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OF THE **GOSPEL**



David Wise

Chomping at the Bit

Like the prophet Jeremiah of old, the Apostle Paul had a fire burning in his bones. It was the fire of God that came upon him when he received that mighty sanctifying baptism of the Holy Ghost. His dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus was a preparation for the mighty endowment that made him the missionary evangelist that he was. His travels took him all over the ancient world, and wherever he went, souls were brought out of darkness into the marvelous light of Gospel religion. At the time he wrote the Epistle to the Romans, he had not yet been able to preach in Rome. Providentially, the door had not yet opened, and he had his hands full preaching to people in areas where there was no Christian influence. Yet he longed earnestly to have the privilege of ministering in this, the most powerful of all cities. It did not deter him one bit that the elite of Rome considered the early Christians to be “the filth of the world.” The opinions of worldly, degenerate people mattered not to this brave little man from the tribe of Benjamin. He had met Christ! More than that, he could confidently assert that “Christ liveth in me.” He had burned his bridges with the old life at conversion and was literally burning himself out proclaiming the message of the Cross. It was a message that had changed the direction of his life and given him a vision for what God could do in redeeming a sinful race.

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Paul’s eagerness to preach in Rome arose from his heartfelt conviction that the Gospel that had successfully saved and sanctified sinners in other regions of the empire could do the same for the proud Romans. God was no respecter of persons; those in Caesar’s household could be brought into the kingdom of God just like repentant sinners in Jerusalem, Antioch, or Corinth. Paul could testify of a “know so” religion where he had experienced an “utmost salvation” and had seen countless hundreds if not thousands of folks experience the wonderful grace of God. His was not a philosophy of the seminary untested by the rigors of common life. Paul lived and preached this Gospel among the roughest of sinners, and he personally saw many of these changed by the truths he proclaimed. While many

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YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER BY “GIPSY” SMITH

Acts 1:8 -- “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.” I wonder how much personal work you have done for Jesus Christ? I pause that you may put the question intelligently to your own heart. How many people have you tried honestly, definitely tried to bring to the Lord Jesus? Because you know the world is not going to be saved by big preachers. It is going to be saved by personal testimony, by the power of the grace of Christ in the individual heart. Jesus said, “Ye shall be witnesses unto me,” and what God wants you to do is to be a witness bearer. If you really love Him, you won’t let anyone do or say anything against Him in your presence without a gentle, tender rebuke, and if you will keep it up, they will feel the smart of the insult they offer Jesus Christ. How many people have you written a letter to since this campaign began? How many people have you gone to see? How many people have you prayed with? I have

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been a personal worker all my life. I believe in the public declaration of religion, but I am a profound believer in personal work. Personal work results in hand-picked fruit, and it fetches more in the market. It is easier to preach a sermon to 500 or 1,000 or 5,000 than to get down and talk to one person about spiritual things. That is where your test comes in. That is where your real spiritual life comes out. You know Peter was the great preacher of Pentecost. Peter and John saw a beggar at the gate of the Temple. They had preached to the multitude out of which 3,000 were converted. The men who are willing to sit down and help one soul, the women who are willing to help one soul are the ones that God can trust with the multitude. Peter and John were on their way to the Temple when they saw the beggar. They said, “Look on us, look on us.” The beggar looked on them and began to expect something. The world is looking to you -- it

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A *Witnessing* Church

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“Ye shall be witnesses unto me.” “They all began to speak.” Spontaneously, instinctively, the witnessing tongue began to vibrate. Never once did the fire-touched disciples think of sitting down and holding a silent meeting. Equally foreign to them was the idea of hiring someone to speak for them or to sing for them. Testimony is the invariable concomitant of life in a church. Only when the church has drifted from her great spiritual center and ignored and rejected the Holy Ghost has she lost her testimony. . .

The devil’s hottest persecution has always been directed against public witnessing. No one has ever suffered opposition for having piety in the heart merely; a few have encountered it for possessing godliness in the home; but the concentrated powers of earth and hell have ever been marshalled against public witnessing for Jesus. Rome’s energies were exhausted in an attempt to crash the testimonies of the early churches. Ten fierce persecutions followed one another in quick succession. To be a witness meant to die, so that the word for witness (martyr) came to mean one who died for “the testimony of Jesus.” But although hundreds of thousands spilled their blood yet the churches “multiplied and grew.” During the severe persecution of the early Quakers, when the adult members were imprisoned until there were none to keep up the public meetings,

and it seemed as if this public testimony must cease, the children of the Friends, ten, twelve, and thirteen years of age, met together and maintained the meetings while the fathers and mothers were in jail. Persecution, fierce and savage, greeted this youthful piety, but no power on earth or in hell could withstand their fire-filled witnessing. Red-hot rings were put on their tongues, and yet with indistinct, pitiful words they would still testify. On one occasion three Quaker ministers were to be burned at the stake. The

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persecutors so arranged that the second and third should witness the death of the first, while the third was to behold the torture of both first and second. The three men agreed among themselves that the one who was burned first should, if his faith failed

not, testify in the last moment of his consciousness by lifting up one hand, thus encouraging the other two. The first of the martyrs was led forth, tied to the stake, and enveloped by the rising flame. When he had burned almost to a crisp and they thought he would never move again, the sufferer lifted both hands over his head and clapped them three times. Though racks and dungeons and

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A People of Sacrifice and Conviction

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Our fathers were noted for their positive and definite convictions which were found upon the word of God. Things they believed unbecoming to Christians they would rather suffer martyrdom than indulge. The holiness movement is a product of much heroic sacrifice. The godly men and women who laid the foundation for this movement were true pioneers. They were impelled by a positive conviction that holiness was a gospel essential and counted no sacrifice too great in order to bring this 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 the people whom they came to evangelize. As a result of their sacrifice many have gone to untimely graves, others have become

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invalids, while others with more rugged bodies have been able to continue on in the good warfare. Nothing could stop them in their efforts to “spread holiness over these lands.” Such heroism commands our appreciation and demands that we follow in the steps of these who have given us the holiness movement. Our fathers were baptized with a heavenly flame. They lived in the fulfillment of the promise uttered by that great Baptist: “...he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.” There was fire in their preaching. There was fire in their praying. There was fire in their souls. There was a “magnificent obsession” about these men. They believed in a real God who had continued on page 12

A Witnessing Church continued from page 4 stakes are no longer in vogue, yet testimony is as much needed and as much hated as in the days of virulent, violent persecution. When spirituality runs low in the church, class-meetings, prayer-meetings, covenant-meetings, and testimony-meetings are sparsely attended, while in the same church throngs crowd to the fairs, the festivals, the bazaars, the bean suppers, the donkey parties, and the entertainments. Contrast with this condition of affairs a church “filled with the Spirit.” Witnessing meetings are large and the childish rattles which we have mentioned are no longer needed. When a man really receives the Holy Ghost, he wants to testify to what God has done for and in him. An impelling power constrains him to speak even in the gaunt face of grim death. If those who have died for Jesus’ sake had but held their peace there would

have been no martyrs. They were offered their lives if they would but keep still. No one told them not to “live it” but “teach no more in this name.” All the opposition which pitted itself against Jesus was due to His public preaching and work. If He had moved around quietly, if He had delivered lectures on the Talmud instead of preaching the “Sermon on the Mount,” if He had talked hazily of evolution instead of exhorting to holiness, the Jews would never have risen to put Him to death. “Live it, but keep still about it,” says the devil; but life is made up largely of what we say, and he who shuts out the Son of God from his speech debars Him from his heart. Let him refrain from a confession of the Holy Ghost, and he will not have power to live it anywhere. “Heart-faith” and “lip-confession” are twins, and must not, cannot, be separated. ❑



The Tongue of Fire

Adapted from
The Tongue of Fire
by William Arthur

It was needful that someone should stand up under the shadow of the temple and, braving chief priests and mobs alike, assert that He whom they had shamefully executed seven weeks ago was Israel's long-looked-for Messiah, that they had been guilty of a sin which had no name, had raised their hands against "God manifest in the flesh," and had, in words strange to human ears, "killed the Prince of life." Who was thus to confront the rage of the mob and the malice of the priests? We see a man rising, filled with a holy fire, so that he actually forgets his danger and seems not even conscious that he is doing a heroic act. He casts back upon the mockers their charge and proceeds to open and to press home his tremendous accusation, as if he were a king upon a throne,

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and each man before him a lonely and defenseless culprit. Who is this man? Have we not seen him before? Is it possible that it can be Peter? We know him of old; he has a good deal of zeal, but little steadiness; he means well, and, when matters are smooth, can serve well, but when difficulties and adversaries rise before him, his moral courage fails. How short a time is it ago since we saw him tried! He had been resolving that, come what might, he would stand by his Master to the last. Others might flinch; he would stand. Soon the Master was in the hands of enemies. Yet his case was by no means lost. The governor was on his side; many of the people were secretly for Him; nothing could be proved against Him; and, above all, He who had saved others could save Himself. Yet, as Peter saw scowling faces, his courage failed. A servant-maid looked into his eye, and his eye fell. She said she thought he belonged to Jesus of Nazareth. His heart sank, and

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expects something from you. They see you going to church and coming from church, but do you ever stop and speak to them? Many people are standing outside the Temple who will never get inside unless someone helps them. That beggar would never have got into the Temple if it had not been for Peter and John -- if they hadn't stopped to help him. I say to Christians, don't miss the personal effort. Speak to that boy; speak to that girl; speak to that man; speak to that woman. Concentrate on one soul. If you save one soul, you have done something to deck the brow of Emmanuel. When you have tested the luxury of saving one soul for Jesus Christ, you will never rest until you have saved another one, because there is nothing in the world like it. What do you know about personal work? The Lord is going to save the world through individual testimony. God expects me to serve the world just where I can reach it. He expects me to reach just as much as I can cover, and to evangelize that portion of the world with which I can come in contact. Personal work -- and I want to say to you that your work doesn't stop with the preaching of the gospel. What would you think of a doctor if he stood up and gave a lecture on health and then left all his patients? I know such a plan wouldn't do for me. I need somebody to come and get a hold of me and take up my own case. And men and women who are longing for the gospel will respond to the personal touch. He is going to save the world by the testimony of men and women who have been brought from darkness to light. I was traveling to a certain valley in Wales during the Welsh revival, and two preachers accompanied me part of the journey. When we parted, one of them said, "The Lord go with you,

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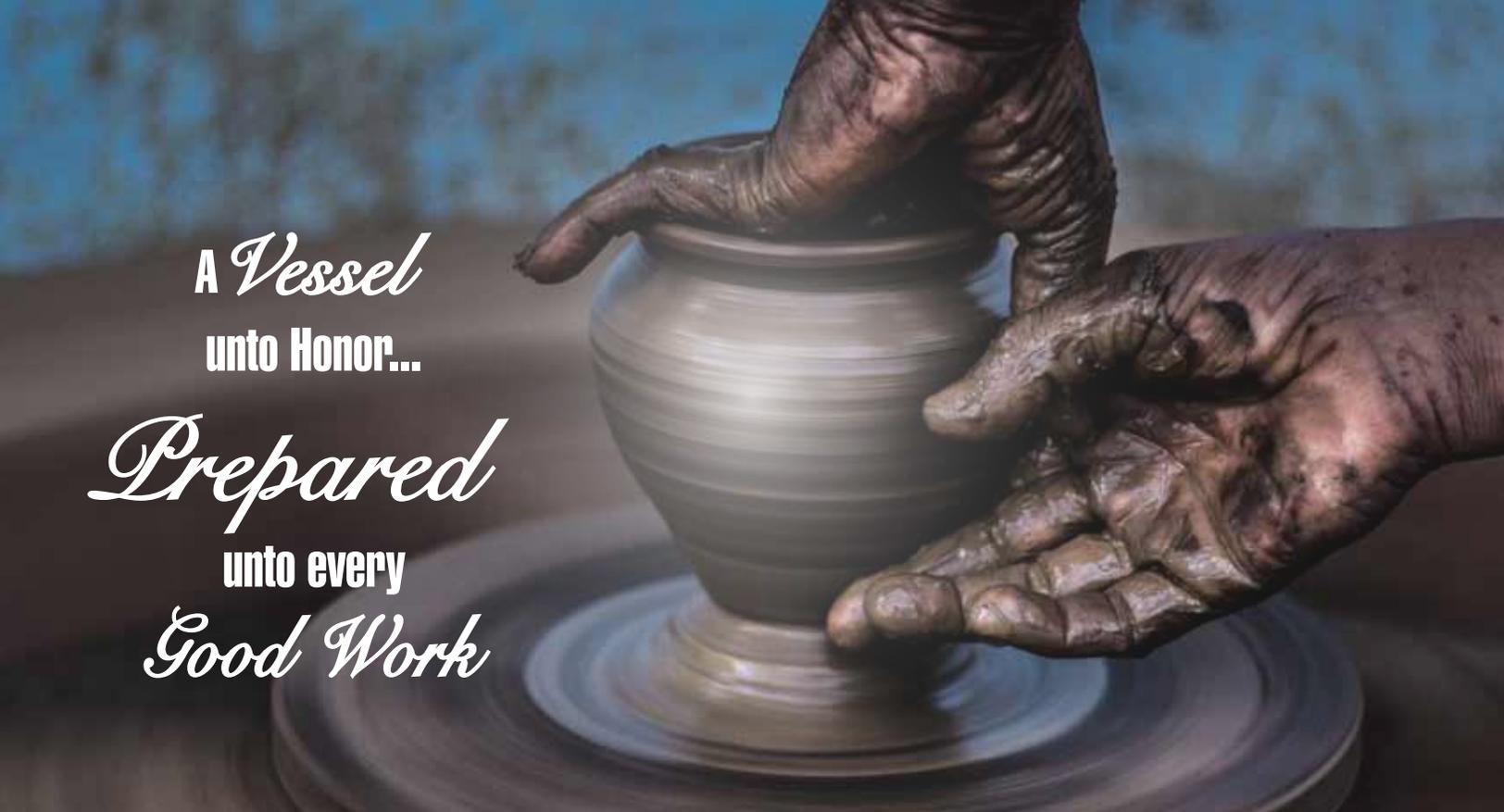
Brother Smith." And I replied, "If He doesn't, I will speak well of Him behind His back."

I remember the morning I was converted. My heart was bursting to tell what Jesus had done for me. It is no use to try to keep it in when you have found Christ. Tell the sun to stop shining; tell the mighty rivers to stop flowing; tell the wind to stop blowing; tell the birds to stop singing; tell the angels in high heaven to stop the shouting of Hallelujah. It is no good to tell Christians to be quiet. Well, they can't, that is all, and if you are quiet, it is because you are not a Christian. If you have anything to talk about it will come out. I knelt the night before in that little church alone, and nobody came to me, and nobody wanted me, and I heard

somebody say, "That is only a Gipsy boy, no use to be concerned about him." But I cried out, "Lord Jesus, nobody wants me, but I am hungry for Thee." And somehow or other, my boy's heart was strangely warmed and I went home to my father and said to him, "I am converted." The next morning I went out with my wares in my basket, and the very first customer I had, I began to preach to her. I couldn't keep it in. I had got Jesus, and I must tell of Him. Listen! If God is in you, and you know it, it will come out. The sun shines. The birds sing, and the joy of the Lord just bubbles over and flows out. You needn't worry about people who are properly converted. They will preach for Christ. If they didn't speak at all their lives would tell the story. They just shun evil and place their trust in Christ. He having the light, just shines out. It isn't big preaching that is going to save the world. It is personal work for Christ and a witness to His glory, of salvation full and free. ❏

he said "No." Then another looked in his face and repeated the same suspicion. Now, of course, he was more cowardly, and repeated his "No." A third looked upon him and insisted that he belonged to the accused Prophet. How his poor heart was all fluttering! And, to make it plain that he had nothing to do with Jesus of Nazareth, he began to curse and swear. Is it within the same breast, where this pale and tremulous heart quaked, that we see glowing a brave heart which dreads neither the power of the authorities nor the violence of the populace, which faces every prejudice and every vice of Jerusalem, every bitter Pharisee and every street brawler, as if they were no more than straying and troublesome sheep? Is the

Peter of Pilate's hall the Peter of Pentecost, with the same natural powers, the same force of character, the same training, and the same resolutions? If so, what a difference is made in a man by the one circumstance of being filled with the Holy Ghost! Oh, for high examples of God's moral "workmanship"! Oh, for men instinct with the Spirit, the countenance glowing as a transparency with a lamp behind it, the eye shining with a purer, truer light than any that genius or good-nature ever shed, limbs agile for any act of prayer, of praise, of zeal, for any errand of compassion, and a tongue of fire! Oh, for men on whom the silent verdict of the observer would be, "He is a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost"! ❏



A Vessel
unto Honor...

Prepared
unto every
Good Work

It is a sobering thought indeed to realize that the eternal destiny of souls rests upon how another soul responds to the drawing power of God. If an individual allows the Holy Spirit to create a spiritual hunger in their heart, and they allow that hunger to be the catalyst in bringing them into a larger place spiritually, the fruit of such a scenario may be far greater than we could possibly imagine. In the summer of 1975, Leonard Raub was sensing a restlessness in his own soul and a lack of clarity when it came to the Lord's direction in his life. He had grown up in the Lebanon God's Missionary Church, had professed salvation, and had traveled much in a quartet ministering in churches. At Penns Creek Camp that summer, he sought the Lord for a clean heart and was encouraged to "claim the blessing." Though he was truly sincere, a carnal outburst less than a week after camp ended nearly broke his spirit. Though he was tempted to throw in the towel, the Spirit of God gently reminded him of an aged saint who lived a sanctified life. He purposed in his heart that he would pray through to sanctification or die seeking. Bro Raub told his wife that he wasn't eating another bite of food till he knew God had sanctified him. He began to seek the Lord with an earnestness that had been absent in his previous Christian experience.

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his spare time, but the heavens seemed as brass. On the beginning of his fifth day without food, he was really beginning to feel weak in his body and desperate in his soul. As he tried to gather strength to get going in the morning, he cried out in his heart to the Lord for strength to not give up in his pursuit of a clean heart. The Lord graciously gave him a physical touch. His strength was great all that day, and the spirit of prayer was upon him. On the sixth day, while in earnest prayer, the thought came to his mind to just make sure everything was "clear" in his born again experience. Although a professing Christian for years, he felt he had nothing to lose. Brother Leonard left no stone unturned in his repentance that morning. The thought then came to his mind with much power, "There is therefore no now condemnation . . ." Looking back on this experience, he isn't willing to say that he had been unsaved up until that time, but what happened that morning left him in a state of sky blue justification.

After sensing this clearness in his soul, Bro. Raub looked up to heaven and said, "Thank you, Lord. But my goal is a clean heart." Immediately, he began a renewed pursuit of heart purity. By the end of that morning, Leonard Raub had received a mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit, and his heart beat with a newfound love for lost souls. A

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Chomping at the Bit continued from **page 2** would mock the ministry efforts of the mighty apostle, he had no reason to be ashamed of a message that brought such deliverance to souls who had walked in darkness. It was the power of God at work, and it was available to all. His head and his heart confirmed to Paul that this message was the answer to the problems of mankind.

In dealing with the ungodly culture of our day, we must make sure that both our head and heart are in agreement about what this Gospel can do. Many an earnest soul has found to their great sadness that though they believed fervently in the facts of the Gospel and had even experienced the blessing of salvation, they had a certain hesitancy about them in testifying for the Lord. A certain man-fearing spirit that hinders public witness has paralyzed many sincere souls in their attempted service for the Lord. Paul would remind his beloved “son” Timothy that “God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” The blessed

Holy Spirit is well able to “destroy the body of sin” and burn up the carnal traits that hinder us from serving and witnessing for our Lord. Many a great soul winner in the past has testified how the blessing of sanctification has freed their souls and their lips and enabled them to glorify Christ in even the most difficult and oppressive of environments. This blessing is not just for those who minister behind the sacred desk. It is for all who “hunger and thirst for righteousness” and long to be everything their Lord would have them to be. Christ needs witnesses in the home, factory, supermarket, and office who are not ashamed of Him and His Gospel. His promises will not fail. If we meet the conditions that Paul and countless others have met, we can have the same burden for souls and the same burning desire to share the Gospel. It matters not if we are young or old. Christ can do a work of transformation that will leave others amazed at His power and leave the recipient “chomping at the bit” to testify of this full salvation, even in places where Christ and His Gospel are needed the most. ■



A Vessel unto Honor... continued from **page 8** few days later, the Lord told him to witness to an eighty-year-old man across the street at a gas station. Obediently, he walked over and saw about twelve other people there. The Lord said, “Wait.” He did, and one by one, everyone but the “right one” left. That man heard the Gospel and was gloriously saved a few months later. The man who had previously been known for his singing was becoming well known for his evangelistic efforts. Wherever he went souls were told about Jesus and His great salvation. Many came to church and some even came to experience the transforming power of the Gospel. In 1977, Pastor Barry Arnold came to Lebanon, and the two men became united in their purpose to see souls won to the Master. The foundation of a great work began as Brother Arnold preached on outreach for seven years before the Lebanon church began their bus ministry. A visiting evangelist preached a powerful revival and emphasized “the harvest” and the need for laborers. Though Bro. Raub was somewhat nervous about a bus ministry turning the church worldly, the Lord assured his heart that “this thing was from Him.” A core group came together who longed to see Lebanon reached with the message of full salvation. The beginning of the bus ministry was humble, but the blessing of the Lord was evident right away. Decades later, the ministry of outreach is still going strong, and Bro. Raub is still knocking on

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doors and telling lost sheep about the Shepherd who longs to bring them into His fold.

Since that morning forty-five years ago, the blessing of the Lord has remained on our Brother’s life. There are folks in heaven today and on their way to heaven because Leonard Raub tarried until he was endued with power from on high. To those of us who do not attend church with him or see him on a regular basis, it is a joy to walk into the tabernacle during Penns Creek Camp in the early morning prayer time and hear his fervent and anointed supplications ascend to the throne of grace. The secret of the man is found in his tender relationship with his Heavenly Father. What was committed unto him, he kept and guarded jealously. His experience of sanctification was not just an emotional uplift that people in his church group “did.” It was born out of a hungry heart that longed to know God in an intimate way and to be filled with all the fullness of God. The outflow from his life that reaches out to souls in Lebanon and beyond flows from a heart that was sanctified many years ago and has been kept clean by the grace of God. Leonard Raub’s testimony should be a reminder to us all that a true experience of sanctification brings holiness and power to one’s life. Only heaven knows all the good that has and will still come through one man’s decision to seek God until the need of his heart had been met. ■



THE TWIN PROVINCES OF MORAL BACKBONE

By J. B. Chapman

We are all familiar with the use of the word backbone in describing strength of character. But backbone has two provinces: one is to make one reasonably rigid, and the other is to make him reasonably flexible. The backbone supports the human frame in an upright posture, but it also enables him to lean forward in going uphill, to lean backward in going downhill, and to bend to either the right or the left in the interest of safety or usefulness. Rigidity without flexibility is stubbornness, while flexibility without rigidity is compromise. Backbone enables one to stand firm in matters of clear conviction and yet to be tolerant in things that admit varied interpretation. Daniel “purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with a portion of the king’s meat,” and St. Paul exhorts Christians to “Let your moderation be known unto all men.” ❏

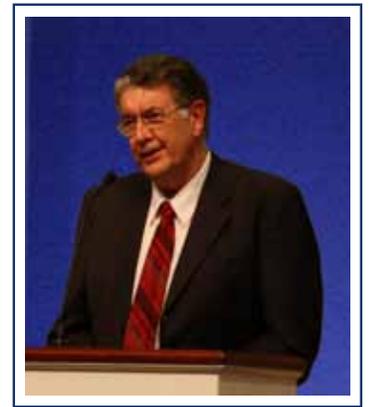


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The Pension Board wishes to thank the churches for increased participation. This has enabled the Pension Board to increase the payout to pensioners 6% without raising the assessment percentage. We express our appreciation to each pensioner for their years of dedicated service and thank each of you who are working together with us as part of the God’s Missionary family.

Thoughts FROM LEONARD RAUB

1. We must **pray earnestly for laborers**. The fields are white unto harvest.
2. We must **make sure all is clear** between us and God and between us and our fellow man.
3. We need to **tell Jesus all day long how much we love Him** and how much we want to serve and obey Him. This will enable the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts filled with a love for lost souls.
4. We need to **pray for the reality of an ever-burning hell** to be stamped strongly upon our minds and hearts. We must realize when we are talking to people that they will be cast into the lake of fire if they are not truly saved and washed in the blood of Jesus.
5. We should **strive to be a friend to all**. In our conversations, we should find a “connecting point” and turn the talk to the things of God.
6. For any victories we win and for any souls rescued, **God alone gets the glory**.
7. We need to **constantly acknowledge our weakness** and lean hard upon the Lord.
8. **To win a soul and see them established is the greatest feeling in the world**. Once you have some success in this area, all other pursuits and interests will fade in comparison.
9. Folks can talk about hunting, sports, shopping, etc., and their hearts are totally into the subject. **If we love Jesus and souls, it will come flowing out of our mouths** and our lives will show it. ❏



Oct. 21: Penns Creek, Home Mission & General Board meetings today. We appreciate the collective wisdom and zeal for God's work.

Oct. 22- 24: Administrative work, sermon prep, travel notes, and I preached at our Blue Knob Church.

Oct. 25: Beavertown. We attended the beautiful wedding of Jason and Susannah Blowers.

Oct. 26-28: Wauneta, NE, to honor Rev. Gary & Becky Hunt for 20 faithful years of service to the church. The church family did a wonderful job showing their love and appreciation.

Oct. 29: Bluffton, IN. Viewing for Dana Roberts, father to Lynnette Walter.

Oct. 30: Danville. I went to Geisinger hospital to visit Rev. Bill Herrick who had a serious fall. We thank the Lord that he is still with us.

Oct. 31- Nov. 02: Administrative work, sermon prep, travel notes. It was also good to see all my children and grandchildren during this time frame.

Nov. 03: Hanover Church to preach.

New Columbia. We appreciated the good attendance and testimonies.

Nov. 04: Administrative work

Nov. 05: I was blessed to shoot a nice 8-point buck.

Nov. 06: Lewisburg hospital to visit and pray for Rev. Mike Fritz who was having kidney stone surgery. I teased him that he helped me get my buck. I was planning to hunt Wednesday morning but moved it up one day so I could come visit him.

Forest Hill E.M.C. revival meeting with Bro. Chester Handfield. He preached a solid message on holiness. Lev. 11:44, "A door was opened that we can be holy. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have made this possible."

Nov. 7-8: Traverse City, MI, for the funeral of Mr. Richard Graf, father of Sis. Becky Hunt and Sis. Pam Dorman. Let's continue to remember them in our prayers.

Nov. 10: Beavertown. I was privileged to perform the baby dedication of Maravella Nissley who was recently adopted. We appreciate all the family and friends who came to support Roseanna.

We attended the funeral service of Sis. Erma Mowery. She along with her husband had served on the mission field for many years. She truly lived a good life for the glory of God!

Nov. 11: Sermon preparation. I will preach three times this week, and I am preparing a new message for the Gospel Center.

Nov. 12: Penns Creek. I raked leaves at the Headquarters building.

Nov. 13: Leighton. Rev. Brian Black preached to 26 of us from Romans 8:2 and reminded us that we can be free. "Christ has the power to break the power of sin."

Nov. 14: It was my wife's birthday, so we went out to eat for breakfast. Our daughter had us over for a special lunch meal of curry chicken and birthday cake. I then went to visit my mom in the nursing home. I finished the day off by visiting and playing games with my dad and some of our friends.

Nov. 15: Administrative work and sermon preparation.

Nov. 16: Lebanon Gospel Center. They fed over 60 people a wonderful hot meal on an exceptionally cold night. I was honored to preach to them. We thank God for this Saturday night ministry. If you're interested in helping sometime, give them a call.

Nov. 17: Blue Knob. I spoke in the morning on "A Look from Heaven." We all need to keep looking at things from Heaven's angle.

Nov. 18: Duncannon, World Mission Board meeting. Bro. Paulus just came back from Spain. We appreciate how God opened a new door of ministry through this trip.

Nov. 19: Middleburg. It was nice to visit and talk about God's work with Rev. Brent Lenhart, Conference President of E.M.C. Hanover. I met with the local church board.

Nov. 22-23: Administrative work, travel notes, and sermon preparation.

Nov. 24: Blue Knob. We appreciate the congregation and the blessing they have been to missions and our conference down through the years.

Nov. 25-27: Administrative work. I also raked leaves and mowed Headquarters building for the last time this year. I went over to sign some diplomas at PVBI. Afterwards, I went up and watched the 7-8 PE class. It was great talking to the young people for about an hour. Then I went back over and played basketball with some college and staff.

Nov. 28-30: Thanksgiving with family and friends. My brother Don and sister Teresa also came in and stayed Fri. & Sat., so we spent extra time with them during this time.

Dec. 02-06: Administrative work, sermon prep, PVBI Christmas Banquet.

Dec. 08: Hanover. I preached, then held a pastoral election. Congratulations to Rev. James Winter who was voted in as the new pastor.

Dec. 09: Penns Creek, H.M. Banquet. Thank you to the Fuller family for the great setup and program.

Dec. 10: Lewisburg. The Knapps treated us to a meal and the Charles Dickens "Christmas Presentation" at Country Cupboard. Their presence and the presentation were both excellent.

Dec. 11-13: Administrative work, Florida pre-service scheduling, met with a pastor.

Dec. 14: Penn View business banquet and Christmas concert. Thank you PVBI for another outstanding program.

Dec. 15: Sunbury. My wife and I were invited to see my grandchildren participate in the program. One was Mary, another an angel, and they all did a great job. It was a special day because a friend of ours came at my invitation. Karen has called me pastor for over 25 years, and she never came till Sunday. Her grandchildren were also in the program. Praise God for Christmas programs!

Beavertown Christmas program, "A Baby Changes Everything." What a great truth! Jesus can change our lives.

Dec. 16: Penns Creek, strategic planning. Special thanks to Mr. Dale Hartle and the subcommittee for your time and input.

Dec. 17-21: Administrative work, Florida pre-service scheduling, Travel Notes, article for website sermon prep.

Dec. 22: Rebersburg, Christmas program. The Craig Bradford family did a wonderful job! They ministered to us through handbells, singing, and instrumental music.

Dec. 23: Clearfield, for the funeral of Donald Blowers, who was the father of one of our minister's wives, Sis. Anita Morley. Please pray for her; she also lost her mother 5 months ago.

Dec. 25: Happy Birthday Jesus! "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Dec 26-27: Administrative work and sermon prep.

Dec. 28-29: Delmar. It was a joy to get to know the Rev. Jeb Stigell family better. God is using them at church. We thank God for their strong desire to see souls saved and established.

Dec. 30- Jan 04: Administrative work, Florida District Camp, travel notes, sermon and board preparations, extra Bible reading.

Jan. 05: Alexandria. The testimonies were refreshing. We rejoice in the new convert who is coming to all the services. We're excited about the future all-purpose building. Thank you, pastor and people, for a job well done. 🙏



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A People of Sacrifice... continued from page 5 given them a real gospel to proclaim. They believed in experiential religion. Their meetings were alive. The Spirit of God within them gave them boldness. They were men of conviction. They preached holiness. It was a fire burning within their very bones. To them it was holiness or hell, as we heard them emphatically state over and over again. Scarcely an opportunity was allowed to pass without getting in a good stroke for that doctrine which was dear to their hearts. "Holiness unto the Lord" seemed to be their watchword and song. There was no mistaking as to their meaning to this matter. They preached it until all understood clearly the meaning of their message. Much persecution came because of their definite stand for a holy heart and life. They were happy to bear the reproach, which as far as we can discover has always gone along with full-salvation preaching. Satan doesn't like holiness. Back there they did not generalize, so that the hearers were made to wonder just what they were driving at. Our people, both young and old, understood that to make heaven meant to be saved, sanctified, and walking in the light that was given. Perhaps it would be well to ask ourselves the question, particularly our ministry, "Are we preaching holiness so that our people clearly understand that holiness is the main line to heaven?" Their major purpose was to rediscover that apostolic power and blessing which had been so long absent from the ranks of God's people. The message of the new birth, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, divine healing, and the second coming of Christ were so emphasized that these truths were made to live again as in the days of the Early Church. Prayer became a divine obsession, a desire to see sinners saved became a passion, the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a

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holy flame, and the hope of the soon return of Jesus became real in the heart of every Christian. All of these things gave purpose for holy living. These pioneers had no place or time for the things of the world. The hardships and privations incurred in living this kind of life were incidental rather than important. The thought of winning was more important than the reward which we were to receive at the end of the race. The thought of conquering in battle was more important than the spoils of war. ▣

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