouri 64844. They have made arrangements for their mail to be forwarded to their new address.

Cave Springs, Arkansas

We feel at this time that our work in Cave Springs is finished and we will be having our last service there June 27th. It has been a good four years and we have had many blessings. This is a fine little church and a fine group of people. May the Lord continue to bless them. Our home will be in Granby, Missouri. We will be open for calls for revivals and some fill in work as the Lord shall lead. Our new address is W. O. Nunn, Box 296, Granby, Missouri 64844. Phone 417-472-3665.

Fayetteville, Arkansas

After much prayer and consideration I feel the Lord is leading me into an Evangelistic ministry. I will be open for calls and can be contacted at the following address and phone:

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or after September
4514 8th St.
Lubbock, Texas 79416
Ph. 801-799-4523

**In Christ's Service
Gary Kerr**

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pitts are now open for calls. Their address is 305 Natchez, Hearne, Texas 77859. Phone 713-279-2257.

Winter Haven, California

Many of our readers will remember Mack Wyatt fiery dynamic Evangelist in the late 20's and 30's around Wichita, Kansas and The Houston, Texas area especially. My husband had a telephone conversation with his sister Mrs. Flo Boyd of Houston, Texas recently, and he learned from her that Mack passed away July 4, 1976 at his home in Winter Haven, California. His other sister Mrs. Iris Kerr resides in Glendale, California. Her late husband Phil Kerr, who was a renowned Gospel musician and composer, traveled all over the country with Mack Wyatt in wonderful Evangelistic campaigns. A brother Roy L. Wyatt lives in Temple, Texas. Their addresses are as follows:

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San Jose, California July 20, 1976

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! It is good to get the Apostolic paper and to read of the few old friends that we still remember. We stand amazed when we look back on our early Christian lives and remember how God led us. We were very fortunate to have had relatives in the Texas panhandle who heard this Full Gospel message by Charles F. Parham, the Morton Sisters and many others. My aunts, Claudia George and Mable Enfield and my grandmother Replogle couldn't wait to come to our home in Blackwell, Oklahoma and share their new found love. Of course we, who had only gone to a nominal church Sunday School, swallowed this Full Gospel message hook line and sinker. We were baptized in the Cheney River by Gail Schultz at a Cheney Camp meeting. Then it was our privilege to set under the ministry of Robert Girouard as our pastor. Then we were ask to do Evangelistic work with such men as Homer Coberly, Millard Brown, Chester Jackson and Joe Lilly. One day while attending a country school house revival, I sat by a couple of young ladies and as I heard one of them speak, I began saying to myself, Yes she is the one. and thank the Lord she has been the one ever since. Her name was then Pauline Mansfield. How we enjoyed working in the circle of Apostolic Faith churches. As far as we were concerned this was where it was all at.

And then came the war and it was necessary for us leave and go into cities where there was no Apostolic Churches and do defense work for our country. What would we do now with no where to go to church? Would we just quit serving God and stay home? No, we began to pray and God showed us that He had thousands of Born Again, Holy Ghost filled Christians who had never bowed their knee to Ba-al. Neither had these Christians ever heard of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Could it be that we were saying unless you believed in the God that we had all boxed up you just couldn't make it to Heaven. Not so. Since those early days we have stepped through many open doors to bring this message of love to every one, regardless of creed or color. For the past ten years we have been missionaries to the American Indian, to the Chinese, the Japanese and in May of this last year we had the privilege of going to Seoul, Korea again. It was in 1973 that we attended the World Pentecostal Conference in Seoul. We enjoyed listening to some of the world renoun Pentecostal leaders of the world, yet we found time to mix and mingle with the people of Korea.

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One day while doing some shopping we met a business man who could speak some English. He was not a Christian but he did become interested in us and even invited us into his home for dinner. When we arrived he had invited all his friends and relatives to greet us and to eat this wonderful Korean dinner with us. What lovely and cordial people they were. Since coming back to America we corresponded for about two years. We tried desperately to get him to go to church and accept the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. But he would always write back telling us something about his ancestral religion. We began to feel he was hopeless but we decided to try one more time. We wrote to pastor Cho Yonggi who has the largest Pentecostal church in the world and ask if he would send one of his assistants out to visit my friend and his family. And thus it was done and the following Sunday Bahk Jong Seung and his family were at the altar seeking God for Mercy. Shortly they were baptized in water and in a prayer meeting two weeks later he received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with a call to preach God's Word. How different his letters began to read now. He was praising God for His Mercies and thanking us for our patience with him. He began begging us to come and see them again. How well we would have liked to but couldn't afford it. Then we felt a Miracle happened. An insurance policy that we had had for thirty years matured and here came a check for over two thousand dollars. We had thought that this policy was just a life insurance policy. And in a few weeks with a clergy card we were on our way to Korea again. When we arrived there was our friend and his niece greeting us very warmly. What a joy it was to live in their home for two weeks and sleep on the floor and sit on the floor around a small table to eat. The two weeks that we were there we were invited to speak in Methodist, Presbyterian and Pentecostal churches. All these people were very hungry to receive the Holy Ghost and it was hard to tell whether you were in a Presbyterian church or a Pentecostal church.

Our friend had quit his job in January and had started to Bible School to prepare for the ministry. It was a joy to go with him as he ministered in the hospitals, jails and military bases. What zeal he has for God. He has already won ten souls for Christ. We rejoice to see how far he has gone with God in less than a years time. He has a wife and three boys and is just trusting God to get him through Bible School. We have committed ourselves to assist him all we can.

Since returning home our burden has been for the Oriental people and at present we are in San Jose, California working with the Chinese people. We have secured a large store building that we are trying to buy and to convert into a church which will be called Oriental Christian Center. Your prayers for this work will surely be appreciated.

Your Christian Friends,
Glenn and Pauline Harris

Excuses, Excuses

Psalm 25:5

We make excuses to avoid blame.

Ever notice how folk explain their auto accidents? Explanations for how people with such great driving skills could get into little old accidents become ingenious.

A recent issue of *Automotive Retailer* lists some actual explanations on accident forms filled out for insurance companies. Here are some:

"I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before."

"I collided with a stationary bus coming the other way."

"To avoid a collision I ran into the other car."

"The other man altered his mind, so I had to run over him."

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car."

"I blew my horn, but it would not work, as it was stolen."

"I thought the side window was down, but it was up, as I found out when I put my head through it."

"I misjudged a lady crossing the street."

"Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I didn't have."

"The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions."

"Car had to turn sharper than was necessary, owing to an invisible truck."

"I left my car unattended for a minute, when by accident, or design, it ran away."

We're all like that. We can always find an excuse for not doing what we ought to do.

One says, "I'd tithe if I made enough money."

Another says, "I'd go to prayer meeting, but I always have another engagement."

Yet another, "I'd teach Sunday school but that's my only day off."

And so it goes. Smoke screens!

Linus, a character in the "Peanuts" cartoon strip, charged with breaking a lamp and told he has no one to blame for it but himself, ventures, "Maybe I could blame it on society!"

It's easier to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

—M. P. HORBAN

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTICE

In 1971 when we took the job of Editor of the Report returned postage on each paper without the proper address was 6 cents. Right away it was raised to 8 cents, then 10 cents and then 13 cents. Now as of July 19 we were informed that each returned paper will cost us 25 cents. We are not able to pay this exorbitant price to receive from the Post Office your corrected address. When your address is changed in the slightest degree your paper is sent back to us with the corrected address on it at the above mentioned price. Over ninety percent of the address changes come to us in this manner rather than from the individual. Third class mail is not forwardable for any reason even if you leave notice at the Post Office of your change of address and request it to be forwarded. First class mail will be forwarded but not third class mail. That is why our bulk mailing permit allows us to send it at 1.9 cents per copy. That has been raised from 1.7 cents to 1.9 cents

now. When you let this happen you lose one copy and many times two since they are often slow coming in to us. As of the September issue we are taking off the "Address Correction Requested" from our return address because of the doubling of the price, giving you a month's notice of the change of policy. This means that if you do not receive your paper it is probably because for some reason your address is wrong and without us guaranteeing the returned postage they will be destroyed at the Post Office. You can avoid this by sending directly to us any address changes promptly. If for any reason you do not receive your paper contact us immediately as this is the only way we will be aware of any address problems. I hope this is understandable to all. We regret to have to do this, but we can't see how we can handle it at 25 cents per copy since we have from 30 to over 100 returned papers each month.

Thank You, Editor

HE IS ABLE!

**Reverend Bill Yeakel,
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Our brother Bill Yeakel suffered a heart attack on Sunday, July 18 and passed away Tuesday, July 20 at Roswell, New Mexico, where they had been pastoring for a year this time and were moving back to Elkins, Arkansas at the time of his death. His funeral was Saturday, July 24 in Fayetteville, Arkansas at 10:30 a.m. His obituary and picture will appear in the next issue of the Report.)

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. Heb. 10:35.

It is no mere theory that Jesus Christ can do in our life—and even in death—exactly what the scriptures promise. We who have put our faith in Jesus are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

As we look upon the world and see conditions as they are, we see the falling away time that was spoken by Apostle Paul in (II Thes., 2:3) making us to know that the day of Christ is at hand.

We ask ourselves, is there a possibility that a combination of circumstances could overtake us to where we could fail. As we look to ourselves we loose confidence in ourselves, in God, and in others. We are casting away our confidence, or faith that we should have in Jesus.

Jesus said in the Book of Revelations (Chapter 3:10) "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Revelations also says "worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings" Rev. 5:12. Is He this to us? Is He almighty? Is He all wise? Is He everywhere—present? When we put our faith in Him, is He able to care for us all the way? Is there any occasion that will cause Him to turn His back upon us and leave us helplessly alone? I SAY NO: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13:8.

We say we are believers, we say we accept the Bible, we say we accept Jesus, we believe He is the eternal Son of God. That He has promised His love to us forever. HAS HE NOT PROMISED. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." So that we boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man can do unto me."

I say it is possible that we have such Faith and Confidence in Jesus that we will not be afraid of man, circumstances or weather. Jesus proved Himself in many ways to the believers while He was still on this earth. Remember Jesus was slain because He was worthy. Worthy to be slain that He might receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings.

Because we are human, we doubt and struggle. But remember He IS ABLE, HE HAS POWER: Acts 1:8 "All power in Heaven and in earth is given unto Me. All power, All right, All authority belongs to Jesus.

Keeping in mind the power that Christ has, let us look to what He is able to do. "Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us" Eph. 3:20.

God power is sufficient to lead us into His love. God's power is sufficient to shed abroad His love in our hearts. God's power is so great and strong that he can love us into loving like He Loves. This love is not human love: This is divine love.

We can accept as we have been accepted. We can

forgive as we have been forgiven. We can seek to understand others as we are understood by God. He is able, exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

God is able to completely transform our bodies. Do you get tired of your old carcass? I get tired of mine. Yet even in its impaired condition its the most marvelous machine ever made. Listen to this.

I Thess. 5:23 "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly". It does not say "Holy" but "WHOLLY". "and pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Now if He has power to meet our immediate needs like that and take care of spirit soul and body. I think He can take care of me during my whole trip here on earth. Don't you.

His power can meet my immediate needs. . . He is able to succour them that are tempted. (Heb. 2:18)

Temptation is a common thing with man, and it seems when we take our stand for Christ and begin to live for Him. The devil is everywhere trying to down us. This very challenge brings us to the end of ourselves.

We come to the place where we can no longer trust in ourselves and that is right where God wants us. That is why we learn to trust Him. Casting all our care upon Him for He careth for us.

We can look at life three ways, 1—we can look at our problems. 2—we can look at people, or 3—we can look to Christ. Life itself is just a mess of problems. We realize people are more important than problems. True, people have problems, but they are people. Let us not be people centered, let us go all the way and become Christ centered. When we look to Him. Christ becomes our ideal, our example, our life.

Christ's power has no bounds, as they used to say He can save you from the guttermost to the uttermost. In many churches today the undesirable, the derelicts and wrecks are not accepted. They have to wash up, get their hair cut and drop all their dirty habits before we let our darling children associate with them.

Jesus Himself got into trouble over unrespectable people. He actually let a prostitute wash his feet with her tears and wipe them with her hair. The Pharisees couldn't stand that.

Jesus ate dinner with a tax collector, yet let Him become one of his disciples and gave him the honor of writing the first book of the New Testament.

He is able to save to the uttermost. He saves us not only from our sins, from our guilt and our past. But He saves us in the present and saves us from the future. He is able to take men who by nature are headed for hell and completely rescue them and bring them to Heaven in the likeness of the Lord Jesus.

God knows our weakness and has the power to do something about it.

"Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24)

The Principles Of Sowing And Reaping

[Giving and Receiving]

By John Malin
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Success, in whatever area you might name, does not come about by accident. Success in living the Christian life comes about by applying God's principles. These principles, set forth in God's Word, are the roads on which we travel toward whatever goal we have set for ourselves. Strict obedience to these laws or principles will assure us of achieving the success we have claimed. Good principles bring a good yield. Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." Two goals of Christians, then, should be abundance and life. Toward this end, some of the principles that will work are these:

1. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." It follows then, that the first principle is to always go through Jesus, because He is "the way".

2. Keep your heart pure. Your heart is like a garden. You must keep it free of weeds (the words of Satan) and full of the Word of God which is the seed of life. Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life (Prov. 4:23). Impurity in the heart results in a polluted life stream. God's Word is life and health to all our flesh (Prov. 4:22).

3. Be faithful to what you have and to what you can do. Many people never arrive at some glorious distant goal they have set for themselves because they aren't faithful and diligent with what God has already entrusted them. For this reason God can't promote them to greater things. He is the one who gives the increase because He looks on the heart and knows when you are ready (Ps. 75:6,7).

4. You will reap what you sow. This is a spiritual law. If you sow in the flesh you will reap in the flesh corruption (Gal. 6:8) and when this fleshly harvest manifests itself, you will reap adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, etc. (Gal. 5:19-21). On the other hand, if you sow in the spirit you shall of the spirit reap life everlasting (Gal. 6:8), and this spiritual harvest produces love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal. 5:22, 23). God clearly tells us in this that you must sow the same kind of seed you expect to reap. The Kingdom of God perpetuates itself by the fruit in the believer's life. You cannot reproduce yourself spiritually unless the fruit of the spirit is evidenced in your life. Whatever fruit you manifest is the kind of tree you are in the Kingdom of God. The fruit of the spirit we see in others is what causes us to want to be a child of God.

5. You will reap directly in proportion to how much you sow (II Cor. 9:6). This is another spiritual principle that will work. Where do you think you could invest your money (Sow seed) in the world system to reap a return like that described in Matthew 19:29 or Mark 10:30? It can't be done! Yet God promises in His system a hundredfold return. Many people who believe that you reap what you sow just aren't able to believe that you reap in proportion to how much you sow. One of the best ways to overcome poverty is to learn how to give (Luke 6:38), then God can bless what you are doing and you will begin to prosper. Also, you should bless what God is blessing and be generous because "the liberal soul shall be made fat"

(Proverbs 11:25). We learn also in Proverbs 11:24 that you can give it away and it increases, while if you keep it you lose it.

There are some hindrances to success in the area of sowing and reaping that should be mentioned so that they can be avoided. For instance, some people faint before the due season and never see harvest (Gal. 6:9). Others listen to the devil tell them, "Their seed was bad, they are sorry farmers, there won't be a harvest." Don't listen to him. He knows absolutely nothing about giving or receiving anything good. A few people give grudgingly or sow phony seed. (II Cor. 9:7) and yet others don't give in faith and don't reap a good harvest because they never believed they would. Don't fall into any of these traps.

If you plant with great faith you will reap a great harvest. If you are truly sowing in faith you will sow joyfully. Be sure to plant your seed in good ground and sow abundantly, then roll the care of bringing about the harvest over on God. That part is His problem.

VALEDICTORY

by Carol Bachman
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I'm thankful to be an American. America is a great nation. For 200 years, our nation has stood head and shoulders above every other nation on the face of this earth. As we consider our present position among the nations of the world, let us first count our blessings. James Roche, Chairman of General Motors, once said, "we are a young country—vigorous and progressive. We are receptive to new ideas, pioneers by tradition. We are builders and doers, and God has blessed us with rich natural resources." (pause) "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

As the Bible begins with the words, "in the beginning, God," so our nation was built on religious principles from its very inception. Our forefathers came to this continent where they could worship freely. Every one of our Presidents in his inaugural address expressed his dependence on God for help and guidance during his administration. Lines from our National Anthem read, ". . . Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just; and this be our motto: 'In God is Our Trust!'" That same official inscription is found on all U.S. currency. Also, in our Pledge of Allegiance: ". . . And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation UNDER GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We need again to light the fires of our devotion to our pledge that we are indeed a Nation under God.

Today, our nation has more persons in it to believe and love and preach the word than any other nation on the face of the earth; yet, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived. Every honest American knows that we have every form of sin in our country. We see the moral decay on every front. Right here in this town of Alvin, we see some real problems involving morality, decency, honesty, and integrity. We see corruption eating away at the lives and the philosophies of our people. All of this is distressing indeed but at the same time we have been spared as a nation from the doom and the tragedy that has faced so many other nations in years past.

With the rise of crime and moral decay, there is a fear in our country right now. . . a panic. . . an almost frantic

feeling about the future and what lies ahead. People are worried, fretting about the high cost of living. Many people fear for their families. People are afraid of war. Some are afraid of what's happening in our government. People are afraid of living and dying. It seems that everybody is afraid of something.

Teenagers and young adults in their hunger to find reality in living, some purpose, some path to walk, some goal to achieve, some truth to believe, are being led astray into some of the most dangerous avenues of escape and sublimation, and are in danger of ruining their lives.

Every moral concept upon which our nation was founded and upon which it grew to stature is being attacked and assailed in all branches of government, and daily we see inroads of socialism and the awful shadow of worse things to come! Well, there's an answer for the fear in our land and for the fear and anxiety in our own lives. (pause)

People are afraid because they feel they are unequal to the life they are forced to face and the basis of fear is the possibility of failure. The power of faith is the assurance of success. Emerson once said, "They can conquer who believe they can." We don't get faith as a result of our victories; rather we gain victories because of our faith. The only cure for fear is faith.

Therefore, faith (in God) is the answer for the future. Rising prices, unfair treatment, and poor relationships are symptoms of a lack of faith. Faith allows us to receive the best in life, and it is my conviction that the best come from God. . . .

Malcolm Muggeridge once said, "It has been demonstrated to us that God never abandons us; that however somber the darkness, His light still shines. . ." without our asking, we have been given marvelous resources—a mind to think with, hand to work with, friends to help and encourage, and a world of unlimited abundance. It is written in the Bible: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Joseph Addison, a British author, once wrote, "The person who has a firm trust in the Supreme Being is powerful in His power, wise by His wisdom, happy by His happiness."

All of us want peace, prosperity, and rewarding lives. All of us want to keep our great country in its position of leadership among the family of nations.

We have the means to accomplish these things if we have the will—the unity of purpose and dedication to the principles that have built our country.

As citizens we must be responsible in all our actions and relationships; hard working and honest. We must respect law and order and the rights of others.

As a nation we must keep in the forefront of technology and productivity. We must be leaders in science and education. We must have perseverance and self-discipline to meet our challenges—here at home and worldwide.

In the spirit of this occasion, let us pray that we may be granted the strength, wisdom, kindness, and understanding to build a better America—for the welfare of our fellow citizens, in the interest of world peace and progress, and for the greater glory of God.

I would like to conclude with a selected poem entitled "Uprightness."

Who serves his country best"
Not he who guides her senates in debate,
And makes the laws which are her prop and stay
Not he who wears the poet's purple vest,
And sings her songs of love and grief and fate;

There is a better way.

He serves his country best
Who lives pure life, and doeth righteous deed,
And walks straight paths, however others stray,
And leaves his sons as uttermost bequest
A stainless record which all may read;

This is a better way.

JUST 1 SIN

By Dora Beydler
Canyon, Texas

"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself', ye do well: but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, 'Do not commit adultery', said also, 'Do not kill'. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law". James 2:8-11. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law". I John 3:4.

Just one sin is enough to keep us from the kingdom of God and cause us to lose eternal life.

Adam and Eve were placed in the garden of Eden, a true paradise, with only one purpose—to dress the garden. There were no weeds nor thorns and each evening God came to walk with them in the cool of the day. They had only one commandment. They were not to eat of nor even touch the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was in the midst of the garden. Their downfall came when they yielded to temptation and ate of that tree. Because of their disobedience they were driven from the garden and all mankind has been plagued with weeds, thorns and insects since that time.

Cain was driven from the presence of God when he committed the first murder but his real problem was his failure to control his anger and his jealousy. He was angry

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because God had accepted the blood sacrifice offered by Able and refused the fruits of the land offered by Cain. God would have provided a blood sacrifice for Cain to offer but Cain chose to take a different route, one that appeared to him to be just as good as the way God wanted it done. People have been following that "just as good as" road ever since that time. It is called the road of iniquity. When God refused Cain's sacrifice Cain lost his temper and later killed his brother. God banished him from his home, his people and from fellowship with Him.

We have no special information about Lot's wife but when Abraham was asking for Sodom to be spared, he kept reducing the number of righteous souls until he reached ten. No doubt Abraham felt there would be at least ten righteous souls in a city of that size. Abraham's special concern was for Lot and his family. When the Lord sent His angels to search the city they found only four righteous people, Lot, his wife and two daughters. God is always mindful of our concerns and though He must destroy the city, He led those four out and told them to flee to the mountains. It must have been a very sad day for that mother to leave town knowing her two married daughters would be destroyed with the city. The angel which led them from the city told them not to look back but as they fled toward Zoar which was only a few miles from Sodom and the smoke and sulfuric fumes filled the air; Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt.

Although Moses was yet a child when his mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter that he might officially be known as her son; he had already been taught by his parents of the true God. He never forgot their God nor their influence. Throughout his entire life those teachings stayed with him and while he was watching the sheep in the wilderness he met that God and began giving Him first place. From that time Moses served God with Humility and reverence, except for one occasion. He led the people of Israel from bondage and through the Red Sea. They saw the Egyptian army destroyed and Moses sang the song of triumph and praise to God. The bitter water at Marah was made sweet and God gave them manna and quails to eat. While Moses was on Mt. Sinai, with God, the multitude of people had Aaron to make a golden calf and they worshipped it as the God brought them out of Egypt. After Moses destroyed the golden calf he went back to God and offered to let God blot his name from the book of life if God could not forgive the people for their sin. When God would have destroyed all of Israel except Moses and Aaron at the time Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled against Moses, he and Aaron fell on their faces and interceded for the multitude. Then came the time the people murmured because they had no water. The Lord told Moses to take his rod and gather the assembly together before the rock. "And he said unto them, 'Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?' And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, 'Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them' ". Numbers 20:10-12.

The children of Israel were defeated at Ai because Achan coveted some of the spoils from Jericho. He took a

Babylonish garment, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold worth fifty shekels for himself and hid them in the earth in the midst of his tent. After the armies defeat at Ai, Achan confessed his sin to Joshua. Achan, all of his family and all of his possessions were taken to the vely of Achor where they were stoned to death and then burned. The remains were covered with a pile of stones.

The first we read about Saul says he was a choice young man and goodly. There was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he, when he was chosen to be the king of Israel. But Saul became impatient when he saw the Philistines gathering and his own people scattering. The appointed day for Samuel to meet him was there and Samuel had not yet come. In Saul's impatience he took it upon himself to act as prophet, priest and king, prepared and offered the burnt sacrifice, which was to have been done by Samuel. Saul had just finished with the offering when Samuel came, "And Samuel said to Saul, 'Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which He commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought Him a man after His own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over His people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee' ". I Samuel 13:13-14. However, Saul was allowed to continue to lead the people under the direction of Samuel until one day when Saul directly disobeyed the Lord's command. He was bidden to utterly destroy the Amalikites and their possessions but Saul saved the king and the best of the cattle. Later when Samuel met him and heard the cattle; he asked what was meant by having them. Saul told him the people had kept them for sacrifice. Samuel's answer was, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king' ". I Samuel 15:22,23. After David was anointed to become the king, the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit was permitted to possess him.

When Naaman dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River as Elisha had bidden him, he was instantly and completely healed of his leprosy. In his gratitude he offered silver, gold and changes of raiment to Elisha; but Elisha refused any reward because the healing had come from God. Elisha's servant, Gehazi, heard this refusal and decided to get some of these riches for himself. "So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, 'Is all well?' And he said, 'All is well'. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver and two changes of garments.' " Naaman was generous and in giving more than Gehazi had asked; even sent two of his servants to carry the gifts. Upon reaching the tower Gehazi took the gifts from Naaman's servants, stored them in the house and dismissed the servants. Gehazi then went and stood before his master, "And Elisha said, 'unto him', Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said,

'Thy servant went no whither'. And he said unto him, 'Went not my heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money and to receive garments—? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever". And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow". II Kings 5:21, 22, 25-27.

Nebuchadnezzar was a great man and conquered many lands and peoples. He made Babylon into the grandest city known in those days and built the hanging gardens there. The inner gate and inner walls of the city were made of enameled bricks and life sized figures were patterned on the walls with these beautiful bricks. Surely it must have been a city of beauty. Among the people conquered were the Israelites and Daniel was one of the captives. Through Daniel's faithfulness to his God, Nebuchadnezzar learned of the true God and also learned to rely upon the wisdom that God had given to Daniel. In spite of all this, Nebuchadnezzar remained a very proud and haughty man. God gave him a warning in a dream one night. He asked Daniel for the interpretation of the dream and found it to be a prophecy that he would become insane for seven years, "Till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will. And where as they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. Daniel 4:25-27. One year later while Nebuchadnezzar" was strolling on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon, and saying, 'I by my own might and power, have built this beautiful city as my royal residence, and as the capital of my empire' ". Living Bible, Daniel 4:29, 30. At that moment his reasoning left and he was made to leave the palace and he dwelt with the beasts of the fields. He ate grass as the cattle, his hair grew long and his nails were like birds claws. At the end of seven years he lifted his eyes to heaven and his mind was restored. His kingdom was also restored but he was now humbled and gave God the praise.

Belshazzar was apparently the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar and according to Daniel, knew the story of how God had dealt with his grandfather. Yet with the knowledge of how this great king had learned to praise the most High God who rules in the kingdom of men, Belshazzar made a drunken feast and used the vessels taken from the temple in Jerusalem from which to drink their wine. They drank from these sanctified vessels while they praised the gods of gold, silver, brass and wood. Then Belshazzar saw the hand writing on the wall. It greatly disturbed him that none of his wise men could read the writing but the queen-mother remembered Daniel who was brought to interpret the message. Daniel read it for the king and the message said, "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.—Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.—Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.—In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain." Daniel 5:26b-28, 30.

We have the story of Ananias and Sapphira in the New Testament, who sold a piece of property. The price of the property was all theirs and they could do with it as they

wished so they planned to give part of it to the apostles and keep part for themselves. This plan would have been alright if they had not agreed between themselves to deceive the apostles into believing they were giving all the price of the land. "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost:" Acts 5:3-5a. About three hours later, Sapphira, not knowing her husbands fate, came to the apostles also. When Peter asked her about the money she admitted her deceit and fell down and died. She was carried out and buried by her husband.

There are many others in the Bible but let us look at the lives of these we have mentioned. Gods word tells us of a great many people who have overcome sin and served Him faithfully but that we might also be warned, He also tells us of many who were unfaithful. II Timothy 3:16,17 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Adam and Eve desired and ate the forbidden fruit because satan said it would make them wise. Cain had an uncontrolable temper and jealousy. Lot's wife loved her family so much that it made her forget her obedience to God's command. Moses anger made him fail to let God be glorified in giving the water. Achan lusted after riches. Saul's impatience led him to his downfall. Gehazi's greed caused him to lie to Elisha. Nebuchadnezzar suffered because of his pride. Belshazzar's blasphemous feast was his final act of defiance while deceit in the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira caused their deaths. The roots of all these sins may have seemed minor but left uncurbed and allowed to grow they brought forth the finished product of outright sin. Now none of these people were guilty of all these sins; yet each was guilty of one and it made him a transgressor of the law.

It is necessary that we search to hidden corners of our hearts for those small sins which lead to greater things of sin. The same Ten Commandments which say, "Thou shalt not kill," also say, "Thou shalt not bear false witness". The scripture used at the first of this article says we may keep all the law yet if we offend in one point we are transgressors. It mentions that just to be a respecter of persons is a sin. I John 3:15 says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer". Let us not harbor anything in our lives that will not glorify God and let the Light of His Gospel shine through in all we do or say.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Hebrews 12:1-4.

HOW to be USED of GOD

By Harold Bollinger

The first prerequisite for being used of God is to be the instrument rather than the controlling factor.

The only glory train that anyone is allowed to ride is the train that is bound for Glory with King Jesus in full control. No whistle stops to honour a special passenger.

Christ never stands back to give glory to others, but we may share in His glory. Dare we ask for more?

"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).

The manner in which we are used of God is not always our personal selection of tasks. Praying, visiting the sick and imprisoned and such are not the things which are recorded as single useful events to see if we "measure up".

When an individual is used of God, it is because he has dedicated himself as a whole to transfer God's love in every possible way and at every opportune time.

Service to Christ is not an "on-off" situation or a good weighed against the scales of bad. A single event of goodness has no meaning within itself. It is fruitless and vain unless accompanied by a life totally committed to Christ.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8).

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done wonderful works? And them will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22).

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Rom. 3:20).

It should make no difference to the true disciple of Christ what the deed may be. We are as pipes that the Holy Spirit flows through. The pipes do not select its contents.

"Nay but, O man who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?" (Rom. 9:20-21).

Our prayer should be "Use me Lord in any way that will glorify you."

A fruit bearing Christian is not one who is abundantly alive one day and practically dead the next, alternating between two extremes. No tree could ever produce fruit under such conditions. Chill or heat will destroy the crop of fruit.

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:3).

THE FRUIT AND THE WORD

"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matt. 13:23).

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT should flow out of our lives rather than being made up of single actions. All individual deeds should be the outflow of these fruits.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

TO BE USED OF GOD THERE MUST BE THE DEATH OF THE OLD LIFE:

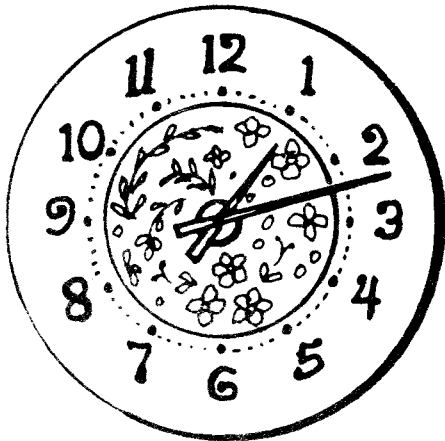
"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (John 12:24, 25).

THERE WILL BE A TIME OF CHASTENING OR PRUNING

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:2).

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's USE and prepared unto every good work" (II Tim. 2:15, 19-21).

Brother, Can You Spare A Time?



HOW often have you talked with someone on the telephone who seemed to be in a hurry and wanted to get on with more important business? Or visited with someone on the street and received that same hurried feeling?

You've undoubtedly experienced it ... and didn't enjoy it. And, perhaps, you have also been guilty of this.

If you have, why not decide to tithe time, save up chunks, bits and pieces of it, and give them away to people who interrupt your pre-established plans?

It is a great principle of love that people don't interrupt, not really. Perhaps there shouldn't even be such a word as interrupt for when people come into your existence, even for a brief time, that is a wonderful moment of experience for both of you. Relish it. Probe it. Invest some of the time you have tithed. We can't afford to indulge in the luxury of "being too busy and important" for another person.

We have time for such inanimate things as pieces of mail, vast sprawling shopping centers, the television program which starts at 7:30. But what about relationships with people? Isn't that a great deal of what life is all about—loving other people?

Remember Jesus? How he raced about, hurrying from one city to another, collecting great crowds on the way to give them a few minutes of hurried heaven-data, then dashing on to the next place?

No, that is not the picture of Jesus the New Testament gives. He had time for people. In a crowd, a woman touched his robe. Lots of people were probably pushing against him, touching his robe, but he discerned the urgency in this particular touch. He stopped, taking valuable time for this "interruption."

His disciples were full of fire and computer-like-efficiency. They wanted to get on with the task of getting something done, even if they didn't always know what that "something" was. Once a bunch of small, grimy-fingered kids came along and wanted to climb on the Master's lap.

"Get those kids out of here," thought the goal-oriented disciples.

"No, let them stay. Let's enjoy them and let them enjoy us," thought the true-goal-oriented Man from heaven who knew and expressed the great worth of the individual.

The next time a person "interrupts" you, think not of your work and your deadlines; rather, think of that person's needs, of his covert compliment in desiring to spend a few moments with you.

Your meeting may be a significant point in each of your lives, because it is an encounter with another person God has created. You may impart something crucial to his fulfillment—or he to yours.

Paul prayed: "May God, who gives patience, steadiness, and encouragement, help you to live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward the other" (Rom. 15:5, TLB). Are you caught up on your time-tithe?

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