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A CALL TO LAYMEN

The life blood of a thriving church is an involved laity. A church with laymen active in the over-all ministries multiplies her witness and effectiveness. Church progress depends upon the degree of lay involvement. Pastors have a major role in the church, but the real burden of support rests on the lay members.

The question is how to arouse greater interest among laymen. Lay participation is so important we need to focus attention on ways and means to enlarge their vision, challenge them to accept responsibility, engage their talents in the Master's service and motivate greater performance. Several basic considerations may prove helpful in stimulating our laymen to fulfill their vital church role.

There should be first a realization that each member has a personal obligation to Christ's church. Laymen are entrusted with the task of maintaining the church, providing the financial needs and promoting her ministries. A pastor ministers to the corporate membership. He cannot keep the church functioning by himself. Neither can he keep the church in order. It is the duty of the total church to follow the Bible as the only rule of faith, select qualified officers and exercise discipline. Alert, perceptive laymen should contend for the faith. They ought to be quick to detect and expose a liberal preacher or a false prophet. This recognition of human responsibility, under God, is very essential.

A serious factor is the dearth of lay leaders. In many churches, only a few carry the load. Some pastors have failed to delegate responsibility; others have neglected to provide adequate training. This, however, is no excuse to sit on the side-lines. Why not take the initiative to prepare yourself for the Lords service? God expects you to give the same quality of leadership to the church as you do your business, profession or job.

In this technological age, we need the skills and abilities which our laymen possess to communicate the gospel more effectively. Consecrated laymen could utilize the methods and techniques of the world for God's glory. Those who have not had formal training could greatly benefit from a competent laymen leading a teachers training program.

Another area of responsibility often overlooked by the laymen is taking advantage of his associations with an unbelieving world. He is the connecting link between the church and the world. A dedicated life gives dimension and credibility to the gospel. A committed laymen can prove the relevance of spiritual values by translating the Christian faith into a living reality. A faithful life and testimony may be the means of drawing some soul to Christ and His Church. Your contact with a pagan society may afford you the opportunity to serve as a home missionary from your local church.

Church participation does not terminate at the local level. It continues to the district, state and national level. Lay representation at most of our denominational gatherings is appalling. We cannot overemphasize the importance of more laymen attending these meetings. The information and inspiration will more then repay you.

The time has come to mobilize more of our laymen. The Master was a man. He chose men to carry forth His work. He is still calling for more laborers. Will you heed the call?



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religious news

Sex Courses Shocking

MIAMI, FLA. (EP)—A Christian educator predicts a boon in enrollment for religiously-oriented private schools will result when courses on sex are introduced into nearly all public schools. This forecast was made by the director of the National Association of Christian Schools. He said parental objection will not be to the subject matter, but to the way it is handled in the textbooks which are being adopted for use. John F. Blandhard, of Wheaton, Ill., said he has studied those texts and found them "shocking". He said they are based on situation ethics and the new morality.

Baccalaureate Ruled Unconstitutional

ST. PAUL, MINN. (EP)—Minnesota Attorney General Douglas Head has ruled that baccalaureate services sponsored by public schools are unconstitutional and that public funds cannot be used to finance them. However, he said, privately-sponsored baccalaureates may be held in public schools without violating state or federal constitutions if certain conditions are met. The 30-page opinion does not have the force of law, but it is expected to precipitate major changes in the conduct of baccalaureate services.

Property Rights Upheld

ATLANTA, GA. (EP)—Georgia's Supreme Court has refused to re-hear a case involving two Savannah congregations which seceded from the parent Presbyterian Church, U.S. and then claimed rights to the church property. The court originally upheld the Savannah churches—Hull Memorial and Eastern Heights—in a unanimous decision reached in January. On Feb. 13 it refused a motion filed by the Savannah Presbytery's attorney for a re-hearing of the case.

Churches, Schools Land Bill

MONTPELIER, VT. (EP)—Vermont's House Ways and Means Committee has endorsed a bill which would tax all land owned by churches and schools and

state-owned property. Following the committee's approval of the measure, Gov. Philip Hoff reported he had received telephone calls and letters from persons who were "agitated" by the action, but commented: "I think the theory is sound. Churches and schools receive certain essential services that should be borne by these organizations."

Southern Baptist Name Change

NASHVILLE, TENN. (EP)—Meeting in Houston next June, delegates of the Southern Baptist Convention will be unofficially polled on changing the denomination's name. Two other alternate names will be—the Baptist General Convention and the United Baptist Convention. Membership reached 11,142,726 in 1967.

India Literature Crusade Progress

STUDIO CITY, CALIF. (EP)—During the past three years, 59,893,092 gospel messages in print have been distributed by World Literature Crusade workers in India—or two pieces of literature in 21 percent of all the homes in the entire subcontinent. The thrust, according to WLC president, Jack McAlister, drew 460,684 written decisions from Indians, 71 percent of whom were newly converted. He also said that response showed that 80 percent of these decisions were from Hindus.

New Aucas Contacted Peacefully

SHELL MERA, ECUADOR (EP)—A dozen years after five missionary men lost their lives contacting the first group of fierce Auca Indians in Ecuador, another bucket drop and messages by a converted Auca from the air has brought about a friendly meeting of down-river Aucas formerly unapproachable.

Don Smith, experienced pilot with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JAARS), and Marion Krekler, long-time engineer of Ecuador's missionary radio station HCJB, perfected an air-borne amplifier and wing-mounted loudspeaker. Oncaye, a teen-age Auca girl who less than four years ago escaped from the savage group, helped

test the equipment on flights over "down-river" houses. Repeatedly the naked Aucas fled the voice in the sky.

Fuller Passes

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Charles E. Fuller, heard for nearly 43 years over the Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio broadcast, died in Pasadena, California on March 19, at 80 years of age.

The pioneer radio evangelist began preaching in 1925 over a 100 watt station in Santa Ana, California. At present the broadcast is heard weekly on every continent over more than 500 radio stations.

The broadcast will continue, featuring the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Choir, pre-recorded messages by the late Bible teacher and other speakers including Dr. Daniel Fuller, his surviving son.

Church Merger Beyond Talking Stage

NEW YORK (EP)—Before most people realize it, all Protestant churches in the United States may merge into one body, says a Washington newsman in the March issue of Christian Herald.

Richard N. Ostling says such a merger is no longer just a matter of talk. The move to unify already has resulted in the joining of 37 per cent of the membership into the Consultation on Church Unity to work out an acceptable system of federation, he writes.

Some, he reports, believe Christian unity should be built out of common theology, while others consider such an approach hopeless and think the issue is administrative, not theological.

Eugene Carson Blake started the unity campaign in 1960 in a sermon from the San Francisco pulpit of Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike, Ostling states.

Roberts Transfers To Methodist

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (EP)—Faith-healer Oral Roberts, formerly with the Pentecostal Holiness Church, will be received into the ministry of the Methodist Church at the forthcoming Oklahoma Annual Conference. He is expected to be appointed as president of the university which bears his name.



MAKING MUSIC MEANINGFUL TO CHILDREN

TODAY'S child grows up in an environment filled with music. As a baby he begins to notice musical sounds and to respond to them. An observer can readily distinguish the effects of different music listening experiences on the mood and behavior of children. From an early age many types of music are thrust at the child through radio, television, restaurant juke boxes, etc. Some of this music is good, but in order to serve commercial purposes much of it is directed toward the carnal nature of man. Also, there are the novelty-type, short, ear-catching songs written to point up the merits of some brand of cereal, cigarettes, or other product.

Far too many parents have been quite content to let their children's music listening experiences be confined to those at the radio and television set, regardless of the nature of the music. This is unfortunate for a child's musical diet can influence his life and character a great deal as music becomes a part of him.

The matter of music's influence on character is certainly not a new concept. Ancient philosophers and theologians em-

phasized the effects of music on the will, character and conduct of human beings. Plato said, "Let me make the songs of a nation and I care not who makes its laws." There have been numerous instances in history when the government or some other authority prohibited certain kinds of music, considering this matter important to the public welfare. Athens and Sparta regulated music in their early constitutions. The Apostle Paul instructed the churches in Ephesus and Colosse concerning the types of music literature to be used in the church (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). The writings of the Church Fathers contain many admonitions concerning music in the church and warnings against the use of sensual music. Also admonitions are found in the writings and conference minutes of early Free Will Baptists and their predecessors concerning music usage.

Since a person's action is determined by his thoughts and emotions such a vehicle for thoughts and emotions as music must affect the life and behavior of those who listen or participate in it. Good music has great potential for en-

unit to have a definite time or times in the week for family musical activities. Each member of the family should be encouraged to sing or play an instrument at this time. The best time is usually in the evening, possibly before family devotion time.

Another good opportunity for broadening a child's musical horizon is to take him to good concerts. Make it a point to find out when the local high school, college, and community concerts are and attend as often as possible. If there are few good concerts in your area, subscribe to the newspaper from some city within driving distance that has concerts and take the children there. Also, some church choirs and community choirs present very inspiring oratorios. (An oratorio is a large musical work based on the Scriptures.) Generally speaking, children and youth are greatly inspired by *live* performances. Besides concert attendance, there is often an opportunity to attend an opera or operetta. Many of these would be acceptable from the moral standpoint—others would not. It is wise to read about the plot before deciding whether or not to attend. A good opera or operetta can be very inspiring and enjoyable to a young person.

Usually the youth's church determines much of his musical diet. Parents, pastors, and other church leaders need to be concerned at this point. Unfortunately, the music of some churches has taken the popular entertainment approach with its sensual appeal, hoping to attract young people and more entertainment-minded adults to the services. In some cases professional entertainment quartets are obtained in order to increase attendance.

However, some pastors who at one time condoned this type of music program or even promoted it are now realizing that it is difficult or impossible to strengthen young or old on this type diet, and that people who only go wherever the religious entertainers are are unlikely to come to enough services to get any spiritual help. Often the attendance record takes a nose dive after the group leaves.

Some churches that do not major in the religious entertainment field sing a

riching the life and strengthening one's relationship to God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

Parents who realize the tremendous potential of good music are concerned about their children's musical diet. A concerned parent may ask himself, "What are my children's musical experiences in the home? Are they only those at the TV or radio? How can I help the situation?"

Too many restrictions concerning the child's listening may cause him to throw up a barrier against good music. However, parents can make it a point to purchase and play good records of many types, both secular and sacred. Also, some areas have educational radio or television stations. These can be of much benefit in broadening youths' musical experiences. Children and youth usually immediately enjoy fine music, both vocal and instrumental. Those who do not readily respond favorably usually do after a few listening opportunities. Many parents whose listening experiences are meager do not realize that children will love good music if only given the opportunity to hear it.

A person may ask, "What is good music?" This question is impossible to answer in a brief manner. However, a person (with or without music training) who comes in contact with a large amount of music of many different types begins to realize that some music presents better thoughts and communicates them much more effectively than does other music. The rhythm, melody and harmony all combine to make a strong impression. In good vocal music the text says something good and worthy of being said and the music underscores and augments it in a very inspirational manner.

Parents should take the initiative in creating opportunities for musical activities in the home. Family singing and playing has been a custom in some countries for many centuries. This was a custom in many homes in America until fairly recent times. Most families seem to be too busy for such activities or too intrigued with favorite television programs. However, it is beneficial to each member of the family and to the family

small group of outworn "favorites" again and again, which may be alright with the grandparents, but cause youth to get quite bored, disinterested, and restless.

In many churches children are principally fed "fun songs," which may have religious words set to short, catchy jingles quite similar to some of the commercial jingles heard on the air. These "gospel jingles" or "choruses" often have shallow meaning from the standpoint of both words and music. Of course, some choruses have some value and can be used in appropriate situations; however this type expression proves to be quite inadequate in a music training program for youth. Youth may be intrigued momentarily by music that is catchy or entertained, but as is the case with other fleeting pleasures, their interest soon wanes if there is not something with more depth of meaning and inspiration for them.

Children and youth are quite capable of understanding and responding to better music. This fact is being proven again and again by responsible ministers of music and other music leaders throughout the nation. There are now thousands of evangelical ministers of music serving in a full-time capacity in the United States. Most of these are helping scores of children and youth to grow spiritually and musically and are channeling a great many of these into dedicated service for God. Churches that have a good music training program for all ages are not only keeping their young people in active church service, but are helping to meet the needs of their hearts and lives.

Though a church does not have a trained music director, it can find ways to improve in the matter of giving youth a better diet. Our sacred music heritage includes excellent music composed over a period of many centuries. Most authentic hymn books presently contain some of the best of the hymns of the centuries. These great hymns contain all of the tenets of the Christian faith. They can be taught at children's and youth's choir rehearsals, hymn sings, or in Church Training Service, and be gradually introduced into Sunday School, worship

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TODAY'S church member is the best taught, the best instructed Christian the church has ever produced. He has been bombarded with the most advanced methods of teaching known to educators—lectures, study courses, institutes, seminars, clinics, films, film strips, tapes, and records. Yet, in too many cases Mr. Churchmember demonstrates no practical application of his classroom learning in his everyday living. Warned James, "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

There appears to be a "fixed gulf" in many Christian lives separating knowledge of the Bible from ability to put this knowledge to work. How to help church members cross this gulf and put knowledge into practical, every day action should be one of the greatest concerns and challenges to every conscientious pastor and church leader.

This article does not pretend to adequately cover the wide range of this vast subject. It simply offers a few suggestions to the pastor in helping church members cross this "fixed gulf" in only one of the many areas of Christian practice—that of soul winning.

What pastor has not been driven to despair over the apparent lack of interest in this aspect of the ministry of the church? Thursday night comes and, as usual, only 8 show up for visitation. The fourth Sunday of the month passes and not one single Sunday school teacher has made any new contacts for the Sunday school. Another church quarter has come and gone, and only one church worker has walked down the aisle with a convert won to Christ the previous week.

There are numbers of things we pastors usually do after several months of this non-production. We "blow our stacks" in the pulpit and scold our lazy members for being such spiritual drags. We use high pressure salesmanship by having all those who will promise publicly to show up next Thursday night to step forward to the altar. This, of course, uncovers the sin in the camp by separating the sheep from the goats. And then there is always the mimeograph machine. Once again we print stacks of soul winning magic for another series of lectures on how to witness for Christ.

Most of us pastors have relied time and again on the foregoing devices. Yet, and let's be completely honest, how seldom have these methods brought permanent results? Why, then, don't we try something different? Why not personally **SHOW** them how it's done?

True, this can be done in conjunction with our soul winning clinics. That is, after lessons of instruction in witnessing,

The answer to the lack of interest in the ministry of soul winning is for...

The Pastor To Take The Layman With Him

by Gordon Sebastian

we can actually demonstrate the art of soul winning by acting out the steps of leading men to Christ. However, at best this is only acting. It's not the real thing and thus cannot produce the highest kind of results.

I believe that one of the best methods of producing consistent soul winners in the local church is for the pastor himself to take his members soul winning and train them in this field. One or two nights each week should be set aside solely for this purpose. Individual volunteers to accompany the pastor will not be difficult to find. Seldom will one turn his pastor down when asked to be his partner for an evening.

There are at least 4 great assets to such a program both for the pastor and for his church:

■ *Trains Workers*

Though the pastor's partner may not at first realize it, he is being trained. And better training he could not receive any place. His pastor is demonstrating before his very eyes the art of winning a soul to Christ. And, after all, this method of instruction is nothing new to the trainee. This is how he learned to drive a car, to play ball, to swim, to sell insurance, or whatever else he does for a living. Much sooner than he may realize, he himself will be winning men to Christ and training others to do the same.

■ *Helps The Pastor*

Who gets the most out of a Sunday school lesson? The teacher does. Who, then, benefits most from the on-the-job training of soul winners? The trainer does. Taking church members soul winning each week helps the pastor in many ways. It helps him in his own personal need of self-discipline in the area of personal witnessing. It offers new fuel for the evangelistic flames that must be kept burning in every preacher's heart. It gives the pastor fresh experiences and illustrations for his weekly messages. It builds a fire in the pulpit when the pastor sees one of his own new converts in the congregation won just the previous week.

■ *Builds Relationships*

There is nothing that equals the spiritual respect a church member feels for a soul winning pastor. The pastor may be lacking in personality. He may come up short in his pulpit performance. He may even fail to get around to all the members as often as his predecessor did. But if he is obviously and desperately trying to win the friends, the neighbors, and the loved ones of his congregation to Jesus, he'll be the best preacher in town. This will hold true especially in the life of the individual member who has personally gone witnessing with the pastor.

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Can he ever forget the time he and the preacher won Bill to Christ? My, but that was a night!

■ *Spreads to Others*

After a few months of this in-service training of soul-winners have passed, a most wonderful phenomenon will occur. Reports will begin coming to the pastor of various other witnessing teams in the church going out knocking on doors for Christ. Most of them will be composed of those trained earlier by the pastor, deacons, Sunday school teachers, members at large, and teenagers. However, some will be those who didn't receive any personal training by the pastor, such as the wives of the trainees and other women of the church. Soon the pastor's phone will ring, and, almost beside himself with joy, a former trainee will blare out the news, "Preacher, I just led by first soul to Christ!" If fuel is continually added to this evangelistic flame, there is no limit as to how far this fire may spread.

Obviously, any such soul winning program as this will be a prime target of attack by Satan. How he must thoroughly deplore the pastor who not only wins converts himself, but also trains others to liberate sin's captives.

There are many and various kinds of hindrances continually cropping up in the path of the pastor who is sincerely trying to train productive witnesses for Christ. Most of these could probably be placed under one of 5 different headings.

■ *Fear*

It would seem that after years of experience and success in this field, a soldier of the cross would at last overcome his fear of battle. However, such is definitely not the case. Even the most renown in the ministry of personal evangelism admit that fear is a constant problem in their own lives. After all, who wouldn't be leary of that ever threatening possibility of being reduced to scorn, insulted, laughed at, outwitted, or turned down—the buffetings experienced by all who battle for the souls of men. Thus, every soldier of the cross must ever go in the presence and power of God's Spirit, constantly crucifying these inhibitions and fears.

■ *Laziness*

Of course, one of the temptations confronting every person whose work does not require "punching a clock" is that of laziness. Preachers are no exception. There is no one watching the pastor in his daily routine. And since his work requires him to be in any number of places, there is no way to keep a check on this man to see if he is working or

if he is loafing. Once he adjusts to his particular pastorate, with all its various demands, it becomes an easy matter for him to put his life into "neutral" and simply coast through his daily routine. When this is the case, any task requiring extra effort—and training soul winners certainly does—will usually not be attempted. The temptation of laziness must be constantly held in check by the self-discipline of a weekly schedule, a schedule that calls for such sacrifices as that of taking a night or two off to train soul winners.

■ *Discouragement*

It has been said that one of Satan's most successful devices to hinder the effectiveness of God's children is that of discouragement. And what fisher of men hasn't met with discouragement? It's discouraging to a ball player to lose 4 or 5 games in a row, and it's just as discouraging to a soul winner to go several weeks without results. It's discouraging to a housewife to labor without a kind word of appreciation from her husband, and it's just as discouraging to a soul winner to work when it seems that no one really cares. Yes, there will be periods of drought, seasons without results. There will be times in which interest at the church will appear to have died. At such a time, you can be sure Satan will try his best to convince you to bury this "corpse." Don't do it! Discouragement is just part of the game. We must expect it. We must be prepared for it.

■ *Unbelief*

Unbelief is another popular bludgeon used by Satan to harass and intimidate the disciple of Christ. How subtle this unbelief can be! Even a godly pastor, if not very careful, can be victimized by this cunning of the devil. And how does unbelief appear and act? It expresses itself in the dwindling conviction that men are really lost and headed for a scorching hell. The fruit of this form of unbelief is the loss of one's burden for souls. It expresses itself in the growing inability to honestly say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The product of this kind of unbelief is the finding of too many other "good" things to do other than directly and personally evangelizing from house to house. It also expresses itself in the crazy notion that only the pastor is qualified to witness, that God cannot effectively work through the life of the ordinary church member. The result of this type of unbelief, of course, is the pastor's refusal to train workers in his congregation. If we really believe God, we will be bur-



Pastor Sebastian and layman Paul Bean led three persons to Christ the week prior to this picture being made. One of these converts made a public profession the day this was taken. This on-the-job training of soul winners helped Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C., experience a 32% increase in church membership this past year.

dened for the unsaved, we will have confidence that God can use us to win these unsaved to Christ, and we will be convinced that God can use others to do the same.

■ *Rabbits*

Finally, there are those "rabbits." If you have done much bird hunting using bird dogs, the application is already clear in your mind. There is nothing more frustrating to a bird hunter than for his dogs to become side tracked by a mere rabbit when quail is the desired game. You can count on it. Any one of a thousand unexpected things will crop up the very night you intend to go visiting. Unless the pastor determines not to let this night be interrupted, he'll probably spend a lot of time chasing "rabbits."

In every congregation you'll find them—church members who have never gotten actively involved in the work of the Lord. It's not that they have never heard, or never been taught. They've been *hearing* for years. It's that they have never been *trained*. They have never been helped across that great gulf that separates knowledge of the Bible from practical, Christian action. These sleeping giants could shake any community if aroused. What a tremendous challenge they are to every concerned pastor!

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SIX FREE WILL

BAPTISTS WERE ASKED:

WHAT IS THE THAT STAND



WILSON

The fragrance of the blossoms, the singing of the birds and the ripening of the fruit made the orchard my favorite place on the farm. The trees were easy to climb. The bird nests were easily found. The fruit was always satisfying to a boy's appetite. As this orchard was my favorite place to play, it was my mother's favorite place to pray. Her prayer life made a deep and lasting impression on me. My calling to the ministry was an answer to her prayers. I remember going into the orchard one day and hearing Mother pray, "Dear Lord, make one of my boys a preacher." At the time, I did not realize the significance of her prayer. It was twelve years later, while a student at Oklahoma State University, that the Holy Spirit revealed God's will for my life and I began preaching. My mother's prayers had their affect on my ministry.

Praying was as natural to her as cleaning her house, cooking the meals and washing the clothes. She did not usurp the spiritual responsibility of our home. My father was the spiritual leader of the family and served more than 30 years as a deacon. But Mother assumed her share of living the Christian life in her home and in her church. She is now 73 years old and friends still come to her for spiritual counseling. I cherish the memories of her kneeling in prayer for me. I could wish that every boy in the world had a praying mother like mine.

I can never remember a time in my life when I did not know the name of Jesus. It is easy for me to remember her singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" as she did the dishes. But there are millions of boys and girls who can never and will never hear their mother singing hymns. They have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. I, in answer to Mother's prayers, have given my life to making known the gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost part of the earth.

J. Reford Wilson

Do Your Best



SIMPSON

"Yes, Mother!"
"You did?"
"Yes!"
"Then you just dusted around the items on the table?"
"Yes!"
"Is that the way to dust?"
"No, Mother."
"Well, dust again as you should!"

And so I dusted again! Over and over this type conversation took place—not just about dusting but about everything. Over and over I stormed and complained. What I didn't realize was that Mother was teaching me the most valuable principles I would ever learn. She was teaching me to do my best. If it isn't the best you can do, do it again.

I did learn that it pays to dust well. It does pay to take out a seam and put it back if it isn't right the first time. It does pay to measure the ingredients of a cake carefully. It does pay to do one's best.

I not only learned to do my best in everyday homemaking chores, but this principle that Mother instilled in me carried over into other important areas of my life.

When I left Nahunta, North Carolina, in 1959, I was unprepared. My high school was small and inadequately staffed. "You'll never make it," I was told. No, I don't think I would have ordinarily. But my mother had taught me something out of the ordinary. She had taught me to push, to strive—to do my best even though it took long hours of studying when others were playing.

Finally, and most important, this principle that Mother taught me carried over into my spiritual life. I have not been an ideal Christian; I have not been a per-

How often, I wonder, did the following conversation take place in my home as I was growing up in eastern North Carolina.

"Did you dust?"

Joy Produced by Faith



HARRISON

Three small letters characterize my mother above all others. It has been her lot to rear eleven children. Four of the seven boys were in the armed forces during World War II and served on foreign soil. Through the years tribulation has wrought patience, and she has been sustained and undergirded with an abiding faith in God.

Now a widow of eleven years and living alone, it would be easy for her to yield to circumstances and lead a drab, unhappy and uneventful life. Those who know her can testify that her life is characterized by an abundance of joy. At 73 she not only teaches an adult ladies Sunday school class but has a class of semi-invalids in a local rest home before Sunday school each Sunday morning. She has learned that happiness is dependent upon circumstances and is subject to change but that joy which comes as the result of her faith in God in unchanging. Her living demonstration of a faith produced joy has been a source of inspiration to me. So when circumstances tend to be adverse I rely on the well-spring of joy which changes not.

Mother on this, your day, I salute you for your faith in God, your unselfish love, and the unending joy you experience and seek to share with others.

Harrold Harrison

fect Christian; I have not always done my best. But while I haven't, I am always reminded that as one dusts the best he can, he lives the best Christian life he can, and so I try again.

While my mother had never heard, "It's a sin to do less than your best," that is what she taught me, and I am what I am largely as a result of that teaching.

Judy Simpson

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ONE QUALITY YOUR MOTHER POSSESSES OUT ABOVE ALL OTHERS?

Determined to Discipline



TIPPETT

"Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth" (Hebrews 12:6).

I have heard it said that dutiful chastening is the most dependable evidence of paren-

tal love. On another occasion I heard Dr. J. P. Barrow state, "Love always seeks *what is best* for the object loved." What is best may not always be what is most pleasant.

Firm, faithful discipline is an ideal few parents attain. But its application is one of the most important factors in rearing obedient children. Qualities of motherhood do not usually include such things as discipline, yet this is the quality I most appreciate in my mother.

Since my father was a serviceman, most of my early life was spent under the guidance of my mother. The full responsibility for my upbringing rested on her. Now that I have a family of my own I can see how difficult those years must have been. She, with tender love and maddening faithfulness, applied the rod of correction whenever it was needed.

One particular occasion I remember involved my misbehavior on a trip to town. She sternly promised to spank me as soon as we got home. All morning in town and all the way home I dreaded the fulfillment of that promise, not knowing that with the cares of shopping my mother had forgotten the spanking. When we got home I sat in the swing on the front porch, tensed for the call I knew would come. The longer I waited, the worse I felt. Finally, unable to contain any longer, I went and begged my mother to please get it over. I don't know if she suffered any moments of indecision, but her determination to keep her promise won out. I got my spanking.

I hope to raise my children by that same rule—that what is promised will be received and what is done will be rewarded. The security of this sort of discipline should not be denied to any child.

Bert Tippet

Unselfish and Sacrificial



WADDELL

An unselfish, sacrificial nature is characteristic of motherhood. In my home, Mother's unselfishness reigned supreme. She did the usual things, such as yield her

own desires for a new dress, forfeit her own plans, and refuse her own piece of pie for her children's sake. But circumstances made her sacrifices even more outstanding.

She was widowed when only forty-one years old, and left with nine children, twenty-one years of age through two months. Midst cries of "put them in an orphanage" from helpful relatives, she courageously kept them together. Working and praying, she reared them. Perhaps one of the rewards of such unselfishness was her seeing seven of the nine attend college.

I cannot recall that my mother ever chose her own will above her children's. Now as a grandmother and great-grandmother, she still practices this philosophy. Today when finances are no longer a problem, she still "forgets" her own needs in order to do for her children.

Once we were shopping together, after I had acquired my own large family. She found a dress that fit me. "Why don't you buy this for yourself?" she asked.

"I can't right now. The children all need shoes," I replied, with more of a martyr's complex than sincere unselfishness.

She took the dress from its hanger and handed it to the clerk. "You ought to think of yourself sometimes," she told me.

I looked at her in amazement as she paid for the dress. She had never practiced such a thing in her life, and I hoped I could be like her, too.

Genevieve Waddell

That Quality of Strength



WISEHART

I can still remember my mother saying, "If you just get up and go to work, you can work off a cold, headache, etc." Or to a sister who fainted often, "If

you just determine you are not going to give in to it, you don't have to faint." Or see her working on that kitchen door she wanted hung a different way. The menfolks said it was too much trouble; it couldn't be done. But she went to work and it was done. And I remember one winter day when I decided—for some foolish reason—that I wasn't going to wear my coat to school. I was determined; I cried and stormed and almost missed the bus. She was determined; I finally got on, coat and all. Wearing it turned out to be a very sensible idea.

As a child I always thought of my mother as a strong, steady force. As long as she was there, the world was right side up.

Now I often find myself in moments of weakness remembering that strength and standing a bit taller, trying a bit harder, fighting on a bit longer. I have never had one person as a model for my life; rather I always wanted to have this one's ability to love, that one's gentle submission, or another's poise. But always I have wanted to be as strong as my mother.

Aside from her Christian principles and dedication to the church, that quality of strength in will power, determination and perseverance in the face of difficulties has influenced my life more than any other.

Mary Wisheart



Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir

Annual Tour Completed

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The 36-voice Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir visited Illinois, Missouri, and Oklahoma on its 15th annual tour, April 11-18. The group, under the direction of Mr. David Randlett, presented a program of hymns, anthems, and songs of testimony. Also featured in the program were the school's brass ensemble and male quartet.

The choir held nine services during the 8-day tour, seeking to reach thousands with their testimonies for Christ and the message of the Bible Colleges ministry. Rev. Paul Ketteman, Director of Public Relations for the school, traveled with the group and spoke at each service.

A front view of the recently dedicated Operations Building of the National Sunday School Department.



College Enrollment Hits 467

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar for Free Will Baptist Bible College, has announced a total enrollment of 467 for the 1967-68 school year. This is an increase of nearly 10 percent over last year's registration of 430.

In addition to 398 regular day school students, 41 additional students were enrolled for evening school, and 28 extra registrants attended the Bible College's 1967 Summer Session.

Since the school's founding in 1942, it has seen constant growth. Eighteen new enrollment records have been set during the Bible College's 26-year ministry. For the past four years each year has broken all previous years' enrollments.

Roger C. Reeds, Director of the National Sunday School Department, introduces speakers for the dedication service held recently in the new operations building.



glancing around the states

Successful Ministry

KINSTON, N. C.—Does God call tent-makers today? The incredible ministry of David Paramore attests that He does.

As owner and operator of Glamo-rama Cleaners in Kinston and Jacksonville, North Carolina, he has a six day responsibility. Yet, God has used him in an unusual manner at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church here.

Reverend Paramore assumed the pastorate six years ago with less than 25 in attendance. Recent attendance in Sunday school reached 586. An average of 425 attend on Sunday night and 300 on Wednesday night.

The congregation has completed a new building on ten acres of property in the

Homer Willis, Director of the National Home Missions Department, delivered the dedicatory message for the Operations Building.



suburbs. There are 38 classrooms and a seating capacity of 700 in the auditorium. The 16,000 square feet of floor space has 42 tones of air conditioning to insure comfort. A lighted recreation field is the first step toward a recreation hall and gymnasium. A Christian High School is invisioned for the future. Recently there were 40 baptisms during three consecutive Sundays.

Pastor Paramore stated, "It is the business of sheep to produce sheep. The pastor's duty, as the shepherd, is to lead and feed them." This practical approach is certainly producing results.

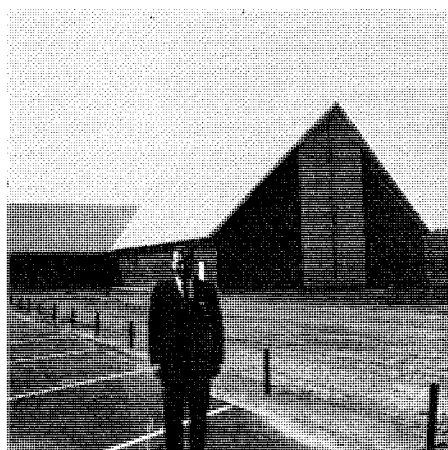
Annual Promotional Meeting

NASHVILLE, TENN.—State and National leaders met in Nashville March 27-29 for the annual Promotional Meeting. Several men were sick or unable to come, but pastors, moderators and State Promotional men represented from 14 states. The direct communication, group discussions, constructive suggestions and mutual exchange of ideas were very profitable.

The Rev. J. B. Varney, Moderator of the Detroit, Michigan Metropolitan Association stated, "This has been more helpful to me than the past five National Associations I have attended." He was one of 35 participants who assembled to consider ways and means to augment and implement our denominational ministries.

These meetings each year, sponsored by the Executive Department in cooperation with the other National Departments, have been very valuable in coordinating State and National work, promoting better understanding and achieving greater cohesiveness.

Rev. David Paramore, pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, stands before the recently constructed building.



New Church Dedicated

MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Dedication services for the new Faith Free Will Baptist Church were recently held under the direction of Pastor Howard Munsey. Reverend Norman B. Perkins was guest speaker. A home missions project of the Union Association in East Tennessee, the congregation consists of 19 members. The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 144, five Sunday school rooms and a pastor's study.

FWBBC Students Protest

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Because we recognize God as Creator and Sustainer of the Universe and because we feel that the constitutional government of the United States is basically sound and provides a means of redress of grievances, we the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College wish to register a protest against some of the current trends on college campuses and express our concern for all those who are involved in these trends.

We decry the open rebellion against the laws and government of our country and against all constituted authority because God has ordained and delegated authority for the good of mankind; situation ethics because God's laws are eternally settled and ignoring them or defying them furthers the degradation of man; the search for realization of self and purpose through drugs, uninhibited

The Sherwood Lees are shown signing the commissioning papers during their commissioning service held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina. Rev. Joe Ange, Chairman of the Foreign Missions Board, and Rev. Guy Owens, pastor and member of the board, look on. The Lees sail June 28 for language study in Switzerland.



self-expression, and other useless means, because only when man recognizes God for who He is can he find himself and his purpose; the denial of God as Creator, Sustainer, and Savior and of His laws as settled, right, and just, for this denial is basic to all man's rebellion and misunderstanding of life and its purpose.

Homecoming at Children's Home

GREENEVILLE, TENN.—The annual homecoming at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children was observed May 11, 1968. Superintendent William D. Ellis is grateful to those who attended the homecoming activities. Offerings were received during the day for renovation of the "Big House." This building will house staff apartments, assembly area, library and a recreational area.

Largest Graduating Class

NASHVILLE, TENN.—On June 6, FWBBC will grant degrees to the largest number of graduates in the school's history. Thirty-two students will receive bachelor degrees, six earn Bible diplomas, and three complete requirements for the schools business certificate.

Pastor's Conference at FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Free Will Baptist Bible College will sponsor its first Pastor's Conference, August 5-9. Problematical areas of the pastoral ministry will be dealt with and new fields of opportunity presented. Among the subjects to be covered are: *How to Preach Expository Messages, The Opportunities of Radio Ministry, Overcoming Problems in Pastoral Counseling, An Effective Visitation Ministry, and Mid-week Bible Teaching.* More information may be obtained by writing to: Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

New Operations Building

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The National Sunday School Department dedicated their new operations building on March 28, 1968. The building, which is of masonry and steel construction, houses the department's business office as well as the shipping operation. The building has 9,700 square feet of floor space and should provide space for this growing department for several years.

YOUTH WORK: IS IT

by Chuck Cox

DURING THE PAST few years a large number of books and articles have been written by various denominational groups on the subject of getting and holding young people. Some have proven to be highly successful, giving some good, workable ideas to those who stand in places of leadership with the young generation. Some merely scratch the surface, giving us generalized information which may be already known. Others one might classify as having "missed the boat" completely. This latter group, however, is in the minority. Almost every book or article is helpful in some way.

Nevertheless, no matter what quality of thoughts or materials are used, there is usually at least the one recognizable fact that the youth of our age are facing an age of problems that the youth of no other era had to face. Our modern times have brought on modern problems, leaving our youth in a virtual daze. What, then, is the best method of reaching these young people of this age and getting them to slow down and get on the "band wagon" of Christianity? How can one cause them to realize that victorious Christian living can be a reality in their lives? How can the youth leader get them to better understand him?

Role of Youth Leader

Just as the pastor is the key to the success of the church, so the youth leader is the key to the success of the youth group. The people of the church have voiced confidence in the abilities and interests of the person chosen to lead the youth, and therefore have placed a great responsibility on his shoulders. When he accepts this job of leadership, he must realize that the quality of the group, as a rule, will not exceed the quality of its leader. As one writer so aptly states it: "A stream can rise no higher than the source!" This means that the youth leader must sincerely seek to improve his own Christian testimony and relationship to God if he expects Christian maturation from his group.

The youth leader must realize that in order to hold young people he must first *get them*. A great mistake is made when a leader contents himself with just holding what he was. When he does this, he is only doing a part of his job and is leaving off the Biblical principle of growth. There must be some type of "nourishment" for the youth group or it will eventually fade and die. This 'nourishment' could well be a few changes of face—bringing new teens into the group. Who knows but what the new person will provide added youth leadership in the future weeks and years to come.

Methodology In Youth Work

Often the church body conducts an area survey to determine the unchurched population in a given area. In these surveys one should note the various age brackets into which the family members fall. The youth worker will especially note the presence of teens in a family. An alert youth leader will use this as an opportunity for follow-up visits, possibly with the company of two outstanding teens from the church or his Sun-

day school class. Teens like to know that other young people are interested in their life, especially in the area of religion and spiritual things. Never underestimate the spiritual depth of a young person, no matter how rough or tough he may appear outwardly. Some of the best Christian young people are the ones who have found out first hand what it is like to live on the other side of the tracks. They have experienced "wild" living and can give a really dynamic testimony of Christ and what He can do with one's life.

As tough as it may seem, the youth director must be a constant source of ideas and experiments. He is continually searching for different and unique ways of attracting teens. Reading books on the techniques of winning and holding youth provides invaluable assistance in a variety of C.T.S. and other youth related programs. Don't be afraid to try other people's ideas. They can be very beneficial and will encourage the use of original ideas later on.

After he has won the confidence of a young person and that young person begins to take an active interest in the youth group, the youth leader must then challenge and motivate the youth on to even greater interest and service for Christ and the church. All too often this is where the youth leader fails on his job, usually causing both the young people and the members of the church to lose confidence in him. He fails to *motivate* and *challenge* the youth to *work* for Christ. Yes, the emphasis is on the word *work*. A teenager will work when he knows he is getting paid for the job. So it is with the youth director—he should let the youth know that certain things are expected of him. He also should point out that his work pays big dividends.

At every opportunity the youth director should seek to get his young people totally involved in the work. Let them feel that they are occupying an important place in the youth program. This presents one of the best methods of keeping the young person alive and active. Jobs can vary from that of welcoming visitors to the Sunday school class to directing a play which the C.T.S. is sponsoring.

Again, don't underestimate the possibilities of your young people. This brings us to an important method for youth evaluation.

One of the best methods of determining what the abilities of your young people are is taking an individualized survey of each young person in the group. This ought to be done with the consent and knowledge of the pastor and parents. This survey could be taken in the form of a questionnaire, covering the general topics of family relationships, social relationships, personal interests, and religious inclinations. These questions should be very carefully thought out and should probe into each of the above mentioned topics with discretion. Skilled evaluation of the questionnaire can give both the youth director and the pastor keen insight into the background and capabilities of the youth. The questionnaire, along with a self-addressed and pre-stamped envelope, should be mailed to the youth's home address. A note insertion will explain the questionnaire and its purpose. Always keep in mind that the in-

WORTH THE EFFORT?

Regardless of the methods you are now using in reaching young people for Christ, you will want to incorporate the writer's workable suggestions into your church's ministry to the youth.



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formation is confidential and not available to anyone except the pastor and youth director. In some cases, only the youth director should be able to gain information from the questionnaire. Be sure to state in the note insertion that all information will be confidential.

Directions state that the questionnaire should be returned in the pre-stamped and addressed envelope at the youth's earliest convenience. It is probably best to set a deadline for the questionnaire to be turned in to the church office. When the youth director receives the questionnaires, he should file them or place them in a loose-leaf notebook for future reference. A knowledge of the life of the individual young person will prove to be invaluable in counselling sessions that may arise later on. The fact that you have asked for the information relays the idea to the youth that you are interested in them. All of this might be well summed up by saying—**KNOW YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Youth Reactions

In connection with the work and success of the youth program, youth reactions must be carefully considered. Only through evaluation of the reactions of the young people can one really determine the extent of the youth group as a whole. When a youth leader finds out that the young people react favorably to a specific idea brought forward, he will find that the program, or activity, will usually be a success. Far too often, however, one becomes discouraged and defeated when even a minority of the young people oppose, either outright or hintedly, an idea which is presented. True unity is a key to success. However, when considering a group of five, ten, twenty, or more, there will at times be some points of disagreement. This is inevitable. Some disagreements can be explained by the individual who makes them.

The writer poses the following example: Terry is a member of the Senior High Sunday school class. He is very willing to take an active part in the activities and various meetings of the youth group. However, he is somewhat unpopular among the group, and, thus, is not called upon by the group to take an office or position within the Sunday school or C.T.S.

When an activity planning meeting is called, Terry is always there putting his "VETO" on every suggestion made. When the Youth Choir meets, Terry is continually griping about the material used and the way the director leads the song. The youth director quickly notes his pessimistic attitude and on close investigation finds out that he has a physical impairment which is incurable and will be with him the rest of his life. This makes him self-conscious of his "differentness" when he goes out with the kids for a pizza or on some other church activity. Trying to compensate for his peculiarity, Terry has voiced objection to almost everything which comes up in youth meetings. He feels insecure and must draw attention to himself thinking this will assist his popularity and make him more acceptable to the group. Of course, everyone realizes that Terry's pessimism is not contributing to his acceptability. Now it is the youth director's responsibility to counteract Terry's insecure reaction. This brings in the use of psychology, a field with which every youth worker should be generally familiar.

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woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

THE month of May—Queen of Spring—ushers in the time of fragrant blossoms, singing birds, and golden sunshine. It also brings us Christian Home Month, Family Week, Chaplains' and Servicemen's Sunday, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. Of course, women are vitally involved in each of these events.

Memorial Day

It is said that two years after the Civil War, the women of Columbus, Mississippi, scattered flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and Federal soldiers. The North thrilled with tenderness as the news of the touching tribute flashed over the land, and a beautiful custom thereby was born.

The incident was recognized by the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan, who immediately issued the order naming the 30th of May, 1968 for the purpose of strewing flowers over the graves of the comrades who had fallen in battle.

State legislatures one after another followed the lead, until finally it became a national legal holiday by an act of Congress.

Women on the Battlefield

Many stories have been told about the brave women who toiled, wept, and prayed for their husbands and sons during the early wars of our country. Some of them even went to the battlefield, when possible, to nurse and soothe both friend and foe.

During the War Between the States, Clara Barton wrote, "I have cooked ten dozen eggs, made cracker toast, milk punch, arrowroot, washed hands and faces, put ice on hot heads, mustard on cold feet, written six soldiers' letters home, stood beside three deathbeds. It has been a long day."

After the war's end, this courageous woman went on to found the American Red Cross. The memory of her valiant courage and untiring service will forever be dear to the hearts of American people.

Women Head Families

According to government figures cited by the Institute of Life Insurance, women now head more than one-tenth of

all American families. Half of the five million women heading families are widows who have not remarried. Slightly under two million are divorced, separated, or married and not living with their husbands. The other half million are single women with dependents.

The economic picture of life in this family is not too bright. While the average income of the group is \$3,000 (\$200 above the poverty line as set by the federal government) it is roughly half that of families with both husband and wife present. A little more than one-half of the women heading families are employed, and only one-third are full-time workers.

Television Crime and Children

To what extent are crime, violence and brutality emphasized on television? What is the impact of such programs on the young viewer? What steps can be taken to cope with resulting problems? These questions faced a subcommittee appointed to investigate Juvenile Delinquency. Based on testimony at hearings and research here and abroad the subcommittee drew conclusions, some of which are summarized as follows:

An estimated 62 million television sets were operating in 51.2 million American homes. This each day more than 25 million children 12 years old and under look at television. These children, on the average, spend more time watching television than they do in either school or church. The study revealed that the over-all pattern of net work programming concentrated heavily on violence and brutality during the evening period when school children tend to view television.

Filmed violence has been known to stimulate aggressive actions among normal viewers as well as among the emotionally disturbed. Children are adversely affected by isolated scenes or sequences of violence and brutality and this adverse effect is not necessarily washed away or purged by a "moral" ending in which "good" triumphs over "evil."

Famous Mothers

If you are a parent, you may find help from the famous mother of John and Charles Wesley and 17 other children. Susannah Wesley set down these rules:

1. Allow no eating between meals.
2. Put all children to bed by eight o'clock
3. Require them to take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self-will in a child and thus work together with God to save his soul.
5. Teach each one to pray as soon as he can speak.
6. Give them nothing that they cry for, and only that which they ask for politely.
7. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of.
8. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
9. Never punish a child twice for the same offense.
10. Commend and reward good behavior.
11. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended.
12. Reserve property rights, even in the smallest matters.
13. Strictly observe all promises.
14. Require no daughter to work before she can read well.
15. Teach children to fear the rod.

Who Is My Mother?

While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

—Matthew 12:46-50

TV Revelations

My sheets are a shade of grayish white; my sink is stained, no pretty sight; my hands are rough, my skin is dry. At last I've found the reason why (through ads aimed at the weaker sex): It's all because I use brand X.

—Gladise Kelly

MAKING MUSIC

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services, or prayer meeting. A bit of information given at the introduction of an unfamiliar song or hymn concerning the composer, the poet, or the period in which it was written is often found to make the music more meaningful.

Many churches could afford to obtain a minister of music or a part-time director who could establish a music training program for all ages, with special emphasis on the youth. As youngsters are given an opportunity to actively participate in good sacred music with good leadership, the natural consequences are for them to accept the music, absorb some of the concepts therein, and live more enriched and meaningful lives. Also, their ability to worship and serve Christ through music will be immeasurably strengthened.

Another strong area of musical influence is found in the schools. Many public schools now have a good program to offer students in music, both in listening and performing experiences. Though there is a great shortage of music instructors, there are many who are doing a fine job in the school systems across the country at the elementary school, high school, and college levels. Students are participating in both vocal and instrumental programs with great enthusiasm. Some schools are now offering work in the orchestral instruments. Youth should be encouraged to participate in the various choral and instrumental ensembles if the activities are wholesome. Some school administrators think of the music program merely as a public relations device and put pressure on the music instructors to use only music that will make an immediate hit with the parents and other supporters of the school. When this attitude exists the music instructors' hands are tied in the matter of educating the young in good music. The true educator (instructor or administrator) is conscientious and responsible in the matter of opening the doors to the large room filled with treasure chests of musical blessings for the young.

Unfortunately some schools do not have an adequate music program. Parents can often be influential in expressing concern to administrators and school board members to recognize and meet the need for an adequate curriculum and facilities for a good comprehensive training program.

Also, young people should be given the benefit of private lessons if this is

possible. Private voice training is usually best for older teens and adults but children can profit a great deal from private studies in various other instruments, particularly that of piano.

The youth whose life has been touched and blessed by great music has had a small glimpse of the beauty and glory of God. He will never be quite the same person again if he has deeply responded. "Things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have alured his sight."

Parent, you can be of great service to your child by seeing that his musical opportunities are adequate in the home, church and school. Through these experiences he will become much more aware of the beautiful and the good and will appreciate your help and encouragement in the years ahead.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8).

YOUTH WORK

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Terry's story is only one in a million of the many problems connected with youth work. It shows only one reaction of one individual teen in the vast millions of teenagers of the world. The illustration is used only to point out that teens do react differently in different situations and circumstances. It clues the youth director in on his job of not only learning what the reactions of young people are but also learning how to understand and evaluate these reactions. It is the job of the youth worker to give the lives and ideas of his teens Christian direction.

The road for one who chooses to work with young people, either full-time or part-time, is by no means easy. There is to be, of assurity, times of hurt and disappointment piled on top of discouragement. Long have Christians heard that their chosen life is not a "bed of roses." However, great is our reward if we prove to be faithful—not only in terms of reward in heaven, but in light of the rewards we receive on earth when we are able to see our own fruits bearing other precious seed into the kingdom of God. Then it is yours to answer—is youth work worth the effort?

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FROM THE
GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IN HEBREWS 12:2, WE ARE told to look to Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." This phrase, *for the joy*, could mean either of two quite different things.

The two possibilities of meaning come from the fact that the Greek preposition translated "for" is *anti*, which can, at times, mean either *in exchange for* or *instead of*. The question, then, is this: does Hebrews 12:2 mean that Jesus endured the cross *instead of* the joy set before him or *in exchange for* the joy set before him?

The preposition *anti* can definitely mean "in exchange for"; Romans 12:17 is a good example, where we read, "Recompense to no man evil *for* evil." This gives the picture of people who do evil and get evil done back to them. Then if Hebrews 12:2 is to be interpreted this way, it means that Jesus endured the cross *in exchange for* the joy offered Him as a result. That is, He endured the cross *in order to get* the joy that was His reward for having performed the will of the Father and redeemed mankind. The last part of the verse refers to the fact that He is set down at the right hand of the throne of God, and this would be the "joy" which He obtained. In other words, then, if the "for" of Hebrews 12:2 means "in exchange for," then the "joy" referred to is the joy He received *after* He suffered on earth.

On the other hand, the preposition *anti* can definitely mean, at times, "instead of"; Luke 11:11 is an excellent example, where we read that a good father will not give a hungry son a serpent "*for* a fish." In other words, he will not give a son a snake *instead of* a piece of fish! So if Hebrews 12:2 is to be interpreted this way, it means that Jesus had to choose between the joy He was experiencing in His heavenly existence and the suffering He would experience in earthly existence. So He chose the suffering *instead of* the joy. Thus if the "for" means "instead of," then the "joy" referred to is the joy He had *before* He became man and which He gave up.

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California	580.14	1,755.36	
Florida	546.08	1,773.73	
Georgia	548.07	548.07	
Idaho			
Illinois	564.88	2,275.07	
Indiana			
Kansas	65.00	221.00	
Kentucky	249.67	479.64	
Louisiana	47.96	99.39	
Michigan	805.22	1,044.78	475.22
Missouri	1,658.25	5,453.25	
New Hampshire			
New Jersey	16.00	54.00	
New Mexico	124.98	254.26	
North Carolina	166.56	558.36	
Ohio	464.12	1,019.30	
Oklahoma	1,510.00	4,787.40	
South Carolina			
Tennessee	316.30	1,215.67	83.36
Texas	125.07	326.79	
Virginia	564.88	1,651.79	
Washington & Oregon			
Wisconsin	10.00	40.00	

	Cooperative Receipts March 1968	Year to Date
Executive Dept.	\$2,504.39	\$7,917.69
Foreign Missions	2,133.53	6,341.84
Bible College	1,834.62	5,478.56
Home Missions	1,291.03	3,784.75
Church Training Service	595.74	1,864.39
Superannuation Board	325.42	952.63
Master's Men	176.22	176.22
Free Will Baptist		
Children's Home	29.22	29.22



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A Modern Adaptation of Proverbs 31:10-31

WHO CAN FIND a virtuous woman? for the value of her life is beyond monetary calculations. Her husband has absolute trust in her so that he has no need of satisfaction from other woman. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She keeps his clothing up-to-date, clean and tidy. She willingly works around the house. She provides variety at meal-time by wise selection of nutritious and delicious foods. She gets up early each morning to make his breakfast and sees that her children also eat properly.

She knows a bargain when she sees one and is always concerned about the future stability and supply of her home. The strength of her character is shown in her attitude toward her household tasks. She takes pride in a job well done even if she must work late hours to accomplish it.

She knows how to use a sewing machine and needle. She has a compassionate heart and hand toward those who have great needs. Those in her home especially benefit from her domestic talents. Her own clothing shows good taste and modesty. Even her husband is known by her concern for his wearing apparel. She often uses her household talents to provide extra income for her family.

She is known as a woman of honorable character. The humble expression of this character gives her an inner joy.

She is wise in her speech and especially knows how to say kind words. She is concerned about the interests and problems of all in her house. She is not a gossip or kaffe-klatcher. Her children are happy to talk about her to their friends. Her husband also praises her to others.

Other women have done great deeds, but this type of a mother and wife ranks highest.

Popularity is deceitful and glamor is shallow, but a woman who has personal contact with the holy God, she shall be praised. She shall receive great satisfaction from her labors and others shall talk about her good deeds wherever they go.

—By William J. Krutza

