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## *My Hand in God's*

Florence Scripps Kellogg

Each morning when I wake I say,  
"I place my hand in God's today";  
I know He'll walk close to my side  
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care  
When paths are dark and I despair—  
No need for me to understand  
If I hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His! No surer way  
To walk in safety through each day.  
By His great bounty I am fed:  
Warmed by His life, and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest  
And realize how much I'm blessed,  
My thanks pour out to Him and then  
I place my hand in God's again.

## The Kingdom Of Heaven; The Kingdom Of God

A lesson given in Bible School by F. E. Waterbury, in the course of New Testament History.

These terms are used synonymously throughout the N. T. as we have already studied and will study in the coming chapters of the N. T. We have seen how John the Baptist came preaching the Kingdom was at hand, Matt. 3:2. Jesus Christ opens His Galilean ministry with the same message, Matt. 4:17, Mark 1:14-15. He uses the term many times and explains to His listeners what He means through parables such as the mustard seed, Matt. 13:31,33.

Paul preached the Kingdom of God, Rom. 14:17. For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.** I Cor. 4:20, For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Let me now define the term and then substantiate it with the scripture. The Kingdom of Heaven (or God) is a term scripturally used to designate **the Rule of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, wrought by the Holy Ghost in the hearts and lives of mankind.**

### THE NEGATIVE APPROACH

This message was not taken by Isreal as the inward change and outward righteous living as Jesus meant, but was taken politically. Rome's rule had become intolerable, surely deliverance must be at hand. Even among the inner circle of followers this spirit of nationalism cropped out. James and John and their mother came asking a special favor of Jesus, "Grant that these my sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in **thy kingdom.**" Matthew 20:20-28.

After the resurrection they were still speculating on the earthly kingdom, when they asked, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?"

However in all this we should not judge harshly, for they were looking for the literal O. T. promises (of which there are many)

concerning the culmination or end time significance of the kingdom when Jesus Christ shall rule as "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords." Dan. 2:44; 7:27. Rev. 11:17.

### THE POSITIVE

Was the kingdom in the future with Jesus, or was it already present? It seems certain that Jesus thought that the Kingdom was in the future, although very near. The phrase He used "The kingdom of God is at hand" signifies the nearness, and even the **availability then** of entrance into the kingdom, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. The endowment of strength for the kingdom was yet to come. "And he said unto them, verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the **kingdom** of God come with power." Mark 9:1. This was fulfilled to them on the day of Pentecost, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.

### ENTRANCE INTO

Jesus was neither a political dreamer nor a social reformer yet He said He was the "Door to the Sheepfold". The kingdom in essence is a spiritual kingdom, "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of Spirit, he cannot **enter into** the kingdom of God. This born again experience is from above; between God and Man therefore of necessity places the experience in the realms of the spiritual. This should not be confused with the future, when the **physical** shall be changed into the spiritual. I Cor. 15:35-56.

### CONTINUANCE

The entrance into the kingdom therefore is obtained by the vital re-birth experience but does not end here, only begins. The preliminary fulfillment of the Kingdom is not realized until the Spirit of God rules in every institution and

relation of life. It must always be working out in the lives of man to further expand His kingdom. The heartening words of Jesus encourages this multiplication through the parables of the wheat and tares, the mustard seed, and the leaven (Matt. 13:24;33). The seed which we are scattering may be growing slowly, and there are the tares, but both are growing surely, and grain and weed will be seperated some day. The kingdom was only a small seed then but it should grow to become a huge tree some day. It was like hidden yeast that shall rise and permeate the whole lump after a while. Let us remember we are seed sowers but it is God who gives the increase or fruitage. I Cor. 3:6.

**Parables of the Kingdom:** Matt. 13:24-52; 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-46; Mark 4:26, 29.

**Other Passages:** Matt. 6:33; 7:15-27; Luke 9:62; James 2:5; Acts 14:22; Matt. 12:25-29.

**Satan's Kingdom:** Matt. 12:24-26; Rev. 9:12; Eph. 2:2; 6:12; John 14:30

### IS THIS YOU?

A woman and her little daughter were in a service in which the preacher spoke about how obedience toward God is revealed in the manner in which one attends to the small duties of everyday life. He described how many parents neglected their spiritual duties in the home: how they retired night after night without praying for God's watchful care; and how in the morning they failed to thank him for rest, protection, and the blessings of the new day.

The little girl listened attentively. Turning to her mother, she whispered, "Mamma, is the minister talking about you?"

The simple question pierced the mother's heart. She said nothing, but that night she knelt and confessed her sin and asked God's help in carrying out her duties.

"Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil". Psalms 141:5.

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### FROM THE Associate Editor

From the book of Job we have these words, "Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?" Job 5:1. Here we have the troubled situation of our own times. There seemingly is more interest in what one Christian says to another, or sometimes even a friend or associate of the world, then the mighty voice and sure command of the Lord. Of course, sometimes because it is easier to talk to man than God, or sometimes the direct influence of those in power or close to us wield such force that we hesitate to go beyond or launch out into the unknown of man, and the well known of God. But we are told, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord —" Hos. 6:3.

If we have not up to this point wholly followed the Lord, (Duet. 1:36) let us begin to do so immediately. Have you ever stopped to consider that one twelfth of another year has flown? Further more do you not realize that the God of Heaven is a very present

A year ago we edited our first issue as Editor of the Apostolic Faith Report. It has been a wonderful year and how we thank God for the way He has supplied the needs for the monthly publication. We certainly appreciate the way many of you have been faithful in supporting the Report with both finances and articles.

For the past three months our finances for the paper have been very low and it has tested our faith but God has always supplied the need by press time. It is wonderful to watch the workings of the Lord.

About six churches have sent a monthly offering which is tithes from their Sunday School Offerings: Hardesty, Balko, and Laverne, Okla., Center Point, Wayside Chapel, Hempstead, Texas, and Baxter Springs, Kansas. Then recently Bayard, Nebraska and Pampa, Texas have also begun this project.

At various times during the year Ladies Groups from different churches have sent in an offering and the Midway, Okla, Missionary Fund contributes regularly. Your

help in time of need, Heb. 4:16, and Psalms 46:1, and that the Holy Ghost is our teacher and guide. John 14:26 and John 16:13?

There is so much to do, there is a call for able, deep consecrated Christians every where, dependable, if you please, in and out of the pulpit. I have this verse before me, "Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus — — —." Heb 12:1-2.

What more can any of us do, yet all of us must do this much. I cannot walk in the path of yesterday or yesteryear, neither can I walk

faithfulness to God in this manner has certainly been appreciated and we want to thank you.

We also appreciate all of you who as individuals contribute to the Report monthly, and all who have sent in an offering no matter how small. This is your paper and we are only the instruments that work to keep it together. We covet your prayers for the coming year that the paper will continue to be a blessing and a help to the readers. This is the reason we work many hours putting it together that some one that might be discouraged will find strength, that someone that is blue will find a ray of sunshine, and someone that needs a spiritual uplift will find it in God's Word.

Again we ask the Lord to bless all of you, our friends, and keep us all true to Him and to His call as we labour together to see the work of the Lord progress. No one can pull back without hindering all of us. Therefore, let us keep looking up and keep our eyes on the goal, Christ Jesus.

Howard Whiteley

on imaginary (what will be in the future) realm, but give me this day, well lived as unto the Lord, and leave the rest to Him.

May God Bless you dear fellow workers, each of you mean a lot to me, and I will gladly converse with you about the things of our God. I want to help you and give you of the rich favors that the Lord has bestowed upon me, yet let me remind you again, we must call upon the Name of the Lord, for unto which of the saints can we turn? Pray for us that in every responsibility and decision we will have the answer from the Father of us all.

Gail Schultz

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Editors





## Items of Interest

In memory of my husband, Edward Sexton, who passed away October 14, I am sending a love offering to the paper which has blessed us many times since our marriage in 1939.

Rev. Edwin A Waterbury and Rev. Howard Baldwin conducted the funeral with the music by Bro. and Sis. Calvin Cook.

Ann Sexton  
Rockdale, Texas



I want to say "Thanks" to everyone that offered up a prayer in my behalf. Also for the nice cards and letters. May God richly bless you all. I appreciated everyone that came to visit me too, as it made my day a little brighter.

Love and prayers to all.

Mrs. Viola Cooper  
Balko, Oklahoma

"Greetings in Jesus' name." Thanks to everyone for your prayers.

I am writing to let you know how wonderful God has answered prayer for me. I am home now in my own home.

I do want to thank each of you for the flowers, gifts, and prayers for me. It's not possible for me to write each one individually but we ask that God will bless each and everyone.

Sis Anna Mahan  
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We would like to thank everyone for your prayers during our illness. God heard and answered prayer.  
Chester Burns

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## ON WITH THE GOSPEL



Roadmaps, suit cases, shoe boxes, song books and Bibles indicate that four young ladies are doing their part in the Lord's work by means of evangelistic services. The team consists of Rev. Myrtle Carney of Hinton, Ala.: Miss Peggy Sutton of Katy, Tex.: Miss Ginger Raney of Big Springs, Tex.: and Miss Dorothy Kinser of Balko, Okla.

We have plans to work in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama. May we say "Thank You" to every one that has extended an invitation to us.

We covet your prayers that we will be a help and a blessing to every church we visit, and that we will see children born into the Kingdom of the Lord.

Don't neglect the higher levels of living ... the "holy of holies" of meditation, and worship.

The most rewarding faith is faith in the ability of God to choose what is best for us?

## ARTICLE V

**The Seventy Weeks of Daniel's Prophecy****Daniel 9:24-27**

By Robert Girouard

In our study of this prophecy we have thus far brought out the following facts:

1. The full measure of God's blessing to Jerusalem and to Israel as expressed in Daniel 9:24, was to be deferred until the expiration of a period of seventy weeks of years, or 490 years.
2. This period of 490 years was to begin with the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem. Daniel 9:25.
3. The commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem was given in the twentieth year of the reign of Artaxerxes, king of Persia, in the month Nisan. Nehemiah 2:1-9. The date of the issuing of this commandment has been established by secular historians to be March 14, 445 B. C.
4. From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince was to be 69 weeks of years. Daniel 9:25. According to the Julian calendar Jesus was acclaimed as the Prince of Israel by a very great multitude on Sunday April 6th, 32 A. D. Matthew 21:1-9.

What then was the length of time intervening between the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince between March 14th, 445 B. C. and April 6th, 32 A. D.? THE INTERVAL CONTAINED EXACTLY AND TO THE VERY DAY 69 WEEKS OF YEARS, OR 483 YEARS OF 360 DAYS EACH.

5. After the three score and two weeks following the first seven weeks, Messiah was to be cut off or crucified. Daniel 9:25,26. We know that Jesus was crucified a few days after His Manifestation as Messiah the Prince.
6. Up to this point there remains one week or 7 years of this prophecy to be accounted for.

In article IV of this series of Bible studies we have shown that the last week of years of this prophecy cannot have been fulfilled in the past. We arrived at this conclusion because God's promises to Israel given in Daniel 9:24, which come within the scope of this prophecy have not yet been fulfilled.

We have no less an authority than Jesus Himself to the fact that the last seven years of this prophecy will be fulfilled just prior to His coming in Power and great glory.

In His Olivet discourse with His disciples Jesus predicted two periods of great distress for Jerusalem. The first period refers to the siege of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A. D. "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them which are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon the people." Luke 21:20-24.

It is a matter of historical tradition that when the armies of Titus surrounded Jerusalem in 70 A. D. that the Christians that were in it observed the warning of Jesus and left the city. It is said that not one of them was killed or even hurt, whereas multiplied thousands of non-Christian Jews were slaughtered. Jerusalem at that time was completely destroyed as a habitable city.

Jesus predicted another time of distress and tribulation for Jerusalem. The sign of the first distress was "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies," but the sign of the second distress and tribulation was to be "When ye therefore shall see the abomina-

tion of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet stand in the holy place." Daniel 9:27; Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15-31.

The abomination of desolation will stand in the holy place at a time of great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world, nor ever shall be. Jesus said that immediately after that tribulation He shall return in power and great glory. Matthew 24:15-21, 29,30.

What is the abomination of desolation?

Two princes are mentioned in the seventy weeks prophecy. Messiah the Prince who was crucified over nineteen centuries ago, and one designated as the Prince that shall come. Daniel 9:25-27. We believe that the latter is called the coming prince because he appears in Daniel 7:8,24,25 as the little horn who will wear out the saints of the most High for three and one-half years. Revelation 13:5.

This coming prince will make a firm covenant with many for one week. See October Report. He will make a covenant with the nation of Israel for one week or a period of seven years. The signing of this covenant will date the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy. Jesus will return at the close of the seventieth week and fulfill the promises made to Israel in Daniel 9:24.

Since the little horn who is also known as the coming prince will ultimately become the Anti-Christ, that is what we shall call him hereafter. In his covenant with the Jews the Anti-Christ evidently will grant them military protection and religious freedom. At present the kingdom of Jordan controls about thirteen acres of ground in the old section of Jerusalem where the temple of Solomon stood. When the Jews gain possession of this ground through the agency of the Anti-Christ they will again begin to offer sacrifices to God.

In the midst of the week or three and one-half years after Anti-Christ has made a covenant with Israel he will break his covenant and restrain them from offering

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# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO—

The beginning of this year 1966, marks a period of 2½ years for us in Lovington. In this period of time I feel we have had more than our share of heartaches, disappointments, discouragements, failures, and defeats through our own weakness and that of others. But thanks be unto God who giveth us the VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Because of this victory in Christ, we can say the past 2½ years are years of victory. Our progress has been slow, but we are making progress.

Our main problem is, perhaps world wide, the lack of responsible Christian people, with a sincere desire to labour for Christ unreservedly. At present we are in need of more of everything. If the Lord happens to quicken this letter to the heart of anyone. It is probably an answer to our prayers. Come on out and we will be thrilled to have you. There is plenty of work around Lovington and we need Christian workers in the church.

As we face this new year I ask an interest in your prayers realizing that this new year presents a greater challenge than any previous year we have ever known.

Lyle O. Sharp, pastor

## JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

The Lord has surely been good to us the last few weeks. So many of us could not attend the Perryton Convocation, so we planned special services for our church. Rev. Bill Patterson, Sr. gave the first sermon, followed by Rev. C. O. Bard. On the 3rd night Rev. Onal Nunn was our selected speaker. He also

spoke again on Friday night because Rev. Earl Morgan was ill and could not be with us as planned. I gave the closing message and almost all present gathered in for prayer to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the new.

For sometime we have been conducting five services a week, that is the two on Sunday and Wednesday night Bible Study, plus the Ladies Prayer meeting every Tuesday afternoon and a very special cottage prayer meeting on Friday nights. Two have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost of late. Our attendance is average and interest fine.

Bro. and Sis. Art Walker now have charge of the young people's meeting. Sis. Joy Bard is teaching the Junior Class on Sunday evening and Sis. Betty Moser has the Beginners during this time. Come worship with us. Together we are pressing on the Lord. (At present Bro. Gail is in a Revival at Hempstead, Texas.)

Gail Schultz, pastor

## MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

Our church started the New Year with praise in their hearts. Several of our people attended the Convocation in Perryton, Texas, and came home with a report of victory. Then our church was well represented at the Watch Night Service in Laverne. We were so thankful we could be in such a service to see the New Year arrive worshipping our dear Saviour. We are expecting great things from God in this year.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter  
Doyle Wiles, pastor

## CAMP PINE CREST, MISSISSIPPI

God has been good to all of us here in the Pines for which we are grateful. The Lord has been meeting with us and we feel some ground has been gained.

Pine Crest Faith Chapel hosted a watchnight service for this part of the country. People from Snell, Hinton, Pine Hill, and Pine Crest were present. Bro. Jim Arnall from Pine Hill, Ala., preached the first service with a communion and foot-washing service following. After a short fellowship another good service was enjoyed with Sis. Dot Anderson bringing the message. We enjoyed them very much.

We invite our friends and ministers of the Faith to visit us anytime. Please pray for the work here.

Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

## GALENA, KANSAS—

With much to challenge us in this year of 1966, we are looking for real victories to be gained from God. Recently during our Thursday Ladies' Meeting one of our ladies was sanctified. God has been blessing these who have met to worship Him. We are still seeing the hand of God working in our midst with new ones being added to the church as God gives the increase. It is nice to have Sis. Linda Williams back with us again after Bible School. We appreciate those who work for God and help to carry the load of the church. Alvin Hollis has moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he is working but we pray that God will bless him as he works there.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

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# Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

**STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—**

Our church with visitors from Modesto observed the New Year with a Watch Night service. The Lord has placed it in some of our hearts to be more fruitful this coming year. So for 1966 our Church will be more determined to reach the lost for Christ. We also have a youth rally between the Stockton and Modesto Churches. The next Rally will be in Stockton on January 31. Recently elected officers of this rally are: Peggie Morgan, president, Betty Lou Richardson, vice-president, and Laura Lee Galloway, secretary and Treasurer.

Austin Morgan, pastor

**SECUNDERABAD, INDIA—**

Though we have to pass through grave situations, we have the victory for the Lord is still on the throne. Even now our country is facing attacks from the enemy and we request your continued prayers for us. We are thankful to all our dear friends there who are praying for us and helping us with their finances. May God bless them all abundantly. We are glad to say that the Lord is blessing us in every phase of our work.

T. S. Abraham

**AMARILLO, TEXAS—**

Our church has been enjoying many blessings from the Lord. We have been privileged to have several from this term of Bible School to visit the church. Sis. Myrtle Carney with Dorothy Kinser and Peggy Sutton conducted three nights of services which proved a great blessing.

At the present time Bro. Paul Wilkerson is holding a Revival with the assistance of Bro. Danny Clanton and Bro. and Sis. Earl Malone. This Revival has stirred many hearts. People have found Christ, and some have prayed through to deeper experiences in God.

The work of these individuals has been greatly appreciated. God is certainly using the young people to labour for Him. Please pray for the church that it may go forward in the name of Christ.

Neil Ragan, pastor

**WAYSIDE CHAPEL, EDNA, TEX.**

We have enjoyed our ministry here since last August. We feel God has a way of working if we are obedient to His Will. It takes faith, prayer, and much travelling to see His Will accomplished. At the present time we are praying for a God Sent Revival, that would not only move the sinner, but the Christians also. Redemption draweth nigh and many Christians are still unconcerned. We are looking for many more blessings from God in the New Year and we long to please the Master. We invite the ministers to come for a service anytime.

Danny Robinson, pastor

**NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—**

It is our pleasure to report the blessings of the Lord on the work here. There is a great harvest of souls to be reached for the Lord and we are trusting God to give the increase. Rev. Roy Wooster is going to start a Revival for us January 26. It is our earnest prayer that God will earnestly deal with hearts and lives through these services.

Dennis Huff, pastor

**LEAKEY, TEXAS—**

God is blessing in our services. We would like to extend an invitation to all that come by our way to stop and visit us. Pray for our work here.

Mrs. Laura Thompson, pastor

**PINE HILL, ALABAMA—**

We praise the Lord for His goodness unto us. We have felt a definite moving in our services lately. Last Sunday two young men gave their hearts unto the Lord and we are so very thankful for this. Pray for the work here and we extend a welcome to our ministers to come by for services when ever possible.

Jim Arnall, Pastor

The "straight and narrow way" leads through the stations of self-denial and sacrifice, but terminates in the Canaan of reward and victory!

Jesus Christ is not valued at all, until He is valued above all!

**Daniel's Prophecy—**

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sacrifices. Daniel 9:27. At that time the abomination of desolation will be set up in the holy place. Daniel 9:27; Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15.

From the time that the Anti-Christ breaks his covenant with Israel, he will become a great persecutor and oppressor of God's people. He will demand human worship of everyone. It is said of him "that he as God sitteth in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God", II Thessalonians 2:4. This assumption of deity on his part, this invasion of the temple by him, this demand of human worship will make him the abomination that will bring desolation. In the Old Testament idols were called abominations. I Kings 11:5,7; II Kings 23:13. Any thing or person worshipped instead of God would be an idol. There is a strong presumption that the image of the Anti-Christ will be placed in the temple to be worshipped. Revelation 13:11-15.

Since the abomination of desolation will be set up in the holy place in the midst of the last seven years of Daniel's prophecy, and since that event will be connected with the great tribulation and the return of Jesus in power and great glory we know that the seventieth week of years of this prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. Daniel 9:27; Daniel 12:11, Matthew 24:15-31.

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**BIBLE STUDY TOUR PLANNED**

A Bible Tour to Russia, Holy Land, and Rome is being for the last part of October and early November.

It is hoped that Bible Prophecy lessons concerning these countries can be given during the tour by some of our ministers. The cost of the tour including 1st rate passage, meals, tips etc. will be from \$1200-1400. This is a round trip ticket from New York.

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# Crusaders for Christ

## 12 INCH ANSWER

**QUESTION:** What danger confronts young people intrusted with Christian leadership?

Explain why God cannot trust some Christians with either success or fame?

**ANSWER:** Conformity, perhaps is one of the greatest dangers that confront young people today. The pressures of this world are great. Romans 12:1,2. "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be ye not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

I'm taking one phrase from this scripture to dwell on for a few minutes. "Be not conformed to this world." This is a commandment, yet how many of us find ourselves breaking it one way or another!

Peter called Christians, "a peculiar people" . . . II Peter 2:20. I wonder if this isn't the thing that many young people fear.

I do not believe God is asking young people to be peculiar in the sense of being an odd person in outward appearance or behaviour. The peculiarity is in the fact that they do not conform to this world.

One of the pressures of today is the current styles. When we allow entertainers—many of whom make

their living by attracting attention to their bodies — to set the fashions for us, we are definitely conforming to this world.

When thigh high skirts are being flaunted before us, by the brazen, it is easy to become so accustomed to it, that we feel we are out of style with skirts of decent length. I do not feel that I am out of bounds when I say that if a girl cannot stand or sit as a lady should with her body covered, it is indecent to say the least.

Are you one of the extremist who likes to dare the line? If you will be honest before God and yourself, try this test. Don your shortest, slimmest skirt, and alone with God, go before your mirror. There, with Him as your judge, walk, stand, and sit as you normally do in public. If you are honest before your maker, I know He will help you to see yourself as others see you. He surely will direct you along these lines. Girls and women with **dignity** do not follow extreme styles. They are not afraid of their own convictions.

Young men are feeling the pressures of extreme fashions also. When you, as a Christian young man, borrow from the Beatles extreme hair styles and go to extreme in attire, you too are conforming in this manner. Whether you realize it or not the stranger judges one by his appearance and actions. If you look and act like a Beatle, he'll think you are one. Can you blame him?

Certainly, dress is not the only way in which one may conform to this world. The way you talk and act and the things you do for amusement are a part of it. Do you pray about these things or do you "conform to the world", as even Christians and professing Christians? If you are intrusted with leadership, you should definitely know for yourself that you are following the Lord, for your sake and the sake of those who follow you. Paul said to follow him as he followed the Lord.

I cannot lay down certain things that you can or cannot do, but I can say with the Word, that if your heart condemns you, God is greater than your heart and knoweth all things. "Happy is the man that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

Condemnation or approval can only be determined by direct contact with God.

We can preach the Word and admonish you along these lines, but the only thing that will cause you to follow the Lord, is **the desire to please Him**. This comes by prayer and faith in God, and an open mind to be led by His Spirit. The Lord said, "If ye love me you will keep my commandments." It was love and not the nails that held the Lord to the tree. It is love and not whipcord that will cause a person to present his body a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God.

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# Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell

## TIMMY'S LOVE-GIFT

TIMMY is a little blonde American boy who lives with his mother, father, and brother in Hong Kong. His mother and father are missionaries from America.

One day Timmy got a card from his grandmother. In it were two American dollars.

Timmy's father went to the bank and had the two American dollars changed into Hong Kong dollars. Since Hong Kong dollars are worth a different amount than American dollars, Timmy now had twelve Hong Kong dollars.

On Sunday morning Timmy wanted his mother to help him count out how much he should give the Lord. Then Timmy would take that much to Sunday School.

Timmy's mother and father had taught Timmy to give the Lord one-tenth of any money he had. That meant every time he had ten cents, he would give one cent to the Lord. If he had one dollar, he would give ten cents.

Some of Timmy's money was in small change.

Mother counted out one-tenth of the twelve dollars and put it in one pile.

"Timmy", she said, "if you wanted to show the Lord how much you love Him, you could give Him a little more as a love-gift."

Timmy took another dollar off his pile and put it with what he was going to give for the Lord Jesus.

"But Mom," he said, "I'll have to give Him all of it. If I don't, He'll think I don't love Him very much."

Timmy cried a little, but he put all twelve dollars in one pile.

Mother said that he didn't have to give it all if he didn't want to. The Lord Jesus knew how much Timmy loved Him. And He wanted him to be happy about what he gave.

Timmy took part of the money back. But when he saw how much bigger his pile was than the Lord's he began to cry again.

"No, Mom," he said, "I'll give it all, or else He'll think I love the money more than Him. But I love Him most."

Timmy took all of his money to Sunday School. After Sunday School he gave his mother a great, big happy smile. "He knows I love Him best of all now, doesn't he, Mom?"

Then Timmy thought about something else. "Mom", he said seriously, "do you mind if I love

the Lord Jesus best of all even better than you?"

Now Mom gave Timmy a great, big, happy smile. "No, Timmy, I don't mind," she said, "for we will always love others better when we love the Lord Jesus best of all."

## TELLING OTHERS

Each of the following told someone about the Lord Jesus. Draw a line from the one who told to the one who heard the good news.

1. Andrew (John 1:40,41)
2. Angels (Luke 2:8-11)
3. Barnabas (Acts 14:6,7,12)
4. Blind man (John 9:8-11)
5. Paul (Acts 16:14)
6. Peter (Acts 2:14)
7. Philip (Acts 8:26,27)
8. John the Baptist (Luke 3:12,16)
9. Samaritan woman (John 4:39)
10. Ananias (Acts 9:17)
11. Silas (Acts 16:25-31)

Ethiopian man  
Friends from the city  
Lydia  
Men of Judea  
Neighbors  
People of Lycaonia  
Philippian jailer  
Publicans  
Simon Peter  
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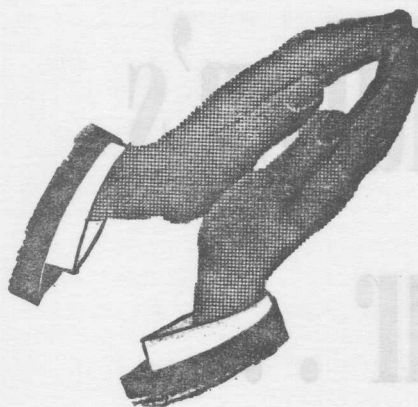
## ANSWER

1. Simon Peter
2. Shepherds
3. People of Lycaonia
4. Neigh-
5. Lydia
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7. Ethiopian man
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## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY—

- 1 ..... TONY RASCOE
- 3 ..... LAPARSHA MODRICK
- 5 ..... BEVERLY BARNES
- 13 ..... KATHY MORGAN
- 16 ..... STEVE BARKER
- 17 ..... GARY MOREHEAD
- 18 ..... STARLA BARKER
- 26 ..... MIKE BARNES
- 26 ..... KEITH WATERBURY



# Teacher's Notebook

## WHAT HAS TOMMY LEARNED?

"Would you mind telling me what my child should have learned over the past several months in your class as I can get very little information from him?"

How would you answer such a question?

Have you tried to find out what your students are learning from the lessons presented?

Teaching is not **completed** until someone learns and benefits from the facts or information imparted.

It is good to have children sitting quietly while we go through our lessons from start to finish. But they are **NOT THERE** to spend a pleasant hour only, but **TO LEARN** about God. So, we must find out what they have gathered together and how far they have become personally involved in what we have been trying to teach them.

Has the pupil's knowledge of the Bible increased through our teaching? Has each one received any spiritual guidance by attending our class? The only way to find out is to ask them.

Ask **CAREFULLY AND WISELY** or you will not receive the information you desire. Questions in which one word as "yes or no" is an answer, reveals nothing. We should not read into the response just what we wish to hear either or we will be misled.

How should we compose our questions?

Generally speaking questions answered "yes or no" should not be used. Some true or false questions can be helpful if they are worded carefully.

For example instead of asking, "Is Jesus the Son of God?" to be answered either yes or no, or true or false — — — try: "Who was Jesus?" Then you will find out what they know and understand about Christ.

The questions of "who?", "what?", and in some instances "where?" are useful ones. This can lead to just brief answers but will reveal some of what has been learned. You can follow these with other questions to lead deeper into the subject.

To explore how far each pupil is involved in the practical aspects, we will learn more by "why?" or "how?" questions. These call for an interpretation of the facts.

Help them to apply the teaching to their own lives by such questions as: "How would you act if you had to face this situation?", "Why would you react like that?", "What examples have you met that illustrate this point in the lesson?"

Phrase your questions according to the age of your group and use follow-up questions to delve more deeply into the minds and thoughts of the students. By this method you can evaluate your teaching and see what you have made clear to the students and what you need to teach again more clearly.

Questions at the beginning of the session tend to stir immediate interest with the questions during the lesson giving a break in what might become just a boring lecture. Then our questions at the close of our class serve to recall what has been taught and to emphasize certain points and scriptures.

By varying the time of our questions and their types, we prevent our class from becoming stagnant, but can use them to add sparkle and freshness to the Word of God.

Prepare your questions with much thought and **PRAYER** as you prepare your lesson. God can use this avenue to reach the hearts of students and can guide you in winning them into God's family.

## How Others Do It

### A LESSON ON "BEARS"

If you teach teen-agers or juniors, you might use the students to give the thoughts,

Cut 5 flash cards in the shape of bears (pattern from a child's coloring book). Write 1 verse on each card from which the thought can be given.

Card 1: Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens". The fellow who helps the handicapped boy who is new in town, the girl who invites the poor girl to her party, the one who takes care of the younger brothers and sisters or prepares the meal when mother is tired, etc.

Card 2: Romans 15:1. "Bear the infirmities of the weak". If one is sick, we will help him, etc.

Card 3: Prov. 9:12. "If thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it." Some do foolish things, then wonder why they have troubles.

Card 4: Lev. 24:15. "Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin." If we turn away from God, we must be punished.

Card 5: Luke 14:27. "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

## 12 Inch Answer

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As to why some can stand success and fame and others cannot, depends on the reaction to these things. Some people can take these things in stride, others cannot.

We know young people who have finished college and kept their faith in God. They have used their education to the glory of God and became a blessing to humanity. Others came out of college with the feeling that only the unlearned serve God, they became lifted up in pride. **They conform to the thinking of this world.**

Few people can become famous in the eyes of the world and stay humble before the Lord. However famous one may become, when the pronoun, "I", becomes paramount in his thoughts, he is on dangerous ground.

Success, wealth, and education are wonderful things if they can be used to enrich our inheritance for eternity. If they are a detriment to our spiritual life, they are a curse, for this life and the glory of it is short, but ETERNITY IS ENDLESS.

Young people, as you aspire to the good things this life has to offer, don't neglect your spiritual life. Ever test yourselves for the abilities to handle these things successfully.

Above all: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecc. 12:1.

If you are in step with the Lord, you will be out of step with the world — and VICE VERSA.

### GEM OF TRUTH

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

II Cor. 2:14

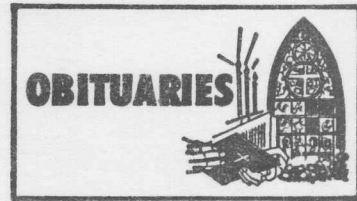
## A TEEN-AGERS CODE

A teen-age girl has found her way into the public press of this city by drawing up a code of ethics and of conduct for her contemporaries which many bewildered yet complacent parents would do well to "read, mark and inwardly digest." In submitting her ten commandments the youthful author, Virginia Chose, suggests that "if every teen-ager would follow these simple rules, the world would be a safer place to live in". To which one may add Amen.

1. Don't let your parents down. They brought you up.
2. Stop and think before you drink.
3. Ditch dirty thoughts fast, or they'll ditch you.
4. Show-off driving is juvenile. Don't act your age.
5. Be smart; obey. You'll give orders yourself some day.
6. Choose your friends carefully. You are what they are.
7. Choose a date fit for a mate.
8. Don't go steady unless you're ready.
9. Go to church regularly. God gives you a week. Give him back an hour.
10. Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own.

As long as a mule is "a kickin" he ain't "A pullin"!!!

How calmly may we commit ourselves to the hands of Him who bears up the world and perfected redemptions.



### JESSE J. STULL

Jesse J. Stull, 84, died at Grace Hospital on December 16, 1965. He was born December 10, 1881, in Reno County where he resided throughout his life, and was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; four sons, Chester of Cortez, Colorado; Kenneth, Sterling, Kans.; Keith, of Arlington, Kans.; one daughter, Ernestine Sullivan, Hays, Kansas; A brother Reed, Englewood, Colorado; one sister, Anna Wright, Arlington, Kansas; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was in the Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, Kansas, with the Rev. Marion Alexander officiating. Burial was in the Arlington Cemetery.

To some people prayer is only a spare tire - - to be used in an emergency.

What you will be tomorrow may Be decided today!

It is better to spend TIME on your children - - - than MONEY!

The caverns of sorrow have mines of diamonds!



Shanna LaDawn Fenton  
Born: December 27, 1965  
Weight: 9 lbs., 14 oz.

Parents: Ronnie and Janell Fenton  
Grandpa and Grandma: Earl and Bessie Morgan, Granby, Missouri.





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