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Sugar Pine Christians

by R. B. Oliver

High in the mountains, where the eagle nests, where the winds blow free, and the winter snow piles high, grows the sugar pine. It stands like a patriarch, with its arms raised in prayer and adoration. It is God's type of the sanctified.

The sugar pine is the consecrated pine. It is dedicated to the production of the world's finest, and most valuable, white finishing lumber. It grows with a complete self-abandonment, to the wind, the sun, and the cold. So complete is its lack of resistance that it is entirely devoid of grain. It can be sawed, planed, or carved with ease. The severity of the high winters does not affect the wood of this pine. It does not fight back, or resist its difficulties. There is no rebellion and no contrariness in its nature. The sugar pine is the yielding pine.

The sugar pine lives a purposeful life. It has a mission, and fills a place in the world. It meets the needs of its day. Not only is its lumber in demand, at a premium price, as the finest building material in the world, but it furnishes all the containers for moving California's vast food crop to a hungry nation, and thus becomes the vessels of life. It furnishes patterns for the products of industry.

This type of the sanctified Christian also feeds the hungry. The nuts from the graceful, foot-long, pendulous cones, are delicious and once formed an important part of the diet of the Indians. The sweet sap-ring, just under the bark, was a delicacy

they relished much as we do ice cream. The sugar pine is wholly dedicated to filling the place in which God has placed it. It is dedicated to purposeful living.

This monarch of the Sierras is a tower of spiritual strength. Man cannot walk through a grove of these magnificent trees without being deeply moved and inspired. The beauty, the symmetry, the grandeur, the sheer majesty with which they tower in the forest induce one to forget the man-made turmoil of the world and remember that God is the Creator, that He is in His heaven, that He gives His peace and His strength to those who, like the sugar pine, are consecrated and dedicated to living out His will and His plan for their lives.

What happens when the sugar pine is injured? What is its reaction when scorched by the raging fires of the forest, or when it is seared by the lightning's sudden bolt from the sky? Does it retaliate, or does it try to defend itself, like the rebellious jack pine, or the double-minded, fair-weather ponderosa, by weeping copious amounts of sticky pitch, until people learn to give it a wide birth?

The sugar pine, when abused, reacts as its antitype, the sanctified Christian does, by remaining sweet. Injure it, skin it, burn or sear it, and it exudes a white, sweet, sugary substance that attracts people instead of driving them away. It not only keeps sweet under the most adverse circumstances, but also has an abundant supply of sweetness to pass out to others at the same time. It is the sugar pine. It always comes through in the test.

"He shall be like a tree" is just as true of the sanctified as it is of the unsanctified and the unjustified. The

sanctified are like the majestic sugar pine. They are towering, straight, useful, dedicated, and solid and sweet clear through. Let the storms of life rage, let the winds of adversity blow; let the world cold-shoulder and reproach them; let the sharp tongues and the harsh words cut and bruise them, and still there is no retaliation. They have the abounding grace.

The more the sugar pine Christians are injured, the harder they are pressed, the deeper they are hurt, the sweeter they become. The world would never know the sugar pine is sweet without its being wounded. The more the sanctified are crushed and the greater their heartbreak, the more people crowd around to partake of the sweetness they exude and the beautiful spirit which they manifest. They stand in their church and community like spiritual giants. They are towers of spiritual strength. Men cannot dwell in their presence without being deeply moved towards God and sensing the quiet peace which they possess. They are patterns for those who would live holy, useful lives. Like the sugar pine, there is no resistance in their lives, but a deep "yes" to the whole will of God. They are growing finishing material for Him. There is no carnal grain. They are sugar pine Christians.

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Those who deal with young people strive to impress them with the need of a goal in life. The lack of a goal produces shiftlessness. But what goal, what purpose is there to life outside of Jesus Christ? Our present generation of young discontents should not come as a surprise. Their message has elements of the gospel holiness has been preaching for years, namely that a goal which is only materially and psychologically satisfying is an illusion. There must be something that will not finally leave the soul in bitterness and dissatisfaction. Here the hip generation drops out into the bizarre and into fantasy and into the unspeakable. It is here that the holiness gospel becomes extremely relevant. We are not searching but we have found. The discovery is this: God's objective for man is holiness.

The first picture of man's created existence reveals that God's ideal was a holy and upright, morally sound, thoroughly honest creature living in a God-conscious environment. His ideal has not changed but His creature has and consequently the creature's environment. Redemption is the process of reproducing that moral holiness and perfection of integrity enjoyed by unfallen Adam. Eden tells us that God's objective for man is holiness.

Throughout history God has used certain men as object lessons. One of these was Abraham. Abraham's home town was dedicated to a moon god. Many of the homes had a special shelf for their idols. Abraham's father is credited with having a dozen deities. But God called Abraham to a separation. What was the purpose of that separation? Our first answer is simply to give him the land of Canaan and make of him a great nation. But before long Abraham is building an altar unto the Lord. Where did he learn this? He did not come from a long line of altar-

builders but rather idol-builders. It is evidence of a progressing holiness. We find that through God's call and Abraham's obedience and faith, it was continued unto him for righteousness. Abraham attained a standard of righteousness unprecedented in his generation. Abraham would tell us that God's objectives for man is holiness.

God's call to Abraham was enshrouded with a purpose for exceeding Abraham's personal holiness, great as the accomplishment of that was in God's eyes. God was interested in a seed of Abraham, an uncountable multitude who could be entrusted with a heritage of holiness, a legacy of righteousness, who would possess the land of Canaan for the express purpose of separating themselves from all other peoples that they might serve the Lord in fear and holiness. God knew that the only way to preserve a holy people was to separate them. The history of the children of Israel would tell us that God's objective for man is holiness.

Moses, traveling with the exiles, came into the wilderness of Sinai. As was his custom. Moses sought the face of God, this time on the mountain. God gave to Moses a conditional covenant for the people which if kept would cause God to recognize them as His peculiar treasure, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. There is a two-fold holiness here. The laws of Sinai, if obeyed, by their very nature would result in outward holiness. Then also God promised to impute holiness to the people who would only obey His voice and keep His covenant. "And ye shall be unto Me . . . an holy nation." Sinai is still thundering to this dispensation that God's objective for man is holiness.

There is a consistency of concern that runs through the major and minor prophets. The burden of their messages is repentance and revival, repentance from unrighteousness; a revival of holiness. When evil like a

fever would rise to a climactic point God would step in by means of a fearless preacher of righteousness who, according to the listeners' attitudes, would either stem the tide or present the verdict of the price of disobedience. The prophets of old would say without hesitation that God's objective for man is holiness.

As high as Mt. Sinai is, there is one peak that towers above it — Mt. Calvary. The one purpose of Calvary can be summed up in the phrase, "He died to make men holy." Matthew records it in this language, "For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost," to salvage the unholy. Everything about Jesus' ministry on earth, even the preparation by John the Baptist, was concerned with getting rid of sin. Sometimes in healing people Jesus would climax the event by saying, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." The casting out of demons and unclean spirits was another phase of Christ's holiness ministry. The cleansing of the temple speaks for itself. The teachings of Jesus raise an ideal ethical standard to be attained only by the provisions

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Holiness Teachings

by Allen C. Russell

Topic: How To Keep Holiness

Do you ask, "How can I keep the blessing?"

1. Do not let your poor heart be burdened with the thought that you have to do it all yourself. In his, as in all else, you are only a worker together with God. He loves you more than a mother loves her little child, and He is going to help you to keep the blessing. Remember that the blessing is simply the result of His indwelling in your heart, and you are not to think so much about keeping the blessing as about keeping Him.

It will not be a hard matter to keep Him in your heart if you are in earnest, for He wanted to get there when you were a sinner, and He certainly desires to stay there as long as you will let Him; and if you will let Him, He will keep you.

Oh, how it rested me and comforted my heart one day, when, sore tempted by the devil, I read these words, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." I saw that He was able to keep me, and I knew that He was willing, and my heart rested on the promise; and, bless Him, He does keep me.

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

Paul got fairly jubilant over the keeping power of God — it was his boast when he wrote, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels' (fallen angels, or devils), "nor principalities, nor powers" (no combination of devils or men), "nor things present, nor things to come, nor height" (of prosperity), "nor depth" (of adversity), "nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:35-39

Paul trusted God to keep him, and

so must we. We would surely fall if God withheld His help for a moment.

But James tells us that "faith without works is dead;" and so we must not only trust God, but must work together with God if we would keep the blessing.

2. To keep the blessing, you must keep all upon the altar. What you have given to the Lord you must not take back. You gave all to get the blessing, and you must continue to give all to keep it

My all is on the altar,

I'll take it back no more,

must be your motto and your song. The devil will try to get you to come down from the cross; the world will allure you; the flesh will cry out against you; your friends may weep over you, or frown upon you, or tease and torment, or threaten you; some of your comrades will criticize you and doubt you, but you must stick to Jesus, and take nothing back that you have given to Him. There is usefulness, and peace, and God's smile, and a crown, and a kingdom before you, but only condemnation, and ruin, and hell behind.

A little heathen boy in Africa heard a sermon about Jesus, and His tender dying love and saving power, and he gave himself fully to the Lord, and Jesus came into his heart. This so enraged his heathen father that he said, "I'll get this Jesus out of him; I'll beat Him out." And he beat the little fellow most cruelly. But the boy was still true.

Then the father said, "I'll smoke this Jesus out of him." So he put the boy into a hut, shut up the opening in the roof, and nearly smothered him with smoke. That failed also, and then he tried starvation, and he gave the boy nothing to eat for several days. All persecution failed, however, and the little fellow remained true. He had given all to Jesus, and he would have nothing back. When asked how he had endured all the terrible trials he had passed through, he quietly said "I just stuck to Jesus."

3. If you would keep the blessing, you must be quick to obey God. I do not mean by this that you are to get into such haste that you will not take time to think and pray about all that you do. God wants you to use your head and your heart and all the good sense He has given you. He wants you to take time to speak to Him, and consider, and find out His will;

but once you have found it out, if you would have His smile and favor, and keep the blessing, you must not delay, but obey at once. Oh, the losses of peace and power, and joy and sweet communion with God that people suffer through hesitation at this point! Like Felix, they wait for "a convenient season," which never comes! and, like Felix, they lose all. "Strike while the iron is hot." "Make hay while the sun shines." "Put out to sea while the tide is in." Do as Abraham did. God told him to sacrifice Isaac as a burnt-offering — Isaac, the joy of his spouse, the light of his eyes, the hope of his old age, the treasure of his heart! He did not parley and delay, but rose up early in the morning . . . took Isaac, his son . . . and went unto the place to which God had told him."

If you have lost the blessing through failure to promptly obey, do not be utterly discouraged, but begin over again, and the Lord will restore you. But do not trifle with God again; pray and believe for His help to obey, lest a worse thing come upon you.

4. If you would keep the blessing, you must not depend upon your feelings, but as a friend of mine used to say, "Stand by your facts." Young Christians are very likely to be betrayed into mistakes by their feelings — by their happy feelings as well as their unhappy ones.

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It is suggested that our churches hold a special Monday night prayer meeting for these services. Please pray earnestly.

Pastor, You Can Do It

by Don Roth

We are in a day of educational emphasis. It is often true that a person is severely limited in his enjoyment of life because of an inadequate education. In today's world a high school diploma, while being a minimum requirement for obtaining a responsible job, is hardly proof of occupational success. Academic excellence is the password in today's society.

The responsibility of the pastor and of the local church in this area of education is two-fold. First, the leadership of the church should put a high premium on quality and continued education. A young person ought to be encouraged to develop his abilities fully. The church should be concerned about its youth who drop out of school to pursue an easier course, or about the young people who settle for poor grades when they could be achieving honors. Second, the pastor should present his youth with the opportunity and challenge of Christian higher education.

Christian higher education is education above the secondary school level developed around the focal point of the saviourhood and lordship of Jesus Christ. All knowledge acquired and all learning which takes place is fitted into the structure of Christian thought summarized in this statement: "God created us, Jesus died to save us, the Holy Spirit lives in us as blood bought children of God, and we are not our own, but are stewards of all that we possess; our time, our possessions, and our abilities.

Christian colleges and Bible Schools are the citadels of Christian higher education. Some are church related while many are non-denominational. All, however, are private institutions where the Word of God is the basic textbook, and where the philosophy of life, in principle and practice, is derived from the Bible.

Now what can a pastor do to help his young people to see the need of and value in Christian education? Much!

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What Makes a Church Grow

by Arthur Townsend

At times people ask what it takes to enable a church to carry on year after year. What makes a church grow and become a blessing in a community? Is it advertising, organization, or good sermons? What causes a church to prosper spiritually? The answer may surprise you; but it is very simple, yet profoundly deep. There is one all-important thing — prayer! Prayer is the one thing needed, more so than any other.

A praying church is a growing, spiritually prosperous church. We can get along without too much advertising, too much organization, or even good sermons. What we need is prayer; we can never progress successfully without it. Without prayer we shall go down in spiritual defeat. Lord, teach us to pray!

Let's Build Some People

by C. B. McCaull

Shame on you for wanting another church's members! Build some people of your own. Go out in the highways and byways and bring those miserable "sticks" to the Carpenter of Nazareth. He will help you make something out of them.

They might be in the worst shape possible (like you and I were), but once you get them "fixed up" they'll stand by you to the end. They'll appreciate what you do for them and be loyal in a way unknown to those who don't need help.

You can't build a church without building some people first. You might construct an edifice, you might fill the pews with the righteous, but that's not building His Kingdom.

Let's build some people!

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Imelda Ann Helms became the bride of Larry Lee Mabus on May 27. The Rev. V. O. Agan read the sacred vows in the Nixon Chapel Bible Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Helms of Nixon Chapel, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Martha Mabus of Watsonstown, Pa.

Pleasing God

by Rev. John F. White

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6.

One of the greatest dangers we face in these last days is that of having an evil heart of unbelief (Heb. 3:12). Christ's question of whether He would find faith when He returned clearly shows us that men would become unbelievers in the closing days of our age. This serious condition now exists, not in the outside, sinful world but in many of the hearts of people attending Holiness churches. Each year many more are falling away, others are giving up their trust in God, and in our revivals and camp meetings the altars are filled with church attenders who have professed salvation.

Faith is the very background of our salvation. We are saved by grace through faith, we walk by faith not by sight, and the just live by faith. How can one obtain salvation and enjoy its benefits when they do not believe God and His Word?

Here in the Hebrew letter Paul states, "But without faith . . ." Works, which include standards of dress and actions, separation from the world and its pleasures, religion and its many forms of worship, are all in vain if we do not believe God. One must trust God without wavering, obey without murmuring, believe without doubting if he is to please God.

Unbelief is dangerous in that it first brings a shadow over the truthfulness of God. Yet the Word declares, "Let God be true but every man a liar." One would not call God a liar in so many words but if we do not believe His Word we are saying this in action. This reflects on the integrity of God.

Unbelief hinders the working of Christ in the midst of the saints. When Christ went home among His own family He found unbelief and it is clearly stated in the Word that He did not great miracles there because of it. How many times would we have seen the supernatural of God in our meetings but because of this great sin nothing took place. We cannot please God without faith and God only sends His glory upon those who please Him.

Unbelief places us in a worse position than the devil himself for he believes and trembles. Satan never

doubts God; he personally knows that God is true, His Word secure. Yet he will put the wedge of distrust into the hearts of men to bring damnation to their souls. Many times we mention the serious sins of the age we live in and say they will keep men out of heaven. Yet the unbeliever will not enter the gates of the Holy City. John in Rev. 21:8 said the fearful and unbelieving shall not enter in. The Holy City is built for those who please God. Without faith we can not please Him. This sin is very serious, it is dangerous, it is fatal to the soul yet it is pampered, overlooked, excused and often left undealt with.

Many go on year after year, seeking and searching, begging and pleading God for victory they cannot receive because they do not believe Him. Paul relates to us what we must believe, "That He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Faith brings the reward. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence yet not seen. Not a shot in the dark nor a leap into space but faith is a grip that will not let go, a chain that won't snap, a strength that will not weaken and a determination that won't quit. This type of approach to God pleases Him. It knows no impossibilities, no defeats, no retreats and no surrender. When everything else is wrong God is still right. When all hope on earth is gone, God still can't fail. When man has this kind of faith God still moves, Satan still trembles, victory is certain and the heart rejoices. The need of these closing days is faith — faith to walk by, to live by and to please God with. Let me close with the words of the hymnwriter of old: A faith that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe. Lord give us such a faith as this.

Holiness Teachings

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When they are happy, they are in danger of thinking themselves better than they are, and of not watching and praying as they should; and when they are not happy, they are likely to get discouraged, cast away their confidence in the Lord, and conclude that it is useless for them to try to be holy. The safest way is to pay attention to your facts, and let your feelings take care of themselves.

If people are kind to you, and your digestion is good, and your sleep

sound, you will probably feel well. But if people are unkind, and the east wind blows, and you eat something that lies heavy in your stomach, and your sleep is broken by horrid dreams, you will probably not feel well; but in neither case is your relation to God changed. Your facts are just the same. If you have given yourself to God, and have taken nothing back, but can look up into His dear face and say, "My all is on the altar, and I trust in Thee," then you are His, and your business is to stand by that fact, and trust that the Blood keeps you clean.

When you are happy, sing songs, and when you are heavy-hearted pray, and try to sing a little too, and never cast away your confidence, for there is a great reward before you, if you hold fast.

5. One of the greatest helps to keeping the blessing is for two or three young people who have it to meet together as often as possible to read the Bible, and pray with and encourage each other. This can usually be done just before or between the meetings on Sunday. This practice helped me more than anything else, when I first got the blessing. Put a burning coal or stick by itself, and the fire will go out, and it will be cold and black; but put several sticks or coals together, and they will burn brightly. And so it is with hearts full of holy fire.

At such little meetings it is well to unite in prayer for others whom you are eager to see converted, or to enter into the blessing, and as you see them getting saved and sanctified, this will add mightily to your own faith and love.

Finally, whole-hearted and continued consecration and self-denial, earnest prayer, joyful and diligent study of God's Word, deep humility before the Lord, aggressive work for others, and humble definite testimony to the blessing, will surely establish us in holiness, and keep us from falling.

How blest are they who still abide

Close sheltered in Thy bleeding side;

Who life and strength from Thee derive,

And for Thee fight, and in Thee live.

***The Way Of Holiness — Brengle

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Let's Clean Up Our Conversation

by Donald F. Ackland

Grandma had a cure for naughty words. "Come here and let me wash your mouth out! Somehow the taste of soap applied with deliberate freeness, made ugly talk unpopular. It was a case of lather to stop the blather!

But Grandma's well-soaped face cloth would be scarcely adequate for the present epidemic of loose speech. Profanity has moved out from the poolroom and the liquor bar and has invaded the drawing room and the school. Magazines, movies, and the radio have helped to introduce into everyday use words and phrases which, a few years ago, would have brought a blush to the cheeks of decent people.

When George Bernard Shaw published "Pygmalion" forty years ago, people were shocked by one vulgar adjective. Now almost no one expresses surprise at the profanity which is offered for public consumption in the theater and in literature. At one time swear words were indicated in printed material by a discreet dash. Today nothing is left to the reader's imagination.

"That's all to the good," say the cheap-jack philosopher. "Our generation is through with hypocrisy. It doesn't believe in cover up. We of the twentieth century are realistic, and would rather have things in the open than hide them behind a screen of mock modesty."

By the same token, of course, we ought to expose our cities' sewers, put cases of hideous disease on public exhibition, and exhume the putrefaction of the grave!

The Christian conscience believes otherwise. Corruption carries contagion — and that goes for corrupt speech. Suppress it, and it will die. Express it, and it will spread its evil influence far and wide. Bad language is always learned. A man may die swearing, but he is never born swearing. Somewhere along the way he picks up the habit from another.

Right here is where this question touches you and me. How careful are you with your words?

The thought of a child whose only familiarity with the name of Christ is through profanity distresses us. We are hurt to the point of protest, maybe, when the sacred name is blasphemously used in our presence.

But how many of us are entirely without guilt in this respect?

"Polite" Profanity

Has it ever occurred to you how respectable people use expletives which border on the blasphemous? Look at "Jeepers Creepers!" and "Jimminy Cricket!" for example. Is it mere coincidence that the initials with which these words begin are the first letters in Jesus Christ? Consider this way, even "Gee!" and "Gee-whiz!" may not be as innocuous as at first appears.

The fact is that many who would shrink from using an oath employing the divine name get by with substitutions which are too obvious to be misunderstood. So watch your words! Protest against open profanity loses some of its force when disguised profanity is approved.

Remember, it was to the religious purists of his day that Jesus said, "Let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay"; that is, do not embroider speech with unnecessary emphases, protestations, or oaths. "Whatever is more than these," he added, "cometh of evil," because extravagance of speech leads to profanity and blasphemy and serves not to strengthen statements but to weaken them.

Isn't it significant that Jesus mentioned certain things as unsuitable for careless talking? "Swear not at all," he said, "neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the Great King."—Matt. 5:34, 35. In His estimation, things with religious associations need to be treated with reverence. What do you suppose, then, is His opinion of "Good heavens!" and "Holy smoke!"

The defense, "We don't mean any-

thing when we use such words," contains its own condemnation. There is no such thing as a verbal vacuum. If those who use careless talk give no significance to it, those who listen to it are free to draw their own conclusions. And they do! Be sure of this, that the Christian who uses curse words and near-profanity loses out in the estimation of those who expect better things of him.

Language and Religion

The real truth is that language is a fair indication of a man's spiritual standing. When the ladies withdrew and male conversation took a plunge for the worse, a well-known preacher quietly remarked: Gentlemen, do not forget that the Holy Spirit is still here—and he is more sensitive than any lady."

So let's clean up our conversation!

For the sake of good speech. Bad language is the vocabulary of the intellectual pauper. It adds nothing of value to a man's utterance and takes away everything of refinement and grace.

For the sake of good manners. Profanity is the discourtesy of the gutter. We have no right to abuse the ears of others any more than we have right to molest their persons.

For the sake of good example. Children who hear mild expletives in the home cannot be blamed when they descend to the more lurid language of the streets.

For the sake of pure religion. Peter was not alone in denying his Lord when "he began to curse and to swear." No Christian who practices the careful walk will be guilty of careless talk.

It is "mean and low," and so it labels those who use it.

It is contrary to "sense and character," so people of integrity and good character will shun it.

It is an "insult" to heaven, which should make every Christian avoid it.

It is "foolish and wicked," and that's reason enough to fight against it.

So watch your words. Remember that Jesus said, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof."—Matt. 12:36.

The Possibility Of Revival

by Rev. Stephen Hicks

Will there be revival in our churches in this day? Is the day of revival gone forever? Must we be satisfied to merely exist spiritually; must we be content to see our neighbors go to hell because revivals are to be no more? Is there no hope for the lost? May God forbid that these questions be answered in the affirmative by our ministers and lay-members. How preposterous to believe that God would deal thus with His creation.

God's promises are always true. They cannot fail; they never have and never will. Therefore, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful and promised." (Heb. 10:22) If He is faithful and His promises are true, why are we so fearfully slow to believe? Are we to believe that because of the wickedness of the day some of the promises have been abolished or annulled and are no longer desirable as the grounds of faith? Again I say, "May God forbid." Regardless of the day or the state of things in our land, we must believe what God has said and believe it in the whole or we will fail to move the hand of God.

Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give you it." (John 16:23) He said in Matthew 21, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Does this not apply to us? How can we say that we believe the Bible and not believe the promises that are in it? "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16) I doubt that there has ever been a greater time of need. It's a common sense fact that no generation has ever been closer to the end of time and the judgment of God than this one. We must get our faith renewed or we will not be, we cannot be pleasing to God.

I am fully aware of the scripture in Luke 17 where Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." I'm also acquainted with the one in

II Thessalonians that states that there will be a falling away in that day. But I am not convinced that these prophecies mean that we are to give up hope of revival. The fact that Paul foresaw a falling away does not license us to lethargy nor should it comfort us when we see our loved ones going to hell, without a spark of hope, because the church has stopped praying. Yes, there will be a falling away but it had better not be in your heart or you will miss the Kingdom. We must not fall away; enough have fallen already to make the prophecy a reality. Let us not be among that great crowd of souls whom Satan has successfully rocked to sleep. We must work for the night is coming. Noah didn't save the world but he did save his own family. Have you done that much?

Some will say, "But it's hard to pray for revival today." I will agree with you but must difficulty spell defeat? Battle the thing. If you don't have a burden, pray until you get one. Your children, your relatives, your close friends must not spend eternity without God. Get a promise from God's Word and stand on it and pray the "prayer of faith." All hope is not gone. As a matter of fact, God has not changed in the slightest from the day Jesus told His disciples that if they would have faith as a grain of mustard seed they could move mountains. We must believe God for a revival among our people, we must garner in a few.

When was the last time that you took a minute to think about the punishment of the wicked? It would take just a minute if you thought seriously, then remembered that your own brother or son or loved one will suffer that end. You say, "There is nothing that I can do. They don't want my God." "No man can come unto Christ except the Father draw him," and how can the Father draw him except there is an instrument through which the Father can work? No, He does not compel them to come, He just makes them willing. The Spirit of God is the needed element. He must do what we cannot do, that is show the sinner his plight. We must not hang our heads and say that there is no hope for revival. If we do, there will be none and we will think that we were right when in reality we have erred greatly. The lack of revival is on our account, not the world's or God's. Sinners will never repent unless the Spirit

moves upon their hearts and I fear that the Spirit cannot move until we, the Church of Jesus Christ, get on our knees and pray in faith to that end. Do you really believe that the atoning power of the Blood is no longer sufficient or that if it is sufficient, it is nonessential because no sinners will repent at this late hour? You say, "Why no, of course not." Then let us pray for revival. Pray for the blessing of God in the form of an old fashioned, Holy Ghost revival in your own church.

If you are yet of the opinion that it cannot be in this day, I pity those of your kin and acquaintance. They will never repent nor be saved from their sins without the prayer of faith and unless they do these things they will burn in hell for all eternity. Let's get on our knees, believe God, and pray the prayer of faith. It's revival or death. Will the Lord find faith in the earth? He will if we wake up to our responsibility as God's lights in a darkened world and pray as we have never prayed before. Yes, there will be revival. That day is not gone from us as yet, but it will only come when we forget the idea that it's impossible and pray in faith believing. Will we do it or will we fall away and be lost in our unbelief?

HALF OF THE

WIDOW'S MITE

A gentleman called upon a rich friend for some charity.

"Yes, I must give you a mite," said the rich man.

"Do you mean the widow's mite," asked the solicitor.

"Certainly," was the answer.

"I shall be satisfied with half as much as he gave," said his friend. "How much are you worth?"

"Seventy thousand dollars."

"Give me, then, your check for thirty-five thousand — that will be half as much as the widow gave; for she, you know, gave her all."

The rich man was cornered. Covetous people often try to shelter themselves behind the widow's mite, and under cover of her contribution give meanly to the Redeemer's cause. Her example, indeed, rightly interpreted, would pluck selfishness out of the soul, and fill to overflowing the channels of true benevolence.



Missionary Message

Letter From The Shueys

Christian greetings from Miami with bits of missionary news from here and Cuba. The missionary spirit means doing — telling — sharing! It is obvious we cannot reach all the people here but we can help some. We are only scratching the surface of what we could do but first we must tap some new resources. This is where YOU come in. We appreciate those who have responded regularly, but we need more workers, also the gifts of Sunday school classes and Missions who would help make it possible to support more workers. Above all we need daily prayer for us and the work here. The spiritual famine among the Cuban refugee population here is unbelievable. One can sense the spiritual darkness and see the idol worship all around us. Our work is in the midst of the Cuban colony.

Satan is seeking to thwart the fulfillment of the Great Commission, "to every creature." Many think the day of missionary service is ended. To the youth Satan has given careful counsel, "Don't waste your lives in preparation for missionary service." But prepare you must (a Bible school education and the study of a foreign language is **very important**). He says, "your wonderful talents will be needed in the homeland, do not bury your lovely lives among heathen people." Some fields are closed now but Jesus said "Behold I have set before thee an open door that no man can shut." Arise and let us be going.

Recently a lady came out of Cuba on the Freedom Flight with a message from Brother Seymore who spoke to her before he died. His request was that we try to get his two boys out of Cuba who are in military age. This is almost an impossibility. She told us that up until his hospitalization he preached in many churches in Havana and many were converted. This lady herself had been converted

under his ministry last November. She told us that a memorial service was held for him in Victoria de las Tunis in Cuba in a church and 500 people attended. He had been buried in Havana which is 460 miles from the town where the memorial service was held. The memorial service was held near his home. A lady who had been a famous singer in Cuba was converted recently and sang at his funeral. Some gave testimonies. She also told us that one of Brother Seymore's sons was converted and now sings like his father. To those of you who do not know Brother Seymore he was our native pastor in Cuba, was imprisoned, later released but due to his imprisonment he became ill, died in a hospital on Palm Sunday. We had spoken to him in Cuba by telephone on Feb. 10. Pray for his wife and children. His testimony still lives on in Cuba among many who loved him.

The classes of Hobe Sound Bible School are now over and our two Cuban boys who attended there are on their summer vacation. Their parents live here.

Pray for Sr. Shuey who has been having bursitis, a frozen shoulder as the orthopedic Doctor diagnosed the case. This is quite painful especially since we are in the rainy season. Pray for the many needs here both spiritual and financial and write soon. God bless you.

Your missionaries

Carl & Ernestine Shuey

GETTING BY GIVING

Almost the entire world is interested in getting. Some are interested in getting to the moon. Others in amassing a certain amount of this world's goods. Still others in making or getting a name for themselves. When one man was asked if he was interested in making a name for himself, he replied, "In which world?" This points clearly to the fact that some are "labouring to be accepted of Him."

THE KEY TO LIVING IS GIVING

A very favorite story of mine is about two seas in Palestine; One is a sparkling sapphire jewel, Its waters are clean and clear and cool Among its shores the children play, And travelers seek it on their way And nature gives so lavishly Her choicest gems to the Galilee.

But on to the south the Jordan flows, Into a sea where nothing grows, No splash of fish, no singing bird No children's laughter is ever heard, The air hangs heavy all around And nature shuns this barren ground.

Both seas receive the Jordan's flow The water is just the same, we know, But one of the seas, like liquid sun, Can warm the hearts of everyone, While farther south another sea Is dead and dark and miserly.

It takes each drop the Jordan brings And to each drop it fiercely clings, It hoards & holds the Jordan's waves, Until like captured, shackled slaves, The fresh, clear Jordan turns to salt, And dies within the Dead Seas vault.

But the Jordan flows on rapturously As it enters and leaves the Galilee, For every drop that the Jordan gives, Becomes a laughing wave that lives, For the Galilee gives back each drop, Its waters flow and never stop;

And in this laughing, living sea, That takes and gives so generously We find the way to life and living Is not in KEEPING but in GIVING. Yes, there are two Palestine seas, And mankind is fashioned after these.

Think of stepping ashore, and finding it heaven! Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand. Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air. Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality. Of passing from storm and tempest to an unknown calm. Of waking and finding it home.

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of Calvary. John records these facts, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Sin brings condemnation. As long as there is sin in one's life or heart, he is not in God's good pleasure. When we exercise faith in Jesus Christ to deal thoroughly and completely with the sins of our lives and the sin of our hearts, we step out from under condemnation, God's displeasure, into everlasting life, God's good pleasure. Yes, Christ died for the ungodly. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Calvary speaks loudly and clearly, "God's objective for man is holiness."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He had one final message for His disciples. The message of His second coming was committed to two men in white apparel but this one must come from His own lips. "Wait for the promise of the Father." The provision was completed on Calvary but the experiencing of that provision was yet unfulfilled. Jesus could not be satisfied until the disciples had clean hearts and holy lives. This could only be accomplished by the infilling and indwelling of the Holy Ghost. Without Pentecost Calvary would have been ineffective, the teachings of Jesus irrelevant. There would have been no Apostolic Church, no Early Church, no New Testament beyond the Gospels, if indeed they would have been preserved. In the light of Calvary, Pentecost gives conclusive evidence that God's great interest in man is his holiness.

JUST THINKING

If you want to try a tested method for getting ahead, try going the extra mile. Do all that you are supposed to do—and then some. Give your customers or your bosses all they have coming to them—and then some. Do the little things that lie beyond the call of duty. For in that territory out there beyond the call of duty, in that second mile, you will find success.—John D. Murphy

A, B, C's of the New Birth

A—Adoption;
B—Born again by the Spirit of God;
C—Confession of sin;
D—Deliverance from the guilt and power of sin;
E—Experience;
F—Forsaking all sin;
G—Gift of God's grace;
H—Heavenly peace;
I—Immediate forgiveness;
J—Justification;
K—Knowledge of sins forgiven;
L—Love for the things we once hated;
M—Miraculous and complete change of heart;
N—Newfound joy;
O—Open and public confession of Christ;
P—Paradise regained;
Q—Quickening;
R—Repentance;
S—Salvation;
T—Transformation from sinner to saint;
U—Unmerited favor with God;
V—Vitality of Spirit;
W—Walking and working with Christ;
X—'xepance of Christ into the heart;
Y—Yes to God from this time forward;
Z—Zest for the right.

Christian Education

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No life can be as rich and full without education, as it can with it. Supreme happiness cannot be realized apart from usefulness, and one is happy just for proportion to the contribution he makes to the world for the good of others. Therefore, since education makes life richer and gives greater power for service, we owe it to ourselves and those who are dependent upon us to be very energetic and unselfish in our support of the institutions that have as their objective, the training of young people for service in any sphere of life. May help be graciously given to this end.

A pious Scotch minister, being asked by a friend during his last illness whether he thought himself dying, answered, "Really, friend, I care not whether I am or not; for if I die I shall be with God; if I live He will be with me."

Pastor, You Can Do It

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- (1) to help the young person, by instruction, exhortation, and counsel, to see his own life as being the total property of Jesus Christ
- (2) to convey to his youth the importance of quality education and of education with a Christian philosophy as a basis
- (3) to keep available a ready supply of catalogues, literature, and information, presenting and explaining the various programs offered by these institutions
- (4) to take his youth to spend a day or two at one or several of these schools to observe first-hand campus life in the context of Christianity
- (5) to make parents aware of their tremendous responsibility to provide opportunity for high quality education with Christian emphasis.

The pastor who takes this responsibility seriously can lay a foundation which will set the stage for a very successful life on the part of his youth. Not successful in terms of wealth, prestige, and power but in denial of self and in fruitful service for Jesus Christ.

FLASHLIGHTS by Frye

Life is a grindstone and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends upon the stuff he is made of.

If our one supreme care and concern is to please Him, to trust Him, to obey Him, to have fellowship and communion constantly with Him, whatever comes or does not come need not affect us, for we are centered in God.

True repentance means not only a heart broken for sin but from sin.

It is impossible to have a real hope of heaven and be engrossed in the pleasures of earth.

The love of the right use of money is the root of much good.

The wages of sin have never been reduced.

Holy Ghost Conviction

by Mrs. Fannie Erb

We hear and read a great deal today of indifference, lethargy, deadness and lack of life and fire; about evangelism; about needing a revival, and how to bring it about. We are exhorted, admonished, and reminded that only real revival will save our nation; that America is on the rocks — and not only our wonderful civilization, but that the Church is in a dreadful, luke warm, half-asleep condition, and that the only thing that will revive and restore her, and through her, the nation, is a red-hot revival.

We are instructed as to laws, rules and plans which are supposed to promote revival; we are urged to pray and fast; to advertise; do personal work; be faithful in attendance, etc., but all of this is putting the cart before the horse. It is like having an auto all ready to start, everything in perfect order, but no gasoline! Brethren, the trouble is, we are doing all that man can do, but leaving God out. It is true we pray a lot, but are we not asking God to bless our efforts, instead of asking Him to come in His own way? Are we willing to step aside and let God have full control? Can He have full sway, even though it may look as if everything is going to pieces and God is turning everything upside down?

Some sixty years ago, Dr. Carradine, then pastor of a big Methodist church in St. Louis, with some 500 members, engaged Dr. Godbey to conduct a meeting for him; and Dr. Godbey never set any dates! He remained with a meeting (if he was allowed to do so) until God came, and until God was through. As usual, he took his stand on Mt. Sinai, thundered out the Law, made hell very real and certain for those who failed to obey God, for two weeks, before a single altar call was made. By then, the congregation was dwindling, until Dr. Carradine began to be alarmed, and in his closet, said, "Lord, didn't You tell me to get Dr. Godbey?" and the Lord answered, "Just leave him to Me. I will take care of him." So Dr. Carradine awaited results. One evening when there were only about 90 people left, he made the altar call. Without any

coaxing or prolonged altar call, almost the entire congregation moved forward, and such repenting and confessions of backsliding until one after another arose with a shine on his face, restored and reclaimed! From that time on, the revival rolled on, with ever-increasing momentum, until hundreds were converted and sanctified.

What was the secret? Old-time, Holy Ghost conviction! There can be no real lasting work without it — but the Holy Ghost will never be confined to human dates, regulations, forms, rituals and controls. He will not even come unless invited by strong crying and tears, earnest, heartfelt longing and desire; for if He did come easily and uninvited, and just fit in with human programs, man would claim all the glory. But when He is wanted above all else; when He is given the place of power and honor; when He has full right-of-way, then He will come as no human power could, with a power, freshness and force, in such a variety of ways that all will see the hand of God, and He will get all the glory.

When He comes, He will begin with the Church. Deep, pungent conviction will seize the holiness professor, the hypocrite, the compromiser, the backslider, the lukewarm and dead church member. There will be bitter repentance, open confession, the uncovering of sin, hypocrisy and unfaithfulness. Love will spring up like a fountain overflowing its walls; unkind words will melt and disappear like a fog before the sun. Then there will be a dying out to carnality, a yielding to God, and a complete consecration such as only the Spirit-led soul can make, and a breaking through to glorious victory and entire sanctification as only the baptism with the Holy Ghost can bring about.

Then the revival will be one! Nothing can stop it now, if man keeps his place and allows the Holy Ghost to have full sway. The devil, of course, will hatch up some scheme to thwart the work of God, but if the people of God will not relax in prayer and looking unto God, He will take care of everything. Sinners will be attracted to the fire.

Mighty conviction will take hold of the hardest of them, and they will feel they are shaken over the pit of hell. Sin will be revealed to them by

the Holy Spirit as being exceedingly sinful, and they will see themselves lost and without God in the world. Some folk become so wrought upon they think they are very ill, and go to a doctor for a remedy, but find that the only remedy is the precious blood of Jesus — and how they rejoice when it is applied.

Of course, it is necessary to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and love. Any rivalry, disobedience, jealousy, or bitterness will surely grieve the Spirit, even though it might not be outwardly manifested. Evan Roberts, in the Welsh Revival, would sense immediately and depart from the unity and love in the Spirit, and with uplifted hand would say, "Someone has grieved the Spirit," and all would fall on their knees and pray until the Spirit returned in all of His quickening power.

Outside opposition will have no effect on the revival, but only add more fuel to the fire, if the saints keep in perfect harmony and love within themselves. We have heard preachers say they would rather have some wildfire than no fire at all; but they were mistaken. A frozen church can be kept under control; and God can thaw it out; but wildfire can spread very rapidly, and even a little is hard to control without damage to the genuine. It takes great humility, a close walk with God, implicit obedience, and a willingness to sacrifice rest, comfort, food and strength, to precipitate a revival that will truly bring Holy Ghost conviction, which alone can bring people to repentance and salvation, to real consecration, faith and sanctification.

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Penns View

Christian Education

by Paul F. Beacham

In our day, it may be more than at any time in the history of the world that there is an increasing consciousness of the importance of definite training for any business or profession, and even for safety and comfort in the ordinary spheres of life. This realization creates the necessity for the existence of educational institutions sufficient in number and equipment to meet the growing demand for adequate instruction. Any knowledge that one being can communicate to another, that will enable him to accomplish more and do it with greater skill and perfection is important, and is a form of education.

The history of education began with primitive man, but all along in the history of the race and all nations, crises have arisen that awakened concern and gave greater impetus to the educational effort. The Protestant Reformation deserves particular notice in this connection, for at that time the need of at least limited knowledge was very keenly felt, in order that people might be able to read the Bible which had been kept from them. Hence, both Luther and Melanethon demanded that schools be provided for all, and that attendance be required, which was really the initiation of compulsory education. This idea has been followed up, and almost all of the great institutions owe in a large measure their existence to religion. The first institutions in New England were religious in inspiration and purpose, as is obvious from the record of the beginning of Harvard University. The people recognized the providence of God in all the benefits their new circumstances offered. So one of their first efforts was to advance learning, especially for the ministers of the Gospel, and to insure this, special advantages were offered to candidates for the ministry.

Public and Private Institutions

Until recent years church or private institutions have outnumbered state colleges, and perhaps still have a little margin in this respect. However, at the present, church schools are facing some very serious problems, and some predict that they may largely pass out of the picture. These

difficulties involve the endowments, buildings and equipment as well as student fees for the privately owned and controlled institutions. State schools receive so much aid from public funds, that it is very difficult for the religious institutions. State schools receive so much aid from public funds, that it is very difficult for the religious institutions to compete

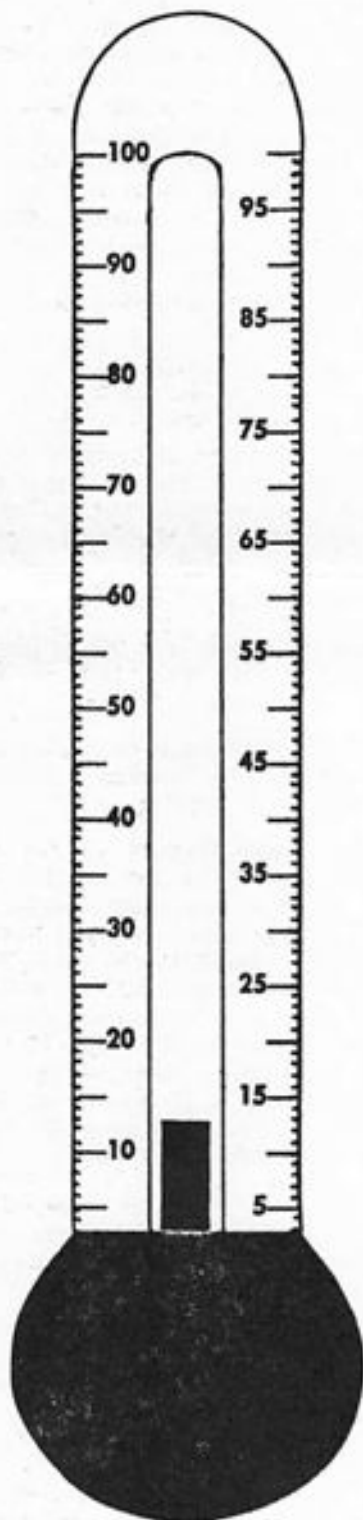
with them. It is therefore of the greatest importance that all who are interested in perpetuating the right kind of training, should be very liberal and energetic in their support of the class of schools which provide it. Of course, we must recognize the need and place of both in our educational system. Yet by no means should we allow the real purpose of education to be destroyed. It is reasonable in this country that public schools should be non-sectarian, but that is not to say that any have the right to existence and support that are non-religious.

We may be sure that God made man to study and learn; but also to be spiritual and moral. So if education faces in one direction, and religion another, the almost inevitable result in the individual will be confusion and insincerity. Hence, the contention of the church that the one is not complete without the other, is both logical and reasonable. To acquire learning and fail to turn it to the tempering of the soul for life, and the perfecting of the spirit morally, is as great a blunder as to gather material for a house and never build it. Any school that does not turn out a moral and spiritual product that will help to make the world better, does not merit its existence. One of the greatest weaknesses in modern education, is the effort to make people shrewd and practical in a sense, without special concern for their moral condition. The idea of leading educators, that their business is to give knowledge and not to build character, is responsible for this deplorable condition.

The Value of Christian Education

Finally, while our salvation does not depend upon education, it may be observed that our right kind of training certainly leads one closer to it. All really good things in any educational system owe their existence to the influence of religion. So true knowledge creates a dynamic in one that makes him desire to be something worthwhile and render service that will be of value to the world and resound to the glory of God. It not only trains the intellect to think and gives the power of concentration to the mind, but teaches the heart to love, and builds in the conscience a standard of righteousness, and makes the will strong to choose the pure and good.

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The Miracle of Answered Prayer

by Basil Miller

Scripture foundation: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and . . . shut thy door . . . (Matt. 6:6)

The avenues to the heavens are open to the man who meets God's conditions. The channels which send bundled answers to prayer are easily blocked when these requirements are not complied with. Some get their prayers through with stop-watch quickness. George Muller said that five thousand of his prayers were answered on the specific day that he made them, and many of them were answered while he was yet in prayer.

Others pray, but find the heavens closed. The skies resound with a brassy tingle to their cries. They have failed to come into the audience room of prayer with their hearts greatly attuned to God.

*Regarded iniquity blocks heaven's answers.

David cried out, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." (Ps. 66:18) Specifically, to get your prayers through there must be no iniquity or evil meditated upon in your heart. One sin upon which the light of God shines in revealing truth can block all possible avenues of answer. A heart clean in God's sight, a heart in which no iniquity abides, puts you with quickest tempo on praying ground.

*Walk pleasingly in the Divine sight if you would have heaven attuned to your cries.

John wrote what is the greatest prayer promise in the Bible when he said, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments." He added to this gracious promise a very tangible condition, saying, "And do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:22)

If God's ear is to be attentive to our cries, and His eyes upon our footsteps, we must walk pleasingly in His sight. This means that our hearts must be clean and pure, our daily activities such as will delight the Lord, and our lives unto Him. Cast out of your prayer mind when you come into the audience chamber of the King of Kings, all thoughts,

desires, ambitions that cannot be rightly aligned with God's will as revealed in the Bible.

*Living on bended knees assures open channels for prayers.

Paul specifically outlines prayer possibilities when he says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication . . ." (Eph. 6:18) Paul is not satisfied by saying that we must live always on bended knees, but he adds to that "all prayer." Again not happy with the conditions, lest some may stop short, he appends the words, "supplication in the Spirit." This indicates that we are to live in a prayer attitude, offering all possible prayers, with a spirit of beseeching, begging, asking, supplication, as we come before God constantly.

Fearful that these words are too weak to indicate his full meaning, he attaches the note of "watching," which pictures an attitude of expectancy of answer. Believing that this is too weak to point out the channel by which the heavens are open to our requests, he adds "with all perseverance" in our clamors at the throne of God. This still does not climax the height or depth of prayer possibilities, for Paul links to this "and supplication."

*The glorious name of Jesus is the key unlocking the storerooms of God's answers to our prayers.

The Master Himself pointed out prayer possibilities, and specified the key whereby redeemed servants of Himself may unlock the door behind which are stored God's answers to our prayers. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:23, 24)

The glorious name of Jesus is the foundation for successful prayer. This indicates not only attaching the name of Jesus to our petitions when on bended knees, but living so that Jesus is our all-encompassing Companion, the pathway we walk, the atmosphere in which our souls dwell. Only by living near the heart of Christ, with sins washed away by His precious blood, are we able to ask in His name.

*Faith unwavering attunes God's ears to man's humble cries.

James foundations all successful praying with the statement, "If any of you lack . . . let him ask of God . . . in faith, nothing wavering." (James 1:5, 6) It is easy for petitions to bubble out of our hearts, petitions of all types, calibers, for all possible blessings. But when they bombard the skies and do not receive an immediate answer, the man of little faith wavers in trust, and fails to send the petition back again. Many times it seems as if heaven delights in testing the moral fiber of our souls by denying or delaying the answers to our prayers. But the man of God who prays according to the Divine will in the name of Jesus sends back the same petition time and again, in faith without wavering, unmarred by doubt, until finally God answers because of that importunate faith.

*Heaven answers when the cry of faith is made unto God day and night.

Jesus commanded, ". . . cry day and night unto him." (Luke 18:7) The Master not only commanded that we pray with importunity, crying unto God day and night, but His very prayer life was an example of such petitioning. Luke, in describing the memorable night of His betrayal, says, He "kneeled down, and prayed . . . And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:41-44)

The Early Church mastered the secret of availing prayer. We read concerning Peter's deliverance from prison, "Prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him . . . And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: . . . And his chains fell off from his hands." (Acts 12:5-7) Credo for today: I will live on praying ground daily so that when my petitions enter heaven God will command an angel, "Answer immediately."

A woman was mailing the old family Bible to a brother in a distant city and the postal clerk asked, "Does this package contain anything breakable?"

She answered, "Only the Ten Commandments."