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The Last Minute at Midnight

The last minute at midnight hangs trembling on God's clock, a silver thread of borrowed time still holding back the shock, trumpets poised to shatter every shadow we have known, when the Judge steps through the doorway and the world is fully shown.

The last minute at midnight breathes heavily in the air, a whisper through the spirit saying Watch, saying Prepare. For the hourglass is thinning, and the sands are nearly through, and the Bridegroom moves in silence for the ones He calls His few.

The last minute at midnight is Mercy's final call, a chance to drop our idols and rise before we fall. To trim the lamps we carry, let their faithful embers glow, for the night is almost over and the dawn is set to show.

The last minute at midnight is a warning and a gift— a moment for repentance, a moment when hearts can shift. For soon the sky will open and the King will take His throne, and every soul will answer for the seeds their lives have sown.

So, hear the ticking thunder as ETERNITY draws near; the last minute at midnight is a time to bow to fear. Stand ready for His coming, let your spirit stay awake, the last minute is the warning you cannot forget to take, For the world is nearly over, and the hour almost done —be ready for His coming there's no time left to run. Gail Huddleston

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Greetings In Jesus Name



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Dear Beloved Friends and Faithful Partners,

With hearts full of gratitude, we pause to give thanks to Almighty God for His unwavering

grace and provision. It is only by His hand that America's Christian Newspaper has been able to continue its mission all these years—proclaiming truth, uplifting believers, and shining the light of Christ in a world that desperately needs hope.

Even though our church has walked through seasons of trial and uncertainty, we stand firm in the confidence that God is working all things together for our good. His hand has never left us, His grace has never failed us, and His purpose continues to unfold in ways we cannot always see but can always trust. We move forward with faith, knowing that every challenge only strengthens our testimony and draws us closer to the future He has prepared. He continues to lead us with wisdom, strength, and unfailing love. These challenges do not weaken us—they shape us, unite us, and prepare us for the blessings He has already set in motion. You never lose in God, you wait for new direction.

We also want to express our deepest appreciation to you—our readers, partners, and prayer warriors. Your encouragement, your generosity, and your steadfast support have been a living testimony of God's love in action. Through every season, your faithfulness has strengthened our resolve and reminded us why this work matters. Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in the power of Christian outreach

Thank you for helping us carry the message of Jesus across communities, homes, and hearts throughout this nation.

As we look ahead, we do so with renewed hope and confidence—not in our own strength, but in the Lord who has never failed us. May He continue to guide this ministry, bless every person who has poured into it, and use these pages to glorify His name for many years to come.

To God be the glory, great things He has done—and greater things He will do.

With gratitude and joy,

Bro Jr. Tingle

Today's Wrong Emphasis

So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nest than its neighbors. No fox ever fretted because he only had one hole in the earth in which to live and hide. No squirrel. Never died in anxiety. At least he should not lay up enough nuts for two winners instead of one. And no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years. So many people put the emphasis on the wrong thing. The Bible says, But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33.

Please remember To pray for this Newspaper!



Questions & Answers

Question

Bro.O.F.Fauss

A number of questions have been asked concerning the STANDARD OF HOLINESS in the Pentecostal Church. For example: "What about ungodly books, such as novels, murder mysteries, detective stories, love story magazines, and others? Should saints have them in their homes, and read them? Others have asked about fashions, styles and hairdos. And some still ask whether Pentecostal Christians should have television in their homes.

Answer:

Some of these questions have been answered repeatedly in this column, or by other writers whose articles appear in this newspaper paper. The prevalence of the things mentioned above has caused some serious thinking among spiritually-minded men and women. It all reflects the ever present spirit of this present world, and the work of " ... the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Ephesians 2:2, 3). lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Ephesians 2:2, 3). Peter speaks of it this way: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith " (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

All the above-mentioned questions and inquiries refer to things of the world. And we read in 1 John 2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

To conform any of these worldly things to the will of God is impossible. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life are all displayed in the things mentioned in the questions at the beginning of this article.

The reading of ungodly literature and books, the following of worldly styles, fads and fashions in dress and appearance, long hair for men and short hair for women (1 Corinthians 11:14, 15), shows (whether in a movie theater with a twenty-one foot screen, or in the living room with a twenty-one inch screen)-all these not only have the appearance of evil, but are evil. They have been condemned by the standard of the Pentecostal Church, and by godly men of this present time, who have obeyed the words of Isaiah: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). Paul said, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

This wonderful Pentecostal experience, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, was a truth hidden through the ages by the ideas and traditions of men, and was revealed to us at the turn of this century. The Spirit was poured out in the midst of a group of God-fearing, holiness-minded people, who were earnestly seeking for more truth.

Worldly things in existence, as mentioned in this month's question, were "off limits" to us.

It is the same today. I am happy to tell the world that our banner is still HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales.

Why Does God Allow Trials in Our Lives?

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone : but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24-25) or we which live are alway[s] delivered unto death for Jesus' sake , that the life also of Jesus .might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." (2Cormth1ans 4:11)

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(Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Psalm 107:25-30; 119:69, 71, 75; Acts 14:22c;

1 Peter 4:19; Hosea 6:1; Job 33:29-30)

A. Because He loves us and He wants us to be healed, to be whole and to have abundant life (Psalm 71 :20; Job 5:17-18)

B. Because He wants our attention:

1. So we might see our true selves (Psalm 38;1-18)

2 So we might hear His voice (Deuteronomy 4:1; 6:3-5; 8:2-3)

3. So we might choose His way (Deuteronomy 8:2; 30:19-20; Psalm 119:67; Judges 2:22; 1 Peter 4:1-2)

C. Because He wants every hindrance removed that keeps us from being fully yielded (Psalm 51 :7-9; James 1 :13-15; 2 Corinthians 1:9b; 3:5; 4:7-12; Romans 5:3-5; John 15:2; Hebrews 12:1)

D. Because He wants us to love Him (Job 13:15; Deuteronomy 13:3-4)

Purpose of Being a Christian Is: (1 Timothy 1 :5)

A. To be emptied of self life, we can be filled with God's Life (John 3:30; 12:24a,b; 13:37b; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 15:31b,36; 2 Corinthians 4:8-12,16; Matthew 23:26; James4:8-10; Luke 12:33; Mark 8:35). This is the fulness of God (Ephesians 3:19; 4:13).

B. Others might see God's Life manifested and reflected in us, not our own self life (Exodus 9:16; Philippians 1:21; Galatians 1:16a; 2:20; 4:19; Colossians 3:4a; John 1 :16; 3:30a; 10:10; 12:24; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 4:7 ,II b; Ephesians 5:2,18b). We are to be in this world, as He is (1 John 4:17; John 12:26a). we are to walk as He walked (1 John 2:6; 3:16). "Laying our lives down"

C. To be a genuine witness (Luke 11:33; 1 John 4:12; John 1:7a; Matthew 5:16)

Partaking in Christ's Sufferings: Trials allow us to share in the sufferings of Christ. As we face difficulties, we can identify with His sacrifice and draw closer to Him.

Manifesting Christ's Life: Through trials, the life of Christ is revealed in us. Just as a gem is polished through friction, our faith and character are refined in the crucible of adversity **Preparation for a Special Task:** Consider Joseph's story in the Bible. His trials-betrayal, slavery, imprisonment-prepared him for a significant role in Egypt.

Similarly, God uses trials to equip us for specific tasks or purposes!.

Glorifying God: The story of Job illustrates this. Despite immense suffering, Job remained faithful, and God's glory was magnified through his unwavering trust

Teaching Perseverance: James 1: 12 reminds us that enduring trials leads to a crown of life. Perseverance strengthens our faith and character, ultimately benefiting us and bringing glory to God Remember, God's love for us remains steadfast even in the midst of trials. He promises never to forsake us, and He works behind the scenes, even when we can't see it immediately.

God is working when we can't see Him working!

The Shepherd and His Flock

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow ... , I began to meditate upon this wonderful thought from God's Holy Word.

Are we indeed the flock mentioned here? Imagine a large flock of sheep as they listen to their shepherd's voice, and follow him. They are close together - in unity and in one accord. But wait! What is happening?

Something is wrong! Ever so of-ten among the flock one sheep turns around. He is trying to go back the way he has come. He is crowding and pushing the other sheep who are continuing to follow the good shepherd.

Why is the sheep acting like this? It is evident that he does not like the rough ground over which the shepherd is leading his flock. But, then, is this not the same ground over which the obedient sheep are traveling?

It is evident that this sheep is tired, hungry and thirsty; but so are the other sheep.

The difference is that the unruly sheep is remembering something - something about yesterday. Then all the sheep drank from cool, clear water. Yesterday they were pastured upon the level, green plains. So this one sheep is trying to go back to yesterday's blessings. He is not willing to go through the rough and barren country, across the narrow crevices, and trust in the wise shepherd.

This one sheep does not seem to be aware that the shepherd knows best, that he is taking this route for various good reasons, and that he will lead the sheep again to green pastures and still waters. Along the way he will provide for them. He will lead them to streams of water that they will appreciate even more than the ones they drank from yesterday. They will gratefully feed from pastures far more luscious and abundant than those they have passed. And because they are tired, hungry and thirsty, they will enjoy these blessings even more.

Perhaps the shepherd has in mind for them a destination where they can tarry for a long time, resting, feasting and drinking.

We Are That Flock of Sheep

Are not so, me of us sometimes rebellious like this one sheep? Do we not feel that we do not like the way in which the Good Shepherd is leading us?

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Certainly He is grieved over the turning back of even one of His sheep. He is disturbed when He sees one of his sheep hindering the rest of the flock. The same is true of the earthly shepherds - the pastors. They feel that, somehow, they must induce their sheep to press on, to keep them from yielding to the temptation to turn back, but how?

Only God knows the sleepless hours the pastor spends; the tears he sheds for his sheep. Sometimes, in spite of it all, he cannot keep some of the sheep looking ahead to greater things. Their mind is too strongly set on blessings of the past.

Often the good shepherd goes to such sheep, pleads with them, prays with them. Sometimes he is made welcome; at other times he is pushed aside. But at all times, he does his best.

Then if all fails, the shepherd must leave the sheep, and lead the others forward. He cannot sacrifice the entire flock for the sake of one rebellious sheep. What a tragedy!

God leads His sheep through the rough and barren country, as well as through the green meadows and beside the still waters. This rough barren country is representative of our trials and tests. But He is the Good Shepherd. He knows and loves His sheep, and will lead them through the desolate places, until they come at last to the place of eternal rest.

6 Weapons God Placed in your Hands and the enemy hopes you never use

Let me tell you something most believers forget. You are in a war, not a war with your boss, not a war with your neighbor, not even a war with your circumstances. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:12 KJV, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities against powers against the rulers of the darkness of this world against spiritual wickedness in high places" This is spiritual that anxiety that came out of nowhere. That sudden wave of discouragement, that temptation that feels stronger than your willpower. The whisper telling you, you are not enough. That is not random. Here is the part the enemy hopes you never realize. You are not defenseless. God did not send you into a battlefield empty handed. He did not save you, and then leave you exposed. He equipped you, armed you, and empowered you. The problem is not that believers lack weapons, the problem is many believers don't know how to use them. Some of you are fighting with your emotions when you should be fighting with authority. Some of you are trying to survive when you were designed to overcome. The enemy thrives on ignorance, but today that ends. Today you are going to see the weapons God already placed in your hands and when you understand what you carry, the fear begins to lose its grip. You are not a victim of darkness; you are a carrier of light. You are not barely making it; you are more than a conqueror. Romans 8:37 says, "Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Not maybe, not someday. Now, let us start with the first. The one Jesus himself used when hell tried to confront him face to face. The word of God; The sword of the spirit. Listen carefully, when Satan came against Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus did not argue, He did not negotiate, He did not panic, He spoke scripture. Every single temptation was answered with three words, "It is written." Matthew 4 shows us something powerful.

Jesus said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 KJV. Notice that He didn't say, "I feel," He did not say, "I think." He said, "It is written, the word of God is not just information, it is a weapon. Ephesians 6:17 calls it the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. A sword is not decorative, it is offensive. It moves forward. It cuts, it divides, and it drives back the enemy. Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword," Quick means alive. When you speak scripture over your fear, it is alive. When you declare God's promises over your family, it's alive. When you answer temptation with truth, it is alive. The enemy attacks with lies: you are not good enough; you will never change; God has forgotten you; You've messed up too much; If you don't know the Word, those lines start to sound like truth, but when the enemy says you are condemned, you answer with Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." When fear tells you you're alone, declare Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." When weakness overwhelms you, you stand on Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." You don't fight thoughts with feelings; you fight lies with truth. Here's the honest question, are you carrying your sword or is it collecting dust? Owning a Bible is different from wielding it.

THE TRIUMPH OF GOD'S LOVE



In His love for humanity God has plainly marked the way to eternal life.

. Highlighting scripture is not speaking it in battle. The Word must move from pages to your mouth. Declare it in your house, declare it over your children, declare it in your car, declare it when your mind tries to spiral. There is authority when a believer speaks what God has already said. Hear me clearly, the enemy trembles when you know the word, because a believer who knows scripture cannot be easily manipulated. A believer who speaks scripture is not easily defeated.

This is your first weapon, pick it up. Prayer, your direct line to the throne. Let me ask you something, when pressure hits your life, what do you do first? Do you panic? Do you call everyone else? Do you try to fix it in your own strength, or do you pray, because prayer is not a religious routine. It is not empty

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repetition. Prayer is access, immediate access to the throne room of almighty God. Hebrews 4:16 KJV says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Boldly. Not timid, not ashamed, and not uncertain. Boldly prayer is not weakness, it is warfare. James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." The word availeth means it produces results. Prayer moves things, prayer shifts atmospheres, prayer changes hearts, prayer releases peace, and Prayer invites divine intervention into impossible situations. The enemy knows this and that's why he fights your prayer life so aggressively. He'll make you too busy, he'll make you too tired, he'll whisper it won't matter anyway but listen to me, the moment you pray Heaven listens. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Did you catch that? Prayer doesn't just change circumstances; it guards your mind. (Continued on page 7)

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Some of you are fighting anxiety when you should be fighting in prayer, some of you are enduring burdens God never asked you to carry. 1st Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care upon him, for He careth for you." Not some of your care, all of it. When you pray you are declaring dependence and dependence on God is strength, not weakness. Jesus himself prayed constantly. If the son of God needed prayer, what makes us think we can survive without it? Prayer is where strategies are downloaded, prayer is where strength is renewed, and prayer is where fear dies. You don't need fancy words, you need faith, you need sincerity, and you need consistency. Start your morning with prayer, end your day with prayer, whisper prayers in the middle of chaos, because when you pray you are not talking into the air, you are speaking to the King. Pick up this weapon and use it daily.

3rd Faith, the shield that stops the fire. Now let's talk about something that stops the enemy in its tracks. Faith. Ephesians 6:16 KJV says, "Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Not some of them, all of them. The enemy does not just attack with obvious evil, he sends fiery darts, thoughts, fears, doubts, accusations, you're going to fail,

this situation will never change, God isn't coming through this time, and you're too far gone. Those are fiery darts and without faith, those darts burn. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." Faith means you trust God when you don't see evidence yet. Faith means you stand when circumstances look opposite of the promise. Faith means you believe God's word more than your emotions. The shield in Roman warfare covered the entire body when soldiers locked shields together. They became nearly impenetrable and that's what faith does, it blocks what the enemy tries to ignite in your mind. When fear says you're alone, faith says God is with me, when lack says you won't make it, faith says my God shall supply all your need Philippians 4:19. When weaknesses says, you can't endure, faith says the Lord is my strength. Psalm 28:7, faith is not pretending everything is perfect, faith is choosing to trust a perfect God in imperfect circumstances. Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." You strengthen your shield by feeding on the word. The more truth you hear, the stronger your faith becomes. Listen carefully, faith is not a feeling; some days you won't feel strong, some days you won't feel confident, but faith is a decision before it is an emotion. You choose to believe and when you raise that shield, the darts lose power. You are not helpless, You are not exposed, You have a shield, lifted. The name of Jesus: authority over darkness.

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There is a name that hell cannot ignore; a name that demons recognize, a name that sickness is bound, a name that carries authority and, in every realm, that name is Jesus. Philippians 29:11 KJV says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth." Everything: not some, not most. That includes fear, that includes addiction, that includes depression, that includes spiritual oppression, there is power in the name of Jesus. Not as a slogan, not as a chant, but as authority. Here's what you must understand that authority has been delegated to you as a believer. Luke 10:19 says, "Behold, I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Jesus did not say I might give you power, He said I give unto you power. The word power there means authority, legal right. When a police officer raises his hand, traffic stops. Not because of his physical strength, but because of delegated authority. When you speak, 'In the name of Jesus,' you are operating under heaven's authority. Acts 3:6 shows Peter saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. The man rose." The early church did not rely on personality; they relied on the name. Some of you are fighting silently when you should be speaking boldly. When oppression tries to settle into your home, declare the name of Jesus. When fear attacks your mind at night, speak the name of Jesus. When temptation presses hard, say His name. (continued page 8)

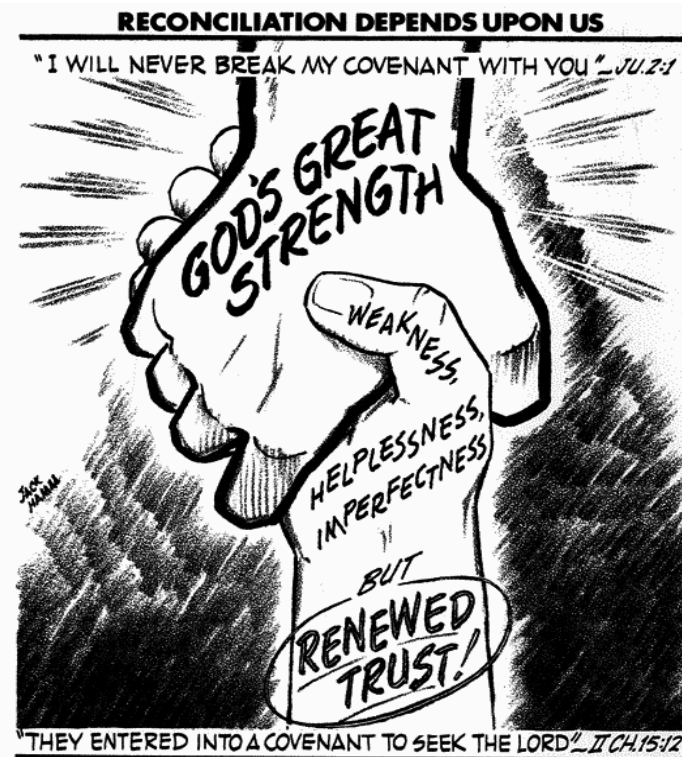
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Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe." That name is your refuge but hear this clearly. Authority flows from relationship. You cannot live in rebellion and expect to operate in authority. The power in His name flows from surrender to his lordship, so walk close to Him. Stay submitted. Stay obedient, and when darkness rises, don't shrink back. Speak the name. The Holy Spirit, your divine helper. You are not fighting alone. Let that sink in. You are not abandoned, You are not isolated, you are not left to figure this life out in your own strength.

Jesus said in John 14:16-17 KJV, "And I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth; forever." Not temporarily, not occasionally, forever. The Holy Spirit is not a distant force, He is your helper, your guide, your comforter, and your counselor. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." Power: not human strength, not will power, but divine enablement. Some of you are trying to overcome sin in your own effort. Some of you are trying to resist temptation by sheer discipline, but Galatians 5:16 says, "Walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." The victory comes from walking with him.

The Holy Spirit convicts, but conviction is different from condemnation. Condemnation says you are worthless, conviction says, this is not who you are. Romans 8:16 says, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." He reminds you of your identity, He warns you before you make destructive choices. He nudges you when you are about to say something you shouldn't. He strengthens you when you feel weak. Isaiah 40:29 says, "He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might, He increases strength. That strength is supplied through the spirit. But here is the key, you must be sensitive. The world is loud distractions are constant.

If you never quiet your heart, you may miss his leading. Make space for him. Listen when you pray. Obey when you promise. Yield when he corrects. The Holy Spirit is not just comfort for hard days; He is empowerment for victorious living. You are not alone in this battle. You have the spirit of the living God dwelling within you, walk with him. Praise and worship, the weapon that confuses the enemy.



Now this one surprises people, because it doesn't look like a weapon. Praise, worship. Let me tell you something, praise is not passive, praise is powerful. Psalm 22:3 KJV says, "But thou art holy, oh thou that inhabits the praises of Israel." God inhabits praise. That means when you praise, His presence manifests, and when His presence fills the place, darkness cannot stay. Look at 2nd Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat was surrounded by enemies, outnumbered, overwhelmed. Naturally speaking, defeat was certain, but instead of sending the army first, he sent the worshipers.

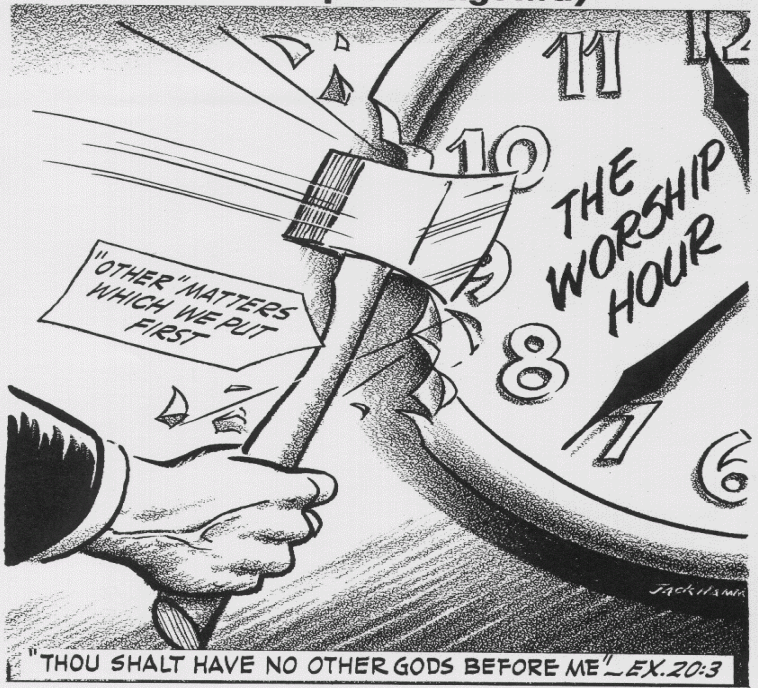
The Bible says, "And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount sire, and they were smitten." 2nd Chronicles 20:22, when they began to sing, not after the battle was won, not after circumstances changed; when they began to praise, God moved. Acts 16 tells us Paul and Silas were beaten and chained in prison. At midnight, in pain and darkness, they didn't complain. They worshiped. At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, and immediately all the doors were opened. Psalm 16: 25-26, praise opened prison doors. Some of you are sitting in emotional prisons, mental prisons, situational prisons, and you've been waiting for things to change before you praise, but praise is what causes the shift. Psalm 8:2 says, "God ordained strength and stills the enemy. Praise silences accusation. It silences despair. It shifts your focus from the problem to the provider. When you praise in pain, you declare God is still good. When you worship in uncertainty, you declare God is still faithful. When you lift your hands in the middle of the storm, you declare God is still in control. That confuses the enemy, because the enemy expects you to break under pressure,

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he doesn't expect you to worship through it. Hebrews 13:15 says, "By him, therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually." Sometimes praise is a sacrifice. Sometimes you won't feel like it, but when you choose to worship anyway, chains begin to loosen. Make your home a place of worship. Fill your atmosphere with praise. Let gratitude be louder than your fear. This is not emotional hype; this is spiritual warfare. Open your mouth, praise him. Pick up your weapons. Listen to me carefully, you are not helpless, you are not weak, you are not at the mercy of every attack that comes your way. God has armed you. 1st, You have the Word, the sword that cuts through lies. 2nd, You have prayer, direct access to heaven's throne.

We Keep Hacking Away



3rd You have faith, a shield that quenches every fiery dart. 4th, You have the name of Jesus, authority over darkness. 5th, You have the Holy Spirit, divine power within you. 6th, you have praise, a weapon that shifts battles in your favor. The enemy is already defeated. Colossians 2:15 KJV says, "Jesus having spoiled principalities and powers." He made a shew of them openly. Triumphant over them." The victory was won at the cross. You are not fighting for victory; you are fighting from victory. Romans 8:37 reminds you, "In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us, more than conquerors that's who you are."

Weapons unused bring no results. I'm asking you, which weapon have you neglected? Is your Bible closed? Has your prayer life gone silent? Has fear lowered your shield? Have you stopped speaking his name? Have you ignored the spirits prompting? Has praise disappeared from your mouth? It is time to pick them up again. Stand firm, speak boldly, pray fervently, believe deeply, and worship loudly. You were never meant to live defeated. You were built for victory, now walk in it.

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Dream Big

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true.
I've seen them vanish at dawn.
But I've realized enough of my dreams to thank God,
to make me want to dream on.
I prayed many prayers. When no answer came,
though, I waited patient and long.
But answers have come to enough of my prayers
to make me keep praying on.
I've trusted many a friend that failed
and left me to weep alone,
but I found enough of my friend's true blue
to make me keep trusting on.
I've so many seed that fell by the way
for the birds to feed upon.
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands
to make me keep sowing on.
I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain
and gone many days without a song.
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life
to make me want to live on.
-author unknown

As we get close to God, there are times of trials and testing. We can tell if we are clay or gold by how we respond. If we are clay, we become hard. If we are gold, we melt and flow with God's purpose.

Jesus Is With Us

**Jesus is with us
in all that we do,
every hour every day
all our life through.
In sunshine and shadow,
In health and in pain,
His mercies endureth
His love shall remain
-selected**

Persistent Service

Galatians 6:9

**One need not be highly
talented to do great
things for God, just
consecrated and
persistent. Seldom does
one achieve immediate
results, for God's best
fruit matures slowly.
Therefore, the apostle
also warns. Let us not be
weary in well doing for
in due season we shall
reap if we faint not**

**Let us give our work, our
thoughts, our plans,
ourselves, our lives, our
loved ones, our
influence, our all into His
hand. Then, when we
have given all over to
Him, there will be
nothing left for us to be
troubled. Or to make
trouble about.**

PRAISE CHANGES THINGS

Our God wants a people who will not only pray, but also praise Him. The Bible is full of stories of victorious men because they praised the Lord. The walls of Jericho fell when Israel praised God. Paul and Silas were delivered from prison and won others to Christ because they praised God (Acts 16:25).
If there are needs in our lives, or we desire requests for others, bring them in prayer before the Lord. Then by continued praise we will be assured of the victory.

Praise changes things!

You kneel in prayer, yet do not contact God. Try praising Him and He will flood your soul with His divine presence.
Perhaps you do not like the noise that praise brings, or you feel it unnecessary and seemingly very foolish. In Psalm 98:4, David exhorts the people to make a loud noise, rejoice and sing praise unto the Lord. If the world can make a loud noise during recreation hours, how much more should His people glorify His name by giving Him praise continually? "His praise shall continually be in my mouth", (Psalm 34:1).

God Commands It

It is necessary for God commands it. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6).
It looks foolish, remember, "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise" (I Corinthians 1:27).
Again you say you do not feel like praising God. "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God" (Hebrews 13:15).
Do you desire to be filled with His Spirit? Offer Him praise: faith will arise in your heart and you will receive the promised gift (Acts 2:39).
Have you prayed for a revival and it has been withheld? Keep praying and begin to praise. "The Lord will add to the church such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).
If you are in a testing place, surrounded by circumstances which point to defeat, praise the Lord in the glory of God's presence, all things will be possible. Praise is a tonic for the blues and a sure cure for every disease.
In Luke 19:40 Jesus declares that He will have a people who will praise Him. Start praising the Lord now and the victory is yours.

Praise His name, He's the same blessed Jesus!
Praise His name, He's the One I adore.
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him more and more and more.

Yes, learn to praise God now, for heaven will be filled with the praises of the redeemed. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6).

It Depends on You

It depends on you. The average age of the world's greatest civilization has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:
From bondage to spiritual faith,
From spiritual faith to great courage,
From courage to liberty,
From liberty to abundance.
From abundance to selfishness.
From selfishness to complacency.
From complacency to apathy.
From apathy to dependence.
From dependence back to bondage.

Money! Money! Money!

Money will buy a house but not a home.
Food but not an appetite.
Clothing, but not beauty.
Medicine, but not health.
A bed but not sleep.
Books, but not brains.
Luxury, but not culture.
Insurance, but not security.
A church, but not salvation.
Loyalty. But not love.
Things, but not joy and happiness.
A crucifix, but not a savior.
Companions, but not real friends.
Glasses but no vision.
Membership but not fellowship.
Knowledge but not wisdom.

-selected-

The Best Outlook is the Up-look!

When I look within me,
Fears and doubts prevail,
Lord, I'm only human,
made of clay and frail.

When I look behind me,
Satan's at my heels,
When I look before me,
nothing much appeals.

But when I look above me,
my heart breaks forth with song,
for that's the best direction,
The up-look can't be wrong.

Edward M. Brandt

Lest I Envy Others

I do not ask an easy place
To hold his banner high,
But this I ask enough of grace
To bear it till I die.

I do not ask release from strain
Or testing, come what may.
But help me stand Lord in the gap
And teach me how to pray.

And least I envy others Lord Who
have an easier road.
Remind me then of Calvary,
Where thou didst bear my load.

-Anna Oydna

Our spirituality can be compared to an airplane ride, the higher we rise, the smaller things on earth become. -selah

We Will All Give An Account

We will all give an account before God — ministers, leaders, and congregations alike. In today's world, we often hear the phrase "no one is above the law." That statement echoes a deeper spiritual truth: no one in the ministry is above the Word of God. The same sword that corrects the congregation also corrects the pulpit. The same standard that convicts the pew also convicts the preacher.

The Two-Edged Sword Cuts Both Ways

Hebrews 4:12 declares that the Word of God is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." A two-edged sword does not cut in only one direction. It cuts the one who swings it as surely as the one it is swung toward.

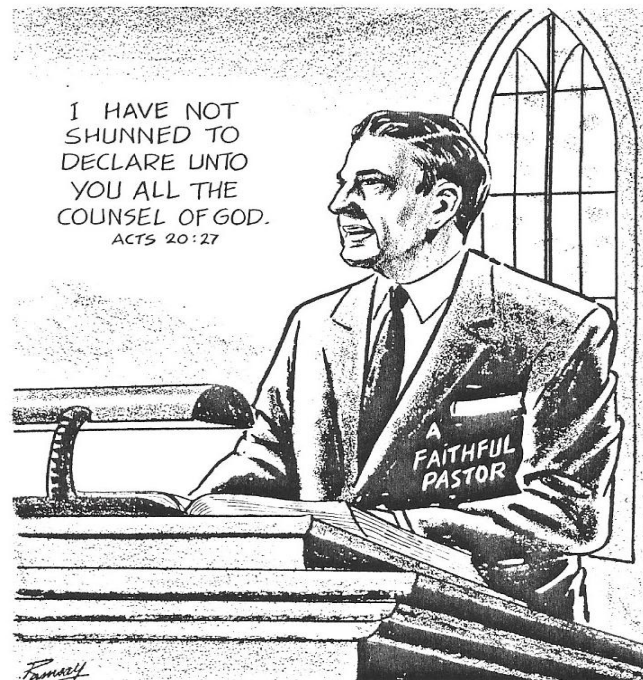
Many today treat ministry as if the sword has only one edge — as if the preacher is exempt from the very truth he proclaims. But God never designed His Word to be a weapon used only downward. It is a mirror, a measure, and a judge for all who handle it.

Accountability in ministry
Biblical leadership standards
Judgment begins at the house of God

The Rise of Self-Profiting and Celebrity Ministry

We live in a time when many have turned ministry into a platform for self-profit, self-promotion, and self-celebrity. Some chase influence more than anointing, applause more than obedience, and followers more than faithfulness.

But real men and women called by God do not:
Seek to take another man's labor
Tear down churches and take over works that others have built over decades and rob sheep.
Use the pulpit to elevate themselves



Warnings to False Pastors and Teachers

Scripture is not silent about those who misuse spiritual authority. The Bible warns repeatedly about false pastors, false prophets, and false teachers who:

Preach for profit
Manipulate the vulnerable
Twist Scripture to justify their lifestyle
Build kingdoms around themselves instead of Christ
Devour the flock rather than feed it
God's Word says such leaders are:
"Wolves in sheep's clothing"
"Clouds without water"
"Shepherds feeding themselves"
"Blind guides"
And the Lord promises that every one of them will give an account.
False teachers in Scripture
Signs of spiritual deception

A Call Back to True Ministry

The ministry today must return to:

Integrity
Accountability
Holiness
Servant-hood
Fear of the Lord

A minister is not called to be a celebrity, but a shepherd. Not a brand, but a servant. Not a star, but a steward.

The church does not belong to the preacher — it belongs to Christ. The people are not the minister's possession — they are God's flock, purchased with His own blood.
Biblical shepherding
Stewardship in ministry

We Will All Give an Account

Whether pastor or parishioner, teacher or listener, leader or layman — every one of us will stand before God. Titles will not matter. Positions will not matter. Reputation will not matter.

Only truth.
Only obedience.
Only faithfulness.

The ministry must live what it preaches. The pulpit must model what it demands. The shepherd must walk the same path he calls the sheep to walk.

For the Word of God will not allow the ministry to live anything less than the congregation — and on that day, every man's work will be tried by fire.

-Gail Huddleston

Why Should I Go To Church

THERE was a time when this question was not raised. The necessity for considering the question was one of those things which was accepted without much argument on the negative side of the question. Parents went to church and so did their children. Many went to church-and still do for that matter-without really facing and analyzing the question. The matter of motives seldom was discussed-perhaps it is not now. The fact remains that it should be discussed by both parents and their children. But is there any moral value attached to an act of Christian worship and service when the motive is not a proper one? It seems to me Jesus taught that the inner motive was to be considered in the weighing of spiritual values. If that be true, it is in order here and ought to be considered in its relation to this question.

Do you go to church to be entertained, to hear a sermon, to listen to good music, to see friends, to satisfy conscience, to keep your parents sweet? That list could be lengthened considerably, but really, now, young people, why should we go to church?

I think we should be glad to go to church because we recognize that our Bible requires it. The Sabbath was instituted at the creation, was maintained by the patriarchs, was observed by Moses and upheld by the prophets. The institution was accepted by the New Testament church and by the Christian church until the very present moment. An interesting and helpful activity for any individual or group of folks would be to take a good Concordance and Bible Dictionary and make a careful study of the Biblical teaching on why we should go to church. Then, too, I'm sure as Christians we should want to do what our great leader did. Jesus taught the value of going to church by His own example.



If going to church brought Jesus closer to His Father, I am convinced that it will do the same for us.

We should want to go to church because necessity demands it. It is true that God will be worshipped. God has created us with the power to worship. He expects it of us. As human beings we need it-for our whole being. It is a necessary experience for our bodies, our minds and our souls. It is necessary for the kingdom of God that we go to church. It is in the church that we are inspired to noble living, sacrificial giving and serving. It is here that we learn the great truths of our religion and are advised concerning the great program of the Christian church in the world. It is here that we are trained to be good Christian citizens-and surely we all know that our nation and our world are sorely in need of them.

We should want to go to church and actually worship because we want to do so. We do this because we feel the necessity for a finer appreciation of God, because we want to get as close to Him as possible and feel His power pulsing through us, stirring our hearts to greater accomplishments in the development of a Christian personality. We will go to give, our heart's adoration and worship to the Savior, who loved us and gave Himself for us. We will go because we just feel we have to go and that we cannot resist the inner compulsion to meet with God in the place He has appointed for our trust.

What do you do when you go to church? You will no doubt reply: "What the other folks do worship God." Worship is first of all an exercise of the individual soul. Expressed briefly, it is a look up to God, a look in at ourselves, a look out to the world. In worship we seek until we find God. That is what we do when we go to church.

How can we know whether or not we have actually worshiped? The evidences are unmistakable. If we have lost our tenseness in His peace, if we can sense that we have made God happy and so with Him share this joy in our hearts, if we can feel the urge to loosen our hold on things and lay __ hold on God, if we feel the desire to be less with self and more like Christ, we have worshiped.

We can be sure of having worshiped if our souls have been purified by the cleansing presence.

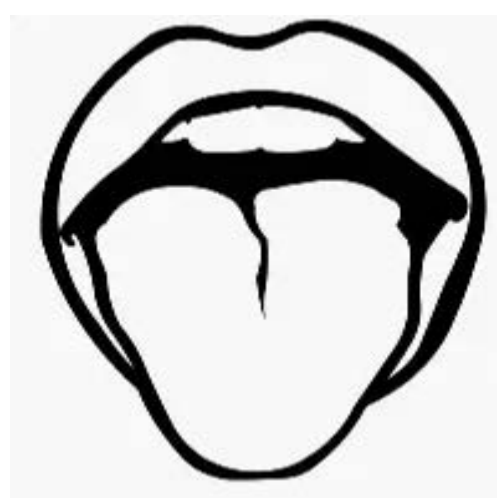
If we are restrained from doing wrong, constrained to do good and sustained in our Christian experience, we have worshiped.

Another evidence of actual worship is a stirred will-a will swept out of the realm of selfishness into the vast resources of power which lie in surrender. If after we have been to church we can sincerely pray, "Thy will be done," we have worshiped.

Ten Commandments For The Tongue

Long ago (so long that I have forgotten the time, the place, and the by whom), I heard a sermon on "The Ten Commandments for Your Tongue." I jotted them down in my notebook, together with some of the preacher's observations. Let us review them briefly:

1. Thou shalt not gossip. (Proverbs 18:8.) Before any evil story whispered in the ear is passed on, it should be treated as the housewife treats apples for a pie-first peeled, then quartered, then cored; then what remains, liberally sugared.
2. Thou shalt not use a multitude of empty words. (Proverbs 10:19.) Your tongue reveals the nature of your thinking and of your character. Justin said: "By examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body, and philosophers the diseases of the mind." The divine Master Himself admonishes the children of men to "let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."
3. Thou shalt not boast. (Proverbs 27:2.) A small man makes long, loud boastings in order to center the spotlight of attention upon himself; the great man works quietly, silently polishing the beacon that it may guide the ship safely into the desired haven.
4. Thou shalt not flatter. (Proverbs 26:28.) Someone has said that "Flattery is like soft soap; it is ninety percent lye" -and you can count on this ratio as being just about a hundred percent correct. The words of the man or woman who would flatter you, according to the Psalmist, who had a great deal of experience with that sort of thing, are "softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."
5. Thou shalt not grumble. (Philippians 2:14.) The prescription for this malady is to saturate your life with loving-kindness. Let it enter every pore, and the process will make you stronger, more sympathetic, more beautiful, more constant, more helpful, and absolutely fail-proof against the gnawing frets and worries that are worse than termites, to eat out the soul of you.
6. Thou shalt not backbite or slander.(Psalm 64:3.) The tongue that backbites or slanders is the weapon that empties churches, pours streams of bickering humans into divorce court separators, fills our jails with wretched humanity, and lashes men and women into Satan's kingdom.
7. Thou shalt not mock or make fun. (Job 11:3.) Let us learn sympathy and give our fellows a helping hand instead of mockery, no matter how peculiar or odd they may be. Remember, angels visit the earth in all kinds of guises. lying tongues are silenced forever.



9. Thou shalt not swear. (Exodus 20:7 .) Profanity is the official language of the devil's kingdom. Have no part in it. for it will disqualify you from heaven.
10. Thou shalt not argue in anger (Hosea 7:16) Whatever the provocation, remember that "silence is golden" and that a soft answer turns away wrath:but grievous words stir up anger."

IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY

To apologize,
To begin over.
To admit error,
To take advice,
To be unselfish,
To keep on trying.
To be considerate,
To thank and act.
To lose by mistakes.
To forgive. And forget.
To shoulder deserved blames,
but it always pays.

**Urgent trials should awaken
fervent prayers.**

**Oh how sad it is that the Bible
is a living book in our libraries
but a dead book in our lives**

MY BIBLE

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This Holy book I'd rather own
than all the golden gems,
That e'er in monarch's coffers
shown than all their diadems!
Nay, were the seas. One
chrysolite, the earth one
golden ball, and diamonds, all
the stars of night,
This book is worth them all.
-selected

IF

**IF You have anything kind to
say, If you have any
encouragement to give,
If another's actions seem to
you worthy of praise, then
say it, and say it out loud.
Too often it is criticism. And
fault finding that make
themselves heard,
While helpful words are only
whispered.**

The Truth Crusader

REMEMBER

Remember,though the
past is the past, today
remains today.
The future,though
unknown to us,Is not so
far away.
The promise of tomorrow
is a challenge we must
meet. Be blessed,brave
heart and courage
show,each new day that
you greet.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full into His wonderful
face; And the things of the
earth will grow strangely
dim In the light of His Glory
and grace!

"Witnesses"

Edna Soderberg

On a very cold day, a rap came on my door and an attractive nicely-dressed young lady stood there with Bible in hand she spoke; of the "kingdom." I answered "Yes, I've prayed for the Kingdom many times in the Lord's Prayer."

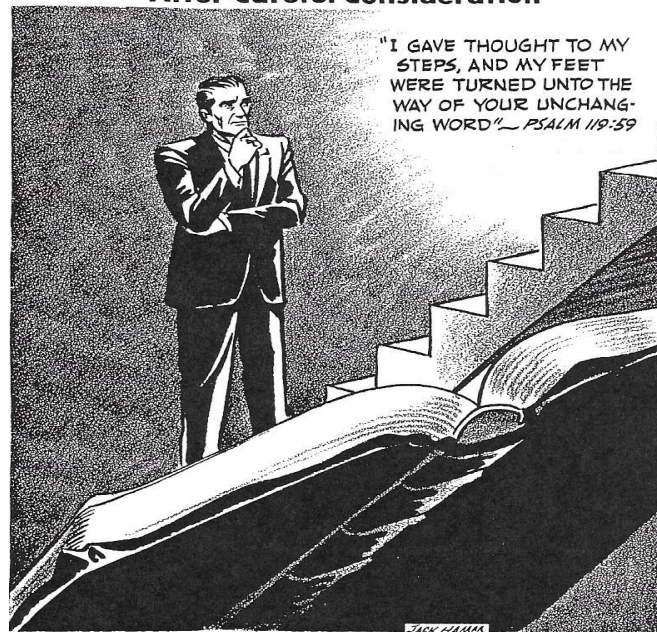
I invited her in, and when she was seated she opened her Bible and turned to Revelation 3:14 which says: "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God."

Then she said, "Do you see from this verse that Jesus is the son of God, not God?"

I knew Jesus was God, and I told her so, mentally berating myself for not knowing my Scriptures better so I could refer to Scripture itself to refute this false belief.

After she talked awhile, John 1:1 came to me: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... and without Him was not anything made that was made ... The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten [Son] of the Father" (vv. 1, 3, 14). Upon turning to John 1 in her Bible, this portion read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was a god, etc., which had quite another meaning. Her New World translation differed from the old dependable King James Version. We could have discussed the Word of God a long time and never come to an agreement, but we need not argue the true Bible as it stands on its' own merits.

I liked this young lady personally and I felt anger at her leaders for misleading her so. My heart went out to her; here she was



willing to get out on a cold day in the interest of Scripture and call on different people in the neighborhood, and she was being so grievously misled.

After this cultist had gone, I searched the Scriptures and found this pertaining to Jesus being God Hebrews 1:8 says, and listen closely for God is calling Jesus 'God'-"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness."

I wonder, if I could have shown her this meaningful portion of the Bible, if it would have made any difference if I had used it, or if that verse in their Bible was also changed to suit their leaders. I like to think the "Word of God is ... sharper than any two-edged sword, dividing asunder of soul and spirit" (Hebrews 4:12).

My prayer for myself is that I can be a better witness should any other of this cult call at my house again.

In John's time, Christians met in-homes before churches came into being, and John warned the church about the false cults. He thought the church should not entertain them in their homes or wish them Godspeed. The situation is different in our day.

Fullness of Joy

Joy is for the humble;
The humble shall ... be glad.
Psalm 69:32
Joy is for the meek;
The meek also shall increase their joy.
Isaiah 29:19
Joy is for the patient;
Strengthened ... unto all patience ...
with joyfulness- Colossians 1: 11
Joy for those who seek;
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.-Psalm 105:3
Joy is for the tempted;
Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.-James 1:2

Wilma Enricht

Resolutions

Let me be a little kinder;
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more.
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those whom I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be.
Let me be a little meeker,
With the brother who is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

- anonymous

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; now let us commit it to life.

Love looks through a telescope; Envy through a microscope.

Think On These Things

TO BUSY

I have things to do all day,
The radio is blasting away,
LORD, you know I'd love to pray
But, I'm too busy.

I love to hear my favorite play
Oh, I could listen just all day,
But I don't have time to pray,
No, LORD, I'm too busy.

I love to drive my car all day,
And look at sights along the way.
But when it's time for church, I say,
"I'm too busy."

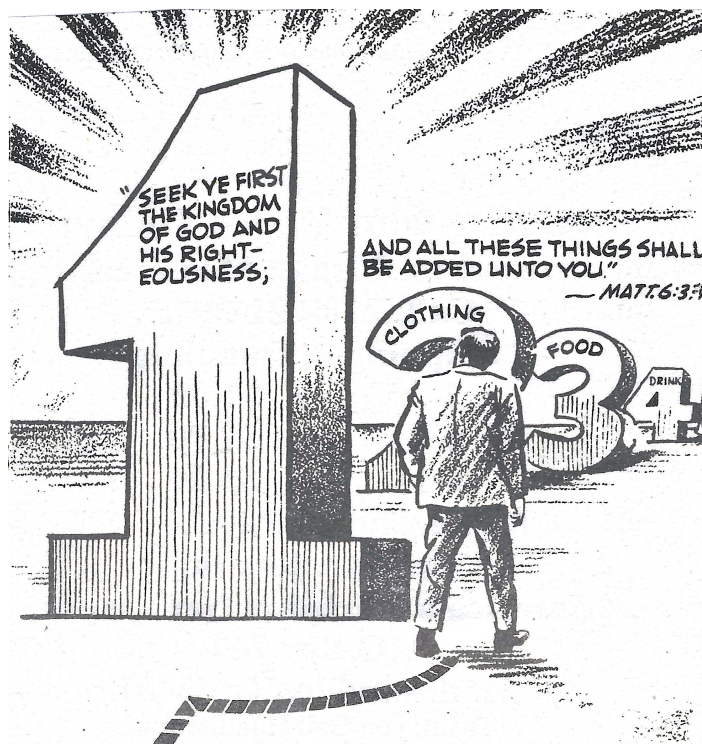
I love to read my favorite book,
And on its pages I love to look.
But when it comes to God's great Book
LORD, I'm too busy.

I love my tennis, golf, softball,
From early spring till late in fall,
But when the LORD begins to call
It seems I cannot go at all,
I'm too busy!

I love to sing and play and shout
And do my best without a doubt,
To get this glorious Gospel out,
But, LORD, I'm just too busy.

Some sing the worldly songs all day,
Have their minds on fun and play, But
when the Christians want to pray, I'm
just too busy.

You'll need the LORD to help someday,
It's then that you'll take time to pray.
Oh! you will hear His voice say,
"Child, I'm too busy."



Conscience is an inner voice to remind us that **SOMEONE is looking.**

It is NEVER WRONG to do what's right, But it is NEVER RIGHT to ignore what's wrong!

Only one life, It will soon be past; Only what's done For Christ will last.

The straight and narrow road is the only path that has no trouble with traffic.

HOW YOU FEEL

Feel glum?- Keep mum
Don't grumble- be humble
Trials cling- just sing
Don't fear- God's near
Money goes?- He knows
Honor left - not bereft
Don't rust - Work! Trust!

A Matchless Cleanser

A soap manufacturer and a Christian were walking together. The soap maker, who was not a Christian, said, "The Gospel you preach has not done much good in the world, there is much wickedness and many wicked people"

The believer did not answer at once, believing with the Prophets proverb, "A fool uttereth all his mind; But a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards".

Soon they met a very dirty little boy. Turning to the soap maker, the Christian said, "Your soap has not done much good in the world look at that dirty boy and there are heaps of dirty people in the slums and in the world."

"But "answered the other, "soap is good soap only if it is applied." "Just so," said the Christian, "Our gospel is the power of God, but many do not know its power because it has not been personally applied."

Man or woman, boy or girl, reading this, you know how dirty sin makes our hearts.

Have you personally applied God's remedy for that dirt of sin?

Open wide your heart's door and let Him in.

The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

Don't Look back we're not going that way!

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