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POINTS OF INTEREST

CHRISTIAN GROWTH CONFERENCE

"REDEEM THE TIME"

Christian Growth Conference and workshop . . . "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:15 - 17). October 31 - November 7, 1971, at the Sheraton Beach Hotel, 19400 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. Ministering will be Derek Prince, E. Judson Cornwall, Arthur Wallis and others. A concentrated training course for those wishing to go on with our Lord. There is a registration fee of \$15.00 per person payable in advance to the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

October 24 - 30, 1971

Holy Spirit Seminar, Ramada Inn, on the lake in downtown West Palm Beach, Florida. Ministering will be Father Duane Stenzel and Dave Fisher. October 24 - 30, 1971 for people of all denominations who are interested in being used of the Lord. For information call Lee Graham in West Palm Beach (305) 965-3575. This meeting is sponsored by the Body of Christ in West Palm Beach.

Here's a good question . . .

"If God is a God of love, how come he allows deformed babies to be created - natural disasters to wipe out thousands of lives - and Christians to experience great personal tragedies?

A comment added to the question is illuminating - "If a God of love allows things like that, then I can't swallow such a God."

In the first place, refusing to "swallow such a God" does not solve the problem - the tragedy and suffering remain.

You don't get rid of suffering by rejecting God.

All you have left is suffering without a God of love.

Life certainly doesn't make sense of that basis.

Secondly, the comment indicates that the man is accepting God on his own conditions rather than God's.

In effect he is saying - you be my kind of God or I'll have nothing to do with you . . . run things my way or I reject you.

The Bible teaches that this is the very essence of sin - man's rebellion against God - man's declaration of independence from God.

Do it my way God . . . or else . . .

That's ridiculous!

Thirdly, difficulty is the raw material of which manhood is developed. As rivers grow crooked by taking the line of least resistance - men grow weak dodging difficulties.

As muscle grows with exercise - character grows with trouble.

Even the Son of Man "learned obedience through the things which he suffered."

Finally, "God works in everything for good to them that love him, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28.

Editor's Comments . . .

Have you considered attending the "Fall Christian Growth Conference," October 31 — November 7, 1971? If not, let us take this opportunity to encourage you to do so.

The purpose of this conference is to instruct men and women in the Word and encourage them to minister that which they have learned. Derek Prince, E. Judson Cornwall and Arthur Wallis, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, will bring to you a conference that you will long remember.

In these last days God is calling His people to live a separated life. We feel the urgency to teach this message to the Body of Christ because time is so short! We need to be conformed to the image of Christ; to live a pure life before God and man. The Conference Chairman has chosen as the theme of this conference, "Redeem the time." "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15 — 17.

The Sheraton Beach Hotel has made available to us their 21 acre facility at very reasonable rates. The Convention Hall, in which all the activities will take place, is a 1600 seat auditorium separate from the hotel building. There are two restaurants within the complex of the hotel and there are other inexpensive eating places within walking distance.

We have designed the program with free time each afternoon for ministry, prayer, counseling or just relaxing by the pool or on the beach.

There is a registration fee of \$15.00 per person payable to the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission. Hotel reservations should be made directly to the hotel by mailing to them the form found on page 26 along with a deposit (which is equivalent to the first night's revenue).

Don't miss this opportunity! We are looking forward to seeing you at the "Fall Christian Growth Conference."

As a special note of interest, The Mission's Book Room has been renamed The River of Life Book Room. When ordering books, however, checks should be made out to the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission and correspondence should be addressed to the River of Life Book Room, Holy Spirit Teaching Mission, 2310 S.W. 40th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314.

For I do not forget thy law.

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By Mrs. Al Fabrizio



Not long ago our three and one half year old son prayed, "Lord, help me to look at your eyes and do what you say." I thought how beautifully he expressed Psalm 32:8 and 9, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go: I will guide you with my eye. Be not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." This is the kind of response I desire from my own life toward God . . . not as the mule with no understanding, needing to be jerked about from one direction to another; but a heart submission that has **already** decided to obey and merely waits to be guided with His eye. I pray for this quality of obedience for myself and also for my children.

Any victory which God has given in my experience has come as I have been brought to the

end of myself in failure and defeat. And then He has taken over and done the work in me. There is no other area in my life where I am more completely cast in dependence on the Lord than with my children.

TRAINING IS MORE THAN TEACHING

In Proverbs 22:6, God promises, "Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old he will not depart from it." There is a difference between **training** and **teaching**. Many of us are **teaching** our children the way they should go, but are neglecting to **train** them in the way they should go. A child can be trained to respond to his parents in willing obedience and trust.

The dictionary gives the meaning of the

Plead my cause, and deliver me:

word train, “. . . to mold the character, instruct by exercise, drill, to make obedient to orders, to put or point in an exact direction, to prepare for a contest.” This is what God wants us to do with our children.

ALL PARENTS TRAIN THEIR CHILDREN

All of us are training our children in some way . . . either consciously or unconsciously. When we have asked our child to do something, we are training him to wait until we have told him twice before he obeys . . . or we are training him to wait until we have raised our voice before he obeys . . . or we are training him to wait until we have threatened him before he obeys. We can train him to obey immediately when we have said it once in a normal conversational tone. The key is **training**.

The child who is only **taught** “the way he should go” can hear other **teaching** and depart. But the promise to the parent who trains his child is, “WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.”

Here are two examples in Scripture; one in which the child was **trained** the way he ought to go and the other example, two brothers who were **taught** the way they ought to go, but not **trained**.

In I Samuel 1:11, Hannah asked the Lord for a son. She prayed, “Give me a son, Lord, and I will give him back to you.” She did not say, “Lord, if You give me a son I will do my best to teach him to serve you and **if he is willing and won’t object**, I will take him up to the temple to serve You.” No, she never doubted that Samuel would do anything else but what she chose for him. I Samuel 1:27 says, “For this child I prayed: And the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; As long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshiped the Lord there.” Samuel did go to the temple and was a willing servant to Eli, the priest. That Samuel had been trained to obey is evident in I Samuel 3 when, as a young boy, three times he gets out of bed to **run** to Eli and ask him what he wants. And he served God as long as he lived.

In contrast we have the two sons of Eli, the priest, in I Samuel 2:12, “Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial: They knew not the Lord.” The Scripture goes on to tell how Eli’s sons were disobedient and immoral. Eli knew what his sons were doing and he no doubt **taught** them what was

right. In I Samuel 2:23 and 24, Eli scolds his boys, “And he (Eli) said to them, why do you do such things: For I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. No, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: You make the Lord’s people to transgress.” But scolding isn’t training.

Eli neglected to **train** his sons, “. . . but they hearkened not to the voice of their father.” And the Lord cut off the generations of Eli from being priests. I Samuel 3:13 says, “For I have told them that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.” He “honored his sons above the Lord.” I Samuel 2:29.

Eli loved the Lord, he was sincere, he performed his office of priest well, but he did not **train** his sons to obey.

HOW? THE STRUGGLE WITH MYSELF TO DO IT GOD’S WAY!

But **how** can we train? How can we train our children to obey us? God has given us the answer in His Word.

Proverbs 22:15 says, “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.”

Just a minute now, Lord, You surely don’t mean I am to use a rod, a stick, on my child. (My first thought is, “What am I to be, a policeman with a stick to keep him in line? I love him too much to want to hurt him). “He that spares his rod hates his son; but he that loves him is diligent to discipline him.” Proverbs 13:24.

Then I argue, “But there are other ways of discipline. Words can be rods . . . the scolding, a rebuke.” “Withhold not correction from the child; for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die. You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell.” Proverbs 23:13 and 14.

“But I want to let him grow up free, without inhibitions.” The rod and reproof give wisdom: But a child left to himself brings his mother shame.” Proverbs 29:15.

But I am tempted to say, “Surely these little disobediences are not serious enough yet. He is too young. I will wait until he is older and I can reason with him and he can understand more.” “Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not your soul spare for his crying.” Proverbs 19:18.

“But I am afraid if I discipline him he will

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only rebel more.” “Correct your son, and he shall give you rest; Yes, he shall give delight unto your soul.” Proverbs 29:17.

I have had to ask myself, “Do I believe the Lord means what He says in these verses? That if I love my children and want to obey God concerning them I must take a stick (the Hebrew word for “rod” in scripture means, ‘a stick, twig or branch from a tree’) and physically strike them when they disobey?” I do believe He means just that. I also believe that if I, by faith, obey his Word, He will fulfill each promise He has given concerning child training.

My obedience to God to **train** my child requires that **every** time I ask him to do something, either “come here,” “don’t touch,” “hush,” “put that down,” or whatever it is, I must see that he obeys. When I have said it once in a normal tone, if he does not obey immediately, I must take up the switch and spank him (love demands this) enough to hurt so he will not want it repeated.

LOVE WILL PAY THE PRICE

A selfish love wants an easier way. I can feel a selfish sentiment toward my child and spare **myself** the pain of seeing him endure suffering and disappointment and then send him out into a world unprepared for the natural suffering life will exact from him. But a self-giving love realizes that obedience must come as cost and pain. God demonstrates His special love to His sons when He trains through suffering. “For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons.” Hebrews 12:6 and 7. He puts it even more strongly in this portion by saying that if God does not chasten us then we are “bastards and not sons.”

The pain that the rod inflicts on the body delivers from the pain the character suffers later in life from a selfish will. “Blows that would cleanse away evil: Strokes make clean the innermost parts.” Proverbs 20:30.

“I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.” Psalm 119:75.

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.” Psalm 119:71.

“Before I was afflicted I went astray but

now I keep your word.” Psalm 119:67.

The child who is never trained to discipline himself and bring his will into submission to another, will necessarily require chastening as he grows older if he is ever to mature in Christ. God in His grace will chasten that child but after years of self-will and self-indulgence . . . will not the suffering be greater? “It is good for a man that he bear his yoke in his youth.” Lamentations 3:27.

To use the rod on my child is unpleasant, but immediately after the correcting I can take the child on my lap to comfort and kiss him and tell him I love him but that he **must** obey. The Lord does this to us, doesn’t He? Who of us has not been chastened severely by Him and then known His sweet comfort as He tells us, “I am doing this because I love you.” “Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up.” Hosea 6:1.

A ROD OF LOVE DELIVERS FROM HOSTILITY

This is the blessing of the rod. Once it is used, once we have chastened, we can completely forget the incident and fellowship is restored between parent and child. Whereas when we are continually nagging and scolding, it becomes necessary to maintain a hostility to the child because he has not been corrected.

When the rod is used consistently for the slightest disobedience, it is never associated with anger, displeasure or rejection, because the parent is never **driven** to that point. No matter the nature or the circumstance of the offense, the correction is always the same because the wrongdoing is always one of disobedience. This is the rod of **correction** which brings **hope** rather than a rod of vengeance and judgment.

The children soon understand that the rod is saturated with our love and they receive it as a rod of **training**, not a rod of **punishment**. I’ll illustrate this with a very typical incident. As I was busy getting breakfast one morning I asked our daughter to put on her shoes and socks. I am sure she intended to obey me but she got busy playing and forgot. So I told her to go in and lay across the footstool because she did not obey me and I must spank her. I was busy in the kitchen and did not go in immediately. When I did, there she was laying on her tummy across the footstool, waiting for her spanking, singing and swinging her feet. You would have thought she was waiting for a treat. She

completely accepted the switch as the inevitable result of disobedience. Each one of our children sweetly receives the switch because they realize it is to train them because we love them. And afterward, Oh how free we are to show them our affection!

IS EVERY CHILD DIFFERENT?

A comment I hear so often is, "But every child is different and should be dealt with differently." I agree, every child is different. We have as much variety of personality and temperament in our four children as any you will find. But they all have one thing in common . . . they were all born with Adam's nature. And each one has required the rod to bring him to a place of submission. Nowhere in Scripture does the Lord qualify His command.

Let me share two personal illustrations of this:

Our youngest boy has a class "A" temper. It revealed itself long before he could talk. As a toddler when we crossed his will by saying "No" to him, he would not directly disobey. Instead, he would throw himself down on the floor and kick and scream. At first I would go over, pick him up and say, "No, no," and set him on my lap to make him hush. However, I realized that, though I relieved the situation for the time, I was not training him to discipline himself.

The next time he was disappointed by a "no" and he threw himself down and screamed, right in the middle of his tantrum I switched him on the legs. Then I went to a chair, told him to get up and come over to me, sat him on my lap, made him hush and loved and comforted him. He came to the place when his will was crossed, where he would throw himself down, begin to scream and right in the middle of it catch himself. By the time I got to him with the switch he was up, walking around, busying himself as though everything was jolly. Of course, he still got the switch because he had to learn to accept my will immediately. This is what he has learned to do, overcoming his tantrums.

Will this training break his spirit? No. Only his self-will, that will which is wholly centered in self. This is the part that requires **faith**. I believe that as I obey the Lord in this, He will teach our son to discipline himself, to subject his will to loving authority and to still develop his personality in the fullest. In fact, it is the disciplined spirit that

is free to blossom to its fullest because it is not **thrown by circumstances**. It is the pruned vine that flourishes and bears fruit.

In contrast our older boy is unusually sensitive and emotional. He has been this way since he was an infant. He would burst into tears at the slightest provocation. The tears came at any new situation, happy or sad. When he was very young he would often burst into tears when we would ask him to do something he did not want to do. We would withhold correction, excusing him on the basis of his sensitivity.

Things got worse instead of better because he would escape into his tears when he did not want to obey. He was showing more insecurity all the time. I don't believe he did this consciously but we, in a sense, were **training** him to give in to his emotions. We reasoned, if we use the rod on him it would only deepen the problem.

The Lord began to convict us about the fact that we were not being obedient to His Word and trusting Him for the result. Finally one night during devotions, Daddy asked him to do something he did not want to do with the usual result . . . tears. We tried to comfort and coax him, but it only brought on more tears. So that night he went to bed without being brought to the place of obedience.

As we both sat there and talked about it our conviction grew that we were the ones who were not obedient and that we had to begin to obey immediately for our son's sake. So Daddy went in and got him up. He sat him on his lap and told him that we didn't have peace about what happened. We confessed to our son that we had not been obedient to the Lord who wanted us to be sure that our son obeyed us. Daddy told him that he would have to spank him. So he spanked him, comforted him, had him do the thing he had been asked to do in the first place and put him back to bed. We know our son went to sleep that night more secure in Daddy's love.

This was a real turning point for both our son and us. After that the Lord gave us the grace to "Let not our soul spare for his crying" and to use the rod whenever we were not obeyed. He became much more secure and settled and began to learn to discipline his emotions. His temperament is the same and he is just as sensitive as ever, but he is learning that issues are more important than his emotions. Before, he evaluated everything by his feelings. Sensitivity with good judgment is a good

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My Full Inheritance as a Woman

By Shade Driscoll

Two years ago the Lord pointed out to me that it was He who created us male and female, and that He was very jealous over the differences even to the point of Deuteronomy 22:5. **"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."** He showed me that to rebel against the role that one has been given in creation is to rebel against Him.

This all began when one day I went to my promise box above the sink and drew the card, "... male and female created he them." Genesis 1:27. It was then that the Holy Spirit started speaking to me about the differences of male and female and what womanhood really means. He began this marvelous process in my life of restoring to me my full inheritance as a woman, something which my Father's enemy and my enemy had begun cheating me of from the time I was a little girl.

All through the years I never knew I had a need in this area of my life; my Father waited until He had prepared me in faith and nourished me in His love before He revealed my need. How precious He is to reveal to us about ourselves only as much as we can take at a time, and He never reveals anything without His love and power being right there to correct it. The devil condemns and seeks to deceive us saying there is no hope for change in our lives, but our Father always gives a heaping

tablespoon of faith and hope with his medicine of correction!

This process of restoration of my womanhood didn't happen all at once, it has gone on through the days, weeks and years, and oh how I can thank Him now with all my heart that He created me a woman.

There was a time when I could never have said that. I rebelled against my creation as a girl, and when I was growing up I wanted very much to be a boy. I tried to do and did do some of the things that boys do. I really thought that women had been given the rougher deal of life, but my Jesus has shown me quite differently. He has shown me that we as women have a very special place in creation and in our Father's heart. I feel that we are the most blessed of all his creatures.

First of all He gave us the highest honor possible when He chose to bring forth His Son into the world from the seed of a woman. Mary said, "... For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name." Luke 1:48, 49.

Secondly, we have the honor of being the only creatures that were created because our Father saw a specific need, and thus He "custom made" us to fulfill that need, that Adam might not be alone. **"And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an**

help meet for him an helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." Genesis 2:21, 22.

Man did not come to God and say, "I am lonely," and ask for a woman. God saw the need; He said, "It is not good that the man be alone." Marriage was God's idea not man's. In His sovereign love God chose to take something out of and away from man, his rib, to make woman in order that she would be to man more than just a helper or a companion for his loneliness, that she might be his fulfillment, that he might discover his completion in her, finding in her that which was missing from himself. Thus, Adam could say, ". . . This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:23.

We see from this that the physical union between husband and wife becomes a sacrament which opens the door to a oneness that only God can comprehend but in His love has given His children the privilege to enjoy. God could then say through His Word, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31. By this statement God puts a priority on the oneness of the marriage union above and beyond the bond of and loyalty to parenthood.

One of God's first blessings was upon the marriage union. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful and multiply . . ." Genesis 1:28. Marriage was and is God's idea, and He saw that it was very good. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good." Genesis 1:31. It was ordained by our Father, it is our inheritance so let us receive it with joy and enter into it with thanksgiving, most especially its physical union that our joy might be full.

God could have taken another handful of dust and formed Eve as he had Adam and breathed into her the breath of life, but He chose to take the provision for her physical being from Adam's side. Eve not only received the material for her body from Adam, but God's breath of life also came through him. Thus, we as women find in our husbands that from which we came as the Church, the Lord's Body, finds in Him that from which it

came. When they pierced our Lord's side at Calvary both blood and water came forth (John 19:34), the very provisions for the making of His Body, the Church. He gave his life in the blood that our new life in Him might come forth, and He gave water to signify His washing and cleansing of us. ". . . as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word . . ." Ephesians 5:25, 26. Therefore, the writer of Ephesians could also say, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Ephesians 5:30. When Jesus breathed upon the disciples in the upper room He gave them the breath of new life, the breath of the Holy Spirit, the breath of the second birth.

We as wives yearn to find in our husbands protection and nourishment just as a child seeks to find from its mother, from whom it came, protection and nourishment. Man was created to love woman in this way. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body, (the protector of the body)." Ephesians 5:23. "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife, loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth it and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church." Ephesians 5:28, 29.

We as wives must let our husbands protect us, nourish us, and cherish us that they might realize their full inheritance in their love and headship. Many husbands do not know how to protect, nourish and cherish their wives because their lives have been twisted through experiencing in their own childhood passive fathers and domineering mothers; they have not seen an example of God's beautiful pattern of headship. Because of this many seek for "another mother" in their own wives, wanting more to receive protection, nourishment and comfort than to give it.

Only Christ can mend these lives because He is their head. We cannot do it as wives nor should we try, but we can honor our Father's Word by functioning in our proper role, not seeking to build ourselves up by grasping authority or acting superior in any way even though outwardly we may be superior, but taking the inward attitude of ourselves as "helper." In this way we will not be robbing them of their headship even though outwardly it may be necessary for us to make

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decisions, discipline children and do other things that would normally be their responsibility when they are present in the home. As we do these things as helpers, we will be believing God to mend the lives of our husbands and restore them to their full inheritance of headship.

Remember Christ is their head whether they are Christians or not because the Word says it. **"But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."** I Corinthians 11:3. Christ as their head can get through to them in a way that we cannot and should not try. When we as women honor God's Word concerning our role as wives, God will honor us and perform that which He has promised by transforming the lives of our husbands.

A man's work is between him and his Lord, it's cut out for him by his Maker, not by his wife. God took Adam and put him in the garden to dress and keep it before Eve was even made. We as wives would do well to stay out of any persuasions or decisions that have to do with our husbands vocation, it's his calling from the Lord, and our place is one of quiet faith having confidence that God is in control and will lead him.

Finally, we are most blessed as women because we've been given a very special privilege from our Father in the way he created us to love. More than any other creature in his creation He had equipped us to love through adoration, reverence and submission. **". . . That is, you are to feel for him all that reverence includes — to respect, defer to, revere him; revere means to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and in the human sense adore him; and adore means to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love and enjoy your husband."** I Peter 3:2 (Amp).

Thus woman has been given the same role both on earth and in heaven and that is to love through adoration, reverence and submission. Earth becomes our blessed school room to prepare us for our glorious marriage in Heaven to our King of kings and Lord of lords. Submission becomes love's highest privilege and joy, and the avenue through which we receive our perfect man's love (Jesus) as well as the protection and nourishment which we also need from our earthly king (our husband).

As long as we consciously or unconsciously remain independent, aloof and self sufficient neither our Lord nor our husbands can get through

with the love that's our inheritance. Their headship as well as their physical body is our glory. Let's enjoy our glory and enter into our inheritance.

"For a man ought not to wear anything on his head in church for he is the image and reflected glory of God, that is, his function of government reflects the majesty of the divine Rule; but woman is the expression of man's glory, majesty, pre-eminence. For man was not created from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created on account of and for the benefit of man. Therefore, she should be subject to his authority and should have a covering on her head as a token, a symbol, of her submission to authority . . . Does not experience, common sense, reason and the native sense of propriety itself teach you that for a man to wear long hair is a dishonor, humiliating and degrading to him. But if a woman has long hair, it is her ornament and glory: For her hair is given to her for a covering." I Corinthians 11:7–10, 14 and 15 (Amp).

And now we come to a tender spot which must be dealt with and that is how do we as wives handle the hurt when we have given our husbands our heart and they have rejected it either by their words, their attitude, or their physical turning away.

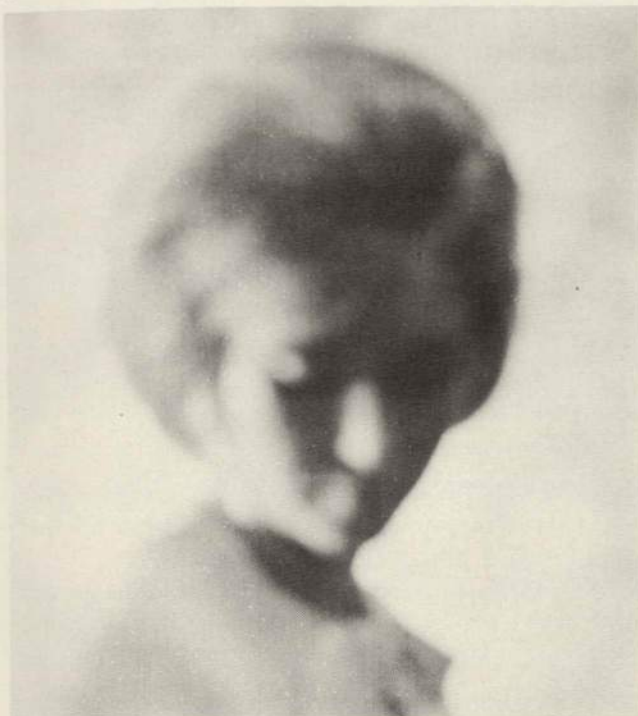
First of all let's realize that one of their biggest temptations is to be bitter against us. Paul warns them of this in Colossians 3:19, **"Husbands, love your wives, be affectionate and sympathetic with them and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them."** (Amp).

I feel this temptation is a carry-over from Adam's bitterness when he realized he lost his dominion over the earth that God had given him because he hearkened unto the voice of his wife instead of the voice of his head, his Lord. He lost all because of a woman, and then reminded God that it was He who had given the woman to him.

When husbands idolize their wives, they are on dangerous ground as it becomes more difficult for them to listen to their instructions from the Lord. Men were not created to idolize us but to protect and cherish us; there is a difference, and we shouldn't expect to be their idols.

Secondly, let us realize that we've been made more vulnerable to hurt than they. We're the bare rib without a covering, our heart is laid bare. They may be incomplete without their rib, they are not laid bare. Because of the curse (Genesis 3:16) our sorrows were increased, we become more sensitive to the "pains of life" as well as the pains

of childbirth. Down through the years women have not only borne the brunt of the pains of family life with its trials and sufferings and this has been to our good for it has driven us to our Lord. God is a good God, and His nature is love. He cannot go against His nature and even His curse was for our good.



If you are having a more than normal problem as a wife submitting to and reverencing your husband with freedom and love, ask the Holy Spirit to go back into your life and reveal how relationships may have been twisted in childhood in relationship to men, especially with our earthly fathers. Many times because of past experiences women question the basic integrity of men and thus find themselves not living in an attitude of trust and respect for their husbands. They may fear their husbands or have a more than normal fear of being rejected by them as a carry-over from their early life.

The Lord wants so much to heal our memories. He is not limited by space or time and nothing is ever lost to God. We often think that our past is gone forever and untouchable; but God is the Master of all times. He created time and He is eternal. Outside of time He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He can go back to the very day, hour and place of any happening in our life by way of the Holy Spirit within us and do the work of redemption and healing in whatever situation or relationship we may have experienced.

This work of the Spirit cannot be explained with nor duplicated through man's words; it's an "inside job," but when it's done and you find yourself on "shouting grounds!"

Jesus Christ was and is a perfect Man, and He will fill all the gaps in your life where other men may have failed, even giving you the protection, nourishment and cherishment you yearn for and need from your husband but for various reasons may not be receiving. Read Song of Solomon and see how much your Lord loves you.

You won't be able to receive this protection, nourishment and cherishment from Jesus though, if you are under your own covering instead of His. To protect ourselves we are masters at putting up "clam shells." It's true these shells keep others and their hurts out including our dearest and closest, but they also keep Jesus from coming through with His love which we so desperately need. Let Jesus cover you with Himself. Our shells are awfully hard and not only do they keep us from receiving and giving love but they chafe us as they are next to the tenderness of our souls.

Jesus' covering is soft, you can rest in it, and nothing can by any means hurt you, because you've allowed the Second Person of the Godhead, the very Son of God with his magnificent love and tenderness as well as His power to come between you and everything else. When this happens we don't have to fear anymore our husbands hurting us, misunderstanding us, or not coming up to our dreams. We're then ready to love them both with the natural love that is ordained by our Father and is our inheritance as a woman and with the supernatural love of God Himself. Hallelujah!

Every marriage is a surprise package no matter even if it involves the boy next door that you've grown up with because it takes marriage to open up and break the pretty ribbons and the paper that we've carefully wrapped ourselves with on the outside.

Go into marriage with wonderment and a sense of expectation and discovery at what you've been given by our Father God in this other person. In marriage you have the opportunity of knowing a person at the core of his being, not that we should want to dissect our mate at this depth, but rather delight in the privilege of discovering the uniqueness of his personality. There's no other person in the world like him and only you have been given the privilege of sharing the gift on the

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WHEN FAITH WOULD FAIL



By Arthur Wallis

Lack of faith is one of the most obvious and prevalent weaknesses in the realms of prayer. Of course this is closely related to what has just been said about knowing the will of God, for one Scripture assures us that we must pray according to God's will, if we are to receive, another that we must pray in faith. But even in the well-known verse that we have been considering about praying in the will of God there is a clear reference to faith:

"And this is the confidence (and what is that but faith) which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us (this too must be faith) in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him." (I John 5:14 and 15).

Earlier in this same epistle John had cleared the ground over this question of faith by showing the importance of having a clear conscience if we are to approach God with assurance.

"Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him." (I John 3:21 and 22).

There is nothing more destructive of faith than a guilt complex or a heart that condemns us, as John calls it. The Blood of Christ, applied by confession, is the complete answer to this condition. Then we can draw near to God "with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil

conscience." (Hebrews 10:22).

If our prayers are to avail faith is not simply desirable, it is essential.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6).

So faith is a "must" if our prayers are to be pleasing to God. James stresses the same point in connection with asking God for wisdom. If we ask for this He will give liberally provided we "ask in faith," but the doubter or the double-minded man need not expect to receive anything from the Lord (James 1:5-8). His wavering faith disqualified him from receiving the answer to a petition which would otherwise have been acceptable to God.

Sometimes our unbelief is revealed by the timid, half-hearted, almost apologetic way in which we approach God. We are like the man who almost puts a "No" in his friend's mouth when he asks him, "I suppose you wouldn't be willing by any chance to let me have so and so?" Certainly when we come to God in such a spirit we are inviting His refusal, for our attitude is a denial of our standing in Christ as sons of God and of our access through Him to God. "In whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in Him." (Ephesians 3:12 cp. Hebrews 4:16; 10:19).

Sometimes our lack of faith is uncovered by a delayed answer. God keeps us waiting, and our faith which ought to be strengthened by this testing begins to fade and wither. Either we give up

praying altogether or we pray on without any real confidence. At other times we continue steadfastly in prayer, despite the waiting time, until something happens which seems to knock the bottom out of our hopes. Casting away our confidence we conclude too readily that we must have been mistaken, and so the debris of another unanswered prayer is swept into the rubbish bin of "Couldn't have been the will of God." This is not God's way.

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised." (Hebrews 10:35 and 36).

So many of these exhortations of Scripture sound so simple, and yet in practice we find them so difficult. We readily acknowledge that we must have this boldness in approaching God, this confidence that He hears us, and this faith to hold on for the answer. But how? Once again heaven answers, "the Holy Spirit." Just as certainly as we recognize and confess that this lack of faith is a weakness in prayer, so we stand on the promise, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray (in faith) as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us (in faith)."

Think for a moment of that time before you knew Christ. Whether you were thoroughly godless, or whether you had a form of godliness which denied the power, you were in a state of unbelief. Then, by a gradual process or a sudden crisis, a change took place. Christ was revealed to you in a new way, and you came to see your need of Him. In some mysterious way faith was born in your heart and you became a child of God. What happened? You were born of the Spirit, for regeneration is His special work (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5). He may make Bible promises to come alive, creating faith in what was until then an unbelieving heart.

We may not know how the Spirit creates faith, it is enough to know that He does. Faith is one of His gifts, even as faithfulness is part of His fruit. Stephen and Barnabas were men "full of faith and the Holy Spirit." I take this to mean that they had a special manifestation of faith as a result of the Spirit's fullness.

We find that Scripture and experience confirm that revelation and faith are closely connected. "Who has believed . . . ? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Isaiah 53:1). These two questions are really one. Those who believed the report concerning Christ are

those to whom Christ (the arm of the Lord) has been revealed. There is no faith without revelation. As at conversion, so throughout the Christian life, impartation of faith, strengthening of faith, increase of faith involve a continuing work of revelation.

The Holy Spirit is the great Revealer. His task is to teach us all things, as Jesus promised, but He does this by revelation, illumination and enlightenment. So Paul prayed for the Ephesians, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened." (Ephesians 1:17 and 18). Just as it is man's heart that is enlightened, so it is man's heart that believes. (Romans 10:10).

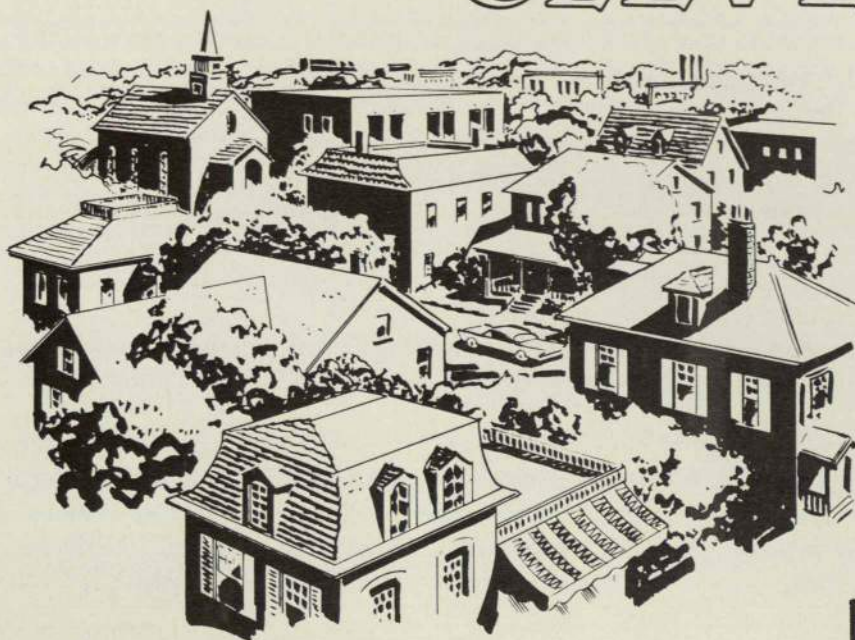
Often the Holy Spirit will give us revelation on the word of God. We may have read a certain promise in the Bible time and again, but one day it lights up. The Spirit of God has given us revelation or enlightenment, and simultaneously faith is born in our hearts for the fulfilment of that promise. "So faith comes from what is heard" (Romans 10:17), but only through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

All this is deeply relevant to praying in faith. As we seek the Lord we may count on the Holy Spirit giving us revelation, and so imparting faith. He may make Bible promises, to come alive, relating them to the situations for which we are interceding. Or apart from any Scripture He may simply give us revelation about those situations, so that we see them from the divine rather than the human standpoint. A conviction is born within us that God will work in that matter, though the prospect of His doing so may appear to our natural minds remote, if not impossible. That is how the possibility of the Flood must have seemed to those to whom Noah preached. That is how the birth of a baby boy promised to the aged and barren couple, Abraham and Sarah, must have appeared to their contemporaries. But these Old Testament saints believed God with a faith inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the impossible was fulfilled. Let us trust ourselves to this faith-creating Spirit. He is waiting to help us in our weakness by praying through us in living faith. ●

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WEST SIDE STORY

By John D. Beckett

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We called ourselves a prayer group, but we were too timid to pray.

However, several couples were getting together in homes each Friday night and that was a start. Our denominational backgrounds varied, but we had in common a hunger to know God in a deeper, more personal way. Graciously, He sent us Don Basham's "Face Up With a Miracle," and in this thrilling testimony we saw the real potential for new life.

Chapter 20 is titled, "Your Personal Experience" and tells the reader how to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. With us, however, the "do-it-yourself" chapter didn't bring results so we called in the author. When Don and Alice Basham came to the prayer meeting, we were readily convinced God was showing us His answer to our need. That night, many of us received the power of Pentecost. Not only were we given new tongues with which to pray and praise, but new strength and courage with which to witness. Praise God!

From that beginning, nearly four years ago, in a pattern which God ordered and the Holy Spirit quickened, the church — the Body of Christ — in the West Cleveland area has taken a new form . . . a form as old as the 1st Century A.D., but new to us.

The prayer group grew larger; brothers and sisters from several communities (Elyria, Bay Village, Avon Lake and Amherst, to name only a few), appeared at meetings where now, prayer and praise were becoming central, and each week got more exciting. About ten o'clock one Friday night, a young couple arrived in evening clothes, took their place on the floor with other late-comers, and said, "The party was all right, but we thought about all the fun you were having and here we are."

And we grew. We studied God's Word and learned from books and teaching tapes; we shared Jesus Christ with others by relating our expe-

riences: we witnessed. We prayed for physical as well as spiritual needs, and God answered, honoring our growing faith. In time we regularly saw God heal many types of diseases and deformities, and we became eager to see more lives reached and to see continued growth in our own lives.

Teaching seminars were God's answer and within two years, we received further teaching from God through Derek Prince, Don Basham, Joe Jordan, Jim Brown and Dennis and Rita Bennett. Additionally, an active, well-directed Cleveland Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International brought numerous outstanding Christian leaders to our area. We praise God for these faithful servants and the unselfish contribution they've made. Through them we've come to know the importance of Scripture and the real joy and victory that grows out of the Spirit-led life.

We praise God that for the most part, entire families (including us

men!) have been involved in this renewal. Several families began coming together on Saturday afternoons, and while parents listened to teaching tapes, their children had their own meeting, which proved far more effective than the typical hour-long Sunday School class. At dinner time, we all ate together, trusting that the Lord had shown our wives what to bring so we didn't end up with eight salads and no dessert. After supper, the families joined in hearty, hand-clapping songs, the children shared what they'd learned, and we just enjoyed each other's companionship.

While most of us remained active, energetic members of our denominational churches, we depended increasingly on the home prayer meeting for our fellowship with other believers. Few living rooms, however, have space for thirty five to fifty people. Newcomers were overwhelmed by the crowds: sharing became increasingly difficult. Our singing was loud in volume and in praise, but the fellow in the kitchen doorway missed the unique intimacy and power he had come to experience. One evening after a particularly crowded meeting, the men spontaneously gathered to seek God's will for our next move. Should we move to larger quarters, were we could retain fellowship with dear friends with whom we had been growing? We felt our answer was a qualified "No." We would sub-divide into as many homes as necessary to keep the groups small, based on these conditions:

(1) God would show the male leadership how to capably oversee the groups in the various homes.

(2) The men whom God was calling to be leaders would meet with each other regularly to share, provide mutual help and maintain a unity of purpose among the various groups.

(3) The groups would come together on a regular monthly basis in one place, where a "home prayer meeting" on a larger scale could occur. To facilitate this, it was decided that home groups would meet on the same night (Friday) as much as possible.

This pattern has been very suc-

cessful. Home groups generally number 15 - 25, small enough to permit mutual sharing and individual ministry. We find that a given group can successfully alternate between two homes, which keeps it from becoming the group of any individual and makes arrangements less burdensome for our wives.

The large group meets in the fellowship hall (a refinished barn) connected with a local Methodist Church. At these meetings several hundred believing Christians, mostly Spirit-baptized, come together to worship, pray and praise God. On occasion an evangelist or teacher has come to these meetings, but as a fellow-believer comes to share, not as the center of attention. Every effort is made to have our Lord be Head of these meetings, working through the plurality of male leaders from the various prayer groups. It is actually since this time that God has shown us how much like the early church this is, (read Acts, plus Watchman Nee's, "The Normal Christian Church Life") and how He's impressing this pattern on believers in city after city. We rejoice as we realize we were being led into a divine Church order.

It was when existing and potential group leaders began to meet regularly that we grew in our desire for a specific form of outreach in which we could work together to further God's Kingdom. In January of this year we agreed that God was calling us to expand the outreach of Christian literature and teaching materials, principally into Northern Ohio, but also to be prepared to meet a broader need, possibly world-wide. The plan He showed us was to form a non-profit corporation, whose members and direction would come principally from our local fellowship.

We became so excited at the prospect of this outreach that we had to remind ourselves that with mouths to feed and children to clothe at home, we couldn't all jump "out of the boat" and into the book business in reckless abandon. At least not yet. With several of us working in our spare time, progress was rapid and on Memorial Day,

Dynamis (from the Greek word for "power") began operations in an attractive, leased building - ideally located to serve the literature and teaching resource needs in this area. A few weeks later, one of our group, a former school principal, took the helm as full-time executive administrator of **Dynamis**.

God graciously provided a carpeted, panelled, air-conditioned meeting room as part of this building. A teaching Seminar was held in this room in June and was nearly filled to its capacity of 100 each session. More recently, Bible Study Sessions have begun for young people (high school and college) and regular audio-tape sessions using video-tape, will be provided by Video-Ministries of Fort Lauderdale and others. Books and tapes are made available to local people through a well-stocked bookstore. Over 400 titles are available on a volume discount basis to encourage maximum distribution. A separate room is set up for wholesale book distribution and a catalogue offering of some sixty best selling books is now being distributed locally and to individuals and groups throughout the Country.

As word spreads of what God is doing in this area, calls come to share in local church assemblies and in other cities. Many from the local fellowship now serve as faithful witnesses in this calling, carrying to others the testimony of the transforming life in Jesus Christ and the empowering of the Holy Spirit. The recently announced plans for the Billy Graham crusade in Cleveland in July 1972 seems to be further confirmation that it is God's time for the Greater Cleveland area.

We rejoice individually in the Spirit-led life and corporately in the fellowship and inter-dependence of members of the Body of Christ. And we thank our Lord, who is our Head, that He has revealed these things to us. We encourage groups everywhere to seek God's will on these matters, for we see Him raising up His people and building His Church - distinctive and unique in each area, yet bearing the common identity of His Headship. To Him be the Glory. ●

GRAPE JUICE FOR

Kevin scuffed his toes in the damp sand and sighed heavily as he looked out across the swift tide at the pass.

"What's all the sighing about?" a voice directly behind him asked.

Kevin turned quickly and found himself face to face with Mr. Bibbs, the lighthouse keeper. "Hi, Mr. Bibbs." Kevin knew now that when he came out to the point he was hoping to see this friend. It seemed he knew more about boys and their problems than any one else.

Mr. Bibbs sat down on the crumbling sea wall. "Well Kev, can you tell your old salt buddy what's eating on you?"

Kevin dug a shell out of the sand with his toes. "Mr. Bibbs, did you ever have a dog?"

The old salt buddy squinted his blue-gray eyes out across the gulf of Mexico and grunted, "Huh! So your problem is a dog? What's the trouble? Your folks won't let you have one?"

"Dad would, but Mom won't."

"Why?"

"She says I wouldn't take care of a dog, and she hasn't got the time."

"Well? Would you?"

"Sure I would!" Kevin's eyes blazed.

Mr. Bibbs was silent as he bent over and picked up a piece of drift wood and rubbed it vigorously with his large rough hands. Kevin had learned to wait patiently on the old man to think awhile.

"Kev, maybe your Mom is right. Maybe you wouldn't take care of a dog. You know they are a lot of trouble. Why do you want one?"

Kevin looked at Mr. Bibbs unbelievably. He thought his friend knew him better than that. "I would too, take care of a dog. I want a dog for a pal. There is nobody on this end of the island to play with. I could talk to a dog, play games with him, teach him tricks. We could swim together — well, I could just make him happy. That's why."

"Hmm." Mr. Bibbs was thinking again. A pair of sea gulls, looking for a hand out, swooped down and walked around the old man.

"Well Kev," he finally said, "Let's do some

experimenting first. Let's find out for sure if you would take care of a dog. Pretend you have a dog, and see if you can remember to feed him every morning and night. Imagine yourself feeding and caring for him. If you don't forget him in a week, then maybe you would take care of a real dog. When you have found out for sure we will talk more about it."

Kevin was disappointed. A whole week! That was a long time!

"Mr. Bibbs, don't you think I could just ask God for the dog? It would be quicker that way."

Mr. Bibbs answered with such a quick positive, "No Sir!", that Kevin was surprised. The old lighthouse keeper used to be a merchant marine and he had told many wonderful stories of how God had answered prayer and saved his life on the high seas and in strange countries. He had literally lived by the Bible. What was the matter now? Didn't he believe in prayer any more?

The blue-gray eyes under the bushy white eye-brows looked hard into the brown ones. "Kevin Cooper, God is not a short cut to get what you want. God has given you a mother and father to take care of you and to do what is best for you. Your mother's objection is, you won't take care of a dog. She knows you better than any one else. Now, if you are willing to work on yourself and learn how to take care of a dog, by pretending you



Thy word is true from the beginning:

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have one, then we will ask God to show us what to do next.”

There was nothing Kevin could do but agree. He walked back down the lonely sand road thinking about his pretend dog. The island was a half mile wide at this end. On the west side he could see the sun beginning its daily descent while on the east side, just a stone's throw away, a big barge loaded with phosphate was being towed out through the deep channel by a noisy little tug. It was this deep channel that made this island the natural loading place for phosphate.

The loading plant and ramp rose like a white dusty giant behind the Cooper home. Mr. Cooper was guard and maintenance man for the plant. The other end of the island was a resort area and several families lived there year around. Railroad tracks and a causeway ran side by side to bring carloads of phosphate and the school bus from the mainland to the island.

Kevin was thinking of this lonely ride each morning to catch the school bus. It would be fun to have a dog trot beside him as he rode his bike.

As soon as supper was over Kevin went out and sat down on the front steps. He looked up at the lighthouse sending its beam of light out across the water. Then he remembered his dog. He pretended in his mind that he was going to get his dog's food when all of a sudden he realized he didn't know what to feed a dog.

LAND BOY

By Anna Lee Carlton



He ran into the kitchen. “Mom, what do you feed a dog? I’m just pretending I’ve got one. But I don’t know what to feed him.”

“Dog food — I guess, maybe table scraps. I’m really not sure.” Mother had a puzzled look.

When Kevin got home from school the next afternoon his mother had a surprise for him. She had gone to the library on the mainland and borrowed several books about dogs. After supper all three of the Coopers studied the books.

As Kevin prepared for bed he thought, I’m learning about dogs and I’ll soon be able to take care of one. Maybe I could just ask God for one now. NO. Something told him he would have to wait. Mr. Bibbs words floated through his mind, “Work on yourself.” Instead, his prayer was: “Lord, help me to be responsible.”

A few days later Kevin was running at full speed down the point road. He had to see Mr. Bibbs. He had awful news. His friend would know what to do. He almost collided with him as he came around the lighthouse.

Before the old man could speak Kevin was pouring out his troubles in a torrent of words. “Mom and Dad both say I can have a dog. All week we have studied how to care for dogs, and I haven’t forgotten my pretend dog one time. But now we can’t find a dog — nobody has one to give away. I’ve asked all the kids at school, Daddy has asked and there — there just aren’t any. And we can’t buy one either, Mr. Bibbs. Daddy says we don’t have the money. Now, what do I do?”

Mr. Bibbs put down the bucket of fish he was carrying and sat down on the concrete footing that ran along the base of the lighthouse. He squinted out at the green water that sparkled like a million diamonds as the sun shone down from a cloudless sky. “Hmmm,” was all that he had to say.

Kevin waited patiently. He watched the merry little tug coming up the channel pulling an empty barge past the big red channel markers. The tug tooted a friendly greeting and Kevin and Mr. Bibbs waved in return.

“Well Kev,” the old man drawled, “There is a dog some where for you. We will ask God to help you find it. You be sure that you do what is right every day. That’s because God wants you to do what is right. While you are waiting on the dog keep planning for him.”

Kevin tried hard to wait with patience as he prayed to find a dog. The waiting would have seemed too long had he not had something exciting

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thing. When he learned to bring his emotions under control, he became much more interested in others and less involved with himself. I have often thought, with this tendency to be so sensitive, how insecure he would be today if we had continued to cater to our own lack of faith and his tears. Now his sensitivity is the gift for positive creativity and benefits all of us.

That evening brought another turning point in our son's life. He began to open his heart to the Lord in a new way. It was as though he had been holding back that one area of his heart and when he discovered that he had to give it up, he was free. His prayers were much more real. He became more attentive and interested during family devotions and ever since I have never known him to feel anything but warmth and love toward the Lord.

GOD IS TRAINING ME

Shouldn't our relationship to our children be a picture of our Heavenly Father's relationship to us? He is our Lord and we, at this point in their lives, are the lord of our children. This necessarily places the responsibility on me to act in the same loving consistency toward my children as my Heavenly Father does toward me. God is training me as His child even as I train mine. His training teaches me to be very sensitive to what is truly **for the good of the child**. Tyranny has no place in training. When my Father chastens me, it is the action toward me **for my good**, not an angry reaction or rejection. "Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever." Deuteronomy 5:29. "For they (earthly fathers) disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness." Hebrews 12:10.

To illustrate, let us suppose that my child has just spoken rudely to me (or to his brother). My natural impulse is to feel personally offended and react in similar rude response by chiding and scolding. But love for the child and obedience to God demands that I take up the rod and chasten patiently, set the child on my lap and teach him that he may not speak in this rude way. This is the action of love for the **good of the child**.

Again, my child may want something very

much that may not be best for him. To give in to his desire is to indulge myself. I must for the good of the child take the time and trouble to train him to handle his disappointment with an accepting attitude, trusting in his parent's love for him, that they have made the decision that was **best for him**. Through this he will learn to trust God's will as best for him. If we are faithful to train the child to bring his will into submission to ours, I believe (and have seen) that the child will transfer that submission to Christ as he grows older. But if he takes our word lightly, he will take His word lightly.

INCONSISTENT USE OF THE ROD IS PUNISHING, NOT TRAINING

To be consistent is so important. What can be more frustrating to a child than to never know quite what to expect from us. It is our inconsistency as parents that provokes and discourages our children. One day we feel stern and say "No" to something and the next day we feel indifferent and preoccupied and in order to save ourselves the inconvenience will allow them to go ahead or overlook "little" disobediences. When we operate with the rod in this way, it becomes something else other than training. It is brute force to make the child cater to our moods. I believe this kind of bullying **strengthens** their resistance to authority. They are provoked to anger, become discouraged and rebel. "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Colossians 3:21. We as parents must discipline ourselves to follow through each time we speak.

This takes diligence. That is why we cannot possibly do it in our own strength or on the strength of any motive other than obedience to Christ. The motive to have nice well-behaved children will not carry us. For example, one day I may have lots of initiative with no other distractions. I have just asked my child to "come here." It is easy now to stop what I am doing in order to do what is necessary to train him should he disobey. But the next day, I may be settled comfortably in a chair nursing my baby and I have just asked my child, "Come here, please." If he disobeys, the motive to have nice well-behaved children is not enough now. It is so much easier to say it again a little sharply. But then, I have trained the child to know that I did not really mean it the first time. No, it takes His grace to say, "Lord, You have told me to train my children. If I sit here in

this chair I will be disobeying you. Please help me to obey You by training my child to obey." He then gives grace to get up out of the chair, put the baby down, take up the switch, use it patiently, take him on my lap and comfort him. "But he that loves him is diligent to discipline him." Only Christ can give us the diligence we need. The flesh is incapable of producing a work of **faith**.

IT IS AN ACT OF FAITH

Many people have said, "I've tried spanking and it just makes matters worse. It doesn't work." To begin to operate on the premise of, "I'll try it" won't work. To train our children in love with the rod is God's command. It's an act of **faith** to step out on His promise to fulfill His will in us strengthened by His own indwelling life in us. **Faith** will not give up because its object is Christ and His Word . . . not ourselves or some "workable" principles.

When our first child was very tiny and began to show self-will, it was difficult to begin to train her with the switch. We had no idea what the results might be. But God made it clear to us that we were to **trust Him and obey**. Many well meaning Christians (some of them leaders) sought to discourage us in using the rod, saying the Scriptures were not literal in the use of the word "rod." They said that there were other forms of discipline . . . "words could be rods." (What could be more cruel than to beat a child with words.) They advocated reasoning and redirecting. We were told our daughter might grow up with "all kinds of psychological problems."

But God gave us the grace to act in **faith** that His Word is true. Our daughter will soon be a teenager and we can say, "As for God, His way is perfect: The word of the Lord is tried (the R.S.V. says, 'proves true'): He is a buckler to all them that trust in him." II Samuel 22:31. She is a constant ministry and pleasure to us in every way. She is outgoing and interested in others. Most important of all, she loves Christ and His Word and her spiritual growth is as evident as her physical growth.

Big things have small beginnings and many of the so called "teenage" attitudes have been dealt with at age ten and eleven. And most important, her own basic relationship with us is established. We are still training her; nothing is changed. Though very rarely necessary, the rod is still the

loving instrument of training for her and she welcomes it as readily as she did at two.

Of course there will come the time when the rod for her is laid aside and God alone will continue to train her with His own loving rod . . . but not yet. Particularly during these very changing, emotional teenage years when more than ever it is a blessed instrument of **training** to deliver us from any need for hostility toward her or her toward us. And with her heart so sensitive to the Lord, what once would have required the rod now brings an immediate repentance and sweet confession, "I'm sorry, Mom, I shouldn't have said it to you in that tone of voice." Furthermore our Lord leads both her and us, her parents, to mutual understanding and acceptance of decisions we must make together.

FREEDOM TO GROW

When we've trained our child to obey, we can go on to many wonderful areas of life and growth together. Now we are able to enjoy him and to build on his understanding without being hindered by antagonism. We can now all enjoy a home filled with uninhibited fun and humor. He is of infinite value to God as a person and we can help him discover and develop his gifts as well as help him grow in the knowledge that God has a special plan for his life. There is a wonderful freedom in our relationship as we grow together spiritually. We are able to live honestly and openly before him, not infallibly, but as examples of dependence on Christ. "And I will walk at liberty: For I seek thy precepts." Psalm 119:45.



TRAINING THEM TO RECEIVE GOD'S DIRECT GUIDANCE

Discovering the excitement of hearing God speak through His Word begins very early. Our family devotional time around the breakfast table when Daddy reads the Bible and we discuss it together as a family is a source of growth and strength to us all. But as our children grow older it becomes increasingly important that they get their

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guidance and help directly from the Lord. Therefore they need a special time of **training in feeding themselves** from God's Word. They are learning to study His Word in their own individual quiet time.

What blessings we have received as parents as Dad has gotten alone with our older boy two mornings a week before work and school to talk over the portions of Scripture they've been studying. With Dad's undivided attention, our son is able to talk about all that's on his heart. He has been able to bring out his doubts and questions and face them in the light of the Scriptures with his Dad.

Our older daughter and I receive this same blessing as we take time in the morning together, talking over our Bible studies and all the new experiences that growing into a young woman and going to Jr. High School brings.

These are wonderful and exciting days for us with our children. The training process is often painful and unpleasant and requires constant commitment, but the rewards are glorious! "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant: Later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness of those who have been trained by it!" Hebrews 12:11.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There have been times when I have felt totally discouraged and defeated with my children until I had thought there was no hope, it's too late, I've lost so much ground that there is no recovery.

We went through a soul-wracking experience concerning our youngest daughter when she was around three years old. We were not being obedient to the Lord in her training. It was very involved and I am not sure how to explain it except to say we were relying on ourselves and on our own reasoning . . . in many instances rationalized that we did not need to spank her. In many ways we were afraid of her. We disciplined her just enough to maintain order but we did not train her to discipline herself. We allowed her to maintain subtle control over us by attitudes of an unsubmitted will. We had a whole list of excuses why we were not obeying the Lord in this, but the Lord, in His grace, wouldn't give us peace. He brought us more and more under conviction about it until we were miserable.

I kept telling the Lord, "I can't, I just can't

do it." And He would answer, "I know you can't. Of course not, you never could." I would say, "I can't" but kept struggling and trying. Finally I literally spent one entire night in tears telling the Lord that I was at the end of myself and if He wanted my children trained, He would have to do it.

The next morning, after a sleepless night, I took the switch in hand and said, "Okay, Lord, You do it." And He did. Because I had trained my daughter to be insensitive to my voice, I had to begin all over again to teach her to listen. I spoke once and followed through with the switch. Each time as she sat on my lap and I loved and comforted her, I would repeat the words, "Listen to my voice and obey."

At lunch time that day, after many spankings, she sat down to eat and bowed her little head to pray and thank the Lord for the food. Often before, she had prayed, "Lord, teach me to obey." But today she prayed, "Lord Jesus, thank You that I will obey." She stressed the "will" as though she were saying, "Thank You, Lord, that Mommy has finally shaped up and I don't have to make all the decisions anymore. I'm glad because I don't know what to do anyway."

In the days that followed a beautiful transformation took place. She took on new sparkle, became interested in others and began to live outside herself. And what an inexpressible pleasure she became to her mommy and daddy and brothers and sister.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has promised His own life within me to carry out His command. I can't do it. But Christ in me can. He has told me **what** He wants me to do with our children. He has told me **how** He wants it done. And then in His infinite grace He has entered into my life and said, "Now I will do it in you."

God meets us right where we are. If these principles are new to you and you already have untrained children, know that God will be very gracious to recover. It is not too late. In His strength you can begin now to obey Him in what He has revealed to you. Your children will soon learn that because you love them, you are training them to obey. As you step out in faith, you will see that God is doing His work in you . . . and in them. ●

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I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

COMPUTER PROVES BIBLE TRUTH



Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth" in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program related the following development:

"I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satellite and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down! They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the info fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and they said, 'It's perfect.' The IBM head of operations said, 'What's wrong?' 'Well, we have found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time.' They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer!

"One religious fellow on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School and they talked about the sun standing still.' They didn't believe him, but they didn't have any other answer so they said, 'Show us.' So he got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for anybody who has 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not. I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.'" (Joshua 10:12-14). Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded

by the enemy and if darkness fell they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right! 'The sun stood still and the moon stayed . . . and hasted not to go down about a whole day.' The space men said, 'There is the missing day!' Well, they checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close, but not close enough! The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes — not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it said, 'about (approximately) a day!'

"These little words in the Bible are important. But they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you'll be in trouble 1000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits. Well, this religious fellow also remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The space men told him he was out of his mind. But they got out the Book and read these words in II Kings 20:8-10: Hezekiah, on his death-bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah, who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe him and asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said, 'Do you want the sun to go ahead ten degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It's nothing for the sun to go ahead ten degrees, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in II Kings make the missing 24 hours the space travelers had to log in the log-book as being the missing day on the universe! Isn't that amazing! Our God is rubbing their noses in His TRUTH! That's right."

FULL INHERITANCE AS A WOMAN

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inside while others just see the ribbon and wrapping.

But you say, "Mine is a gift I didn't bargain for. If I had known what was on the inside of the package I wouldn't have chosen it. It doesn't match with my accessories. He doesn't come up to what I had planned on, hoped for, wanted and dreamed of in marriage." Remember the woman was made for the man not the man for the woman. Whether or not you as a couple knew the Lord at the time of your marriage, He knew you, and He knew your accessories. The greatest barrier to the love in marriage that is our inheritance is self's plans, hopes and dreams.

As long as we look at our mate through the glasses of our own plans, hopes and dreams he will look distorted. We will not see him as God sees him, redeemed by Jesus Christ and standing in the full stature of manhood. Even though this mate may not have applied the blood of Jesus Christ to his life, you can do so by faith. There was only one lamb to a house in the Passover and if there be only one in the household who knows the blood of the Lamb, she can apply it to the lintel of her door!

Love is a gift, it's free, it has already been given to you as a couple. It was banked in your joint account when your Father ordained marriage. It's yours to discover and receive with joy and spontaneity. Sometimes you find it in the most unlikely moments, the precious little niches of life, when it's not even being sought. If we consciously seek it through the achieving of self's plan and dreams, we find ourselves building a paper mache model of marriage which is not real and gives no deep joy on the inside, at best it provides only a show for the outside. So let God bring forth love in your marriage in His way; just be ready to receive it, however it comes, with open arms and expectation! ●

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ISLAND BOY

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to think about. Mr. Cooper was planning a special outing for the family on Saturday. They were going out to the snapper banks to fish — they would leave early and make a whole day of it — just the three of them. Kevin had never been out in the Gulf that far. The snapper banks were rocky reefs miles out in the Gulf where the delicious red snapper fish were found.

Saturday morning dawned a bright and beautiful day and Kevin's heart sang with joy as he jumped out of bed at an early hour. He heard his dad talking on the phone.

Mr. Cooper came to the bedroom door and said, "No trip today, Kevin. I'm awfully sorry. That was Mr. Martin on the phone. He wants me to take some people on a personal tour of the plant today. We will have to take our trip another day."

"Why would those people have to come today of all days?" moaned the disappointed boy. All morning long he sulked until he remembered Mr. Bibb's words, "You be sure to do what is right." He straightened up quickly and stopped his sulking. He even found some chores to do that helped Mother. "After all," he said to himself, "Mother is just as disappointed as I am."

Mr. Cooper was late getting home for lunch. When he did come he wore an unusually big smile. Kevin knew something was up and so did Mom. Dad strung them along until they were eating, then he sprang the big news.

"Kevin, you gave up your fishing trip today for a dog."

"What?" shouted Kevin.

"Yes. You are getting a dog out of the tour I gave these people this morning. During our conversation, somehow, I mentioned about you wanting a dog. Their son, whom they are visiting on the mainland, has a beautiful collie who has just had puppies. He called his son from the plant office to make sure you could have one. We are to go over tomorrow to get it. Now, how about that?"

All Kevin could say was, "Mr. Bibbs is so right about God."

"What has Mr. Bibbs got to do with it?" Dad asked.

"Plenty! I'll have to tell Topper all about it."

"Who is Topper?" Mother asked.

"My dog. The collie I am going after tomorrow." ●

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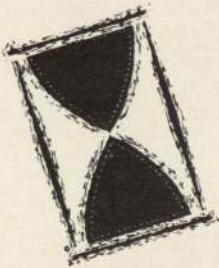
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Pastor Cornwall is an enthusiastic teacher whose main theme is "Relationship to Christ."

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Since then, he has devoted himself to a Bible teaching ministry and to writing. His books currently available in the States are "IN THE DAY OF THY POWER", "GOD'S CHOSEN FAST" and "PRAY IN THE SPIRIT". Of recent years he has visited New Zealand, India, Pakistan, South America and was in the States during the summer of 1970.

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SUCCESS WITHOUT EFFORT

By Ron McCatty

Did you know many lives have been either wasted or ruined in the vain chase of success? Did you realize that many people by trying too hard narrowly miss the greatest delights of life?

Success is such an elusive phenomenon! But the Bible teaches us that for the Christian successful living is never unattainable. It also teaches that prosperity is their redemptive right in Christ. The one simple prerequisite to this achievement is our "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Christ has the whole infallible plan for such a life. When our strivings and self-efforts cease it is then, and only then that we are able to anchor ourselves in the Lord who owns "the cattle on a thousand hills . . ." The silver and the gold too are His very own.

A typical example of one who had in vain struggled for many years after success was (we shall call her Mrs. A.) Mrs. A now admits that but for the grace of God she might have died in her desperate quest.

Brimming with joyous emotion and gratitude to God she said, "I had reached the very end of my teather. The whole of my would-be aspirations came toppling down around me. Every door that once seemed wide open to prosperity now appeared closed against me. So I began diligently seeking God, and it was then that as I

mused I found that secret to 'real living' that had so long eluded me. Now I praise God I'm happier than ever before." What was her secret?

Well, I believe no Christian is likely to make much spiritual progress until he accepts fully the nature of God's love, and the purpose of His calling. This is where we begin real life.

I believe Mrs. A floundered hopelessly until she discovered that what she could not do for herself God had already done for her in Jesus Christ. God is love. This is His very nature. This is His entire character, and His plan for our lives is founded on that basis, love. It is the very best and most satisfying there can be — it is always ready at hand to be accepted without self-labour or struggle, and remains ever available to the seeker.

into God's rest also had ceased from the weariness and pain of human labours, just as God rested from those labours peculiarly His own." (Hebrews 4:10 Amp). This is where we as Christians naturally belong, for the full enjoyment of life.

How often though, some believers would wander far away from their true heritage in the Lord! But for His grace we would all miss the way, we would waste our lives in hot pursuit of success that cannot be found outside of God's rest.

In the human heart there is a way that always seems right to himself. Proverbs describes that way as one of destruction. It ends in death. We don't naturally incline to God's rest. No one naturally goes the way God intends for him. As the Scripture says, "We have



There is a peculiarly abiding quality about the things that God does for us. In Ecclesiastes 3 we are told that nothing can be added to His work, nor can anything be taken away from it. We may change, and alas we do, but not always for the better. In fact some of us change our minds nearly as often as we change our clothes. In His love, however, God has a fixed plan in Jesus for every Christian's life. He has provided a resting place for each of us in the Saviour, Jesus. That is His unique design for all who love and serve Him. Therefore "he who has once entered

turned every one to his own way." (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Unwittingly we would just muddle along. The first word we ever learned to say while we were only babes in arms was "No." Our natural inclination is one of rebellion. It is one that is sure to say "No" where we ought to really say "Yes." Mankind is not naturally amenable to good discipline. As born of the Spirit of God, however, God has provided us with His best in Jesus — our Sabbath rest — indeed rest from toil and frustration and from all that would prevent us from enjoying our Christian

And done thy commandments.

life now to its fulness.

By the help of the Holy Spirit, resting in the Lord we can enjoy heavenly conditions now. We can foretaste of what we shall soon be delighting in, in a much fuller measure. The Bible shows us that we are already in heavenly places seated in Christ.

Note in Ephesians 2, this is a positive statement. We are thereby the determinate Counsel and Will of God. We are not just there where Jesus is, but seated in Him. Our being "seated" signifies rest, composure and resignation. The Scriptures also teach us that He is far above all principalities and powers. Well surely it's not presumption to say those who are seated in Him are similarly placed in this exalted position.

Yes, truly — this is God's design, the natural habitat of His redeemed ones. But few there are that really appropriate it and are truly living as God's children.

Why should we live a substandard life when our heavenly Father has made ample provision for us to live lives as Kings and Priests? Remember the prodigal son of Luke 15? It is clear that he was living below subsistence level — eating pig's food, quite a debased existence compared with what he might have enjoyed at home in his father's house. Had this young man remained there, in the right place of his birth and citizenship, he would have had no need to suffer privation. He would have lived the life of a prince in that wealthy household with servants and money and every comfort. But it was through his lack of appreciation of the grandeur of his personal circumstances that he went astray.

He had chosen his own way and debauched his substance. I believe a careful look into this story will be a revelation of the lives of many around us if not of our very own. Some of us would no doubt benefit from more energetically appropriating the wealth and delights of our heavenly Father's house. A good beginning to this reappraisal would be that of thanking Him for His unchangeableness.

We can hardly start to enumerate the evidences that He is

consistent in all His ways. The father of the prodigal son, typifying God, is the perfect sample of consistency.

Although the son really showed that he despised the benefits of his father's house, the father didn't change towards him. He loved him just the same, unshakably. Running to greet this wayward fellow, he immediately fell upon his neck, embraced and kissed him.

Question for a moment why the father did all this. Why did he without any reserve embrace this young man who was now just a disgrace to the whole family, in that he had wantonly squandered his entire substance? I believe it was because the father so greatly loved him. It took a real heart of love to do this, that love which "never fails." I picture that son sauntering up to his father's house full of remorse and no doubt musing, "If only I could use my time over again I certainly wouldn't get into this state. I really earned this. I'm as bad as anybody can be, but I shall throw myself entirely upon my father's mercy."

Deep down in his heart he was longing for the rest and comfort of home-life. His heart was now changed. And it's amazing that of all the things he had planned to say to his father, to show his repentance, he wasn't allowed to utter more than one full sentence. The father knew exactly what was in his son's heart. He saw that he had made a deliberate change so he freely pardoned him.

Then clothing him with the best robe, the "festive honour robe," he also put a ring on his hand as a testimony to his belonging. This was just like saying, "Son you keep this ring on your hand as a perpetual token of my love and good-will towards you. You are mine, and all that I have is yours. As for this first class robe I have put on you, it will forever remind both of us that there is nothing between us — not even the least unsettled matter. As long as you are wearing this you'll have right standing with me." And so the father ordered a banquet to be laid on, welcoming home his son with feasting. There was great joy in that house. Yes, there is always great

joy in heaven over one repenting sinner — one person who acknowledges his mistake and turns from it to God saying, "I'm sorry, please forgive me."

When we forsake our own efforts and self-seeking and turn to our heavenly Father acknowledging our mistake, like the father of the prodigal son, He welcomes us with open arms. He is sure to shower us with love, directing us to His rest that is reserved for all His true people. Every Christian belongs to this place. This is where there is safety from the devil's devices. And that "best robe," speaking to us of the robe of righteousness, without which we would never have access to God, should be a constant thrill to us. The Lord is our righteousness, our right standing with the Almighty. (Jeremiah 33:16). How He delights to forgive and clothe us!

There are so many different ways of falling short of God's best. One way could be that perhaps you have ventured out into some laudible evangelical work. Full of zeal and good intentions, you are determined not to be daunted. In spite of frustration on every hand, you are persevering to see some result in your labour. Slowly but surely, however, this task is becoming more and more trying. Be wise at this juncture. Have a spiritual check up.

Are you operating from your resting place in the Lord of Glory? No other foundation will truly produce satisfying results. No other platform provides grace for enduring the tasks of life. The Lord has delivered us from drudgery. And greater still, He has delivered us "... from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son." (Colossians 1:13). We have escaped! Praise God! We have been freed from the tyranny of the evil one — now to live as true children of God. (John 1:12).

Mrs. A had arrived at this very revelation, this rest, this calm resolve, finding "real life." This is her testimony and all of us might as well settle it as to which side we are on: success by effort and striving or by God's way — Resting in the Lord! ●

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The Bible, the Supernatural and the Jews is an investigation of the supernatural in its many aspects and a startling report on its effects on young people today, based in part on the author's own encounters.

In this fascinating book, McCandlish Phillips ventures into the supernatural to identify powers and forces that are causing rapid, degenerative changes in American society as well as in individual behavior - changes that are inexplicable without an understanding of what lies behind them, unseen, but not incomprehensible.

A scholar has described the American college campus as a "disaster area for Judaism." Phillips explains why this is so. He shows why young people of high-school and college age are coming under intense pressures to depart extravagantly from social norms, and why this departure is often more dangerous for a young Jew than it is for a Gentile.

Supernaturalism has flooded in upon the American scene in a rush, creating a widespread interest in clairvoyance, psychicism, occultism, astrology, witchcraft, necromancy, out-of-body travel, transcendental meditation, extrasensory perception, and various forms of mysticism and spiritism. Phillips explains why these things should not be entered into lightly, and he tells why it is especially deadly for a Jew to dabble ignorantly in such things. His book marks out certain danger zones in the supernatural? it also invites the reader to consider supernatural experiences and gifts that the Bible declares to be good, and necessary, for man.

"Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions," the Bible promises the Jews, offering a strong invitation to legitimate supernatural experiences. The invitation is extended to the Gentiles also.

Most American synagogues and churches are blind to the supernatural, or even stoutly and rigidly antagonistic to it, Phillips writes, arguing that they have created a tremendous void that is now being filled by other sources: "In their profound distrust of the supernatural, and in their insistence on stale rote, houses of worship have won a reputation among the young as the dullest places in town, so they go out and get their supernatural experiences wherever they can."

There are active, intelligent, invisible forces affecting world and national events. On an individual level these forces can produce definite effects in thoughts, feelings, speech, and behavior, the author says.

He traces links that exist between forces and events in the physical and natural realms, and forces and concurrent events in the spiritual and supernatural realms.

(This book may be purchased from the River of Life Bookroom for \$8.95).

What Children Need

"I'm tired," she cried day after day.
 "So what does that matter?" asked they,
 "Let's go out and play!"
 "We'll go out to where the doggies play,
 No need to stay to hear her say, 'I'm tired.'"
 It's a mother's job to clean the floors,
 Wash the windows, scrub the doors.
 Do the dishes, make the beds,
 Though her feet do feel like lead.
 Wash, iron, cook and sew,
 Water the plants or they won't grow!
 Answer the phone — "Oh, yes I will."
 I know it's a mother's job to fill her day
 With worry and cares of all,
 If it's about the kids they called.
 "Pick up your toys,
 Put away your clothes."
 Well, she's off again, there she goes.
 Why when I was little and helpless too,
 There were just loads of things my mother would do.
 My clothes were always fresh and neat,
 She had time to see that I was fed and sweet.
 Washed my diapers, dried my tears,
 Picked out splinters, calmed my fears,
 Band-aids for cuts and kisses too.
 Now she's too tired her work to do!
 It's a mother's job to run the house,
 Clean the closets, put away books.
 Wish she'd stop giving me those dirty looks.
 It's a mother's job to clean the walls,
 Pick up papers, gloves and balls.
 Wash the clothes, knit and darn,
 Dust and clean — clean and dust.
 Why can't she do that instead of fuss?
 "I'm tired" she cried as the work piled high.
 "I love you mom" and out go I to run and play
 And look toward heaven,
 Where mother birds go soaring by with worms and bugs,
 Her babes to feed.
 Oh, mother's are just what children need!

Barbara Pressley

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
 but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be
 praised."

Proverbs 31:30

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**"And he shall turn the heart
of the fathers to the
children, and the heart
of the children to
their fathers."
Malachi 4:6**

