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ARE YOU A CONCERNED, COMPASSIONATE AND CARING CHRISTIAN?

James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

As children of God we are well aware that we are sinning when we deliberately disobey God's commandments. Sin is the willful transgression of God's law. But it seems harder for us to look at the other side of the coin. Everyday life affords us many many opportunities to do good and James makes it very clear when we don't do these things we also need to ask forgiveness for our failures to do the good things God would have us do. Now it's true that none of us are super humans who can handle carrying everyone's burdens, and the Lord doesn't expect that out of us. We aren't even to carry our own cares we are to cast them on Jesus. He is our burden bearer. But the kind of things I feel sure he is talking about can nearly all come under the heading of being concerned about others and thoughtful. Sometimes it's nothing more than a smile. How many people in the world around you just need a smile and a kind word to lighten their load and make them feel that someone cares. "I love you;" or "I'm praying for you;" are two phrases that we utter all too seldom. Of course they are empty words unless they are backed up with our sincere feelings and are actually bringing those to the Lord that we have promise to pray for. We can say "I love you" in many ways; by being appreciative; by sending notes; making calls; keeping promises; remembering special days—all these can be deeply significant. And so can the omissions of not giving and sharing Christ with others. I feel like the lack of concern over lost loved ones and friends is one area that shows a great lack on the part of most so-called christians. In my Bible study I find this should be our primary concern but too often over 90% of our requests for prayer are for the sick. God is our healer and he wants us to pray for the sick and be concerned for them and help them but we can go to heaven with bodily ailments, but the person that is without Christ has no hope of eternal life. Someone was concerned enough to call your name out to the Lord in prayer so that you could be born again. Some mother, some father, sister, brother, friend, minister, or Sunday School teacher carried a burden for your salvation and the only way you can repay that debt is to carry the burden for someone else until they can touch Jesus for themselves. Don't wait till your regular prayer times to call their names to God. Do it all through the day and night as they come across your mind. Let your heart reach out in compassion to them with a genuine heartfelt desire to see them find Christ and have Him change their lives. Thank God He is no respecter of persons. We often times are and we give up on people too quickly. With a shrug of our shoulder we say, "They know better," and let it go at that. We forget that the devil blinds their eyes and confuses their reasoning powers when they step out from under Jesus blood and they aren't thinking straight. They need to have Christ cleanse them and break the binding powers of Satan from their lives. Bill Gaither has a song out that says "What If This Would be the Year (the Day, the Moment) Jesus Comes?" We'd have so little time to get our lost ones in if this should be the year (day, moment) Jesus comes. I am my brother's keeper. I have a responsibility to be

concerned about those who are not ready for Christ's return. Am I more concerned about avoiding the don'ts of the Bible than I am about omitting to do the things that my Master put me here to do. He wants me to go to heaven, but He wants me to take someone with me. That's what it's all about. We should be Concerned Compassionate, Caring Christians. nb



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sharp of Tulsa, Oklahoma, proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Heather Renelle, on Thursday, August 19, 1976. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp also of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. James Wallis of Alvin, Texas and great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker of Laverne, Oklahoma. Mrs. Sharp is the former Kandi Wallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Weston of Baxter Springs, Kansas, proudly announce the arrival of their new son, Christopher Shon, on August 7, 1976. He weighed 7 lb. 11 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mrs. Weston is the former Tonya Cornell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell of Hardesty, Oklahoma and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell of Galena, Kansas. Tony's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Weston of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers of Galena, Kansas.

John and Marcena Hutson of Coweta, Oklahoma, take pleasure in announcing the adoption of a daughter, Amy Kaye, born April 11, 1976 and weighed 6 lbs 14 ozs. Congratulations to the parents and the grandparents, Carl and Edna Scroggs of Waka, Texas. Amy came to make her home with John and Marcena July 7, 1976.

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REPORT From Superintendent Of AFBC



The Jim Fox Family

[left to right] Lamoyne, DeAnn, David and Jim



Supt. Ollie Kinser

Rev. Jim Fox, of Katy, Texas is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College; being elected to that position in December of 1972. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox of Hardesty, Oklahoma. He attended school in Hardesty and is a graduate of the High School there. He then attended AFBC in 1950 and 51. He felt his call into the ministry in 1950 and was active in youth work until he entered the United States Air Force in 1955. He was in the service of his country for four years. In 1960 he accepted the pastorate of the Apostolic Faith Church in Laverne, Oklahoma, and he married Miss Lamoyne Barker while he was there on May 5, 1961.

Sis. LaMoyné is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker, who were well known to all the Movement. She has one brother, Raymond Barker of Katy, Texas, and 3 sisters, Mrs. Wilbur (Lorraine) Fullbright of Brookline, Mass., Mrs. Carl Eugene (Texanna) Allen and Mrs. Elmo (Euteva) Gregory both of Katy, Texas. LaMoyné graduated from High School in Enid, Oklahoma after her folks moved there from Laverne, Oklahoma where they spent the greater part of their lives. She then attended Panhandle State College at Goodwell, Oklahoma and John Brown University at Greenville, South Carolina, in addition to attending AFBC in 1956 and 58. She also taught at AFBC in 1961. They have two children DeAnn who is a 9th grader and David a 6th grader. They pastored at Laverne, Oklahoma first and then for the past 12 years they have pastored at Balco, Oklahoma. They recently moved to Katy, Texas to assume the duties of their new pastorate there.

The beginning days of Bible School have been very exciting and enjoyable. We have a student body of 36 who have applied themselves to every class and the work that is at hand. This has all been made possible because of the faithfulness of God's people carrying the burden and holding to the vision of Apostolic Faith Bible College. I personally want to thank all who had a part in the efforts of work week. We were able to do a lot of painting and other work that I had not anticipated. Through the generosity of some, we purchased new carpet and drapes for the Bible School Home living room area. We are proud of how nice it looks. Only the Lord can justly reward those who have been so good to take care of the needs of the Bible School through the years.

In the boys' dorm, we installed the new washer and dryer which already has proved to be of great benefit. We here remind you that we expect you to come visit the school, be a part of the classes and classwork, and see what you are building when you do something for or give anything to the Bible School.

Once again, I humbly ask for your fervent prayers for the faculty, the students, and every function of the school. We, who are here, realize that without the direction of the Holy Spirit, our efforts are in vain. We can look back at what God has done and know that he can and will bountifully bless us in the future as we follow the footsteps of Jesus our Lord.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Ollie L. Kinser.**

GOD'S HUSBANDRY

Taped at Laverne Camp Meeting 1974

(edited by your editor nb)

By Jim Fox,

(Formerly of Balko, Okla., now pastoring in Katy, Texas)

By the help of the Lord, I would like to speak on the subject of "God's Husbandry"; I could also call it "God's Watchman". I would like to use two passages of scripture today. I Corinthians 3:1-10 "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

Isaiah 21:6-12 "For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed; And he cried, A lion; My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights; And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. O my threshing, and the corn of my floor; that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The Watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night; If ye will enquire, enquire ye; return, come."

I feel like that we have a very great responsibility that rests upon us today, and I think there is a great deal of failures, and I will freely admit that I have made my share of those. I think we should recognize what a Husbandman is. The Bible speaks about a Husbandman in several places, in fact, it's rather a large subject when you began to look into the scriptures and see what is said along this subject. A Husbandman was one who was left to till the vineyard, one who was left to dress it, one that was left to take care

of it and to provide the proper care that was needed in that vineyard. And the Bible tells us that we are God's Husbandry, we have a responsibility that is ours as ministers of the Word. I think people many times affect the effectiveness of the Husbandman of the congregation. I'm not going to lay blame upon people this morning because I feel like we, as God's chosen workers in the vineyard have a responsibility that we just cannot get away from, we must accept that responsibility as our own. You cannot fill my place and I cannot fill your place; but God intends with His help that I be the kind of minister that He expects me to be. And I believe that in this day in which we are living—the closing days of time—that God's Husbandry must be exactly what He wants it to be. We must be able to conform to the will of God and do exactly what He would want us to do. In the book of Isaiah we read about a watchman—you know there is a great deal of difference between a watchman and a watchtower—although they are closely related. I fear that too many times we just become a watchtower instead of the watchman that's willing to sound the alarm. This particular scripture in the book of Isaiah, is speaking about a time near the fall of Babylon, when it was going to be overrun and the watchman was setting in the watchtower. This was a term that these people were familiar with. He was to look out and see what was going to take place, and then he brought a message back that there were some dangers that were coming, and the question was then asked, "Watchman, what of the night?" Or maybe more perfectly translated, it might have meant, "Watchman, what hour of the night?" We have that responsibility also as a watchman over the flock of God: we are responsible to bring warning and to bring advice and help to those that we are left in charge of. The scripture declares that when he come back the Watchman said that he was a lion or perhaps a seeker that had been out and he had seen exactly what was going to take place. Too frequently we are like the one that came in from battle to bring the report, but when he got back he couldn't tell them anything. All he knew was he didn't have much of a report to give. We need to have a report to give to the people, something to tell them in this dreadful hour in which we are living. I have certainly not lived in a period of time when I felt that things have been in a worse condition than they are. It's something that scares me when I look at the situations that are in our world today. I'm an American through and through and I believe in the American way of life. I'm as patriotic as I can possibly be, I believe in our flag and I believe in our country; but, O, God help us in this time that we are living, we need to be warned that the only security that we can hold to is the Lord Jesus Christ. That's part of my responsibility as a minister to tell people of existing conditions that I might help them. Many times people expect a great deal of the minister. I don't think that in most situations there is too much expected of us at all, outside of the extra curricular activities we are expected to carry on in our community, and we get ourselves into those kind of deals; it's not necessarily the people's fault. I believe people are looking to us today for help, for some warning, for some advice and we need to have the knowledge and the help from God to give it to them. This man said the morning is going to come but he also gave the warning that the night's coming also. I reread that scripture and I feel like we are approaching a time that the night is swiftly going to come upon us. We're still living in a time when men can repent and make their peace with

God. This is why the watchman brought the warning; We need to warn people that certainly we're living in a time when men can repent. Thank God today men can still find peace with the Lord Jesus Christ, and it's our job as the watchman, as the husbandman, to do our best to point those people to the Savior. I was thinking about some of the things that people sort of expect of the person that fills the pulpit of their church. Many times the people will expect a Pastor to take a rundown church and a rundown congregation and do wonders with them. That's not always easy to do. There are some ministers, (and I freely admit that I'm not one of them,) who are of such a dynamic personality that they can possibly do those things, but don't expect too much of your minister. You, who are the laity, don't expect your minister to be super human. Certainly if the church has been dead for 50 years, a pastor's not going to be able to resurrect it over night, it's just simply not going to happen that way, but that doesn't lessen his responsibility as a minister to the Word of God one little bit. The church congregation expect the minister to carry the best and the greatest influence in the community. But you know how our churches sometimes pick their pastor. Brother Otto Busch put it this way; "Some people say this one or that one has the earmarks of a preacher, but God doesn't pick preachers by their ears, they have to be God called." This call, straight from God, is the first and most important requirement of a preacher. Some people pick them because they might be a little bit more of a social man than the fellow that was previously there, and he might get into the school and he might get into this and into that. They want their pastor to carry the greatest influence in the community that anybody could possibly carry. But do you know who's influence the church is built upon?--the deacons--the church members. The other people that sat out there that are not called ministers, the church is built on your influence, and a pastor is not going to change that. You, as a minister, will be expected to be there when the people need you. If you want to be a successful pastor you will be there when you are needed. Too many preachers have a go devil in them that's bigger than their automobile, and they shouldn't have it. I have a job in my community, I'm a school bus driver. I like it for two reasons; first, of all I'm going to be in that community two times a day during the school term because it's almost impossible to get a substitute to drive that bus, and secondly, because I get to go into the school to see the kids every day, I walk the halls just a little while when I go in.

A pastor ought to be there, but many times he is not at the right place at the right time simply because some of you don't let him know what's happening. Campmeeting would be a dead place if there were no young people here, we need them desperately. Our churches need the youth but lots of them expect the preacher to go in and build up a youth group when there's not even a possibility of one. It's a hard thing to build a youth group when for the last 10 years you've had a fried preacher for every Sunday dinner. You just can't do it when your kids have heard those sort of things. Who's fault is that? Preachers that's not your fault.

A lot of times maybe you need to be fried but it's not your fault if you're the center of discussion at the Sunday dinner table. That's some ungodly parent's fault and I could not enlarge too much upon that. We're watchmen and our job is serious. We cannot begin to talk about how serious the job is that we have to do. I realize more and more the responsibility that rests upon me as a minister of the

Gospel. I bought a little book that has 3,000 illustrations in it; here's one that impressed me and I think it said something to me as well as perhaps to every other minister of the gospel: "Why Churches Die: an old Baptist deacon pointed to the real reason why so many churches are dying, he said something like this, we have been milked and not fed. The preachers expect work and money from us but they do not feed us the Word of God in return. We need to remember that on the cow there are two ends; she will not give milk unless she is fed." There is a responsibility that is the pastors, the evangelists, the watchman, the husbandmans and that is to feed the flock. If we expect something from the people we must be willing to feed them on the Word of God. I don't think spirituality has ever wrecked a church, there's not any place that I have ever known of that this has been the case. We need to have a spiritual, Biblical ministry among the people. We're the Husbandman, and the Bible tells us that we are labourers together with God. What some one else does, I cannot do in many cases; what the previous minister did was not my job. What I do in a place is certainly my responsibility. We're labourers together with God, I've always liked that scripture because it tells me that we are not in the work of God alone, we're just simply labourers together with God. You have your part, and I have my part, but we're labouring together with God, and certainly that makes it an important business, His business. The Bible tells us in several places some things that we'd like to just briefly mention. In John 4: 35 it reads "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." We live in a time, in a period, when there are many souls seeking for help and something to give them an anchor to hold to in our day. I don't believe for a minute that we're living in a time when the door of mercy is almost closed. I believe there are hungry hearts in many places that are seeking for an answer for their problems, and it's our responsibility to help them in those problems. In the book of Matthew, chapter 9 verses 37 & 38 "Then saith he unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest." I hope we, as Apostolic Faith People, have been earnestly praying that prayer to God, that He might send forth labourers into the harvest. Do you realize the situation that we are in as far as ministers is concerned? We're in a very serious situation at this time when we need ministers of the Gospel. I want to say this to you younger people. We need you, We can't do without you. It's a sad thing when it's almost impossible for churches to get pastors. We had better nourish, feed and sustain our young people with the very best that we possibly can, and pray that God will call some of them into the field of labour. Concerning getting preachers, maybe some of you will say, "they haven't talked to me yet." It's kind of like our late Brother Girouard said a number of years ago at a Camp Meeting when he made the statement... "many of you have asked me, what I'm going to do in the next year, Well, I'm just like an old maid waiting for a proposal."--I remember him making that statement very well and maybe that's your feeling, they just haven't asked you. Folks we're in need of ministers of the Gospel. The ministry has it's drawbacks but is there anything that doesn't? I live in a community that some of the farmers tell me they have their drawbacks

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too; I really don't know what they are, but each occupation seems to have some. God help us, we need some hard places to mature us and make us more usable for the Master. Brother Modrick told us about getting ground into flour, to be made into bread to feed the hungry. We need to get broken up, ground up by God so that He can use us to feed others the Word of God.

In the book of II Timothy the 2nd chapter and verse 6 "The Husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits." That brings the responsibility down to us as ministers of the gospel. God doesn't expect us to push people into the deeper truths, but he expects us to lead them into a closer walk with our Lork. As I thought about this scripture I wondered how many Pentecostal Pulpits are being filled today by a minister that's not even a true Pentecostal himself, because he hasn't received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It would not embarrass me, in the least bit, if a church board seeking my services in any way, would ask me, "Preacher, have you been filled and are you filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?" I think that's something that we're committed to have if we're going to be a minister of the Full Gospel, Pentecostal People. How can we preach a message like that unless we are first an example of that kind of life. I couldn't begin at all to discharge my responsibility to God without the help of the Holy Spirit. I don't believe that I could at all, and I certainly don't believe that Pentecost ought to be my pattern, Jesus Christ is what I'm preaching. We need the Holy Ghost to be able to perform that mission as we should. We are responsible in a great many areas, and we must first be a partaker of the fruit that God intends for us to preach about. In I Peter 5: 1-3 "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." God didn't set anyone of us up to be a Lord over our congregation or over the flock that he's called us to labour with, but he does tell us to feed that flock and take the oversight of them, not by constraint but we must do it willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. I have been fortunate, I feel, in my ministry, very fortunate; I have pastored churches that have well provided for me and I appreciate it so very much. I have never really had to work in the communities which I've laboured in. Because I like to work (and that's one of my real short comings) I work sometimes when I should be doing the Lord's work; but I have never laboured in that sort of community yet that I have had to work for a living, I have been well provided for. My family and I have been well taken care of by the congregations that we have served. The Bible tells us here that we are to work for the Lord from a willing heart and of a ready mind and not do it because of financial gain or such. I wonder what might be the reaction of many of us if we thought that we might have to go to a place that is just a little bit less prosperous. I have a good friend in Laverne, who goes to another church, he was telling me, a number of years ago that their pastor had come back to their church after being at another church to pastor and he was just quite frank with them about his reason for returning—it was because they offered him more money. My friend said, "you know our preachers talk all the time about being led of the Lord, but the only thing

that led him back was more money. Folks, that's a dangerous thing for a person to allow to come into their life. We are to feed the flock of God and not for filthy lucre's sake. There's some of the flock of God that's just as poor as they can be, and it's a sad thing when a preacher will try to out live the congregation that he serves, try to out dress them, try to out drive them, and to think that the church building, the parsonage and this and that are not good enough for them to live in. I want just as good as the people I labour with have but nothing better. If ten of them will pay me their tithes, I'll have just as good as anything they have. I don't want anything better, I'm just a plain old country boy and the country way of life is good enough for me. I don't care to live in anybody's town where a big truck passes by the parsonage every 15 minutes, it's bad enough in Balko, where I live, when a bicycle goes by. I don't like the big lights and all the noise because I'm a plain old country boy. I don't want to live any better than those that I serve, certainly I feel that we should not, as we must be an example to the flock. I wrote down a few things that I feel we should be an example in. Some one, the other day mentioned an old church that doesn't have any paint on it, run down, that is a bad example to set in anybody's community. The grass ought to be mowed, the buildings ought to be painted, and it ought to be clean inside and out. That not only goes for the church building but this even speaks to the preacher's wife--the parsonage ought to be in some way an example to the congregation. Some of you will say "But that's our home" I know, but I thank God, and I thank the church that I pastor that for 10 years they've provided me with a good home. I have a responsibility in that home, and my wife has a responsibility of keeping that house in a presentable way and take care of it, we are an example. We have a responsibility with our children, God help our poor children, people look at them and wonder if that's the way the preacher lives all the time, are these the results of his life. There is one thing that I constantly think about in my ministry, and that is how sad it would be to spend all of my life preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and loose my children to the devil's crowd. That's the saddest thing I could possibly think of. My first responsibility, as far as I'm concerned, is to my family. Brother God gave me that wife. I guess, I kind of picked her out or she picked me out, but any how we got together, really God brought us together and gave us our children and we are responsible to them and I hope they'll be some kind of an example when they grow up. We have the responsibility as God's husbandmen in this world, we must accept that responsibility, I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I'd rather be a minister of the gospel than to be the President of the United States. I'd rather be one of God's chosen and called people than anything that I know of. I heard a fellow minister make a statement and I laughed and jotted it down right quick, a lot of the time I think this is a problem. He said, back one time when he was "kind of a self called preacher"; do you suppose there are a lot of people today that just kinda feel called. I don't feel kinda called, because it was just as clear and distinct to me as anything could ever be. I knew before I was saved that if I got right with God I would preach the gospel one day. Now not long before I was saved I felt like that was what the Lord would have me to do, and it's a wonderful profession to be in, a wonderful calling to follow, but we have many responsibilities. If you're not big enough to

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accept those responsibilities, don't you try to follow the call because it's going to get you down. Paul admonished Timothy to make full proof of his ministry and to do the work of an evangelist, he admonished him to preach the word, to be instant in season and out of season and to rebuke and to reprove with all long suffering and doctrine. There are some things that are not pleasant in the minister's life, many things, in fact, that are not pleasant, but we must be willing to accept those responsibilities.

I like to think back in the Old Testament, particularly of one man that I think knew a great deal about following the Lord, and that's the life of Elisha. Elisha made a clean break with his past life when he came to follow Elijah, he left nothing to go back to. Now Jesus, one time spoke about people that would go back and bid those farewell that were in their house, and he was speaking about coming out from sin. But Elisha went back and told them good-bye at home and he made a sacrifice and he went to follow Elijah. I think one of the secrets of a minister's life is to make a clean break from the past and get hold of something that will carry you through. I know that we have seen some that have gone years and years and then have made a failure and fallen by the wayside, for we must make a clean break with the past and be willing to do that if we're going to follow the calling of God.

In Luke 13: 6-9 I want to try to impress a thought upon your mind, that has been very very deeply impressed upon mine. It reads "He spoke also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." Preacher if you ever give up on anybody, give up on yourself, don't give up on someone else. I recently had an experience that impressed this very deeply upon my mind, we should never give up on anyone. There's a man who lives near our community that sometime back he and his family were saved; and then they moved a little farther away and for a long time I visited them and also another man from another church visited them and invited them to his church, and I got the impression that these people were going to church with him and if they were going to church with him I wasn't going to bother them or hinder them in anyway from going to church because situations like this are confusing at times. I wasn't going to bring confusion to these people so I sort of dismissed them from my mind. Here recently about 11:00 p.m. the telephone rang and it was the wife of this man and she was crying so over the telephone that it took me about 10 minutes to find out who she was, I told her I'd be there in just a few minutes. I went to that home and this wife was broken-hearted because her husband had gone back to drinking and she said I don't know what to do and you were the only person anywhere I knew of that I could call upon. We sat and visited until sometime after midnight when he came home. He wasn't excessively drunk and we sat down and talked for about an hour or two, and then he said, "Jim, I want to ask you a question--Why did you quit coming? What have I done to you?" This hurt me deeply. I said, "You haven't done a thing in the world, I thought you were going to another church and I was going to leave you

alone. I wasn't going to bother you if you weren't interested in our church." He said, "Jim, that's when you ought to have come more often." Folks, don't ever give up on someone. I should have gone to visit that family frequently, after all that's what I'm here for to reach people like that. The people of my church haven't paid me \$20,000 for the last 10 years to do nothing. I've been provided for and I could have taken time to have visited that family and they might have been saved today, if only I had taken the time. Don't give up on people ever, we have a responsibility. You know the Lord didn't send 70 people out and tell them to go out and pray for the sick. There's not a place in the Bible where he said to pray for the sick, he said to heal the sick and preach the kingdom of God. I'll tell you it's a terrible thing when we come around camp meetings and we hear and we see all the people from our midst that are so oppressed by the devil of sickness. Isn't that a sad thing? Who's responsibility is that? You might say, oh, God just didn't want to heal them at the time, don't kid yourself. God does want to heal people. God does want to deliver people. We had an experience in our church recently that has caused me to think along this line. A very dear friend of mine, a man that I've worked with and in every decision that I have made up until the past two months he has been with me. In fact, He was my board member—a trusted and very loved friend. He has passed away and he was just a year older than I am. It's been a very sad experience for me. Most of all for the heartache that it brought to his family. I thought back after this happening and it hasn't been very long ago that at an altar of prayer one night I, and some other people, laid our hands on this man and prayed that God would heal him. You know it's sad that I didn't have the power in my life to see him delivered, now some people say, oh, he just fell asleep or passed away in his sleep. God just took him in his own time. You can believe that if you want to but I believe differently. I believe there are some who are sickly and there are some who sleep because we have not discerned the Lord's body. I think that is our responsibility as the husbandman, as the watchman, not only to warn people of the dangers to come but to see them delivered from those powers that bind them in this world today.

OUR TRIALS are great opportunities. It would be a heaven of rest and an inspiration of unspeakable power if each of us would henceforth recognize every difficult situation as one of God's chosen ways of providing to us his love and power; and if, instead of calculating upon defeat, we would begin to look around for the messages of His glorious manifestations. God's jewels are often sent us in rough packages and by dark liveried servants, but within we find the very treasures of the King's palace and the Bridegroom's love.

-A. B. Simpson



Pine Crest, Mississippi

We praise the Lord for His great goodness and love to us at Pine Crest Chapel. Over the past few months we've had some wonderful services with the Lord. On one particular night in June our altar was filled with young people praying and waiting on the Lord. This truly is a wonderful sight.

July 18 we had a baptismal service and eleven souls followed the Lord into the old river. We'd like to ask the movement to pray for these people that they'd know the Lord's will for their lives. Please remember: Mae Jenkins, her three daughters, Sheryln, Tammy and Lesia, Melissa Meal, Terry Gilbert, Becky, Ronnie and Lynn Hull, Lynn Neal and myself.

We thank the Lord for His help in paying for the new piano. We'd like to say a special thanks to Sis. Opal Ferry for her help and prayers.

We are planning our second Anniversary service for September 5, with all day service and afternoon singing. We'd love for anyone who can come to visit with us on this day.

Pray for us at Pine Crest Chapel and may God bless you, Sis. Busch, and your great work.

Lynette Barker, Reporter.
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Enid, Oklahoma

Greetings from Enid. A lovely group from our church were able to attend Camp Meeting this year at Laverne. Many wonderful blessings were enjoyed plus receiving much help for our spiritual lives. Bro. and Sis. Mitchell Modrick came back, bought a house and are living here now for which we are very happy. Sis. Barbara Phares hosted a 25th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gregory at their home in June. They have since moved to Katy, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Branham hosted a going away party August 10 for Bro. Melvin Shepherd who is now attending our Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Our church held a farewell for the Elmer Christenson Family, our former pastors. Our love and best wishes go with them. We haven't a pastor at the present time but are praying the Lord will send us the right one. The people are good to help take the services. Vacation Bible School was a great success, it closed the second week in August. We had good workers, a wonderful spirit, happy students, much learning, beautiful crafts, new songs, great blessings and many happy memories. Our director, Sue Phares was great. Remember our church in your prayers. Pray for our Young People and their new leader. They are in need of some encouragement.

Mary Branham,
Reporter

Roswell, New Mexico

It's with a heavy heart that I write this report. Our church has just lost a dear pastor and special friend. Brother Bill Yeakel passed away July 20th after suffering a heart attack just before church Sunday, July 18. Words cannot express the sorrow we all feel. Bro. Bill and Sis. Zana came to be our pastors last August. They worked so hard to keep the church, parsonage, and yard so clean. They were so faithful in visiting the sick and were loved by all. Bro. Bill's sense of humor kept us all smiling. Please remember us all in prayer as a church family.

God has been good to us allowing us some good services at Easter with Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton. This was a week of good preaching and fellowship with our former pastor.

Again we ask that all of you pray for us. It's our desire to live up to the marvelous gospel that Bro. Yeakel taught and lived. He believed in living a separated life of Holiness. We praise God that he gave us this last year with the Yeakels'.

Bro. and Sis. Tom Day have accepted the position as Pastors of the Roswell Church.

Joann Hall, Reporter.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Sharon Tambra Russell and Mr. David Lee Doty were united in marriage on Sunday, July 4, 1976. The ceremony took place at the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas, with Rev. Jerry B. Walker officiating at the ceremony. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell of Alvin, and David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doty of Alvin. They are making their home in Alvin.

Ashland, Alabama

We have spent a busy summer in the Lords work. We had a wonderful week of V.B.S. June 7th thru 11th. Bro. Edwin Waterbury and family came for revival at Bethel June 13th and God blessed our people in a special way. June 27th we were privileged to take 28 of our Youth Group to Camp Pine Crest for a week of Youth Camp. We went expecting a blessing from the Lord and He was so gracious to us.

We have held revivals at Shawmut, Shady Grove and Wesley Chapel which the Youth Group has sung for and helped us in. They have also sung in revivals at Big Springs, Prospect and Millerville. We thank God for these faithful young people and their dedication to God.

Three from our Youth Group will be going to Bible College at Baxter Springs this fall. They are Kayla Arnall, Elizabeth Mahan and Wade Price. We are thrilled for them to be able to go, but will greatly miss them here.

We have seen much accomplished in our work here and thank God for the wonderful people he has given us to work with. We desire your prayers that we might always be faithful to do the Lord's will.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor.

Minister's That Are Changing Pastorates This Fall:

Ollie Kinser, Baxter Springs, Kansas
Neil Ragan, Joplin, Missouri
Danny Robinson, Balko, Oklahoma
Jack Cornell, Hardesty, Oklahoma
Edwin Waterbury, Granby, Missouri
G. K. Kerr, Liberal, Kansas
David McCance, Pine Hill, Alabama
Max Pennington, beginning a new work
Austin Sutton, Amarillo, Texas
W. O. Nunn, Hempstead, Texas (fill in)
Jimmy Russell, Dumas, Texas
Keith Barker, Pampa, Texas
Jim Fox, Katy, Texas
Winston Barker, Taneyville, Missouri
David Turner, Attending WTSU in Canyon, Texas
Duane Methvin, Youth Director
Guymon, Oklahoma
Waple Ferguson, Cave Springs, Arkansas
Elmer Christenson, Shattuck, Oklahoma
Tom Day, Roswell, New Mexico

Gospel Workers:

Shari Cook, Youth Director, Taneyville, Missouri
Kathy Judd, Youth Director, Hinton, Alabama
Debbie Fish, Hinton, Alabama

Alvin, Texas

We've had a busy summer. Our son, Randy, graduated from West Texas State University in May and Henry Pletcher filled in for us while we went to that. We attended the Laverne, Oklahoma Camp Meeting and Bro. Wallis gave the morning Bible Lessons July 27-29. Bro. Calvin Springer filled in for us on Sunday, August 1. Tina McLeod has worked hard and now our church Library is officially opened each Sunday evening from 6:00—6:45 p.m. July 4th was the wedding day of David and Tammy Doty. We also had a special union service on July 4th in celebration of our country's 200th birthday.

James E. Wallis, Pastor.

Westminister, Colorado

Praise the Lord all ye children of Light. We thank the Lord for the spiritual refreshing that we had at camp meeting. We had the privilege of seeing fellow friends in the faith and worshipping with them. God has smiled upon us and blessed our efforts to put out the gospel and to prosper His Kingdom.

While at camp meeting we prayed for the church to grow in spirit and number. Praise God, our number has increased since we have returned home. Why shouldn't it for we have the greatest message ever brought to this earth. Prepare for the return of the Lord.

The Oakes' from the Joplin, Missouri church have been with us in service and we have been praising his name for these friends. The Randolph's from Perryton, Texas have also visited us. I feel that these small things are really great. God has kept His word in prospering us in spirit and number. Pray for us for we are expecting a great revival to come our way. We are in need of some Gospel Workers in our church. May God bless you richly.

Frank Arnall, Pastor.



Galena, Kansas

Greetings to all. We have had a busy summer. First, we had a good V.B.S. with over 60 enrolled, conducted by Sis. Delores Smith, assisted by her daughter, Glenda Reeves, and local ladies of our church. Several others also helped as teachers. Mrs. Irene Cole was in charge of handicrafts. Youth Camp at Baxter Springs was a wonderful encampment, and several of our youth attended.

Also, several families and some of our young people attended Camp Meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma. Our stay at Camp Meeting was saddened by the death of my brother, William Yeakel, who was pastoring the church at Roswell, New Mexico, at the time of his death. So many nice things and words were said about him at Camp Meeting and we want to thank everyone for being so kind, also for the many cards we received. He will be greatly missed, but we feel like he was ready to meet his Master.

My husband and I are staying on another year as pastor of the Galena Church. We asked your prayers for us as we labor here, that we may glorify God in all we do. We invite any of our ministers and gospel workers to come by for services with us anytime.

**E. K. Cornell, Pastor.
Stella Cornell, Reporter.**

OBITUARIES

William D. Yeakel

William DeKelb Yeakel was born March 23, 1909, at Fort Scott, Kansas, and passed from this life at Roswell, New Mexico, July 20th.

Mr. Yeakel was the son of Eugene Olen and Alice Boydston Yeakel. At the early age of one year, his parents moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he grew to manhood—attending the Wichita schools. He was with the Fourth National Bank in Wichita when he received his Call into God's ministry.

On November 17, 1929, he was united in marriage to Zana Roach in a double wedding ceremony with the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Durham at Stella, Missouri. To this union was born one daughter, Winona Mae.

Bro. Bill was an active minister of the Apostolic Faith Movement and stood firm for the truth of God's Word. Immediately upon answering God's Call, he traveled with Charles F. "Dad" Parham. He and his family traveled in gospel work with E. K. Cornell and then did extensive evangelistic work with the Sutton Brothers traveling with them.

For the past year, he has served for the third time as pastor at Roswell, New Mexico. Other pastorates include Palm City, California; Stockton, California; Hoover Orchard, Wichita, Kansas; Eagle Lake, Texas; as Interim Pastor of Laverne, Oklahoma; and he built and served as Pastor of the Campwood, Texas, Church.

Survivors include his wife: Zana Roach Yeakel, of the home; his daughter: Mrs. Winona Mae Waggoner, Elkins, Arkansas; four sisters: Mrs. Stella Cornell, Galena, Kansas, Mrs. Emma Bell Ashley, Wichita, Kansas, Miss Margaret Yeakel, Wichita, Kansas and Mrs. Madeline Rummelt, Wyoming, Michigan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Carmack

Emery Ray "Jack" Carmack of Baxter Springs, Kansas, passed away August 17, 1976 in Joplin, Missouri. He was born in Chitwood, Missouri, September 8, 1907. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mildred of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Treva) Crouch of Baxter Springs and one grandson, Rick Crouch. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. George (Ann) Reno of Joplin, Missouri, and Mrs. Preston (Christine) Piercefield of Pasadena, Texas. Rev. Bill Adams officiated at the funeral services which were held at Fifth Street Mission in Baxter Springs Friday, August 20, 1976 at 10 a.m. Interment was in the Baxter Cemetery. Mrs. Sally Adams sang "One More Valley" and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord". Pallbearers were Bob Denton, Bill Denton, Jim Davis, Vic Froom, Gene Cassell and Ray Michener.

Langdon Heavin

Mrs. Floyd (Margaret) Richardson's father, Mr. Langdon F. Heavin of Baxter Springs, Kansas, passed away June 12, 1976. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Lola, of the home and four daughters and two sons.

Pearl Jacobs

Evelyn Pearl Clarke, daughter of Alva and Nettie (Walters) Clarke, was born March 2, 1902, in Amarillo, Texas, and passed from this life July 31, 1976 at the Beaver County Memorial Hospital. Pearl, the oldest of 10 children, came by covered wagon from Billings, Oklahoma, in 1907, to Beaver County where the family homesteaded. In 1909, Pearl had the misfortune of loosing the fingers of her right hand in a horse powered grinder. In 1919, her father erected a general store at Gaylord, Texas, later moving it to Booker, Texas. Following her marriage to Jess Edward Jacobs September 10, 1921, in Gaylord, Texas, Jess and Pearl moved to the Clarke homestead where they lived for twenty-one years, rearing their family. In 1942, the Jacobs family moved to their own farm two miles from the Clarke homestead, where they lived twenty-two years until their family was grown. In 1964 Jess and Pearl retired from the labors of farm life and purchased a home in Beaver, Oklahoma, where they resided until their deaths. In September 1971, they celebrated 50 years of married life and February 14, 1972, Jess departed this life.

Pearl was converted at a very early age in the Friends Church and in 1928, she became a faithful servant of the Apostolic Faith movement until her death. The Jacobs home, always open to ministers and gospel workers, was where a handicapped mother reared her family in the nurture of a deep love and faith in God. While rearing a family of 6 children, she cared for her grandmother Clarke, and an aged uncle, Sherman Mitchell in her home until their deaths. Her children, all living, include: Walter, Kansas City, Missouri; Wilma Clay, Bentonville, Arkansas; Jean Barnett Addleman, Amsterdam, Missouri; Pauline Messner, Logan, Oklahoma; Ilene Sanger, Elmwood, Oklahoma; and Lester, Alva, Oklahoma; sons and daughters-in-law, 19 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Others left to cherish her memories are 3 brothers and 2 sisters; Harlan of Amarillo, Texas; Jack of Artesia, California; Warren of Wichita, Kansas; Mildred Sues of Booker, Texas; Erma Rutledge of Delaware, Oklahoma; a brother-in-law, Virgil Doerrie of Booker, Texas; a sister-in-law, Maude McLain and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death besides her husband were her parents, 2 sisters, Grace Clarke and Lola Doerrie; 2 brothers, Frank and Walter, and a son-in-law, Dean Barnett.

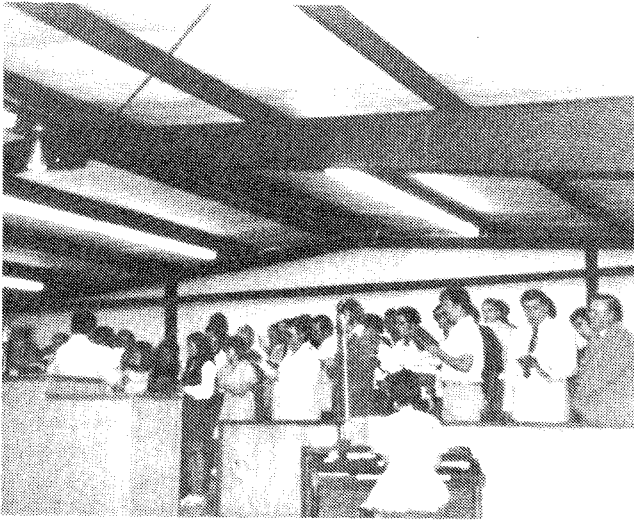
Services were held Monday, August 2, 1976, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Beaver, Oklahoma. Rev. Winston Barker and Rev. Howard Whiteley officiated. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Lamunyon and Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin sang "The Eastern Gate", "The Upper Room" and "What Heaven Means to Me" with accompanists Kathryn Cornell, organist; and Yvonna Whiteley, pianist. Casket bearers were Ralph McCune, Turl Gray, John Walker, Ivan McKeever, Raymond Green and Clarence Cook. Interment was at the Sophia Cemetery.

Maggie Shepherd

We were very saddened to hear of Sis. Clarence Shepherd's death. She passed away Friday, August 20 in Perryton, Texas, where they have lived many years. Funeral services were Sunday, August 22, 1976. (Details will be in next month Report.)

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING 1976

Choir Singing



The Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting was held at the Mid-West Camp grounds at Laverne, Oklahoma, July 23 thru August 1.

Thanks to Bro. Ted Barker and Bro. Delvin Wiles, Committee men, the camp was a great success. Due to the move to Katy, Texas, to pastor, Bro. Jim Fox resigned as committeeman. There was a good crowd with as many as 45 camping units at one time besides the full dorms and those staying elsewhere in the area.

Bible lessons each day were a real blessing. Rev. Jacob Regier, Pastor of the Spearman Apostolic Faith Church, was Bible Teacher for these services July 24-26. Teacher for the Bible Lessons July 27-29 was Rev. Jimmy Wallis from Alvin, Texas and the last three days we were blessed by the teachings of Harrol Waterbury from Perryton, Texas.

Sis. Paula Buschman of Stinnett, Texas, was in charge of Children's Church which took place during the Bible Lesson's each morning. She was assisted by Sis. Cindy Turner, Joplin, Missouri; Kim Laeger, Bayard, Nebraska; and Kevin Cornell, Hardesty, Oklahoma. There were also others who helped from time to time.

Special music was arranged by Rev. and Mrs. Earl Malone of Arnett, Oklahoma. The special songs added a lot to every service.

The afternoon and evening services were a means of strength to those who were able to attend. Every minister was annointed by the spirit of God.

The young peoples services were held each evening at seven o'clock, under the direction of Bro. Johnny Arnall of Kingman, Kansas, the first part of camp and Bro. Jack Wimer of Kingman the last few days of camp. Different young ministers and young people helped in these services.

We are very thankful to Bro. and Sis. Howard Whiteley for the good work they did preparing the meals. They had a lot of fine help.

All services were recorded by Sis. Shirley O'Dell. Tapes of the music and the sermons are available by writing Shirley O'Dell, Rt. 3, Columbus, Kansas 66725.

SWEARING

by Rick Crouch

(A Sophomore in Baxter Springs High School)

So often I hear someone swearing and using God's name in vain. Every time I hear it, if I may use the term, it turns me off. I can't understand how people can down God and His Name like they do. God surely is Love, as the scripture bears out in I John 4:8.

It is true, the United States Constitution gives us the freedom of speech; but the Bible, of whom God is the author, states clearly that it is wrong to use God's Name in vain and to swear. What God says goes or at least it should go. It is better to obey God than man.

Exodus 20:7 and Duet. 5:11 both read, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." And in Leviticus 19:12 it says, "And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God; I am the Lord." By these two scriptures alone, we can tell it is wrong to swear and use God's Name in vain. More scriptures on the subject are: Matthew 5:33- "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne; Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." James: 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by another oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; less ye fall into condemnation."

Swearing and using God's Name in vain is a sin. In Romans 6:23 it says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Think about it. Is it worth the price you must pay for doing it?

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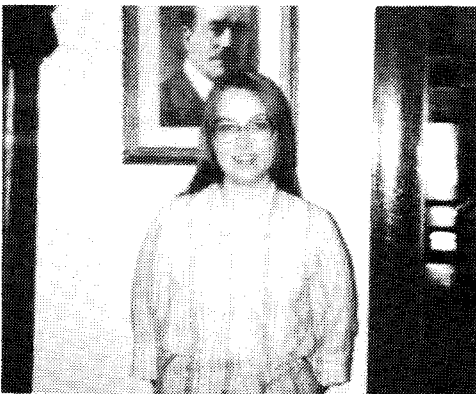
1. If you open it, close it!
2. If you turn it on, turn it off!
3. If you unlock it, lock it!
4. If you break it, repair it!
5. If you can't fix it, report its condition to the elders or pastor.
6. If you borrow it, return it! (Please)
7. If you use it, don't abuse it!
8. If you make a mess, clean it up!!!!
9. If you move it, put it back!
10. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone!
11. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission first!
12. Doesn't concern you? Don't mess with it! THINK. . . You are not so busy that you have the right to be thoughtless, careless, unkind or wasteful.

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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 2.0 cents per copy. That has been raised from 1.7 cents to 2.0 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. 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.

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NOW! It may be as rebellious a word as "no!"

To demand "now" of God is as disobedient as to say "no" to God.

God has a time for everything. . .

A perfect schedule.

He is never too soon—never too late.

The when of God's will is as important as the what and the how.

Submission to God's will includes submission to his schedule.

Someone has defined sin as a short cut: robbery is a short cut to work; lust is a short cut to love; etc.

One may sin not by what he does but by refusing to wait.

Wanting a good thing is virtuous. . .

Wanting a good thing now may be sin.

Impatience indicates a lack of trust in the perfection of God's will and way.

" . . . let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

(James 1:4)

"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. . ."

(Isaiah 40:31)

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