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HIS JEWELS

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my Jewels." Mal. 3:17.

God is working on His children to make them into brilliant gems to reflect His Glory in every phase of their lives as the light of God shines on them. This sin-darkened world needs the brightness of Our Father's jewels to lighten their way and lead them to Him. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

We are all diamonds in the rough when Jesus found us and since that time He has been continually working on us with His special tools to make us a big, brilliant, beautiful diamond. "All things work together for good to them that love God to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28. If we break in the process He doesn't cast us aside forever but continues to work with what is left to make it into a beautiful diamond although it may be smaller than He originally planned for us to be.

The following is an outline for a study on diamonds that I have used many times in the past years, yet I still find I have not scratched the surface on the potential in this study.

I. Diamonds are of great value.

A. Soul of man is of inestimable value (Matt. 16:26).

B. Jesus' estimate of its value—Parable of Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21).

II. Diamonds are usually found in mud, sand, gravel, or conglomerate (rock or hardened clay), some extended to great and unknown depths!

A. Location of diamond mines (South Africa richest field, producing four-fifths of diamond supply).

B. Unregenerate man is hardened against God (Rom. 8:7); lost in sin's degradation (Psa. 40:2).

III. Diamonds are found by those who seek them on their knees.

A. Likewise, spiritual diamonds are found only as we bend low before God on our knees in prayer and in earnest soul travail!

B. God has an unchangeable law: "If ye ask . . . I will do . . ." (John 14:14; Matt. 7:7).

IV. The diamond seeker seldom or never uses a pick or sharp instrument in digging diamonds lest he injure the precious gems.

The soul winner must be tactful in his dealing with immortal souls lest a harsh attitude or careless word be injurious (2 Tim. 2:24-25).

V. Diamonds are brought from the mud, then dried in the sun, and washed.

The sinner is only cleansed through faith in the blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5; 7:14; 1 John 1:7).

VI. Then comes the cleavage or cutting, in which about 60 per cent of the rough stone is removed. This requires much study and skill on the part of the diamond cutter in order to divide the crystal evenly and perfectly.

This speaks of the believer's cleavage or separation from the world (2 Cor. 5:17).

VII. Even after the cutting or cleavage, some diamonds have imperfections or flaws—some more, some less.

A. *Surface flaws.* Consist of nicks or cavities in the face of the stone (could typify in the Christian's heart a flaw

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of jealousy, criticism, envy, pride, indifference about lost souls, insincerity, etc.)

The brilliancy of the diamond hides these flaws when the diamond is clean, but when clouded with soap and dust these cavities fill up and show plainly.

If our hearts are kept cleansed by Jesus' blood, our flaws will not be seen.

B. *Carbon spots.* With the exception of the glaring cracks or nicks, carbon spots are the most discernible of all imperfections. They range from specks scarcely visible with a powerful magnifying glass to large black spots or clusters of black specks, sometimes quite plain to the naked eye.

1. Jesus is coming for a spotless bride (Eph. 5:27).

2. Song of Solomon 4:7.

VIII. Diamonds can only be polished by another diamond—no other material than its own has any effect upon it.

A. God's ministers help to polish us, refine us, prepare us for heaven (Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:11-12).

B. Each Christian helps (sometimes directly through friction) Heb. 3:13).

IX. The diamond is the hardest known thing—unaffected by acids or alkali, is unharmed or uninjured by fire—can only be burned in oxygen under a scientifically produced heat of 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

A real Christian stands the fire of testing—God will see him through (Isa. 43:2-3; 1 Cor. 10:13; Dan. 3:25).

X. The diamond, while the hardest known substance, is brittle and can be crushed to powder.

This speaks of the Christian's brokenness, humility, etc. (Psa. 51:17; Isa. 57:15).

XI. The diamond is the only absolutely pure gem, being composed of crystallized carbon—all others are composed of two or more elements.

A. The person who has accepted Christ's righteousness is the only pure or true child of God. Others are composed of two or more elements, spiritually speaking: their own righteousness plus good works, or church membership, water baptism, etc.

B. We must keep ourselves pure (1 John 3:2-3).

XII. Diamonds, though worn by many previous generations, remain just as brilliant as they were in the beginning. Their glory never fades!

A. Likewise, ours is an *eternal* glory (1 Peter 5:10; 2 Tim. 2:10).

B. As the diamond reflects light wherever light is, so in the eternal ages to come we shall reflect the light of His glory (Dan. 12:3; Eph. 1:11-12).

[*Note: Much of this information concerning diamonds was secured from "The New Wonder Book of Knowledge," compiled and edited by Henry C. Hill and Will H. Johnston. Published by the John C. Winston Co., 1933.*]

As you know another year has passed in our lives, as June 15 we celebrated our 63rd anniversary quietly in our home. We would like to thank the host of lovely and kind friends that remembered us with the lovely cards, letters, and phone calls. It was grand to be remembered by so many with the love and gifts. We pray that the LORD BLESS everyone richly for their KINDNESS.

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June 11, 1977

Dear Christian Friends,

Plans are continuing to progress well for the fall term of Bible School. Our faculty has now been completed. We rejoice because we feel the Lord has supplied with us outstanding teachers . . . ones well qualified to fill their positions. We ask you to pray for each of us and stand behind the school in every way . . . with much prayer and supplication and in your support. Don't forget these people who will be leaving their homes and giving of their time to teach the Word of the Lord.

- Evangelism, Choir — Howard Whiteley
- Prophecy I and II — Jerome Crowhurst
- Doctrine I and II — Jacob Pletcher
- Old Testament History, New Testament History and Christian Leadership Ministeries — Lyndel Arnall
- Music Theory, Child and Youth Evangelism, Piano-Organ — Yvonna Whiteley
- Art: drawing rudiments, chalk drawing, oil painting — Demirita Pletcher, Dean of Men
- Dean of Women and Help in Kitchen — Paula Buschman
- Teacher's Secretary — Peggy Crowhurst
- Nursery — Kathy Arnall
- Cook — Molly Lewis
- Asst. Cook — Vickie Bartel

To alleviate much confusion in the fall plus many hours of sewing, the Bible School board voted to purchase new choir robes. These have been ordered. They will be two tones of blue and will enhance the looks of the choir besides eliminating the need every fall of new ensembles.

The bus has been worked over and is now ready for use. There were several items that were necessary to make it safe for the students.

We have had to make a change in our starting dates of Bible School. Notice, please, these dates and do write them on your calendar. School will open August 21, 1977 and will close December 14, 1977. Plan to come and visit sometime during Bible School. Our choir tour is scheduled so that we will be back in school before the Oklahoma State Teachers' Meetings as several in the past have visited during these dates. The Thanksgiving Banquet will be held as in the past years.

A new brochure is at the print shop and will shortly be mailed to our churches. We wish to publicly thank Mrs. Joy Watson for helping in this project. Ask your pastor for one . . . place it in a prominent place to remind you daily to pray for us and the school.

In Christian service,
Howard Whiteley, Superintendent



Bro. Howard Whiteley is the new Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. He is the son of the late Alfred Whiteley and his wife Ruth, of Fayetteville, Arkansas. His father served on the board of trustees for AFBC for many years. Howard has one sister, Opal Pianalto, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two brothers, Joe Wesley of Denver, Colorado, and Teddy of the Los Angeles, California, area.

He married Yvonna Cornell at the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas on February 28, 1953. Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell, who are presently pastoring the Spring Grove Mission in Galena, Kansas. Mrs. Cornell is the former Stella Yeakel. Yvonna has two brothers, Bill Cornell of Perryton, Texas, and Jack Cornell, now pastoring in Hardesty, Oklahoma. Both Howard and Yvonna attended AFBC but we are not sure of the years they attended.

The Whiteleys have two children, Emma Lachelle, 16, who will be a junior in high school this year and Lynn Howard who is 10 years old.

Howard graduated from John Brown University and Yvonna attended John Brown and then received her degree from Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Both of them have taught school in Arkansas and Oklahoma and they have pastored churches in Big Spring, Texas; Galena, Kansas; Hardesty, Oklahoma; and Midway, Oklahoma. While in school at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, he ministered in West Fork and Greenland, Arkansas churches. They have been active in Youth and Children's work, in Youth Camps and Campmeetings and in Evangelistic efforts in different places.



Apostolic Faith Chapel, Baxter Springs, Kansas

Today, as I view the year that has past since my family and I came to Baxter Springs, I can rejoice for the goodness and blessings that we have been permitted to enjoy while serving as Superintendent of the Bible College and Pastor of the Chapel. The good people of this congregation have been extra special to us and will always be dear to us. We will earnestly pray that God will bless them and prosper the ministry of the Chapel. We have also enjoyed the generosity and friendship of businessmen and the community in general. I hope that the time we have spent here will prove to have been fruitful, for we seek not to have labored in vain. We, as a family, extend our gratitude to the church and community of Baxter Springs for allowing us this brief time of fellowship. God bless and reward you all is our prayer.

As Brother and Sister Whiteley come to fill this position, we desire that they will feel the same spirit of fellowship and unity that we have known.

We recently completed our Vacation Bible School and are now nearing Youth Camp time. Our desire is to have a spiritual time of refreshing with the young people. I ask an interest in your prayers that we can know and do God's will.

Ollie L. Kinser, Pastor

Katy, Texas

We are grateful to the Lord for such a good Singing School and Youth Camp. We were happy to have so many from other parts of the country to attend. The Lord really met with us and Bro. Marlon Sparks did a good job as our night speaker. Sunday morning, May 18, the Amplified Version Singers sang for us and were a blessing. They were guests in the Raymond Barker home.

Bro. and Sis. Frank Arnall will be our new Youth Directors and he will have charge of the Special Music.

Jim Fox, Pastor

Joplin, Missouri

The month of June was a very busy time for us. We had an enjoyable week of Vacation Bible School June 6th-12th. We had close to 40 enrolled and had plenty of teachers and helpers. We all had a good time and felt the blessings of the Lord. Four young people from our church attended the South Texas Singing School. They had a good time and received blessings from the Lord. Several from our church attended our Youth Camp in Baxter Springs and the Lord blessed there again this year as in years past.

Neil Ragan, Pastor
Carla Nordberg, Reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

It has been a while since you have heard from us but the Lord is still blessing us.

It is with regret we accept the resignation of Reverend Earl Malone and his family as our pastors. On June 5th Reverend Malone announced his resignation. We trust the Lord will bless them and go with them wherever he would have them to labor for Him. Reverend Malone worked diligently in lowering classroom ceilings, paneling, and carpeting the entire church. We really appreciate all he has done toward helping us get our church remodeled.

It is our desire and prayers that God will speak to some minister's heart and give him a burden to come to Arnett to labor with us in the work of the Lord. We are praying that God will speak to the right one and also reveal to us who this person is.

The Lord has blessed the Apostolic Missionary Ladies of Arnett as they held two bake sales and took in nearly \$1,000.00 which we plan to use toward a small kitchen for our church socials and other needs. We sincerely appreciate the willingness of the ladies to take time to bake so much fine food as well as the community's support in buying the food prepared. The Lord has been so wonderful to us. We do sincerely appreciate His many blessings.

We have a two bedroom parsonage near the church for the convenience of the ministering family. If you should feel a burden for this, please contact Loyd Barker, phone number 405-885-3651 or George Elmore, phone number 405-885-5011, or Frank Fitch, phone number 405-885-6263, all of Arnett. They are our Board Members.

Earl Malone, pastor
Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter

Taneyville, Missouri

Praise ye the Lord. O, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good. Ps. 106:1. The Lord has been so good to us that we too want to thank and praise the name of our Lord. We are still rejoicing over the souls that were saved in our recent revival. Sunday afternoon, May 15, 22 people followed the Lord in water baptism. Bro. Winston Barker and Bro. Randy Dalton were in charge of the service assisted by Bro. Earl Blansit and Bro. Floyd Roberts, as a crowd of around 200 people gathered for the baptizing on Swan Creek. It is thrilling to see lives being changed by the power of God. There is a precious move of the Holy Spirit in these last days and I'm so glad to belong to God's family.

Shari Cook and Grace Beeler along with five young people from our area have just returned from the Singing School and Youth Camp at Warda, Texas. We enjoyed their testimonies and singing. Praise God for what He has done for each of them. Truly we can say, God is good!

Bro. & Sis. Winston Barker, Pastors
Belva Pennington, Reporter

Alvin, Texas

Sis. Wallis and I feel that it is in God's plans for us to resign as pastors here in Alvin. Our last Sunday is July 17, 1977. We have taken a step of faith, and will be moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the present time it is our intention to be engaged in evangelistic work. Your prayers for us as we take this step of faith will be much appreciated.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

Many of our young people attended the Singing School in Warda, Texas, and came home enthused about singing and about the Lord. Approximately 30 young people prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit during this camp. In May we were privileged to have Bro. Valson Abraham and his wife Laly, as guests in our church on Sunday morning. Bro. Abraham spoke to the young people's class, the young adults, and the Ambassador's class which combined during the Sunday School hour. He ministered to the church body at the 11 o'clock worship hour. Sis. Laly sang for us a song from India.

Our VBS was held June 13-17. God blessed in the school. We also thank the Lord for the Good Youth Camp in Baxter Springs. 115 were enrolled the first day and we had plenty of good help. The Lord really blessed us.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

West Purcell, Missouri

We are very thankful for the innumerable blessings from the Lord in the past and are so glad we can look into the future knowing He will be there to meet the needs of His children, if we keep His commandments and do His will. We need not be alarmed at the trials and tests that we may be confronted with while traveling down this uneven journey of life because God is going to have a tried people. So let us hold to His unchanging hand and let Him lead our lives. For His word tells us as many as are lead by His Spirit are His. He is continuing to meet with us in each service and to bless. We are thankful.

George Hindergardt, Pastor

Perryton, Texas

Sunday morning, May 22, 1977, Bro. Kenneth Piersall, member of the church board, announced that the Waterbury's will be staying in Perryton with the Full Gospel Church for another year. This will begin their tenth year at the church.



Roger and Kay Denton of Pasadena, Texas, announce the arrival of their second son, Jason Lynn, who was born May 6, 1977. Grandparents are Mrs. Opal Price of Galena, Kansas, and Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Denton, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Dickinson, Texas.

Gerald and Kathy Snyder (formerly Kathy Newman) and, of course, big sister Amy, welcome the arrival of little Brent Lloyd on May 30, 1977. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Dan and Helen Newman of Balko, Oklahoma are the maternal grandparents.

Robert and Joy Babst, 2039 Texas, Joplin, Missouri, announce the birth of a daughter, Ronda Lee, on May 8, 1977 (Mother's Day). She was born at 3 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandmother is Mary Babst of Joplin, Missouri, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bard, also of Joplin.



Valinda Wilson, daughter of Elrick and Quida Mae Wilson of Perryton was united in marriage to Randy Dodson on Friday, June 17, 1977 in the Full Gospel Church in Perryton at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Scott Johnson, son of Mr. Gale S. Johnson and LaRhonda Ann Alsup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Alsup of Katy, Texas were united in marriage May 27, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Katy Apostolic Faith Church.

Obituary of Selma L. Hoke

Funeral services for Selma Hoke, age 65, of Dickinson, Texas, was held June 13, 1977 at 10 a.m. at the Jack Rowe Funeral Home, Leaque City, Texas, with the Reverend Lewis Tucker and Reverend Edna Michener conducting the service.

Mrs. Hoke was born April 24, 1912 in Dickinson. She was a life long resident there. She and her late husband, Herman C. Hoke, founded the Apostolic Faith Church and served as pastors in Dickinson and also at the church in San Leon, Texas. Sis. Hoke passed away at her home after an extended illness. She lived a faithful Christian life for many years.

Survivors include one brother, Frederick Luhnig of Dickinson; six sisters, Altamae Parker, Clara A. Howell and Adeline Butler, all of Dickinson, Ruby McKay of Sepulveda, California, Alice Hardy of Phoenix, Arizona, and Georgia McAffey of Covina, California; an uncle, Stafford N. Schmidt of Dickinson; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Henry Hoke Jr., Claude Hoke, Jack Hoke, Jimmy Butler, A. J. Huffman, and J. B. Schmidt III.

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TITHES

Tithe is to give or to pay a tenth part of. Tithe is to come from the first fruits and is to be paid on the increase. Lev. 27:30-33 gives the first enactment of the tithing law. It was to be given or assigned to the Levites, as a reward for their services. The ministry of today should be thus supported on a free will offering plan.

The Old Testament Speaks

Lev. 27:30-33. The tithe of the field, orchard, herd, or flock is the Lord's, i.e., one-tenth of the increase in any business or occupation, that is gained in profit or salary.

Lev. 27:31. The tithes should not be used in a personal manner, but if they are, there is only one way to redeem them. That is to pay them and add one-fifth more to the original sum.

Gen. 14:20. Abram gave to Melchizedek, as the priest of God, the tithe or one-tenth. God blessed Abram for it too. To those who object to tithing, saying it is part of the old law, here is proof that God honored tithing before the law was given.

Num. 18:24-28. The Levites had no inheritance, but the tithe was theirs. They in turn owed an offering, that is, one-tenth of the tenth. This was to go to the sons of Aaron or the high priest.

Heb. 7:9. The New Testament regulations are the same, so that the tithe of the tithe must be paid. So as a minister, be sure to pay the tithe.

Deut. 12:5-6. They were to bring the tithe and all manner of offerings.

Neh. 13:5. The tithe of the corn and wine and oil was to be given to ministers and singers. The tithe today is to go to pastors, evangelists and their co-workers and helpers.

Neh. 13:10-12. The ministry sometimes lacks, and has to do manual labor. This should not be, and would not be if the tithe was paid, and equally and properly to each worker as his work or environment needed.

Prov. 3:9-10. Give God the first and the best, and He will bless and multiply gain to you. It is hard for a stingy man to get a blessing. You cannot out give God.

Prov. 11:25. To have a liberal heart and give is pleasing to the Lord, and His blessings are sure to follow such actions.

Deut. 1:22-23. Give the tithe of the increase from year to year. Don't give just once but always.

Mal. 3:8-12. God has been robbed. The whole nation or all are cursed because the tithe is not paid. Receive a blessing in abundance, in spirit and soul and body for paying the tithe. You owe God the tithe for the right to live on His earth and inherit all His good things. Heartache and sadness follow rebellion, and the Devil often collects.

The New Testament Speaks

Matt. 6:32-33. Seek God's kingdom first and He will add to you the necessary blessings of life. A selfish life is a ruined life. Let your daily life speak out for you.

Matt. 6:19-21. Seek for treasures in heaven, for the heart follows your wealth. To give to the poor is to loan to the Lord. To give to His least ones is to remember Jesus.

Luke 6:38. Give of the substance that you have, be that small or great. Tithe is for the support of the ministry and not for the ones that are naturally your liability.

Matt. 23:23. The paying of tithes was all right but a person must also have mercy and faith and salvation. Money will not buy a way to heaven, but by paying tithe, the payer blesses and receives a blessing, and gifts and offerings and alms add to his glory. Try it and see.

Luke 21:1-4. The widow gave of her little and was blessed. God asks people to give as they possess. The more that is owned, the more is required. Large amounts are often thought too big to pay, but if one-tenth is too much to pay, the nine-tenths is too much for you to keep. The small offering will be received gladly, and God will bless. The tithe is not yours but God's. Let Him have it.

Acts 4:34-37. This custom of selling all, and giving all and having all things in common, seemingly was practiced for only a short time by the early church. It involves too many problems. But you cannot get a hundred-fold blessing on a ten cent consecration, and anything that stands between you and your God must go regardless of cost, for Heaven is cheap at any price.

Acts 20:35. More blessed to give than to receive might not always involve the tithe of gifts; it might be spiritual strength or knowledge; but give, help, instruct, admonish, live for Christ and His cause and the Lord will richly reward.

I Cor. 9:13-14. A minister should be supported by the one he ministers to. People say, "Have faith, trust in God." This must be done by all ministers, for God wants you to look to Him and not man. But if you, as a Christian, fail to pay tithe, and give, God will withhold blessings from you. You might need God's help and even his ministers' help some time, so be good to both. Some sinners pay tithes and are blessed. You cannot stop God's work but you might hinder it, and cause unpleasant conditions.

I Cor. 16:1-1. This is speaking of a collection to be given to the poor saints at Jerusalem. Giving to the poor is not tithing: We are to pay tithe when it is due. By the week, or the month or the season, or by the business transaction. Work out a system, so that at all times, all part of the Gospel, in all places, will be cared for properly.

II Cor. 9:6-7. Give willingly and gladly and the Lord will reward you. Salvation cannot be bought with wealth, but by the blood of Jesus Christ; however, this is not a free-of-support Gospel, as some would have you believe. It costs to publish, to broadcast, to conduct revivals, to pastor, to build new churches, to expand, and go forward in general. You can have a part in all this program if you wish, and at the same time obey God and be blessed at His hand.

Remember To:

Pray much about where your tithe should go. God will help you to act and pray wisely.

Support your home church and the pastor that is there. Not the one that just left, or one you like best.

Support the evangelist and all gospel workers while at your church, be their service there long or short.

Support by letter or other means the ones that you feel led. They may need help badly and God is using you.

Support the radio broadcasts; they will help tell the story.

Support the publications and printing, tracts, etc., that send the word where you and others maybe cannot go.

Above all, pay tithe.

Some Important Don'ts

Don't withhold part of your tithe. Be honest with God.

Don't give to a half gospel, a compromiser or a tickler of the ear and expect God to bless you.

Don't worry how the preacher spends his money. If he fails God, God will require of his hands and not yours.

Don't feel you own a soul because you have given financial help in the past. Each day has its day's worth.

Don't give to special friends of kinfolks and let others suffer. Give, with an eye single to Christ and His work.

Don't deduct living expenses before paying tithe. God cares for his own.

Don't charge preachers for room and board, and take it out of tithes. They are your guests.

Don't, as ministers, count a man's income to measure the tithe. That might fail, and is altogether unwise.

Don't be a tithe solicitor. Let God lead, as to whom they should be paid.

Don't hint, they feel and know as well as you.

Conclusion

I Chron. 29:9. The house or church was built God's way, from willing hearts and helping hands.

Ezra 1:4-6. The house of Jerusalem was restored by willing hands. So build and expand, have nice places to worship. Work to see nicer camp grounds and Bible schools. Be progressive, and meet the need of the hour with God.

Some say: "Let the preacher work, Paul did." (I Cor. 4:12) There are cases where this may be necessary, but as a whole and rule, devote your time to prayer, study and do the work of an evangelist or pastor. You will be busy. Jesus said the laborer is worthy of his hire. (Luke 10:7) Paul said the laborer is worthy of his reward. (I Tim. 5:18).

Some say: "I don't believe in paying tithes, but in giving all." My experience has been that as a rule that person gives but very little; the Lord in sentiment gets all, but in reality nothing.

When you move to a new place, do not line up with a lessor Gospel, or backslide, but put your dollars to work there to establish a work. Tithing is for the support of the ministry. Offerings are for building and expansion. Alms are to be given to the poor.

There are so many angles to tithing that the whole cannot be covered in so short an article, but this will help you to be faithful to God and give or pay your tenth, and more, as God leads. Many testimonies are given of what a blessing tithing was to them. Ministers, be sure to teach your congregations to tithe. You are keeping back a part of the gospel and robbing them of a blessing, unless you teach tithing.

May God bless you so that harvests, both in the natural and spiritual, may be great.

It costs to follow Jesus Christ, but it costs more not to.

Tithing also means that a man gets nine dollars from God for every dollar God gets from the man.

As the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, so the love of what money can do is a root of all kinds of righteousness, peace, and good will in the world.

Just pretending to be rich is what keeps some people poor.

Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.

Too many people apply the principles of "saving grace" to their pocketbooks, rather than to their souls.

The measure of an individual's spiritual condition lies in his willingness and desire to give and share.

Stewardship puts the budge in budget.

A dollar won't do as much as it once did. But we won't do as much for a dollar as we once did either.

In this world it is not what we give up, but what we take up, that makes us rich.

The giving of money is one of the outward and visible signs of the right spirit moving inwardly in the hearts of the people who give it.

Life is measure not by accumulation but by outlay; not by how much saved, but by how much expended; not by distance traveled, but by the road taken.

Clouds give rain; flowers give scent; the sun gives light and warmth; the bees give honey; the cows give milk; and the Church is in the world to give it Christ.

The lad who gave his loaves and fishes didn't have to go without his dinner.

Only when the greatness of one's soul exceeds the greatness of one's possessions will great possessions be safe in his hands.

Money talks, but its owner must be its interpreter.

Wealth is a good servant, but a very bad master.

One of the standing miracles of the Christian religion is its record of achievements with small resources.

More money in your purse means greater obligation to God and man.

Use the talents you have, and you will not feel so keenly your need of more talents.

No man is so poor as he who has nothing but money.



SALT

I like that old hymn "Count Your Blessings"; it makes me want to sit down and count the many many many natural resources we have in America to make us healthy.

I drove across the salt flats in Utah several years ago and all one could see was that vast whiteness of salt many feet deep. And the Great Salt Lake beach is of salt instead of sand!

There are places on earth where there is no salt and people live only because they eat raw meat of animals which have found "salt licks" in the jungle where animals, which ordinarily would kill each other, have been seen together!

Men, however, have fought many battles to gain control of a small salt field.

I have read, that during Napoleon's retreat from Moscow, the lack of salt caused the death of thousands of his men, for wounds will not heal without salt.

The ancient Roman soldiers were given salt as part of their equipment—or a special amount of money called his *salarium* by which he would buy salt. Our word "salary" comes from this word "*salarium*."

There is salt enough in America and in other countries to supply the whole world's needs, and yet some people are really suffering because certain others put a high price on it and some governments have taxed it.

There are so many people in our world today who need Christianity, yet, just because it costs us a few dollars to send missionaries to these needy people they say "why bother."

Salt may keep people alive but Christianity makes them happy and gives them new hope and teaches them to live in peace and love with each other.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. From the Guyman bulletin.

A.F. Report

TIPS FOR THE TEACHER

on Galatians and Corinthians

THE EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

Writer, The apostle Paul.

Date. Probably between 55 and 60 A.D.

TO WHOM ADDRESSED. To the churches in Galatia, a district in Asia Minor, the exact boundaries of which are uncertain.

MAIN THEMES. A defense of the Doctrine of Justification by Faith, warnings against Reversion to Judaism and a Vindication of Paul's Apostleship.

THE MAGNA CHARTA OF THE CHURCH. This epistle has been so called by some writers. The main argument is in favor of Christian liberty in opposition to the teachings of the Judaizers. These false teachers insisted that the observance of the ceremonial law was an essential part of the plan of salvation.

KEY TEXT Ch. 5, 1.

KEY CHAIN showing the current of thought, Ch. 1, 6; 2:11-16; 3:1-11; 4:9-11; 5:1-7; 6:15.

EMPHATIC WORDS. "Faith," "Grace," "Liberty," "The Cross."

THE EPISTLE MAY BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS.

Part I. The salutation and introduction, Ch. 1.1-9.

Part II. A narrative of Paul's experiences in support of his claim to true apostleship.

(1) The gospel which he preached came directly by revelation from Christ, while he himself was a zealous Jew persecuting the church, Ch. 1.10-16.

(2) For years he was away from the church at Jerusalem and labored independently of the other apostles, Ch. 1.17-23.

(3) He was under divine direction in his work among the Gentiles, and in the case of Titus, the Greek had insisted that he should be free from the observance of the ceremonial law, Ch. 2.1-5.

(4) The church at Jerusalem indorsed his apostleship, and work among the Gentiles, Ch. 2.7-10.

(5) He had not hesitated to rebuke Peter, Barnabas and other Christian Jews, when he saw that they were yielding to ritualistic tendencies, Ch. 2.11-14.

Part III. Paul's Defense of the Doctrine of Justification by Faith apart from the Works of the Law.

(1) By showing the folly of Christian Jews abandoning their new faith and light, and returning to the old legalism, Ch. 2.15-21.

(2) By appealing to the former spiritual experience of the Galatians Ch. 3.1-5.

(3) By showing that Abraham was justified by faith, Ch. 3.6-9.

(4) By showing that the law had no redeeming power, but brought a curse upon the disobedient, from which Christ redeemed believers, Ch. 3.10-14.

(5) By proving that the law could not disannul the covenant of salvation by faith, Ch. 3.15-18.

(6) By indicating the purpose of the law as a schoolmaster to prepare the way for Christ. Ch. 3.19-25.

(7) By showing the losses of those who surrender their faith in Christ, and relapse into legalism.

(a). They lose the blessing of their inheritance as

children of God, and return to the bondage of ceremonialism, Ch. 3.26 to Ch. 4.11.

(b) They have lost the sense of appreciation for labors performed in their behalf. Ch. 4.11-16.

(c) They are in danger of becoming the children of Abraham after the flesh, instead of children of promise, Ch. 4.19-31.

(d) They not only lose their spiritual liberty, but make Christ's sacrifice of no avail for them, Ch. 5.1-6.

Part IV. Warnings, Instructions, and Exhortations.

(1) Warnings in regard to false teachers, and the misuse of liberty, Ch. 5.7-13.

(2) Exhortations concerning the spiritual life.

(a) The conflict between the flesh and Spirit, Ch. 5.17,18.

(b) The works of the flesh which exclude from the kingdom of God, Ch. 5.19-21.

(c) The fruits of the Spirit which should be manifest in Christian life, Ch. 5.22-26.

(3) The characteristics of the spiritual life.

(a) Charitableness, and burden bearing, Ch. 6.1,2.

(b) Humility, self-examination, self-reliance and benevolence, Ch. 6.3-6.

(c) The law of sowing and reaping holds good in the moral realm, Ch. 7-9.

(4) The contrast between the doctrine of the false teachers and that of Paul. The former, glory in ceremonial rites and the marks in the flesh; the latter, in the cross and the marks of the Lord Jesus, Ch. 6.12-17.

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Corinth, to which this and the following epistle were sent, was one of the most celebrated cities of Greece. It was situated on a gulf of the same name, and was the capital of the Peloponnesus or Achaia, and was united to the continent by an isthmus or neck of land that had the Port of Lecheum on the west and that of Cenchrea on the east, the former in the Gulf of Lepanto, the latter in the Gulf of Egina, by which it commanded the navigation and commerce both of the Ionian and Aegean Seas, consequently of Italy on the one hand and of all the Greek Islands on the other: in a word, it embraced the commerce of the whole mediterranean Sea, from the Straits of Gibraltar on the west to the Port of Alexandria on the east, with the coasts of Egypt, Palestine, Syria, and Asia Minor. It is supposed, by some, to have been founded by Sisyphus, the son of Eolus, and grandfather of Ulysses, about the year of the world 2490 or 2500, and before the Christian era 1504 years. Others report that it had both its origin and name from Corinthus, the son of Pelops. It was at first but a very inconsiderable town: but at last, through its extensive commerce, became the most opulent city of Greece, and the capital of a powerful state. It was destroyed by the Romans under Mummius, about 146 years before Christ, but was afterwards rebuilt by Julius Caesar.

Corinth exceeded all the cities of the world, for the splendour and magnificence of its public buildings, such as temples, palaces, theatres, porticos, cenotaphs, baths, and other edifices: all enriched with a beautiful kind of columns, capitals, and bases, from which the Corinthian order in architecture took its rise. Corinth is also celebrated for its statues: those especially of Venus, the sun, Neptune and Amphitrite, Diana, Apollo, Jupiter, Minerva, etc. The

temple of Venus was not only very splendid, but also very rich, and maintained, according to Strabo, not less than 1000 courtesans, who were the means of bringing an immense concourse of strangers to the place. Thus riches produced luxury, and luxury a total corruption of manners: though arts, sciences and literature continued to flourish long in it, and a measure of the martial spirit of its ancient inhabitants was kept alive in it by means of those public games which, being celebrated on the Isthmus which connects the Peloponnesus to the main land, were called the Isthmian Games, and were exhibited once every five years. The exercises in these games were, leaping, running, throwing the quoit or dart, boxing, and wrestling. It appears that, besides these, there were contentions for poetry and music: and the conquerors in any of these exercises were ordinarily crowned either with pine leaves or with parsley. It is well known that the apostle alludes to these games in different parts of his epistles, which shall all be particularly noticed as they occur.

Corinth, like all other opulent and well-situated places, has often been a subject of contention between rival states, has frequently changed masters, and undergone all forms of government. The Venetians held it till 1715, when the Turks took it from them: under whose dominion it has till lately remained. Under this deteriorating government it was greatly reduced, its whole population amounting only to between 13 and 14,000 souls. It has not gotten into the hands of the Greeks, its natural owners. It lies about 46 miles to the east of Athens, and 342 southwest of Constantinople. A few vestiges of its ancient splendour still remain, which are objects of curiosity and gratification to all intelligent travellers.

As we have seen that Corinth was well situated for trade, and consequently very rich, it is no wonder that, in its heathen state, it was exceedingly corrupt and profligate. Notwithstanding this, every part of the Grecian learning was highly cultivated here: so that, before its destruction by the Romans, Cicero (*Pro Lege Manl. Cap. V*) scrupled not to call it *Tolius Gracia Lumen* — The eye of all Greece. Yet the inhabitants of it were as lascivious as they were learned. Public prostitution formed a considerable part of their religion: and they were accustomed in their public prayers, to request the gods to multiply their prostitutes! And in order to express their gratitude to the deities for the favours they received, they bound themselves, by vows, to increase the number of such women; for commerce with them was neither esteemed sinful nor disgraceful. *Lais*, so famous in history, was a Corinthian prostitute, and whose price was not less than 10,000 drachmas. Demosthenes, from whom this price was required by her for one night's lodging, said, "I will not buy repentance at so dear a rate." So notorious was this city for such conduct, that the verb to *corinthize*, signified to act the prostitute: and a Corinthian damsel, meant a harlot of common woman. I mention these things the more particularly because they account for several things mentioned by the apostle in his letters to this city, and things which, without this knowledge of their previous gentile state and customs, we could not comprehend. It is true, as the apostle states, that they carried these things to an extent that was not practiced in any other Gentile country, and yet, even in Corinth — the gospel of Jesus Christ prevailing over universal corruption — there was founded a Christian Church!

From The Guymon Bulletin

FORGIVE US, WORLD

By VIOLA JACOBSON BERG

*Have we failed you, World? Have we in our desire
To emphasize sound doctrine, lived aloof
From problems which were knocking at our door?
Have we, the pious ones, raised warning hands
And preached of hell without a single tear?*

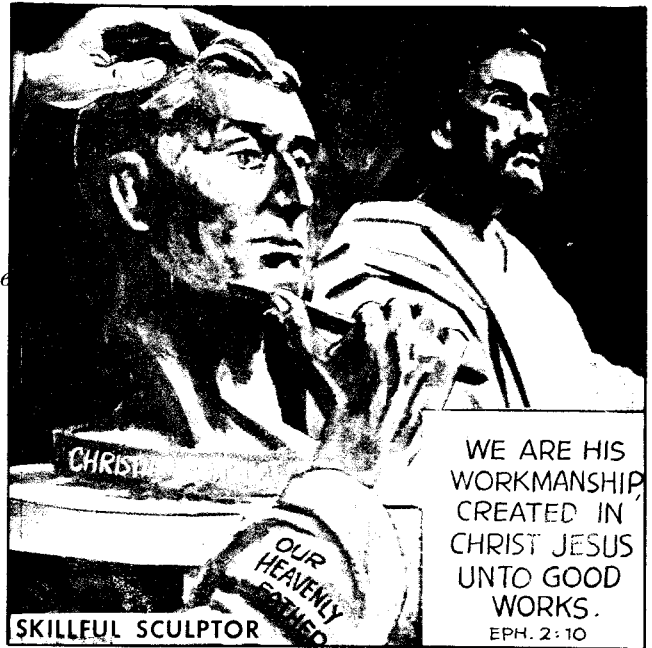
*Have we shunned publicans and sinners
And lived protected in our citadels?
Have we talked righteously about being
Good Samaritans, and then lived like priests
And Levites, passing by on the other side?*

*In our zeal to work for Him, have we been
So busy with duties that we have not
Been willing to take the place of a servant
And wash the feet of our tired brother?*

*Forgive us, World, for we are truly guilty.
We have not shown compassion as we ought,
As neighbors, living next door to you;
And we cannot expect the partitions
Between us to melt away through dogma—
Only by love, which is the expression
Of an understanding, humble spirit.*

*Until we show you that we do love you,
And will live that love in acts of kindness
As Jesus did, our words will mean nothing.
But God has not forsaken you. He cares.*

*Forgive us, World, for we want you to know
The sweetness of God's love, and we will try
To be deserving witnesses for Him.
We ask you to give us another chance
To let Him love and comfort you through us.*



Just a boy

"You're just a boy," I hear folk say,
"You've got a lot to learn";
But to get help to find the way
I know not where to turn.

I'd ask my Dad, but he's too busy—
Lots of things to do, you know,
Fixing up the old Tin Lizzy,
Or he has the grass to mow.

"You're just a boy," the teacher answered,
When a question I would ask;
"To help you understand it now
Is just too great a task."

And so I closed my mind to questions,
And resented supervision—
Filled my mind with comic books,
Soon was lost in television.

"They're just boys," church leaders stated,
"We'll have time for them tomorrow."
But when they viewed the empty seats
They shed some bitter tears of sorrow.

Just a boy! Yes, I admit it,
But I'm doing all I can
In between the "dout's" and "quit its"
To grow up and be a man.

It's sure a shame some guys don't make it,
Never find that manly joy;
They have to go and meet their Maker
Not yet ready—"just a boy."

—OLIVER DALABA

NEEDS A NEW 'D' STRING

BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE,
FEAR NOT, NOR BE AFRAID OF THEM:
FOR THE LORD THY GOD, HE IT IS THAT
DOTH GO WITH THEE; HE WILL NOT
FAIL THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6



DISAPPOINTMENT

“Disappointment—His appointment,”
Change one letter then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God’s better choice for me.

His appointment must be blessing,
Though it may come in disguise
For the end, from the beginning,
Open to His vision lies.

“Disappointment—His appointment,”
Whose? The Lord’s who loves me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would test;

For, like loving, earthly parents,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts unquestioned
All that from His wisdom flows.

“Disappointment—His appointment,”
“No good things will He withhold.”
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of His love untold.

Well He knows each broken purpose
Leads to fuller, deeper trust;
And the end of all His dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

WHEN THE DOOR OF MERCY CLOSES

The time is coming brother,
When the spirit shall depart,
And the door of mercy closes,
On the lost and sinful heart.

Then there shall be sounds of weeping,
Bitter tears shall stain the ground,
For the sinner has been sleeping,
And has not his Saviour found.

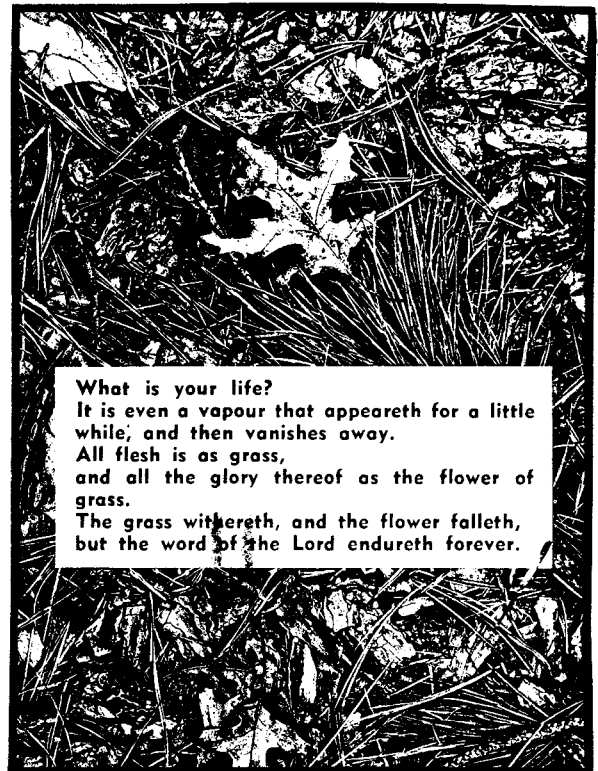
Brother, have you been misguided,
Into feeling so secure,
Or perhaps you have decided,
You can’t leave the world’s allure.

Friend, won’t you please listen,
To the voice of the King,
Can’t you see the tears that glisten,
Hear the prayers to heaven ring.

When you hear the invitation,
Hearken to His longing plea,
Don’t keep turning down salvation,
He’ll not always deal with thee.

For when the Spirit has been lifted,
And God has closed the gate,
Brother, if you’ve drifted,
Your lonely cry will be too late.

Lowell Long



What is your life?
It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little
while, and then vanishes away.
All flesh is as grass,
and all the glory thereof as the flower of
grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower falleth,
but the word of the Lord endureth forever.

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