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Observance of the *Christian Sabbath*

by
Gardiner Spring

The Sabbath lies at the foundation of all true morality. Morality flows from principle. Let the principles of moral obligation become relaxed, and the practice of morality will not long survive the overthrow. No man can preserve his own morals, no parent can preserve the morals of his children, without the impression of religious obligation.

If you can induce a community to doubt the genuineness and authenticity of the Scriptures; to question the reality and obligations of religion; to hesitate, undecided, whether there be any such thing as virtue or vice; whether there be any eternal state of retribution beyond the grave; or whether there exists any such being as God, you have broken down the barriers of moral virtue, and hoisted the flood gates of immorality and crime. I need not say that when a people have once done this, they can no longer exist as a tranquil and happy people. Every bond that holds society together would be ruptured; fraud and treachery would take the place of confidence between man and man; the tribunals of justice would be scenes of bribery and injustice; avarice, perjury, ambition, and revenge would walk through the land, and render it more like the dwelling of savage beasts than the tranquil abode of civilized and Christianized men.

If there is an institution which opposes itself to this progress of human degeneracy, and throws a

shield before the interest of moral virtue in our thoughtless and wayward world, it is the Sabbath. In the fearful struggle between virtue and vice, notwithstanding the powerful auxiliaries which wickedness finds in the bosoms of men, and in the seductions and influence of popular example, wherever the Sabbath has been suffered to live, the trembling interests of moral virtue have always been revered and sustained. One of the principal occupations of this day is to illustrate and enforce the great principles of sound morality. Where this sacred trust is preserved inviolate, you behold a nation convened one day in seven for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the best moral principles and precepts; and it cannot be otherwise than that the authority of moral virtue, under such auspices, should be acknowledged and felt.

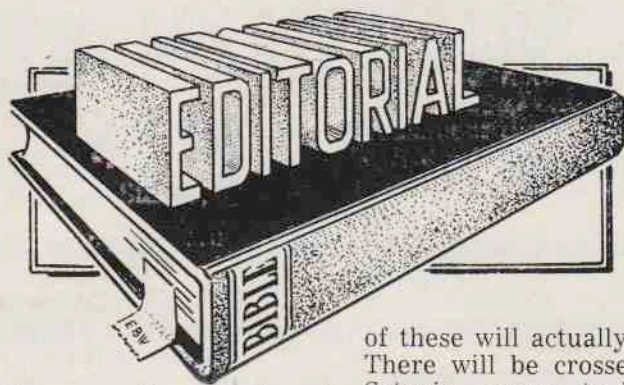
We may not, at once, perceive the effects which this weekly observance produces. Like more moral causes, it operates slowly; but it operates surely, and gradually weakens the power and breaks the yoke of profligacy and sin. No villain regards the Sabbath. No vicious family regards the Sabbath. No immoral community regards the Sabbath. The holy rest of this ever-memorable day is a barrier which is always broken down before men become giants in sin. Blackstone, in his Commentaries on the Laws of England, remarks that, "a corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath." It is an observation of Lord Chief Justice Hale, that "of all the persons who were convicted of capital crimes, while he was on the bench, he found a few only who would not confess that they began their career of wickedness by a neglect of the

duties of the Sabbath and vicious conduct on that day."

The prisons in our own land could probably tell us that they have scarcely a solitary tenant who had not broken over the restraints of the Sabbath before he was abandoned to crime. You may enact laws for the suppression of immorality, but the secret and silent power of the Sabbath constitutes a stronger shield to the vital interest of the community than any code of the penal statutes that ever was enacted. The Sabbath is the keystone of the arch which sustains the temple of virtue, which, however defaced, will survive many a rude shock so long as the foundation remains firm.

The observance of the Sabbath is also most influential in securing national prosperity. The God of Heaven has said, "Them that honor me I will honor." You will not often find a notorious Sabbath breaker a permanently prosperous man; and a Sabbath-breaking community is never a happy or a prosperous community. There is a multitude of unobserved influences which the Sabbath exerts upon the temporal welfare of men. It promotes the spirit of good order and harmony; it elevates the poor from want; it transforms squalid wretchedness; it imparts self-respect and elevation of character; it promotes softness and civility of manners; it brings together the rich and the poor upon one common level in the house of prayer; it purifies and strengthens the social affections, and makes the family circle the center of allurements and the source of instruction, comfort, and happiness. Like its own divine religion, "it has the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come," for men

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Some time ago I remembered talking to a person who had gone through a "fun-house" at a public park. It was a long dark corridor or hall with many uncertain steps. Some of the steps were up, some down and at various places the hall made abrupt turns, so that one walking would run into walls etc. As I was preparing the manuscripts for this issue of the Standard my mind went back to that conversation and description of the long walk through the "fun-house".

We have just concluded the year 1968 and by the time you read this, will be into the new year, 1969. Perhaps we can compare it to the darkened fun house. We cannot see ahead for the scenes that we shall live are all dark at this time. There will undoubtedly be some places in this new year that will offer pleasures and thrills, however, there will also be times of sorrow, bereavement and shadows that will be difficult to go through.

Spiritually, there will be times of great victory when the blessing of the Lord will thrill our souls, times when His Spirit will tender us and melt us to tears, deepening our experience with Him. For these we shall be grateful. Yet, there will be some battles, there will be some hard places we shall be called upon to endure. One Communist leader declared these next two years would be the time of their take over of America. Leaders for the Advancement of Colored People say this year our cities shall flow with the blood of many whites. It might be that this year some will be called to martyrdom for the cause of freedom and Jesus Christ. Some tell us this is the year that Jesus Christ will rapture away the Saints of God while some are predicting a year of world shaking revival.

At this time the hall of life is dark, we cannot be sure that any

of these will actually come to pass. There will be crosses, pitfalls and Satanic snares to be sure. The Psalmist did not say there would not be but he did say that God would deliver us from the snare of the fowler. With Ira Stanphill we can sing,

"Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand,
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand."

We are sure that in ourselves we are unable to stem the flood or to make it through, but if we walk cautiously, carefully, thoughtfully and above all prayerfully, we shall endure all that is before us. Let us not face the new year with doubt and fear but let us remember,

"His love knows no limits,
His Grace hath no measure,
His power has no boundaries
Known unto men.
But out of his riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth
again."

Lillian Gray best portrays this thought in her poem, "New Year's Thoughts". Let us quote it here.

New Year's Thoughts

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us
all untrod,
The New Year, spotless from the
hand of God,
Is thine and mine O friend.
Let us walk straightly, friend;
Forget the crooked paths behind
us now
Press on with steadier purpose
on our brow,
To better deeds, O friend.
Let us walk gladly, friend;
Perchance some greater good
than we have known
Is waiting for us, or some fair
hope flown
Shall yet return, O friend.
Let us walk humbly, friend;
Slight not the heart's-ease bloom-
ing round our feet;

The laurel blossoms are not half
so sweet,
Or lightly gathered, friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life
shall last,

How soon these precious years be
overpast;
Let Love walk with us, friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with our might while lasts
our little stay,
And help some halting comrade
on the way;
And may God guide us, friend.

— Lillian Gray

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Holiness Teachings

by

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Topic — Pentecostal Rest — Its Advantages

In the previous article the writer endeavored to present a portrait of the soul rest. It was, however, not much more than an outline of its gracious nature, exhibiting its prominent distinctive features — rest from sin, rest from fear, rest from doubt, rest from darkness. We would only characterize it further by saying:

(1) It is a promised rest.

"Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Being a promised rest, is the pledge of its certainty as an attainment and its reality as an experience.

(2) It is a needful rest.

The Apostle exhorts to anxiety, lest it may not be attained, implying that its absence would be a calamity — a great misfortune to the Christian character and life. Some have thought this rest only a privilege, and not a necessity. While soul rest is a delight, and is fraught with sweet comfort, yet it is more than all these; it is ballast to steady the life, give equilibrium to the spirit, and impart symmetry to the Christian character. It is the indispensable reinforcement which empowers spiritual activity. Its advantages are obvious.

1. It conduces to spiritual strength

Soul rest relieves us of the weight of interior sin and weakness, so that the soul's strength

goes entirely to support life's burdens of sorrow, care, and trial.

Without this rest the soul breaks down into discouragement and disheartenment under the strain of its inner burdens, superadded to its outer-life burdens. But with this rest it can run joyously the shining way, however freighted with cares, duties, or services. This soul burden induces the friction of Christian service, which so wears and worries so many Christian people. They have but little comfort, as well as little success and service, because enfeebled and oppressed by the soul burden which consumes the strength that would otherwise make work a joy and service a delight. President Finney used to say, "The reason why so many Christians have so little time or strength or heart to do spiritual work, is that their own salvation is so unsettled, so little at rest, that their strength is absorbed upon their own necessities and spiritual uncertainty. Now, when the soul enters into this rest, its own salvation becomes a settled thing, and the keeping of the soul is so perfectly committed to God that the believer is set free to engage fully and constantly in saving the perishing and advancing the Kingdom of Christ. There is a beautiful economy of spiritual force in soul rest which renders it practical as well as enjoyable.

2. It gives Spiritual Power

Soul rest, begetting as it does a repose of manner, a quietness of spirit, and evenness of demeanor amidst the tempest of care, the surges of sorrow, and the tumults of business. It impresses friends, associates, and sinners with the power of grace, as nothing else can. In this world of unrest, agitation, and

disquietude, a soul at rest is a spectacle so convincing as to be irresistible. In the summer of 1873, during the darkest period of that panic, one day we were walking along the principal street of the capital city of Ohio, in company with a Christian layman and a Christian minister. We were enjoying a precious conversation when we were met by a business man, a nominal member of the Church of which I was pastor. He was all excited. He said, "How can you gentlemen be so serene and quiet when everything is going to wreck financially?" The layman in our company, who was also a business man, and, as we knew, was in great financial peril, smiled and replied calmly, "The Lord is good; all will come out right." The agitated brother passed on. Two months after he went to the home of the other layman, and said to him, "Your manner, face, and tone, two months since, taught me my need of God. I said to myself, after the hasty interview on the street that Saturday morning, 'No man could be so calm and peaceful as you were unless he has God.' I want you to tell me how to get God as you have Him." Soul rest is power indeed, the soul is never at the point of power until it is at the point of complete rest in God.

3. It is the Spring of Spiritual Activity

Soul rest, by its inspiration, sets heart, brain, nerves, hands, feet, every power going for God, and it keeps them going. It is the secret of perpetual motion in grace. It precipitates the soul into a spell of zeal that does not cease. Rest is far removed from ease. Those who are most at ease in Zion have the least

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pouring of the Holy Ghost.

Word of Appreciation

I wish to extend my sincere
thanks and heart-felt appreciation
to the various pastors and their
churches; the Saints and friends
from other denominations who re-
membered me in their prayers and
with cards, flowers and gifts, also
for their visits during my hospital-
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pital at Lebanon, Penna. and dur-
ing my convalescence.

— Rev. Truman Wise

ABC's of Faith

- A — Absolute trust;
- B — Boasts in the Lord;
- C — Conquers adversities;
- D — Defies Satan;
- E — Endures amid conflicts;
- F — Forever going forward;
- G — God is placed first;
- H — Honors God at all times;
- I — Intercedes for others;
- J — Justified through Christ;
- K — Keeps in God's will;
- L — Lovingly overlooks frailties of
others;
- M — Makes us pure before God
through the blood of Christ;

- N — Never gives up;
- O — Opens ears, eyes, heart,
toward God;
- P — Praises God always;
- Q — Quickens us;
- R — Restful in the storm;
- S — Secures our final redemption;
- T — Trusts the future with God;
- U — Unites us with Christ;
- V — Victorious living day by day;
- W — Walks with God;
- X — X-ray by which we are enabled
to see above our surroundings;
- Y — Yields to the will of God;
- Z — Zest for God in spite of things
seen in present.

The Specter of

Meaninglessness

by

C. Neil Strait

Thomas Huxley leaped off a train
in London, late for a speaking en-
gagement, and caught the first taxi
available. He shouted to the driver
as he entered, "Hurry, I'm late!"

Off they went at a furious speed.
Huxley suddenly realized he had
given no directions. "Where am I
going?" To this the driver replied,
"I don't know, Sir, but we'll get you
there in a hurry."

This is a picture of modern man.
He is not quite sure where he is go-
ing but he is in a hurry to get there.
Someone has observed that "mod-
ern man is all dressed up with no-
where to go." W. Paul Jones said:
"We are a generation possessed by
the specter of meaninglessness that
will not be quieted."

Our age is searching, seeking,
straining, but it has yet to find the
real answer. It finds only segments
of truth — now and then — and
these make no sense. They make no
sense, for they do not cope ade-
quately with the specter of mean-
inglessness that haunts life.

G. K. Chesterton, in one of his
Father Brown stories, leads the
reader to a graveyard in the middle
of the night where his men unearth
a headless skeleton. For a while
Father Brown is silent. Then he
breaks the silence by saying: "We
have come to the end of the ways.
Something has fallen on us that
falls very seldom upon men; per-
haps the worst thing that can fall
upon them. . . We have found the
truth and the truth makes no
sense."

One of old spoke words we need
to hear again. "I am the way, the
truth, and the life" (John 14:6).
Only when the truth which is in
Christ penetrates our existence will
we find meaning. Only then will we
have a mission — someplace to go!

The meaninglessness that blurs
our vision and the fear that builds
a barrier to life need not be per-
manent ingredients of living.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips tells
the story of a boy who was putting
together a jigsaw-puzzle map of the
world. His father, reading the eve-
ning newspaper nearby, observed
that the lad was making little prog-
ress fitting the pieces together. The
father left the room, and when he
returned he was amazed to find
that the boy had finished the puz-
zle. He inquired how he had finish-
ed so quickly.

The boy replied: "I turned the
pieces over and I found there a pic-
ture of a man on the other side. I
put the man together and the world
came out all right."

When man — through Christ —
finds the pattern for living, mean-
inglessness fades and truth makes
sense.

We live in deeds, not years; in
thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most — feels the noblest —
acts the best.
Life's but a means unto an end — that
end,
Beginning, mean and end to all things
— God.

WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

It is the sob of God.

It is the anguished cry of Jesus
as He weeps over a doomed city.

It is the cry of St. Paul: "I could
wish that myself were accursed
from Christ for my brethren, my
kinsmen according to the flesh."

It is the heart-winning plea of
Moses, "Oh, this people have sinned
. . . Yet now, if thou wilt forgive
their sin . . .; if not, blot me, I pray
thee, out of the book which thou
hast written."

It is the cry of John Knox: "Give
me Scotland, or I die!"

It is the declaration of John Wes-
ley: "The world is my parish."

It is the sob of parents in the
night, weeping over their prodigal
children.

The Tinker of Bedford

by

F. W. Lawrence, London, Eng.

An English Puritan, and one time soldier in Oliver Cromwell's parliamentary army, John Bunyan was persecuted by the carnal ecclesiastics of his day. He spent twelve long years in prison. Amid the darkness of that cell he dreamed, and as a result, *Pilgrim's Progress* is known and loved. As a book, it still holds second place to the Holy Bible.

In His wonderful wisdom, and because of His lovingkindness, God is using even Satan's efforts to destroy men, to fashion in His redeemed people those beautiful graces of His desire. Things such as gladness and grief, peace and war, rest and toil, are all interminably intermingled. They follow each other in ceaseless succession, just as night follows the day, and the day, night. However, God overrules and we are able to trace the rainbow, through the rain.

We can, because God makes it possible! — possible, but not necessarily inevitable. You can miss the victory through lack of trust.

Seeming disaster can become the pathway to sovereignty.

God is working in terms of eternity. So many of us, amid the trials and tribulations that make up our lot day by day, see no farther than the immediate ceiling of our lives. This is a tragic situation for us.

Time is but a passing point between two eternities. Overwhelmed by the apparent contradictions of time, and well nigh cast down because the workers of iniquity were seeming to prosper, the Psalmist went into the sanctuary of the Lord; and that made all the difference. "All the day long have I been plagued . . . until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I." (Psa. 73:4, 17). Put a red ink circle around two words in your Bible in this verse, "until" and "then."

"For every handicap," said W. Graham Scroggie, "there is a compensation, and for every disability there is a reward. . . . Our handicap may become our equipment, and seeming disaster may become our shining pathway to sovereignty."

Take God at His Word; for, as Miss Havergal put it years ago:

"Those who trust Him wholly,
Find Him wholly true."

IF ALL WERE JUST LIKE YOU

By the late Rev. Alfred J. Hill

Are you a member of a church?
And are its members few?
And would its membership be more,
If all were just like you?
'Mid cold and heat, and rain and shine,
Are you found in your pew?
How large would the attendance be
If all were just like you?

Do you a testimony give,
That rings both good and true?
And when they need a fervent prayer
Can the preacher count on you?
Are you a booster for your church?
Trying to boost it through?
How much real boosting would there
be,
If all worked just like you?

Are you a sponger in your church,
Paying of dimes a few?
How much would your poor preacher
get,
If all paid just like you?
And would you have a better church,
More faithful, loving, true,
If every member, young and old,
Were always just like you?

Are you concerned about the young,
The "lambs," that should be fed?
Do you attend the Sabbath school,
Or do you lie in bed?
If all the members of your church
Acted the same as you,
Would many 'tend your Sabbath
school,
Or would there just be few?

God help us to awake and see
That we have work to do;
Both in the church and Sabbath school,
If to our Lord we're true.
Unfaithful sluggards we will be,
Unless we do our part;
And at the judgment we will hear
That fearful word, "Depart."

Faithfulness in the Pulpit

Sel.

The faithful preacher of the gospel can never in this life know how many persons have been helped by his ministry. Only God knows, and finally "the day shall declare it." Many years ago Mark Guy Pearse sat with the late Charles H. Spurgeon on the platform at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and in an interval during the meeting whispered to Mr. Spurgeon, "When I was a young fellow in London, I used to sit right over there and hear you preach, and you will never know how much good you did me."

Mr. Spurgeon's face lighted up as he answered, "You did?"

"Yes," replied Pearse, "and I am so glad to have the chance of telling you of it. You used to wind me up like an eight-day clock. I was bound to go right for a week after hearing you."

Spurgeon put out his hand and took that of Mr. Pearse, and the tears brimmed to his eyes as he said, "God bless you! I never knew that."

Why Are Pagan Religions Strong?

Sel.

The devotees of the great pagan religions of the world put Christians to shame in this regard: They memorize their sacred writings! Their minds and hearts are "saturated" with them. None can teach in a Mohammedan mosque until he has memorized the Koran! A missionary tells us that for twenty-one hours some Buddhist priests, and others adhering to Buddhism, quoted from memory their sacred Scriptures, making no mistakes and not repeating anything!

Christians who are most effective in soul-winning are those who hide away much of God's Word in heart and head. When the Word of God is etched deeply upon the scroll of memory, it filters down to our hearts and keeps us from sinning against God. Therefore, — "Search the Scriptures!" Meditate therein day and night! Moody was right: "The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible!"

TOBACCO AND BEER

Did you know that 70 million Americans use tobacco — three out of every five men, and one in every three women. Last year Americans smoked 523 billion cigarettes. This is 120 billion more than seven years ago. The tobacco industry has an estimated payroll of 379 million dollars per year. "In 1961 only one team out of both the American and National Leagues was not sponsored by a beer company. Baseball is recognized as America's national pastime, and beer is the product that most sports fans see and hear advertised over and over again on radio and TV. The brewing industry is making a desperate attempt to brainwash sports fans into believing that beer and baseball belong together."

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

BUILDING GOOD CHARACTER

by

Rev. Truman Motter,
Vice President of Youth Council

The following quotation is taken from the "Cadet Prayer", which is repeated every Sunday in chapel services at West Point Military Academy.

"Make us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be contented with half truth when whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of Loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when right and truth are in jeopardy".

As we build good character every choice for right, and against wrong is another brick laid in the structure of character; every choice made against right is a defect that will eventually weaken the entire structure, and destroy it. The harder the choice the stronger the material placed in the structure. A short step up a steep mountain side will get one higher than a long step on a much more modest grade. These things we should keep in mind because we are constantly faced with the choice between right and wrong.

Possibly we should look at an individual that had built the greatest character known, and for this we turn your attention to the Word of God. This person is Jesus Christ, and in Luke 2:51 "... He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them ...". He was subject unto His parents, a very important part in starting to build a good character. It is not smart or respectful of any child to refer to his parents with very little regard. Often heard today are statements about "the Old Lady" in reference to mother, or "the Old Man" referring to a father. These individuals should be the finest and most respected people in the world, especially if they are Christians.

Let us look at something else about this important individual. John 1:14 says that "He was full of grace and truth". Truth is something that will put a stronger struc-

ture together, faster as we build our characters. Young folk we are at a time in life when the enemy is suggesting that we should lie if it will help promote our causes. This is being done by governments of the world today but there are serious consequences to this type of thing. First of all this comes from the father of lies himself, which is enough for immediate dismissal of it. Truth should be a large guidepost in our building good character.

Another important fact of Jesus' life which should be used in your life to build a good character is related to us by Matthew in the fourth chapter and tenth verse, "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Christ is resisting the temptations of the devil. There are legions of temptations sent your way by the devil, and if you build a sound structure it is going to depend on your recognizing the temptation, and resisting them as Christ did.

Space would not allow us to go into all parts of a good character, but we would like lastly to bring before you the most important characteristic in building a good character. In II Corinthians 5:21 Paul tells us "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." He was sinless, but thank God, He was made to be sin for US, that we may be made sinless and be like Him. The easiest way to build a good sound, strong structure as your character should be, is to become a Christian. As a Christian you conform to the character of The Son, according to Romans 8:29.

May we begin to build today for the future as His children with that true identity with Christ. "a GOOD CHRISTIAN CHARACTER".

Warning To Teen-Agers

by

J. Edgar Hoover

I've spent forty years, my whole career, dealing with the seamier side of life — robbery, kidnapping, gangsterism, and murder. It is possible that the nation's youngsters think of me, when they think of me

at all, as a pretty stern sort of person.

Perhaps that's just as well, for I want to give the young people of America some friendly, fatherly advice, and I would like them to take it very seriously.

The advice has to do with the sex-crime headlines in the newspapers today. These headlines worry everyone with any decency — they worry our parents, and they worry you. And they certainly worry me.

So I've worked up a list of ten "Teen-age Tips" that I feel will help young people to steer clear of danger. When you look them over you may say that some of them are only common sense. But remember that the common sense rule is often the one we're apt to forget.

You'll also note that some of the "tips" apply only to girls. But remember again, everybody has a sister or a girlfriend who needs his protection and advice, so he should study the whole list too.

In any case, these are the ten rules that, in my judgement and experience, are the most important.

Don't invite trouble! Here are ten rules that every parent should make sure his youngster knows:

1. If any stranger — or even a slight acquaintance — makes improper advances, tell your parents immediately.

Young people are too often kind-hearted about such things — they dislike the idea of getting an offender into "trouble." Just remember that if you don't report him, he'll probably get into worse trouble later on — to say nothing of the harm he may cause.

2. If you know of any pornographic pictures or literature being passed around, notify your parents immediately.

Obscene reading matter is a favorite habit of the degenerate. If the authorities can run down the source and trace the material, they may be able to rid the community of danger before it starts.

3. Know your date! Don't go out on "blind dates" unless another couple is along — and even then be cautious.

If someone phones and says he's a friend of Jack Jones, tell him

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you'd be glad to have Jack Jones introduce him.

4. Stay out of "Lover's Lanes."

It's natural to want to be alone with your date, but experience shows that "Lover's Lanes" are favorite haunts of sex criminals.

5. Don't wander away alone from the crowd at picnics and outings. Stay within calling distance.

Sex criminals are easily attracted to any group of young people, and given an opportunity, they can strike with frightening speed.

6. Don't ask for trouble — dress sensibly.

Provocative clothing may attract the attention of a potential sex criminal.

7. Be civil to strangers who ask directions, but never go partway with them.

The "directions" trick is a favorite among sex criminals. They count on the natural helpfulness of young people.

8. Be very careful about accepting work from a stranger.

This is another insidious dodge. Always make sure that the person is a respectable businessman.

9. Don't go about the house half-dressed.

This may seem harmless, but it's an invitation to "Peeping Toms" — who may later become something more dangerous.

10. Never, never hitchhike!

And never, never pick up a hitchhiker!

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

Sel.

Because you prayed today
I found it was not hard to face the dawn,
Take up again the work I laid away
But yesterday, and shoulder it, and dare
To smile a bit,
And find a blessing I'd not dreamed was there —
Because you prayed!

— A Missionary

Rules for Victorious LIVING

by
Mrs. Lera Jones

1. Come to Jesus; let Him forgive your sins.
 2. Walk in the light of holiness; let Him cleanse your carnal nature.
 3. If you have wronged others, ask forgiveness from them, also from the Lord.
 4. Spend one hour each day in prayer (early hour, best results).
 5. Read the Word of God — spend some time meditating as you read.
 6. Resist and keep resisting all thoughts which come from the devil.
 7. Think bright, happy thoughts which tend to bring happiness.
 8. Do at least one kind deed each day.
 9. Never lose an opportunity of service for humanity.
 10. When trouble comes, talk to Jesus, not to others.
 11. If you must weep, weep at the foot of the cross.
 12. If you give way, don't give up — keep trying; there's victory ahead.
 13. Let Jesus fight all your battles. Don't think He needs your assistance.
 14. Put Jesus first, others second, yourself last; this produces joy.
 15. Never judge nor criticize others.
 16. Tithe all your income.
 17. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
 18. Never grumble nor complain — it will become a habit.
 19. Look to find the good in others; comment on the good you see.
 20. Look up, not down; look out, not in, and lend a hand.
- "Living for Jesus a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that we do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me."

CHAIN REACTION

Sel.

A woman wanted to help in a revival meeting. Her pastor asked her to pass out cards from house to house. At one house a man said in response to her invitation to attend the meeting: "You don't want me, I'm an actor." She replied, "Our revival is for any who will come, and we would welcome you." The man came, again and again. Finally he

accepted Christ and, after a time, entered the Christian ministry. That man was George C. Lorimer, one of the greatest preachers the world has known.

Dr. Lorimer had a friend, and, after weeks of pleading, he won that friend to Jesus Christ. That friend was the great Baptist preacher, Russell Conwell.

An Unfailing Help

Sel.

Most gladly I add the testimony of my experience concerning the memorizing of Scripture. To me it has been an unfailing help in doubt, anxiety, sorrow, and all the countless vicissitudes and problems of life. I believe in it enough to have devoted many, many hours of stowing away passages where I can neither leave them behind me nor be unable to get at them.

The Word of God is the Christian soldier's best weapon, and it is essential to have it with him always. In doubt it decides; in consultation it directs; in anxiety it reassures; in sorrow it comforts; in failure it encourages; in defense it protects; in offense it is mightier than the mighty.

Facing death alone on a floating piece of ice on a frozen ocean, the comradeship it afforded me supplied all I needed. It stood by me like the truest of true friends that it is. With my whole soul I commend to others the giving of some little time each day to secure the immense returns it offers and insures. — Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell

SOME OTHER WAY

A man once dreamed that he built a ladder from earth toward heaven. Whenever he did a good deed, his ladder went up two feet; when he did an unusually good deed, it went up still higher; when he gave large sums of money to the poor, again it went higher. After a while, the top of the ladder was so high that it was out of sight; and in his dream, as the years rolled on, he climbed the ladder expecting to step off into heaven.

But suddenly he heard a Voice thunder from the sky: "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." Down came the man, ladder and all, and he awoke.

So vivid had been his dream that he saw his mistake and sought salvation in God's only way.



Missionary Message

Letter from the Shueys

721 S. W. 2nd St.
Miami, Fla. 33130
November 16, 1968

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus from Miami! We feel that we would like to give you another report of the missionary work. The work here is not easy. We covet your prayers as we sow the gospel seed here among the Cuban refugees, something that will endure beyond the things of time. The work with these new Christians is slow. It takes time for them to learn the way. They need much instruction and prayer. We are thanking the Lord for His guidance and help.

We have been making new contacts among these people, some of whom arrived recently from Cuba. We have had several cool days and nights, with temperatures 47 and 49 degrees. Since the refugees arrive here with all their possessions in a suitcase or pillowcase, all their life's possessions back in Communist Cuba, they look to the church for help. This past week we felt ashamed and sad. We needed bedding: sheets, blankets, pillowcases, for we know many of them were cold these past few nights. Won't you help. We know the Lord will bless you for it.

We visited an elderly Cuban couple who arrived here via Mexico on Nov. 10 by plane. We had a wonderful time conversing with this dear saint (the husband is not a Christian). I shall try to condense her testimony. "My name is Mikaela Meireles. I was born in Havana, Cuba. I gave my heart to the Lord 17 years ago in Cuba. Before that I believed in Spiritism. My heart was touched when the evangelist said, 'You may be religious but not know the Lord.' Our son who came from Cuba to Miami several years ago, claimed us. We left Cuba, arrived in Mexico, had to stay there three and one half months before they sent us to Miami. In Mexico I testified to the Mexicans who wor-

ship the Saint Guadalupe. I'm glad the Lord sent the Shueys to our apartment here in Miami. I am glad for the liberty here to testify for my Lord. In Cuba we suffered much. No church services nor children's meeting may be held in homes. The Communist Defense Committee prohibits this. Pray for the salvation of my husband and son. May the Lord bless you!"

Another Cuban lady writes: "My name is Angelina Dominguez. I was born in Sibanicu, Camaguey, Cuba May 26, 1930. Six years ago the Lord took away all the desires for the things of the world from my heart, and baptized me with the Holy Spirit. My only desire is to be faithful to the Lord and testify to other souls. Two months ago my husband, myself, and our two children came from Cuba. I had a great disappointment when three days before we left Cuba, they told us that our 15 year old son would not be permitted to leave. The military law will not permit 15 year olds to leave. I didn't want to leave him back, but I prayed, put everything into the Lord's hands and we left him back with an uncle. I'm a Cuban refugee in this country here because the Communists enslaved my native land. I'm happy to have the two little ones here and away from the influence of Communism. I'm teaching them the way of Salvation. Please pray for Cuba, especially for the believers. There is much misery and lack of medicine. The prisoners have to suffer many hardships. May the Lord help us and free Cuba from the clutches of Communism."

Pray for the spiritual and material needs of the work, that all expenses will be met. All gifts validly receipted upon request.

Your missionaries
Carl and Ernestine Shuey

THE KILLER

Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog; yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor. What sense is there to this?

— The Bible Crusaders News

Steward Am I!

by
Kathryn Blackburn Peck

Steward am I of God's manifold grace;
Debtor am I to a perishing race!
Mine not to heap blessings high on a shelf,
Hoping to label them all for myself!
Steward of twenty-four hours each day,
Debtor to spend them in some shining way.
Steward of talents, bestowed — never won;
Debtor am I to employ every one.
Showing lost earth-children pathways to heaven.
(Thus talents grow, and new talents are given!)

Steward am I of a measure of gold,
Small though my portion, not mine to withhold
While there are suffering, hunger, and tears,
Weak souls and dying ones, groping with fears.
Meager my giving, though I should give all.
God gives unceasingly, whate'er befall!
I would be faithful my task to fulfill,
Striving to pattern each day to His will.
Steward am I of God's manifold grace;
Debtor am I to a perishing race!

DO YOU KNOW

Do you know it is possible to say many good, original sayings, pray a magnificent prayer and yet be so void of a personal baptism, that you seldom, if ever, strike fire, or get anyone genuinely hungry for such an experience as you pretend to have and talk about.

No amount of good works can atone for a bad spirit. Plainness, aggressiveness, or radical ideas can never atone for an unsanctified tongue.

— E. E. Shelhammer

I Am The New Year

Sel.

I am the New Year.
I am unused, without blemish.
I stretch before you 365 days long.
I will present each day in its turn,
a new leaf
In the book of life for you to place
upon it your imprint.
It remains for you to make of men
what you will:
If you write with firm, steady
strokes, my pages will be
A joy to look upon when the next
year comes.
If the pen falters, if uncertainty or
doubt should mar the Page.
It will become a day to remember
with pain.
I am the New Year.
Each hour of the 365 days, I will
Give 60 minutes that have never
known the use of man.
White and pure I present them; it
remains for you to
Fill them with sixty jewelled sec-
onds of love,
Hope, endeavor, patience and trust
in God.
I am the New Year.
I am coming. . . but once past, I can
never be recalled.
Make me your best!

The Secret of Revival

by
J. E. Ferguson

Recently we heard this testimony
from a very wonderful Christian:

"For some time the devil had
persuaded me to believe that most
of the members of my church had
lost the keen edge of their spiritual
experience, that the church also
had lost that warm spiritual atmos-
phere so evident in its 'yesterdays.'
Looking the situation over, I had
decided, like Elijah when he was
discouraged and in his wilderness,
that I alone was the only faithful,
tried and true disciple — at least in
the local congregation.

"However, I decided to give the
church an opportunity to repent
and return, so set myself to a sea-
son of fasting and prayer for its re-
demption.

"With and evidently under the
guidance of the Holy Spirit, I hon-
estly inquired of God for the an-
swer: a revival in my church, where
'Ichabod' seemed to replace the
sign over the front entrance where
'Church of the Nazarene' once was
on display.

"God was faithful, and after

some prayer and heart searching
the answer came. But it surely was
not the answer I had expected, for
the revelation was unmistakable.
It seems that all along the culprit
had been — me. The coldest spot
was my own heart; the cooled pas-
sion, my own. The condemning
spirit which condemned others was
my own guilty conscience on de-
fense.

"Needless to say, after I confess-
ed my own leanness of soul, and
asked God to forgive my critical
spirit, the church and its member-
ship seemed to enjoy an immediate
spiritual revival and return. The
services became occasions of bless-
ing; a new life became evident in
every service.

"Today I must be honest and ad-
mit: the coldest spot in the church
which I condemned was in my own
pew. Thank God, today my church
again enjoys some old-fashioned
spiritual visitations, and my own
heart especially experiences a per-
petual revival.

"I am so glad that, in time, I
found the secret of revival!"

BUTTON UP YOUR LIPS

If you heard a bit of gossip
Whether false, or whether true,
Be it of a friend, or stranger.
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lips securely;
Lest the tale you should repeat
Bring sorrow unto some one
Whose life now is none too sweet.

If you see a careless action
That would bring its author woe,
If it were construed unkindly,
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lips securely;
'Tis far better to keep silent
Than to cause a tear or sigh.

If you know of one who yielded
To temptation long ago,
But whose life has since been blame-
less

Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lips securely,
His the secret, God alone
Has the right to sit in judgment,
Treat it as to you unknown.

Sometimes life is filled with troubles
Oft its burdens are severe,
Do not make it any harder
By a careless word or sneer,
Button up your lips securely,
'Gainst the words that bring a tear
But be swift with words of comfort,
Words of praise and words of
cheer.

— Unknown

Learn to Pray

Sel.

Jesus never taught His disciples
how to preach, but He did teach
them how to pray. To know how to
speak to God is better than know-
ing how to speak to men. We must
tarry with God and give Him time
to teach us to pray, and get answers
to prayer! True prayer takes hold
of God's strength, opens heaven's
gates, and brings things to pass.
Prayer is almost a thing of the past,
a lost art, and out of date, and the
person who can bring the preachers
and the church back to it again will
be one of the greatest benefactors
of the age. The greatest thing any-
one can do is to pray, and real pray-
er is a thing which cannot be over-
done.

Praying is no small thing to do.
It takes time to learn how to pray,
and the person who succeeds in get-
ting people to pray will accomplish
a great thing. It requires diligent
effort. There are so few who will
make such costly outlay, when a
little briggling around will pass a
kind of deceit form of beggarly
praying is a deadly opiate, which
quiets the conscience and rocks its
victim in the cradle of deadly form
until he is asleep amid the perils of
an awful crisis.

Keep At It

Sel.

A man was at work. Mallet and
chisel were engaged busily as the
workman plied them.

"Still chiseling," said a passerby
pleasantly.

"Yes! still chiseling," was the
brief reply.

"To what part of the building
does this stone belong?"

"I don't know, I haven't seen the
plans"; and the workman continued
his labor as chip after chip flew
from the block.

Do we wonder at times what use
our little life may be?

We have just to fill the niche as-
signed to us. God is the great Archi-
tect. He may give to us a place im-
portant or a place unimportant in
the eyes of men.

Let us chisel our block and leave
to Him the fitting in with His plans
for the glory of His Son.

Observance of the *Christian Sabbath*

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cannot put themselves beyond the reach of hope and Heaven so long as they treasure up this one command, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Editor — Gardiner Spring was born 1785, died 1873. At first he studied law and finally theology. He was a strong supporter of the Bible truths, and lived a devoted life to the interest of God. The above is an excellent lesson taken from the McGuffey's Series of Readers.

Holiness Teachings

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rest, and those who are most at rest are the least at ease.

They who are so little at ease are troublesome to those who try to be at ease. The people who have soul rest keep up such a doing and working and going that they are thorns in the sides of the dear brethren and sisters who are trying to get to heaven by going to church once on Sabbath and doing as little as possible in Christian service. Our observation has been that those who have soul rest are those who are at it and always at it, in Christian service. They are all the while seeking to get souls saved, or believers into full salvation.

Soul rest is so advantageous and so accessory to spiritual life, that when the soul enters into this rest, its ways become ways of pleasantness, and all its paths, paths of peace. The yoke is easy; its burden is light; while at the same time it is carried to the acme of the holy power and effectiveness. A-men.

— Pentecostal Sanctification by
S. A. Keen

It never puts out a candle when you light another one from it. If you give another a kindness, you lose nothing yourself.

— The Southern Churchman

The Holiness Way

Rev. J. Harvey Dixon

It's an experience that is real
Just taste and try it today
You'll never regret that you started
In the good old holiness way.

It gives you real life while you're living
If you'll only fast and pray
Read your Bible and obey it
You'll enjoy the holiness way.

It will change your way of thinking
It will change the things you say,
The world will change when you live it
That blessed old holiness way.

It will change your places of going
It will change your places of play
Young people, please, just try it
The blood stained holiness way.

It will change the things you are buying
It will change the planning of your pay
Christ suffered that you might have it
This good old holiness way.

It will change your outward appearance
When you are molded as the clay
What a dark, dark ending without it
The good old holiness way.

Some folk will not accept it
They say, we'll just delay
Friends won't expect as much of us
When we are not in the holiness way.

They stiffen their necks in rebellion
From truth they turn astray
But they will never enter heaven
Unless by the holiness way.

The Bible is the mighty map
Jesus Christ has paved the way
The Holy Ghost gives power and light
To climb the holiness way.

I've seen this world at its peak
With faces with laughter, and gay
But never my soul so thrilled and filled
Like now, as I journey in the holiness way.

"Bad Memories"

As we grow older, our memories tend to fail us more and more, but this is not the worst or "Bad Memories" we here refer to. The "Bad Memories" most fatal are those which cannot remember when they do remember. We mean evasive memories. Did you ever hear one say when put on the spot, "I just cannot remember whether I said that or not"; or "whether he did or said that or not." It is a very smooth but subtle way of evading

the truth and leaving someone else "with the bag to hold." In fact, it is downright verbal dishonesty or lying. We mean morally "bad memories." If you will watch these fellows with these "bad memories", they will usually blush, close their eyes, stammer or show some other sign of confusion. We lie by what we do not say as much as by what we do say. Those who hold themselves in very high esteem, or are seeking some advancement or advantage usually evade. They learn to lie by evasion, then lie without evasion. If you could put a lie detector on them, the needle would flicker like their conscience flickers. It costs a lot to be honest under embarrassing, threatening conditions, but this is the only time that honesty has real value and proves the real worth of the man. How is your memory? Does it agree with your conscience? Watch out for the judgment.

— The Revival Herald

Joking Preachers

You speak of wit and humor, of jokes and anecdotes among ministers. Alas, I cannot dwell there. If there be not a speedy end of that the church is marred, if not undone. I can only say, 'Keep away from those joking preachers, or get them converted to God.'

Swearing and joking are somewhat different, and the former is reputed more profane; but as to religion, after much experience and observation I have no doubt that they are equally sure to kill religion out of their souls, make the heart, as far as spiritual graces are concerned, a desert waste. A friend suggests a thought, namely: 'When I was young, Methodist ministers were so solemn in all their words and actions that sinners trembled in their presence. But now the most worldly and wicked can meet some of our preachers and play off their jokes on them, as if sure of being received in the spirit of, 'Hail fellow, well met.'

Is it not too true? Oh my brother, let us die rather than contribute one syllable or glance to perpetuate those practices, which are breaking Zion with breach upon breach, and threaten her with fearful overthrow! Let us watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation.

— Bishop Hamlin

PLAIN DRESS

by

Mrs. John Fletcher

(Mrs. Fletcher, the wife of John Fletcher, is conceded to be one of the most pious, devout persons in early Methodist times.)

I prayed for direction, and saw clearly that plainness of dress and behavior best became a Christian, and that for the following reasons:

First, the Apostle expressly forbids women professing godliness to let their adorning be in apparel; allowing them no other ornament than that of a meek and quiet spirit.

Secondly, I saw the reasonableness of the command, and proved it good for a proud heart to wear the plain and modest livery of God's children.

Thirdly, it tendeth to open my mouth; for when I appeared like the world, in Babylonish garments, I had its esteem, and knew not how to part with it. But when I showed, by my appearance, that I considered myself a stranger and foreigner, none can know (but by trying) what an influence it has on our whole conduct, and what a fence it is to keep us from falling into the spirit of the world. For there is no medium: **they who are conformed to the fashions, customs, and maxims of the world must embrace the spirit also,** and they shall find the esteem they seek; for the world will love its own. But let them remember also that word, "the friendship of the world is enmity with God."

Fourthly, I saw myself as a steward, who must render an account for every talent, and that it was my privilege to have the smiles of God on every moment of my time, or penny of money which I laid out.

Fifthly, I saw clearly that the helping my fellow creatures in their need was both more rational, and more pleasant, than spending my substance on superfluities; and as I am commanded "to love my neighbor as myself." And to consider all done to the household of faith as done to Christ, surely I ought not only to suffer my superfluity to give way to their necessity, but also (as occasion may require) my necessity to their extremities.

Sixthly; but it is not only the talent of money, but of time, which is thrown away by conformity to the world, entangling us in a thousand

little engagements, which a dress entirely plain cuts through at once.

Seventhly, the end usually proposed by young persons in their dress is such as a devout soul would abominate. A heathen may say, "It will promote my being comfortably settled in life," but I believe the Lord appoints the bounds of our habitation, and that "no good thing shall be withheld from those who walk uprightly."

I have therefore nothing to do, but commend myself to God in holy obedience, and to leave every step of my life to be guided by His will. I will therefore make it my rule to be clean and neat, but in the plainest things, according to my station; and whenever I thought on the subject, these words would pass through my mind with power: "For so the holy women of old adorned themselves."

Why We Tithe

Sel.

We belong to God; our time is God's, and our money is God's. All that we possess has come from Him, and we are merely stewards of it. Some day we shall be held accountable to Him for all of our money and time. Since God is such a cheerful giver, the least we can do is to give back to Him one-tenth of what He has entrusted to us.

It isn't what we get in this life but what we give that makes us rich. One only has the money that he has given. By tithing we are adding to our wealth.

Each life is surrounded by a great many unrealized blessings. To discover these unknown blessings we must first be thankful for those blessings we do know. To show our gratitude to Him, we tithe.

It is good to know oneself as partnering with God. To see God's dreams come true through the consecrated loyalty of His children is the most thrilling of adventures and the utmost satisfaction of soul. To tithe is the right thing to do. It is according to God's Word.

For these reasons and others, we have tithed for several years. We happily recommend it to anyone.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Do Something Yourself

Sel.

Moody told how he once came upon a group of well-to-do church people who were praying for the removal of a debt of five hundred dollars on their church. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Moody, "I do not think, if I were you, I would trouble the Lord in that matter."

Is it not true that we often try to pass on to the Lord some responsibility which He has plainly laid upon us? We are praying now, some of us, concerning juvenile delinquency. Our own children are in danger. God is saying to us, "You are their parents. Do something about it yourselves. You have the authority and the power. Do not cry to me. Go forward yourselves along the line of your parental duty."

What about the church in these days? It is everywhere facing serious problems. The losses incident to war; the seeming indifference of parents to the welfare of their children; the godlessness of the masses about us. It is easy to cry to the Lord about it. But what are we doing ourselves to meet the issues that confront us in these post-war days? To all of us comes this message that was spoken to Moses long ago: "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the people that they go forward."

Man's Best Adviser

Sel.

The best advice of a friend is often wrong. Think of the great sums paid to lawyers and doctors for advice. Think of the hours of waiting to see them, while God's advice is free, and we can have it at any time. He will tell you what to do. Let no man ask if he prefers comfort or ease. He should only ask the Lord when he is willing to do battle. The answer may call for courage and sacrifice. It may involve a rearrangement of your life plans, but let no man ask the question who fears the answer. It may lead you into the missionary field, the ministry, or a banking house, and possibly to do work with a pick and shovel. If it is God's call that ditches must be dug, it is honorable work. No task for God is too humble or too lofty. He will help us bear our burdens, and if we are weak He will make us strong.

HOLINESS —

Past, Present and Future

by

Leonard Stence,

Missionary to Peru

Text: Deut. 28:9, "The Lord shall establish thee an holy people . . . if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord . . . and walk in his ways."

Holiness means different things to different people. In regards to Holiness people, we should know our beliefs and our grounds for our belief. We should also know what the Bible says about it and what all it includes and what it does not include. Because many are in difficulties concerning the doctrine and practice of Holiness, we should go over the ground anew, so as to keep our bearings in these days of shifting standards and practices, so that the world may see the way of Holiness in you.

I. In the past. Holiness is the plane or state God set to keep in contact with man. While man fell into sin in nature and practice, God saw fit to bring him into contact again with Himself and make it possible for him to again take on a godly nature. As in the text above, as well as many other passages in the Old Testament, Holiness (the experience) is to make us an holy people, and to establish us. Now, that which is going to stand, must have a good foundation, for without a foundation nothing will be established long. A house built to stand time and storm must have a good foundation. So must our fellowship with God. Without this foundation of Holiness we cannot remain in contact with a holy God for long, and please Him.

In Deut. 14:2 we read, "and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself above all nations that are upon the earth." Here we note that God's holy (holiness) people are also PECULIAR and chosen from out of all the people of the earth. This means there is something DIFFERENT about them. Also in Titus 2:14 we read that these peculiar people are also PURE. "That he might redeem us from all iniquity, and PURIFY

unto himself a peculiar people . . ."

From these verses and many more, we note that the Holiness people called out by God since Old Testament times were to be HOLY, PURE, CHOSEN and PECULIAR, in life, habit and character.

II. In the present. Heb. 12:14 reads, "Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Here we have the words of the inspired writer giving us anew the same commandment as we read in the Old Testament. Friends, God's Word does not change with the years or centuries. Man's sinful and compromising interpretations tend to water down the real meaning of Holiness.

Present-day, insipid, watered-down Holiness is man's own concoction, and is not Bible-Holiness. Holiness in doctrine and practice always lifts the moral standard and character of the individual. The standard of Holiness is the same today as in the past. Were our fathers and mothers wrong in their manner of dress and character, and in following after the way of Holiness? They followed the old way. Nowadays the standard seems to have changed. The Holiness churches (and people) have the same doctrine, but you can see a marked change in the rank and file of the people called Holiness, in general, — in dress, thought and practice. In some Holiness churches you can still see the holy, peculiar, chosen and separate people loved by God and sure of Heaven; while in others all that remains is the doctrine and the hollow testimony: the dress standards are the first things to go. Then follows short hair, paint and lipstick, beads and the rest of the worldly dress that we, personally, have seen in Holiness Churches, and among the members in good standing. These things, followed by ungodly television, shows, and worldly pastimes, fill most of their time honoring the devil instead of God, and there are many excuses for living as they please.

The Church used to set the standard of Holiness and dress. Now it is Hollywood. The pastor used to set the standard of the church and people, but now it is the movie stars. Many of our holiness people and even missionaries would easily

fit into Hollywood scenery, including pastor's wives.

Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles set the standard for the people of God, (1 Thess. 5:22) "Abstain from all appearance of evil." But you say, "There's no harm in it." Away with the excuses. In the Judgement, excuses will not stand. If one refuses to tithe, another wears worldly apparel, another has short hair, and another goes to the movies or dances, what kind of a church will we have? Are the people separated from the world, pure, holy and peculiar? Of course not. The only difference is, one professes Holiness and the other does not.

"And I pray God your whole Spirit, and Soul, and Body be preserved blameless (not speaking of imputed) unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The proof of Holiness: personal death to self, crucifixion; spiritual life and obedience.

III. The future. Rev. 7:14, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Holiness is triumphant! There is a future! It will be worth it all! Shallow Holiness does not pay off. There will be no victory! No crown! Living a sinful and worldly life will get you no place in the end, but eternal condemnation. If you are in this position, you had better pray. Re-examine God's Word. Put away the excuses and the gods of worldliness, and God will give you new light. May others not lose the Way because of your indifference.

If the present-day Holiness Churches refuse to carry the Banner of Holiness in standard and practice, God will raise up a new and clean church which will be a peculiar people unto Him.

"The Lord shall establish thee an holy people, IF THOU SHALT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS."

We are happy to note in many churches and denominations there are still living examples of this kind of Holiness, that demonstrates to this lost and dying world that the life of Holiness is still a privilege, and is possible!