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## A Good Minister

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1. Tim. 4:6: "Thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ."

1 Tim. 4:17 "Watch yourself, and watch your teaching; stick to your work; if you do that you will save your hearers as well as yourself" (Moffatt's translation).

This latter text presents to us the basic qualifications of a good minister. Paul's epistle to Timothy sets forth many qualifications of the good minister, but they may all be summed up in this text.

### I. "Watch Yourself."

1. A good minister is one who is possessed of an unfeigned faith.

In 2 Tim. 1:5 Paul commends Timothy for his "unfeigned faith." This kind of faith is pure faith, an unmixed and real faith. The idea of unfeigned stands in contrast with a mere profession of faith and implies the actual possession. The minister must first of all possess in his own heart and life the saving faith in Jesus Christ. How can he tell others that which he does not know himself.

2. A good minister attends to his own spiritual culture.

The minister must be a spiritual person if he is to be a man of God among the people. It is very frequently said "the spiritual life of the pew rises no higher than the level of the pulpit." If this is true it places a tremendous responsibility upon the minister. Spiritual culture comes through a careful study of God's Word, through prayer and meditation.

3. A good minister lives an exemplary life.

His life preaches more loudly than his words. "An ounce of performance is worth more than a pound of preaching." To make an impact upon his hearers he must have their respect and confidence. This is not something he can ask for but must earn through his daily deportment.

### II. "Watch Your Teaching."

1. A good minister is commissioned to "Preach the Word."

Always he must remember he represents more than himself. He represents God. His message is

to be God's message. In season and out of season the minister is to unwaveringly declare the whole counsel of God. He preaches not merely about the Word but he preaches THE WORD, its substance and doctrine of life.

2. The tone of authority should characterize his message.

Earth's last place for indefiniteness is in the pulpit. Christianity is nothing if it is not dogmatic. It has no reason for existence unless it is positive. The message of Christ's preacher is like that of the olden Prophets, "Thus saith the Lord."

### III. "Stick To Your Work."

1. This suggests that a good minister must keep free from outside entanglements.

He casts every other pursuit, separates himself from everything that would interfere with his service and devotes himself entirely to the Cause of his calling.

2. This also suggests perseverance.

The minister's task is a difficult one. His congregation is made up of all sorts of people. To promote harmony and to ever be seeking to build up the spiritual life of his people requires infinite patience, skill, diplomacy, and above all perseverance.

IV. "If you do that you will save your hearers as well as yourself."

The Christian end of all preaching is salvation. The fact of sin must be confronted. Salvation from sin is necessary and the supreme object of Christ's gospel is to save lost humanity. Other gospels are abroad in the land in these last days, but the good minister holds unwaveringly to one—"Christ and him crucified."

In Conclusion: the Reward of the Good Minister Is Three-Fold.

1. There is the joy of changed lives.

To see bad men becoming good men, the blasphemer a man of prayer, the drunkard a man of purity, "old things passing away, all things becoming new," the life they once hated now they love and the life they once loved they now hate. Ah!

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### FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE

How often we hear the words: "For the Gospel's Sake." And do we, I wonder, digest the full meaning of this phrase, whenever and wherever it is applied. There are so many things to be done for the Gospel's sake; so many reasons why they should be done; so many things to refrain from doing; so much to be left unsaid for the Gospel's sake. We wish to mention a few of them, by way of exhortation and through unfeigned love for the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, trusting it will be of benefit to someone who may be going through trials along this line.

Very recently we were cut to the heart by an unfair remark, followed by an unjust accusation, and for a second we were tempted to give some 'back talk' in self defense, but the spirit of the Lord said, "Keep quiet, for the Gospel's sake! Show your colors! Keep sweet in your soul! The Gospel must be lived out in your life or else your testimony, and your singing is vain."

To our sorrow we must confess that not every time when thus tried we have been able to turn away wrath with a soft answer, or silence. But the longer we stay in the harness of the Lord, the more we learn of real humility and meekness. A few days ago some one said to us, "I don't believe the Lord expects us to become door mats to be walked over day in and day out." I replied, "To become a door mat for the Gospel's sake is indeed an honor." By so doing souls are oftentimes won to the Lord. What is man that thou art mindful of him? From dust we came and to dust shall we return. We are His workmanship, therefore it behooves us to let Him mold us and fashion us after the likeness of His own blessed Son, who, though reviled, not again! Who was the servant of all. Who made himself of no reputation in order to fulfill His father's plan He desires to subdue us unto Himself, that He might use us as instruments of righteousness to bless humanity. Enough has been written along the line of humility and meekness to fill volumes; but only through the lesson of experience; of mistakes and remorse; of diligently

seeking after and striving for the best that the Gospel offers, can we become all that He demands of us.

If we believe in Divine Healing and testify to God's power to heal, then let's put it to the test and trust Him fully for our healing. If we should be called upon to die for the gospel, it is but a small thing compared to the death on the Cross.

If we believe that faith without works is dead, then let's do something about it. Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world. Take the story of Jesus and His love to those that are down and discouraged. Feed the poor, clothe the naked. The only gospel some folks read is the every day life we live before them. Go wherever Jesus would have you go. Sacrifice your time; increase and cultivate your talents in the service of the Lord. Do it all for the sake of the gospel.

If you desire to pattern your life after Him who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, for the sake of the gospel, don't lend an ear to idle gossip, backbitings, etc. For whatsoever we do in word or deed, let's do it as unto the Lord, giving glory to God the Father.

If you believe in Sanctification and it has been wrought out in your life, don't flirt with the world. Let the world know you are set apart, a vessel unto honor, meet for the Masters use. Touch not, handle not the things that will sever your confidence in God. The friendship of the world is enmity with God.

For the sake of the gospel and for the promulgation of the gospel pay your tithes. The gospel can then go into the highways and hedges; to the poor, the lame and the blind. When this glorious gospel has reached every nook and corner of the earth our Lord will return and righteousness shall reign. So do your part to hasten the return of Jesus.

Hattie Boulware Jones

Mother M. C. Dean is now living in New Orleans, Louisiana and is letting her light shine there. She had been ill for about a year and God gloriously healed her September 11, 1942. May God bless her as she continues to labor for Him.

### HOW TO BE SAVED

If you are a sinner and rejecting Christ—and you are a sinner—that means damnation. Mark 16:16, "He that believeth not shall be damned."

The Word of God says you must repent. Luke 13:3, "I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Remember, Christ died for you, Isaiah 53:5, "But He was wounded for our transgressions." "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."

So we must believe on Him, John 1:11-12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed."

But it is by accepting Him, trusting Him, surrendering all to Him, admit, confess you are a sinner, turn from your sins to Christ who died for you, and in your stead, took your place that you might take His place and have the life He gives, I John 5:11-12, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Then confess Him as your Saviour and Lord, Rom. 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Confession is not essential to your salvation but it is essential to your happiness and joy; and very essential to your obedience. You want the world to know He has saved you, and you ought to obey, Acts 2:41. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

**CONVOCATION AT  
ALVIN, TEXAS**

The General Convocation held at Alvin, Texas, during the Holidays was a great blessing to the people of South Texas. While the rationing of gasoline hindered many coming from a distance, all of South Texas responded at Alvin. Many stayed during the entire meeting while a large number drove to the services each day and night. The Convocation started off with glorious victory in the beautiful new high school auditorium with good attendance and every one feeling the mighty presence of the Lord. The meeting was moved to the church for a few days and then the closing services were held in the Auditorium to usher in the glorious New Year with the Communion service. The Watch Night service will long be remembered by those who were privileged to attend. A number of outstanding messages were brought by the Ministers and the splendid music was an added inspiration to the Convocation. Meals were served to all who attended and every need was graciously supplied and a bountiful table was enjoyed by all.

Among the Ministers and Gospel Workers attending were: Rev. A. B. Stanberry, Jacob C. Regier, E. W. Dickson, Millard E. Brown, Laverne R. Johnson, George Mathis, Hermon Hoke, Herschel Campbell, R. B. Potts, D. R. Stephens, A. B. Corl, Sutton Brothers, Otto Busch, Brother and Sister T. B. Tucker, Brother and Sister Charles Stockdick, Bennie Stanberry, John Hockersmith, Hazel Hubbard, J. K. Seber, Lee S. Drachenberg, Brother and Sister Boyce Tucker, Brother and Sister Elmer Russell and family, Brother and Sister Joe Smith, Brother and Sister Claude Pruitt, Bessie Brandon, Mollie Horn, Paul Harbin, Paul Clanton, Amos Watkins, Mrs. S. W. Ditto, C. R. Swanson, John Grubb, W. C. Stockdick, Jr., and Robert L. Parham. The Convocation was held under the direction of Rev. Alford Whitely, Pastor of the Apostolic Faith church in Alvin, Texas and Rev. Roy Wooster, Pastor of the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas. These Ministers are to be commended for their untiring efforts in making the Con-

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
EXTRAORDINARY**

It is necessary for us to revise our mailing list at the first of each year in order to keep the names and addresses up to date as so many people are moving about and the Paper is not forwarded and we lose track of many of our interested readers and it is quite an added expense paying return postage on so many papers of those who have moved and do not receive their copy. We urge your cooperation in this matter if you WANT THE PAPER. Otherwise YOUR NAME WILL BE DROPPED from the mailing list, unless we hear from you or you have already sent your name in within the past few weeks. If you have not sent us your name for the 1943 mailing list, PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE. THANK YOU.

convocation a success and their wonderful spirit of hospitality shown to all who attended.

**HOLY CONVOCATION  
RALLS, TEXAS**

A blizzard opened the Convocation at Ralls, but within a few days the skies cleared and attendance increased every service and throughout the meeting many sought and found God in many experiences. The blessings of the Lord rested so mightily upon the services by Watch-night it seemed in Divine order to continue the meeting over the following Sunday.

There were about twenty souls saved, a large number sanctified and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and several outstanding healings were witnessed.

A complete outline of the Plan of salvation and the Plan of the Ages given in Bible Lessons by Evang. Gail W. Schultz was greatly enjoyed by all.

A common table was well provided for and everyone was well taken care of.

The Watch-night service was well attended with several speakers preaching under the anointing. A sacrament service and foot washing followed the messages of the evening

and it was two in the morning before the benediction was given.

The closing service of the meeting was held on Sunday night and was a most gracious service. Evang. Elvis Bishop bringing a fine consecration message and two young men, Brother Marshal Ford of Dermott, Texas, and Brother Milton Smoots of Jacksonville, Texas dedicated their lives to the Ministry.

The following Ministers and Gospel Workers attended, George Bollinger, Milton Smoots, and Brother and Sister Laney Williams, Vester Clantons, Brother and Sister Elbert Smithy, Brother Othel Cumbie, Brother Marshal Ford, Brother and Sister Sol Getz, Brother and Sister Leo Heath, Sister Lela Grant, Brother and Sister Roland Eaken, Brother Wilbur Fullbright and Evang. Gail W. Schultz.

Brother and Sister Ed. Stark, Pastors of the church at Ralls, and Brother Elvis and Brother C. R. Bishop were in charge of the Convocation. The people of Ralls responded and attended well.

A local Convocation was held for the Tri-State District at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Missouri. A number of Ministers and laymen attended from the four state area. God blessed in every service and the blessed presence of His spirit hovered over the entire meeting. As the old year went out and the New came in everyone was on his knees and all partook of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him, until He comes. Brother Robert Girouard, Pastor.

Brother and Sister Fred Armstrong of 133 N. Polk St., Dallas, Texas are holding prayer meetings in their home every Thursday night and are praying the Lord will lead some one there to hold a revival soon.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of William Wheeler, who used to live in or near Perryton, Texas, please notify Jack W. King, Box 575, Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Brother Earl Nielson, Pastor of Arlington, Kansas writes God is blessing the work there and they are all encouraged in the things of God.

## Brief Mention

Sister Edna Pryor and Sister Frances Taylor are now in a revival meeting at Gravette, Arkansas.

Sister Cozzetta Wells of Kingman, Kansas writes the Lord is blessing in the prayer meetings every week in the different homes in Kingman. They are praying for a suitable building to hold services in.

Raymond Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barker, Pastors of the Full Gospel Church of Laverne, Oklahoma, is now a mechanic in the Air Corps, stationed at Sheppard, Field, Texas.

A good report has come in of the watch-night service at the Mission at Cheney, Kansas. Several car loads came from Arlington, Kingman and Norwich. The Lord graciously blessed as all partook of the Communion and Foot washing. Sister Pearl Menke, Pastor, was in charge.

Sister Vera Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas was called to Big Springs, Texas on account of the illness of her father.

Following the Convocation at Ralls, Texas, Evangelist Gail W. Schultz and Brother Wilbur Fullbright have been in special meetings at Polar, Snyder and Vealmoor, Texas.

Brother Joe B. DeWees writes they had a splendid watch-night meeting at the home of Sister Newsome, between Bellville and Hempstead, Texas. Watch-night services have been held here for a number of years. The Lord blessed in a special way as all took the Lord's Supper. Brother Jim Seber of Katy, Sister Nelson of Bellville; Sister Feagan, Sister Eloise Clifton and Brother John Scruggs of Hempstead brought some fine messages.

Evangelist Harold Cooper and Brother Wayne Boulware are now in an Evangelistic meeting at Powell, Missouri.

Rev. Glayron Keith Rees has accepted the Pastorate of the Union Chapel church near Bethpage, Missouri.

A special Christmas service was held Christmas day at the Silver Strand country church in Palm City, California and two beautiful Cedrus Desdar trees and 85 dozen flowers and several dozen of poinsettias were given to the church by Rose Turner and Carol Erwine. An afternoon service was held with Brother Charles Mahan in charge and Sister Florence Walls spoke of "Sowing the Seed" and then the two beautiful trees were planted in memory of Sister Hattie Ostrander, founder and builder of the church. As these trees grow, so may this church grow and prosper for the Lord.

Brother and Sister Bill Handley have been in special meetings in and around Cave Springs, Arkansas and are now in the Tri-State District preaching in the different Missions.

Brother and Sister Carroll Heller, now Pastors of the Mission at Hugo, Colorado, held special holiday meetings. The Lord is blessing the work there.

Brother Paul Bailey and family report victory in the services at Cave Springs, Arkansas. The new parsonage is almost completed and is very nice and comfortable. Brother Bailey holds regular appointments at Healing Springs and the Lord is blessing every effort there.

Brother Albert A. Durham has continued the meeting on at Webb City, Missouri since the watch-night meeting. God is blessing the revival with good interest and response. Robert Girouard, Pastor.

Evangelist Bob Palmer of Webb City, Missouri is now preaching in the Tri-State District at the different Missions.

The Apostolic Faith Tabernacle of Rockdale, Texas is going over the top for God and souls. Attendance is increasing and splendid interest is shown as all the people have a mind to work. Brother and Sister Roy Wooster, Pastors.

Brother H. L. Watkins is now living at Johnson, Kansas near Ulysses, Kansas and hopes to have a revival there in the spring.

Special holiday services were held at the church at Arnett, Oklahoma. The Lord wonderfully blessed during the meeting. Brother Johnny Modrick and Brother Marcus Adair brought special messages Christmas night. Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher, Pastors.

ERROR—The last issue of the Paper stated that Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas had moved to Katy, Texas. It should have stated that they had been visiting in Katy, Texas.

Brother and Sister R. J. Eakens, Pastors of the church at Meade, Kansas write God is blessing in the services there, and attendance and interest good.

Brother John Hockersmith of Purcell, Missouri attended the Convocation at Alvin, Texas and is now visiting the different Missions of the South and holding special services.

Brother and Sister Millard E. Brown are continuing on as Pastors of the Apostolic Faith church in Eagle Lake, Texas and anticipates holding a tent revival in the early spring in Eagle Lake.

Evangelist Robert L. Parham is now in a revival at the Full Gospel Mission, 1314 South Main, Joplin, Missouri, Audley Hervey, Pastor.

Brother Claude Pruitt has been re-elected as Pastor of the Alief Apostolic Faith church and expects to continue in the work there for the next six months.

Ida Drachenberg of Houston, Texas requests special prayer for Day-ton (Batch) Drachenberg of Beasley, Texas who is in foreign service and reported to be a Japanese prisoner of war.

Sister Elmer Russell is in a very serious condition at this time and is in need of healing and deliverance. Everyone earnestly pray.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson are now in a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith church in Center Point, Texas. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

Brother Lawrence and Sister Beulah Clay are now living near Golden, Missouri and are Pastoring three churches in that vicinity, and expect soon to have an Evangelistic meeting at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Brother and Sister Virgil Peter of the Union Rescue Mission, 40 Auburn Ave., Pontiac, Mich., write that the Lord is graciously blessing in their regular services. Four souls have been saved every Sunday night for the past month and they are all proving to be earnest workers for the Lord. The Mission has a very large class of young married folk which are proving a great blessing to the Mission.

Brother John R. Dice dedicated his beautiful new church in Hazel Park, Michigan Sunday afternoon, January 3. A splendid service was held and many attended from Pontiac and surrounding towns.

Evangelist Robert L. Parham attended the Convocation at Alvin, Texas and following the Convocation visited a number of the Missions and held services at West End, Houston, Waller, Galveston, Alvin, Eagle Lake, and Hempstead.

The folk of Bayard, Nebraska, have secured the use of the high school auditorium for Brother Robert L. Parham to hold a revival in. Brother Parham anticipates going as soon as this issue of the Paper is off the press.

**THOUSANDS** will read the gospel message in this issue of the Paper, printed on the Free Will Offering Plan, **YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT APPRECIATED.**

The Lord is blessing the work of the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle at 2nd and New York streets, in Wichita, Kansas. An invitation is extended to all our readers in Wichita to attend this place of worship. Gene Cornell, Pastor.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson and Luella and Belva Jo Russell are now in a revival at the Apostolic Faith church in Center Point, Texas. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

As the Paper goes to press we have not received any report from the Convocation at Perryton, Texas.

The Lord has made it possible for us to send a large number of service Testaments to the boys in the army and navy and we hope to continue this work in a greater way, as the Lord provides.

The Sutton Brothers Evangelistic party are now in a revival at the Community church at Cody, Texas.

Brother and Sister Lyle West have been in a revival meeting at the Hoover Orchard church in Wichita, Kansas. Their oldest daughter is very ill and requests prayer at this time.

Evangelist and Mrs. Murphy Barnes are now in South Texas in the evangelistic work.

Brother Roland Busch of Katy, Texas has been preaching in the different Missions of South Texas.

Rev. Paul Harbin has accepted the Pastorate of the Church at Camp Wood, Texas.

Brother and Sister Amos Watkins are now in a meeting at Magnolia, Arkansas. All there are looking forward to a good meeting, and Brother and Sister Watkins plan to Pastor there following the revival. The folk of Magnolia have obtained a building for services there.

**YOUNG PEOPLES RALLY**

The next meeting of the Young Peoples Rally of South Texas will be held February 7 at the New Beautiful Heights Tabernacle, at 20th and Gostick St., in Houston, Texas. This will be the seventh anniversary of the Young Peoples Rallies and an election of officers will be held. Boyce Tucker, President.

The January Rally of the Tri-State Young Peoples was held at the Full Gospel Mission, 1314 South Main St., Joplin, Missouri. Every church was well represented and splendid musical numbers and sermonettes were given to a well filled house. The next rally will be held at the Spring Grove Mission in Galena, Kansas, February 14. Pauline Parham, President.

**YOU CAN HAVE A PART IN GIVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Never was there a greater need than NOW to put the Gospel Message in the training camps. Many of our boys need God. No doubt many will have to give their lives for our country, and the least we can do is to give them the gospel message of full salvation. Our boys are on every continent of the Globe and they earnestly and sincerely need our prayers.

We plan to dedicate the February Paper to our boys in service and will mail thousands of Papers to them. To do this we must have your full cooperation and prayers. If you will send us the names and addresses of your boys from your church and home we will gladly send them a Paper. Please do this at once so we will have ample time for compiling and mailing the February Paper.

---Thanks.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pvt. Earl Mansee of Houston, Texas and Miss Fay Marie Head of Houston, Texas were married Thanksgiving day, November 26, 1942 at the Central Methodist church at Houston, Texas. Pvt. Mansee is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

Miss Dolly Mae Blosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Blosser of Downey, California, and Rev. Donald Clayton Rose, Pastor of the Christian church of Downey, California, were united in marriage on November 21, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leroy Mix of Riverside, California, announce the birth of a son, Norman Leroy on November 28, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crouse of Dallas, Texas announce the arrival of their son, Archie Nathaniel, Jr., on November 28, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harris of Rosemead, California announce the birth of a son, January 14, 1943.

Our souls can never be kept full of sunshine if our minds are kept full of gloom.

**THE SUPER-DECEIVER**

The book by Dr. James C. Hollenbeck, "The Super-Deceiver," has aroused much comment, pro and con, and has resulted in bringing startling information from all over the world. It is evident that the Islam world is anxiously awaiting the moment when Prince Abdul Baraba Baha will keep his promise to come forth and great preparation is being made for that time. No doubt some startling information will be published soon and some powerful outbursts from Islam is expected. This is all a matter of prophecy, and whether or not he will attain the place he asserts he will, it is indeed time all children of God should pray earnestly for God to guide in all things.

The views of Dr. Hollenbeck concerning Abdul Baraba Baha may not necessarily be ours, but we believe prophetic students should know of this powerful false Christ on the world's horizon.  
—Editor.

**BEAUTIFUL NEW HEIGHTS FAITH CHURCH, AT HOUSTON, TEXAS**

The congregation of the Heights Faith Tabernacle at 20th and Gest-tick Sts., Houston, Texas tore down the old Tabernacle and are building a lovely new church on the corner lot facing 20th St. The building is 40x60 ft. and is a beautiful building with a white rockedge finish and a modernistic front. There will be four Sunday school rooms and it will be one of the nicest churches of the Faith when completed. They are expecting to have dedication services on Easter Sunday, with a revival to follow. The trustees of the new church are S. G. Eowen, D. C. Ware and John E. Reid.

Those who pray for light and truth and divine guidance and keep their minds closed are hindering their own prayers from being answered.

**TESTIMONY OF HEALING**

"I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

"The Lord hath chastened me sore but He hath not given me over unto death.

"I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me and set me in a large place." Ps. 118:17-18-5.

I pray as I write that others may be blessed and encouraged to trust God rather than to put confidence in man."

For fourteen years I have trusted God for healing. Many times I have seen God heal the sick but never until recently had I been called upon to experience such a test in my own body.

For 18 months or more I had been suffering considerably but would be improved at times by prayer until in September, 1942, I was taken extremely ill, going down fast until they despaired even of my life. I realized that it was no time to turn to an earthly physician, but that unless God undertook for me only minutes were between the next world and me.

Many, and earnest were the hearts who cried in desperation to God and "The Lord answered and set me in a large place.

Those present testified that as the Lord touched me they could see the color return to my face, expression to my eyes and life to my body. In about twenty minutes I got up and walked to the next room. I began to gain strength immediately.

Nearly four months have passed and I praise God for giving me such wonderful health and for sparing me to my family and to the work of the Lord.

I appreciate and wish to thank all who held up our hands in prayer.

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Mrs. Myrtle Davis,  
Madera, California.

Those who fail to use their minds are too indolent as well as too ignorant for God to use them.

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**EXCUSES**

In all walks of life there are people who constantly offer excuses. There are those in business who offer an excuse for their failures but banks, financial institutions, corporations and business executives will not except their excuses. There are those who would give an excuse for breaking the laws of the land, but judges and jury find them guilty. There are some who would try to excuse themselves from the service of their country, but when their government calls, they must answer.

And so it is with God. In Luke 14:16-24 our Lord gives us a parable of a man who made a great supper and invited many. They all began to excuse themselves. One had purchased a piece of land, another a yoke of oxen, another had married a wife. You may say these are foolish excuses and indeed they are, but the modern excuses people are giving today for not attending church and serving God are far more flimsy and foolish. I am just too busy. I can't find time. I don't need to go to church. My tires are worn out. I don't have gasoline. I am too sick. I don't have clothes good enough to wear. I don't believe like you do. There are too many hypocrites in the church. And so on and on with many similar excuses.

This is the time when the Lord is preparing for the Marriage supper of the Lamb. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9). This is the Day of His preparation. (Nahum 2:3). He has left His business with His servants and told them to watch for His return.

His invitation goes out to all the world, "whosoever will may come." Friends it seems to me that after all the sacrifice Jesus has made for your salvation and the preparation of God for our future happiness that we are without an excuse.

You may offer an excuse now for not serving God but if you do, he will not excuse you from your part in the Lake of Fire which is the second death. You will excuse yourself

from redemption, reigning with Christ, the Pearly White City, eternal life and its rewards.

Why not yield your life to the Saviour? Be saved by the blood of Christ through repentance, confession and faith, and be sanctified by His blood through consecration and faith in Him. Tarry until you are filled with the Holy Spirit of promise and endued with power from on high, then you will be so filled with the grace and love of God that you will need never to offer an excuse for service but will always be ready to do His bidding and serve Him in Spirit and in truth.

Charles Dale.

**PRAYER LIST**

- Roy Spence's son
- Rollie Roberts
- Mrs. M. L. Dinkins
- Charles Lewis Toms
- Chester A. Toms
- Rev. F. M. Pearson
- Ethel Clark
- Mrs. Jim L. Ray
- Mrs. Paul Bollinger
- Stacy Miller
- Mrs. G. E. Wade
- Mrs. O. Chasteen's daughter
- W. H. Tuttle
- Mrs. J. Gopher Davis
- Joseph G. Haga
- Emma Carver
- Mrs. J. V. Simpson
- Alvin R. Smith
- Anna D. Randolph
- Cozzetta Wells
- Mrs. Jack King
- Mrs. Ira B. Watson
- Nellie Shelton
- Mrs. Signe Witty
- Rull Glidewell
- Mrs. J. W. Brake
- Mrs. Bessie Brooks
- Clifford Thacker's baby
- Mrs. Elmer Russell
- Rev. Freddie Peter

**(Excerpt From Letter)**

I am writing this with much praise and thanks in my heart to the Lord for answering prayer and healing our little grandson for whom we sent you the telegram. He had been terribly sick and could not digest his food and the formula had been changed many times, but he still suffered severe pain in his stomach and

cried day and night for about six weeks. The doctors didn't know what to do. When I sent the telegram I knew the answer was coming and watched for it. Thank God he was better from that night on. God has all the honor and glory and praise.

Mrs. Ira B. Watson.

**A GOOD MINISTER**

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these glorious transformations, miracles of grace—to know that people have been saved, this gives a "joy that is unspeakable and full of glory.

2. Then there is the reflex influence that comes to the good minister through such service in building up his own spiritual life.

He not only saves his hearers but himself as well. Doing God's will he comes to know the doctrine. Seeking miracles of grace he comes to have a Faith that is utterly without question—he lives in an atmosphere of reality.

3. Lastly, there is the sense of fellowship with his Lord.

He knows that his Master came to "seek and to save the lost" and now at last he is certain that he can see the footsteps of his Lord in the path which he treads as seeker after those who have gone astray. Like the Apostle Paul he can say, "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known."

—Messiah's Advocate.

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The Rev. Thomas O. Patty, 57 years old, passed away December 13, 1942, at his home near the Union Chapel schoolhouse, north of Galena, Kansas, following a seven months illness. He was a miner and had also preached for a number of years and been associated with the various Full Gospel churches of the Tri-State District. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Louise Patty; seven daughters, Mrs. Robert Kittrel of Joplin, Missouri; Mrs. Earl Ames of Galena, Kansas; Oletha, Lois, Bobbie Jean, and Mary Patty of the home, and Mrs. Earl David of Vista, California. A son, Lee Patty, at home. His father, Obed Patty of Miami, three brothes, John Patty of Galena, Kansas; Roy Patty of Joplin, Missouri; and Elmer of California; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Parity of Badger, Kansas; Mrs. Pearl Spears of Centralia, Oklahoma; Mrs. Irene Dodds of Colorado and Mrs. Mary Hammonds of Washington state. Three grandchildren and three stepchildren. Funeral services were held December 13, on Sunday afternoon at the Empire Mission in Galena, Kansas. The Rev. Robert L. Parham and Rev. Dow Booe were in charge of the service. District Pastors served as pallbearers. Interment was in the Ritchie cemetery north of Galena, Kansas.

Sister Patty and family wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness during the long illness and death of their beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Lina Pearson, age 75 years, beloved wife of Rev. E. M. Pearson passed away at her home in Los Angeles, California, November 3, 1942. She had been in failing health for about a year. Sister Pearson was a devout Christian character and a devoted wife and

mother. She was a wonderful help to Brother Pearson in his Ministry and Bible School work.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Kailey of Holdrege, Nebraska, and Mrs. Lottie Hayes of South Gate, California; two sons, Wesley Alstot of Oxnard, California and Eenson Alstot of Ventura, California.

Funeral services were held November 5, from the Chapel of W. A. Brown & Son in Los Angeles, California.

Her life the Music

Her deeds the Sermon

Her memory, a lasting benediction.

Mary Emelia Wagner was born July 31, 1875 and passed away at her home near Logan, Oklahoma, November 18, 1942. She was a devoted Christian and although confined to her wheel chair for many years, she was a great example of cheerfulness and patience.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Wagner, and one son John Wagner, two brotners, August B. and Fred C. Schwartz of Freedom, Oklahoma, one sister, Mrs. Anna Stewart of Alva, Oklahoma. She was a mother also to Clint Story, whom she cared for and raised from infancy.

Funeral services were held at the Lookout Church near Logan, Oklahoma, with Rev. James W. Hesler in charge. Interment was in the Lookout cemetery.

Anna R. Hammond of Compton, California, who has been a tireless worker of the Apostolic Faith for about 30 years, and at one time built a lovely little Chapel in Compton, where a number of our Ministers have held revivals, passed away from this life on December 31, 1942. She had been in failing health for the past year. Dr. Hooper, Pastor of the Methodist church was in charge of the funeral services and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Evangelist Bud Robinson the noted Holiness preacher for many years, passed away at Pasadena, California, November 6, 1942. He was known throughout the world for his untiring effort of the spreading of the doctrine of Holiness and was called the "Will Rogers of the Religious World."

Brother H. T. Kennedy of Utopia, Texas passed away at his home November 8, 1942 at the age of 96 years and one month. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Maud Wysinger of Sabinal, Texas.

C. D. Rorabaugh of Gray, Oklahoma was instantly killed in a train and truck collision November 5, 1942. He had just been reclaimed a few days when the accident happened. He is survived by his wife.