

They Shall Never Overflow

*When the flesh is worn and weary,
And the spirit is depressed,
And temptations sweep upon you
Like a storm on ocean's breast;*

*There's a haven ever open
For the tempest-driven bird,
There's a shelter for the tempted
In the promise of the Word;*

*For the standard of the Spirit
Shall be raised against the foe,
And however deep the waters,
They shall never overflow.*

*When a sorrow comes upon you
That no other soul can share,
And the burden seems too heavy
For the human heart to bear;*

*There is One whose grace can comfort
If you'll give Him an abode,
There's a Burden-bearer ready
If you'll trust Him with your load;*

*For the precious promise reaches
To the depth of human woe,
That, however deep the waters,
They shall never overflow.*

— Author Unknown



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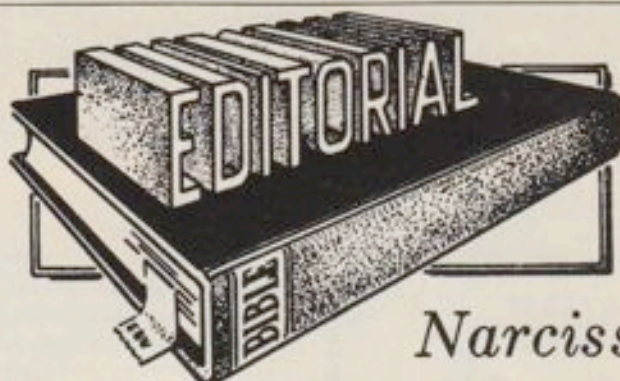
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Narcissism

If Timothy 3: 1, 2a - "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves."

According to Greek mythology there once existed the son of a river-god. This boy, who was distinguished for his beauty, was named Narcissus. A seer told his mother that he would have a long life, provided he never looked upon his own features. However, one day he viewed his reflection in the waters of a spring and fell in love with his image. He subsequently died and the flower which bears his name sprang up at the spot where he died.

Today psychiatrists use the term **narcissism** to describe a condition in which one overevaluates his own attributes and achievements. It is an egoism, an egocentrism, an obsession with oneself.

If any age could be described as being narcissistic, it would be this age. As we face a new decade of history we do so with the growing realization that man is in love with himself and all that he can do. We have developed the thesis that, with enough time and money, human scientific and technological advances will solve all our problems. Why, there is nothing that man can't accomplish! Yet, in spite of all our scientific prowess, man stands teetering on the brink of annihilating himself. As he stands there, egotistical and proud, he doesn't realize that he has already sown the seeds of his own destruction. The wise man in Proverbs declared that "There is a generation that are pure in their eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness." Proverbs 30:12.

A most perceptive analysis of our day appeared recently in a national newsmagazine. The eminent child psychiatrist, Robert Coles, tells us that we are living in a society that is breeding self-centeredness and that narcissism has pervaded our American way of life. Mr. Coles

declares, "Many parents are afraid to bring up their children on their own - with their own convictions and their own moral faith. They're intimidated by all these experts who write books about child-rearing and tell them what to do. This is partially because parents have abdicated a higher vision, whether it be religious or political, and they no longer believe, really, in a national purpose. Having turned away from both God and country, they are left with themselves - their own comforts."

Listen to God's description of this day - "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things."

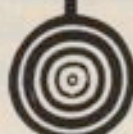
The final description declares these narcissistic people "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator." Romans 1:21-23, 25.

Selfishness fuels the fire of rebellion against God. There is only one cure for the narcissism that pervades our society. That inordinate self-love must be crucified and its place rise an all-encompassing love for Christ and consequently, for others. Praise God for the power of the Blood to transform a self-loving, self-seeking individual; to change from selfishness to selflessness! O glorious reality - that in accepting the cleansing, refining work of the Holy Spirit I give up the right to myself, my plans, my ambitions, and I lose myself in the vastness of His will. What a thrill to be able to sing:

*No longer I, but Christ
Who lives within me....*

D.L.F.

Microscopic



HOLINESS

by J. Gregory Mantle

This article is taken from the author's book, "Consecrated Husks," published by Walter G. Wheeler, n.d., and now out of print.

"Microscopic holiness is the perfection of excellence." So says one of the greatest of preachers. "The nature of everything is best seen in its smallest portions." So says one of the wisest philosophers. Both expressions are but echoes of Christ's words, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

Nothing is more necessary in this age, especially for those who are endeavouring to walk in the highway of holiness, than careful avoidance of those inaccuracies which mar a character otherwise admirable and beautiful.

In the American War a vessel was ordered out of action. What was amiss with her? She showed no signs of disablement. She had sprung a tiny leak; water had reached her powder magazine, and her powder being damp she was rendered useless. The leak was not enough to endanger the ship, but it was enough to unfit her for service.

It is not so much by sins that imperil their eternal safety that Christian people are unfitted for the highest forms of Christian service, but by failure to walk "step by step by the Spirit" in the minutiae of the daily life.

The best test of eyesight is small print; the best test of the cleanliness of a room is the cleanliness of the nooks and corners; the best test of a life is a microscopic examination of common acts in ordinary hours, and if it will bear this test is pure indeed.

Making a high profession, let us not fail to have a corresponding high standard of exactitude in all things, especially in matters generally regarded as trifling and unimportant.

The holiness required by God and man is one that cannot be too prac-

tical; and the more exact our Christian life, the more clearly it will be seen that the holiness He commands is not a dreamy, sentimental thing, something for song and speech only, but a blessed reality, something which ennobles and sanctifies the meanest and most trivial duties of daily life.

The robe of holiness is not, as some imagine, too fine for everyday wear; it is not for state occasions only, it is for all occasions. It is for the mother in the home, the merchant in the mart, the toiler at the loom, the labourer in the field.

It is for domestic life: "Every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord" (Zechariah 14:21).

It is for business life: "Her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord." (Isaiah 23:18).

It is for public life: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, **Holiness unto the Lord**" (Zechariah 14:20).

Nothing but a microscopic holiness will satisfy the critical inspection of our life by "those that are without"; and attention is drawn to this truth because there are some who are scrupulous to exactness in matters important, who are sometimes found off their guard when the matter in question is a promise made and broken, a book borrowed and not returned, a statement repeated and exaggerated.

If one note in the organ be out of key or harsh of tone, it mars the whole tune. All the other reeds may be in harmony, but the one defective reed destroys the sweetness of all the rest. So in the Christian character, an unloving, censorious spirit, an acerbity of temper, an exacting disposition, is the one defective note which mars the music of a life.

Many regard these matters as of trifling importance, but the Christian cannot so regard them, for they make the life discordant or harmonious:

*"The trifles of our daily lives,
The common things scarce worth recall,
Whereof no visible trace survives—
These are the mainsprings, after all."*

Microscopic holiness is both a higher and harder attainment in grace than many imagine. Higher, because it is fidelity in the little things which alone makes the perfect Christian character—"Trifles make perfection," said the great Greek sculptor, "and perfection is no trifle"—harder, because it requires far more watchfulness and prayer and trust to live so that the life will bear the minutest scrutiny, then to present to the world an average specimen of Christianity.

May we say, it takes more grace to make a man of God such as Daniel, in whom his enemies could find "none occasion nor fault," than to make a martyr; for living always for Christ is a harder task than dying once for Him?

One of the most precious of possessions is a conscience enlightened by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, and rendered highly sensitive to sin; a conscience.

*"Quick as an apple of an eye
The slightest touch of sin to feel."*

He who does not strive after this microscopic holiness will never know the blessedness of this. Passing over the small print, the footnotes in the law of God, he will rob his conscience both of its fineness and of its freshness.

The girdle of the Christian character is truth; to loosen that girdle is to open the way for looseness in other directions, and to produce an estrangement between us and the God who requires "truth in the inward parts."

The man who suffers habits of inaccuracy to grow upon him has ventured upon an inclined plane, the tendency of which is downward, until clearness of perception between right and wrong becomes impossible:

*"It is the little rift within the lute
That by-and-by will make the music mute,
And ever widening, slowly silence all."*

—The Prairie Overcomer

CHURCH NEWS

Hanover

Meeting the challenge of the '80s, God will provide sufficient strength, wisdom and grace. As holiness people, the uplook is bright! One song writer states "it seems like things get bleaker everyday, but for this child of God it makes no difference, for things are bound to get better either way." We've been enjoying many blessings from the hand of God. Over the Christmas season, the youth group presented an outstanding Christmas program portraying the birth of Christ and concluding with His death on Calvary. The special program was well attended by many parents and friends.

Seven of our young people accepted the offer of Reverend Paul Martin, Jr. to go to the IHC Youth Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana from December 16-18, 1979. Many new and exciting challenges were presented. To name a few — "Youth in the Church Today and Tomorrow," "Adventures In Soul Winning," and "Priorities for the '80s." The outreach of the Overcomers during the Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York was also discussed. It was a tremendous opportunity to get acquainted with other Christian young people and learn how to meet the challenges set before us! Reverend Thomas Reed stated, "we can't change our message but our methods."

Recently we were privileged to have our general superintendent,

Reverend G. I. Straub and Reverend Russell T. Herr minister to us. What a great blessing to be able to hear the Word proclaimed by these warriors of the Cross.

We're praying and anticipating a good year in the Lord!

Reporter, Yolanda Bange

Items From Intercession City

Intercession City Christian School was represented during the winter encampment at Seffner, Florida. Twenty two cards for involvement in the Five a month program were received. We wish to give God Glory for the help He has given to us at Intercession City Christian School and also thank you who have responded to the need here through the news items in God's Missionary Standard.

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Why Ministers Fail...

by the late F. J. Goins

After fifty years in the ministry I have observed many ministers who gave promise of great success, yet for some unexplained reason were soon out of the ministry, the door closed in their face.

Many such persons assume no responsibility for personal failure. The inability to locate one's trouble within himself has closed the door of ministerial opportunity for many otherwise capable preachers. Bewildered, they never realize their problem as personal and with a little adjustment could be remedied. Thus the door of the ministry is closed.

I would like to humbly refer to seven things, either one of which will ultimately close the door in a preacher's face.

I. INDECISION, the inability to be certain, to properly position ones self. This indecision may show up in three areas:

1. Indecision as to one's personal relationship with God. The minister who is in question as to his being regenerated or sanctified will soon be out of the ministry unless he affiliates himself with some nominal group where evasion of personal Christian experience is the rule.
2. Indecision as to a divine call to preach. The man of God who is divinely called will not be constantly agitated with fears and doubts. He may wonder why God called him, but he will be certain of the fact he is a God-called man. Such a knowledge will motivate him and his gifts will make room for his ministry.
3. Indecision as to doctrinal, spiritual and moral issues as well as Bible standards of holy living. Such indecision destroys objectivity, it kills incentives and will lower the resistance to the call of a secular world. While a minister must avoid being dogmatic, nevertheless there are issues on which he must be able to arrive at a proper and logical conclusion and in a humble, consistent and charitable manner stand pat on what he believes the Bible teaches.

II. INDIFFERENCE

To exhibit a lack of concern for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls as well as the best interest of the church will "slam" the door shut. The call to the ministry enjoins a great responsibility; it calls for sacrifice and requires assiduous and painstaking endeavor. Some ministers, if they were in the secular realm would be in the money. Others are so indifferent, if they were not in the ministry they would be in the poor house.

Indifference on the part of the minister breeds lightness and unconcern and results in a failure to maintain a rich devotional life. It fails to store the mind with rich Biblical truths, thus the hopper runs empty, the sermon is dry. The preacher may try to make it up in noise but the people go away hungry.

III. INCOMPETENCE

Nothing will close the door in a preacher's face any quicker than one's inability to produce. This may show up in three areas.

1. His inability to preach. This could be attributed in part to the afore mentioned indifference, the failure to pray, to study. He may feel he is a "hot" preacher but no sermon is "hot" unless it is born in prayer, founded on God's word, preached in the Spirit and backed up by a holy life. People want their minister to be more than a purveyor of warmed over hash. They get hungry for something new and fresh from God.
2. This incompetence may be reflected in his inability to organize his forces and to lead his people. The preacher who tries to drive his people will fail. You can drive cattle but you lead sheep. The preacher who is unable to inspire his people with his leadership should refrain from scolding and brow beating them when they are idle.

IV. INCUMBRANCES

Many a prospective minister has closed the door of opportunity in his own face simply because he was too

encumbered with secondary things. There are particular areas where the minister must be on his guard.

1. The area of secular incumbrance. St. Paul said, "This one thing I do." Many preachers could say, "These many things I dabble in." Many a church has suffered great loss because the minister was so engrossed with personal interests and a multiplicity of side lines. I recognize there are two sides to this issue and one could well speak of a stingy church who refuses to support God's man. Nevertheless, the fact remains, secular incumbrances have closed doors in many a minister's face.
2. Another area of possible incumbrance is that of a domestic nature. A minister may have an unspiritual wife who excels in telling every tale, spending every cent. It could be undisciplined children. The minister must live within his means, his expenditures must be brought into harmony with his receipts. In many places the church has suffered because of the minister's carelessness in his financial obligations. While his children will never be angelic, however they can be taught and disciplined.

V. INCONSISTENCY

The inability to be consistent will soon put a preacher out of the running. Of all the faults a minister may have, perhaps the hardest for lay members to overlook is that of inconsistency. For a preacher to preach higher than he lives or to seem so heavenly minded in the pulpit and so materialistic minded when out of it is hard for the average lay member to reconcile.

For a preacher to preach against worldliness, then dress like a sheik or let his hair associate him with the hippie is sheer folly and cause for a closed door.

For an evangelist to indict, insinuate and condemn, then be so difficult to entertain that his hostess is kept on tension is sheer folly.

VI. INIQUITY OR PLAIN OLD CARNALITY, will most certainly jeopardize the preacher's standing with the church and community.

Of all persons who must enjoy a sanctified experience it is the

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Missionary Message

Redeem Me

Yesterday, I walked down a narrow dirt path under the "lam" and coconut trees. As I walked along, I wondered how Mari was this morning. Would she be home? Would she come to church? Would she keep her promise?

The first time we saw Mari, she was listening very intently to the children's Bible story. However, she would always stand at the back and she never wanted to talk too much. Often the other missionary would speak to her about her need of salvation but smiling she would go happily on her way. One day, we decided that we would search until we found the path leading to her home. Before long, we found ourselves standing before a little two room mud and stick house. Mari was very happy that we had come to visit her and she hurried to borrow an extra chair so that both of us would have a seat. We talked together about salvation and the need of her soul. The Lord had given us a definite burden for her. We knew He was speaking to her heart and yet she would not yield to His calling. Many times she would answer, "M-ap degaje." "I'll be making a way." "M-ap tann." "I'm waiting." Oh, how

those words made our hearts ache. There were times when she would hurry away from her house when she knew we might come to see her. As the days passed, our hearts grew heavier for the salvation of her soul. One evening we visited her again and talked with her while she cooked her supper over a small outdoor fire. Happy to see us, she continued with her work as we talked with her. Once again we shared with her the importance of giving her heart to the Lord and truly repenting of her sins. Jesus is coming soon! Her answer remained the same - "M-ap tann." Just before we left, in their words, I said, "What would you do if the death should come tonight?" After thinking a moment, she promised to come Sunday morning and pray.

Sunday morning came and I made my way down the little dusty path once again, wondering if Mari would keep her promise. Just before reaching her house, her cousin met me and said that Mari had gone. A member of her family had become sick and she had been called to take care of her. Just as I started to turn away, Mari came around the corner of her

house and I hurried to meet her. As we greeted one another, I realized that she was very sick. After a few minutes, she quickly returned to her bed...a straw mat spread out on the mud floor. Following her into the room, I sat down on the only little chair she had. "Are you ready to repent this morning?" I asked. She nodded her head. Kneeling beside her he prayed that God would forgive her of her sins. In her own words, she said, "Redeem me from all my sins." While she was praying, I could not hear and understand all of her Creole words but she knew the desire of her heart and our Saviour understood every word perfectly. When she finished praying, she had a peaceful smile on her face even in her sickness and she said that "the joy" was in her heart.

Yes, Mari had kept her promise and now the angels were rejoicing in heaven. The community where Mari lives is one where much Voodoo is practiced. Please pray that she will continue to serve the Lord.

Your missionaries for Him,
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Jones

WHY MINISTERS FAIL

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preacher. He is often pressured on every hand. Situations constantly arise that call for a demonstration of true piety and saintly sincerity.

With an ever increasing number of pulpits without ministers the idle or secularly employed ministers should give himself a good hard look. He should ask himself why he is not busy preaching the glorious gospel of full salvation. He should analyze himself, his spirit, motives and ambitions. If he is a God-called man he should make any adjustments to his life and ministry that would open the door of opportunity for Christian service. St. Paul, sensing the responsibility that rests on a God-called preacher said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

God Knoweth Best

Emily Donaghy

Sometimes God, who knoweth best,
Gives us joy and peace and rest,
Sometimes days glide swiftly by
Filled with sunshine from on high.

It would seem that any person who, having been called of God to preach God's Word and having been recognized and ordained by the church, yet motivated by a lust for money, seeks secular employment, should either repent, seek forgiveness for his worldliness and give himself to the ministry of the Word or should surrender his license and conference standing.

Sometimes God, who knoweth best,
Sends us sorrow as a test,
Sometimes He doth wound a heart
Greater sweetness to impart.

Oft a heart bowed down in grief
Looks to Jesus for relief,
Seeks the Saviour's loving care,
Learns to have more faith in pray'r.

Well we know whate'er betide,
If we let the Spirit guide,
Will but prove God knoweth best,
Then fear not, though hard the test.

So we leave in His dear hand
All we cannot understand,
While our God with heart of love
Leads His own to heights above.

For The BOYS and GIRLS



All the boys had a good time playing a new game — except me.

Eric's Day

by Mrs. Roy Keene

Grandfather took one look at Eric's face and decided the two of them should go sit in the sun and talk awhile. "Come on, old boy," he said. "Things can't be that bad. Let's go out to the swing."

Eric couldn't smile at all. He watched Grandpa sit on the big swing and he sat on the ground near-by. "Grandpa, all day long everything has gone wrong. I couldn't find my shoes this morning and Mom wouldn't help me 'cause she warned me yesterday that I should be more careful about my shoes and things. I hunted and hunted and hunted before I found the silly shoes. I forgot that I had taken them off down at the sandpile last night. Anyway, that's where I found them, but it took me so long I was late and the bus left me and Mom didn't have a car and Dad had to come all the way home from the office to take me to

school and I was real late and the teacher made me stay in at recess and do my work and all the boys had a good time playing a new game — except me!" Eric sighed. "And that's not all. When it was time to hand in my homework, I had left it at home. I called home and Mom reminded me that she didn't have a car and could not bring the paper to me. So I had to stay in at the noon recess, too." Eric nearly cried just thinking about his troubles.

"You did have a troublesome day, Eric," Grandpa sympathized.

"That's not all," said Eric. "I broke my shoe string and couldn't make it stay tied. The game we played at the last recess was a running one and I tripped because my shoe came off. Since I made my team lose, all the boys and girls were mad at me." Eric sighed again.

Grandpa sympathized some more. "My, my! Things surely did go wrong today, didn't they? I trust that is the entire list of your troubles."

"No," said Eric, shaking his head. "No! I just hate cabbage rolls and that is what mother fixed for supper, I felt so sad over all the other troubles that I said I didn't want any old cabbage rolls. Dad said I was sassy and sent me from the table without any dessert. Billy told me that the dessert was strawberry shortcake — my favorite dessert."

Grandfather had to laugh. "Eric, you surely did have a day! I hope nothing else happens before you get to bed tonight. I tell you what — be sure to remember where you put your shoes and be sure your schoolwork is all done and is sitting where you can remember to take it with you in the morning. Be sure to pray and ask Jesus to help you to have a better day tomorrow. Tell Him you mean to try harder to keep rules. Then I believe things will go better for you."

Grandfather sat a minute longer thinking and then said, "Eric, I must have been just your age when I had a pretty hard day, too. I don't believe I had quite as many troubles as you have had today, but I remember my Dad talked to me and tried to cheer me up. After our little talk he said a poem for me. I like it and learned it. Let me see if I can remember it now."

Grandfather cleared his throat and quoted:

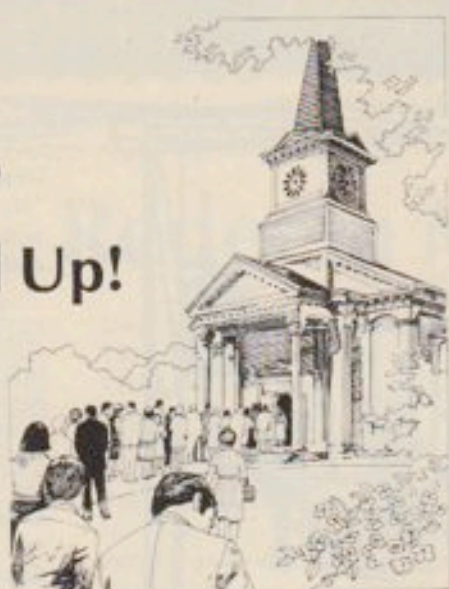
"Build for yourself a strong box
Fashion each part with care,
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there:
Hide therein all your failures,
As each bitter cup you quaff
Lock all your heartaches in it
Then sit on the lid and laugh."

When Grandfather got through he stood up and suggested, "Let's go see about getting you some new shoe strings. That'll take care of part of your problems. Cheer up, Eric, do your best to remember important things, forget your troubles of today, ask for the Master's help and tomorrow will be a better day!"

And it was!

It is Time to Stand Up!

Morris Chalfant



The story goes that a leopard was shot, and his skin made into a coat and hung in a shop window with a price tag of twelve hundred dollars. The rest of the family of leopards out walking, stopped at the window and recognized the skin of their father. The comment was, "He was better off when he wasn't worth so much." Surely he was. At least he was alive.

The godly men and women who laid the foundations of the holiness movement were not weaklings; they were indeed spiritually alive. They were impelled by a positive conviction that holiness was a gospel essential, and counted no sacrifice too great in order to bring this essential doctrine to the attention of the people. They were deprived of the necessities of life, ostracized by their former friends, persecuted by their enemies, despised by people whom they came to evangelize. If our forefathers could hew our churches out of nothing, if they could provide us with this godly heritage, surely we cannot afford to prove unworthy of their faith in us. Our fathers gave thankfully and sacrificially everything they had, to keep our home and foreign missions program alive, because God, first of all, had their money. He owned their time and talents. No wonder they made such phenomenal progress, experienced outstanding revivals, and had so much glory down upon their gatherings.

Are we not now living in an era when giving and sacrificing are forgotten words? Oh, we give, that is

true, but humbly and seriously we ask, "Are we sacrificing?" Is sacrificing for another age? Does it mean more for us to have conveniences we really do not need, than it does to give liberally, that a lost, wandering soul might come to know our Christ? When we cling to and spend money on things that are of no value to us except as ornaments or if we could do just as well with something not quite as expensive, and forget the world which lies sick and calling for the Great Physician, then something is wrong with our sense of values.

We are living in a day of distorted values. We must never forget that Christ emphasized that one soul was worth more than all the world. If this be so, and if we believe it, can we keep tying up our funds until we have nothing to put forward for God? This battle of life is desperate. The sooner we forget keeping up with the world and turn our funds over to the One who gave them, then will we advance in soul winning.

The early Church had strong convictions as to who they were, and their place in the world. Peter said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard," (Acts 4:20). He said in effect, "We have a message, a destiny." Peter and John and other disciples were crusaders for a cause.

Down through the years, men of God have had deep-rooted convictions that they have staked their lives upon. We must in this last half of the Twentieth Century recapture the great

convictions about getting the message of full salvation around the world while it is day. The early Church knew what they believed. They knew where they were going. "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (I Cor. 14:8).

We must have convictions, and we must get excited over our convictions. Have you ever read the Book of Acts straight through and thrilled at the enthusiasm and drive of that small group of disciples? Their enthusiasm was contagious, and they grew by leaps and bounds.

We live in a world that is on fire, but there are too few Christians who want to be awakened from their dreams. The lethargy, the sleeping sickness which grips us, is far more destructive than many of the forces which threaten the Church from without. "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber," (Isa. 5:10).

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression," (Isa. 58:1).

We can all well pray, "O Lord, give me a heart like Thine, so long as You spare me time." In the middle of this Twentieth Century, we need to cry out, "O God, send the fire, the fire of the Holy Ghost!" When He is come, the supernatural becomes the natural; the unusual, the usual; the expected is thrust aside by the unexpected. His coming may not solve all of our problems, but it will solve the inner problems of deadness, lethargy, coldness, selfishness, and the tendency to worldliness that has engulfed many.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," (II Chron. 7:14).

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," (Isa. 5:24).

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not," (Jer. 33:3).

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their souls," (II Chronicles 15:12).



Spotlight

on Home Missions

by Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

"Being Led by the Spirit"

Romans 8:14

In every phase of church work man must be led by the Spirit to be a true blessing for the Lord. This is the prayer and aim of the Department of Home Missions. To have the leadership of the Holy Spirit is very important if we are to meet the need of the day we live in. There is so much deception on every hand.

The report from the new church at York, Pa. is very encouraging. The picture below was taken after one of the morning worship services. The pastor, Bro. Paul Martin, is very encouraged with the work there. Some new people have been added to the congregation. The attendance is growing and holding steady. The Spirit is moving in the services and this is most important. If you have any friends, family or know any one who has, please contact Rev. Martin and give their names and addresses so he can contact them for the church. The York area is filled with thousands of people who do not know the true way of "Holiness." All our churches in this area, Hanover, Burmidian, and Mountain Grove are placed in such a way throughout this area that with the new church at York we can take this city for the Lord. Let us pray for a great leading of the Spirit in the York city area this year of 1980.

The pastor at our Ekin, Indiana

church is working hard and studying at the same time for his area. Bro. and Sis. Glover are real sacrificers for the Lord. If you have any friends or family in the Ekin, Indiana area contact this good pastor and let them visit your folks and make known the revival of our work out there.

Bro. and Sis. Mike Hoskins keep working daily with the Indians in New York. Their work has much precious fruit for the Lord. Keep them at all times on your prayer list.

The church at Seffner, Florida under Bro. and Sis. Hayes is moving ahead nicely. New ones are coming in and the attendance is on the increase. The work at the Mission in Fort Myers is always in need of your prayers and help. Bro. Walker with Bro. George and their families make many sacrifices for the souls of these down-and-out men of our time.

The Home Missionary Board is continuing its rallies at the various churches. We will give you a report of the meeting which was conducted January 17th in the Lebanon church. If any church wants a rally contact me at once so we can set up a date. This page in the Standard each month is a great Home Missionary outlet. Bro. Fuller, the editor, is very helpful and we thank the Lord for his cooperation. The response to our financial appeal on this page was very small. I trust you will take this to heart and be led of the Spirit to send us a love gift for the work of Home Missions.

We need prayer for the work at Avis, and at Roaring Springs, Penna. We are trusting God to send great revivals to these areas. Soon another conference year will be passed. We want to look back and say we were led by the Spirit all the way. The Spirit of God is truth, without error, we cannot miss the mark when we are led by HIM. Your letters and comments from time to time about this page are very helpful. Take time to write to us today. We are open for your suggestions, criticism, and advice. God bless you and pray much for Home Missions in 1980.



Religion In The News

YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOSPEL IN ENGLAND

LONDON, England (EP) — Further indications that a spiritual revival is occurring among the youth in Great Britain were evidenced last month when 30,000 young people attended 14 rallies in ten cities across England.

The ten-day event (Jan. 4-14) entitled "Our God Reigns", was sponsored by British Youth for Christ (YFC) and BUZZ magazine. Evangelist Luis Palau was the invited speaker for each rally. In his opening address delivered at Royal Albert Hall in London, Palau challenged the young people to let God reign over their intellect, morals, will, home, and church.

CHURCH AND STATE

BALTIMORE (EP) — The Maryland attorney general's office has ruled unconstitutional the distribution of Gideon Bibles in public schools. The Bibles — the King James Version of the New Testament plus Psalms and Proverbs — had been given away to public school students in 14 counties for several years. The attorney general's opinion came in response to a request for legal advice from Washington county schools which had allowed distribution from 1973 until last year, when a parent filed objections to the school board.

WASHINGTON (EP) — The U. S. Supreme Court has refused to disturb a court of appeals ruling that allowed the city of Denver to display a traditional nativity scene during the Christmas season.

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit had ruled earlier that the city and county of Denver could leave the nativity scene in place despite a ruling against Denver in a federal district court. That decision held that the display violated church-state separation. The original suit was filed by a group of Denver residents calling themselves Citizens Concerned for Separation of Church and State. They were supported in the suit by the American Civil Liberties Union.

RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS ASK FOR MORE BIBLES

FRANKFURT, Germany (EP) — In an appeal "to Christians all over the world", Christian dissidents in Russia have urgently requested more Bibles and Christian literature. This

open letter issued by the Christian Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights was recently published by the Society for Human Rights in Frankfurt.

The letter says that the "spiritual hunger" in the Soviet Union has "assumed immense proportion." After decades of atheism and anti-religious campaigns the country had "turned towards God and towards the Gospel through reconsideration of our thousand year-old religious tradition." The actual number of Bibles needed "far exceeded the number of Bibles printed or imported by permission of the Soviet government." Every tourist visiting the Soviet Union should therefore bring with him a Bible and a prayer-book, suggested the letter. One of the ten signatories of the document is Pastor Gleb Yakunin who had since been arrested.

PROTESTANTS TAKE UNITY STEP, APPROVE A COMMON STRUCTURE

CINCINNATI (EP) — The ecumenical movement reached a milestone here (Jan. 24) when delegates from 10 Protestant denominations approved a concept of ministry envisioned for a merged church. The action marked the 20th anniversary of the proposal that led to the plan for a Church of Christ Uniting. Delegates to the Consultation on Church Union agreed also on an ecclesiastical system that would involve modified forms of an episcopate (bishops), presbyters, and deacons.

"I had hardly dared to believe that this would come about today," said Dr. Rachel Henderlite, the president of COCU and the first woman minister ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. "But it has come about in a very fine way so the church can move forward in a new form of ministry. We can send the document to our churches with pride." In 1974, COCU issued a document on mutual recognition of members which was subsequently approved by all its member denominations. Two years later, the consultation adopted a common theological basis for union. Member denominations were asked to submit proposals for revision of a portion of that document, and the result was incorporated into the recommendation on ministry that had been adopted here.



SEMINARY OFFERS 5-POINT TEST FOR REPORTS OF ANGELS VISITS

ANAHEIM, Calif. (EP) — A five-point test for deciding the authenticity of angels has been printed by the Melodyland School of Theology here in the wake of a controversial best-selling book in charismatic Protestant circles. Skeptical about some visits by angels reported by author Roland H. Buck in his book "Angels on Assignment," the staff of the Anaheim seminary indicated any such claims meet biblical standards.

The school's 16-page guidelines ask five questions: (1) are the angels identified by nonbiblical names? (2) Are the angels given extrabiblical description? (3) Are they performing roles beyond the biblical picture? (4) Do they give more information than simply confirming biblical accounts? (5) Are they proclaiming another gospel in any way?

Mark Hertel, manager of the Maranatha Bookstore in Santa Ana, said the author's appearances on certain Christian talk shows helped make it a bestseller. "We went through a couple hundred copies in a week or two," Mr. Hertel said. But because of some objections, the book has been taken off the shelves and is sold only if a customer requests it.

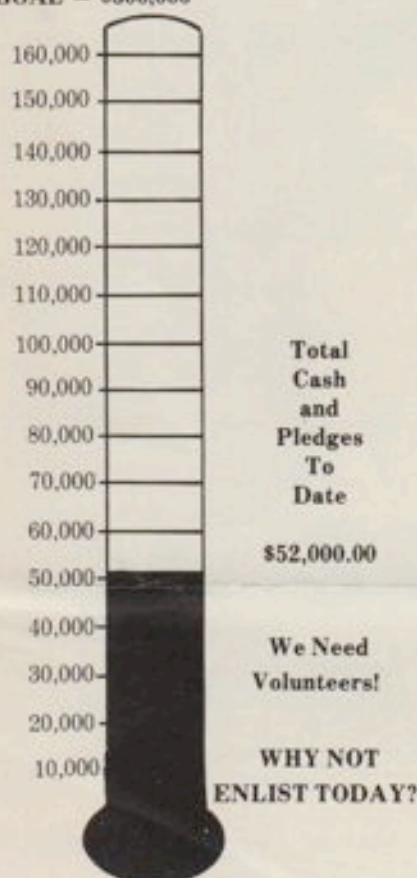
Author Buck, pastor of Christian Life Center in Boise, Idaho, has not been able to answer waves of criticism. He died of a heart attack in his church study Nov. 6.



School News, Penn View

From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

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The Sacred/ Secular Fallacy

I fear that in our zeal to preserve what is valued and cherished in conservative Christianity we have developed a false set of antitheses in our thinking. I am speaking of the apparent contradiction we see between the sac-

red and secular aspects of life. I say apparent because I do not think the contradiction is real.

That is not to say that some things in life are not more closely concerned with spiritual matters than others. I would not be so naive as to say that cleaning out a clogged drain is an act of worship, or even equivalent in value to a spiritual exercise.

I would point out, however, that with reference to the so called everyday activities of life, the apostle Paul does seem to place them on a higher plane than we usually do. Does he not say in I Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Obviously, Paul thought that the nourishment of the physical body, performing one's job or occupation or any other activity necessary to life could be, if not sacred, at least performed to the glory of God. This kind of thinking might revolutionize our attitude toward the "secular" matters of life.

But I am particularly concerned about the sacred/secular antithesis as it is sometimes applied to education. Have you ever heard anyone intimate that he thought education was a good thing as long as it didn't interfere with spirituality? Now it is true that much that passes for education tends toward moral deterioration rather than edification. But is that real education? I am convinced it is not.

Real education can never be divorced from character development. Genuine

education always recognizes God as the source and ground of truth. When this is realized one sees that a man can never be too "smart" to be spiritual. Instead he relates everything he has learned to the God of the universe, and tries to use his knowledge wisely - that is in ways that will benefit himself and others, and bring glory to God. This is the kind of education we are providing at Penn View.

by Philip Estes,
Academic Dean



A Senior Speaks An Oasis In The Desert

I can so clearly remember the time when I moved with my little family into the village of Penns Creek, Pennsylvania. Moving into a new area was different; but the biggest difference was yet to come. We lived in Penns Creek a little over four weeks before school began. Then the real difference came when we started classes at Penn View Bible Institute. The classroom situation with the spiritual emphasis and the Chapel services were really refreshing to our hearts, and the school became an oasis in the desert for us spiritually.

As a student of Penn View Bible Institute, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the faculty and administration who are laboring so faithfully for the Lord in behalf of the many students of the institute. It is a privilege to have instructors who not only take their teaching at heart, but also the spiritual welfare of the students, endeavoring to prepare them for the work of the Lord.

The time that I have spent at Penn View is a period in my life that I am sure I will never forget, and if I have ever wisely invested my time, it has certainly been these four years here at Penn View Bible Institute.

I thank the Lord that He has allowed me to attend Penn View and fellowship with the many brothers and sisters in the Lord, whose memories will be an encouragement to me in the years to come.

Dennis R. Campbell
College Senior

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