

TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

(Please share with all teachers using the junior paper.)

The object in writing Sunday school lessons is that the children may gain a better understanding of their responsibility toward God.

Apostle Paul, writing to the Philippians, says, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father." Phil. 2:10, 11. A child or an adult may confess in words that Jesus Christ is Lord, but his actions may be saying something quite different. The lessons in the last quarter and also in this one are to help each child understand how he must act, if his or her actions are to be glorifying to God and thus be confessing that he really believes Jesus is the Lord of the universe. When a child is disrespectful about the things of God his actions are saying, "I am not afraid that God will hold me responsible for my actions, for He is not really in control of everything." Children must learn to understand that they will be held responsible for their actions. Every action which is contrary to God's Word must be repented of whenever one learns that the action is wrong. Because children do not understand this concept many do ungodly things when not in the presence of their parents or other holy people who may reprove them. This of course does not lessen the responsibility. We hope through much teaching and prayer that we will be able to say of our students as Paul said to the Philippians, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, **not as in my presence only**, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:12, 13.

In these lessons I trust the children will learn a little about how to work out their own salvation. It is their salvation and they will answer to God for how they have accepted or rejected this responsibility. We must however, do everything possible to encourage them in disciplining themselves and trusting in God who will work in them to make their actions such that will please Him.

They must make their bodies act right as if their salvation depended entirely on themselves and at the same time trust God and His Son Jesus as if salvation depended entirely on Him. The real truth is that the actual salvation of a soul from Hell depends entirely upon faith in the blood of Jesus. But gaining a home in heaven depends a great deal on the way we think and act each day after we are saved.

A child can and must control both his thinking and acting. Some have the opinion that one is not accountable for thoughts. It is true that one does not sin because an evil thought presents itself in the mind, but sin starts from a thought seed planted in the mind and left there to grow. James 1:14 reads, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." Verse 15 says, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Children need to understand that a constant little battle is going on in their mind between good and evil. They are often choosing to do one or the other. It does not have to be a hard task or burden. It is just a natural part of life. Each choice they make is building their character to a strong worthy person, or it is destroying them. I have used Bees to represent these forces in their minds. Hopefully this will add a little interest and help them to also understand this concept.

—Sis. Charlotte

Part 1, July 6, 1986

Bee Peaceable

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:15. In this lesson we have stressed the importance of being peaceable at home. Ability to control emotions is learned at home. When children discipline themselves to be peaceable at home they will be more peaceable at school and other places they must go. God expects His children to live at peace and He will give grace to those who call upon Him. He will make even our enemies to be at peace with us.

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Part 2, July 13, 1986

Bee Sharing

Memory verse: I John 3:17. Sharing is very important to everyone's happiness. It is one trait that must be and is taught from infancy. Have you noticed the happy look on a baby's face when he or she shares? God seems to have put a natural desire to share and make others happy into the human heart. As we all know unless this is cultivated it will not last. In the same child is also the desire to keep everything for himself. He will hug toys tightly when another wants to take them. Sometimes some of his first words are "me" or "mine". The two forces of good and evil are at work within the infant. The child must be taught to cultivate the good by doing good actions; trusting Jesus for strength of course.

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Part 3, July 20, 1986

Bee Loving

Memory verse: I John 4:12. The kind of love we are teaching about in this lesson is different from the affection of the opposite sex which the world talks so much about. It is more like the love that is being taught so that there may be more peace among the societies of the earth. That love is however, still a little different for it is to accept every one just as he is, and not try to change his thinking. It is to let others live as they wish and you live the way you wish

The Christian love is a deeper broader love. It spans both the time in this world and eternity. It covers both the body and the soul of others. A love that only accepts others as they are does not have within it a willingness to sacrifice for others as Christ did. A Christian's love is so deep that it will cause one to be willing to sacrifice to show this love so that others will find the eternal love of God, and be filled with the happiness they have experienced.

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Part 4, July 27, 1986

Bee Available

Memory verse: Eccl. 9:10. Children need to learn the importance of being available. They are naturally full of energy and like to be active, but many times a child can be of great help if he is just standing close by waiting patiently to get a tool for the one working, or run a short errand, open a door when others have both hands occupied, or keep the baby out of the way for a moment. Learning to wait patiently in these everyday tasks will help him to be able to keep a right attitude whenever he must wait on the Lord. It will also help him to know how to be available whenever God calls for his service.

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Part 5, August 3, 1986

Bee Careful

Memory verse: Titus 3:8. Carefulness is a part of the Christian's life. Where Apostle Paul said, "Be careful for nothing," he is speaking about not getting worried and "up tight" about things. The verse just before it reads, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Moderation means freedom from excess: proper restraints, temperance. From this we can see that Paul taught for people to be careful with their actions and have the proper restraints upon them. The spirit of the world is to do what feels good at the moment. The Christian way is to think clearly about the consequence of an action before doing it.

Carefulness in eating habits, in body hygiene, home duties and school work will pay great dividends in years to

Part 6, August 10, 1986

Bee Dependable

Memory verse: I Cor. 15:58. Christians are dependable people. If you have a student in the group who is not dependable, try praying for him and working a little extra to teach him how to be dependable. You might give him little things to do on his own, so he can exercise himself in this way. His future success in the Christian life may depend upon learning this.

Nehemiah was a dependable person. This may have been learned during his years as servant to a king who had power to destroy him at any moment that he should have aroused the king's anger. Under these conditions, Nehemiah controlled his body and forced it to do its duty regardless of how he felt. Every person who is dependable controls his body and makes it do those things which others are expecting of him.

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Part 7, August 17, 1986

Bee Positive

Memory verse: Romans 8:37. We hear much about the importance of being positive to be successful in whatever one is pursuing. It is none less important to the Christian. We must be positive about this great salvation which God has so graciously provided for us. We must be positive about what God has communicated to us also. Peter was sure that God had communicated that he would heal the cripple. Elijah was sure it would not rain for three years. Yet, both of these were men with emotions (fear and doubt) just as we are.

If any child should ask about the two different spellings of Elijah's name, explain that the Old and New Testaments were written in two different languages. Both of these were later translated into the English language, but the spelling of the names are not always changed in translation.

Part 8, August 24, 1986

Bee Submissive

Memory verse: Luke 2:51. Submission in some forms may be on question these days when laws are being passed which, if obeyed, may violate one's conscience. One Scripture reads, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." I Peter 2:13. To understand this Scripture we must also consider other Holy Scriptures, such as Acts 4:19, "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

We must be willing to co-operate in every way possible with the laws of our country in a peaceable manner and yet not obey any law which is contrary to the laws of God. It is very important that children learn to submit pleasantly to any good authority. It is also very important that they know how to decline obedience to evil authority in a proper way. Years ago, when a P.E. teacher commanded all the girls to wear skimpy shorts for the P.E. class I had to disobey this command. I did so in a Christian manner and gained respect from the teacher. Two others in the class followed my example. I suffered the consequences but had a happy free conscience. Each year children are facing more and more commands that violate their conscience and must be taught to have strength that they may overcome.

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Part 9, August 31, 1986

Bee Cautious

Memory verse: Mark 14:38. True caution with something as priceless as a SOUL cannot be overly stressed. Caution lights are flashing all around us! Help the children to see some of them. Give examples of people you know who have gotten into traps and lost their soul. Some may be trapped in adulterous

marriages because they began a friendship with a married person. Others may be mixed up in a false religion, some may be in jail because of running around with the wrong crowd. These I call caution lights telling others not to enter these paths.

Children who are very conscientious may be overly cautious and could have trouble with accusation about questionable things that are not clearly understood. Encourage that child to study his Bible and live by what it says.

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Part 10, September 7, 1986

Bee Prudent

Memory verse: Isaiah 52:13. Prudence is a trait that will help children to be successful in financial matters as well as help them live a more victorious life. Wise thought before acting will keep them out of a lot of temptations. The places one goes, the friends with whom he associates, the games played, books read and many other actions are many times what causes temptation. Using a little more prudence in these things will help a great deal in having a more peaceful inner man.

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Part 11, September 14, 1986

Bee Courageous

Memory verse: Deut. 31:6. COURAGE the need of our time! What little courage is manifested by the people of our society. I believe we have fallen into a thought that being courageous is being rebellious. In the sixties the rebellious groups were having demonstrations, burning flags, etc., and causing riots and other things in their protest against the things they did not agree with. Since that time people have become more and more quiet about their beliefs. Even about the smallest matters we have not the courage to stand for our convictions. The three Hebrew children and thousands of others have faced death and some have been killed for what they believed. Where is our courage? Sometimes we remain silent because of a little peer pressure! God help us as chil-

dren's leaders to blaze the trail that the children will have courage to stand against evil.

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Part 12, September 21, 1986

Bee Studious

Memory verse: II Timothy 2:15. The devil likes nothing better than for Christians to not know God's Word. Challenge your students to read and memorize the Bible. Tell or show them where to find the stories, or passages that might interest them. In this way you will sharpen their appetite for the Word. There are also many other good books you could loan to your students. Do all within your power to interest them in studying. The Church needs Holy Ghost filled people who have skills to work for God. Some of these needed skills are for writing, speaking, teaching and many, many more.

Encourage your students to study hard that they will be a good Christian example at school. This will help them to do a better job at whatever vocation they select and thus be a good Christian example when they are grown, if God does not call them to dedicate all their time in His service.

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Part 13, September 28, 1986

Bee Discreet

Memory verse: Genesis 41:39. One of the meanings for discreet is showing good sense. It is very important that a Christian boy or girl shows good sense in his everyday relations with others. I believe that the things which Jesus said and did made good sense to the common people. They did not meet the approval of the religious leaders of his time but neither did the rules of their religion make good common sense, for these rules had been changed to read differently than when God gave them.

Teach that God has given them a mind and he expects them to use it to His glory. If they listen carefully to Mr. Bee Discreet he will lead them into a good happy life that will be pleasing to God.

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Part 1

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Trickles of Kindness

Bertie and Bobbie were supposed to be helping Daddy tidy up the garden, but they were not making much progress.

"It's my turn to mow the lawn," said Bertie. "You can weed the flower bed."

"I don't want to weed the flower bed," said Bobbie. "I want to mow the lawn. It's my turn to mow, anyway. You give me the lawn mower."

"You shan't have it!" said Bertie. "Go and do your weeding."

"I won't!" cried Bobbie. "Give me the lawn mower."

"Shan't!" cried Bertie, running off at high speed, pushing the mower in front of him, with Bobbie at his heels. Of course, the mower was off; it wasn't cutting the lawn. No, indeed!

Round and round they went, both of them getting hotter and angrier all the time.

"Go—and—do—your—weeding!" panted Bertie.

"Give—me—that—mower!" panted Bobbie.

"Shan't—you—nasty—boy!" said Bertie.

"Yes—you—will—you horrid thing!" cried Bobbie.

Just as they were coming to blows, there was a loud grinding, banging noise from somewhere round the back of the house.

The two boys stood still and listened.

"It's the pump!" they cried together, running to see what had happened. As they ran they heard a loud noise from

the top of the big pole supporting the electric wires and the main fuse.

"Here's a nice kettle of fish," said Daddy, who was already on the scene. "The pump's gone wrong again; and that means no water until we can get it fixed."

"No water! exclaimed Bertie. "You mean I can't have a drink?"

"No," said Daddy. "And you can't have a bath—you can't even wash your face."

"What will Mother do?" asked Bobbie. "She won't be able to wash the dishes or cook the dinner."

"No," said Daddy. "It's going to be very inconvenient for all of us until the pump man comes. And all because of such a little thing."

"What little thing?" asked Bertie.

"Just this," said Daddy. "You see, boys, this pump is water lubricated."

"What's that?" asked Bobbie.

"Well, in order that the pump won't get hot and stick to the sides of the well, a little trickle of water flows back from the tank all the time. Even when the pump isn't working, the trickle still flows on. In this way all the parts are kept moist and free, ready for when the motor begins to turn."

"Suppose the trickle of water stops?" said Bertie. "What happens then?"

"Just what you see now," said Daddy. "I don't know what caused it to stop this time—the pump man will have to find that out—but this is the effect of

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Peaceable

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God."

Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, . . ."

II Corinthians 13:11 "... Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Romans 12:17 "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

18 "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

I Peter 3:10 "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:"

11 "Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it."

Ephesians 4:14 "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, . . ."

15 "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things . . ."

I Thessalonians 5:13 "... be at peace among yourselves."

James 3:16 "Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

17 "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, . . ."

18 "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Hebrews 12:11 "Now no chastening [discipline] for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

13:1 "Let brotherly love continue."

II Peter 3:3 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers,"

13 "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

14 "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Isaiah 32:17 "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

18 "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;"

I Timothy 2:1 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, . . . be made for all men;"

2 "... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Questions:

1. What are peacemakers called?
2. What should rule our hearts?
3. In what way are we to live before men?
4. What are some things a person does to see good days?
5. To be peaceable, in what way are we to speak?
6. How is the wisdom that is from above?
7. What is the fruit of chastening?
8. What should continually flow between brethren?
9. What is one thing we are to be very diligent about?

MEMORY VERSE

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, Colossians 3:15.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about a girl who listened to Mr. Bee Peaceable. Her big brother was very jealous of her. It seemed that whatever she did he could find something wrong with it. She tried hard to be peaceable but there seemed to be no way. One day she went to church service and heard the pastor preaching about the Holy Spirit. When she got home she said to her mother, "Mother, do you think the Holy Spirit will help me to not fight with Brother?"

"Yes," answered her mother. "The Holy Spirit living in your heart will give you power to be quiet and nice whenever he starts fussing with you. Then there will not be a fight. When you will not fight back then the fight will stop. It takes two to keep up a fight."

"Then please, Mother, pray with me that the Holy Spirit will come into my heart, for I am tired of fighting. I don't want to fight any more."

"I will," said her mother. They went into the little girl's bedroom, knelt beside the bed and asked the Holy Spirit to come into her heart.

After prayer she said, "I feel good inside! I think He's in there!"

"I'm sure He is," said her mother, "for He promised to LIVE IN us if we seek Him. From this day on you must listen carefully when He speaks to you. When you are tempted to fight again He will put a thought in your mind of how to end the fight."

This girl was only eight years old when the Holy Spirit came to live in her heart. It helped her be a peaceable person. Even though many times after that her brother wanted to fight with her, she stayed peaceful and the fight ended.

Sometimes Mr. Bee Peaceable was a busy little bee buzzing messages to her, for there were times when she was cross and tempted to fight. At those times he

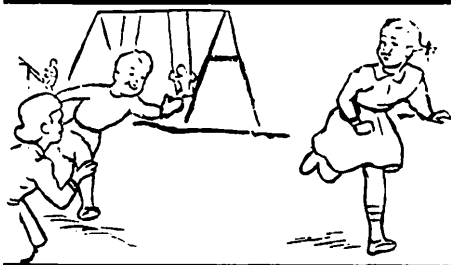
buzzed something like this: "Return good for evil." "Say something good to him and he will leave you alone." "Just smile and don't let him know you are angry." or "Go play away from him."

Have we not all experienced times when someone wanted to fight and we didn't want to fight? Did Mr. Peaceable buzz a message? I think he did but you may have been too excited to hear it. Listen more carefully, for the Bible teaches that if we will be nice to those who mistreat us, then our actions will warm their heart and they will feel better toward us and at least leave us alone.

When others say ugly things to us we could say something back to them and it could be the truth, but if we say it in an ugly way it will hurt and only make things worse. One of our verses in the Bible lesson today said we should speak the truth in LOVE. Mr. Bee Peaceable will buzz a happy buzz when one speaks lovingly to others that are speaking ugly to them. If they return ugly speech, he will buzz an unhappy buzz and that person will feel unhappy also.

Let us all be peaceable if at all possible, and it usually is possible. Maybe once in a while there will be a person in our lives that will not be peaceable even though we wish to be, but this is not very often.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9, —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Children of God. 2. Peace, (Col. 3:15). 3. In peace, if at all possible. 4. He may keep himself from speaking evil or dishonestly, shun evil, do good, and seek peace. 5. We are to speak the truth, but in love. 6. The wisdom from above is peaceable. 7. It is the peaceable fruit of righteousness. 8. LOVE, 9. that we be found in peace.)

it—a great deal of trouble and expense.”

“It’s too bad,” said Bobbie, trying to be sympathetic.

“It is,” said Daddy. “And do you know, boys, it reminds me of what happened on the lawn this afternoon.”

Bertie and Bobbie blushed very red, for they suddenly remembered their quarrel over the lawn mower; they had not thought that their angry words had been overheard.

Silent now, they wondered what Daddy would say next.

“It’s like this,” he said. “As long as we let a trickle of kindness run through our hearts, everything goes along smoothly and happily. We think kind thoughts about other people and try to do kind, helpful things for them. We do not always demand our own way. We find happiness in making other people happy. But if the trickle of kindness dried up—well, what a lot of trouble and bother we do have! It’s just like the grinding and the banging and the popping when the pump goes wrong.”

Bertie and Bobbie couldn’t help smiling. It was all so true! They began to think how they had chased each other round the lawn, making such a terrible fuss, even calling the other ugly names.

“You can have the lawn mower now, Bobbie,” said Bertie.

“No; you can have it,” said Bobbie. “I’ll do the weeding this time.”

“So the little trickles of kindness began to flow again. —Selected

Watch Your Words

Keep a watch on your words, my darling,

For words are wonderful things;

They are sweet like the bee’s fresh honey—

Like the bees, they have terrible stings;

They can bless, like the warm, glad sunshine,

And brighten a lonely life;

They can cut in the strife of anger,

Like an open two-edged knife.

Let them pass through your lips unchallenged,

If their errand is true and kind—

If they come to support the weary,

To comfort and help the blind;

If a bitter, revengeful spirit

Prompt the words, let them be unsaid;

They may flash through a brain like lightning,

Or fall on a heart like lead.

Keep them back, if they are cold and cruel,

Under bar and lock and seal;

The wounds they make, my darling,

Are always slow to heal.

May peace guard your life, and ever,

From the time of your early youth,

May the words that you daily utter

Be the words of beautiful truth.

—Selected

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these nine words found in Galatians 5:22, then finish the message below by filling in the numbered blanks with the corresponding numbered letters in the unscrambled words.

1. VLEO
2. OJY
3. CEEPA
4. FURFONGINGSLE
5. LESSGENTEN
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7. THFIA
8. KESMSNEE
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Broken Bridges

"Mother!" cried Kevin, angrily, "why did you let those little refugee children come to stay in our house?"

"I don't think they will bother us too much," said Mother. "I rather like them. They are different and interesting. We shall learn lots from them."

"I don't want to learn anything from them," cried Kevin. "And I don't want them in this house. Why, Mother, they will touch all my things and break my toys and smash my electric train! I know they will. Oh, it's terrible. Please send them away, Mother."

"But where shall we send them?"

"Send them back to their homes, of course," said Kevin hotly.

"But maybe they haven't any homes. Maybe their homes are all blown to pieces."

Kevin looked thoughtful for a moment.

"Well, then, why don't their own mothers look after them?"

"They would like to, but they can't," said Mother. "Their mothers are very sad that they cannot have their children with them. You see, dear, it is very, very dangerous; so we have been asked to mind their children for a little while until things get better."

"But, Mother, do you want to have all these children running over our house and spoiling everything?"

"I didn't at first, dear, but I don't mind now. It is such a little for us to do, when others—hundreds and thou-

sands of others—are losing everything they have. And do you know, Kevin, something I read the other day helped me a great deal."

"What was that?" asked Kevin.

"Oh, it was just a little story, darling. Such a sad little story. It is enough to make you cry."

"It happened during the invasion of Belgium. The people were fleeing from their homes and hurrying southward toward France. In one little town there was a poor mother and her two little children. One was five and the other was eight. They hurried away from their home as fast as they could, and crossed the bridge over the river. Just as they reached the other side the mother remembered that she had not brought her identification papers with her—the papers that give one's name and address and other information, so the police will know who he is. Afraid that this might get her into trouble, she decided to leave the children for a few minutes and dash back to the house to get the papers. She reached the house, found the papers, and got back as far as the bridge. Just then there was a terrific explosion, and the bridge suddenly collapsed into the river. It had been blown up by the soldiers.

"The poor mother could see her two precious little ones on the other side of the river, but she could not get to them. She was so worried and frightened that she went raving mad."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Sharing

I John 3:16 "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

17 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

18 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue: but in deed and in truth."

James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

13 "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

14 "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?"

16 "And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body: what doth it profit?"

17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

18 "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Deuteronomy 10:17 "For the Lord your God is . . . a great God, . . . which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:"

18 "He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment."

19 "Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Leviticus 19:34 "But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

Luke 6:31 ". . . As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

33 "And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same."

35 "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

Questions:

1. In what way did Jesus show His love for us?
2. Does Jesus expect us to show love by the things we do?
3. What are we showing if we help those who are in need?
4. By what do we show our faith in Christ?
5. Why are we to show love to strangers?
6. What are some things mentioned in the lesson that sinners do and also Christians do?
7. What is mentioned in the lesson that only Christians do?
8. Can a person obey many of God's commandments and yet be a transgressor of His law?
9. What is pure religion?

MEMORY VERSE

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? I John 3:17.



Mr. Bee Sharing buzzes messages into our minds every day. If we obey these messages we will feel more satisfied with ourselves. Some of his messages will be something like this: "Sharing is the best way." "If you were wanting to play with another's toy you would want them to share with you." "Remember how sad you felt when Ryan didn't share with you?" You have all heard messages from Mr. Bee Sharing, so I am sure you know what they are like.

Mr. Bee Sharing is busy from morning until night. He will help you from the time you awake in the morning until you are asleep at night. If you have brothers and sisters you will need to share many, many things every day. Even if you are the only child in your family you will need to share with Mother and Daddy at times, or sometimes with a cousin or friend, or maybe another child whom your mother is baby sitting.

Throughout the years that one is living he is sharing almost every day. There are special times in one's life when he must do a special kind of sharing like Kevin, the boy in our story today. He had to share his home, food, toys, and parents with some children who had been evacuated from their homes because of enemy bombs. At first Kevin did not wish to share with these children. Later, however, he finds that it isn't hard to share with them after he understands their misfortune. Many times one doesn't wish to share simply because he does not understand the condition of the one with whom he is sharing. If we will ask God to give us an understanding heart it will help us to understand the other person or persons and make sharing easier. The Word of God teaches we must share with strangers. This is what Kevin was doing. It is always best to let an adult whom you trust decide the strangers

with whom one should share. For all of you know that not all strangers can be trusted! Our duty is to always be willing to share what we have with strangers or anyone else who needs help.

Jesus also taught that people should share with their enemies. This also takes wisdom. If a boy or girl living around you or some student at your school has become your enemy, then you should be nice to them and share when the opportunity arises, for this is God's way and God's way will always work out for the best. Someone who would like to harm you, such as a kidnapper, is also your enemy but Jesus is not expecting you to share with them. Jesus is expecting you to stay away from such an enemy!

God expects only reasonable sharing from Christians. He is pleased when we share with those with whom we associate almost every day; brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, all family members, teachers, friends and all others. We must practice sharing everyday with these until sharing becomes a natural way with us. It will become a natural part of us as we listen to the messages buzzed by Mr. Bee Sharing. Listen carefully, for he usually buzzes quietly.

Some day after sharing has become a part of us God may choose us to share with a *real enemy* and bless us in a very special way for doing it. Until God calls for this special service, let us be listening and sharing every day. Doing this will make you a happier boy or girl. **HAPPINESS IS SHARING!**

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Jesus showed His love for us because He gave His life for us. God showed love for us because He shared His Son with us. 2. Yes, 3. We are showing the love of God in us. 4. We show our faith by the things we do every day. 5. We show love to strangers because we may have been or may be strangers sometime and will also have need of someone sharing with us. 6. Sinners and Christians both love and give and lend to their friends. 7. Only Christians love their enemies and lend to others and expect nothing in return. 8. Yes, 9. Pure religion is to help the orphans and widows and to keep oneself clean from the sins in the world.)

Mother paused and noticed a tear in Kevin's eye.

"Ever since I read that story," she said, "I have thought about those two poor, lonely little children, unable to go back because of the broken bridge behind them, lost in the crowd of fleeing, terror-stricken people, and wandering on and on and on, looking for Mother and home, but never finding them. I know that if I should meet them someday, I should want to take them into my home and love them. Wouldn't you, Kevin? I know you would."

"Oh, surely," said Kevin. "I wish we could find them, don't you?"

"I do," said Mother. "How we would look after them, wouldn't we, Kevin? But as we can't find them, I thought we would do our little bit by looking after these other children who need help, too."

"I see," said Kevin. "Maybe some bridges have fallen down behind them."

"They have," said Mother. "They can never go back to the way of life they knew before. Everything will be different after this. And just for a little while we have a chance to make them happy. Shall we try?"

"Yes, of course we will," said Kevin.

"I thought you would say that," said Mother. "And what a blessing we shall get out of it ourselves! Once Jesus was talking about a lot of poor people with

broken bridges behind them—the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the sick folk, the prisoners; and then, speaking of those who cared for them, and helped them to find their way home, He said that one day He would welcome them Himself with these words: 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.' Matthew 25:34, 40.

—Selected



Today's Furrow

Sow the shining seeds of service

In furrows of each day,

Plant each one with serious purpose,

In a hopeful, tender way.

Never lose one seed, nor cast it

Wrongly with an hurried hand;

Take full time to lay it wisely,

Where and how thy God hath planned.

This the blessed way of sharing

With another soul your gains,

While, though losing life, you find it

Yielding fruit on golden plains;

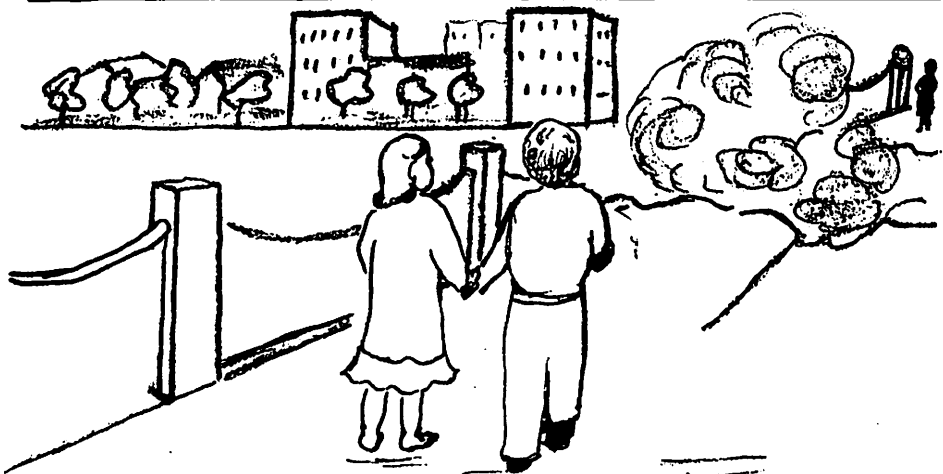
For the soul which sows its blessings

Great or small, in word or smile,

Gathers as the Master promised,

Either here or afterwhile.

—Selected



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Gene's New Home

Gene was a very little girl who had been left alone in the world. She had never seen her father; and her mother had died when she was only two and a half. Some kind people had taken care of the little girl when her mother was ill; and when she died, they tried to find her relatives, to ask what should be done with Gene. But they could not find any trace of them.

When Gene was three, these kind people wanted to go away for a couple of weeks, and they asked a lady to take care of the child while they were gone. The lady was very glad to do this, for she loved little children. And so Gene came to stay in the big mansion where the lady, her husband, and grown-up daughter lived.

The lady's husband did not like children very well, and it always annoyed him whenever little Gene came near him. She had a sunny disposition and a very sweet smile, and she tried to make friends with the man; but he would not pay any attention to her.

He always read his paper in the morning before he went to work, and in the evening after he came home. Little Gene would peep up at him under the paper, with her sweetest smile. He would lay the paper down, and walk away; but soon he would come back and pick it up and begin to read again. And in a moment, there little Gene would be, peep-

ing up at him again with her lovely smile.

One day when Gene had been living in the home about a week, the man was reading his paper and she was peeping under it with her usual smile. Suddenly he laid the paper aside and took her in his arms. He kissed her on her forehead, saying tenderly, "It doesn't matter how hard a man tries to keep from loving you; you just love your way right into his heart."

Gene threw her small arms about his neck, and laid her curly head on his shoulder, saying in her pretty baby way, "Gene loves oo, big man."

That completely won his heart; and when the two weeks had passed and Gene's friends came after her, he did not want to give her up. So he decided to keep her and bring her up as if she had been his own little girl. This also pleased his wife and grown-up daughter very much, for they had loved little Gene from the beginning.

Gene is grown now, but she still has the same sunny disposition and the same sweet smile, which make her beloved by all who know her. Nothing but love could have won for her the beautiful home she has had all these years. And to this day, Bee Loving is still helping her to win her way through life. The greatest victories are always those that are won through love.

(Selected from *A Hive of Busy Bees*)

WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Loving

Mark 12:29 "The first of all the commandments is, . . ."

30 "... thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: . . ."

31 "... the second is like, . . . this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Leviticus 19:17 "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: . . ."

18 "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: . . ."

"Matthew 5:43 "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy."

44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

35 "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Romans 12:9 "Let love be without dissimulation [pretence]."

10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"

I Peter 1:22 "... see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"

I John 4:7 "Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

9 "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

11 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

12 "... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

16 "... God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

18 "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

20 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

21 "... he who loveth God love his brother also."

I Thessalonians 4:9 "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."

Questions:

1. What is the first or most important commandment?
2. The second to the most important commandment is?
3. What did Jesus say about hating our enemies?
4. What should we do to those who hate us?
5. How much are we to love others?
6. From where does love come?
7. How can a person get rid of fear?
8. What are we if we say we love God and do not love our brother?
9. Who teaches us to love one another?

MEMORY VERSE

If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. I John 4:12.



Let's Talk

Some of you have probably read about little Gene in *A Hive of Busy Bees*. I think she is a good example of Bee Loving so I have added her story today and named it "Gene's New Home." She was without mother, father or home and through love she found a new mother, father and a very nice home in which to live. You, too, can get many things that you want if you will love your way into the heart of the giver.

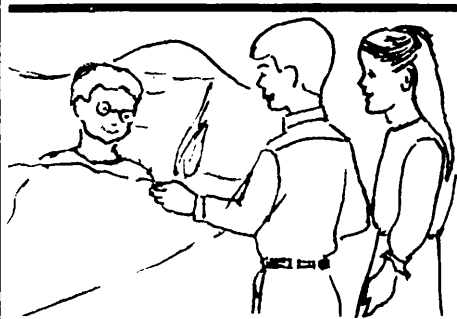
Being loving is much easier for some children than it is for others. Some are born with a loving temperament. Others are born with a strong, fearless temperament but not so loving. If you are not a naturally friendly, loving person, then you may have to listen especially hard for messages from Mr. Bee Loving. He may be telling you to be friendly to someone who is ignoring you, and you would rather just ignore them also. Remember ignoring others is not a message from Mr. Bee Loving. The messages he sends to you will help you know how to be a loving person. When he whispers to you to smile at some grouch, obey the message and give him a sweet understanding smile. You will be surprised how soon hard, hateful looks will melt away, like snow melts with the warm sunshine.

To become more loving everyone must learn an important lesson of controlling his mind. Each must teach his mind to think not of himself and his problems but to think of others and their problems. Sometimes when you are sad and feeling sorry for yourself, make yourself STOP thinking those thoughts. Get a piece of paper and begin making a list of your friends and other people you know. Now list a problem each of them have, and ask God to show you how you can help them with their problems. Soon you will come up with some good ideas on how you can show love to them. Doing things for others will help you to become more loving.

There are many little things a child can do to show love. He can do things around the house so that mother or big sister will not have to do them. You may sweep the walks, watch the baby, weed the flower bed, mow the lawn, carry out the trash, and many other things. You may help father in jobs he does around the home also.

If a neighbor, friend or family member is sick visit them. Read a little of the Bible or some other good book to them. Take them some flowers or something special to eat or maybe a book they can read to themselves. You may sit beside older people who are lonely and just listen to them talk. They will love you for it. Try being loving by sacrificing some of your play time to cheer someone else. You will feel happy for doing it and the other person will feel happy also. Love may be shown by being friendly to any lonely person. You may be surprised how soon you will have a new friend. There are times however, that you may need to only be friendly to lonely people but not be influenced by their ways.

Have a good lovely time becoming a more loving person! —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. The first commandment is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength"; 2. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"; 3. Jesus said, "Love thy enemies"; 4. We should do good to them that hate us; 5. We are to love others as much as Jesus loved us and gave His life for us; 6. Love comes from God; 7. Perfect love casteth out (gets rid of) fear; 8. We are a liar if we say we love God and hate our brother; 9. God taught us to love one another.)

How Much Love?

This is just a simple little story, but it's very sweet just the same. I think you will like it, and I know your daddy will!

One particular daddy I know had been trying to find out just how much his little boy Francis really loved him, and Francis would keep saying, "Heaps and heaps." "Lots and lots," and "Bushels and bushels."

Just to tease him, Daddy said that that wasn't enough; so finally Francis threw his arms around Daddy's neck, hugged him ever so tightly, and said that that ought to answer his question properly.

By and by, when Daddy was reading, having almost forgotten the fun they had just had together, Francis called him.

"Come over here, Daddy: I want to show you something."

"Sorry, dear, I'm busy now."

"Oh, do come," urged Francis. "It's something very special."

"I'm reading," growled Daddy good-humoredly.

"But you must come," said Francis. "I want to ask you something. Really I do."

"Oh, very well then," said Daddy, putting his book down with a big sigh. "What is it now?"

Then he noticed what Francis had spread out on the floor.

"Here," he said, "what are you doing with my special map?"

Francis ignored the question and asked one of his own. "Is this a map of the United States?"

"Yes, of course it is," said Daddy. "It's a road map. It shows the main roads all over the country."

"I thought it was," said Francis. "Now which was the road we traveled on last year, when we drove all the way over?"

Daddy thought about his book and groaned.

"That one, dear," he said. "That big red one."

"How long is it?"

"Oh, about two thousand miles. Maybe more than that."

"And, Daddy, what are all these other lines? Red lines and black lines?"

"They are all the other roads."

"And where do they go?"

"Every place, I suppose."

"And how long are they?"

Poor Daddy was stumped. He didn't know what to say. "I don't suppose anybody knows," he said. "But I should say they are thousands and thousands and thousands of miles long."

"Might be millions and millions and millions of miles long?"

"Might be," said Daddy in desperation.

"Well, then, Daddy, that's how much I love you; all that lot!"

"Oh, you dear little thing," cried Daddy, forgetting all about his book now and picking Francis up in his arms. "So all this time you have been trying to find some way of telling me how much you love me!"

And as he hugged Francis again, a little text came back to his mind: "As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Psalm 103:11-13.

"Yes," he said to himself, "Someone else has been trying a long time now to tell us all how much He loves us, too."

"Wide, wide as the ocean,

High as the heavens above,

Deep, deep as the deepest sea,

Is my Saviour's love.

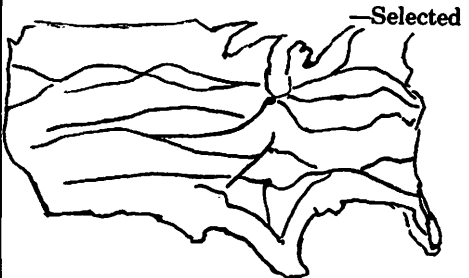
I, though so unworthy,

Still am a child of His care;

For His Word teacheth me

That His love reacheth me,

Everywhere."



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Helping in Little Things

Barbara was to sing in the school program tonight. She had a lovely voice and used it to sing for Jesus. Sarah was Barbara's best friend, so they sat together while they waited for Barbara's turn to sing.

"I wish I could do something special, like you can sing," Sarah whispered to Barbara.

"You can. Remember that beautiful poem last week?" Barbara said. "That was so sweet and lovely that it made me feel good all over."

"Oh, that's nothing. It was easy, and I didn't think it was very good," replied Sarah.

Finally Barbara sang her song and sat down.

"I still wish I could sing like that," sighed Sarah.

On the way home, Sarah spoke to Mother about her wish to sing like Barbara.

"Sarah, you have so many other talents you can use," Mother said, as she looked over at Sarah's sad face.

"I sure don't know what it is. I don't do anything for the Lord," Sarah complained.

"What about the time that you went to see old Mrs. Brown, and found her so discouraged because she couldn't clean her house? How happy she was when you helped her and then told her you would come each week," replied Mother.

"That's nothing. Anyone can clean house," Sarah told Mother.

"Yes, I know, but not everyone wants to be helpful. You know, we don't all have a "special" talent, but we can all do something for the Lord. Remember when you fixed Donna's little doll for her? She went away so glad that the doll's arm was fixed again. It seems to me you can do a lot of loving things, and that's what life's all about—willing to do the little things along life's way. Jesus sees each one of these kindnesses, and it pleases Him. Barbara has a lovely voice, and she is using it for God. You are always going about doing good for others," said Mother, squeezing Sarah's hand.

"I remember the servant hid his one talent, and the master took it away. I'll be happy to do what little I can to help others, because I want Jesus to be happy and pleased with me," murmured Sarah drowsily.

—D.W.



WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Available

Word meaning: *Available*: to be ready to be used in a helpful way.

Titus 3:1 "... be ready to every good work."

II Chronicles 22:11 "But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of [King] Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons ... and put him and his nurse in a bed-chamber [bedroom]. So ... she ... hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew [killed] him not."

23:3 "And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he [Jehoiada] said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, ..."

11 "Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king."

16 "And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the Lord's people."

17 "Then all the people went to the house of Baal [the idol God] and brake it down and brake his altars and his images in pieces ..."

18 "Also Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of the Lord."

19 "And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the Lord."

20 "And they took the captains ... and the nobles ... the governors and all the people of the land and they brought down the king from the house of the Lord: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom."

24:1 "Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years ..."

2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord ..."

8 "And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the Lord."

10 "And all ... brought in, and cast into the chest, ..."

12 "And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work ... and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house."

I Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you ..."

II Corinthians 8:11 "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance ..."

12 "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Mark 14:38 "... The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."



Questions:

1. What is the meaning of available?
2. For what should everyone be ready?
3. Where was Joash hidden?
4. For how long was Joash hidden?
5. How old was Joash when he was crowned king?
6. How did Joash act while he was king?
7. Should a Christian be ready to answer questions?
8. If unable to help, does God accept our willingness?
9. What usually keeps a person from being available?

MEMORY VERSE

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;
Ecclesiastes 9:10.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about being available. From the word meaning in the Bible lesson you learned that being available is being ready to be used in a helpful way. A good example of this is when your teacher needs someone to hold the door open and you are willing to do it. You are being available. There are many ways that a child can be of great help if he will be available to help whenever help is needed. Some children have trouble being available because they are always wanting to help in some BIG way, and they miss all the little chances to help. Many times the small things a child does is of much more help to an adult than other things he does that may seem to be big to him. The adult or God, whichever needs help, knows in what way help is needed. None of us need try to think of ways to do others' jobs but just be ready to help whenever there is a little something we can do to help them.

Joash, the Bible character in the Bible lesson today was a little boy only seven years old. He was crowned as king because he was available. He could have fussed and not been co-operative like many children are when they are asked to do things in front of a crowd. You may think that you too, would gladly have been crowned king. "Anyone would like to do that!" you think. It was not really easy though. Joash was really just an heir to the throne. He had nothing to say about making laws for the land or ruling the people. The older leaders did that. Instead of making rules to please himself, he had many rules to obey that you would not feel were very pleasant. He had to sleep under guards every night. He could not go out to play as you do. He had to play where he would be protected. He had to eat only certain foods and in very careful manners. He had no father nor mother, to share happiness with. When

he was taken before the people he had to walk exactly where he was told and stand exactly as he was told. He could not slouch, nor stand on first one foot and then the other. Nor could he sit down when he was tired as most seven-year-old children do at these times. He could not pout nor cry even if he felt bad, and he had to smile at all the people even if some were his enemies. He was a brave, available boy. He was ready to cheerfully do whatever he was told. He was a great blessing to God's people.

After Joash became a man he was still available to do whatever needed to be done. He saw that the house of God was broken down and needed repair. He made a chest for an offering box and placed it outside the gate of the house of the Lord and commanded the people to give as Moses had taught them. At first the people didn't give but soon the idea caught on and everyone brought offerings. When the chest was filled it was emptied and filled again. When there was enough money the king hired carpenters and masons to repair the house. He also hired smiths, men who shape things from metal. They repaired all the iron and brass parts of the temple.

Joash was available in the small things. This is very important. If any one is available in small jobs others will learn to trust him. God and people will then ask him to do something more important, and some day he may be called upon to do a very important task.

Have you not heard messages from Mr. Bee Available when you have been asked to do some little job? I have! Listen carefully to his messages and you will be available for the jobs God has for you.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Available means to be ready to help in any useful way. 2. To do good works. 3. In a bedroom of the house of God. 4. Six years. 5. Joash was seven years old when he was crowned king. 6. He did that which was right before God. 7. Yes, about his hope. 8. Yes, 9. His flesh usually keeps one from being available.)

Did You Ever Think?

Did you ever think what this world
would be?

If Christ hadn't come to save it?
His hands and feet were nailed to the
tree,

And His precious life—He gave it.
But countless hearts would break with
grief,

At the hopeless life they were given,
If God had not sent the world relief,
If Jesus had stayed in heaven.

Did you ever think what this world
would be

With never a life hereafter?
Despair in the faces of all we'd see,
And sobbing instead of laughter.
In vain is beauty, and flowers' bloom,
To remove the heart's dejection,
Since all would drift to a yawning
tomb,

With never a resurrection.

Did you ever think what this world
would be,

How weary of all endeavor,
If the dead unnumbered, in land and
sea,

Would just sleep on forever?
Only a pall over hill and plain
And the brightest hours are dreary,
Where the heart is sad, and hopes are
vain,

And life is sad and weary.

Did you ever think what this world
would be

If Christ had stayed in heaven,—
No home in bliss, no soul set free,
No life, or sins forgiven?
But He came with a heart of tenderest
love,

And now from on high He sees us,
And mercy comes from the throne on
high;

Thank God for the gift of Jesus!

—Selected



An Available Family

While waiting to see a patient, a young
physician in New York took up and

read a tract on missions, which lay in
the room where he sat. On reaching
home he spoke to his wife of the ques-
tion that had arisen in his mind. As a
result, they set out for Ceylon, and later,
India, as foreign missionaries. For thirty
years the wife, and for thirty-six
years the husband labored among the
heathen, and then went to their reward.
Apart from what they did directly as
missionaries, they left behind them seven
sons and two daughters. Each of
these sons married, and, with their
wives and both sisters, gave themselves
to the same mission work. Already several
grandchildren of the first mission-
ary have become missionaries in India.
And thus far thirty of that family have
given 529 years to India. —Selected



Underline the Word That is Correct

1. The (a) poor, (b) wicked, (c) good,
watcheth the righteous and seeketh
to slay him (Psalms 37:32).
2. The steps of a good man are ordered
by the (a) Lord, (b) saints, (c) devil.
(Psalms 37:23).
3. It is better to trust in the (a) doctor,
(b) Lord, (c) saints, than to put con-
fidence in man. (Psalms 118:8).
4. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy
statutes and I shall (a) keep, (b) for-
get, (c) neglect, it unto the end.
(Psalms 119:33).
5. Happy is he that hath the (a) God,
(b) doctor, (c) saints, of Jacob for
his help. (Psalms 146:5).
6. I had rather be a (a) preacher, (b)
deacon, (c) doorkeeper, in the house
of my God, than to dwell in the
tents of wickedness. (Psalms 84:10).
7. Mark the (a) hypocrite, (b) perfect,
(c) liar, man and behold the upright.
(Psalms 37:37).
8. They went through the floods on (a)
foot, (b) boat, (c) horse. (Ps. 66:6).

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Back From the Sea

Nellie and Frankie were on their way to the beach for the afternoon. How happy they were! There was nothing they loved so much as playing in the sand or paddling in the warm, shallow water.

"Now let me remind you both of just one thing," said Daddy as the car slowed down. "Remember that you are both wearing new shoes. Take them off as soon as you get on the beach, and be very careful not to lose them."

"Yes, Daddy!" they cried. "We will." But their thoughts were far away—on the beautiful wavelets which were breaking softly on the shore.

Now the car had stopped. The door opened and out jumped the two excited children, who ran off toward the water at top speed.

As they reached the sand, Nellie remembered about her shoes and, taking them off, carefully laid them where she was sure she would be able to find them again. Frankie, however, in his eagerness to reach the ocean, quite forgot all about his promise until he was right down near the water. Then because he thought it was too far to go back, he just kicked off his shoes and socks, left them where they fell, and dashed on in.

What a wonderful time they had together! When they had paddled long enough, they built sand castles, ran races, then paddled some more. So busy were they with their play that they

failed to notice the turn of the tide, or how the waves crept slowly but surely up the beach to where Frankie's precious new shoes were lying. But the waves came on just the same.

By and by, all too soon, Daddy called from far up the beach: "It's time to go home; we'll have to be going soon."

Then began the search for the shoes. Nellie found hers all right, because she had been careful to leave them in a safe place. But Frankie's shoes were nowhere to be found. In fact, he couldn't even find the place where he had left them. It was covered by the water!

They searched and searched, but it was no use. The shoes were not to be found. Daddy said that Frankie was a very careless little boy, and he would have to go home barefooted. But Nellie said that she had a pair of slippers in the car and Frankie could wear them.

So that is how they returned home. Nellie in her new shoes and Frankie in Nellie's slippers.

Frankie did not feel very happy about it, for he liked new shoes just as much as Nellie. And you can be quite sure that Daddy did not feel happy about it, nor Mother either, for they would have to pay out the money for another pair.

"Maybe we could go back in the morning," said Daddy, "and have another look."

"What's the use?" said Mother. "They will have been washed out in the ocean by now."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Careful

Careful means being observant and giving serious attention and thought to what one is doing. Synonym: heedful.

("Take heed" has the same meaning as "be careful". These Bible verses use "take heed.")

Psalm 119:9 "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

10 "With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments."

11 Peter 1:19 "We have a more sure word . . . whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, . . ."

Luke 21:34 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged [filled to full] with surfeiting [feasting] and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that [last] day come upon you unawares [by surprise]."

Malachi 2:16 "... take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously [disloyally]."

Psalms 39:1 "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me."

Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

2 "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just . . . reward;"

3 "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; . . ."

3:12 "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief,"

I Corinthians 10:12 "... let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

8:9 "But take heed lest . . . this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak."

Mark 13:5 "And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:"

6 "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

7 "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be: but the end shall not be yet."

9 "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues [places of worship] ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them."

Questions:

1. Has anyone said to you, "Be careful?" What did he mean?
2. How can a young man or woman cleanse their ways?
3. Why should one take heed to himself?
4. Why should one take heed to his spirit?
5. Why should one be careful about what he hears?
6. What should one do if he thinks he stands?
7. What kind of temptations do we have?
8. Why should we be careful about our liberty?
9. What is to happen to Christians toward the end of the world?

MEMORY VERSE

These things . . . affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.

Titus 3:8



Can you count the times someone has said to you, "Be Careful!" I can't, they are too many. Almost every day someone says, "Be careful!"

A few weeks ago my boy and a group of others were hiking in the mountains. As they descended the mountain one of the group started to take a step when another grabbed her forcing her back and shouting "BE CAREFUL!" Right in the path was a diamondback rattlesnake not four feet from where she was standing. It was coiled, ready to strike! Everyone slowly stepped backward and the leader hurled a large rock at the rattler's head. He hit the target! All the others threw stones until the snake was almost in pieces. Then they cut off its eight rattles.

There is usually an important reason why a person says, "Be careful", so each of us should pay attention when we hear it.

One time a woman and her two girls were waiting in their car at the railroad crossing for a train to pass. As soon as the train passed, she started to cross the tracks, but a man in another car facing her had a terrible expression on his face as if to say, "Lady, please don't go yet!"

She put on her brakes to look again. At the same instant a train on the other track sped right in front of the nose of her car! The force of the air from the speeding train turned her car sideways. How close she came to being killed! The expression on the man's face was her message to, "BE CAREFUL!"

Many things around us are saying, "BE CAREFUL!" When the dark storm clouds hover overhead and a tornado siren sounds, it is saying, "Be careful." When someone in your school overdoses on drugs, the message comes that drugs are dangerous, "BE CAREFUL!" When someone in your school dies accidentally or with an illness, the message comes

across quite clear. "Life is short, be careful with the one you have." When one of your friends suddenly says, "I don't believe the Bible is anything but a good history", Mr. Bee Careful may buzz a message to you something like this, "Be careful, 'because iniquity [sin] shall abound, the love of many shall wax [become] cold.' Matthew 24:12. Unless you stay in good communication with God you will soon disbelieve the Bible also."

There are many things we can do to help our love for Christ to stay pure and strong. The most important thing is to keep communications with Him, which is reading His Word and praying. Another important thing is to choose close friends who also have high standards for themselves. This is not saying that you should not be friendly to all, oh, no, for we must be friendly and loving to everyone. Choosing friends that are a little better than ourselves will help us become a little better by being with them.

The story *Keep Good Company* on the following page illustrates this clearly.

Let us be more attentive to messages we receive about "Being careful", that we may live a happier life.

—Sis. Charlotte

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE and JOHN record how Christ _____ealed the sic____, _____ouched _____ blind, and _____, _____ept with the sad, _____nderstood the _____eedy and, did many other _____ works. (Use each letter from the four Gospels once to complete the message.)

—Connie Sorrell

(Answers: 1. He meant that I should pay attention to what I am doing. 2. By taking heed to the Word of God. 3. Our desires may become filled with feasting, etc., and the end of time come and we would not be ready. 4. So that he will not be disloyal or untruthful. 5. He should be careful lest he forgets the Word of God which he has heard. 6. He should take heed lest he fall. 7. All our temptations are about like those everyone has. 8. So we will not become a stumbling block to others. 9. Christians will be beaten and accused by others and brought before rulers that they may testify.)

"Well, we might as well go," said Daddy. "It won't do any harm to look once more."

So in the morning they all drove back to the beach again to search for the shoes.

This time it was Daddy and Mother who got out of the car, while Nellie and Frankie remained inside. They said they wanted to stay behind a little while by themselves, but didn't say why. This was so unusual that Daddy said they could if they wished; then he and Mother started off without them.

Left alone, Nellie and Frankie knelt down by the back seat of the car and began to pray. Nellie, by the way, was just nine and Frankie, seven. But they believed that Jesus loves children and delights to help them when they get into trouble.

So together they sent up a little prayer that Frankie's lost shoes might be found! Six times they prayed the same prayer, over and over again.

Then they saw Daddy and Mother hurrying back to the car. They were smiling happily as though they had had good fortune.

They had.

"Look!" cried Nellie. "See what Daddy has!"

"My shoes! My shoes!" cried Frankie.

Yes, there they were, and hardly damaged at all. Daddy had found them not a hundred yards from where he had stopped the car. How or why they happened to be just there, no one could tell, but everybody was thankful, especially Nellie and Frankie, who then told what they had been doing while Daddy and Mother were on the beach searching for the shoes.

Such a little thing to pray for, you say? I know. Just a pair of shoes! But why not? Jesus is interested in all the little things of our lives. Did He not say of the sparrow: "Not one of them is forgotten before God"? He did, and He added, too: "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:6, 7.

So we are not to hesitate to pray for little things as well as for big things. Not one of our prayers is "forgotten before God."

—Selected

Do With Your Might

Whatsoe'er you find to do,

Do it, boys, with all your might!

Never be a *little* true,

Or a *little* in the right.

Trifles even

Lead to heaven,

Trifles make the life of man;

So in all things,

Great or small things,

Be as thorough as you can.

—Selected



Keep Good Company

The story is told of a bird that belonged to the bobolink species which was shut up in a cage with some canaries. When the bobolink heard the canaries sing it tried to sing like them, but failed. Then it began a regular series of lessons. It took one note at a time and tried that until it sounded like the note of the canaries. Then it took another note, and so kept on until it could sing as sweetly as the others.

Unconscious to ourselves, we will grow to be like those we associate with, therefore, keep good company.

—Selected

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The Stone

If you happen to live on a farm where there is a great deal of stony land, then you will know exactly what this story is about.

You see, where land is shallow and rocky, there is likely to be a number of big stones lying on or near the surface every spring, and the farmer likes to clear them away before he gets his plows to work.

Well, Leslie and Don were sent out one day by their father, with orders to clear a certain field of stones.

The two boys rather enjoyed the job, and were soon working with a will.

All day long they worked out in the field, and by late afternoon they were feeling rather tired. It was almost time to quit and return home. Unexpectedly they came across a big and obstinate rock. It didn't look so big at first, for there was only a very little of it showing above the ground. But when they tried to move it, they found it was very large and was deeply buried.

Leslie took the crowbar they always carried with them for jobs like this and tried to lever it out. But it wouldn't move. They both got hold of the crowbar and heaved on it, but still the rock refused to budge.

"Oh, I'm too tired to move this one today," said Leslie. "Let's leave it. I won't have strength enough to play ball this evening. Come on, let's go."

"All right," said Don. "We've picked up enough rocks today anyway."

"Cover it over with earth, and then Dad won't see," said Leslie. "Then we'll come back tomorrow and take it away."

So they covered up the rock, and drove away with the last load on the trailer.

Of course, they both forgot all about that rock. In fact, they did not think of it again until some days later, when Father met them with a frown on his brow.

"Just broke my plow," he said. "Hit a rock up there in that field you two were supposed to have cleared."

Leslie and Don blushed as it all came back to their minds.

"Funny thing," continued Father, "that rock was only just under the surface. In fact, when I looked it over afterward it seemed to me that it had only recently been covered up."

The two boys looked away. There was nothing they could say.

By this time Father had his suspicions; so he went on: "There is a text in the Bible which says, 'Be sure your sin will find you out.' And it seems to me that somebody's sin has been found out today."

Still the two boys remained silent.

"Well, boys," Father admonished, "I don't know what you did or didn't do, and it's too late now to alter things. But I want you to remember that those rocks are just like sins. Some can be picked up and got rid of without much trouble, but others are lodged deep down, with only a small part of them showing above the surface. You can't get rid of those

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Dependable

Dependable means: can be trusted to help, reliable.

Nehemiah 1:2 "... Hanani, ... came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped . . . and concerning Jerusalem."

3 "And they said . . . The remnant that are left . . . are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates . . . are burned with fire."

4 "... when I heard these words . . . I sat down and wept, . . . and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven."

2:6 "... it pleased the king to send me; . . ."

11 "So I came to Jerusalem, . . ."

18 "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words . . . And they said, Let us rise up and build . . ."

19 "But when . . . [people from other cities] heard it, they laughed us to scorn; . . ."

4:8 "And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it."

14 "And I . . . rose up, and said . . . Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, . . ."

16 "And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, . . ."

21 "So we laboured in the work: . . . from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared."

7:1 "Now . . . when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers . . . were appointed,"

2 "That I gave my brother Hanani, . . . charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many."

66 "The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred threescore," (42,360 people)

8:1 "And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street . . ."

2 "And Ezra the priest brought the law . . ."

3 "And he read therein . . . and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law."

8:10 "Then he [Nehemiah] said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Questions:

1. What should a person do to be dependable?
2. What news did Nehemiah hear?
3. How did Nehemiah feel about this news?
4. How did the king feel about Nehemiah's plans?
5. What did the people say when he told them this plan?
6. What did the neighboring people do?
7. Half of the people worked, what did the others do?
8. What was done after the walls were finished?
9. How did the people feel about the laws of God?

MEMORY VERSE

Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

I Corinthians 15:58.

Let's Talk



Nehemiah and the people who helped him rebuild the walls of Jerusalem are good examples of dependable men.

Nehemiah's father was one of the captives stolen from Jerusalem when Daniel and his friends were stolen. They were all taken to Babylon and lived there as slaves. Some of them were wise and dependable and God gave them positions in the government. After the kings of Babylon became very sinful God allowed the Medes and Persians to conquer them. Later the Persians became the only rulers. When Nehemiah was grown he became the cup-bearer of the Persian King Artaxerxes, who was also the same king that chose Esther for his wife.

Being a cup-bearer for the king was a very important job. The cup-bearer saw the king every day and was able to become a good friend of the king. Nehemiah was a good friend to the king. Although he was a good friend to the king he never forgot about his homeland and God's commandments to the people. He loved God and when he heard that the city where the people were to worship God was in ruin, he felt very sad. He began fasting and praying for God to make it possible that the city could be rebuilt and beautiful again.

He was not usually sad, therefore the king noticed his sadness and asked, "Why are you sad, seeing you are not sick?"

Nehemiah, in mental prayer, asked God to help him explain. Then he told the king about the city of Jerusalem. The king asked what he wanted to do about it. Nehemiah told his plans and the king thought they were good. He let Nehemiah go to do the work and also gave him permission to get materials he needed.

Nehemiah went to Jerusalem and organized the people to work and they rebuilt the city walls. Many enemies

tried to scare them out of finishing the work, but they kept right on until the job was done.

After the work was finished, the priest got out the books of God's laws and read them to the people. How happy the people were to hear God's Word! They discovered that they were sinning in many ways. They set a day and fasted and confessed these sins.

Nehemiah and the faithful workers were dependable. They stayed with the job until it was finished.

The prophet Jonah is a good example of an undependable man. God asked him to do a job. Instead of doing the job, he got into a boat and went away from the city where God had asked him to go. However, God punished him for this wrong and he did his job. Wasn't it terrible that Jonah was not dependable?

Are we dependable or undependable? Let us be dependable, it's a better way!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. A person should do his jobs well and finish them, so others will trust him. 2. He heard that the city of Jerusalem was in ruin. 3. He felt very sad. 4. The king liked the plans. 5. The other people laughed and conspired together to fight against Jerusalem. 6. The other people laughed and conspired together to fight against Jerusalem. 7. They held spears, shields and bows to protect those who were working. 8. The people gathered to hear the Word of God read. 9. The people felt very happy and were glad to confess their sins.)

by just covering them up. You have to dig them out, and the sooner the better. If you don't there is always the chance that somebody will run into them and show them up; and if that doesn't happen, you can be dead sure that next year, after the winter rains, they will appear again as bare and ugly as ever. Deep-rooted sins must be dug out right away, as soon as they are found. And if you cannot move them with your own crowbar, you had better ask father to come and help."

"Thanks, Dad," said the boys. "We understand, and we won't leave any rocks in the field next time."

—Selected

Why Victor Slept So Well

In the hope of getting work, Victor had gone to a big cattle show, where farmers from miles around came.

By and by one of the farmers came over to the group of lads among whom Victor was standing, and looked them all over very carefully.

"Want work?" he inquired.

"Yes," they chorused.

Then his eye caught sight of Victor, and somehow he was drawn to his open, honest, sunburned face.

"How about you, Son? Do you know anything about farmwork?"

"I can sleep on windy nights," said Victor.

"The boy's stupid," muttered the farmer, walking away. But Victor's strange words kept ringing in his ears. "I can sleep on windy nights," the farmer muttered to himself. "What on earth does the lad mean?"

A little later he came back to the same group. Victor was still there, good-looking and honest-looking as ever. The farmer decided to try again. Once more he asked Victor to tell him what he knew about farming, but again he received the same strange reply: "I can sleep on windy nights."

"Well," said the farmer in exasperation, "you had better come along anyway, and we'll see what you can do."

So Victor accepted the job and went off to live on the farm. His work was good, and the farmer was pleased with him. But one night something happened.

It was late, and everybody had gone to bed and to sleep. Presently a heavy gust of wind in the trees awakened the farmer, and in an instant he was on his feet. He sensed immediately that a storm was coming up, and his first thought was for his cattle, his haystacks, and his barns.

Rushing into Victor's bedroom, he found the boy fast asleep.

"Wake up, wake up!" he cried.

But Victor slept on.

"Wake up, I tell you!" he shouted, becoming more angry every minute.

"Can't you hear the wind?"

Still Victor slumbered.

"I'll fire him in the morning for this, I will," stormed the farmer as he hurried out of the room and down into the farmyard.

But here another surprise awaited him.

No doors were banging in the boisterous wind. All were tightly closed and barred. He opened one and peered into the cow barn. Every animal was in its place.

But what about the haystacks? he wondered. They must be blown to pieces by now. But they were not. In fact, so carefully had someone covered them that not a wisp of hay had been lost.

Through the darkness and the blinding rain the farmer stamped around his property, expecting every minute to find something wrong, but always finding everything right.

At last, dripping wet, he returned to the house. Going upstairs to Victor's room, he looked in. The boy was still sound asleep.

As the wind continued to howl around the house the farmer recalled the mysterious words: "I can sleep on windy nights." Suddenly he understood.

The boy had done his work so faithfully that there was nothing for him to worry about.

Victor kept his job.

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Gladys and the Glue Bottle

Gladys and Jane—the little girl who lived next door—were playing happily with their dolls. Suddenly something terrible happened.

Just how it happened nobody knows, but before anybody could do anything about it, the beautiful baby doll that Gladys prized so much had slipped out of Jane's arms and crashed upon the floor.

"Oh, Jane!" cried Gladys. "You've dropped my baby doll! And it's broken. Jane, how could you!"

"I am so sorry," said Jane. "I didn't mean to."

Gladys picked up the doll and looked it over carefully.

"Look, Jane," she said sorrowfully, "it's head is broken. I could cry!"

"Oh!" sighed Jane, as if it had been a real baby that had been hurt. "But don't cry, Gladys, please don't, or I shall cry, too. What shall we do about it?"

Now some little girls would have started to quarrel over a calamity like this, but not Gladys and Jane. They loved each other too much for that, and now all that Gladys said was, "Let's see if we can mend it."

"Mend it? Do you think we could?" asked Jane.

"I think so," said Gladys, trying to put the pieces together: "If only we had some glue!"

"I know where there is some," said Jane. "I saw a bottle downstairs. I'll go and get it."

Off she ran, anxious to do all she could to make amends for dropping the precious doll.

Very soon she was back again, with a rather dirty old bottle of glue in her hand.

"It looks very old," said Gladys. "I hope the glue will stick properly."

"I hope so," said Jane, trying hard to open the bottle; "but the cork won't come out."

"Let me try," said Gladys.

But Gladys couldn't move it either. Then Jane had another try, and presently Gladys wrestled with it again.

"What shall we do?" she said. "We could have had the dolly all fixed by now. I'm going downstairs to ask my daddy to open it."

So downstairs she went with the glue bottle in her hand.

Daddy tried his very best to open it, but he, too, failed.

"Take it to Uncle," he said. "His hands are stronger than mine."

So Gladys took the bottle to Uncle and asked him to open it. But he couldn't, either.

"It's no use, Gladys; that bottle might just as well be thrown away," he said. "We'll get another one for you when the stores are open."

Gladys took the bottle from Uncle and walked upstairs to her bedroom. "Sorry, Jane, but nobody can open it."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Positive

Positive means: without doubt; sure.

Paul was positive when he said:

Romans 8:31 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

37 "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

38 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,"

39 "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Peter was positive when he told the lame man to get up and walk:

Acts 3:1 "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, . . ."

2 "And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple . . . to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;"

6 "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

7 "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

8 "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

4:13 "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant

men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Elijah was positive when he said:

I Kings 17:1 "... As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

18:1 "And it came to pass . . . that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go shew thyself unto [King] Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth."

41 "And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain."

42 "So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,"

45 "And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain."

James 5:17 "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months."

Questions:

1. If God is for us are we winners?
2. What did Paul say that makes us know he was positive?
3. What was Paul persuaded about?
4. What did Peter say to the lame man?
5. What happened to the man when Peter helped him up?
6. Why could Peter and John be so positive?
7. Did Elijah have a doubt that the rain would come?
8. For how long did it not rain?
9. What happened while Elijah had his face between his legs?

MEMORY VERSE

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:37.



Let's Talk

To be a positive person we must have a positive attitude. An attitude is a way of thinking, acting or feeling. Many times what happens to us makes a good or bad attitude. For example: John's school work becomes easier, and his attitude toward school changed from dislike to great interest. It is also true that our attitude towards things can make the things harder or easier. We can grumble and complain about our family, our teachers, the weather, and many other things; and everything we have to do will seem harder. We can also accept people, weather, and other things just as they are and enjoy ourselves living in the condition that we have to live in.

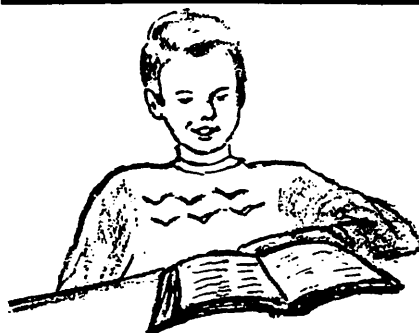
The secret to having a positive attitude is in being with Jesus. The people said they knew that Peter and John had been with Jesus. When time is spent with Jesus studying His Word and praying to Him; we are drawing inner power from Him. This power given from Jesus makes us able to know how to accept life as it comes and be positive about things that happen to us and in the things we have to do. As we strengthen our communication with Jesus we will become able to know His will about things. When one knows God's will, he has an assurance in his heart that God is going to do certain things. Having this assurance makes one able to speak what he knows God plans to do, just as Paul, Peter, John and Elijah did. For example: you have a headache. You call for prayer and when prayer is offered a feeling of assurance comes over you and you are able to say without a doubt, "I know my headache is healed." God may instantly remove it or you may have to wait a little bit, but soon it will be gone. The positive attitude is because God communicated to you that it was His will to heal the headache.

The next time you are feeling depressed and sorry for yourself, listen carefully and see if you don't receive a little message from Mr. Bee Positive. It might be a Bible verse such as, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God . . . concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18, or perhaps, "All things work together for good to them that love God, . . ." Romans 8:28. If you are having problems with something hard to do, the message might be Philippians 4:13, which reads, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me", or it could be the Bible memory verse for today, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:37.

The way we act also can help us be more positive or be more depressed. If a person will be grumpy and frown, he will feel even worse. If, however, he will smile it will help him to feel better. It will also help others to feel better and some will probably smile back. Others may give some encouraging words. Either of these will help him to feel better and have a more positive attitude.

Let's all try buzzing through each day with a more positive attitude and buzzing ourselves to more success and happiness!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. YES, 2. He said, "We are more than conquerors," 3. Paul was persuaded that nothing could separate him from the love of God. 4. Peter said, "I have no money but what I have I give to you. Get up and walk!" 5. The man leaped up, and walked. 6. They were positive because they had been with Jesus. 7. Elijah had no doubt. 8. Three years, 9. Dark clouds and wind came followed by a great rain.)

Uncle says he'll buy us a new bottle of glue when the stores open."

"But we want to mend the doll now," said Jane.

"Yes," said Gladys, "we must." And then, dropping her voice to a whisper, she added, "Do you know, Jane, I know someone who could open this glue bottle." bottle."

"Do you?" asked Jane. "Who is it?"

Gladys whispered in her ear, and Jane whispered back, "Yes, Gladys, why didn't we think of that before?"

Now if you could have peeped into that bedroom a few minutes later you would have seen a most beautiful sight, for there on their knees beside two little chairs were those two dear girls, asking Jesus to open that glue bottle!

"Dear Jesus," said Gladys, "dolly's head is broken and needs fixing. We must have some glue. We can't open the bottle, neither can Daddy, nor Uncle, nor anybody, but I know you can. Won't you please open it for us? Amen."

When they rose from their knees, Jane started to walk over to the glue bottle to try the cork, but Gladys stopped her. "No," she said, in a loud whisper, "we must give Him a chance to get it open!"

So there they both stood for two or three minutes in absolute silence, without speaking a word, waiting for Jesus to work for them!

Now it may seem a very strange thing to some, and quite unbelievable, but when Gladys picked up the bottle from the table, and twisted the cork with her tiny fingers, it came right out!

Then, without a doubt in their hearts that their prayer had been answered, they went calmly on mending the broken doll.

By and by they went downstairs and showed the doll to Mother and Father and Uncle.

"But where did you get the glue?" they asked.

"Out of the bottle," they said.

Then they told the wonderful story of what had happened upstairs. Nobody said a word for a while; they were too amazed to speak. —Selected

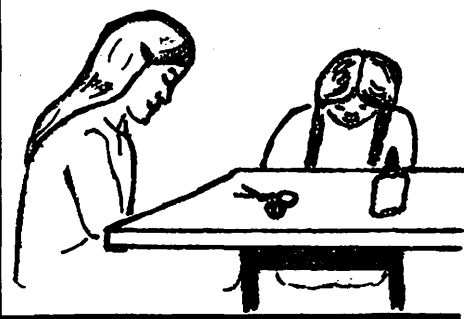
Grace Sufficient

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,
My soul to this refuge will flee,
And rest in the blessed assurance,
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I will press on with courage,
Though rugged the pathway may be,
Sustained and upheld by the promise:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over,
My Lord face to face I shall see,
And prove as I dwell in His presence:
His grace was sufficient for me."

—Selected



Try a Smile

When everything goes wrong
You tend to get cross.
When this happens,
Try a smile!

When you're feeling sad and lonely,
You'll feel like you got the blues.
When this happens,
Try a smile!

When you feel that all the world
Is against you,
When this happens,
Try a smile!

When you feel that nobody
Needs you or loves you;
When this happens,
Try a smile!

A smile will brighten your day.
If not it will brighten someone else's;
And make you feel good!

—Lydia Gonzales (age 14)

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Jimmy and the Jam Jars

Jimmy had a great liking for jam. Indeed, he loved it. In this, of course, he was not very different from most other little boys of his age—and girls, too, for that matter. But Jimmy, well, he could not even look at a jam pot without feeling all stirred up inside.

Now it so happened that one fine day Mother had spent the whole morning making strawberry jam. She had filled twenty or thirty jars, some large, some small, and by early afternoon they were all standing in neat rows in the top of her kitchen cabinet.

What a pleasing picture they made, with big strawberries clearly to be seen amid the thick red jelly that held them all together!

Happy to think that her task was done, with all the dirty dishes and the saucepans cleaned and put away, Mother decided to go visit a neighbor.

"Jimmy," she said, as she came downstairs with her coat on, "I'm going over to see Mrs. Brown for a few minutes. I'll be back soon. Be a good boy while I'm away."

"All right, Mother," said Jimmy. "I'll be good."

"You have plenty of things to play with, haven't you?"

"Oh, yes, Mother," said Jimmy. "I think I'll play with my trains."

"That's a good idea," said Mother. "And, by the way, Jimmy, I think it would be better for you not to go in the kitchen."

"All right, Mother. Why?"

"Oh, well," said Mother, thinking of her newly made jam, "just because—er—well, I think you had better not. Now goodbye, Jimmy, and be good."

"Goodbye, Mother," said Jimmy, waving his hand and then running to play with his trains.

Unfortunately, Mother was gone much longer than she expected. It often happens that way, you know.

Meanwhile Jimmy got tired of playing with his trains and turned to his bricks, then to his trucks. At last he decided he didn't want to play with anything any more, and started to walk around the house, looking for something to do.

From the kitchen there still came the sweet odor of newly made jam, and Jimmy thought it was a very nice smell indeed. He went to the kitchen door and peeked in. Everything was very clean and tidy, and he could not see any particular reason why his mother should not want him to go in there. So in he went and wandered around.

As he walked about he kept saying to himself, "I wonder where Mamma put all that jam."

Suddenly he looked upward, and, lo, there it was, all of it, on the three top shelves of the kitchen cabinet. The bright red jars looked like rows of old-time soldiers such as one sees sometimes in picture books.

"What a fine lot of jam!" exclaimed Jimmy.

He looked and looked and looked.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Submissive



Submissive means letting yourself be controlled by the authority of another.

Luke 2:42 "And when he [Jesus] was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

43 "And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it."

44 "But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey: and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance."

45 "And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him."

46 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions."

48 "And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

51 "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: . . ."

52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

I Pet. 2:13 "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;"

14 "Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."

Titus 3:1 "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities [supreme pow-

er], and powers [authority], to obey magistrates [officers of the government], to be ready to every good work,"

Romans 13:1 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

3 "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:"

4 "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; . . . for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

5 "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."



Questions:

1. How old was Jesus when he visited Jerusalem?
2. What part of the lesson shows that Jesus was a trustworthy child?
3. How did Mary and Joseph feel about Jesus' disappearance?
4. In what way did Jesus show he was submissive?
5. Did men as well as God approve of how Jesus did?
6. To whom are we to submit?
7. Does God plan that there be laws and rules for people to obey?
8. Rulers are not a terror to good works, but what are they?
9. If we are not subject to the authority over us how should we feel?

MEMORY VERSE

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: Luke 2:51.

Let's Talk

Mr. Bee Submissive is somewhat like Mr. Bee Obedient. There are times when each of them may bring the same messages to the mind. Being submissive, however, is an attitude that everyone should have; old people as well as children. Children are taught to be obedient. When they become adults they should be obedient to God but are no longer obedient to parents for they are parents themselves. But they are still submissive to many authorities. Wives are submissive to their husbands, husbands are submissive to Christ if they are Christians. If they are not Christians, they must still be submissive to authority in the places where they work, and to the governments of the town, state, and country in which they live. There are countless things to which each of us must submit ourselves each day.

People who have not learned to be submissive have much trouble. They have trouble getting along with others. Some of them are fired from their jobs, others don't get the promotions they would like to have. Some have trouble in their homes and sometimes become divorced because of unsubmitive attitudes of both the man and the woman.

Right now while you are young is a good time to develop a submissive attitude. You will be happier throughout the days and years that you live. Jesus, the Son of God, who had all wisdom and power, was submissive to His mother and His step-father Joseph. He knew it was important for Him to develop a submissive attitude. If Jesus needed a submissive attitude, I'm sure every other person in the world needs one also.

Being submissive takes a little more self-control than being obedient. Many times children are disciplined and forced to be obedient. However, being submissive is something one forces himself to do. The more times one disciplines him-

self to do what he should do the more mature he is becoming and the more freedom from parental supervision he is gaining. Parents don't really enjoy disciplining their children to do that which is right. They only force one to do right because they believe it to be the best. As one develops a submissive attitude toward doing the right, and forces himself to do it, the parents' work will be less, thus making them happy.

Most laws of our city are made with the hope it will help people live together happily. One law is to not throw trash on the sidewalks, streets, parks, etc. Because of this law we make our hands carry the trash to the proper place and then dispose of it. In doing this we are being submissive.

Being submissive is very important in everyday life. The Bible teaches that even the prophets, (pastors) are to be submissive to each other. It also says, "Yes, all of you be subject one to another." Adults must be subject one to another to be happy. Let all of us ask God to send messages to us that we may learn how to develop a submissive attitude and we too will be happy now and it will help us to be happy tomorrow.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Jesus was twelve years old. 2. His parents did not look for him until the evening because they trusted him to be taking care of himself. 3. They felt sad. 4. He went to their home and was subject to them. 5. Yes, he increased in favour with God and men. 6. We must submit to all who have authority over us. 7. Yes. 8. Rulers are a terror to evil works. 9. Our conscience should make us feel bad.)

"I wonder," he said to himself after a while, "if Mother would mind if I were to open the cupboard door and look at it a little closer?"

As Mother wasn't there to answer his question, he decided to answer it himself, and proceeded to carry a stool over to the base of the cabinet.

Now the top half of Mother's kitchen cabinets had not been anchored to the wall. They were just setting on top of the lower cabinets, as you might set two boxes one on the other if you were playing and needed some shelves. Unfortunately, Jimmy didn't know that.

Standing on the stool, he was just able to reach the knob on the glass door, which he gently pulled. The two doors swung open, and Jimmy stood there, admiring the wonderful array of jam jars.

"I wonder," he said to himself, "if Mother would mind if I were to taste just a little bit—just a very little bit. There is so much that I don't think Mother would even notice it, and I'm sure she wouldn't mind."

So Jimmy reached up and began trying to open one of the jam jars.

Alas! Just at that moment the stool slipped away from under his feet. To save himself Jimmy clutched desperately at one of the shelves of the cabinet and—

Crash!

In an instant Jimmy, cabinet, and jam jars had become one dreadful, sticky mess upon the kitchen floor.

At that very moment Mother was nearing the house, on her way home

from Mrs. Brown's. Hearing the crash, she dashed indoors, only to find Jimmy lying on the floor buried beneath the remains of her strawberry jam.

"Oh, my poor Jimmy!" she said, rushing toward him. "He's dead. I'm sure he's dead. My poor dear little Jimmy!"

But Jimmy wasn't dead. At least, something was moving under the cabinet, and, as mother lifted it up, Jimmy stood to his feet. What a sight he was! He looked for all the world like a piece of bread and butter spread with jam. He was covered with jam from head to foot. There was jam in his hair, and jam on his shirt, jam on his trousers, and jam on his shoes.

Mother took Jimmy over to the sink and began to wash the jam out of his eyes and ears. Then she found that he wasn't really hurt at all. Not a single cut anywhere, despite all that broken glass!

Then a new note came into Mother's voice. It was an ominous note.

"You naughty little boy!" she cried. "How dare you disobey me like that! Look at all my jam! Look at my cabinet all broken to pieces. You bad boy!"

At this point Mother began walking toward the stairs, with Jimmy's hand held tightly in hers.

Just what happened upstairs I will leave you to imagine, but Jimmy told me—yes, believe it or not, he told me himself—that in all the years that have gone by since then he has never forgotten what happened that afternoon, and he has never, never disobeyed his mother from that day to this. —Selected



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George Changes Masters

"George," exclaimed Billy, "what are you doing now?"

George and Billy were brothers. It seemed that George was always getting into trouble of one kind or another. Now Billy found George with his hand in Dad's good tool box. Dad had given the boys some of his older tools to use, but he had forbidden them to get into his new tools unless they asked him first.

"Oh, I just want to use this hammer," replied George. "That way I won't have to go all the way to the basement for ours. I'll put it right back—honest!"

"But George, you know Dad said not to use these unless we asked," Billy said. "It seems that you always want to do just what Mom and Dad say not to."

"Oh, they always say, 'Don't do this,' and 'Don't do that.' It's always something. Anyway, they'll never know I used it, unless you tell them," George told Billy scornfully.

Billy thought, "There's no reason for tattling anyway. I know Dad will find out."

Sure enough, after supper Dad came into the room where the two boys were studying. "Who had my hammer? It's been left out in the rain because someone neglected to put it back in the tool box."

Billy looked at George who turned away. He was fidgeting with his pencil rather nervously.

"I-I guess it was me, Dad," George said. "But I thought for sure that I had put it back."

Dad was exasperated. "Haven't I told you time and time again to leave my things alone? Why do you always do just as you please?"

"I'm sorry, Dad," George mumbled. He always felt bad when he disobeyed, but he just couldn't seem to do what he was told.

"You're forgiven, George," Dad said, "but I'll tell you this: you are serving the wrong master."

"Why, what do you mean?" George asked, puzzled.

"Well," Dad began, "every time you disobey, you are letting the enemy of your soul take advantage of you. These are all small things now, but if you don't choose to take a stand against the wrong soon, you may be in real trouble if you decide to disobey the laws of the land."

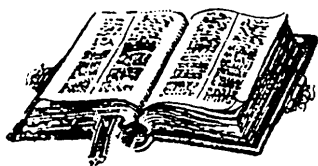
"You mean I should let Jesus into my heart?" George asked, really feeling bad for his actions.

Dad could see that George was in trouble, so he said, "Yes, that's right. The Lord can give you help when the devil tempts you to do wrong."

George was truly sorry, and he had always wanted to do right. He and Dad knelt by the couch and George asked for and received forgiveness. Now Jesus had His way in George's heart, and helped him to stay out of trouble.

—Dorothy Wilkins

WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Cautious

Cautious means: taking care to be safe, never taking a chance. Here is a list of words found in the Bible verses below which have the same meaning as cautious: circumspect, vigilant, and watchful.

Ephesians 5:14 "... Awake thou that sleepest, ... and Christ shall give thee light."

15 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,"

17 "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Exodus 23:13 "... in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect:"

I Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

9 "Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Revelation 3:2 "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God."

I Thess. 5:2 "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."

Matthew 24:42 "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

43 "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch [hour] the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."

44 "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man [Jesus] cometh."

Ecclesiastes 5:1 "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

2 "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

6 "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

Mark 13:35 "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh . . ."

37 "And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

Mark 14:38 "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Questions:

1. What does the road sign caution mean?
2. Can a sleeping person be cautious?
3. Is it necessary sometimes to speak to ourselves?
4. Why should one be vigilant or cautious?
5. What should one do if he is becoming a weak Christian?
6. What is the reason that we should watch and be cautious at all times?
7. What does the Bible say about being cautious with our mouth?
8. Does Jesus want everyone to be cautious?
9. Why is it easy to enter into temptation?

MEMORY VERSE

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. Mark 14:38.



Let's Talk

It is very important that everyone of us be cautious about the things we do. I will tell you a true story about a boy who was not cautious.

I shall call him Bill because I do not know his first name. His father, Mr. Thompson, worked repairing the railroad tracks for the C. & L. I. Railroad Company at Kirksville, Illinois. Later his father got a job as a watchman at the flag station near Findlay, Illinois, so they moved there. Bill Thompson hadn't much to do in the evenings so he hung around the railroad station.

Soon he began smoking cigarettes, although he was only eight years old. Some of the men thought he should not smoke cigarettes and cautioned him to stop. He paid no attention to them. There was a good old God-fearing man that claimed to be a Christian, who lived nearby. He often saw the little boy smoking and tried in every way he could think of to get the boy to stop. Bill kept right on smoking!

One day the old man and the boy were at the depot and the old man tried one more time to persuade him to stop. Some of the other men joined into the conversation and warned Bill also. One of them said to Bill, "You will go to hell for smoking cigarettes."

Bill straightened his back and pushed out his chest. Then pulling a cigarette and a match from his pocket, he said, "I am going to smoke this one to HELL!"

He was standing on a high platform above the railroad tracks. He tried to light the cigarette but the wind blew out his match. The men turned and left him standing. After trying a few more times without success, he jumped down from the platform and stood on the tracks lighting his cigarette. A fast train was coming but he did not hear nor see it. Just as he took the first puff the train hit him, killing him instantly!

Don't you think Bill did a very foolish thing? We, too, will do foolish things if we do not listen to Mr. Bee Cautious.

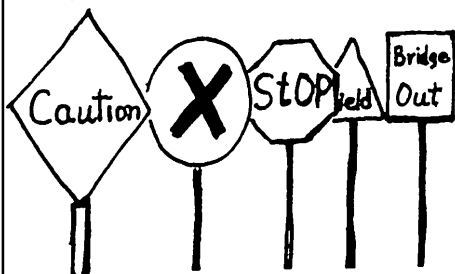
The words Bill said remind me of the verse in today's Bible lesson which says, "Be not rash with thy mouth and let not thine heart be hasty [quick] to utter any thing before God." Bill Thompson was quick to say, "I'm going to smoke this one to hell." He had no thought that what he was saying was true, he was just acting smart.

I'm sure that Mr. Bee Cautious sent messages to Bill many times warning him to pay attention to what the old man was saying to him. You, too, will receive messages from Mr. Bee Cautious when you are doing things that are endangering your soul. Remember cautious means taking care to be safe, and **NEVER TAKING A CHANCE.**

Each of us should be very cautious about our SOUL which is the most priceless thing which we have. We should be cautious about little things every day and this will help us to develop the habit of being cautious.

Let's all try to hear and obey the messages from Mr. Bee Cautious more than we ever have before. For we surely don't want what happened to Bill to happen to us!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. It means there is danger ahead. 2. NO. 3. We must quote verses from the Bible or songs many times to resist the devil. 4. We must be cautious because we do not know when the devil will try to steal our relationship with Christ. 5. He should be more watchful. 6. We do not know the time when Jesus will come for us. 7. The Bible says, "be not rash with thy mouth", for God will hear and be angry. 8. YES. 9. Our spirit is willing to do God's will but the flesh is weak.)

The Blue Fire

Juan balanced himself on the train track. The metal felt hot to his bare feet. His hair, wet from the recent swim, dripped down his face causing coolness when the wind blew.

"Look what I found," said his friend Pietro, pulling a roll of copper wire from his pocket. "Now we can have some fun with the third rail of the New York Central."

"My dad says to never mess around with the rail, that it's dangerous."

"Mine says the same thing, but what they don't know won't hurt them and they'll never know what we've done today." Stating that, Pietro began poking around the wooden covering of the rail, but nothing happened. "That's funny," he said, "I guess I didn't touch the right spot." Juan bent over to watch what he was doing. Pietro then pushed the wire far down into the covering. There was suddenly a flash of blue flame, and a shriek of pain, as hundreds of volts of electricity shot through his body! In less than a moment his clothing was on fire and his hair and eyebrows were singed off!

Pietro tried to drop the wire, as it hissed and sputtered at white heat; but he could not let go of it. He tried des-

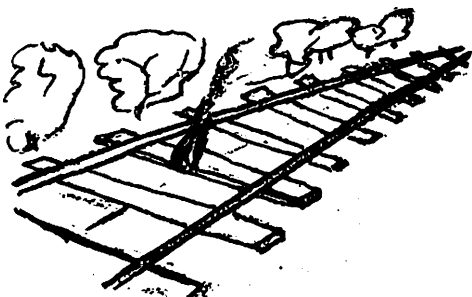
perately to pull it away, but it stuck as if it had always been a part of the rail.

Juan tried to pull him away but was hurled to the ground with a terrific shock!

Juan was nearly frightened to death, but somehow he remembered that rubber would insulate him from the electricity. Looking quickly around for something rubber he spotted an old rubber raincoat, lying not far away. Quickly he got the coat and threw it around Pietro, pulling him loose. Pietro started to run but fainted.

Juan found help nearby and Pietro was taken to the hospital where he died after a great deal of suffering.

The boys knew they were doing wrong, but they thought they could do wrong and no one would know. —Selected



What to Mind

Mind your tongue! Don't let it speak

An angry, an unkind,
A cruel, or a wicked word;
Don't let it, boys—now, mind!

Mind eyes and ears! Don't ever look

At wicked books or boys.
From wicked pictures turn away—
All sinful acts despise.

And mind your lips! Tobacco stains;

Strong drink, too, keep away;
And let no bad words pass your lips—
Mind everything you say.

Mind hands and feet! Don't let them do
A single wicked thing;

Don't steal or strike, don't kick or fight,
Don't walk in paths of sin.

Bee Cautious

Fill the blanks with the missing words.

For there is nothing _____,
that shall not be _____; and
_____, that shall not be _____.
Matthew 10:26.

For there is nothing _____, which
shall not be _____; nei-
ther was any thing _____ secret, but
that it should come _____.
Mark 4:22.

Therefore whatsoever ye have _____
in darkness shall be _____ in the
light, and that which ye have spoken in
the ear in _____ shall be pro-
claimed upon the _____.
Luke 12:3.

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The Motorcycle Dream

All Troy cared about was a motorcycle. Even as a small boy riding a bike, Troy would dream that it really was a motorcycle with a ripping-fast motor. He would picture himself driving along a river shore with a sunset casting rosy colors behind him. He would imagine the wind puffing out his shirt and cooling his neck as he sped over gentle sand dune after sand dune. He would just ride and ride and never get tired and everyone would be so amazed at his speed and endurance. Ah, this was Troy's dream.

Then as his fourteenth birthday drew near, he insisted that all he wanted was a motorcycle—and he had already picked it out. However, Troy's mother did not want him to have one.

"Aw, Mom," Troy pleaded, "Ken has just got one for his fourteenth birthday and I have to have one so we can ride together. Please, come on, Mom!"

So Mom reluctantly agreed and they brought home the chosen motorcycle. It was a Yamaha Enduro DT 125 with chrome muffler and spokes. It was rigged for the street because Troy wanted to ride it to school during the week.

"Now let's go over the owner's manual before you take off on this machine," Mother said.

"Mom," Troy said impatiently, "Ben Taylor told you that we had already gone over the manual a long time ago when I was just looking at motorcycles.

"What about this—"Requirements for a Good Motorcyclist" here in the back?" Mother said, leafing quickly through the manual. Troy was not listening.

Her words were drowned out by the noisy revving of the motorcycle as Troy kicked the starter and warmed the engine. He checked the brakes and mentally went through the shifting process. Pull the clutch, shift, open the throttle gradually; close the throttle, pull in the clutch, shift into second . . .

Troy turned with a smile and gave a wave of the hand to his mother. She stood holding the owner's manual in her hand while watching her son. As he took off down the country dirt road in front of their house, she had to smile at the confidence he was already displaying. In her heart she hoped that this motorcycle would be a help instead of a hinderance to her son.

At first the motorcycle inspired Troy to help his mother more and to be at school on time. He was so pleased that Mother agreed to it. Sad to say, this frame of mind did not last long. Troy was now noticed by an older group who were restless and unruly. Soon Troy and his cousin Ken were following the boastful, careless attitudes that their new buddies showed.

Troy's mother was worried. Kindly she began to reason with her son about late hours out and fast driving. Troy brushed off all her worries as "Old-lady

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Prudent

Prudence means: wise thought before acting, it is planning carefully ahead of time, taking good care of things and money. It is being wise and cautious. It is the opposite of foolishness, rashness and thoughtlessness.

Isaiah 52:13 "Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, . . ."

Proverbs 16:20 "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

21 "The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning."

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

15 "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going."

16 "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident."

8 "The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit."

18 "The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge."

Proverbs 15:5 "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."

22:3 "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."

18:15 "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."

12:16 "A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame."

23 "A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."

8:11 "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

12 "I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions."

Ecclesiastes 8:1 "Who is a wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed."

5 "Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment."

Jesus is prudent toward us:

Ephesians 1:8 "Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;" [wise planning for our future].

Proverbs 13:16 "Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly."

16:21 "The wise in heart shall be called prudent: . . ."

19:14 "House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord."

Questions:

1. What are some meanings of prudence?
2. What is a wise-hearted person called?
3. What attitude does a fool have toward his father's instruction?
4. What attitude does a prudent person have toward it?
5. In what ways do prudent men and foolish men react toward impending danger?
6. Of what value is wisdom?
7. Where does wisdom dwell?
8. Is Jesus prudent toward mankind?
9. Which do you think it is best to be, foolish or prudent?

MEMORY VERSE

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, . . . Isaiah 52:13.



Let's Talk

Mr. Bee Prudent will buzz many important messages into our minds. We should be very careful to listen for these messages. They will tell us many ways to do things better so we will have less problems. In fact, many problems that could come in the future will not come to us, for Mr. Bee Prudent will help us think about the future and will show us what sad things may happen if we do some things we had planned to do.

Take for example Tom who loves to go to camp meeting. He is saving all his allowance money for that. His friend Jim doesn't like to go to camp meeting but is a good friend. Often he invites Tom to go places with him, which take money. Tom accepts Jim's invitation if he has some other money so he doesn't use any of his allowance.

Mr. Bee Prudent buzzes messages to him whenever he is tempted to spend money from his allowance and thus make it impossible to go to camp. Tom obeys the messages from Mr. Bee Prudent and will have enough money to go to camp. He may choose to not obey these messages but will also be lacking a few dollars whenever the time comes for camp meeting, then how unhappy Tom would be.

Mr. Bee Prudent will also help you in choosing friends. Troy, the boy in our story today, did not choose to obey messages from Mr. Bee Prudent and made a poor choice of friends which caused him a lot of serious problems later. In the end not listening to the messages of Mr. Bee Prudent cost him his life in the motorcycle wreck.

These are just two examples of how Mr. Bee Prudent's messages can help you. There are many more.

This "bee" like many of the "bees" we are studying is from the Spirit of God and is very sensitive. He receives impressions quickly and easily. He knows if one wishes to listen and obey him or not. He will not shout or force one to

obey. He only gives the message and lets us do with it whatever we wish. It is, however, for our own best interest that we listen carefully for his messages and obey them. We will be happier if we do.

We can be sure that Mr. Foolish, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Thoughtless will come buzzing into our minds also and give messages that are quite different than those given by Mr. Bee Prudent. Some of their messages will sound something like this, "Don't worry about the days to come. Just have a good time now!" "You're just imagining some trouble to come from this little bit of fun. It won't ever happen. Go ahead and enjoy the fun." If you are tempted to be angry with someone, these may suggest that you tell that person just how you feel. Let them know just how angry you are, but the Bible says, "A fool's wrath is presently known [is known right now]; but a prudent man covereth shame." A prudent man controls his feelings of anger, but a fool explodes!

Mr. Foolish will also make you think that your parents' instructions are not valuable, and you will not learn as much from them as you could. Then suddenly you will need to know some of those things which you should have learned while young. Not knowing these things will make problems that could have been avoided had you listened to Mr. Prudent and learned from your parents.

Mr. Bee Prudent wants boys and girls, men and women to be happy today and plan carefully for the future so they will also be happy tomorrow and every day.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Wise thought before acting; taking good care of things such as money or time. 2. A prudent man, 3. A fool hates his father's instructions. 4. A prudent person likes his father's instruction even though they are to reprove him. 5. A prudent man sees danger and avoids it. A foolish man goes right on into the danger and is hurt. 6. Wisdom is more valuable than rubies, (an expensive stone used for making jewelry). 7. Wisdom dwells in the heart of the prudent person. 8. Yes, because he plans wisely for our future. 9. I think it is best to be prudent. (Answers may vary!))

problems". Never before had he treated his mother this way.

One day the school called Troy's mother. "Mrs. Wilson," the principal said, "did you know that Troy has been missing one or two days out of every week for the past few weeks?"

Troy's mother was crushed. "No," she stammered, "where has he been going?"

"Well, I wondered if you knew because he never brought absentee statements from you," the principal said. "He is not here today but I believe he is with some other boys down by the river riding motorcycles."

The principal continued, explaining two avenues of punishment they could take. "I would suggest you suspend his motorcycle keys for at least two weeks and let's see if this may correct the problem," he said. Troy's mother agreed.

That evening Troy's mother explained to him that his school work and responsibilities came before pleasure riding. Then she told him she was taking his keys for a couple of weeks or for however long it would take him to straighten out his school attendance and grades.

Troy was furious and said many cutting words he should never have said. When his mother insisted on holding the keys, Troy told her that he was moving out to go live with his dad. The devil had already damaged their home once with divorce when the father had left some years ago.

"Dad will understand," Troy told his crying mother as she stood watching him throw things into a suitcase. "The motorcycle has nothing to do with it, anyway. I am just getting tired of the rut around here; go to school and work, come home and work; go to bed, get up again and go to school and work; come home and work; that's all my life has ever been! I'm tired of it!"

Troy's father was surprised to see him move in. His stepmother was not too pleased but Troy was able to resist her negative thoughts. His father still insisted that Troy go to school but the rules were loose and Troy was left to do as he pleased. Troy spent most of his

time running with the gang, sinking deeper and deeper into the deadly vein of sin.

One particular day, Troy again went to see his mother. He told her he still loved her; he did not want to grieve her; but he was young yet and he wanted fun before he had to settle down and work for a living. He hoped she understood.

Yes, she knew the desire, but to yield to it was destructive. "Please, Troy," she said as he was leaving, "build on Christ, the solid Rock."

Troy didn't answer but was already revving up his motorcycle. He went over to Ken's house to ride with him for a while. The boys went out to race over the familiar country dirt roads. Ken had a 125 Honda with equal speed as Troy's Yamaha.

On the top of a tall hill the boys stopped side by side. "Let's race downhill and up; want to?" Troy suggested. Ken was game.

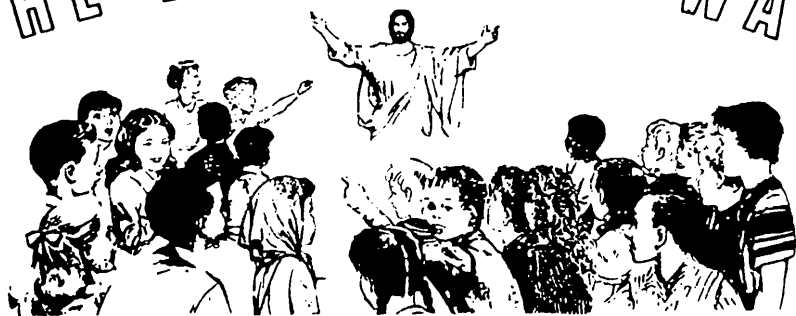
The boys did not know that Tim Langley and Jared Mix were out in Tim's Z28 Camaro racing up and down this same road. As the boys crested the next hill, riding side by side, Tim's Camaro crested on the opposite side of the same hill. Within a second, every vehicle swerved, everyone lost control, and there was a terrible shatter of glass, metal, and flesh.

When the ambulance crew finally arrived they quickly checked the boys' twisted bodies for any pulse. Ken had no response. Troy had a slight pulse. An hour later, still unconscious, Troy died in the emergency room at the hospital.

On the side of the country dirt road lay Troy's wrecked motorcycle. The front tire was off, mirrors and lights broke and the black patent seat was torn. It was loaded up into a pickup, labeled "totaled out" by the police and left in a salvage yard for spare parts. No young boy would ever again love this motorcycle.

—Connie Sorrell

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Worm's Teeth

Mother knew that something had gone wrong just as soon as Martha came in the back door. Something seemed to tell her that the examination results had been announced, and Martha had not passed. Yet she did not like to say anything for fear of what might happen.

"Any news?" she asked cautiously.

"Only bad news," said Martha, turning her head away and going upstairs.

In a few moments Mother followed her and, as she half expected, found Martha weeping disconsolately in her room.

"The exam?" asked Mother sympathetically.

Martha nodded.

"I tried so hard," she said, "and it's terrible to have failed. What shall I do? I feel like giving up everything. I simply can't go back to school."

And with that Martha broke into a fit of sobbing that made Mother want to cry, too.

"Martha," said Mother, after a while, "you don't need to feel so bad about it. I know you worked ever so hard, and it's just a pity that things have come out this way. But there, it isn't everybody that passes an examination the first time he tries it. If everybody did, why, the examiners would just make the examinations all the harder, so as to make sure somebody at least would fail. The best thing is to cheer up and resolve to try again."

"Oh, I don't want to," wailed Martha, "I shall never be any good anyway."

"You mustn't say that," said Mother. "Why, some of the greatest men and women who ever lived were dreadful dunces at school. Some of them failed at their examinations over and over again. It isn't the fact of failing that matters, but whether or not we give up because we've failed. If after every failure we can set our will to try again, then victory is bound to come someday, and nothing will be impossible to us."

Still Martha wept on.

"It's no good," she sobbed. "Other people may be able to do that, but I can't. I just don't want to take any exam ever again."

"Martha," said Mother, suddenly changing her line of approach, "have you ever heard of worms' teeth?"

"Worms' teeth?" repeated Martha, the first sign of a smile flickering across her face. "Worms' teeth? What do you mean, Mother? And what has that to do with that wretched exam?"

"Well," said Mother, "they have a whole lot to do with it. If you will pass me your Bible, I will read you all about them."

"There you are," said Martha, passing her Bible to Mother with another faint smile; "but you won't find any worms' teeth in there."

"You wait a minute," said Mother, turning the pages rapidly until she found the forty-first chapter of Isaiah.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Courageous

Word meaning: *Courage*: the quality of mind that enables one to meet danger without fear; bravery; fearlessness. *Courageous*: Full of courage; brave.

Psalm 31:24 "Be of good courage, and he [God] shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, . . . doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

7 "And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him . . . Be strong and of a good courage; for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; . . ."

Joshua 1:6 "Be strong and of a good courage: . . ."

7 "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest . . . do according to all the law, . . . turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest."

I Chronicles 22:13 "Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments which the Lord charges Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed."

Hebrews 12:2 ". . . Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, . . . and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

3 "For consider him [Jesus] that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

4 "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

7 "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

I Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

II Timothy 2:1 "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

3 "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he [God] shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."



Questions:

1. What are those who hope in God promised?
2. What has God promised those who are strong and courageous?
3. What was Moses's command to Joshua?
4. What does one need to fulfill the statutes and judgments of God?
5. What kind of example did Jesus leave?
6. Have we suffered as much as Jesus?
7. To have eternal life what must we do?
8. What does our lesson say about being strong?
9. Whom will God strengthen?

MEMORY VERSE

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.



Let's Talk

Let's talk for a moment of Bible characters who were courageous. Can you think of some? I'm sure you can think of many.

Daniel was a very courageous person. When he was a boy an enemy army came into his country and conquered it. He was taken captive into a foreign land where the people didn't believe in God. Daniel knew God's rules for him and he obeyed them even when he had to refuse delicious food served to him. There were three other boys with him in the prison where they were kept. They too agreed with Daniel not to eat this food. I am sure that each one helped the other have more courage.

Later though, they were not together and the three friends had to make a choice of disobeying God and bowing to a gold covered idol god or obeying God and being thrown into a large furnace filled with fire. Mr. Bee Courageous was busy buzzing messages to them about being brave. After they made the decision to obey God and be thrown into the furnace which was heated seven times hotter than ever before, he began buzzing happily around them giving them new thoughts of courage. Jesus was there also, although no one saw Him until He went into the furnace with the three boys. Even the King saw Him and exclaimed, "Didn't we put three people in the fire? Now there are four and the new one is like the Son of God!" The boys felt happy they had obeyed God.

Years later Daniel did another courageous act. He prayed when he knew he might be thrown into a den of hungry lions for doing so! He was thrown into the den of lions! But God's angel came and closed the lions mouths and they couldn't hurt him. How happy Daniel was that he had obeyed God.

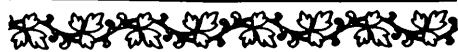
David is another good example of courage. When he was alone caring for

his father's sheep, a lion came to catch a lamb but David grabbed the lion by the beard and threw it to the ground, killing it. He also killed a bear! While still a boy he killed the giant! We all know that took a lot of courage! After killing the giant the King became jealous of him, and this caused David a lot of trouble. The King tried many times to kill David. David had to hide in caves in the mountains for a long, long time. I am sure Mr. Discouragement came to him with many thoughts. Mr. Bee Courageous came with many thoughts also, especially the two times that David found King Saul sleeping and could have killed him. David, however, listened to the voice of God which spoke to his mind telling him to not hurt the king. Mr. Bee Courageous buzzed messages such as, "Just be patient, God will some day punish King Saul for all the bad things he has done to you." God did punish King Saul, and David became king in his place.

Listen carefully for messages like this from Mr. Bee Courageous whenever others are mistreating you. Take courage and keep on doing right no matter what you have to suffer for doing right.

Martha, the girl in our story for today, felt very discouraged because she failed an important test. Mr. Discouragement was busy there buzzing many thoughts through her mind. Her mother, however, had thoughts of Mr. Bee Courageous and she talked to Martha and read a verse from the Bible. Soon Martha also heard messages of courage and wanted to try the test again very soon. What a difference in her attitude after she listened to these thoughts.

You too will have a better attitude when you listen to the messages from Mr. Bee Courageous! —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. That He will strengthen their hearts. 2. He will go with them and never forsake them. 3. "Be strong and of a good courage." 4. COURAGE. 5. Jesus left us a real example of a good fight. 6. NO! 7. "Fight the good fight of faith." 8. It says, "Be strong in the Lord." 9. Those who wait on Him and are courageous.)

"Now, listen," she said. "I'm going to read verse ten, first of all. There we have this beautiful promise of help in times of discouragement: 'Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.'

"Isn't that beautiful? But again, in verse thirteen, we have these comforting words: 'I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.' Evidently God was trying to encourage His people not to give up, not to despair because things had gone wrong.

"Then," went on Mother, "in verses fourteen and fifteen we read this extraordinary expression: 'Fear not, thou worm Jacob . . . Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.' "

"Now I see the worms' teeth," smiled Martha.

"Yes," said Mother. "Isn't it a wonderfully inspiring promise? God knew that His people were feeling as small and worthless as a worm, and thinking that they didn't count for anything at all. So He said, Cheer up! Trust in Me and try again, and I will give you teeth strong enough to eat mountains!"

"I never saw that in the Bible before," exclaimed Martha. "It is a bit cheering, isn't it?"

"I should say it is," said Mother. "And I believe it was put there to encourage us just now. God brings us all sorts of experiences in this life to test and try us, but never to discourage us. He wants us to triumph over these seeming disasters. Every time we do so we shall grow stronger and stronger. We shall develop teeth of such power that they will bite through the biggest mountains of difficulty that may ever rise up in front of us."

"Mother," said Martha, breaking in. "Do you know what I have just been thinking?"

"I think I can guess," said Mother, "but I'm not sure."

"Well," said Martha, "I just wish I could take that next exam tomorrow!"
(A true story) —Selected



Your Call

The world is dark,
but you are called to brighten
Some little corner,
some secluded glen;
Somewhere a burden rests
that you may lighten,
And thus reflect the Master's
love for men.

Is there a brother drifting
on life's ocean,
Who might be saved
if you but speak a word?
Speak it today.

The testing of devotion
Is our response when
duty's call is heard.

—Selected



FAITH

Find in this grid the 15 heroes of faith listed in Hebrews chapter eleven.

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Tom's Mistake

"It's terrible!" exclaimed Mother, looking over the report that Tom had just brought in from school. "Why, look at the marks that you have for spelling. Surely you must be the worst in class."

"I suppose I am," said Tom sadly. "I just can't spell, Mom, it's no use trying."

"Don't talk like that," said Mother. "Of course you could spell if you really tried hard. The trouble with you is that you are too careless. You don't think enough. I shall have to speak to your teacher about it and see what can be done. Anyhow, I hope you will never bring home another report as bad as this."

"Oh, well," said Tom. "I suppose spelling doesn't matter very much anyway."

"But it does matter," said Mother firmly. "If you talk like that, Tom, you will never get anywhere in life. You must make up your mind that you are going to spell properly."

Tom listened, but Mother's good counsel did not make very much impression upon his mind. In fact, he didn't think at all about spelling until the next examination.

Then it was that his mother's words came back very forcibly to his mind. He recalled that she had said he was not to bring home another bad report like the last one. But how could he make this one any different? He had made no preparation; in fact, he hadn't even looked over the words that the teacher had given the class to study.

What shall I do? thought Tom. I am sure I shall not know how to spell one of them!

"The first word," said the teacher, "is expedition."

"Expedition," said Tom to himself, biting his pencil. "Expedition, expedition. However does it go?"

Just then he saw the boy in front of him writing fast, and the temptation came to Tom to look over his shoulder.

Anything was better, he thought, than going home to Mother with a bad report. The boy in front had written "expedishon." So Tom copied it exactly, "expedishon."

"The next word," said the teacher, "is telephone."

Tom copied it, "telefone."

And so on to the end of the list. Tom and the boy in front of him were the only ones with all the words wrong.

In due time Tom arrived home with his report card, which was worse than his report had ever been before.

"What does this mean?" asked Mother.

"It means," said Tom very soberly, "that I made a big mistake."

"What mistake?" asked Mother.

Tom hung his head. "I copied of the wrong guy."

"Copied!" cried Mother, "copied! What do you mean by copied? Why, I would rather you came home with no marks at all than that you should do such a thing as that."

"Don't worry, Mother," said Tom. "I've learned my lesson all right. I never did it before, and you can be sure I shall never copy again." —Selected

WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Studious



II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

22 "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

Proverbs 1:4 "Give . . . to the young man [people] knowledge and discretion."

5 "A wise man [person] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man [person] of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"

19:2 "Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good;"

22:17 "Bow down thine ear [listen], and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto [be interested in] my knowledge."

23:12 "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge."

21:11 ". . . When the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge."

12:1 "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: . . ."

8:11 "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

12 "I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions."

15:14 "The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge:"

In what ways will knowledge help:

Proverbs 11:9 ". . . through knowledge shall the just be delivered."

24:4 "By knowledge shall the chambers [storerooms] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

5 "A wise man is strong: yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength."

Isaiah 33:6 ". . . wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: . . ."

God chose Daniel and his three friends, for special work because of their knowledge.

Daniel 1:3 "And the king spake unto Ashpenaz . . . that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, . . ."

4 "Children . . . skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue [language] of the Chaldeans."

17 "As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: . . ."

20 "And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

Questions:

1. Name one thing that may hinder one from studying well?
2. To what should one apply himself?
3. How does a wise person receive knowledge?
4. What should one choose instead of gold?
5. Name three ways that knowledge helps the person who has it.
6. What is to be desired more than anything?
7. What abilities of Daniel and his friends caused the King to choose them?
8. How did Daniel and his 3 friends compare to the other wise men of the kingdom?
9. Tell how you think knowledge will help you?

MEMORY VERSE

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15.



Let's Talk

Have you ever asked these questions? "Why do I need to go to school?" "Why should I study? I will never use what I am learning." If you haven't said things like this you have probably heard others say similar things.

There are many reasons why a person needs to study. One of the most important reasons is to gain skills to enable us to obtain knowledge throughout the years that we will live. Without skills to gain new knowledge a person is in bondage to his own incapacities. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is very important that we learn the truth so that we can live free, happy lives. By studying and observation we learn the truth. The Bible is the most important book to study, but there are many other good books also, especially history. For from the past we learn truths for the present.

You probably know of many other superstitions that people once believed to be true, but knowledge has proved to be untrue. Without the many skills of reading, and reasoning, etc., learned in school, and the knowledge obtained from using these skills, we also might do many things just as foolish as those done because of superstitions.

Let us be very careful to master all the skills possible. The next time Mr. Lazy places a thought in your mind about not studying, just remember you want to learn so you will not do foolish things because of lack of knowledge.

Mr. Bee Studios will always give messages to encourage you to work hard to learn every skill possible and obtain all knowledge that is not contrary to God's Word, the Holy Bible. God's Word reads, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." Proverbs 19:27. God does not encourage one to listen to these kind of instructions. Mr. Bee Studios will send you a message some-

thing like this, "That doesn't sound like good instruction." or he may cause you to think, "I better check this out with the Bible." Be careful to listen to these quiet little messages for they are very important to keep you happy. Unless these messages are checked out, the mind may become confused and a confused mind is not a happy mind.

Mr. Bee Studios will also help to overcome "youthful lusts". Youthful lusts are strong desires that all juniors and young people have. Many times studies are hindered by one allowing his mind to be thinking most of the time about these desires. One of the verses we studied today reads, "Flee youthful lusts." Flee means to get away from. One cannot get away from himself. He can, however, make these lusts get away from himself by controlling his mind and body to not indulge in these lusts. When a girl in math class is daydreaming about a handsome boy, Mr. Bee Studios may buzz this message, "It's best to finish your math now and not be thinking about him." If a boy is thinking about a football game, when the English teacher is explaining about verbs, Mr. Bee Studios may say something like this, "Leave the football game until tonight. Right now make your mind and ears listen to the teacher." Have you ever heard messages like these? Obey these messages and you will be happier!

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Youthful lusts hinder study. 2. Apply thyself to knowledge and instructions. 3. A wise man receives knowledge by listening to instructions. 4. Knowledge should be chosen rather than gold. 5. Knowledge helps to deliver in time of trouble. It helps one have many pleasant and precious riches, and it will increase one's strength. 6. Wisdom. 7. They were "skilled in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science", and had ability to stand in the king's palace, and to learn his language. 8. Daniel and his three friends were ten times wiser than the other wise men. 9. Knowledge of the reading skill will enable one to study God's Word and therefore know Him better. There are many, many other reasons.)

Dare to be Different

Terri opened the library door and walked in. She put her two finished books in the book return and went to the shelves for a couple more books. The student librarian checked out her next two books and Terri went to a table to sit down.

"Hi, Terri," Linda and Darla said. They stopped a minute in their conversation to not "Hello" then they put their heads back together to continue whispering plans.

Terri told them "Hello" then she opened up one of her books and tried to read but she could not help but hear the other two girls talking.

"Then you ask your mother if you can spend the night with me," Darla said. "She likes Rick—my mother does—and I think she will let me go to the show with him. Then we can pick up Chris and you'll have your date!"

"Yah," Linda said. "I'll kinda ask my sister about her night tonight and see which show she and Tim are going to. I don't want to meet up with her at the same place!"

Both girls giggled.

"We could go to either one," Darla said. "The Cinema has an X—Rated movie but Rick is of age and he could get the tickets. Sharon, at the ticket box, isn't that worried about your age."

"Sometimes the drive-in is more private though," Linda said. "And we want the back seat!"

Then both girls giggled again.

"Oh, there is the bell!" Linda exclaimed as the buzzer sounded. The girls stood up quickly. Darla put a folded paper into the back pocket of her hip-hugger jeans and both girls slipped out the library door together.

Terri quietly closed her book, picked up her purse, and pushed her chair under the table. Her thoughts about Linda and Darla were sober but her heart felt light and clear. This was why she no longer had close school friends their Freshman year. Nearly all the girls

thought about now was dates with older boys, wild parties, and dirty jokes. She already knew that to join into their laughter and foolish plans only took away the light, happy joy she had in her own heart. Terri treasured that satisfying, inward peace she possessed and she had determined in her heart to never trade it for a cheap date with a worldly boy.

The next Monday morning Terri went about her duties as usual. She had the first hour in the principal's office as his assistant. After she collected all the teacher's absentee slips and marked those absent in the principal's book, she went to the kitchen to write the week's lunch menus for the hall bulletin board.

In the five minute break between first and second hour, Terri saw Darla and Linda with a small group of other girls and they were all laughing and talking. She knew Darla and Linda were telling them about all the happenings that past weekend. Terri had gone to school with these girls ever since first grade and she knew how they bragged—and lied. They still spoke to her and she still was kind to them but they all knew she did not fit with the group anymore. They were different now. Their thoughts and ways were not light and carefree anymore but they were wrapping themselves deeper and deeper into lying, deceitful ways and wearing immodest dress with loose actions.

(To be continued next week.)

This I Know

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know—God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His Word,
Which tells me prayer is always heard,
And will be answered, soon or late,
And so I pray and calmly wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own—
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blest.

—Selected

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Part 13

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Dare to be Different

(Continued from last week.)

That Friday in sixth hour the air was charged with excitement as it usually was just before the weekend. The students were putting their things away and the instructor was tidying up his stand. Allison, the drum majorette, was standing nearby Terri's chair and she was joking and laughing with the boys and instructor. Terri was quietly sorting her books and music when Allison alighted on her.

"You know, Terri," she said, "you wouldn't be such a bad looking girl if you would get your hair cut and styled and quit wearing your dresses like a granny. I bet some boy might even look at you then!"

Many of the students and even the instructor was looking at Terri and she felt her cheeks burning red. Before she could say a word, the dismissal bell buzzed and everyone turned for the door. Because Terri was one of the closest to the door, she got there first but her foot happened to trip on the door threshold and she fell face forward on the hard concrete floor.

Terri's books and papers went flying across the floor but no one paid attention. Students trampled and stumbled on her and her things as they rushed out the classroom door. As one of the bigger boys shoved his way out the door, his heavy square trombone case hit Terri in the back of the head.

"Oops! Sorry about that!" he said with a half turn her way. He stumbled over a couple of her books as he hurried down the hall.

In a moment or two the hall was fairly quiet and empty of students. The instructor looked out the door and saw Terri.

"Oh, what happened?" he asked her from the doorway.

Terri was not going to cry though she felt hurt inside and out. "Oh, I fell coming out the door," she answered as she jumped to her feet and quickly gathered up her things. The instructor watched her a moment then went back into his room. Terri tried to brush off the dirty footprints left on her clothes, books and papers.

"How wild and crazy can a mob be?" She mumbled under her breath. Then in her mind she began to hear a mob crying: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" and she could visualize that mob of wicked people crying for the innocent blood of her Saviour.

"Oh, my Lord," Terri cried with a sob. "You understand!" She now hurried out the door because tears were in her eyes.

Through strength in the Lord, Terri was still able to show kindness to Allison and all her other classmates. Though they seldom expressed appreciation to Terri, she often felt they were touched

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Discreet

Word meanings: *Discreet*: Tactful, sensible or careful, especially in dealing with others; cautious, prudent. *Discretion*: Freedom to judge or choose; good judgment, carefulness in speech and actions; wise caution.

Genesis 41:39 "Pharaoh [the king of Egypt] said unto Joseph, . . . there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:"

40 "Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou."

41 "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

46 "And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. . ."

Psalms 112:5 "A good man . . . will guide his affairs with discretion."

Titus 2:4 ". . . they may teach the young women . . ."

5 "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, . . ."

Proverbs 2:11-12 "Discretion shall preserve thee, . . . To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, . . ."

16 "To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words:"

5:2 ". . . regard discretion, . . ."

3 "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:"

4 "But her end is bitter as worm-wood, sharp as a two-edged sword."

3:21 "My son [or daughter], . . . keep sound wisdom and discretion:"

23 "Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble."

24 "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet."

How to be Discreet:

Romans 12:1 "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."

2 "And be 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."

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

11 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Romans 14:4 ". . . Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."

Questions:

1. Who was the most discreet man in the land of Egypt?
2. In what way was he rewarded for being discreet?
3. What should one do to have power within to be discreet?
4. What is a man called who guides his affairs with discretion?
5. What are young women to be taught?
6. From what will discretion deliver a person?
7. What should a son or daughter keep?
8. What kind of sleep do discreet people have?
9. Make a list of ways in which you have been discreet. Make another list of ways you have not been discreet. List ways in which you can change your actions to be discreet.

MEMORY VERSE

Pharaoh said unto Joseph, . . . there is none so discreet and wise as thou art. Genesis 41:39.



Mr. Bee Discreet is very important to boys and girls. If they will listen carefully to his messages he will help them in making the many decisions they must make. When you were younger, your parents and others made almost all your decisions, but now you have many to make yourself. Every year you will be making more decisions. It is fun to be an individual and make one's own decisions. Maybe you think that you are already discreet and that your parents and supervisors should let you make more of your own decisions. You may have a wrong opinion of yourself, for parents and supervisors usually know a discreet child. The Bible, in Proverbs 20:11, reads, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, or whether it be right." The things you do and say cause your parents, supervisors and others to trust or not to trust you to make good decisions. Listen and obey the messages of Mr. Bee Discreet and soon your parents and supervisors will allow you to make decisions that you have not been allowed to make. This added freedom will be a nice reward for the trouble you have disciplining yourself to be discreet.

Do you know someone who lets others make their decisions? Like Susan who knows she looks terrible in the latest styles, but will wear them and feel horrid all the while, because others are wearing them. Perhaps you know someone who hates to smoke cigarettes but smokes them just because others made fun of him when he didn't. Dan really likes Don Jones, but when others said threatening things about him, Dan joined into the fun and said slighting things about him also. Have you ever been caught doing something like this?

Mr. Bee Discreet will signal messages to you that will help you to be strong and do as you really wish to do and not as others wish you to do. Who wants to let others pull them around by the nose?

I don't! Do you? Many do! They let the crowd be their master. They act like a little puppy following along behind. Discretion will help anyone get out of this rut!

A discreet person is different in quality from other persons. He is of a wiser more free quality. He believes that individual freedom is more important than pleasing the gang. Being discreet gives a person freedom to judge or choose. In other words, one who is discreet has powers from within to make decisions which are very good. He has good judgment, which means he has an ability to form good opinions and therefore make good decisions. A discreet person has a carefulness in the way he speaks and acts that makes others admire him. Mr. Bee Discreet puts wise, cautious thoughts into his mind and he acts wisely and cautiously. Wouldn't you love to be like that? Ask Jesus to help you be discreet. Then listen carefully to Mr. Bee Discreet's messages and always obey the messages.

Joseph, the man in the Bible lesson, and Terri, the girl in the story for this week, were both discreet. They listened to Mr. Bee Discreet when he flashed messages to them. I'm sure there were times they felt discouraged and thought there was no benefit in the choices they were making, but both of them came out a winner in the end, so will you!

Joseph also had many men working to dry and store enough food to last for seven years. This was very discreet action. It saved many people from starving to death, even Joseph's father and brothers and their families. It also brought his family to him for which he was very glad as he had not seen them for thirteen years. Joseph was happy he had been discreet in the decisions he had made.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Joseph, 2. He became a ruler over the land of Egypt, 3. To have power within, one should present their bodies to God, and be willing to live in a holy way, 4. A good man guides with discretion, 5. Discretion, 6. Discretion will deliver from the way of the evil man and the strange woman, 7. DISCRETION and WISDOM, 8. Discreet people are unafraid and have sweet sleep.)

by her kind, peaceful ways to their strife and envy. Terri often helped teachers also. They knew that she was honest, peaceful, not jealous of others, and not a talebearer.

Though she was in a class of 165 students, Terri always felt alone except for the voice of the Lord talking to her and comforting her heart from day to day. The Scripture says: "Pray without ceasing," and Terri learned that prayer was a life line of strength. All through the day she was often asking the Lord for patience, wisdom, strength, understanding—any need or crisis that arose, Terri took to the Lord in silent prayer in her heart.

When the first day in May finally arrived, Terri began to count down to the last day of school like the other students. In the last week of school, there was an Awards Assembly. When Terri walked through the back door of the auditorium, she was surprised to see her mother sitting among the audience. She sat down beside her.

"What brought you here?" Terri asked.

"Well, let's find out," Mother replied.

On the stage platform there was seated several presidents or representatives of local clubs and organizations in town. They presented students with medals and certificates.

Terri already knew she had won a poetry contest, perfect attendance award,

essay contest, and public speaking contest with honorable mention, but she was not prepared for the last and final award.

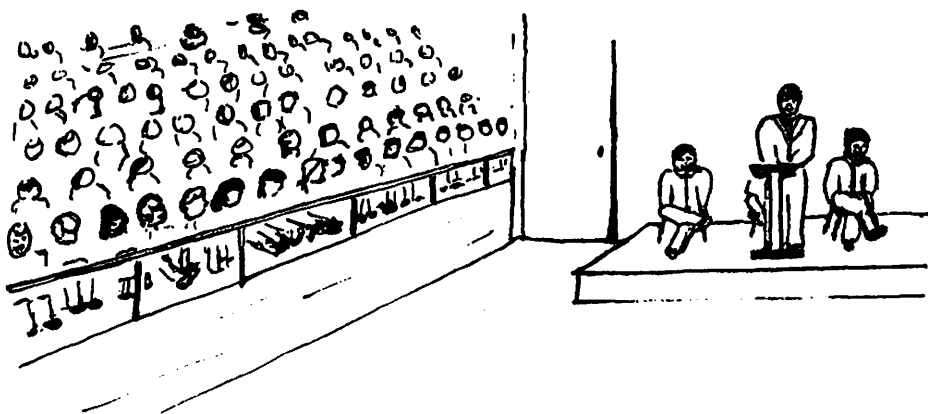
The American Legion Auxiliary President took the podium and made a speech about the final and top award.

"Before a student is even considered for this Outstanding Student Award," he said, "they must show themselves dependable, honest, trustworthy, considerate of others, and helpful in the school. All the teachers and school faculty must give their approval of this young man and young woman before they are finally awarded the Outstanding Student Award. We are happy to say that the two top students we have chosen have both met the requirements and then some over and above. May we now present the young man's Outstanding Student Award to Rick Stone and the young woman's Outstanding Student Award to Terri Miller."

The whole auditorium burst into applause but for a moment Terri was too weak to stand up. Then she made her way to the front to shake hands with the president and receive her medal and certificate.

Terri's heart was bubbling with thanksgiving unto the Lord. "Thank you, Lord," she kept saying over and over; and the Lord was pleased also.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

(Please share with all teachers using the junior paper.)

We are living in a culture where moral values are plunging into oblivion. Let us as soldiers in God's Kingdom arise to our duty to defend our little ones from growing up without this important defence. Strong moral values protect in many ways. It gives one an understanding of how to decide if something is right or wrong. Is this necessary in today's world when parental values are being thrown out the door? It is a protecting agent in choosing friends, entertainment, books, jobs, and schools. Today's children have many more decisions to make than children years ago who went to town only once or twice a year. Can a ratio be made to compare the times in a day when ten-year-old Tim must make a decision of whether something is good or evil and the time in one day that his grandfather had to make those decisions?

How important then is moral value training? There is no word adequate enough to express it.

Every Christian person should be busy training the next generation moral values. Every Christian is displaying his own values by his or her actions. This is teaching, "for one teaches some by what he says, some by what he does but most by what he is." Let us be alert and consciously teach moral values because they are of great need.

Teaching is a gift for the edifying of the Church. One meaning of edify is to improve morally. Let us be careful that all activities, especially Sunday school ones be for moral improvement of the students.

We are entering a time of year when many social "get-togethers" are beginning. The sponsor of these should prayerfully plan each one, in a way that will improve morals. This will ensure both enjoyment and God's blessing.

The following questions may be useful as guidelines in choosing entertainment:

1. Should Christ suddenly appear in person, would I feel ashamed?
2. What are the students learning from this game?
3. Is it in ridicule of some of God's special creation (people)?
4. Does it lessen the fear of suicide or meeting God after death?

5. Could it cause children to have less respect for authority, parents, family, God or themselves?
6. Does it tend to break down the child's sexual inhibitions?
7. Does it arouse inordinate curiosity about witches, or wizards, witchcraft, necromancy, enchantments, mystical charming, horoscopes, divinations or evil spirits? (Deut. 18:10-12).
8. Does it have moral improvement value for the students?

The lessons in this quarter deal with the Kingdom of God. The first two lessons are about a dream which Nebuchadnezzar had concerning this Kingdom. Lesson number twelve follows lesson number eleven in chronological order, but the remaining lessons are separated from one another. Each is an explanation of some different aspects of God's great Kingdom. -Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Part 1, October 5, 1986
 "God Reveals A Secret"

There are two main points in this lesson. 1. It shows the greatness of God in revealing truths about His Kingdom to a heathen king many years before it should happen. 2. It shows Daniel's faith in God and himself. This lesson is very important to children that they too, can learn to trust God and trust themselves to know God's will. Daniel said before knowing the dream, that he would tell the king his dream. He also was fearless to go before an angry king, because he trusted God to protect him. Encourage the students to fearlessly trust God for wisdom and courage.

Part 2, October 12, 1986
 "A Dream About God's Kingdom."

God is able today to reveal secrets just as he did long ago to Daniel. The picture the king saw of a stone cut out without hands that grew into a mountain is an excellent one to portray both the everlasting duration and magnitude of God's Kingdom. Its small beginning and growth, its power over other kingdoms and its greatness is also portrayed.

Because of its wonderful qualities students should want to become a part of it. Encourage them to do so.

Part 3, October 19, 1986
 "The Everlasting Kingdom."

This lesson contains proof of when God established His Kingdom on the earth. When the Pharisees

asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered, "The . . . Kingdom is within you." It was at that time on the earth in the hearts of believers. This lesson also teaches the truth that the Kingdom of God has no physical form, nor any earthly location, it is without observation, it is not of this world, He is its King, and that He sits not upon a holy earthly throne, but in heaven, and the saints shall possess it forever and ever.

Part 4, October 26, 1986

"Becoming a Part of God's Kingdom," explains that by a child-like humility, belief and repentance one can become a part of this great Kingdom. Being "born again" is another way to express the way of entrance into the Kingdom. These ways of entering the Kingdom are further proof that it is a spiritual and not a natural Kingdom. No flesh and blood shall enter it. There is no war where blood runs in the streets of this Kingdom. Instead it is righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost.

Part 5, November 2, 1986

"Living in God's Kingdom" gives guidelines of what Jesus expects of those who are professing Chris-

tianity. He told His disciples to pray that His will be done in earth just as perfectly as it is done in Heaven. This is possible for those from whom Christ has removed the root of sin from their lives and baptized them with the Holy Spirit. He has also written His law in their minds and hearts. The Bible reads, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be the Spirit of God dwells in you." Encourage students to live a triumphant, sinless life so they will be a part of the Kingdom.

Part 6, November 9, 1986

"Jesus Reigning in My Life" is a study of the Biblical texts which express the victorious life a Christian can obtain. He need not succumb to any temptation that the devil may bring. Christ has placed His powerful Kingdom in the heart so that this is possible. Encourage the students to seek God until they have this experience. It is for the young as well as for the old.

Part 7, November 16, 1986

"Strive to Enter God's Kingdom" is a lesson with a sad note, for it shows what will happen to those who continue to sin. Saying

one is a Christian will be of no advantage in the day when Jesus separates the evil ones from those who are holy. Have each one check himself against the list in Gal. 5:19, and Eph. 5:6. If these sins are being committed, the person committing them will not be allowed in the Kingdom of God in heaven when he dies.

Part 8, November 23, 1986
"The Kingdom's Last Day
on Planet Earth."

There are many different thoughts of what will happen toward the end of the Earth. Some think the righteous will leave the earth and live somewhere in bliss while the wicked are purged on this Earth. Others believe Jesus is coming upon this Earth to reign one thousand years. Still others believe that Jesus will come again and have a great war until blood will run very deep in the streets of the cities. There are many, many more. I have taken Scripture to explain what the last day will be. To some it will be a time of rejoicing, to others it will be a time of mourning. "Every eye will see Him," and "we shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye." Then

the Earth shall melt with fervent heat.

Part 9, November 30, 1986
"Prophecies of the Kingdom".

Most of the prophecies studied in this lesson are taken from the book of Isaiah. Several of these Scriptures are sometimes used in error to explain what is supposed to happen when Jesus comes again. You will notice one of them is used very often on Christmas cards and it is very much like one of the others. Jesus opened the blind eyes, made the lame to walk, healed everyone that came to him, changed the temperament of His disciples and did all the things that were prophesied of Him. He even set up His Kingdom and told the people that He fulfilled the prophecies. Why then should anyone look for Him to come again and set up another Kingdom?

Part 10, December 7, 1986
"Prophecies of the New King" is a list of a few of the prophecies spoken about Jesus, His family, His mother, the town where He was born, some important things that happened to Him, and His suffering and death. I have included the date of the prophecies, and where the account of

their fulfillment is found in the New Testament.

Part 11, December 14, 1986

"The Kingdom of God is Available."

It is important that the students learn that Jesus started to reign in the Kingdom of God while He was here on the Earth. John the Baptist said that the Kingdom of God was at hand, when he began baptizing before Jesus started His ministry. Here again arises the question, "why should we look for another Kingdom, for Jesus has already established His?" Included in the lesson is God's expectation of those who wish to be a part of the Kingdom. One that is often overlooked is Luke 3:14, "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, What shall we do? and he said unto them, Do violence to no man . . ." Soldiers must be non-violent.

Part 12, December 21, 1986

"The King is Born."

This lesson is the old, old story of Jesus' birth. With emphasis on the people's recognition of Him being the Saviour King from His birth. The common people loved Jesus and believed He was a King, but He had come in a differ-

ent manner than their leaders had said, so they were a little confused.

I believe Christians have spoken so often about Jesus' suffering and death until some children think that Jesus was disliked by the people of His time. Only a minority of people in power wanted His death.

Part 13, December 28, 1986

"The Kingdom of God is Established."

There were prophecies that as Jesus established His Kingdom people would flow into it. This prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached and three thousand souls were saved. A few days later there were five thousand believers, filled with the Holy Ghost and power. "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power," and so His Kingdom came just as He told His disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 1

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Mary Slessor

(White Mother of Africa)

Robert jumped over the last mud puddle before he turned the corner. He glanced back over his shoulder to see if the man behind him was still coming. Yes, he was there waving his hands and uttering angrily. Robert hurried down the next two blocks, his black, bushy hair stood on end. His worn coat kept out little of the sharp, cold wind, and the long skinny toes of his right foot left footprints on the muddy street. He ran up the five steps which led into the kitchen, missing the top one for it was broken. "Mary, Mary, he's coming!" Robert shouted, gasping for breath. "And he's angry!"

Mary's heart beat wildly, her black eyes showed fear. Quickly she picked up baby Jane and followed Robert out the door. They could see him in the distance staggering toward them. "Come this way," Robert said, leading Mary around the side of the two-room house in which they lived.

"I'm cold, I forgot my coat!" Mary sighed.

"Go around the other side of Mr. Jones' house. The wind won't hit you there. I'll try to get your coat."

Mary hurried across the small dirt yard that separated the two houses. Soon Robert returned with her coat. "Did he see you?" she asked.

"Yes, and he tried to hit me but I ducked. He then flopped in a chair and

yelled for you to bring him something to eat."

Mary held the baby close to help keep it warm, while it helped Mary stay warm, too. Robert stood close to them also.

"I'll be glad when we are grown-up and don't have to live here," Mary said.

"I will, too," Robert agreed. Then he added, "Say, Mary, what do you want to do when you grow up, take care of babies? That's all you do now."

"Yes, I want to take care of little black babies in Africa."

"You want to be a missionary? I'm going to be the missionary from this house. You know from the wages Mom earns that she can't send two of us to school. Besides, you're a girl."

Then seeing the distressful look in Mary's white face, he added, "You can come and help me though."

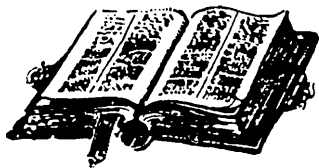
In between times when Robert would be away peeking in the windows of their house to see if their dad, Mr. Slessor, was asleep, they talked about what they would do when they became missionaries.

Almost every pay day their father would come home drunk and angry. He wasn't really angry at them. He was ashamed and angry at himself, but he took his anger out on them, so they stayed away until he would fall asleep.

Two weeks later Robert became sick and Mary nursed him. She brought him water to drink. She carried cool wet

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WORDS OF GOLD



God Reveals a Secret

Daniel 2:1 “. . . Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.”

2 “Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.”

3 “And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.”

4 “Then spake the Chaldeans to the king . . . , O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.”

5 “The king answered . . . The thing is gone from me: . . .”

7 “They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.”

8 “The king answered and said, . . . ye see the thing is gone from me.”

9 “But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: . . . therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.”

10 “The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king’s matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.”

11 “. . . there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

12 “For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.”

13 “And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.”

14 “Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king’s guard, which was gone forth to lay the wise men of Babylon:”

15 “. . . Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.”

16 “Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.”

17 “Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:”

18 “That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.”

19 “Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.”

Psalms 34:7 “The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”

25:14 “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”

Questions:

1. Who was Nebuchadnezzar?
2. Did Nebuchadnezzar believe in God?
3. Why was he troubled?
4. Did the magicians, the astrologers, or the Chaldeans help the king?
5. Why did the king’s guard come to see Daniel?
6. Did Daniel go and talk to the king?
7. Give reasons why Daniel was not afraid of the king?
8. Read the first chapter of Daniel and tell another brave thing Daniel did.
9. Tell how obedience to God gives one courage and assurance.

MEMORY VERSE

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; . . .
Psalm 25:14.



About 550 years before Jesus was born, a heathen king, who was ruler of the greatest kingdom on the earth at that time, had a dream about the Kingdom of God, of which Jesus would be King. This ancient king, named Nebuchadnezzar, was king of the Babylonian Empire. This ancient empire was about 1500 years old. It was ruled by first one king and then another. Each time it was conquered by another king, the king would add his gods to the many already worshiped. The number of gods grew until they numbered in the thousands. Because there were so many gods to worship, each state or country had its own patron god.

In Babylon, the capital city of the empire, beautiful plants grew on top of vaulted buildings. These hanging gardens were described by the Greeks as being one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The most impressive buildings were the palaces of the kings and the huge temple of Bel Marduk, the patron god of the city. If you could travel to this area you would find some of the hanging gardens have been restored. You could also explore the ruins of a gigantic temple in which the people worshiped a god named Ishtar.

Nebuchadnezzar was a good ruler and the empire became the strongest in the world. He conquered many countries, one of which was Israel. He took many of the people back to Babylon as slaves. Daniel and the three Hebrew children were some of these captives. Later Nebuchadnezzar had the three Hebrew children thrown into a fire because they would not worship the golden image which he had made to be worshiped as a god.

About a year after Daniel was taken captive, King Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream. He awoke from his sleep and could not remember the dream. All he could remember was the impression

that the dream must be some important message to him. He thought and thought trying to remember the dream, but he could not. Finally he ordered his wise men to come before him. He then demanded them to tell him the dream. When they could not tell the dream, he became so angry that he ordered all his wise men to be killed.

The executioner, hunting all the wise men, came to Daniel and his three friends to kill them also. Daniel knew the true God. He went directly to the angry king and promised to reveal the dream if given time to seek God.

Why do you think Daniel was brave enough to go and talk to the angry king? Was it because he knew God would protect him? Why did he know God would protect him? He believed God's promises in Psalms 34:7, which reads: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Daniel had been obeying all of God's commandments that he knew, and that is all God expects of anyone. You, too, can be brave and secure just as Daniel was if you will please God in the things you do each day.

—Sis. Charlotte

What is the great missionary command which Jesus gave?(Matthew 28:19, 20)

(Answers: 1. He was king of Babylon. 2. NO. 3. He had forgotten a dream which he felt was an important message. 4. NO. 5. Daniel and his three friends were also the king's wise men and the king had commanded that all his wise men be killed. 6. Yes. 7. Daniel knew that God controlled everything that happened in his life. Daniel feared and obeyed God. He knew that God promised to help those who fear and obey Him. 8. Daniel refused to eat food that the Jewish people were forbidden to eat although he could have been killed. 9. Obeying God gives one an inner peace which is needed to have courage. Romans 14:22 reads, "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth [himself to do]." When one feels condemned within he has no courage. We know life stories of many different people who have been blessed and protected because they obeyed God.)

cloths to place on his head. One day when he woke up from a short nap Mary was sitting in the corner talking to herself. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"I'm teaching children in Africa," she answered.

"Looks to me like you are talking to the wall," he said, and laughed. "I promise to take you with me when I go."

That night, as on many other nights, Mrs. Slessor prayed that God would help her children to become missionaries, if it was His will. However, it was not God's will that Robert be one for he died soon after this.

Poor Mary felt so sad and alone without her big brother. Mother was gone every day working at the cloth factory and Mary was alone with the younger children. Robert wasn't always in the house but he had always been nearby whenever she felt afraid, besides, how could she become a missionary without him, for some things were hard for girls to do alone. Perhaps baby John would be a missionary. But she would have to wait a long time for him. Then again, he might not even want to be a missionary. Every day Mary thought about things like this while she washed the dishes, swept the floors, cooked and cared for her smaller sisters and baby brother.

The days, weeks, and months dragged by without Robert. Every day seemed like a week, except the day Mrs. Slessor received her check. Then everyone was happy and there was enough food. "I wish I could go to work with you, Mother," Mary said. "I could help you so you could make more money. Jane is old enough now to do the work around here."

"Maybe you can go and help me. You are eleven years old and that is pretty grown-up! I'll ask the boss," Mother promised.

The boss said Mary could help Mother at the factory, if she would go to school half of the day. Mary was excited beyond words for she had never had the chance to go to school. "I would love to do that!" Mary shouted. "This is too good to be true!"

At 5 o'clock the next morning the factory whistle blew to awaken the town. Mary rubbed sleepy eyes. "My first day of work and school," she said to herself and quickly got out of bed and dressed. The sun was just coming up when she entered the factory at six o'clock. All morning long she helped Mother untangle coarse threads for weaving. At noon they walked home and helped Jane with the noon meal. In the afternoon Mary went to her first day of school. How happy she was to learn to read. "Maybe now I can study and become a missionary after all," she thought. Every day she worked half a day and studied half a day.

Mary soon learned to read, but Arithmetic was a mess of numbers that made no sense to her. Mary had learned long ago to not give up easily, so she tried again and again until she mastered the problems.

Weaving cloth in the factory was both interesting and easy and before long the boss gave Mary a loom to operate by herself, and her name was on the payroll just like another adult! How grown-up she felt, almost big enough to go to Africa alone!

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How Many People Were Added to God's Kingdom in One Day?

Take the number of total number of Psalms.

Add the number of the commandment which tells us not to covet. (Ex. 20:17)

Multiply by the number of men in the Fiery Furnace.

Add the number of days in Lent. (40)

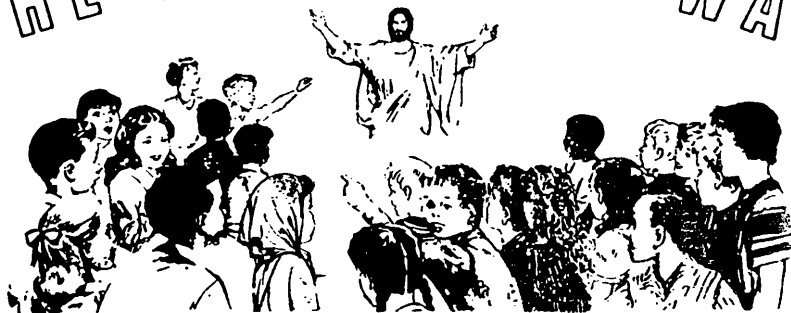
Multiply by the number of waterpots at the wedding in Cana. (John 2:6)

Subtract the age of Joseph when he died. (Gen. 50:22, 26)

Subtract the number of virgins in Jesus' parable. (Matt. 25:1)

The answer is the number of people that were added to God's Kingdom in one day. (See Acts 2:41)

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Mary Slessor

(Mary's First Mission)

Mary's twelfth birthday came, then her thirteenth, and fourteenth. Now she was old enough to work all day long. She was given a large machine and received good wages. All her money was either given to her mother or spent for family needs. There was no more school time. From six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening she worked. She learned to prop a book on the loom and study as she worked. Saturday afternoons she helped clean the house, bathe the smaller children and prepared for Sunday school, which they always attended. Mary felt God's Kingdom in her heart and she was anxious that others experience the same wonderful feeling.

"Have you studied your Sunday school lesson?" Mother would ask.

"Yes, I have," Mary always answered. "I've known the answer to every question the teacher has asked for the past six months."

Mother's weary face brightened. "You bring me lots of happiness," she said.

"I wish I could have a class for the poor children in the neighborhood around the factory," Mary exclaimed. "Every day when I go to work I see a lot of children that never go to Sunday school. I don't suppose I can be a missionary, but I could teach those close to home."

"Are you still thinking of being a missionary? I really wish you could, but

I couldn't possibly earn enough money to pay all your expenses. Besides, John needs to study for he is a boy."

"I understand Mother. Don't worry about it. I'll be a missionary at home."

Mary watched for opportunities to speak with the dirty, unmanaged children who played in the streets around the factory. She invited them to attend Sunday school but they laughed and said, "Sunday school is for the children of rich folks. We aren't welcome in our rags."

Mary tried to convince them that Sunday school was for everyone, and that they would be welcome, but it did no good. They just would not come to Sunday school, so Mary prayed that God would make a way that these children could learn about His wonderful Kingdom.

Some months after Mary began praying, a man opened a mission nearby. Mary went to see him. "I would like to help you in this work," she said.

"I will be glad for your help," he answered. "What would you like to do?"

"I think if I could have a room in which to teach, many of the children in this neighborhood could learn about our King Jesus."

"These children are very rough and wild, do you think you could handle them?"

"Yes, with God's help I can. I know it won't be easy, but let me try."

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Dream About God's Kingdom

Daniel 2:27, 28 "Daniel ... said ... There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days [near the end of the world]."

31 "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible."

32 "This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,"

33 "His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay."

34 "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet . . ."

35 "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff . . . and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

36 "This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king."

37 "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: . . ."

38 "... Thou art this head of gold."

39 "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth."

40 "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces, and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise."

42 "And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken."

43 "And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

44 "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

45 "Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

47 "The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, . . . and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret."

Questions:

1. Who can reveal secrets?
2. Of what did the king dream?
3. Can you describe the image?
4. The head of gold represented what?
5. The breast and arms were made of what?
6. What did the iron and clay represent?
7. What did the stone and mountain represent?
8. What did the stone do?
9. What happened to the image after it was hit?

MEMORY VERSE

In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; . . .

Daniel 2:44.



Let's Talk

Last Sunday we learned that the Babylonian Empire of which Nebuchadnezzar was king, had thousands of gods which they worshiped. However, the magicians and priests of these religions could not help the king recall his important dream. The true God revealed the secret to Daniel.

In our lesson today Daniel is standing before the king, telling him the dream and its meaning. Daniel said, "You saw in your dream a great terrible image, whose head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. You also saw a stone cut out of a mountain without hands. This stone hit the image upon his feet, and broke them to pieces. The stone then grew until it became a great mountain which filled the whole earth."

The king smiled, "Yes, that was it."

Daniel explained to the king, "This great image represents the four great universal kingdoms that will reign over the world until the time that God shall establish His kingdom. After you die another kingdom shall rule the earth, but not with the strength that yours has. After this kingdom falls another shall rule over all the earth, this is the third, the part of the image which is brass. The fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron but it shall be divided in itself. During the time of this kingdom God shall raise up His kingdom which shall fill the whole earth. God's kingdom is represented by the stone which was cut out without hands."

Something within the king made him know that Daniel's interpretation was true.

After Daniel explained the dream, the king promoted him and his three Hebrew friends to positions of honor in his kingdom.

After Nebuchadnezzar died, his son Belshazzar became king. While Belshazzar was king God's hand wrote a message across the wall of his banquet room. Daniel also interpreted it to say that because of sin Belshazzar would soon lose his kingdom. That very night the Median king, Darius, conquered the empire and became ruler. This happened in 538 B.C. His empire grew and became known as the Medo-Persian. It was the second great kingdom.

The next empire was the Grecian, which conquered the Medes and Persians in 286 B.C. This empire lasted less than 150 years. After it came the great Roman empire which lasted until A.D. 476, about 500 years.

According to the dream, during the Roman Empire, the **Kingdom of God** would appear. It happened just as Daniel said. While Augustus Caesar was an absolute sovereign ruling over three hundred million people, Jesus Christ appeared here among men and established the **Kingdom of God**. Little did the Roman emperor Caesar think as he sat proudly on his throne, that a little babe, laying in a manger in the town of Bethlehem of Judea, would establish a Kingdom, before which the powers of the Caesars would dwindle into insignificance. But it was so. "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the **Kingdom of God**, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **Kingdom of God** is at hand:" Mark 1:14, 15.

From that time until this day the **Kingdom of God** has grown. Through the centuries of time, people have learned about this Kingdom and have taken Jesus as their King and become a part

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(Answers: 1. God. 2. He dreamed of a terrible image. 3. The image was like a man with a gold head, silver breast and arms, a brass belly and thighs and legs of iron with feet of iron and clay. 4. King Nebuchadnezzar. 5. Silver. 6. The kingdom shall be divided; but shall have in it the strength of iron. 7. The kingdom of God. 8. The stone broke the image to pieces and became a mountain that filled the whole earth. 9. It was broken into small pieces and the wind carried it away.)

Mary went into the streets inviting children to the mission. "Don't worry about us!" the "gang" retorted. "We can get along just fine without knowing about your Jesus." Sometimes these "gangs" gathered around the mission and made loud disturbing noises. At other times they threw rocks and mud at the mission building during worship services. Sometimes they even came to Mary's classes where they laughed and joked about what she said. Mary never acted discouraged, neither did she act afraid when the boys threatened to hurt the workers. For she knew planting was hard work, and she was planting seeds of God's Kingdom. She always greeted them on the street with a friendly smile and pleasant words. Finally they began to like Mary and went with her to the mission and took their place in her class to learn.

Mary's classes began with prayer. The children had not been taught to be quiet during prayer, but Mary was patient. They had never been to school and very few could read. Mary helped them in every way she knew, to understand how they could be brave soldiers in Jesus' Kingdom. She also wanted to understand them better so she said, "I would like to visit in your homes." How surprised the children were! They thought that nice people felt too good to enter their filthy dwellings. Not Mary, she knew what it was like to live poorly. She went into their homes and comforted the sad. She took the dirty babies on her lap, and hugged the older children. Whole families lived in one room with only the dirt for a floor. After visiting the homes she had more love for the children. They soon learned to love and trust her also, and before long they sat very quietly when she spoke. Soon they invited their friends and the classroom became too small. The man in charge gave her a bigger room and soon that also was too small. The classes were then held outdoors when the weather permitted.

While Mary was busy year after year teaching, John was growing taller and

taller, and talking more and more about being a missionary. This made Mother, and Mary especially happy for she had almost given up her childhood dream of being a foreign missionary. John wasn't very strong, but Mother believed that a change of climate would make him better, so she sent him to New Zealand.

Letters came to Mother from her only living son. She was always happy to get his letters. One day a letter came from New Zealand. "A letter from John," Mother said smiling. Then looking at the writing she said, "This doesn't look like his hand writing."

It wasn't John's writing. It was from a friend telling about John's illness and death. Once again Mother's hopes of a missionary son were crushed and her disappointment very bitter.

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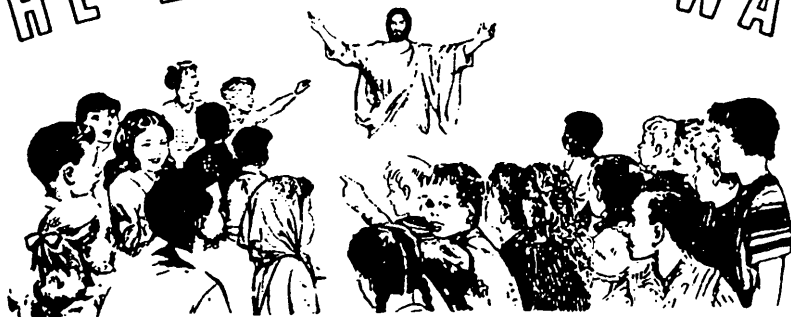
How many words can you find in:
KINGDOM OF GOD?

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of this great everlasting Kingdom. Kings, empires, and governments have come to power, been conquered and almost forgotten, but not one of them has been as important as the Kingdom which Jesus established. Never has any one person affected so many lives. Never has the Kingdom of God been forgotten, nor lost any of its power. It has filled the whole earth just as Daniel interpreted the dream to say. One group of people live and die, but the next generation comes behind them and they too love the Kingdom of God and add to its growth. You, too, may be a part of this great everlasting Kingdom!

—Sis. Charlotte

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Mary Slessor

(A Dream Come True)

The factory whistle blew at five o'clock. Mary rolled over, her arms along with her head and back ached. "I can't go to work today. I've got to have one day to get things straight." She looked across the room where her mother lay on a cot. Her thin wrinkled face showed all the years of hard work and disappointment that it had weathered. Her gray hair looked almost white since the death of her younger son, John. She had not been able to understand why God had taken both her boys which she had hoped would be missionaries.

Mary watched her sisters on the other side of the room getting dressed and ready for the day. They were going to school and working a little, but the small wages they earned were only enough for their own books and clothing. How could the family continue to exist if she didn't work?

"Mary!" called her sisters. "Aren't you going to work today?"

"No, not today. I don't feel well." Mary glanced again at her mother. "I hope my not going to work doesn't frighten her," she thought. She closed her eyes in relief for Mother hadn't awakened.

After the girls left, Mary quietly slipped out of bed and onto her knees. "Oh, Lord," she said in a soft, fervent whisper, "I must know if you want me to go as a missionary. What will Mother

do without me? She's too old to work. Please let me know what to do." She continued in prayer for a long time.

When she finished praying, Mother was awake. "I'm surprised that you didn't go to work. Are you sick?" Mother asked.

"No, I'm just feeling bad because I need to talk with you."

"Well, what's on your mind that is so important?"

"Something has been on my mind for several years now, ever since John died."

"I think I know what it is, but go on and tell me."

"When Robert and I were small we planned to be missionaries together, but then Robert died. Then I grew up and went to work. John wanted to be a missionary and I planned to pay for his education and help him, but now he's gone, too.

After he died, I wondered every day about this. One day God seemed to say to me, 'There are no more boys for your mother to offer to God. You are the one that I have chosen to carry the story of God's Kingdom to the children of Africa.' This thought came to me over and over again, day after day. I said, 'Yes, Lord, I will prepare in every way I can, but I am the breadwinner in our family and you will have to solve this problem.' Mother, I have studied with a book open over my loom for a long time now. I have taught Sunday school and

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Everlasting Kingdom

Daniel 2:44 "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: . . . it shall stand for ever."

7:18 "But the saints of the most High [God] shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

27 "And the kingdom . . . shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High [God], whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, . . ."

Luke 1:30 "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."

31 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

32 "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:"

33 "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

John 6:15 "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone."

Luke 17:20 "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:" [It is not something one can see.]

21 "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

John 18:33 "Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?"

36 "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, . . ."

37 "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth [that He was the king of a kingdom]. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice [believes my words]."

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Hebrews 12:2 ". . . Jesus . . . for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 9:24 "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:"

Questions:

1. How long shall the Kingdom of God last?
2. To whom shall the Kingdom be given?
3. Who is to be King over the Kingdom that shall never end?
4. Did Jesus want the people to make Him King?
5. What is the Kingdom of God?
6. What was Jesus' answer to Pilate?
7. How much power does Jesus have?
8. Where is Christ sitting today?
9. Where is the Kingdom of God?

MEMORY VERSE

And the kingdom . . . shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, . . . Daniel 7:27.

Let's Talk



Let's talk about when and how the Kingdom of God was established.

Many years ago people were accustomed to worshipping things they could see, like idols, images, heavenly bodies, animals, etc. But "God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." God began teaching people about Himself by using Abraham to help them understand that He was an all-powerful Spirit that could not be seen but existed everywhere at the same time.

Throughout the centuries between Abraham and Nebuchadnezzar many people spoke about God's Son, the new King, and His Kingdom.

Years came and went until the time was nearing that God wanted to establish this Kingdom. He then gave King Nebuchadnezzar a dream about its greatness and the time of its establishment. In the dream he saw a great image which was destroyed by a stone cut out of a mountain without hands. This stone grew into a mountain that filled the whole earth. God knew it would be hard for people to accept His Kingdom, for it would be very different from the usual earthly kingdoms which consist of kings or monarchies reigning over millions of people and large areas of land.

Jesus did come during the reign of the fourth king, Augustus Caesar, just as the dream showed. Even though Jesus was born at the right time the people believed He was too humble to be the King of God's Kingdom. They were looking for a king to reign over an earthly kingdom just as all the other kingdoms which they had known. Jesus however, tells us in simple words that His Kingdom is not of this world. He also says it is nothing to do with eating and drinking. In other words, it is not of this earth, it is of heaven and will last for ever. Kingdoms of this earth will rise and fall but Jesus' Kingdom

will endure throughout the ages of time. Neither can this Kingdom be seen with natural eyes. Neither can one say, "Here it is! Or there it is!" No, for it grew from a stone into a "mountain that filled the whole earth."

Jesus, the king of God's Kingdom, has power over every thing on this earth and also has power in heaven. Remember when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane and the soldiers came to take Him. Peter arose to His defense. He said to Peter, "Put up the sword. I could call for twelve legions [between 40,000 and 80,000] angels to come and defend me, if I wanted to be protected from these men." Matthew 26:52, 53.

Jesus died and arose again on the third day. The next forty days were spent visiting and speaking to his followers about the Kingdom of God. His last day on earth, one of the disciples asked if He would restore the kingdom of Israel. He answered, "it is not for you to know the times, but ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Then He arose from the earth and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

Ten days later the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples and they received great power, even over language barriers. Then they understood that the Kingdom of God was a universal, spiritual kingdom, of which they were a part, with power within to overcome every problem that would ever come to them. You may read about this in Acts 1:4-14; 2:1-7.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. It shall last forever. 2. To the saints of the most High. 3. Jesus, 4. No. 5. It is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. 6. "My kingdom is not of this world," and that He was born a King to bear witness unto the truth. 7. He has all power in heaven and earth. 8. On the right hand of the throne of God. 9. The Kingdom of God is within all God's children.)

spoken in public services whenever I had the opportunity, that I might learn to put thought into simple clear words. And now that David Livingstone has died, the church is calling for missionaries to take his place. Please, Mother, help me to know what I should do."

"My dearest Mary," Mother said, coming across the room and sitting on the bed beside her. "You have been to me as a son, you have worked now fourteen years at the factory, 12 hours each day. I could not hold you here. God has surely called you into His service. You will make a fine missionary. You have proved that by your work with the street children. But, oh, how I will miss you," she said and wiped tears from her cheeks with rough hands crooked with arthritis.

"Oh, Mother, I'm so glad you are willing for me to go. I have been saving money for a long time now. It should be enough to cover your needs until I will be able to send some more. I know God will supply for us."

"Yes, I know He will, He has always cared for us. We may never see each other again," she said between sobs, "but God will bless you so far away and bless us here."

"Don't cry, Mother," Mary said, putting her arms around her.

"Please don't mind my tears. I'm glad you want to go tell others about the Kingdom of God. It's—it's—it's just that I'll miss you."

"I'll miss you, too, plus the girls and all the street children and this my home and everything that has been a part of me since a little girl. But to let other children know about the wonderful love of our Saviour and King, Jesus, I will gladly suffer the loneliness of being away from home." She smoothed her mother's hair back and kissed her forehead again and again.

The talk made her feel better. Now she knew what she had to do. She walked to the factory and told the boss her plans. He wasn't very surprised. He could tell that Mary had a special gift from God. Then she walked to the church

and asked information about who she should contact about the trip.

In a short time Mary was on her way to a distant city for some necessary training. She studied hard for three months.

After special training, Mary went on a ship and started for Africa. As she looked around on the ship, she saw many, many barrels of whiskey which were being shipped to the people in Africa. "Oh," thought Mary, "many, many barrels of whiskey, but only one missionary!"

Mary's father had been a drunkard, so she knew what this would mean to the people. Oh, how she wanted more than ever before to tell them that they can escape a drunkard's life and have the peaceful Kingdom of God living in their hearts. Thoughts flooded through Mary's mind as the ship plowed through the water bringing her closer and closer to the country of which she had dreamed so long.

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The Beginning of God's Kingdom on Earth

(Choose the right one.)

1. Jesus ascended into heaven (forty, fifty, three) days after He arose from the dead.
2. The apostles were to wait in (Bethlehem, Capernaum, Jerusalem) for power from God.
3. The apostles received the power on the day of the feast of (Tabernacles, Pentecost, Passover).
4. The apostles received the power from God (fifty, ten, two) days after the Saviour had ascended into heaven.
5. (Peter, Paul, Thomas) preached the first gospel sermon.
6. (20,000; 3,000; 2,000) people became Christians on the day of Pentecost.
7. Stephen was (shot, stoned, crucified) for speaking in the name of Jesus.
8. The Christians went everywhere preaching about (John the Baptist, John the apostle, Jesus).

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Mary Slessor

(Africa, At Last!)

Mary's whole body tingled with delight as she neared the coast of Africa. "I'm here at last," she said to herself.

She got off the ship and onto a small, er boat that carried her up the river to Calabar. Huge, lush green trees stood on each side of the river. Their branches were filled with bright-colored tropical birds and other wild animals. It seemed like a fairy land to Mary who had spent most of her daylight hours inside the clothing factory.

At Calabar, Mary stayed with other missionaries and studied Efik, the principal language used in that part of the continent. She surprised her teachers by learning it so soon. The natives said, "You are blessed with an Efik mouth." Mary knew that "divers kinds of tongues," was a gift of the Holy Spirit to those who are in the Kingdom of God. (I Cor. 12:10.)

"Come tomorrow and I will teach you to read," she told the children. Very few children came to the school. Mary was disappointed. Later she learned that many of the chiefs did not believe that children needed to be educated. Mary realized that she must talk with the parents, so she visited the childrens' homes, just as she had done in her home town. The people responded to her love the same as the parents of the street children had done. Soon they were sending many children to her for training.

Mary lived with the missionaries at Calabar for several years until she learned more about the African people. Finally the day came that she could move to another village and be a "real missionary." She loaded her things into several canoes and with native help, paddled up the river to Duke Town. At Duke Town Mary lived with other missionaries. She began teaching the children to read. Mary soon learned that the natives believed that when a woman had twins that she was an evil woman and one twin's father was an evil spirit. Not knowing which twin might be half evil spirit, they killed or threw away both babies, and the mother was excluded from the family or sold as a slave.

One night she was awakened by the sound of a crying baby! She had a good idea of what the crying was about. Lulla may have had twins, and the witch doctor had thrown one of them into the jungle to die. Quickly she jumped out of bed. She slept fully dressed, and since the natives wore no shoes, neither did she, so no time was wasted in getting ready. She dashed into the jungle in the direction of the sound. Step by step she neared the crying baby. Then she heard a muffled cry and saw a dark figure go dashing through the darkness. Fearlessly she dashed after the animal, howling at the top of her voice in hopes of frightening it away. She heard the

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WORDS OF GOLD



Becoming a Part of God's Kingdom

Luke 18:15 "And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them; but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them."

16 "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the **kingdom of God**."

17 "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

Acts 2:21 "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 12:22 "And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on."

31 "But rather seek ye the **kingdom of God**; and all these things shall be added unto you."

John 3:1, 2 "... a man ... named Nicodemus, ... came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi [Master], we know that thou art a teacher come from God: ..."

3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the **kingdom of God**."

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the **kingdom of God**."

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Colossians 1:12 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

14 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"

21 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled."

22 "... to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his [God's] sight:"

23 "If ye continue in the faith ..."

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus say, "suffer little children to come unto me"?
2. In what way is the **Kingdom of God** to be received?
3. Who can enter the **Kingdom of God**?
4. What should one seek more than anything else?
5. How does one become a part of the **Kingdom of God**?
6. Why did God send His Son into the world?
7. From what is one delivered when he becomes a part of the **Kingdom of God**?
8. From what is one redeemed?
9. How are the faithful to be presented to God?

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

John 3:5.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about a few things in the world that cannot be seen. Can you see the rays from the sun? Can you feel the rays from the sun? Yes, you can feel them warm on your body on cool frosty mornings. The next time you are cold, stand in front of a window on which the sun is shining. Did you feel the warmth from the sun? Can you see the warm rays from the sun?

Go outside and look at an uninsulated electric power line. Can you see the power traveling through the lines? Look into an electric socket on the wall of your room. Can you see any power there? Now plug in an electric motor; a fan, a hair dryer, any toy with an electric motor; your mother's vacuum cleaner or whatever is handy. Now turn on the motor. Did power come through the plug and make the motor run? Can you see the power that is going into the motor?

Now look outside at a tree or anything else which is blowing in the wind. If it is a windy day you will be able to see a lot of movement. Can you see the wind that is making the object move? You may see dust particles in the wind, but if there is no dust, will you see any wind?

Magnetism is another power that can not be seen. Probably each of you have watched a magnet pick up nails or other bits of steel or iron. Can the magnetic power be seen?

The **Kingdom of God** is invisible just as the things above are invisible. It is however, very powerful, even more powerful than any of the things mentioned. This **Kingdom of God** can be felt and what it does can be seen; however, it is spiritual and it itself, cannot be seen with the eyes.

Any reasonable person will admit that there are many forces in the earth that cannot be seen. Just as one believes that invisible forces of good and

evil exist. Just as real as the sun rays warm the earth, and the wind has great power to destroy, so do the powers of good and evil effect the way people act. Those who yield themselves to the forces of good will act good and those who yield themselves to the forces of evil will be evil.

Many men hope to not be affected by either of these forces. They hope that within themselves they can control themselves just as they please. Apostle Paul tried this too, but he got very discouraged about it and here is what he had to say about it: "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. For the good that I would [do] I do not: but the evil which I would not [do], that I do. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . . There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Romans 7:15, 19, 21, 24, 25, and 8:1.

You will have experiences just like Apostle Paul had before he entered the **Kingdom of God**. However, you can make a wise choice just as he did and enter the **Kingdom of God** and then you can say as he did, there is now no condemnation in me for I am in Christ Jesus, I walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The unseen power of God helps me to do only good.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because the children were already a part of His Kingdom. 2. In faith just as a little child receives it. 3. Every person has a chance to enter the Kingdom of God. 4. The Kingdom of God. 5. By being born again of the Spirit of God. 6. To save the world. 7. He is delivered from the kingdom of darkness. 8. Sins. 9. Holy, unblameable and unrepensible.)

cry again, and there she saw by the moonlight, not more than five feet away, a newborn baby. She snatched it close to her breast, then making as much noise as possible to keep the wild animals away she hurried back to her hut.

"You poor little darling," she said, as she warmed some milk. "I wonder why your people think that one of each set of twins has an evil spirit. You just stay with me little Jane and we will prove to them that there is no evil spirit in you. By the way, how do you like your name?" The baby cooed and was soon asleep.

Mary wondered what had happened to the other twin and the mother.

The natives watched in horror as Mary cared for the "evil spirit" as they thought Jane to be. Not one of them would come near to Jane. They believed that someday something horrid would happen to Mary. But nothing happened. Whenever she heard of twins being thrown away she hurried out to find it. Many of them died before she could find them or soon after, but others lived and soon her hut swarmed with little tots whom nobody else loved.

While Mary was busy caring for the "evil twins", teaching school, and caring for the sick, she spoke to the grown-ups about the new Kingdom which Jesus came to establish. She told them that Jesus was the King of God's Kingdom and that He loved every person in the world so much that He died so each one could become a part of this great Kingdom and live forever in an eternal home.

The years passed swiftly until it was time for Mary to return home again for furlough. She started looking for homes in which to leave the twins. She asked here and there until she found places for all but four of them. When she could not find a place for them, she decided to take them with her. These were Janie, who was now sixteen years old, Mary who was five, Alice who was three, and Maggie who was only eighteen months old. The people in Scotland were very surprised to see her with the little black children. But they soon loved them as

much as she, and hated to see them go away when it was time for them to return to Africa.

This was Mary's third trip back to Scotland, seventeen years since she left the first time.

Arriving home she found her mother very sick. She nursed her sick mother in between touring and speaking to people about how God was adding souls to His Kingdom in Africa. She had spoken about His Kingdom in many, many villages. Almost every village where she visited, the people wanted to quit their evil witchcraft and live like Mary.

The children of Scotland also wanted to help Mary so they gave of their money and a steamboat was bought. The natives in Africa called it the "smoking canoe."

When it was time for Mary to return to Africa, she hired a friend to live with and take care of her mother in the lovely new house in the country, which Mary bought with money she had saved from her missionary offerings. Here her mother lived until she died, shortly after Mary arrived the fourth time in Africa.

Now Mary's money was spent, not for fine food, clothing or her own comforts, but for traveling and establishing schools and churches in new places.

Her greatest desire was to take the news of God's Kingdom to the cannibals. She wrote a letter to the mission board saying, "Please send someone to help at this station. I want to go into the cannibal country."

The board wrote back, "We have no one to send nor money to help you."

Mary wrote back, "If you will send someone to take over this station I will pay my own expenses to go into this new area."

Soon a letter came back saying, "We cannot help you. Besides it is not wise for you to go among those wild people who may at any moment make a meal out of you."

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Mary Slessor

(White Queen of the Cannibals)

Mary felt disappointed that the board would not approve of her living among the cannibals. She knew of 30 villages, which thrived on slave trade, that must become Christians. But she submitted to their wisdom just as she had done when she had wanted to marry Charles, another missionary who worked in Duke Town. They had written back at that time, "No, Mary, it is not wise, you are forty-three and he is only twenty-five." Charles had become bitter and left the mission work. She saw then that he would not have been good for her. She trusted their wisdom.

She laboured on at her station, always finding new villages in that area in which to plant the seed of the Kingdom of God. One day a new idea came to her. "Come, sons," she said, "you will go for me to teach the cannibals. Are you afraid?"

"No," they said, "we will gladly go."

Two years later Mary was due another trip home. She chose rather to spend this time in the new area. First she visited the boys. In one village three hundred people came regularly to hear the Word of God, or "Book" as they called it. Mary spent six months traveling among the cannibals. Almost every time she went, the natives were glad to hear God's message. Only one chief said, "No, we want our own Juju wor-

ship." The other natives said, "We no like Juju, it cause us much trouble. It cost us our families, our wives, our own lives. For Juju like human blood."

Mary knew about Juju. Recently when a chief died, fifty or more "long pigs" people were eaten at the funeral ceremonies and twenty-five had their heads cut off and were buried with the chief. (It was the custom among natives who were not cannibals, to have many people killed and buried with the chief to go with him on his dark journey.) The people were very much afraid of the Juju witch doctor and did what he said regardless of the deaths or suffering it brought to themselves or others.

Mary received no money from the church during this time. She did, however, receive money from the British government which ruled Africa. Many years ago they saw she was good at settling the arguments between the chiefs and had made her Vice-Consul. Mary had saved many lives by settling arguments which would have led to mass murder or wars. More than one time Mary had stood in the jungle trails blocking the soldiers while she plead with them and their chief to return to their homes in peace. Most of these times they obeyed her. Mary's word was law. In this way, little by little, ungodly heathen custom was abandoned.

After Mary's vacation time was up, the board heard about the success of

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WORDS OF GOLD



Living in God's Kingdom

Matthew 6:6 "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret;"

9 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

13 "... for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

II Corinthians 6:16 "... for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Matthew 3:10 "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, . . . he [Jesus] shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

Hebrews 8:10 "... after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

11 "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

12 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

20 "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."

22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

8:8 "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify [overcome] the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

12:1 "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."

2 "And be 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."

Questions:

1. How did Jesus say we should pray about the Kingdom?
2. Whose is the Kingdom?
3. Who are we the temple of?
4. Where does God want to place His Kingdom?
5. Where is God's law to be written?
6. Does sin or Christ have dominion over the Christian?
7. What must one do to live?
8. How are we to present our bodies to God?
9. Does the Christian conform to the world?

MEMORY VERSE

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10.



Let's Talk

Jesus spent a lot of time teaching His disciples about the **Kingdom of God**. It was very hard to get them to understand about this spiritual kingdom.

All through the ages of time people prophesied about God's Kingdom being a spiritual one, but most of the leaders did not have enough spiritual wisdom to understand these prophecies. Because of this they taught the people to believe that Jesus would come to deliver their nation from the bondage they were in, and make them a free nation again.

It would be wise if each of us asks God to give us more spiritual wisdom. Without this we will begin to think about things in relationship to the things in the world. There are very many people today who believe that Jesus is not blessing a person who is poor, but Jesus said we are blessed if we are poor in spirit. Beware, children, think not as those who surround you. You are of another Kingdom and therefore are different even in your way of thinking.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray in this manner: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed [holy and sacred] be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Jesus knew His disciples still had an earthly, carnal mind; so he taught them to pray that the Kingdom of God would come into their lives. They were followers of Jesus but not filled with His Spirit. They still had selfish thoughts. When Jesus said pray "Thy will be done in earth", He was saying, "pray that God's will be done in your body just as faithfully as it is done in heaven. (For your body is just a bit of earth.)"

God has promised each one of us the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts which will make it possible for each to do His will. He said just before going back to heaven, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon

you: and ye shall be witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth."

When the Holy Spirit comes into a heart it cleans the root of sin out of that heart. With the root of sin out of the heart one can live in this earthly body and control it so carefully that the body will not sin.

Keeping the body free from sin is the only way that one can stay in God's Kingdom. For He says, "if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live", and "be not conformed to [in agreement with] this world: but be ye transformed [changed] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is . . . the will of God."

With the Holy Spirit within the heart, one can truly understand this spiritual Kingdom of God. —Sis. Charlotte

Find Bible Missionaries

1. What Bible missionary was shipwrecked on the island of Malta? In those days it was called Melita. See Acts 27:43-44 and Acts 28:1.
2. What Bible missionary converted and baptized the first negro Christian? (Acts 8:26-39)
3. What Bible missionary was called "The Beloved Physician"? (Col. 4:14)
4. What two Bible missionaries opened the doors of their prison by singing hymns at midnight? (Acts 16:25-26)
5. St. Paul trained a young missionary and called him "my son in the faith". What was his name? (Timothy 1:1, 2)
6. What Bible missionary did the early Christian Church send to Antioch to work with Paul? (Acts 11:22-26)
7. This man had a nephew who wrote one of the four Gospels. What is his name? (Acts 15:37)

(Answers: 1. He said to pray that the Kingdom would come. 2. "Thine is the Kingdom." It is God's. 3. We are the temple of God. 4. In our bodies, which are His temples. 5. In the heart of the Christian. 6. Christ. 7. One must mortify (overcome) the deeds of the body to live. 8. A living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. 9. (ION))

her work with the cannibals and agreed to her living among them.

Besides adding many people to the Kingdom of God, Mary built and maintained schools in almost every village which had a church. Some of these buildings were built by her labour and the labour of her adopted twins. However, as she grew older the natives did the building. Sometimes, before she came to their villages, they had a building already waiting for her. As soon as a congregation was established, she wrote back home for someone to come and pastor it. Then she went into the jungles again to find new interest. Each time a move caused her to cross government boundary lines she was made Vice-Consul of the new region. Among the cannibals she was given the same position and a bicycle, which she learned to ride when she was fifty-six years old. As soon as the government opened up a new road, Mary rode the new bicycle to the new village and started a church and school. Soon there were no more teachers for the schools, so she took Etim, another twin who was twelve years old. She left him as teacher in the newest school. He soon had a class of fifty.

Before long there were many roads. Whenever Mary felt strong enough, she rode her bicycle through the jungle to Ikot Expene, choosing places for schools and churches along the way, talking to chiefs, and getting the things ready for more places where the gospel could be preached.

For twenty-five years Mary had hiked through the jungles spreading the good news of God's Kingdom. For the last five years she rode the bicycle. But her legs were even getting too tired for that.

"You must stop working and rest," her friends told her.

"No," she said, "I will have a cart made and the children will pull me." And so she did. Sometimes she was too tired to be pulled over the rough road in the cart, then the men from the villages carried her in a box.

She would not give up until her goals were completed. One by one they were completed. Villages had churches and schools, a trade school for the men, named Hope Weddell Training Institute; a home for mistreated women, such as mothers of twins, those who escaped death when accused by the witch doctor, and women slaves such as the one who was branded all over her face and body by her husband. This home was by a river where the women could raise food and ship to market food and other products they made.

Her last completed goal was the building of a rest home for weary missionaries. It was in the high mountains away from jungle heat and fever, which caused so much suffering.

Mary received much honor and praise but she usually said, "A woman can't do much, but the woman's God can do anything." When the people of Scotland had a hospital built at Itu and named it Mary Slessor Hospital, she said, "I don't know what to say about it."

When the king of Great Britain chose her as a member of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, the people of Calabar had a public celebration. Sixty-five-year-old Mary sat before the great crowd with her head in her hands while the governor made his long speech of praise to her. Her speech was, "Be faithful to the government. Be Christians. Be friends of the mission and be followers of Jesus."

In a letter to her friend in Scotland she wrote:

"Don't think there is any change in me because I have received this honor. I am Mary Slessor, nothing more and none other than the unworthy, unprofitable but most willing servant of the King of kings."

On Sunday, January 10, she held her usual church service. After the meeting she fainted, but regained consciousness. Janie, one of her first adopted twins, nursed her the following two days. Her last words were, "O God, release me!" —Charlotte Huskey

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Grace's Birthday

(The Day Before Thanksgiving)

Grace Sandit walked slowly down Oak Street toward home. She looked down at her shoes. "My shoes are old and ugly!" she said. "I wish I had some new ones."

The sky above Grace's head was a most wonderful shade of blue. The maple and oak trees that grew on either side of Oak Street hung full of golden, orange, and red leaves. The sun shone upon them and a cool, gentle, autumn breeze stirred the gorgeously colored leaves causing them to sparkle like jewels of gold. With her head down Grace hadn't noticed the beauty that surrounded her. All she could see was the gravel upon which she walked and her old shoes. She did, however, hear the piteous song of a bird. "Even the birds are sad," she lamented.

"I'll be glad to see Mother, it always makes me feel better to tell her my troubles. How horrible to hear the other students telling about the fun they were to have during vacation, and know that I shall have none. I haven't had any fun since Dad left." Tears welled in her eyes and spilled down her cheeks. She quickly wiped them away. She clenched her fists. "I don't want to cry! I'm too big to do that! But I do feel sorry for myself, why shouldn't I? Anyone would if they had the troubles I have. Four years I've been without a dad! I'll never be happy again . . ." She raised her

eyes to the sky as if asking God, "Why? Why?"

The beautiful fall scenery around her was nothing but a blur, she really never saw it. Instead, in her mind, she saw herself seven years old again, sitting in her little rocking chair, beside her father's bed. Mother sat close by hour after hour, reading the Bible aloud and singing hymns to him.

Her baby brother, Robert, spent the hours in the baby bed or on Mother's lap. Sometimes Grace tried to join into the singing because it brought happiness to her dad, but usually when she did, she would burst into tears.

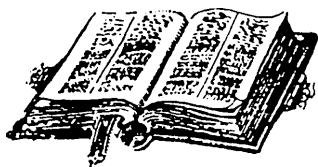
Then the day came when Dad called each of them close to him and said, "I think I shall soon be going to be with Jesus. I will say good-bye but it will only be for a short time. I will be waiting and looking for each of you to meet me in Heaven." Then he closed his eyes and asked God in prayer to supply for his family as he would not be there to bring home money for the things they would need. "Please, God," he said, "be with my family every day."

"God has supplied all our needs," Grace had to admit. "But I never have nice things like other girls who have fathers. Besides, I have always said I could never be content without my dad, and I can't be, even if we were rich."

"Hi, Gracie," Robert called, peeking through the bushes that grew around the yard of their little cottage.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Reigning in My Life

Luke 13:18 "Then said he [Jesus], Unto what is the **kingdom of God** like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?"

19 "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it."

20 "And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the **kingdom of God**?"

21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

I Corinthians 4:20 "For the **kingdom of God** is not in word, but in power."

Romans 14:17 "For the **kingdom of God** is . . . righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

9 "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

11 "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

17 ". . . much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

21 "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

I John 5:5 "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

6 "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth."

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he [Jesus] that is in you, than he that is in the world."

15 "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."

5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

5 "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

12 "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not: but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

Questions:

1. Unto what did Jesus resemble the **Kingdom of God**?
2. Explain why Jesus used these things to resemble the **Kingdom of God**.
3. Name some things that the **Kingdom of God** is.
4. What is reigning in one's heart before he is saved?
5. What is reigning after being saved?
6. What does one overcome when Jesus lives in him?
7. Who dwelleth in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God?
8. How are we to overcome the world?
9. Can the devil cause one to sin?

MEMORY VERSE

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; I John 3:9.



Let's Talk

Jesus came into the world to establish the Kingdom of God. Although He was a celestial, eternal being, which had been in existence since before the creation of the earth, He was willing to condescend and be incarnated into a human body. The Bible teaches that He was tempted in all the usual ways that people are tempted. Although we are each different yet we have human passions and emotions to deal with. Everyone is tempted through these avenues.

Even though Jesus was tempted in every way, He did not yield to any temptation. He overcame every thought which suggested He do something which was not pleasing to God, His heavenly Father. He now gives to each one who has been born of His Spirit the power to overcome. After a life is cleansed from sin and completely submitted to God's will, the Holy Spirit comes into it, cleansing even the root of sin. (I John 3:9) Then the seed of God is in one's heart.

In a seed is the life to grow another like itself. A bean seed produces beans. From a peach seed comes a peach tree which bears peaches. A potato grows potatoes, etc.

Jesus said the Kingdom of God was like a seed. Even the very smallest has the characteristic of the plant or tree from which it came. Found in the tiny acorn is the characteristics of a large oak tree. If God's seed is in a person, the person will have characteristics like God.

He also likened it to leaven, which is yeast. Yeast is a plant which grows rapidly until it has made the bread light and tasty. When yeast is put with flour to make dough, all of the dough is affected by the yeast. When we eat a slice of bread it does not have some very hard, dry, tasteless parts. No, the whole piece is the same because the yeast penetrated all the dough. Just as

the yeast penetrated all of the dough, so the Kingdom of God will fill each area of the Christian's life with righteousness and true holiness. Therefore every area will be pleasing to God. One cannot reserve one area for self to commit some loved sin, for if the Kingdom of God is within it will cleanse every part.

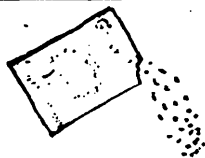
As the seed and leaven (yeast) grow when provided with the right growing condition, so the Kingdom of God grows within the Christian. When one is first saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, he has the seed of this Kingdom within. Give this seed good care and it will be forever alive in the Kingdom of God of which Jesus is the King.

—Sis. Charlotte

Learning Self-Control

Write the words which answer the questions on the lines. If you have the right answers, the first letters will spell something you should be careful not to lose.

- — — — — What the devil came to the wilderness to do to Jesus.
- — — — — The nationality of the man Moses killed.
- — — — — The name of the man God chose to lead His people from Egypt.
- — — — — The name of one of Jesus' disciples. He was a fisherman.
- — — — — The name of the second book of the Bible.
- — — — — The fifth word in Luke 9:53.



(Answers: 1. To a mustard seed and life within that causes them to grow, and reproduce. 3. It is love, joy, peace, and righteousness. 4. Sin. 5. Grace and righteousness by Jesus Christ. 6. SIN. 7. God. 8. By being born of God. 9. No, not if we keep ourselves in the love of God.)

"Hello," Grace said, and her mind jumped to the present. There was Mother, singing as she took their old clothes from the clothesline in the back yard.

"Hello, Grace," she called. "Isn't this a wonderful day?"

Grace just looked at her mother. "How could she be so happy all the time?" she thought. "Well, not very," she answered grumpily.

Mother glanced at Grace but said nothing.

"We baked cookies today, come see them," Robert said, running toward the house.

They went inside. There on the wooden kitchen table were the warm cookies and a bowl of sugared popcorn. The bare floors were scrubbed clean and everything in the room looked cheerful except Grace's face.

"I'm almost finished with your new dress," Mother said. "Want to come upstairs and see how it fits?"

Grace bounced upstairs. She was glad to be alone with her mother so she could spill out her troubles. "Why are you so sad?" Mother asked as she took the pin from her mouth and placed it in the hem of the dress. Then she pinned another and another, around and around the bottom of Grace's new dress. "Why don't you answer me?" Then she noticed that Grace was crying too hard to speak. "Grace," she said soothingly, "I wish you had the joy of Christ in your heart. It makes even hard things easy. I've worked all day cleaning Mrs. Owens' house and helping her get baking done for Thanksgiving. Before I left this morning, I did the laundry, and this evening baked the cookies. And I'm as happy as can be!"

"Thanksgiving, that's what makes me so unhappy. What will we do for Thanksgiving? We can't go anywhere, nor have any visitors. In fact we probably won't even have a decent meal. We've never had anything nice since Dad left!"

"Grace, you know that isn't true. Why, Mr. Owens let us live in their nice cottage, rent free, and gather sticks and

chips from his land for fuel, and Mrs. Owens pays me well to help her. We have a lot of things for which to be thankful."

"Letting us live here isn't much compared to all the years Dad worked for him."

"But he could have made us move. How could I earn enough money to keep us in the city?" By this time Mrs. Sandit was crying, too.

Grace hadn't noticed her mother's tears. "You may think my troubles are nothing, but it hurts to hear all the other girls tell about the great times they will have during the vacation. Maybe you don't miss Dad like I do."

"I'm sure I miss him even more than you, but I have Jesus in my heart and He comforts me when I am sad. I know Dad is in the Kingdom of God in Heaven enjoying wonderful bliss. I will someday meet him again. Besides, Grace, I wouldn't want him to stay on this earth and suffer like he was suffering. It is selfish, Grace, for you to wish him back to toil so hard that you might live like other girls. You just need to be thankful for the good things you have."

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NAME SEARCH

Jacob's name was changed to Israel after he wrestled with the angel. Can you find both his names and the names of his twelve sons in this grid? Ex. 1:1-7.

—Connie Sorrell

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Grace's Birthday

(God Supplies Thanksgiving Dinner)

Grace slipped off the new dress. Mother sat on the bed stitching up the hem. Grace stared out the window. Presently she turned toward Mother. "But, Mother," she said, "when the girls asked me what we were eating for Thanksgiving, I had to say, 'I don't know.'"

"You could have said, 'I'll have whatever God provides.'"

"Oh, Mother, I couldn't say that!"

"Well, you could have said, 'I don't know what Mother is cooking to eat, but we always have wonderful vacations!' Grace, if you were part of the Kingdom of God you could have a wonderful time every day. That's just the way God set things up for all those who have Jesus in their heart."

Grace said no more as she walked slowly to the door opening. "I think I'll go down now, if you are through with me?" she said, and disappeared behind the curtain that served as a door.

Mother listened to Grace's slow footsteps as she descended the stairs. Then she remembered the apples! "Oh, Grace," she called, "Mrs. Owens has some apples for us. Will you please take the basket and go for them?"

"Yes," Grace answered, as she was glad to get away and think about what Mother said. Grace grabbed the basket, slipped out the back door and started down the lane. Robert followed, chatter-

ing like a magpie. Grace heard nothing he said. Questions flooded her mind. "Should I trust God to provide? Will He provide? Will He provide a Thanksgiving dinner? How will He do it?" Then she remembered a Scripture which reads, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall put on." "Mother obeys the Scripture and she is happy. I do not. I am not happy! Perhaps no girl who is only . . .", and then Grace remembered she had promised God that she would serve him when she was eleven years old. "That is only two days from now! I know Jesus has not forgotten my promise. Oh, how I wish I were saved right now!" sighed Grace.

"What'd you say?" asked Robert.

"Oh, nothing," Grace answered as she knocked on Mrs. Owens' door.

Mrs. Owens filled the basket with apples and other goodies.

"Thank you, ever so much," Grace said. Robert agreed.

They walked back in silence. Grace was thinking of how she would love to have a beautiful home like the Owens'.

"Back already?" Mother asked. "Supper is ready." All three bowed their heads and thanked God for the food. While eating Robert talked about the good food Mrs. Owens was cooking, especially the huge turkey. He never showed any desire for having those things himself. Grace wondered why she couldn't feel satisfied. The self pity

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WORDS OF GOLD



Strive to Enter God's Kingdom

Luke 13:23 "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,"

24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

28 "There shall be weeping [crying] and gnashing [gritting] of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

I Thessalonians 2:10 "Ye are witnesses, . . . how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you . . ."

11, 12 ". . . we exhorted . . . every one of you, . . . That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

II Thess. 1:3 "We are bound to thank God always for you, . . . because that your faith groweth exceedingly, . . ."

5 "Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer."

Acts 14:21, 22 ". . . they returned again . . . confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62 "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:17 ". . . Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

24 ". . . How hardly shall they that

have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"

25 "For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

27 "And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Ephesians 5:5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Galatians 5:19 "Now the works of the flesh are . . . these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

20 "Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,"

21 "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: . . . they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Hebrews 12:1 ". . . Let us 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,"

15 "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; . . ."

Questions:

1. Will many people be saved?
2. What will those do who are not able to enter?
3. What are we to walk worthy of?
4. How does a person walk worthy of God?
5. In what way is one to enter the Kingdom of God?
6. A rich man entering the Kingdom of God is likened to what?
7. Make a list of sins that will not enter the Kingdom of God?
8. Are you doing any of these?
9. In what way will one be able to obtain the Kingdom of God?

MEMORY VERSE

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, . . . will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke 13:24.

Let's Talk

Last Sunday we talked about the **Kingdom of God** being a little seed that God places in the heart when one asks forgiveness for the wrong things they have done. Today we shall talk about keeping the seed growing in the heart until the day we shall enter into God's Kingdom in heaven.

When the soul comes before the gates of heaven, it must have the **Kingdom of God** already growing in the heart or God will say to the soul, "Depart from me, I don't know you."

Even though one may say, "Don't you remember, I ate and drank with you and you taught in the streets of my city."

Jesus will say, "I tell you, I don't know you, depart from me all workers of iniquity." Jesus did not accept them because they were doing sinful things.

The sinful soul will then cry and wail because he wants to enter into heaven. He rejected the opportunity on this earth to accept the **Kingdom of God**, or he may have accepted it and later became discouraged and let the seed of the **Kingdom of God** die in his heart.

Keeping the Kingdom of heaven alive in the heart is a big job! The Spirit within is willing to do what it should, but the body is weak and finds that doing what the Spirit wants is many times not easy. A good example of this is when the Spirit wants to visit the sick. The body must prepare something to take, walk to the place or get someone to take it, think of what to say and do other things that must be done to help the sick person. The body would rather enjoy itself in some selfish way. The struggle begins within the mind. If the **Kingdom of God** is to be kept living in the heart, the Spirit must win and the body must do what the Spirit wishes.

When the body submits to the Spirit and says, "Yes, Lord, you shall be com-

mander of my life," then the grace of God comes into the heart and the work is not so hard. His promise is, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light!" Praise God!

Keeping the weeds of sin pulled out of one's life is also another way of keeping God's kingdom in the heart. Every human has emotions; unsaved people have them, saved people have them. Each have good days, and bad days, happy and sad times, each are accepted by some people and rejected by others. There is a thought, however, in the minds of many people that living for God will rid the Christian of these problems. It does not. It only gives strength and wisdom to handle them. It gives wisdom to know whether an emotional desire is leading to sin, or to God. It gives strength to resist those leading to sin. In this way the weeds of sin are kept out of the heart.

Being forgiving keeps the soil of the heart in condition so the seed can grow. Reading God's Word and praying are like the water and sunshine. Keeping the weeds of sin out gives it plenty of room. The seed of the **Kingdom of God** should grow in the heart until one dies and enters into God's Kingdom in heaven.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. No, 2. They will cry and grieve their teeth. 3. God, 4. By behaving oneself holily, justly and unblameably, and having faith and patience in persecutions and tribulations. 5. Through much tribulation (Acts 14:22). 6. To a camel going through the eye of a needle. 7. Whoremongers, covetousness, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance (quarreling), emulations (rivalry), wrath, strife, seditions (exciting to rebellion), heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. 8. Answers will vary. 9. By laying aside every weight and sin, and running the race with patience.)

spirit in her heart was like a big weed in a flower garden that hides flowers. Mother guessed what was going on in Grace's mind. She said, "I feel sorry for people who find happiness only when they get things they want. At Thanksgiving or Christmas they are happy, but during times when things aren't going their way, they are unhappy. God wants to put His Spirit in people's hearts so they will be happy when things are going their way and when they are not. I am glad God has put His Kingdom in my heart that causes me to be content and happy regardless of what happens to me. He has been good to supply all our needs this year and has healed us each time of sickness. I would not part with Jesus for all the gold and silver in the world."

"All the gold in the world would be a lot of GOLD," Robert said. "I'd like to have that much gold."

"Supplied all our needs," thought Grace. "But I have wanted a new dress for so-o-o long. Beatrice Trune got a lot of new ones this year." "Beatrice's family has a new car and they are going on a vacation in it," she said, in hopes that Mother would understand her dissatisfaction. "I know God supplied all our needs, but I want some other things to make me happy."

"True happiness comes from within the heart not from things one gets. Just as Beatrice trusts her father to supply for her, so we can trust God to supply for us. Grace, God wants you to trust Him and stop worrying."

All was silent for a long time except for the rattle of the dishes as they were washed and put away, and the cracking of nuts being prepared for tomorrows cake. After things were cleaned up and they were settled for family prayer, the door burst open and there stood Uncle Charlie and Aunt Dorothy with their arms full of groceries. "Happy Thanksgiving," they shouted.

Grace knew God had again provided for them not only their needs but other things. She noticed the glow on Mother's face, but she only had a feeling of guilt

because she had not trusted. She had doubted all day.

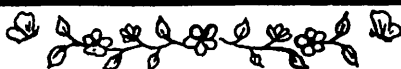
Uncle Charlie read the first chapter of First Corinthians and prayed with them, then they left.

"I want to be a preacher like Uncle Charlie when I grow up," Robert said. "He's a good man."

"I hope you will be like him, my son," Mother said, as she busied herself putting away the food. There was everything for a wonderful dinner.

Grace lay awake in her bed through the night feeling bad because of feeling sorry for herself. She had thought to confess it but just couldn't bring herself to admitting she was wrong.

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BE STRONG

Be strong!

We are not here to play--
to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do
and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle--
face it; 'its God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil.
Who's to blame?
And fold the hands and
acquiesce--O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and
bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep
intrenched the wrong.
How hard the battle goes,
the day how long;
Faint not--fight on!
Tomorrow comes the song.

Matthie D. Babcock.

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Grace's Birthday

(Grace's Thanksgiving)

Thanksgiving morning Grace opened her eyes to see the sun's beautiful rays streaming into her window. From the kitchen below came the voice of her mother singing,

"I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me."

A moment later she heard Robert's footsteps on the stairs. He burst into her room, "Get up!" he said, and smeared a kiss across her cheek. "We're having the best Thanksgiving dinner ever!" Then he descended the stairs as quickly as he had come.

Grace felt different about things this morning. She decided that she should show more appreciation for her mother. Somehow she felt like her grumbling made Mother's load heavier. "Good morning!" she said cheerfully as she entered the kitchen. Mother looked up in surprise, but something told her that Mother knew that she had cried herself to sleep. At any rate she entered into family worship with real interest. Silently she asked God to give her a spirit to obey His Word.

"After breakfast we shall go and visit Mrs. Reese," Mother said, as they were eating.

They walked through the woods so that Robert could feed the squirrels. All

the way through the woods Mother explained to Grace about the happiness people can have. "Each person is born with a spirit of man which tends to be selfish. God has a plan by which He will replace this selfish spirit for another spirit and give the Holy Spirit as a leader. When the Holy Spirit is in the heart the person wants to do that which pleases God and makes others happier. Having the Holy Spirit living in the heart is like having a portion of God in the heart."

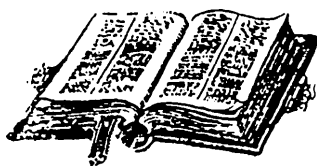
At that moment, Grace believed that was just what she wanted, but she did not tell her mother.

Mrs. Reese was rich like Mrs. Owens, but she could not walk. She had very few visitors besides Mother and was always glad to have her come. Grace and Robert knew to sit quietly when they visited in other homes, so they sat down while Mother read from the Bible to Mrs. Reese. Then they helped Mother sing three hymns to her, after which they bowed in prayer. Mrs. Reese asked prayer that she might have faith to be healed so she could walk. "Before you leave," she said, "I have a gift for the children. And they may open it right now."

How excited Robert was, but he was polite and let Grace carefully open the box. It was filled with warm outer clothing for winter, exactly what the children needed. After all the thanks were said and they were on their way home,

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Kingdom's Last Day on Planet Earth

Acts 1:11 "... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him"

I Corinthians 15:51 "... We shall not all sleep [be dead], but we shall all be changed,"

52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,"

I Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, . . . and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Matt. 13:4 "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."

II Thessalonians 1:7 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,"

8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

9 "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,"

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of man [Jesus] shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him,"

32 "And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another,"

34 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

41 "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

II Peter 3:10 "But the day of the Lord [His return] will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

11 "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,"

12 "Looking for . . . the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"

13 "Nevertheless we, . . . look for new heavens and a new earth, . . ."

Questions:

1. Name five major things that will happen the last day.
2. In what way will Jesus return?
3. How much time will it take for people to change into an immortal body?
4. Where will the people meet Jesus?
5. What will happen to the righteous when they meet Jesus?
6. What will happen to the wicked?
7. Will the wicked have another chance to be saved?
8. What will happen to the earth at Jesus' return?
9. Jesus is man's Savior today, what will He be at the last day?

MEMORY VERSE

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

II Peter 3:10.



Let's talk about the very last day the Kingdom of God will be upon this planet Earth. (Remember the Kingdom of God is so big that part of it is in heaven and part on this earth.) The last day will be a usual day. Men will be doing their usual jobs. A carpenter may be finishing the roof on a new house. The farmer plowing his land to plant corn. The car salesman is showing a new car. Some women may be paying the check-out clerk for groceries, or the carry-out boy may be loading groceries into a car. Some men may be eating in a restaurant. Others may be eating dinner at home. Children may be swimming, hiking, or playing some game. Others may be finishing up a picnic, or sledding in the snow. A woman could be buying or making a wedding dress.

Pretend you are driving in the country with your parents. The sky is cloudy. As you follow the road around a curve you see a white church. Erect tombstones, tall and short can be clearly seen in the cemetery between you and the church.

Suddenly a blazing light illuminates the sky! At the same instance a deafening noise crashes against your ears! You try to shut out the light and noise which is impossible. The queerest feeling comes over you and you feel like you are floating. Astonished you open your eyes and see that you are rising! People are coming from the graves and floating through the air a little ahead of you and your parents. You look up to see where everyone is going and there is Jesus in the clouds!

People are everywhere, millions and millions of them! Some of the people look happy. Some are angry. Some are fearful. Others are pleading mercy! The whole universe seems to be filled with people. You look around, to see from where they are all coming, just in time to see the Earth melting away in fire.

Everyone is standing in space, each facing Jesus as he separates the millions of people. The righteous go to the right, the unrighteous to the left. Those on the left go to everlasting punishment, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. The ones on the right hand are joyfully taken into the new dwelling place which Jesus has prepared for them to enjoy eternal righteousness with all those who have chosen to be a part of the Kingdom of God.—Sis. Charlotte

The Kingdom of God,

The Holy Jerusalem

Read Revelation 21:10-27 and put the right answer in the blank spaces.

1. How many gates does the city have?
2. Of what metal was the city made?
3. What were the gates made of?
4. How many precious stones were in the foundation?
5. Of what were the streets made?
6. What did John say would not be in the city?
7. Who was the light of the city?
8. What book will be in the city?

(Answers: 1. Jesus will return, all people will be changed into immortal bodies and meet Jesus, the righteous and evil will be separated, the righteous will shine in the Kingdom of God, the wicked be punished, the earth and sky be dissolved by fire. 2. In the clouds with a shout, the trump of God and a great noise. 3. A twinkling of an eye, 4. In the clouds, 5. They will receive the reward of living forever in God's Kingdom, 6. The wicked will be punished with everlasting punishment. 7. NO! NO! NO! 8. It will be dissolved by fire. 9. Jesus will be the Judge of the earth. People will be judged by what is written in the Bible.)

Grace asked, "How did Mrs. Reese know what we needed and the sizes we wear?"

"That is one of the things God does for those who trust Him. He put thoughts into Mrs. Reese's mind that she should buy these things for you children."

"I guess I just never understood much about God," Grace confessed.

"Those who are in God's Kingdom have a lot of special advantages, like this one."

The chicken and dressing, yams, potatoes, and Indian pudding which Mother had left baking were ready to eat. "Praise God, He has taken care of our dinner also!" she exclaimed. "Grace, set the table with the best dishes and we will have our feast." A feast it was, everything that the children wished for.

Grace felt so bad about the bitter feeling she had had about Thanksgiving dinner that a big lump in her throat kept her from enjoying it, and the traditional "Thanksgiving Prayers" that followed. All she could think was how wrong she had been. And to make things even worse, right while they were having worship, in came Mrs. Grover to show Mother her new dress, a gift from her husband to be worn as they dined out in the evening. Grace watched closely the expressions on her mother's face to see if she felt any pity for herself because she had no such enjoyment. There was none! "Satisfied with nothing!" Grace thought to herself. "People who are in God's Kingdom can, I suppose, be satisfied with anything or nothing. But I can't! I'm not in that Kingdom—but sometimes I wish I was."

After Mrs. Grover left and prayers were finished, they boxed up dinner for Grandma White, a saint who lived about a mile away. Mother carried in the box a little of everything they had enjoyed. Robert carried a box of "goodies"; cookies, apples, nuts, and sugared popcorn. Grace enjoyed going to Grandma White's. She liked the feeling she always felt when around her. Grandma White always seemed to carry a little bit of heaven around her. "Mothers seem to have a little of that, too. I guess they do have something I'd like to have." She

smoothed the piece of cloth she carried as a gift for Grandma White, and thought silently as they walked.

"Be careful, Robert," Mother called, "You'll break the cookies into crumbs, if you don't stop hopping like a rabbit."

"What patience and love Mother always has," Grace thought. "I could never be like her. Not without having her Jesus in my heart. Maybe that is what I need. After all I promised Jesus I would serve Him when I became eleven. Tomorrow is my birthday."

"Say, Mom, remember what tomorrow is?" she asked outloud.

"Yes, yes, it's your birthday! I'm so thankful God supplied so I was able to buy material and make your new dress."

Those words were like a stab to Grace. She had wished so long for a new dress and now that God had sent one she was so worried about not having a Thanksgiving dinner that she had forgotten all about it, much less being thankful! The lump came in her throat again and tears filled her eyes.

(To be continued next week.)



HARVEST HOME

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

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Grace's Birthday

(Born Again)

Grace awoke with the same heavy sad feeling she'd had for several days. "Today is my birthday," she said to herself, "I don't want to be sad today." She put on the new dress Mother had made. "This should make me feel better," but it didn't. She looked in the mirror and smiled at herself. "There! I look pretty good." She made the bed and tidied her room. Then as she dusted the dresser she looked at herself again. She had the same sad, long face still. She smiled again. "Now if I can just remember and smile Mother won't feel so badly. She might even think I'm really happy."

"Oh, how I wish I really were happy like Mother," she said out loud. "I guess I could be if I would turn loose of my selfishness and let Jesus take over in my heart. I wonder why it is hard to let Jesus come in? I really want to be happy. It must be because I'm so bitter against God for taking my dad. No, it's not that. Mother helped me see that I didn't really want Dad to come back and suffer. It must be because I want to be selfish. No, I don't like to be selfish. Is it because I don't want to admit that I have been wrong? But I know I've been wrong and I hate myself. Mother says I can have a new spirit, that Jesus will remove my selfish spirit and give me a better one. I know what I'm going to do, I'm going to stay in this room until

I am a new person!" She stomped her foot to give herself determination.

Grace fell on her knees, sobbing. "Jesus, please make me a different Grace. I want the spirit that Mother has. I've been wrong, yes, Jesus, so wrong in the way I have been thinking." After praying a while she looked up. Through eyes blurred by tears she saw a plaque on the wall. It read, "Ask and ye shall receive." She bowed her head and asked again to be made a new creature.

From the kitchen below came the voice of her mother, "It's time to get up, Grace," she said, and continued singing.

"Oh, the blood of Jesus,
Oh, the blood of Jesus,
Oh, the blood of Jesus,
It washes white as snow."

She called again. Grace didn't answer, so Mother came to see why. She found Grace on her knees.

"Please pray for me," Grace begged. Mother bowed and prayed. Suddenly Grace felt happy and light. The sad heavy feeling had vanished. "Thank you, Jesus," she said. "I feel so good. I feel like another person."

"You have another spirit, that's why you feel like another person," Mother said. "And you are in a new Kingdom and a new Kingdom is in you also."

After breakfast, they went to clean Mrs. Owens' house. When Grace got to the house she didn't have the same

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WORDS OF GOLD



Prophecies of the Kingdom

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

11:1 "... there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse."

2 "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom ... understanding, ... counsel ... might, ... knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;"

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

7 "And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."

9 "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: ..."

10 "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek:"

35:1 "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

5 "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped."

6 "Then shall the lame man leap ... and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."

8 "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; ... fools, shall not err therein."

9 "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, ... but the redeemed shall walk there:"

Jer. 23:5 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

Psalms 72:7 "In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth."

8 "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 61:1 "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

2 "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;"

Questions:

1. What prophecy of Jesus is often quoted on Christmas cards?
2. What is another prophecy that is very much like it?
3. How did the prophet say the animals would act?
4. To what was the prophet likening the animals?
5. Will two people in God's Kingdom hurt one another?
6. What did the prophet say about the sick people?
7. What did Jesus do for those who came for healing?
8. What prophecy of Himself did Jesus read?
9. How long is the peace of Jesus' Kingdom to last?

MEMORY VERSE

He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isaiah 61:1.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about the Scriptures in "Words of Gold". Each one is a prophecy of Christ's Kingdom. The very first one, "Unto us a child is born . . . the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace," has been written many times on Christmas cards. The second Scripture found in Isaiah 11:2, uses similar words to tell about Christ. It says He shall have the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord. Verses number six and seven of the same chapter tell about wild animals being tame and friendly to each other. Let's see what this is telling us about God's Kingdom.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold, I send you forth as **sheep** in the midst of **wolves**: be ye therefore wise as **serpents**, and harmless as **doves**." Matt. 10:16. He called Herod a "fox" in Luke 13:32. In Matthew 7:15, He said false prophets were ravening "wolves". In Acts 20:29, they are called grievous "wolves". They are called "dogs" in Philippians 3:2. The unsaved people are called "dogs" in Revelation 22:15. John the Baptist called hypocrites "serpents", and "vipers". Christian people are called "sheep" and "lambs" and the sinners are called "goats" in Matthew 25. Jesus Himself is called both the "Lamb of God" and the "Lion of Judah". All of these Scriptures are illustrating the quality of a person's character. Jesus' character was both meek as a lamb and strong as a lion.

When one becomes a part of God's Kingdom his character is changed. He may have been "foxy", now he will be honest and sincere. The person who is cruel and greedy like a "wolf" will become sympathetic and generous. A treacherous, deceitful character is many times called a "serpent". This character

will be changed to a dependable, trustworthy one. You may recall stories in which a person is portrayed as an animal because of his character. In this way the prophet used the animals.

Another verse reads, "They shall not hurt nor destroy." Also Isaiah 2:4 reads, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation." The Kingdom of God has all nationalities within it, but these different people will love each other so much they will not hurt one another even with words although their countries may be at war with each other.

Isaiah 35 speaks of the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame walking, and the dumb singing. Matthew 15:30 reads, "Great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them." When Jesus was on the earth He did just as the prophecy said of Him.

Christians need not expect Jesus to come again on this earth to set up another kingdom. He has already set up a wonderful one. The government of His Kingdom is on His shoulder. He has the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge. All Christians who are expecting another better kingdom should get born into this one and enjoy what Jesus has for them to enjoy today!

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Isaiah 9:6; "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." 2. Isaiah 11:2, "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom . . . understanding, . . . counsel . . . might, . . . knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." 3. Wild animals would be tame. 4. The animals were instructed of men's and women's characters. 5. Not unless it is an accident. 6. The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf be unstopped, the lame man leap, and the tongue of the dumb sing. 7. Jesus healed all who came unto Him. 8. Isaiah 61:1, 9. " . . . as long as the moon endureth," Psalm 72:7.)

feeling of envy and dislike for the Owens family. The house didn't look nearly as desirous as it had two days ago when Robert and she came for the apples. Grace acted so different that even Mrs. Owens commented on how different she was. Then Mrs. Sandit told her that Grace had just gotten saved. Poor Mrs. Owens didn't know Jesus as her Savior but remarked, "Well, whatever happened, it sure looks good to me."

On the way home, Grace said, "This has been the best day of my life. I feel so good!"

"So you've had a good birthday?" asked Mother.

"Just wonderful," exclaimed Grace.

"Did you like your birthday present?" Robert asked.

"My dress? Oh, yes, but I like the second one better." Mother's eyes met Grace's and they laughed together.

"I thought you only got one. What else did you get?" Robert asked.

"I got a new spirit."

"Oh, you mean now you won't be so grumpy?"

When Grace skipped home from school Monday evening she found Mother lying down because of a sick headache. Usually she felt bitter and angry when Mother was sick. She would question, "Why should our family suffer so much? Would Mother be sick if Dad was still living? Besides, who will take care of us now?"

Today she felt different. She knelt beside the bed and prayed for her moth-

er. Then she went outside to gather wood and do the other chores that Mother usually did.

When she came in, Mother was in the kitchen preparing supper and singing as usual. "God answered your prayer and healed me," she said smiling. "Life is going to be great, now that you are saved. We can be an encouragement to each other. We are both in the same Kingdom and someday will go to be with Dad in His eternal Kingdom, if we keep this seed of His Kingdom alive in our hearts until the day we die." Then she grabbed Grace in her arms, picking her off the floor and squeezing so tightly that Grace almost lost her breath!

Grace felt so happy that night that she prayed again beside her bed after family worship. "Thank you, Jesus, for this wonderful, wonderful day. I shall forever live for you because you have been so good to me." She climbed into bed and was soon in dreamland.

—Charlotte Huskey

My Kingdom

I do not ask for any crown

But that which all may win;

Nor try to conquer any world

Except the one within.

Be Thou my guide until I find

Led by a tender hand,

The happy kingdom in myself

And dare to take command.

—Louisa May Alcott

Matching Questions

1. When Jesus was thirty years old
2. Jesus was in the wilderness
3. Satan tempted Jesus
4. In Nazareth the people tried to
5. When Jesus died,
6. Christ arose from the grave
7. On the Mount of Olives

- () Jesus ascended into heaven.
- () and appeared to His disciples.
- () forty days praying and fasting.
- () the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom.
- () while He was in the wilderness.
- () throw Jesus over a hill outside the city.
- () He was baptized.

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Tom's Trial

It was a pleasant day in that particularly pleasant part of the summer time, which the children call "vacation," when Tiger and Tom walked slowly down the street together. You may think it strange that I mention Tiger first, but I assure you Tom would not have been in the least offended by the preference. Indeed, he would have assured you that Tiger was a most wonderful dog, and knew as much as any two boys, though this might be considered exaggerated.

Nearly a year ago Christmas, Tiger arrived as a present from Tom's uncle, and as he leaped with a dignified bound from the pick-up in which he made his journey, Tom looked for a moment into his great, wise eyes, and impulsively threw his arms around his shaggy neck. Tiger, on his part, was pleased with Tom's bright face, and most affectionately licked his smooth cheeks. So the league of friendship was complete in an hour.

Tom had a pleasant, round face, and you might live with him a week, and think him one of the noblest, most generous boys you ever knew. But some day you would probably discover that he had a most violent temper. You would be frightened to see his face red with rage, as he stamped his feet, shook his little sister, spoke improperly to his mother, and above all, displeased his great Father in heaven.

Now I am going to tell you of one great trial on this account, which Tom never forgot to the end of his life. Tiger and Tom were walking down the street together, when they met Dick Casey, a school fellow of Tom's.

"Oh, Dick!" cried Tom, "I'm going to Father's grain store a little while. Let's go up in the loft and play."

Dick had just finished his work in his mother's garden, and was all ready for a little amusement. So the two went up together, and enjoyed themselves highly for a long time. But at last arose one of those trifling disputes, in which boys are so apt to indulge. Pretty soon there were angry words, then Tom's wicked passions got the mastery of him, and he beat Dick severely. Tiger, who must have been ashamed of his master, pulled hard at his coat, and whined piteously, but all in vain. At last Tom stopped, from mere exhaustion.

"There, now!" he cried, "which is right, you or I?"

"I am," sobbed Dick, "and you tell a lie."

Tom's face flushed redder, and darting upon Dick, he gave him a sudden push. Alas! he was near to the open door. Dick screamed, threw up his arms, and in a moment was gone. Tom's heart stood still, and an icy chill crept over him from head to foot. At first he could not stir; then—he never knew how he got there, but he found himself stand-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Prophecies of the New King

(New word: *Prophecies*: future events spoken by divine inspiration.)

(Before the Scripture texts is the approximate time of the prophecy. Following it is the Scripture from the New Testament where you may read about it happening. Remember B.C. is before Christ was born.)

B.C. 4000, Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his [Christ's] heel." Luke 10:17-20.

Ps. 22:18 "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." Matthew 27:35.

Ps. 34:20 "He keepeth all his bones; not one of them is broken." John 19:33.

B.C. 710, Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem . . . , though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth . . . that is to be ruler . . . from everlasting." Matt. 2:1.

B.C. 712, Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions [sins], he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed." John 19:1-3; Romans 5:6-8.

B.C. 487, Zechariah 13:6 "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands: Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

John 20:25-27.

B.C. 487, Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass [donkey], . . ." John 12:12-16.

B.C. 487, Zechariah 11:12 "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. (13) And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord." A.D. 33, Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10.

B.C. 712, Isaiah 53:7 "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Matthew 27:12-14.

Isa. 53:9 "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; . . ." Matthew 27:57-60.

Isa. 53:12 "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; And he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Matthew 27:38.

Questions:

1. Where and when was the first prophecy of Christ?
2. Who said Jesus' garments would be gambled for?
3. Who said none of Jesus' bones would be broken?
4. From what city was the everlasting King to come?
5. What part of Jesus' body was to be wounded?
6. On what was Jesus to ride?
7. For how much was Jesus to be sold?
8. What was to be bought with this money?
9. With what two classes of people was Jesus in His death?

MEMORY VERSE

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,
though thou be little among
the thousands of Judah, yet
out of thee shall he come . . .
that is to be ruler . . . Micah 5:2



Let's Talk

Many years ago people of the world did not write down records of what happened. They told stories to the children about things that were interesting or unusual. These children grew into adults and had children of their own. Then they told these same true stories to their children, adding, of course, things of interest that had happened during their life. These were then passed on to their children and grandchildren. In this way we have records of things that happened upon the earth even before writing was used. During this time so very long ago, some things were said about Christ, that would happen later. These too were passed down to the next generation by spoken words.

The Bible is one of the oldest of all records about the first happenings upon the earth. It is not only one of the oldest but is considered to be the best by honored historians of the world.

In the quotations from the Bible listed under *Words of Gold* I have added the approximate years when these words about Christ were spoken. You will see the first one was about four thousand years before Christ was born. Scattered throughout the Bible one can find many other prophecies of Him.

Let's talk about a few. David, the shepherd boy who killed a giant and later became king of his country, said many things about Jesus in the book of Psalms which he wrote. He said that this king, which God had promised, would be the Son of God. He would be a priest but would not be of the family from which the priests were usually chosen, and that Jesus' priesthood would not last only while He lived on earth but that it would have NO END!

David also told of some sad things that would happen to Jesus. He said Jesus would be hated without a reason, He would be betrayed by a friend, accused

by false witnesses in his trial, be scorned, mocked and hit, and yet Jesus would pray for those who caused Him to suffer. He also said that Christ would be given vinegar and gall to drink and that the soldiers would gamble for His coat, that none of His bones would be broken, that Jesus would arise from death, and ascend into heaven and sit at the right hand of God.

Wasn't that a lot for David to know about a person who would be born 1050 years after himself? God told David all those things.

Daniel, the man who was thrown into a den of hungry lions, told that the Kingdom which Jesus would set up would last forever. He also told the year that Jesus would be born. (Dan. 9:24, 25. One has to know some other things about the Bible to know how to figure the date, but it is accurate.

Micah lived seven hundred and ten years before Christ yet he told the name of the city where Jesus was born.

Zechariah told about the triumphal entry, which was the time Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey and the children and adults threw their outer clothing and palm branches on the ground to make a carpet for Him, while they praised God by saying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our Father . . ." Zechariah also told that Jesus would be sold for thirty pieces of silver and that His hands, feet and side would be pierced.

The prophet Isaiah said Christ's Kingdom of peace would last forever, and that His mother would be a virgin. He would be rejected by His own people, be spit upon and hit and remain silent although unjustly mistreated. Isaiah also said that He would die with the wicked and be buried as a rich man.

All these things spoken about Jesus many years ago, happened just as was said.

—Sis. Charlotte

Answers: 1. It was in the garden of Eden, 4,000 years before Christ. 2. David. 3. David. 4. Bethlehem of Judah. 5. His hands, feet and side. 6. An ass (donkey). 7. Thirty pieces of silver. 8. A potters field. 9. With the wicked and the rich.)

ing beside his little friend. Some men were raising him carefully from the hard sidewalk.

"Is he dead?" Tom almost screamed.

"No," replied one, "we hope not. How did he fall out?"

"He didn't fall," groaned Tom, who never could be so mean as to tell a lie, "I pushed him out."

"You pushed him, you wicked boy," cried a rough voice. "Do you know you ought to be sent to jail, and if he dies, maybe you will be."

Tom grew as white as Dick, whom he had followed into the store, and he heard all that passed as if in a dream.

"Is he badly hurt?" cried someone.

"Only his hands," was the answer. "The rope saved him, he caught hold of the rope and slipped down; but his hands are dreadfully torn—he has fainted from pain."

Just then Tom's father came in, and soon understood the case. The look he gave his unhappy son, so full of sorrow, mingled with pity, was too much for Tom, and he stole out, followed by the faithful Tiger. He wandered to the woods, and threw himself upon the ground. One hour ago he was a happy boy, and now what a terrible change! What has made the difference? Nothing but the indulgence of this wicked, violent temper. His mother had often warned him of the fearful consequences. She had told him that boys who would not learn to govern themselves, grew up to be very wicked men, and often became murderers in some moment of passion. And now, Tom shuddered to think he was almost a murderer! Nothing but God's great mercy in putting that rope in Dick's way, had saved him from carrying that load of sorrow and guilt all the rest of his life. But poor Dick, he might die yet—how pale he looked—how strange! Tom fell upon his knees, and prayed God to "spare Dick's life," and from that time forth, with God's help, he promised that he would strive to conquer this wicked passion.

Then, as he could no longer bear his terrible suspense, he started for Widow

Casey's cottage. As he appeared at the humble door, Mrs. Casey angrily ordered him away, saying: "You have made a poor woman trouble enough for one day." But Dick's feeble voice entreated, "O Mother, let him come in; I was just as bad as he."

Tom gave a cry of joy at hearing these welcome tones, and sprang hastily in. There sat poor Dick with his hands bound up, looking very pale, but Tom thanked God that he was alive.

"I should like to know how I am to live now," sighed Mrs. Casey. "Who will weed the garden, and carry my vegetables to market? I am afraid we shall suffer for bread before the summer is over," and she put her apron to her eyes.

"Mrs. Casey," cried Tom, eagerly, "I will do everything that Dick did. I will sell the potatoes and beans, and will drive Mr. Brown's cows to pasture."

Mrs. Casey shook her head incredulously, but Tom bravely kept his word. For the next few weeks Tom was at his post bright and early, and the garden was never kept in better order. And every morning Tiger and Tom stood faithfully in the market-place with their baskets, and never gave up, no matter how warm the day, till the last vegetable was sold, and the money placed faithfully in Mrs. Casey's hand.

Tom's father often passed through the market, and gave his son an encouraging smile, but he did not offer to help him out of his difficulty, for he knew if Tom struggled on alone, it would be a lesson he would never forget. Already he was becoming so gentle and patient, that everyone noticed the change and his mother rejoiced over the sweet fruits of his repentance and self-sacrifice.

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Tom's Trial

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After a few weeks the bandages were removed from Dick's hands, but they had been unskilfully treated, and were drawn up in very strange shapes. Mrs. Casey could not conceal her grief. "He will never be the help he was before," she said to Tom. "he will never be like other boys, and he wrote such a fine hand, now he can no more make a letter than that little chicken in the garden."

Mrs. Casey looked again at Dick's twisted hands. "My poor boy!" she cried. "You will never be the same again," and she burst into tears.

"If we only had a great city doctor," said a neighbor, "he might have been all right. Even now his fingers might be helped if you should take him to New York.

"Oh, I am too poor, too poor," said she, and burst into tears.

Tom could not bear it, and again rushed into the woods to think what could be done, for he had already given them all his quarter's allowance. All at once a thought flashed into his head, and he started as if he had been shot. Then he cried in great distress:—

"No, no, anything but that, I can't do that!"

Tiger gently licked his hands, and watched him with great concern. Now came a great struggle. Tom stroked him backward and forward, and although

he was a proud boy, he sobbed aloud. Tiger whined, licked his face, rushed off into dark corners, and barked savagely at some imaginary enemy, and then came back, and putting his paws on Tom's knees, wagged his tail in anxious sympathy. At last Tom took his hands from his pale, tear-stained face, and looking into the dog's great honest eyes, he cried with a queer shake of his voice:—

"Tiger, old fellow! dear old dog, could you ever forgive me if I sold you?"

Then came another burst of sorrow, and Tom rose hastily, as if afraid to trust himself, and almost ran out of the woods. Over the fields he raced, with Tiger close at his heels, nor rested a moment till he stood at Major White's door, nearly two miles away.

"Do you still want Tiger, sir?"

"Why yes," said the old man in great surprise, "but do you want to sell him?"

"Yes, please," gasped Tom, not daring to look at his old companion. The sale was quickly made. Tiger was beguiled into a barn, and the door hastily shut, and Tom was hurrying off, when he turned and cried in a choking voice:—

"You will be kind to him, Major White, won't you? Don't whip him, I never did, and he's the best dog—"

"No, no, child," said Major White, kindly; "I'll treat him like a prince, and if you ever want to buy him back, you shall have him." Tom managed to falter. "Thank you," and almost flew out

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Kingdom of God is Available

Matthew 3:1 "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,"

2 "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 3:3 "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;"

6 "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

7 "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8 "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

9 "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

10 "And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?"

11 "He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

12 "Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?"

13 "And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you."

14 "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any

falsely; and be content with your wages."

15 "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;"

16 "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

17 "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable."

18 "And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people."

John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Mark 1:14 "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,"

15 "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Questions:

1. Who came preaching and what was he preaching?
2. Who did John say would see the salvation of God?
3. What did John tell the multitude to do?
4. Then what did the people ask?
5. What was John's answer?
6. What were the publicans (tax collectors) to do?
7. What were the soldiers to do?
8. What did John say about Jesus?
9. What did John say when He began preaching?

MEMORY VERSE

... The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15.



The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are used to mean the same thing.

John the Baptist was a man whom God had chosen to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry. Jesus' ministry was to establish the **Kingdom of God** on earth. It was so different from what the people were expecting it to be that Jesus needed a person to introduce it.

Before Jesus came, the people served God by obeying a list of rules and sacrificing for their sins. Now Jesus was to sacrifice Himself for everyone's sins. All those who believe in this new plan will be taken out of the kingdom of darkness and placed in the **Kingdom of God**. The Christian will no longer be struggling to obey a list of rules for he will have the **Kingdom of God** in his heart. The filling of his heart with the **Kingdom of God** will give him the ability to know if an action is pleasing or displeasing to God. It will also cause him to be always conscious of his actions. It will give him power to control his own mind and body to do only actions which are pure, for only pure actions are pleasing to God.

The people to whom John and Jesus were preaching were very much like many Christians today. They were expecting a king to come and destroy their enemies and make their nation a wonderful peaceful place in which to live. In like manner, many Christians today are expecting Jesus to come again upon this earth and destroy all enemies and set up a wonderful peaceful kingdom in which all the Christians will live in blissful happiness.

My dear children everywhere, don't let anyone deceive you into believing this. No, no, for Jesus has already come and established His Kingdom. Every person who totally surrenders his life to Jesus has this Kingdom in his heart. Jesus himself said, "The kingdom of

God is within you." The person who has the **Kingdom of God** within is reigning every day over sin and evil which surrounds him. He is a soldier in Christ's army which goes forth to conquer over evil.

What is a kingdom? Is it not a king and a territory over which this king reigns? Jesus is King of my life and He reigns over me. If He is King in your life and reigns over you, then the two of us are in the same Kingdom. Millions of people throughout the world have Jesus reigning over their lives. All these are in the **Kingdom of God** together with us. Do you see how big the **Kingdom of God** is upon the earth today? Now think of all the people who have lived for Jesus and already died. They are in the **Kingdom of God** which is already in heaven.

The **Kingdom of God** is a huge Kingdom! Come be a part of it with us! You can by taking Jesus as leader of your life!
—Sis. Charlotte



My Gift

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would give Him a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part,—
But what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

—Christina G. Rosetti



Answers: 1. John the Baptist came preaching that people should repent and that the **Kingdom of Heaven** was (available) at hand. 2. All flesh, or all living people. 3. "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." 4. "What shall we do?" 5. To share with the needy, 6. To be honest, and collect no more taxes than what you are commanded to collect. 7. "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." 8. He said that Jesus takes away the sin of the world. 9. Jesus said, "The time is here, and the **Kingdom of God** is at hand [available]; repent ye, and believe the gospel."

of hearing of Tiger's eager scratching on the barn door.

Tom's sacrifice was accepted. A friend took Dick to the city free of expense, and Tom's money helped pay for the necessary operation. The poor crooked fingers were very much improved, and were soon almost as good as ever. And the whole village loved Tom for his brave, self-sacrificing spirit, and the noble atonement he had made for his moment of passion.

A few days after Dick's return came Christmas, but Tom did not feel in his usual spirits. In spite of his great delight in Dick's recovery, he had so mourned over the matter, and had taken Tiger's loss so much to heart, that he had grown quite pale and thin. So, as he was accustomed to doing, he took his books and went to his favorite haunt in the woods.

"How different from last Christmas," thought Tom. "Then Tiger had just come, and I was so happy, though I didn't like him half so well as I do now." Tom sighed heavily; then added more cheerfully, "Well, I hope some things are better than they were last year. I hope I have begun to conquer myself, and with God's help I will never give up trying while I live. Now if I could only earn money enough to buy back dear old Tiger." While Tom was busied with these thoughts he heard a hasty, familiar trot, a quick bark of joy, and the brave old dog sprang into Tom's arms.

"Tiger, old fellow," cried Tom, trying to look fierce, though he could scarcely keep down the tears, "how came you to run away, sir?"

Tiger responded by picking up a letter he had dropped in his first joy, and laying it in Tom's hand:—

"MY DEAR CHILD: Tiger is pining, and I must give him a change of air. I wish him to have a good master, and knowing that the best ones are those who have learned to govern *themselves*, I send him to you. Will you take care of him and greatly oblige me.

"Your old friend, MAJOR WHITE."

Tom then read through a mist of tears—

"P.S. I know the whole story. Dear young friend, 'Be not weary in well-doing.' " —Selected



Temper

When I have lost my temper
I have lost my reason, too.
I'm never proud of any thing
Which angrily I do.
When I have talked in anger
And my cheeks are flaming red,
I have always uttered something
Which I wish I hadn't said.
In anger I have never done
A kindly deed or wise, but
Many things for which I felt
I should apologize.

In looking back across my life,
And all I've lost or made,
I can't recall a single time
When fury ever paid.
So I struggle to be patient,
For I've reached a wiser age;
I do not want to do a thing,
Or speak a word in rage.
I have learned by sad experience,
That when my temper flies
I never do a worthy thing,
A decent deed or wise.

—Selected



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Edna's Christmas

The day was Friday, December 19. The place was Brookland, New York. Six inches of snow covered the city, including the parking lots and play area surrounding Lincoln High School. It was still snowing! Gigantic flakes crashed together as they raced toward the earth and fell in heaps that blew in the gusty wind, forming enormous drifts.

"How long till the Christmas party!"

Edna whispered across the isle to Alisha.

"Another half hour."

"I can hardly wait!" Edna exclaimed.

Alisha looked across the room at her friend Tony and snickered at Edna. Chris happened to see it. It hurt her inside for the students to make fun of Edna. She knew a little about Edna's environment. Edna had told that they never had a nice Christmas at their house. No presents, no friends nor family to visit them. They usually didn't even have a Christmas dinner except what she cooked from the scanty provisions in the house and shared with her 11-year-old brother Jade. They never had a tree except dry ones which she or Jade found in an alley after Christmas. Chris looked at Alisha again! "I should tell her that Edna's never seen her dad and her mother is an alcoholic. Then she'd understand why Edna feels so excited about this, her only Christmas celebration. But, I can't do that to Edna, she loves her mother and doesn't want anyone to know. She told me yesterday

that her mother feels so unhappy about her and Jade having nothing at Christmas that she's drinking even more."

The momentary shriek of the alarm blasted Chris's thoughts. The next moment she heard Mr. Stiff's voice coming over the intercom, "The temperature has dropped to 0°. Each student must quickly get into their outer clothing and proceed cautiously to evacuate the building. If you are riding a bus, you may now board it. If you are driving, take care to empty the parking lot quickly. Those who are expecting to be picked up should board the bus for your area and go on home. No panic please, there is no serious danger but we must search the building. Have a happy holiday!"

"This must be a bomb threat! No Christmas party! Poor Edna," thought Chris, as she quickly gathered her things together and left the room.

She watched for Edna as she hurried toward bus number 13. There she was standing in line to get on bus number 4. Her thin spring coat wrapped tightly around her, bare hands crammed far into her pockets. The collar of her coat turned up in a vain effort to protect her ears. Chris knew she would be the last one on her bus if she spoke to Edna, but she knew she must. She hurried to Edna. "It's too bad we missed the Christmas party," Chris said.

"Yes, it is!" is all that Edna said, but Chris noticed her eyes were red as if she were about to cry.

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WORDS OF GOLD



The King is Born

Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

19 "Then Joseph her husband being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily."

20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost [Spirit]."

Luke 2:10 "And the angel said unto them [shepherds], Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:21 "And when eight days was accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Read Luke 1:26-31.

25 "... There was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout . . ."

26 "And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

27 "And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, . . ."

28 "Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,"

29 "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy

word:"

30 "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,"

36 "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, . . ."

38 "And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

40 "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him."

52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

3:21 "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened."

22 "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved son; in thee I am well pleased."

4:14 "And Jesus returned . . . to Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about."

15 "And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all."

Questions:

1. Who was Jesus' mother and step-father?
2. Who is Jesus' father?
3. What did the angel say to the shepherds?
4. What had the Holy Ghost revealed to Simeon?
5. What did Simeon say after seeing Jesus?
6. What did Anna say about Jesus?
7. List things said about the child Jesus?
8. What did God say at Jesus' baptism?
9. What did the people think of Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matt. 2:2.



Christmas time, as you already know, is the time of year when many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It may be or it could very well not be the date he was born. The date, however, is not important. The important thing is that we allow Him to be King in our hearts and lives every day. We will study today about some unusual things that happened to Jesus at birth and later. He is the greatest King that has ever lived and everything about Him is of great interest to us, who are servants in His great Kingdom.

Each of the eleven lessons before this one is about the **Kingdom of God**. Lesson number ten was prophecies which were spoken about Jesus hundreds of years before He came to earth. All these prophecies happened just as they were spoken of Him. Several things about His birth were spoken in prophecies. Can you remember any of them?

Each of you will probably enjoy reading the second chapter of Luke, which tells much about His birth and early childhood. Also Matthew, beginning with verse eighteen of the first chapter, and all the way to the end of the second chapter are more interesting accounts. The account of the angel appearing to Mary is found in Luke 1:26-38. Girls especially, will find this interesting. I did not include these in the written lesson because they are too long.

The verses I have chosen from the Bible for today's lesson are to show that Jesus was recognized as a king from the day of His birth. God's Spirit was communicating to the minds of many people that He was the new King which they had been expecting.

The majority of the people loved Jesus and accepted Him as the promised Savior or if not as a Savior, as a prophet sent from God. It was only a minority group of religious leaders that hated Jesus and caused His death.

At this important time of the year, let Jesus become King in your heart!

—Sis. Charlotte

The Christmas Alphabet

- A** is for _____ from heaven come near,
- B** is for _____ town in Judea.
- C** is for _____, the day of His birth,
- D** is for _____ His line on the earth.
- E** is for _____ with its bright, shining star,
- F** is for _____ incense brought from afar.
- G** is for _____ and for gifts that we bring,
- H** is for _____ that wicked old king.
- I** is for _____ keeper saying "No room"—
- Turning the travelers into night's gloom.
- J** is for _____ the husband so kind,
- K** for the _____ that the Wise Men must find.
- L** is for _____ and the Gospel we read,

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(Answers: 1. Jesus' mother was Mary, his step-father was Joseph. 2. God is the Father. 3. "Unto you is born a Savior," also other things. 4. "That he should not see death until he had seen Christ. 5. "Now let me depart in peace", or "let me die", "for I have seen thy salvation." 6. She gave thanks for she knew, as Simeon, that Jesus would bring salvation to the people. 7. He was strong in spirit, had wisdom, the grace of God, and favor with God and man. 8. "Thou art my beloved Son: in thee I am well pleased." 9. Jesus was well known and glorified by all.)

"I came over to invite you to my house Christmas eve to spend the night."

"I can't come Chris, I have to stay with Jade."

"Mom says to bring Jade along, he can play with my brother, Ken."

"Oh, Chris, I can't do that!" Edna said, as she entered the bus.

"I'll see you Wednesday morning," Chris said as she turned to catch the bus she was to ride.

"Hi, Mom, I'm home," she said as she tore off her warm coat, cap, scarf, and mittens. "I think Edna will come, she's just shy."

"Then we will get her and Jade. You have a gift for her already?"

"Yes, I have, but we will need to get something for Jade."

Wednesday morning Chris took Ken and they drove over to pick up Edna and Jade.

"Oh, Chris, I didn't think you would come after I didn't accept your invitation. But I really do want to go. Mom's asleep, I'll leave her a note. She said we could go."

In the car on the way home Chris said, "I'm really glad you and Jade could come, we're going to have the best Christmas we've ever had. I would plan to drive you around town to do some sightseeing. The Christmas decorations are beautiful. However, Dad says the roads are still too icy. Maybe Dad will drive us around tomorrow. Since we can't do that, we'll go sledding on the hill behind the house."

Ken had everything ready and waiting on the back porch. As he slipped on his snowsuit, Jade put on the one he'd wore last year. By the time the girls got to the hill the boys had already been down twice. Chris and Edna went down several times but Edna was too cold to enjoy it much. They soon left Ken and Jade with the sled and went inside. They drank some hot cinnamon cider and sat watching the flames dancing in the fireplace. After a little easy chatting, Edna asked, "Doesn't your family have a TV?"

"We had one, but last year Mom and

Dad became Christians. It seemed like every time they wanted to study the Bible with us, we wanted to finish a TV show, so it caused a lot of trouble. They did a lot of studying and praying, and then got rid of it. At first I was really angry, but now I like home better without the TV. We do more fun things.

"I thought everyone had a TV."

"No, lots of people are getting rid of them. Mom said she read that by the time a child reaches our age, he's spent 10,000 to 16,000 hours watching TV and that's more than he's spent in school.

(To be continued next week.)

M is for _____, soft cradle indeed.

N for the _____ that was holy and clear,

O for the _____ and the stable beasts near.

P for the _____ and good-will that we sing,

Q for the _____, "Where is the new King?"

R for _____, our Saviour and Guide,

S for the _____ upon the hillside.

T for glad _____, the tale of His birth,

U for the _____ of Christians on earth.

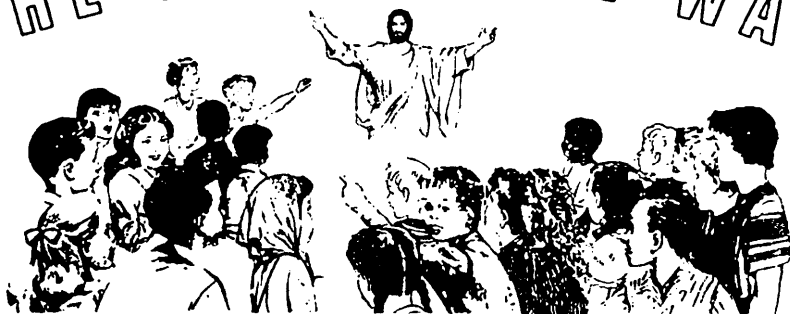
V is for _____, the Mother so mild,

W for the _____ Men who worshipped her Child.

So every letter its message can bring
To tell us once more of our dear Saviour
and King.

(Answers: Angels, Bethlehem, Christmas, David, East, Frank, Gold, Herod, Inn, Joseph, King, Luke, Manager, Night, Oxen, Praises, Question, Redeemer, Shepherds, Tidings, Union, Virgin, Wise)

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Edna's Christmas

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Edna sat in the recliner facing the fireplace. Chris slipped into a cross-legged Indian sitting position in front of her and continued talking. . . "A survey taken in California showed that a child's school test scores lowered according to the more time he spends watching TV. That's the reason lots of families are getting rid of them."

"But why don't they just not let the children watch it?"

"Well, my folks say after watching filth, immorality, violence, rapes, drinking and improper sex on the TV that it is almost impossible to think pure good thoughts as the Bible commands Christians should do. They want us to think good thoughts too."

"Before our TV burned up, all Mom did was sit on our broken down couch and watch soap operas. I wonder sometimes if that didn't increase her drinking problem?"

"It could have," Chris said, as she walked across the room and took a magazine from the magazine rack. She thumbed through it. "Just look at this." She handed Edna the magazine.

Edna read, "The television medium is also a strong promoter of alcohol. Television characters drink 3.5 times per hour on television, four times an hour during prime time. For every time coffee is consumed on TV, alcohol is consumed

ten times. For every time milk is consumed, alcohol is consumed 44 times. For every time water is drank, alcohol is drank 48 times."

"So you see," Chris interrupted Edna's reading, "it could increase your mother's problem. Of course the media can't bear all the blame for America's alcoholism problem, but when a person is constantly watching others drink, I think that would make the viewer feel drinking is Okay."

"I think it might, but drinking is not OK, it causes so much trouble."

Edna lifted her eyes just a moment, then they fell again on the magazine. "Listen to this, Chris," she said, after continuing to read. "Not all television programming is bad. But a large portion of the prime time programs are filled with anti-God values. Advertisers feel that in a 30 to 60 second burst on television they can make a difference in their sponser's sales. If advertisers can make a difference with such a short time think of the impact of six-plus hours of viewing ungodly programs every day can make upon people's minds. Chris, I had never thought of these things, but now I can see why your folks got rid of theirs."

The conversation was interrupted by Jade's loud voice. Edna bounced up like a deer. "Jade," she said, "you're to talk quietly in the house and clean your feet good, don't bring snow in on the carpet."

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Kingdom of God is Established

Daniel 2:44 "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

Mark 9:1 "And he [Jesus] 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 in power."

Acts 1:8 "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"

2:1 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,"

14 "... Peter . . . said unto them . . ."

16 "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;"

17 "'It shall come to pass in the last days,' saith God, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.'"

Micah 4:1 "But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, . . . and people shall flow unto it."

2 "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, . . . we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

7 "... the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever."

Hebrews 1:1, 2 "God, . . . Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son [Jesus]."

Hebrews 12:22 "But ye are come unto mount Zion [or Zion], and unto the

city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,"

23 "To the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven,"

Isaiah 66:8 "... who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

Acts 2:5 "... there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven."

41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Romans 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."

Hebrews 12:28 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence."

Questions:

1. How long will the **Kingdom of God** last?
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples in Mark 9:1?
3. When did the **Kingdom of God** come in power?
4. Was the day of Pentecost in the last days?
5. What else should happen in the last days?
6. What are some other names used for the **Kingdom of God**?
7. What Scripture shows us that a nation was born in one day?
8. Describe the **Kingdom of God**.
9. Will the **Kingdom of God** end and another kingdom take its place?

MEMORY VERSE

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us . . . serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Hebrews 12:28.



Let's Talk

Let's talk again about the Kingdom of God. This is the thirteenth lesson about it. The first two of the last twelve lessons were about a dream which was to help people know the year when God planned to set up His great Kingdom upon the earth. The image of the dream represented the four universal kingdoms, that reigned one after another, before the stone which was cut out without hands hit and destroyed it. The stone then grew to cover the whole earth. Jesus, that stone, was born during the reign of the fourth kingdom.

The third lesson instructed us that it was "The Everlasting Kingdom." Lesson number four showed us that we could become a part of it. Lesson number five proved that with the Holy Spirit living in our hearts we could live in God's Kingdom every day. In the following lesson, number six, we learned that the Kingdom of God is like a seed in the heart of a Christian that must be cared for so that it will stay living until the day he dies. If this seed is kept growing until death then at the Judgment Day Christ will take that soul into the Kingdom of God in heaven. This was the truth of lesson number seven. Number eight explained the "Kingdom's Last Day on Planet Earth." Lessons nine and ten are prophecies and their fulfillments about the Kingdom and its King. Lesson eleven shows when God made His Kingdom available to men. "The King is Born", lesson twelve, is about Jesus' birth and how He was recognized to be a King from day one.

This lesson defines the day when God's earthly Kingdom was established. From the reading of the Holy Scriptures we find that He established this Kingdom on the day of Pentecost. This was the day they were filled with the Holy Ghost and power. From that day forward the disciples were different acting men. Never again was Peter afraid to be

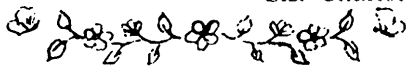
called one of Jesus' followers. All of the disciples were given power; power to overcome every selfish thought, power over pride, and all other evil things. They also had power to heal the sick and over evil spirits of the devil. They were a peaceful, yet fearless group, doing God's will every day. The kingdom of darkness reigned no more in their hearts nor in their actions.

The way is prepared so that every person can have this same experience in their hearts, that will make them a victor over every thought and actions that are not pleasing to God.

People out of every nation of the earth are today saved in the family of God and a part of this Kingdom. Earthly kingdoms have arisen and fallen, but this one stands unshaken upon the rock of eternal truth. The kings and rulers throughout the ages of time have bowed before Jesus. He is the King of all kings and His Kingdom is the only everlasting Kingdom. When time will have run its course; when all earthly kingdoms will have crumbled into dust; when the earth will be wrapped in a mighty sheet of flame; yea, when the sun and moon will no longer shine, this Kingdom of God will continue to shine in the glory of the Father.

It is very important that each one becomes a part of this Kingdom while he has an opportunity, for there will be no more chance when Jesus comes again at the end of the world.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. The Kingdom will never be destroyed. 2. Some standing there would not see death until they saw the Kingdom of God in power. 3. On the day of Pentecost. 4. Yes, (Acts 2:17). 5. The mountain of the Lord would be established in the top of the mountains and that God has already spoken to us by Jesus. 6. The mountain of the Lord, Mt. Zion or Sion, The city of the Living God, Heavenly Jerusalem. 7. Acts 2:41. 8. It is love, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost. It is power within earthly bodies to do the will of God and is without end. 9. No.)

"Don't worry about him," Mom called from the kitchen. "He's just a boy. I'll take care of him."

After supper they gathered in the living room to worship God. Edna was up-tight because Jade's table manners had embarrassed her. They sang a few Christmas carols, then Dad read the Christmas story in the Bible from Luke chapter 2 and Matthew 1:18-23, after which they bowed and prayed.

Edna had never prayed except to thank God at times for their food when it became very scarce. Neither had she experienced the comfort of family togetherness.

"Are you glad you came?" Chris asked Edna as they were dressing for bed.

"I sure am, even if Jade does embarrass me. But tell me Chris, why did you invite me?"

"Well," Chris paused as if trying to get her thoughts together, "I guess it all started last year, when our family decided to do something at Christmas. Dad says, 'It's an old heathen custom and the Bible says not to be like the heathens.'"

"Many of our Christmas customs were once heathen customs."

"Yes, they are and our family is stopping those."

"But you haven't told why you invited me," Edna reminded Chris.

time which would be more satisfying than the usual things. First we thought we would omit the Christmas tree."

"You don't have a tree this year either. But I hadn't noticed until your dad read about the kings bringing gifts to Jesus. I looked at your gifts and noticed they weren't under a tree! Yesterday I was anxious to see your tree, I pictured it as being beautiful. All the day I've been so happy, I hadn't noticed. Anyway, tell me, why don't you have a tree?"

"As I was saying, last year we added money to what we saved by not having a tree and sent it to missionaries to buy Bibles to give to the Christians there. The gifts we bought for each other were not as expensive, but we enjoyed them

just as much, especially the family games. Now that the TV is gone we have time together to play them."

"That sounds like fun!"

"It is! This year we decided we would help someone close to home. I wanted to invite you. At first Ken didn't like it but after he found out you had a brother he was happy."

"I'm so glad you did."

"Edna," Chris said softly, "I've always liked you, but I guess I was afraid the other kids would not like me if I was your friend. But now that I'm a Christian, I realize true happiness comes not from having friends but from being a friend to God and to those who have no friends."

When they awoke the next morning, the smell of a baking turkey filled the room. After a breakfast of whole wheat waffles and honey, with milk, and fruit salad, they gathered in the family room to open presents. First Dad read from the Bible some verses about being thankful and they all bowed again and gave thanks to God.

Dad passed out the gifts. There were two large boxes which Chris had never seen. The largest one was for Jade. A bicycle!

"Now you can get a paper route and make some money like I do," Ken said excitedly.

With enthusiasm at its peak, Edna opened her gift from Chris. It was a new cap, scarf and mittens! Happiness and thankfulness radiated from Edna's face. Next she opened the gift that was from Chris's parents. It was a new winter coat that matched the cap, scarf, and mittens! Edna was overwhelmed with tears of gratitude and happiness. "This is my first new coat," remarked Edna.

The love expressed by Chris and her family made this Edna's best Christmas ever.

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