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WNAC Watchword:

"... We Are Witnesses" (Acts 5:32)

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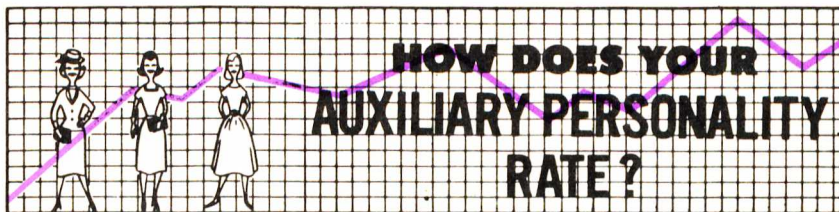
True To The Word

WNAC Hymn:

"The Woman's Hymn"

(Tune, "Come Thou Almighty King")

Editorial...



Every auxiliary has its own peculiar personality. If your auxiliary is to have *personality plus*, it will need to rate high on four questions.

HOW DOES YOUR LEADERSHIP RATE? Every officer should be thoroughly acquainted with her duties and responsibilities. If she really has a desire to serve and has not accepted the office because she loves the limelight, or because it was forced upon her, she will "study to show herself approved . . ." She will be willing to sacrifice time and personal interests to attend workshops, executive meetings, and, of course, the regular meetings of the auxiliary.

HOW DO YOUR PROGRAMS RATE? Are they prayerfully planned and are the plans carried through? Do your study courses move the auxiliary members to action—dedication of time, talent, personality, and a greater zeal in practical and spiritual Christian service? Are there enough program books for everyone to have one and even some *extra ones for visitors*?

HOW DOES THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR ROOM RATE? The appearance of the room where your meetings are held can do much to create a worshipful atmosphere. Is the room neat, clean, and well-lighted? Is a worship center, relating to the theme and a spot of beauty upon which to focus attention, a part of your planning?

HOW DOES YOUR FRIENDLINESS RATE? Did you ever visit a place or group so charming that you were immediately drawn to it? There was an air about it, a feeling that attracted you. Every auxiliary that expects to grow must make everyone welcome. A stranger soon senses the warmth of an auxiliary. Friendliness is revealed not by what we say, but the *way* we say it—small gestures and facial expressions which either support or disprove our words. Without sincere warmth and friendliness the best planned program will fail to enlist others.

These are the things which, to a large degree, determine the success or failure of an auxiliary. How does *your* auxiliary rate? *Personality plus can be achieved!* Auxiliaries develop personality as individual members "grow in *grace* and in the *knowledge* of our Lord Jesus Christ." This grace, or graciousness, will permeate the group as did the fragrance from Mary's broken alabaster box of ointment.

CO-LABORER

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Mission Flashes

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

MEXICO Construction of the buildings at the new school property has begun. One building is almost completed; it only lacks the finished flooring and a few other finishing touches. The foundation for the girls' dormitory has been poured; however, the work has come to a halt because of lack of funds to proceed with.

COSTA RICA The Bill Phipps continue their studies in language school. They recently requested that our auxiliary members use their address: Apartado 2240 —San Jose, Costa Rica.

HAWAII Several presons have come to know Christ recently through the witness of our missionaries here. Among these converts is a Catholic lady who is now maintaining a wonderful testimony for Christ.

PANAMA Missionary John Moehlman rejoices for the foundation laying of a future Free Will Baptist Church in Panama and is grateful for everyone who has prayed to this end.

JAPAN This year marks the 10th anniversary of Free Will Baptist mission work in Japan. Special emphasis is being given to *evangelism* this quarter.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. Tentative plans have been made by Don Sexton to purchase property here for the erection of a Free Will Baptist Church.

BRAZIL A record attendance of 96 was recently reached in a Sunday school contest, reports Missionary Bobby Poole. Sufficient funds were received to sponsor radio sentence sermons.

AFRICA Missionary Harold Stevens' discouragement has changed to encouragement. Having seen no visible results in the area near the Mseleni River he sought the Lord in behalf of the work there. Soon after he arrived in the village, he learned that a woman had "come from a home far away out there in the forest looking for God." "This was the Lord's stimulant to my drooping heart," Stevens reports. Robinson.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Mrs. J. B. Bloss, wife of the late Rev. J. B. Bloss, former chairman of the Board of Home Missions, recently delivered the dedicatorial address at Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, here in our nation's capital.

YOUR

Standard of Achievement Chart

How long has it been since your auxiliary reviewed the Standard of Achievement Chart? If it has been quite some time, why not plan to review it at your next meeting?

The Standard of Achievement is given to the Woman's Auxiliary as a **measuring rod**. When each point is taken care of and marked properly our Standard of Achievement will prove to be a blessing. It provides inspiration from the things accomplished and keeps before the auxiliary its goals and objectives. Nothing describes an auxiliary better than the way its Standard of Achievement is kept.

- Be proud of your Standard and place it in a conspicuous place in your auxiliary room.
- If you have no permanent place for it in your meeting room, place it on an easel so it will always be before your group during your monthly meetings. Post it on the church bulletin board in the meantime.
- At the beginning of the fiscal year have your corresponding secretary secure enough appropriate seals or pictures for the whole year's work.



EACH OFFICER
SHOULD COME
TO THE
MEETING WITH
A WRITTEN
REPORT.

- As each officer stands before the auxiliary and gives her report for the past month, have her mark the point on the Standard for which she is responsible.
- When a committee goes beyond its requirements for the month give recognition for this accomplishment in your meeting.
- Wonder what to do with last year's Standard? Keep it before the group and use it as a challenge to excel each point the coming year.

Mrs. Wanda Rogers is WNAC recording secretary.

THIRD QUARTER CALENDAR

JULY

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—July 13-14
Kansas City, Missouri

National Association of Free Will Baptists—July 14-16
Kansas City, Missouri

AUGUST

Christian Camp Month

SEPTEMBER

Christian Education Month

Stewardship Emphasis

National Sunday School Week—September 27-October 4

Memorial Student Loan Fund Month for WNAC



"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."



A child's questions allow for excellent Bible instruction: "Will 'Buff' go to heaven, too?"

I'm PROUD To Be A Mother...

by Jean Hill



In my husband's office the three of us rejoiced over a new one being born into the kingdom of God.

Chilly October evenings never fail to remind me of the God-given experience I had eight years ago. I can vividly see in my mind's eye my husband, rushing to get to the emergency room, frantically and almost dragging me across the parking lot. It seemed to me that my feet were hitting the ground about every three or four steps! But just a few hours later, nestled in my arms was the *bundle of joy* God had so graciously given us.

As I lay in bed with Mark, his head out of shape, his body and face red, and certainly not the picture of beauty, thoughts began going through my mind. I did not wonder if he would some day be President of the United States, nor if he would be a millionaire, but I wondered what he would do for the Lord. It was at this very moment that I was challenged, as never before, to rear him in the admonition of the Lord.

How could I ever accept this responsibility? What is the formula for rearing children to know God? Through a mind bemuddled with questions a sweet, soft answer came from the Lord, "*Do it God's way.*"

This responsibility is always increasing. I want to share with you the blessings and convictions that have come my way since the earth's greatest treasure, a priceless gift, has come to be with us.

DEDICATION TO RESPONSIBILITY

It is my conviction that one must be *dedicated* to whatever task he attempts to accomplish. This is true with any task ranging from maneuvering a space vehicle to rearing a child. My husband and I were deeply conscious of our need of the Lord's guidance and help in establishing a Christian home, and in properly bringing up any children He might give us.

Throughout the Bible we find admonitions to parents to train their children for the Lord with instructions on *how* to do

it. Read God's word to Israel in Deuteronomy 6, giving special attention to verses six through nine where the responsibility is laid on parents to instruct their own children. Also, note Deuteronomy 11:18 and 19. Read carefully the Book of Proverbs in which many warnings and instructions to both children and parents are found.

The responsibility of training a child is a tremendous one that needs courageous parents to fulfill. We know the truth of the saying, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." In order to obtain the best results in training up morning-glory vines, one should have a trellis ready even *before* the seeds are planted. Thus, the vines can easily be trained from the start to follow the trellis and make the best display of their beautiful blossoms. If trained after they have seen substantial growth, the vines will be damaged and will never be as beautiful as when trained from the very beginning.

I firmly believe that the most injurious crime a parent can commit against his child is to fail to train him in the way of the Lord. Should you have children and not know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, even you need not be discouraged. Accept the Lord. Receive Him as your own personal Saviour. "As many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). After receiving Christ, dedicate yourself to this tremendous task of properly training your children.

DEDICATION TO INSTRUCTION

It is my conviction that whatever place in God's service Christian parents may be, and whatever their duties, God will make it possible for the mothers, at least, to "train up" their very young children according to His written admonition. His instructions imply His enabling. Such faithful mothers may find little leisure time and few helps to aid them in this training, but when they have supreme love for the Lord and a true love for their children, He will guide them according to His Word.

The question is frequently asked, "When should religious instruction begin?" Some have even tried to set an age at which one can be saved. This cannot be a cut and dried experience for everyone. I have heard many parents say that they are not going to rush their children into an experience with the Lord, but that they would rather the children choose for themselves. There is an element of truth in this but at the same time the laissez faire attitude in religion is a dangerous position. Children will know when they want Christ as their Saviour, and *neither age nor parents is the determining factor*. I would rather give my child religious instruction *a year too soon than an hour too late!*

When Mark was six and in the first grade of school he felt a strong need for knowing Christ. We had always freely discussed what salvation means in his presence—though not necessarily directly to him. One afternoon when school was out he entered my husband's office with a dejected, down-and-out look on his face. His words to my husband were, "I'm so disgusted with things. Daddy, I want to be a Christian." My husband showed him in the Scriptures what it meant to know Christ, and gave him some verses to use as a security for knowing Him. I was called to the office and there the three of us rejoiced over a new one being born into the kingdom of God.

Instruction does not happen overnight. It is a *process* that takes place on many occasions for a long period of time. Each family has its own way of conducting religious instruction. There is no set pattern for doing it because it should be an individual thing—applied as it fits the family situation.

Family devotions should be conducted each day. Most families do this in the evening before retiring. Any time is good as long as it is maintained consistently. Since our child goes to bed at varying times because of our activities at church and college, it is difficult for us to have family devotions in the evening. Thus, we find breakfast the most convenient time for devotions. This allows us time



Reading Bible stories together is an important area of Christian Education.

for prayer before going off to our places of responsibility. We pray that Mark will be a witness at school, and that we will do those things pleasing to God throughout the day.

Religious instruction is not confined to family devotions. It encompasses a broad field of instruction. Reading Bible verses at each meal, reading Bible stories, studying Sunday school lessons together, and merely answering questions as they arise are ways of instructing. The latter is perhaps the most effective way of instructing. Children have inquisitive minds—that is, if they are like Mark. Their questions allow for excellent Bible instruction since there is an absence of forcing the Bible on them. Some of Mark's typical questions are: *How far is heaven in the sky? Will "Buff" (the family dog) go to heaven, too? What is Grandpa doing in heaven now? If God gives you new teeth in heaven, why do I have to go to the dentist now?*

Instruction is important in every area of life. Parents should be dedicated to giving the proper instruction to their children.

DEDICATED TO DISCIPLINE

We would like to think that we all have angels who never do anything wrong, but if this were true we would not have normal children since all children are born with sinful natures. This sinful nature demands that we exercise discipline in training our children.

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The thousands of sample medicines collected by auxiliary members have finally reached Africa and are being used as a means to an end: to reach hungry hearts with the glorious Gospel.

MEDICINE BOTTLES COMPLETE MISSION

BY LORENE MILEY



Remember all those little bottles of sample medicines you once collected? Does it seem a long time ago? Did you ever wonder what happened to them?

I went into the pharmacy of our clinic a little while ago and briefly surveyed the full shelves. It seemed to me that the rows of bottles smiled in relief to be this far along on their mission. You will agree they have had an eventful life.

I'm not familiar with all their experiences before they left the States. Perhaps they well made their existence felt before they were ever shipped to Nashville: "What will we ever do with all this mess?" I do know they presented a problem when they reached WNAC office because they quickly spread beyond housing capacity and had to take up temporary lodging

in a corner at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. We thought about them during this waiting period for we could almost hear their groans, "Don't leave us here! Send us to Africa!"

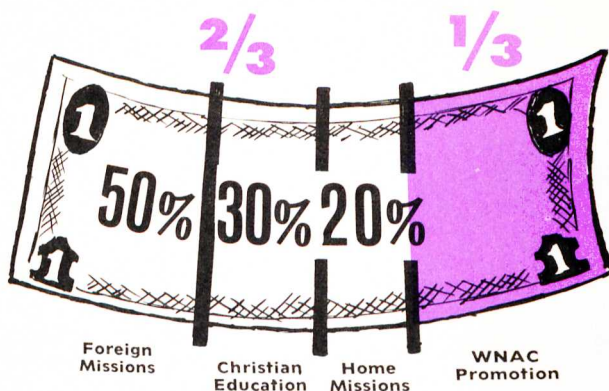
Mrs. Alma Binkley, member of the East Nashville Auxiliary, answered the call and worked hard, but the task was just overwhelming. After all, sorting, compiling, labeling and classifying millions of bottles is a tremendous job! I just wonder how many pencils, how many refills were used in the process.

The bottles must have perked up some when they started another voyage. "Are we ready for Africa?" they wondered in bewilderment. "I think I should be with my other sisters," moaned a lone bottle of antacid.

But the voyage wasn't to Af-



WHAT'S IN A CO-LABORER DOLLAR?



WHAT IS THE CO-LABORER OFFERING PLAN ?

It is the financial plan adopted by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in 1944 to systematically support home and foreign missions, Christian Education, and the promotional phase of WNAC.

Each local auxiliary determines how it wants to receive this offering.

- A monthly offering may be taken.
- Or a certain percentage of each month's total offering may be designated for this purpose—for example, 10%.
- Some auxiliaries designate a certain amount in the budget for this purpose. The treasurer then sends this designated amount regularly to the proper person. For example: \$5.00 monthly (the amount will depend, of course, on the size of your auxiliary—the smaller the auxiliary, the smaller the amount).

HOW IS THIS OFFERING TAKEN ?

HOW IS THIS OFFERING SENT ?

The same way you send your periodic reports: from the local treasurer through the district and state treasurers to the national treasurer. Adjustments will need to be made in the states that are not set up with these various agencies. Usually, it is advisable to send the money directly to:

WNAC Office
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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rica. It was to Greenville, North Carolina, where Mrs. Robert Crawford worked and supervised the processing and packing of the eight barrels—to the end. A local youth society adopted the project to fill one barrel.

Some months later they arrived in Africa. Nothing moves fast in this *lazy land*, so it was yet months before they reached Doropo, 425 miles from port.

Excitement ran high as each barrel was unfastened and poked into to examine the stuff on top. Everyone was eager to unpack and explore the treasures. Why, it was more fun than opening packages under a Christmas tree!

We each claimed something. "Teenage vitamins! Just the thing for me!" exclaimed Lynn, our 15-year-old. Our 13-year-old, Lynette, was more interested in the acne and skin medicine. Larry sampled every chewable vitamin available. I quickly claimed the oil for dry skin. Our climate is like an electric dryer at this time, leaving cracked and bleeding skin. LaVerne didn't claim the Meritene; I did for him. Perhaps a glass each morning and afternoon will give him back the twenty pounds he has lost.

The bottles seem to look toward one another, not knowing whether to be glad or sad. "Yes, I'm happy to be of use. But is this why we made our long voyage—to help missionaries?"

And just at that instant the doctor called, "Have you found anything there for pin worms? And what about migraine headaches?"

Immediately the pharmacy came to life. As with one voice, they begged, "Here! Take me! Why, that's what I'm here for!"

One bottle found its way into a wounded man's hand. "How much does it cost?" he asked.

"It is not for sale," was the reply. "This medicine came from America. They love Jesus there and want you to love Him, too. So they sent you this medicine."

Thus, the bottles are completing the mission to which you sent them many months ago.



RECORDS

The Earth Is the Lord's (RCA Victor, LPM-2753). Features the magnificent voice of George Beverly Shea—supported by full chorus and instrumental ensemble. **Keyboard Musings** by Dick Anthony (Zondervan, ZLP-622). An album featuring his own keyboard stylings. Most of the selections are old hymns of the church. **Choir Sing!** (Supreme, SM-1018). Your invitation to sing-a-long with the Paul Mickelson Choir. Group singing, with all its glorious power, is captured in this album. A complete book of choir arrangements is included.

Heaven's Harmony (Corner Stone, MS 606-LP). The McKinney Sisters take us on a stirring journey through several songwriters' descriptions of heaven in this album. You'll like this one for its simple and unaffected style.

BOOKS

Encyclopedia of Party Ideas for Adults by Lora Lee Parrott (Zondervan; 190 pp; \$3.95). An excellent planning book for your church socials. Includes ideas for games, decorations, refreshments, devotions, etc.

The Art of Christian Living by Ralph Heynen (Baker; 171 pp; \$2.95). Gives down to earth, practical advice for everyday living. Designed to lead you to a deeper Christian faith and to better mental health.

Points for Parents by Martin P. Simon (Zondervan; 183 pp; \$2.95). These brief stories are aimed at helping parents and teachers understand why children react as they do. Challenges parents and teachers to be more effective in pointing them to God and Christ-filled living.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE.

How to get the largest **DIVIDENDS FROM YOUR INVESTMENT**

One afternoon several weeks ago a Bible College student walked into our WNAC office and asked for a student loan. I knew as soon as he requested the loan that we had recently granted several loans and the supply was depleted.

"I'm sorry," I said, "but our fund is completely exhausted. You will have to wait until funds come in." He had heard about other students being granted loans

our churches promote Christian Education. One of the best ways we can do this is by assisting our students through the Student Loan Fund.

APPLICANTS AND INTEREST

All applicants for the loan must have completed at least one year of schooling at Free Will Baptist Bible College before becoming eligible to apply for a loan and the applicant must be a member in good standing with a Free Will Baptist church. Applications are made to the WNAC office. The amount of loan will be determined by the Student Loan Fund Committee after a careful study of the application and the amount of funds available. Each loan is for one school semester. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Student Loan Fund may be obtained from Free Will Baptist Bible College or the WNAC office.

Interest of 4% will begin one year from the date the loan is granted and is to be paid annually on or before June 30th of each year. The payments of the principle are to begin one month from the date of the student's graduation, his withdrawal, or his expulsion from school. The borrower must pay at least 10% of his total monthly income on the principle of the loan until the debt is paid in full. These payments are to be made to the WNAC office.

SUPPORT AND DIVIDENDS

WNAC asks that each auxiliary member invest at least *one dollar* each year in this fund. Why do we say "invest"? We believe everyone who invests in this fund will receive many dividends from her investment as she watches our Bible College graduates filling places of responsibility throughout our denomination: pastors, missionaries, secretaries, school teachers, Christian Education directors.



Every person who invests in the Student Loan Fund receives BIG dividends.

and was shocked when I had to refuse his loan. As he left the office dejectedly, I told him we needed to "pray that funds will come in."

Refusing to grant the loan to this student was tremendously difficult. I wish our student loan fund was sufficient to assist every worthy student who makes application.

As auxiliary members, we should help

One dollar per year seems like a small amount for every lady to give for such a worthy cause; however, if each auxiliary member would give only one dollar a year to this fund our annual income would be over \$10,000.

As trained young people take their places of service in our churches, we shall see dividends in several areas. More and more of our dedicated young people are going out into "the highways and hedges" and leading sinners to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. Trained pastors are training local memberships. Our Sunday schools are better equipped. The Church's Training Service has more capable leaders. God demands and deserves our **best**—regardless of the area in which we serve Him. We dare not fail our young people who want and deserve Christian training so they will upon graduation from Bible College take their places as leaders in our denomination—giving forth their best for their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPRECIATION

"Had not God supplied my need through the Loan Fund, I don't know how I could have completed my senior year at Bible College. That your work in this capacity is most helpful and encouraging to students, I can assure you. Personally, I will always be grateful for the help the WNAC was to me. This interest you have shown in helping our young people receive their training is one of the finest ministries you could have chosen. Again I say, to God be the glory for your work."

**Ralph Hampton, Jr., Instructor,
Free Will Baptist Bible College**

"During my senior year at Bible College I needed help if I was to make it. I went to see Mr. E. B. McDonald, and he suggested that I should talk with Mrs. Edwards (then Executive-Secretary of WNAC). This I did and filled out an application for a loan from the Memorial Student Loan Fund. Very soon my loan was through and I was able to finish my training. . . . Thank you, women, for the

faith you have placed in me and the many other young people throughout our denomination. Every soul that we have the honor of leading to Jesus here at home, in Brazil, or in any other mission field of the world, you will have your part in the rewards."

**Bobby Poole,
Missionary to Brazil**

Sunday night, September 8, 1963, I arrived at Free Will Baptist Bible College filled with a feeling of *victory* as I entered my third year of training. I felt a sense of victory just to be here! Prior to my returning to school this year, I had been doubtful about the possibility of coming back because of financial problems. During the summer I had worked and prayed, worked and prayed, but still I did not have enough money to pay my bills at school. So I applied for a loan from the Memorial Student Loan Fund. For this loan I am very appreciative, for if it were not for this I would not be in school at this time. I thank the Woman's Auxiliary very much for providing such a loan fund to help students.

**Joyce Maxwell, junior,
Free Will Baptist Bible College**

During the month of September each local auxiliary is requested to emphasize the Memorial Student Loan Fund. This is an ideal time to ask each member to give one dollar for the fund. We have granted 103 student loans since the beginning of the fund in 1957. Help us increase this number by sending in your gift to the **STUDENT LOAN FUND TODAY!**



An excerpt of a letter received from the first contributor to the Memorial Student Loan Fund, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier.

NEW WNAC OFFICE...

Has your auxiliary made plans to send an offering for our new WNAC office or Building Fund? The first contributors to this fund are:



Horton Heights Auxiliary—Nashville, Tennessee—\$5.00

First Church Auxiliary—
Spartanburg, South Carolina—\$25.00

New Zion Auxiliary—
Headland, Alabama (Southeastern District)—\$5.00

Miss Betty Rowlett—Bristol, Tennessee—\$5.00

Please . . . ask your auxiliary to join other auxiliaries in sending an offering to WNAC office for the furnishings that are needed and the many other expenses incurred in our building program. If **everyone** will contribute to this fund, the expenses will not be burdensome to anyone.

We appreciate very much the contributions that have already come into our office. Please mail yours soon!

CONVENTION MEETS IN MISSOURI

The 29th session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 13-14, 1964, in Kansas City, Missouri. Hotel Muehlebach has been selected as headquarters for the convention.

By paying a representation fee of \$3.00 your local auxiliary may send a delegate to this convention. This is the first year "each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state)" has had the privilege of sending a delegate. Give the representation fee to the lady whom you select to represent your auxiliary at this convention, and she will pay the fee when she registers at the registration booth.

Have you mailed your annual fees? "Ten cents (10¢) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Woman's National Convention by the state conventions for membership and convention representation fees" (Article VI—By-laws).

Plan now to attend this year's convention. Enjoy the rich spiritual experience that awaits you as you gather with Free Will Baptists from across the nation.

I'M PROUD . . . continued from page 6

The modern child psychology point of view, which I read recently, is that children must be allowed to express themselves in quest of satisfying their needs. To accept this point of view for rearing children is foolish. The Bible offers exceptional child psychology value through its pages. We are exhorted in it to "correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Proverbs 29:17). The Bible repeatedly says that we are not to spare the rod. This does not imply that *spanking is the only punishment*, but if it is needed let the chips (or wood) fall where they may.

The main rule in disciplining is to be *consistent*. We must not be strict part of the time and *punish* today what we will *smile* at tomorrow. Consistency also applies to the parents' part in administering it. Too many mothers leave the punishment for the fathers. This is a grave mistake! Not only does it give the father the role of the *aggre*, but it proves the mother's inefficiency to rule her children.

Another important rule to remember is not to use the Bible as a *mode of punishment*. My husband, who is a counselor, is now counseling with a girl from

the home of a minister who openly declares a hatred for the Bible and any authority. Her reason for this is that during her childhood her father punished her for wrongdoings by having her *read the Bible for hours*. This can have serious effects on individuals in the future.

By all means, discipline should be done through *love*. It is useless to tell the child all the time you are spanking him that you love him, but it is of great value if you tell him at more appropriate times that you discipline from a heart of love. I have heard parents say that they do not spank their children because they love them too much to spank them. I believe the converse to be true: *if you love your child you will punish him for doing wrong, because it shows that you care*. God can give guidance through His Word on this topic, also.



Mrs. Hill is the mother of one child, Mark, age 8, and the wife of Mr. Don Hill, professor at Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee.

OKLAHOMA YOUTH GIVE \$1,314.00 TO MISSIONS

A goal of \$1,000 for the Bible Institute in Brazil may seem difficult to reach in some youth groups, but not to the young people in Oklahoma. The First Mission District youth groups set this goal: \$1,000 during 1964. All groups from 5 through 19 years old directed their energies into raising this money. Excitement ran high! Much work was involved! The result? A total of \$1,314.00 was given by the Missionary Midgets, GTAs and YPAs under the capable leadership of the district youth chairman, Mrs. Farrell Prater. The local youth chairmen were outstanding in their promotional efforts during the campaign.

Suggested Circle Programs

THEME FOR '64 • TRUE TO GOD'S WORD

By Merlea DeFee

JULY

TRUE TO GOD'S WORD AS A CITIZEN

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Responsibility to Country:
Political Participation | Scripture..... Luke 20:25
Song..... "Faith of Our Fathers" |
| 2. Responsibility to
Authority: Obedience
to Laws | <i>Give pledges and salutes to the
Christian and American flags.</i> |

AUGUST

TRUE TO GOD'S WORD IN AUDIBLE WITNESSING

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. House to House
Visitation | Scripture..... Acts 1:8
Song..... "Lead Me to Some Soul Today" |
| 2. Witnessing in Classrooms,
Good News Clubs,
at Work, etc. | <i>Using the book of Romans, have each lady
mark the plan of salvation in her Bible.*</i> |

SEPTEMBER

TRUE TO GOD'S WORD IN SILENT WITNESSING

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Witnessing by our
appearance | Scripture..... Matthew 5:16
Song..... "I'll Live for Him" |
| 2. Witnessing in our
activities | <i>Read the poem, "The World's Bible."</i> |

Mrs. DeFee is president of South Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

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CIRCLE PROGRAMS

BY JO ANN HURST

JULY

"... BUT NOT ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE"

Hymn: "I KNOW That My
Redeemer Liveth"

Scripture: Romans 10:1-3

Leader, distribute pencils and note paper
for later use.

Regardless of the task a person has before him, it is necessary to have some degree of **knowledge** of what the task requires. Whether this is a simple household task or an intricate computation in bookkeeping problems, the rule still holds. If you think not, take a look at the bed made up by a husband who has never performed the task before.

Christian women have a monumental task in performing the duties which are

expected of them by the Lord. It is necessary to have **knowledge** of God's requirements and promises if the work is to be done effectively.

The Promotional Secretary of the National Sunday School Department recently reported statistics regarding a gross **lack of Bible knowledge** among Christian college students. Using Mr. Harrison's report as a basis for the following questions, write your answers on the note paper which has been provided.

1. Who was the tax collector who became a disciple of Jesus?
2. The father of Joseph and his brethren was _____
3. The Ten Commandments are found in the book of _____
4. Which New Testament book tells of the early beginnings of the Christian church?
5. The great wise man of the Old Testament was _____
6. Name a parable Jesus told.
7. Name the man who betrayed Christ.

It is hoped that these questions are so primary that they seem almost a waste of time to answer. For this reason the answers are not recorded here. However, if there are new Christians in your circle, or for any other reason the answers are not known, search them out without delay so you might have more **knowledge** and be a better laborer together with Christ.

AUGUST

"HE REMEMBERETH THAT WE ARE DUST"

Hymn: "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

Scripture: Psalm 103:13, 14

The Scripture for this program is packed with comfort especially in the face of failure. Through a household experience it recently became very real to the writer.

It was our privilege to add a bedroom to our house this year. While my husband did the constructing, hammering,

and cutting, it was my aim to help by taping the seams, painting and finishing the room. This new experience proved to be quite an ordeal.

I did the very best job I could do. It was honestly my best work. I knew that a builder friend of ours would come to see the work and I so wanted it to be a creditable job, and I tried very hard.

But each morning I was greatly dismayed to find obvious flaws in my work of the evening before. I spent much time in "do-overs" and patching up the errors. Oh, how I dreaded the inspection!

The friend did come to visit. He walked about and viewed the work critically and then declared it to be a good job! He knew we were amateurs.

When the curtains were hung and the furniture placed about, the flaws we knew were there were no longer visible. Even though they were there, they were **covered**.

This brought the above Scripture sharply to focus. When we have done our very best—in teaching a Sunday school class, performing as an auxiliary officer, or being a mother—there still remain many flaws, omissions, and failures. Our very best work is not good enough to stand inspection by the Master. However, "He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."

And the most marvelous part is to know that when we stand before the Master in all our failures (with nothing but our best to show), then we may stand in confidence, knowing that our Beloved Lord has covered all those with His precious blood. Because of His love, the Father can bear to look upon us. Our task, it would then seem, is to be sure that we do our best, even with patching and "do-overs," and trust Jesus for the judgment.

Close with a discussion period in which members may tell of experiencing the nearness of God in the face of physical failures.

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Mrs. Hurst participates in the Woman's Auxiliary in Wenatchee, Washington.

It was five years after her conversion that Bessie Yeley heard her *first missionary speaker*. She had been saved at the age of thirteen at Porter Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio. As a Sunday school pupil Bessie never heard her teachers mention missions nor the condition of the heathen. "Missions" was an entirely new subject to her when, as an eighteen-year-old girl, she visited a Baptist church one night. This aroused her interest in missions; however, she dared not even dream of being a missionary because the idea of achieving an education was completely foreign to her.

After hearing her first missionary, Bessie's interest in missions increased.



A Name To Remember

for her mother and lack of education. However, she told the Lord she was willing to go if He would make it possible.

That same winter her all-sufficient Lord began making the necessary provisions for her to become a bearer of the message of salvation to the regions beyond. He not only took her mother home to be with Him, but later sent a Bible School to Portsmouth. She worked during the day and attended classes at night. Her educational opportunities extended when she had the privilege of enrolling in a Bible School in Kansas City, Missouri. This school was operated solely on faith—which prepared her for the Faith Baptist Mission under which she was to later serve in Venezuela.

Miss Yeley was told that she was too old to be accepted by a board for appointment as a missionary. God solved this problem when the Faith Baptist Mission appointed her to serve in Venezuela, South America.

When she learned that a missionary from Bolivia, South America, was scheduled to speak two nights at a church near her, she arranged to hear him. Even today she remembers his singing "Ye Must Be Born Again" in Spanish. That night there sprang up within her a great desire to be able to sing that same song in Spanish, too, never imagining that this would become a reality a few years later.

In response to the urgent plea of the missionary for more workers in Bolivia, Bessie asked the Lord to raise up those who would be willing to go. She was jolted with His reply, "Why don't you go?" As she thought about the obstacles in the way of her going, she concluded the two main ones were: *having to care*

Her companion in travel posed a dark picture before Miss Yeley as she told her how difficult it would be for her in the South American country. After reaching the gateway of Venezuela the two missionary appointees were refused admission. Miss Yeley stayed on the Island of Barbados for three months and then returned home. Discouraged? Not in the least! God assured her Venezuela was to be her field of service, so she sailed again in 1936—alone. This time she entered without any difficulty.

Venezuela was indeed a training post for the new missionary. She learned to trust God for the healing of her body several times. There were many times of testing. Often she scraped "the bottom of

the meal barrel" but *the Lord always provided just in time!*

In September, 1942, her assignments changed from Venezuela to Cuba. She joined the Tom Willeys in the new work which they had begun. Miss Yeley recalls that the twelve years spent in Cuba were happy ones. Teaching Cuban young people in the seminary and taking week-end trips to teach Sunday school classes in different villages were thrilling experiences for the single missionary.

After twelve years in Cuba she served three years in Nogales, Arizona. During these three years she and Missionary John Elliston started a Sunday school and Bible Clubs which met on Saturdays. For quite a long time they witnessed the conversion of souls every Sunday. In recalling the joyous experiences in Arizona, Miss Yeley remarked, "The first one who accepted the Lord under my ministry there was a man who is now pastor of the

Her reply, when questioned about retiring, was, "Just a change of work—nothing more."

Miss Yeley's dependence on Christ has been evidenced throughout her missionary career. In reply to a letter received from the editor she recently wrote, "When I went to my first mission field and thought what it meant to leave home and the security that I had always enjoyed I knew that alone I could not do it. So I asked the Lord for a promise and He gave me the one that He gave Joshua when he had to leave his people and enter a strange land. 'Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest' (Joshua 1:9)."

"The promise has been with me in Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico, Miami and it

umber **BESSIE YELEY**

little Mexican church. I hear from him regularly and it is marvelous how the Lord is using him. He is doing full-time work now. He has services all week long not only in that little town, but also out of town. The Lord is blessing his efforts."

A change in assignments came again for the missionary: from Nogales, Arizona, to Miami, Florida. After the Cuban Refugee Center was organized Miss Yeley was in charge of the correspondence—along with teaching a Sunday school class.

After twenty years of missionary work she was confronted with a tremendous problem—whether or not to *retire*. As she looked to the Lord for His direction He led her to her home state, Ohio. But she contends she is *not in retirement*.

is just as good and as precious in a retired life, also."

Miss Yeley is making plans now to organize Bible Clubs at Wayne Hills, Ohio, as well as conduct Bible Study sessions with the senior citizens in that community who are unable to attend church. She is also looking forward to speaking in some of our churches on *missions*. Because she refuses to consider herself *retired*, she maintains a busy schedule to prove her contention.

When you pray for our missionaries, keep on remembering the name *Bessie Yeley* to our Lord. She's still active in His service and depends on our prayers daily.

Program for July, 1964

My Family, Too!

LORA SHUTES

Duet: "Faith of Our Mothers"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:9; Isaiah 28:9

Prayer: That we parents may be greater witnesses in our homes than we have been.

Business:

Program:

INTRODUCTION

Every maternity case is an eternity case. Every time a beautiful little bundle of flesh wrapped in a pretty blue or pink blanket is placed into the hands of a father or mother a tremendous responsibility is placed there also. Not only is a physical body given to them to be cared for, but more important still is the eternal soul that is wrapped in that pretty bundle of flesh.

The psalmist said, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward" (Psalm 127:3). Indeed children **are a gift from God!** Who but God could take a tiny cell and make it into a beautiful baby boy or girl? The physical birth is nothing short of a miracle of God performed inside the mother. Our children should be accepted as gifts from God, and as trusts from God also. It is the purpose of this program to help us realize our responsibilities to our children and to recognize our homes as places where we should constantly witness.

I. PREPARATION OF PARENTS

When a husband and wife learn that they are to become parents they are usually filled with joy and anticipation. They begin making the necessary preparations for the arrival of their offspring. An obstetrician and pediatrician are selected to give mother and baby the very best care. A layette of clothing is purchased with thoughtfulness and care; a frilly basinette is prepared in which to lay the precious little one. Every material need is met by the loving, thoughtful expectant parents.

But what of the physical and spiritual preparations of the parents? Do the expectant parents always think of their bodies as temples of the Holy Ghost and strive to keep them clean and pure that they might be able to give their children a good blood stream? Young men and women who expect to be parents should not take anything into their bodies that would endanger the life of their offspring. Poisonous alcohol and nicotine should have no place in their diet. Good eating and health habits should be ob-

served to build strong bodies for themselves and their children.

Physical preparation is certainly necessary for those who would be parents, but even more necessary is the **spiritual preparation**. Christian parents should dedicate themselves to the Lord for the task that lies ahead of them. They should carefully **study the Scriptures** that pertain to the home and to rearing of children. **Praying for wisdom** to know how to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is very necessary for the parents-to-be.

When Manoah found out that the angel of the Lord had visited his wife and told her she was to bear a son, he intreated the Lord and said, "Oh my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born" (Judges 13:8). Later on, he caught up with the angel of the Lord and said to him, "Now let thy word come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? (Judges 13:12). Listen to the instruction of the angel of

the Lord to Manoah in answer to his question: "And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her **observe**." This is a striking example for expectant parents—to inquire of the Lord as to how they should order the child.

Through prayer and study of God's Word, parents may inquire today concerning the rearing of their children.

2. DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

If you should ask me if I believe in the dedication of infants, I would answer with an emphatic "yes." I do **not** believe in **infant baptism**, but I believe that all Christian parents should dedicate their children to the Lord while they are still infants, or even before they are born into the world.

Hannah and Elkanah afford one of the most beautiful and unselfish examples of parents who dedicated their child to the Lord. (1 Samuel 1)

(If the speaker will familiarize herself with this story so she can give it from

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memory, it will be more impressive.)

It is a very serious and sacred thing for parents to dedicate their children to the Lord. Parents who dedicate their children to the Lord should be willing for God to use them anyway or any place that He so desires. It could mean separation from our children for any of us who sincerely dedicate them to the Lord.

For some of us who have dared to make the dedication of our children, it has meant giving them back to the Lord at an early age. We thought when we made the dedication that surely God would use that little boy or girl as a minister of the Gospel, or as a missionary to some foreign field, or maybe as a Christian teacher, youth worker, Gospel singer, or some other place in His service on earth. But God had a **higher place of service** for our child. It is as though He said, "I just lent him to you for a while,

but now I need him to make up my jewels." Then we were reminded of the dedication that we made and said, "O God, we love him so much and we would like so much to keep him down here with us, but **not** my will, Father, Thine be done. Thank you, Father for blessing our home with his presence, and thank you for the treasure that we now have in heaven."

Dare any of you dedicate your child or children to the Lord unless you mean it from your heart. Once we dedicate our children to the Lord, we must not take them off the altar, and we must assume the training of their spiritual lives.

3. TRAINING CHILDREN

The Christian home should be the greatest institution for teaching and training our children. Christian parents should not leave all the spiritual teaching and training of their children to the church and its organizations. These have their place but they do not take the place of the training that is needed in the home.

In our homes, we must teach by precept and example. Of these two methods, **example** is the greater.

The Jewish parents were commanded by God to teach their children. Christian parents are under no less responsibility (Read Deut. 6:1-12; Eph. 6:4; Isa. 28:9; Pro. 22:6).

Family worship in the home is necessary for spiritual training of our children. Every Christian home should have a family altar. This treasured hour of the day should be carefully planned. This time should be used when our children are very young to lay the foundation for leading them to Christ. We should desire the privilege of leading our own children to Christ. This is one of the greatest blessings that can come to any parent.

We have a mission field right in our homes. We must, one day, give an account to God for the way we have handled this mission.

Mrs. Shutes is state president of Alabama Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Program for August, 1964

"Able To Teach Others"

CHARLES A. THIGPEN

Chorus: "Saved To Tell Others"

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:2b

Prayer: See "Call to Prayer."

Business Period:

Program:

Hymn: "Others"

INTRODUCTION

Transmitting the Christian faith to others is one of the most vital factors in Christianity. Our Lord and the Apostles teach us that the recipient of salvation becomes a spiritual debtor to the entire world of unbelievers. We are commanded to witness—witness unto vital response. Then we are to baptize the believer, and finally we are to **teach** him to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

This, in a sense, is the total program of Christianity. It is the very essence of the Christian thrust. As a denomination we have been more faithful in the first two steps than the third. We have evangelized, and we have baptized—but, alas, all too often we have **not taught**. This **teaching** is as essential in the commission that we call "great" as the evangelizing and baptizing!

Before we can teach others, we must **be taught**. Paul recognized this truth and sought to teach young Timothy in the two letters addressed to him. How may we be taught? What should we be taught?

1. VALUE OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING

When we think of Christian training, no doubt some of us think of the church, Sunday school and league. If so, perhaps we should realize that the **home** was established many millenniums before the church—and the Old Testament is clear in stressing that it is to be a **center of learning** (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). One generation must pass down to the next the spiritual heritage.

God has very wisely arranged that the development of the child into a mature man or woman should take many years. This is not true in animal life. Almost any animal is full-grown when a year or so old. But with a child, many years are required to grow from infancy to late adolescence. I believe this is true so that the parents will have sufficient time to **teach the child how to live**.

Probably the most important years of a child's life are the first five years. Psychologists tell us that many of the tensions, problems and maladjustments of

later life can be traced back to the very early years of childhood. Therefore, the training of children by Christian precept and example in the **home** can hardly be over-emphasized.

This training should really begin before the birth of the child. That is, the parents must adjust their own attitudes to this new role in life—that of **parent-teacher**. The primary duty of the parents for the next 18 to 22 (or more) years is to teach, train, guide, discipline, inspire and challenge this new life. And, of course, they must provide for this life also.

In this "University of the Home" the father is to be the **chief professor** and the mother is to be the **associate professor**. In order to teach effectively, all the Christian graces should be experienced and transmitted **by the parents**. Please remember that the home is the **child's most important school**.

The **church** is the only other institution parents can look to to assist them in

this job of giving Christian training to their children. It is the duty of every adult member of the local church to see to it that the teaching and training within his church is the very best possible.

The teachers should be led into a worthwhile **teacher-training program**. The church should have adequate classrooms, teaching aids, and teaching materials.

2. VALUE OF FORMAL TRAINING

Formal training is of value, too. By formal training we mean that **education received in institutions of learning from grade school through college**. Usually a person becomes literate through the efforts of a school teacher. But not only do teachers in schools teach a person to read, they teach him how to write, communicate, understand himself, his world, and many other things.

Adjustment to the social order is not the chief duty of man, but is a matter of some importance. Even though we are not of the world, we **are** in the world. Everyone should prepare himself for a life of service right here on earth.

These talents and abilities are God-given and should be carefully developed. It is proper and right to use the means available to get this needed training. Our founding fathers and their successors

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very wisely laid the foundations for and developed some form of public instruction—education for everyone.

It is imperative that full-time Christian workers be trained thoroughly. Our denomination has become alert to this need in recent years and we are grateful for the educational opportunities offered Free Will Baptist young people. We have come to acknowledge that "a call to service brings with it a call to preparation."

Education for the preacher, for instance, is not to take the place of the call of God upon his life or the work of God the Holy Spirit. Without these two, he can never be pleasing to God as a preacher. But the preacher should be an educated, well-trained man.

Suppose a preacher knows theology but is ignorant of English. Someone who listens to him knows English but does not know theology. That person would **doubt** the preacher's knowledge of theology on the basis of his lack of knowledge of English. Our lay people are becoming more educated. Our full-time workers must have the very best training possible in order to win these people in the pew to Christ.

3. VALUE OF SELF-TRAINING

Today there are educational opportunities open to everyone. There are good schools that offer worth-while correspondence study that can be taken right in the home. The variety of types of courses and fields of study will amaze one who has never investigated this matter. Also, in almost every metropolitan area there are adult education courses offered—usually at night and often with no charge or a very nominal charge.

Another area open to many is still the public school. I know of a mother who was left a widow while her children were in school. She went back to school right along with her children . . . and graduated! She had been deprived of part of her schooling in earlier years.

Some of you have felt that you could do more for the Lord if you had more training. This is probably a true evaluation of your condition. But why let this condition remain when you can do something about it? You **can** and **should** prepare yourself for more and better service to Christ.

What is the purpose of this training we have been considering? It certainly is not an end in itself. The purpose of the training you receive is to enable you to more **effectively win and teach others**. Our theme for the year is "We Are Witnesses" (Acts 5:32). Our witnessing will be more effective if our talents and abilities are developed for God's glory.

Rev. Thigpen is dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Program for September, 1964

God Said It! I Believe It!

EUNICE EDWARDS

Prayer: That God will shower Free Will Baptists with a Holy Ghost stewardship revival.

Hymn: "The Woman's Hymn" (Tune: "Come, Thou Almighty King")

Scripture: 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:1-6

Business Period:

Program:

INTRODUCTION

Christian women in Free Will Baptist churches have been most generous with their gifts to missions. In fact, not that this was the intention of the women, but according to the testimony of many pastors, if it were not for the generosity of the women much missionary activity in their churches would cease.

Paul paid tribute to the generosity of the Corinthians in chapter seven. He even said he had such "confidence" in them that he felt perfectly at ease in proposing a new challenge (II Cor. 8).

And—it is with complete confidence in our women that, under God, they will accept the following challenge, I offer it.

We have hardly scratched the surface in this world-wide work of witnessing. God said for us to witness to men everywhere—beginning at home. It is presumptuous for us to think God would give such an assignment without providing for its support. He did provide. He said it! I believe it!

1. WHERE DID GOD SAY IT?

There are 1,565 references to **giving** in the Bible. In this short space it is impossible to list all of the references or to give even a fair sampling . . . but let's look at a very few.

Read Genesis 28:20-22. Jacob's vow is cited here. To paraphrase, Jacob says, "If the Lord will help me to live and provide for my necessities, I will give one-tenth of all I own back to God in gratefulness for these benefits." Can you do less? Are you doing less? Do you consider bread, clothing and a roof over your head your due? Do you feel that God owes you these things and that you do not owe Him a debt in return of at least the **tithe in gratitude**?

God said, "And all the tithe . . . (Lev. 27:30-34 . . . read aloud) is holy unto the Lord." Notice the opening word "And." It has a tremendous import to Christians for it ties verses 28 and 29 to these verses in which God states that no **devoted** thing given to Him shall then be taken away.

Can you accept the blessings of pardon from sin and not **devote** your life, your possessions to your Redeemer? Did you give your heart to Christ and then refuse your life? If so, you have taken back part of your gift to Christ!

2. TITHING: LAW—GRACE

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17).

If Jesus said that all the teachings and practices under the law were still in force, and this is what He said, then it logically follows that tithing is still the **norm** for today's Christians.

Jacob, out of a heart overflowing with gratitude, vowed he would give a tenth of all to God. Can Christians under **grace** do less?

Abraham gave to Melchizedek (type of Christ the King-Priest) "tithes of all." In other words, Abraham, upon his return from a battle recognized in Melchizedek a priest of an higher order than himself, and in gratitude for the blessings he

(Abraham) had received, he gave "tithes of all."

Moreover, it is certainly accepted by most Christians that Abraham very simply made a **thank offering** to his God. Can people redeemed by the precious blood of Christ be less thankful?

An interesting sidelight on Hebrews 7:4 is the use of the word "spoils." It literally means **the top of the heap**. So Abraham gave to God a part of the **best** that he had taken in battle. He did not wait until all his wants, or needs had been satisfied, but he gave the **first** part—the **best** part to God! Can Christians be content with less? Can Christians actually feel right about their giving when they **know** it is **not** the firstfruits?

Hebrews 11:14 says, in substance, that like Abraham all those who have been redeemed are looking for "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

We are saved by faith. We walk by faith. We look forward to our eternal home by faith. Then, can we do less than tithe by **faith**?

3. GOD'S PART OF MY INCOME

How should one estimate his tithe—or God's part of his income? This is a simple

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problem. Christians complicate it sometimes by their own reasoning, their own wants, their own wills, etc. The Bible estimates it simply "... the **tenth** shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:32).

There is nothing complicated about this computation. If I have ten dollars, one dollar of that ten belongs to God. If I have one hundred dollars, ten dollars belong to God. If I have one dollar, one dime of it belongs to God. This is very simple arithmetic.

If you do not have a fixed income, it is a simple matter at the time when you file your income tax "W-2 Form" with the government to **know how much tithe is the Lord's!**

If you have not paid it, do so!

4. WHERE SHOULD I PLACE MY TITHE?

In the storehouse! That is where God says to place it. "Bring ye **all the tithes into the storehouse** . . ."

He even tells us **why** we are to place our tithe there: "... that there may be **meat in mine house** . . ." This is another very simple statement and easily understood. "Mine house" is the house of God, or simply, the **church**.

Some Christians complicate this instruction, also, by placing their tithes where "they feel led." Since the Trinity is **never** out of harmony, I have reason to doubt the leadership of these Christians. I do not believe that God would give us one set of instructions in His Word and then the Holy Spirit "lead" someone to do differently than obey His Word. Also, I have every reason to believe that placing our tithe outside the storehouse—the church—is simply to set ourselves up to be something we are not.

Namely . . . gods! For by superseding God's explicit instructions to "bring ye the tithe into the storehouse" we are setting ourselves up to be wiser than God. Actually, I have learned—partly by experience—that I am not capable of judging who needs what . . . nor when. But when I bring my tithe into the storehouse and offer it in the proper spirit, it loses my identity **except to Him** and the church is able to do her work and without my tithe the church cannot do her work. And with this I am content.

5. GOD SAID IT! I BELIEVE IT!

Read **Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Chronicles 31:5-10; Luke 12:22-31; 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8.**

I believe these things! I believe these words to be the words of my God. Do you? Do you believe it strongly enough to practice tithing? I pray you will.

Please try tithing. Of course, you know I do not mean for you to place your tithe into the auxiliary treasury.

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READERS WRITE

To the editor:

Have just received this next quarter's *Co-Laborer* and it is just wonderful. I look forward to each copy—to read and enjoy before we even get ready to use them in our work.

Mrs. W. A. Binkley, Jr.
Ashland City, Tenn.

To the editor:

The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River certainly like the April-May-June *Co-Laborer*. There are so many added features . . .

Mrs. Dale Blakeley
Cantwell, Missouri

To the editor:

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* so much and all the articles included. The programs this quarter are especially good.

Mrs. Myrtle Wallace
Smithfield, N. C.

To the editor:

We think our books get better all the time. We hope to see great things done in the year of 1964 by our auxiliary.

Mrs. James Weir
Toledo, Ohio

To the editor:

We at Trinity Church received our new books last week. We had our yearly election of officers at our regular 2nd Tuesday night meeting. The auxiliary is small in number but fairly active. We are building our installation service around the WNAC theme: *True to the Word*.

Mrs. M. L. Sutton
Ft. Worth, Texas

To the editor:

We sold 50 copies of *THE BIBLE AND A MIXING BOWL* cookbooks. This was accomplished in order to pay for our Vacation Bible School materials ('63).

Gifts were presented by the auxiliary to Mrs. Ethel Whaley and Miss Mildred Hall who have begun working in the Fairbanks, Alaska, Free Will Baptist Church.

We are having wonderful response to the Penny-a-Meal plan. We send this money to home missions.

Mrs. Carl Johnson
Anchorage, Alaska

To the editor:

We have been organized for 15 months and have grown from an enrollment of 8 members to 17 with an average attendance of 14 each month. During this time we have sent money to our native Indian pastor, have sent 13 blankets to Rev. Willey in Miami for the Cuban refugees, and have contributed regularly to the various aspects of our auxiliary work.

The Lord has really blessed our efforts . . .

Okefenokee Auxiliary
Waycross, Georgia

To the editor:

The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia, was organized in November of 1960.

For the past year and a half we have been giving 10% of our offerings to missions. This year of 1964 our aim is to participate in the activities of our state convention and do all we can to win the lost to Christ through our auxiliary, remembering always that ours is a missionary organization.

Bethany Auxiliary
Savannah, Georgia

To the editor:

Mrs. Ernest Gregg is the newly installed president of the First Free Will Baptist Church Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. L. Vance installed the officers Sunday. A tea and fellowship followed the installation.

Mrs. Ruby Utsey
Bryan, Texas

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STEPPING STONES FOR YOUTH...



Include your "teeners" in this study course.

The correlated study program for the year (see first quarter *Co-Laborer*) suggests a study course on youth for the summer months.

UNDERSTANDING AND GUIDING TEENAGERS is recommended for your textbook. Dr. Clyde Narramore is the author. He presents the material in a teachable, interesting manner. Your "teeners" should be included in this course. Invite them to participate during these months of school vacation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING THE COURSE

Prepare a poster by placing a picture of young people in the lower left corner and adults in the upper right corner. Illustrate a stream running from upper left to lower right and place rocks, representing *stepping stones*, between youth (adolescence) and adulthood. Write the chapter headings or main themes on the stones.

Example: Chapter 1 deals with *physical maturity* and chapter 2 with *social development*. Use these as the basis for presenting each chapter. This same suggestion may be prepared for flannelgraph use.

The central theme of each chapter is illustrated with one or more cartoons. These are simple and may be copied on white pieces of cardboard (8½x11) or you may find appropriate pictures and apply to the cards. Use these as flashcards in teaching.

Other books you may select from:

THE CHURCH AND MODERN YOUTH
(Teeners) by Parsons—\$3.50
UNDERSTANDING AND
INFLUENCING CHILDREN
(younger children) by Narramore—\$1.00

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ARE SUGGESTED MONTHS FOR A STUDY OF THE MANUAL. IDEAS FOR A "CONDENSED COURSE" OR FOR A "STANDARD COURSE" ARE AVAILABLE BY WRITING WNAC OFFICE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.



That Christian Glow...

Colleen Townsend was a rising young actress when she met Christ as Savior and Lord in 1948. Two years later, she left her movie career and married Louis Evans, Jr., a theological student. Life was full to the brim, and then came heavy family responsibilities, and the spiritual crisis she describes here.

When I married Louis, it seemed as if life couldn't get any better. He enrolled in a seminary for three years, and it was an opportunity for me also, because I needed lots of training. After seminary we felt led to go on to more schooling and went overseas to Scotland. I thought, "O God, my cup is so full I don't know what I am going to do."

In Scotland we had a baby. Then I knew it just couldn't be any better. It was so good that the next year we had another baby, the next year another. Until now, we have four little steps. We came home and Louis was called to begin a new church in the Los Angeles area.

One morning I woke up and asked, "God, what's wrong?" During the night one baby had awakened and cried. I had nursed him and put him back. A couple of hours later another baby had fallen out of bed, and I had dashed out and put him back. Then the third one—I don't remember what happened, but something

did, and I found myself thinking, "The glow is beginning to go."

For the first time I was knowing real responsibility. The hours that I had been able to spend before in Bible study and prayer, I no longer had. How do you find hours for prayer before the children get up? I couldn't beat them at getting up in the morning. It seemed they would even hear me open my Bible. At night, frankly, I was just too exhausted to pray. I was having problems.

So after our first year we took a month's vacation. My husband feels that Christians should be constantly studying, so he went away to study, and we as a family went with him. During that month, I reflected, he could go away and study, but God, You are going to have to give me *my* answer. I don't like these feelings that I am having. I don't like having the glow slip from my life. I feel that victory has gone out the back door.

Here was the first crisis in my Christian life. Each day I would put the children down to nap as fast as I could. I could hardly wait until they were asleep. The moment all was quiet I would get out my Bible and my little notebook and pencil. Then I'd say, "God, where is the problem? Why has the glow disappeared? Where am I wrong? Just show me."

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Bit by bit the answers started to unfold. God led me to a certain book which taught me to be honest. It taught me not just to pray about the particular problem that I had myself—"Lord, send me a maid!" No, it told me to get right down to the basis of the problem, which was inside *me*. But the book which was used most of all in my life was the Holy Scripture. I believe very firmly that every single answer to every difficulty in life is there for us.

My first problem concerned my attitude. I felt as if I were a servant in my own home. When the babies cried I would look at my husband lying there sound asleep and say, "Lord, wake *him* up sometimes." I loved him dearly, but he had the most wonderful ability to sleep through everything. Yet I really felt down deep inside that it was my job. I believe that I had been created as a woman, not to glorify myself, but to be a helpmeet for my husband. But when it came right down to the actual test I was chafing and grumbling and resisting and resenting.

My second problem was the physical work—how to get it done. I had been trained to be an actress, not a housewife, and there is a lot of difference. I found that it was hard to get those babies clean and diapered every day and get the house ready for the meeting at night. Our church was started in our home—for four years our home was the church. There were meetings night after night: board meetings, Bible studies, evangelistic meetings for Hebrew Christians in our neighborhood—and cookies to bake for all of them. I found that keeping the house clean, the babies clean, myself clean, left me exhausted. God, how will I get through all this work?

My third problem, as God revealed it to me one night when I became real honest, was what to do about my enemies. Now lots of women I have talked to say, "Well, I'm lucky, I don't have any enemies." I might have said that before that summer. But God showed me that I had many enemies. I was holding certain people at arms length.

It wasn't that I disliked these people, but perhaps I had heard that they disliked me. Because I knew this, I had put up a little barrier around myself. I hadn't let hate into my heart, but I had let certain exclusive attitudes come into my life. I had simply stayed away from those people. If I was in a room and they were on one side, I'd stay on the other. I just wouldn't get myself close to them.

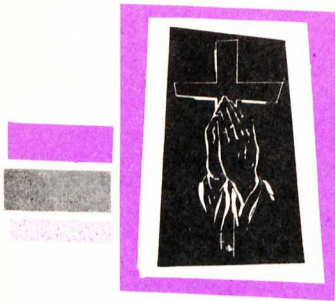
The next problem I had was one I'm sure you all have had—the problem of interruptions. I found that when we moved into the manse my schedule just had to go. But it bothered me—all the interruptions. I had that ironing to get to, but sure-as-shooting the phone would ring. Not once or twice, but five or six times. And somehow that ironing basket was never empty. Lord, what do I do about interruptions?

The last and biggest problem I had was, what to do about a quiet time? I longed for time with God. I wanted to pray, or I thought I did. I was getting tired of being all Martha and no Mary. Lord, how will I get my quiet time? These were my problems—simple, nothing tremendous, but big enough to eat away the joy of my Christian life.

So I went to the Scriptures, and God revealed his Word to me. The answer he gave for the problem of my attitude of being a servant and grumbling about it was, Christ said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." In prayer the feeling came to me that I as a wife and mother had the most marvelous opportunity to follow Christ. Christ said, "I came to minister, and the disciple is not above the Master." My whole job in life was to minister, and it had to start in my own home.

I first minister to God by praising Him in my home. We can minister to Christ with our love and praise and our public witness, but unless our witness is greatest with our own family, and in our own home, it fails, and in our own home, it fails. I found if it doesn't start in my home, I have no right to go outside. I vowed right then that if Louis wasn't the

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Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

"Call unto me and I will answer thee . . ." (Jer. 33:3)

PANAMA—Although our missionaries anticipate opposition from the Catholic church, the Lord continues to bless the work at Canita. Tom Willey, Jr. is planning a trip down to the very end of the settlements and on through the Indian country. About 75 miles of this journey will be made on foot.

Pray for a fruitful journey.

AFRICA—"The backs of my Bible are worn, but the pages are still good. I love my Bible." The young man who gave this testimony gave himself to the Lord after having been witnessed to by Lonnie and Anita Sparks.

The work is advancing in Africa. Two young men have been called to the ministry. Two others want to study. Lonnie and Anita Sparks have started a small Bible Institute.

Pray for them as they teach. Pray, also, for the young converts that they might be used among their own people.

ALASKA—Mrs. Ethel Whaley conducts a weekly Bible Club with the attendance averaging above twenty-five. Several homes are being reached through this medium. A weekly Bible Class meets in the home of one of the Whaleys' friends. God continues to open doors of service in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Pray for grace and strength for the missionaries to enter the doors God opens.

MEXICO—Missionaries Arthur and Jenell Billows are planning their annual Vacation Bible Schools. They anticipate better schools this year than in previous years because a course in Vacation Bible School was taught at the Bible Institute this past year. All the churches will have better trained workers in 1964 than in past years.

Pray for those who work in the Vacation Bible Schools. Pray that those who attend them without Christ will come to know Him before the schools close.

BRAZIL—February 13, 1964, was a memorable day for Missionary Mary Ellen Rice. She worked in her first Bible School since going to Brazil. Many of the children did not know how to cut out or color. Many of them did not know how to read or write.

Pray that the Lord of the harvest will bring forth fruit as a result of this Bible School. Ask the Lord to open doors for Child Evangelism classes.

URUGUAY—The work in Uruguay continues to grow. Our missionaries there just closed a very successful Vacation Bible School. Two girls accepted Christ as Saviour. Several teenage boys attended the school every day. One young man feels that the Lord has called him to preach.

Pray for this young man to remain faithful to the Lord and that he will know and do the Lord's will.

READERS WRITE

(Continued from Page 24)

To the editor:

I want to thank you for the \$9.00 sent to my account. I surely did appreciate it.

Miss Bessie Yeley
New Boston, Ohio

To the editor:

The Co-Laborer is wonderful. Our auxiliary receives such blessings from studying the inspiring programs.

Mrs. Pansy Cravens
Ontario, Calif.

To the editor:

Our auxiliary is relatively new, having been organized a year and three months. . . . Half of our offering each month is sent to Rev. John Postlewaite, since he is a missionary from our immediate area. We have a work day once a month. We have just finished four sets of tea towels to be sent to the missionary provision closet. . . . We recently mailed 65 medicine bottles to Dr. Miley.

Willow Springs Auxiliary
Mountain Grove, Mo.

To the editor:

We want to express our appreciation for the financial support from the Woman's Auxiliaries of our denomination. . . . We are thankful, too, for the missionary closet which supplied many of our needs.

Archie and Sarah Mayhew
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STEPS FROM ROMANS TO USE IN SOUL WINNING

1. Romans 3:10
2. Romans 3:23
3. Romans 5:12
4. Romans 6:23
5. Romans 5:8
6. Romans 10:9, 10, 13

Know Your Stars

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| 1. Congress adopted the US flag in 1777 | — | — |
| 2. The first stars on US flag were in circles | — | — |
| 3. Arizona was the 48th state admitted to the Union | — | — |
| 4. Alaska is 1/3 the size of Texas | — | — |
| 5. Hawaii was granted statehood, January 15, 1959 | — | — |
| 6. Alaska's 49th star was added to the flag July 4, 1960 | — | — |
| 7. Hawaii's 50th star was added January 4, 1960 | — | — |

Answers: 1, yes; 2, yes; 3, yes; 4, no, more than twice the size; 5, no, March 12, 1959; 6, yes; 7, no, July 4, 1960.

first one to say I was a Christian, I should never again stand up and speak before anyone.

You know, it is absolutely amazing what an attitude can do in the home. If we do things with the wrong attitude I'm sure that our husbands and our families would much rather we would never do them. Only Christ can make us serve with joy and gladness. He is the only one who can change our grumbling into real joy in serving him.

My second problem was work—the plain mechanics of physical work. The verse God gave me for that was the wonderful one, Deuteronomy 33:25, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Now I had heard it many times before, but somehow it had never become my own. This time I prayed, "Lord I am desperate. I just have too much work to do."

And in a sudden rush of humiliation I realize that a lot of things in my schedule were not necessary. God had to show me that I was trying to do too much in some areas because of my own ambition. I was taking on too much. But the things that really had to be done, the things that needed to be done, to keep my family happy and well and spiritually whole, I could do—if I would stop worrying about tomorrow. I was always thinking about what I had to do tomorrow. I was dissipating my energy by worry. I realized that I was going to have to stake my life on what God said in that verse. I was going to have to put it to the test.

I have found it true that God always gives us strength for what we must do today if we will let him, and if we will not worry about tomorrow. What a wonderful lesson it was to me to learn to take one day at a time!

Now, what to do about these enemies? How many times have you heard a Christian woman say, "Well I like so-and-so, but she is just not my type. We get along better if we don't see each other."

God made me realize that as long as I had such thoughts I was not following him. It had to be all-out, and he showed

me what I had to do. The verse he gave me was from the Sermon on the Mount: "Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you."

I was humbled and humiliated at the thought that I had not followed Christ. God revealed to me that it was a real sin to be sensitive about oneself. So I wrote down the names of these people and started to take his Word literally by praying for them. How wonderful it is to find that some of your "enemies" can become your closest friends.

*Love is but the heart's
immortal thirst
To be completely known
and all forgiven.*

—HENRY VAN DYKE

Now what to do about interruptions. Christ also had interruptions, perhaps more than any of us will ever know—interruptions of a deeper nature. But the way he responded to them is our answer. Do you remember the time when he wanted to be alone with his friends, his disciples, and he said, "We can't be alone here, so let's go across the lake over there where it is quiet; then we will have some time together."

So they pushed off in the boat, and the Scriptures tell us that even before they reached the other side a crowd had gathered and were waiting for Jesus. Some wanted his counsel, some wanted to ask questions, some maybe were curious and just wanted to look. But they had interrupted something that he had planned and wanted to do. Notice how he reacted to it. He simply met the situation, as an opportunity rather than an interruption. He talked with them, he healed them, because God put them in his path.

I feel that as Christian women we should treat every phone call, every knock at the door, as an opportunity instead of an interruption. I must admit that it is not always easy, and I mutter to myself as I go to the door. I have to work on myself to keep convinced. But I know that people are more important than my program for the day. I know

that talking with someone with a problem is far more important than finishing my ironing. I know that that phone call is someone who has a problem, or maybe just needs to know a phone number, and that even though that I can minister and witness and show love and be a child of the Father.

Now my last and biggest problem was to find a quiet time. How do we, as busy wives and mothers who must put our husbands and our children first, find time to be alone with Christ? All through Scripture God tells us that we need our quiet time, in order to be the kind of people that he wants us to be. I was convinced of this.

The answer that God gave me was mainly an insight into my own condition. I thought I was too busy, but he revealed to me that my problem was not my busyness, but my state of mind. Somehow with all the activities of being a new mother, with a new church and a busy husband, I had allowed Christ to be pushed from the center of my life. In doing that, my burning desire to spend time with him each day had gradually cooled. My busyness was a good excuse, but it wasn't real. The real problem was not my activity, but my affection. When we fall in love, we simply will find time to be with that person; and when we are in the right love relationship with Christ, we will find time to pray.

My mother-in-law was a great help here. She is "tuned in" so that she can go to prayer at the drop of a hat. I am now finding little bits of time all through the day when I can talk to God, if I really want to do it. So this was a most exciting answer. I have learned to pray on the run—on the hoof, as Ruth Graham calls it—in the oddest places and positions; and I have found that God hears those prayers.

It has been a wonderful thing to re-establish a prayer life that comes out of an overflowing experience, one in which you just can't wait to get with him.

I believe that we simply cannot cope with life today without a personal, vital relationship with Christ. And it's so

thrilling to see day by day new things unfolding! What a privilege it is to be a Christian, to be a Christian woman, to be a Christian wife, to be a Christian mother. Thank you, God!

CIRCLE PROGRAM from Page 15

SEPTEMBER

KNOW YOUR STORE ROOM!

Scripture: Psalm 86:10

Hymn: "A Child of the King"

Did you ever want to prepare a certain dessert and then remember that you had failed to buy one of the main ingredients, and a few days later discover that you had indeed purchased that ingredient and stored it away? You were, no doubt, disgusted with yourself for not knowing what you had in your storage cabinet.

The **Word of God** is a **Christian woman's storehouse**. Yet, how often we find church-going women who seem to know very little about the multitude of good things that are in store for them. Nevertheless, just as the forgotten ingredient sat idle in the cabinet without benefiting anyone—so the blessings of the Lord will be withheld if they are not requested and claimed.

Does it not seem sad to think of coming to the end of life and realizing that an over-abundance of joy had been in store all through the years, but instead, the worries, struggles, and hardships of life had been endured as they came along?

Perhaps you have heard the poem which begins:

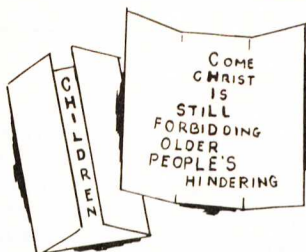
"I asked of life but a penny
And a penny is all life paid."

Jesus said He came so that all might have abundant life. Take stock of your circle. Is attendance lagging? Interest low? Would enthusiasm on your part be the trigger to better activities? Then be enthusiastic! Check your store room! God has made provisions for all your needs.

Let each one present read or quote a promise which has been very dear to her. Or, if available, pass out several "precious promise" cards such as many have on their dining tables, and have them read around the group.

PROGRAM HELPS

JULY

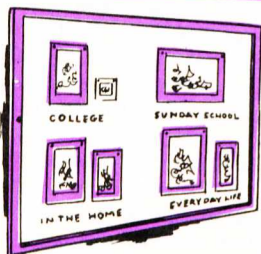


Fold a sheet of paper on both sides and write the word "children" between the folds. Open the folds and print "COME! CHRIST IS STILL FORBIDDING OLDER PEOPLE'S HINDERANCE."

With the folds closed, point out to your group that many parents forbid their children to come to Christ by the lives they live before them. Some parents are such poor representatives of Christ that they hinder their children from coming to know Him as Saviour.

Open the folds and read Mark 10:14-16. Remind your group that the Lord is still calling children and forbidding parents to hinder.*

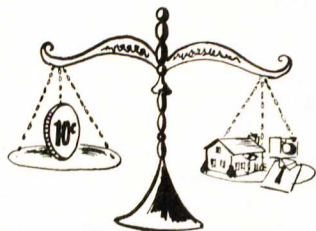
AUGUST



Find pictures of children in a Sunday school class, children in the home, and young people reading (or young people on a college campus). Emphasize the need for Christian teaching to be done in the home as well as in Sunday school and in Christian colleges. As you speak of each area, put the picture relating to that area on a board and easel, or on the wall, so that all may see them.

Enhance this visual-aid by taping or gluing the pictures on construction paper so there will be a border around each picture.*

SEPTEMBER



Prepare a poster showing a large set of scales. On the left side picture a house, food, clothing, entertainment, etc. On the right side picture one dime standing on edge. Caption the poster:

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Order sufficient copies of the following tracts from WNAC office to give to each member:

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Kitchen Magic



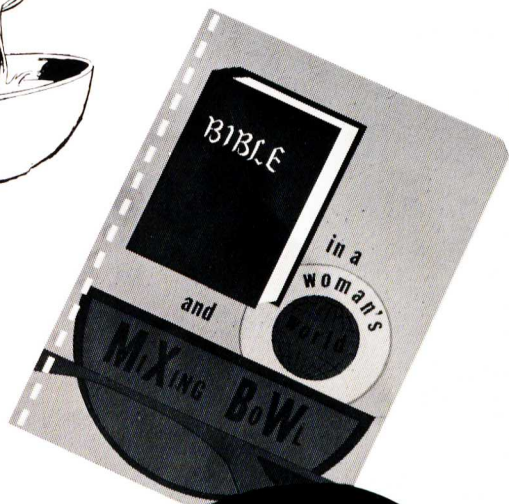
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