# Spiritual Call

A Continuance of "Macedonian Call"

*To be carnally minded is death, but to be SPIRITUALLY minded is life and peace.*
*—Romans 8:6*

*Walk worthy of the vocation (calling) wherewith ye are CALLED.*
*—Ephesians 4:1*

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# 15,000,000 AMERICANS ANXIOUS TO LEARN CHRIST AND WE WON'T TEACH THEM-SHAME!!

*"Papa! Mama!—I'm one of the 15,000,000.*
*Won't you read to me about Jesus?*
*Won't you tell me a Bible story?*
*Won't you read the Bible-story Book?"*

"WHERE ARE THERE 15 million Americans who wish to learn the truth and we will not teach them?"—you cry from your sincere heart.

Well, let me explain. It is true the grown people here seem very set against the truth on religious matters, against anything which deprives them of their fun. Religious leaders over our land are depressed at the utter indifference of men and women, and very few preachers make any converts. So where are the millions of willing learners?

**Right in your own home.** It is estimated there are 15 million children between the age of three and ten, and this is the age when they wish to learn. Psychologists say that between three and six is the most impressionable age in one's life. No, don't say we need religious instruction in the public schools of our land. We are trying that, and we are really breaking up our school system, with dire results. Don't say we need bigger and better Sunday schools; the Church knew nothing about such organizations for hundreds of years; besides they are not doing the job. Crime is rampant in our land among the young, and the judges, preachers, lawyers, et al., say that **the cause lies largely with neglect of parents.**

Fathers, you feed your child with temporal food but not with the Bread of Life. You clothe him with wool but not with righteousness. You educate him for the world but not for heaven. You warn him of disease but not of sin. God commands you, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Can you be saved in such flagrant disobedience?

Mothers, you have time for clubs, for parties, for dress shows, for movies, etc., etc., but not for instilling gospel faith into the heart of your child. The young man Timothy has been praised for his Christian character and service for good, because he had faith, and that faith was evidently implanted in him by his mother and grandmother.

Little children under ten years are anxious to hear stories. See how they sit with open eyes and mouths and listen, and listen, and call for more. Good Bible stories can be made just as interesting as fairytales or wild west scenes. Or, there are good books which tell the stories in an interesting way, and you can read such to them, and comment as you go along.

You cannot really do much good unless you are a Christian yourself. If you are not one, will you not RIGHT NOW resolve you will give your self to Christ, and obey the gospel, and live the divine life, and thus be ready to guide to heaven those immortal souls God has put into your hands?

If you don't, those children may be a great source of grief to you, since they have not learned the way of righteousness from father and mother as God intended. It is nothing but indifference that hinders you, and Jesus says plainly, "Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

## The Little Chap Who Follows Me

A careful man I want to be.
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes.
Whate'er he sees me do he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
That little chap who follows me.

He knows that I am big and fine
And believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see,
That little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go
Through summer suns and winter snow
I am building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me.

—Selected.

## "When Shall We Tell Our Children About God?"

This is the title of a good article in Moody Monthly by Wilda Green, of which I am giving extracts well worth considering.—Editor Spiritual Call.

Let's talk it over, as mothers. When should we begin? There shouldn't be a beginning. It should always be. A young mother I know has expressed this very well. She says that when her baby was very small she sang hymns to him so there would never have been a time when he wasn't hearing about Jesus.

These children of ours, who live so closely with us day in and day out, will come to think about God as we think about Him, to understand Him as we understand Him. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are making the greatest impression of who and what God is like, simply by our lives.

Equally, if we have looked upon Him as the God of our lives, full of love and compassion and sympathy for our weakness; if we turn to Him with our daily problems; if we know Him as personal Saviour, as the Master of the universe, yet intimately concerned about us as individuals—then all the love and security in which we live will react persuasively and unforgettably upon our children.

We cannot teach our children to trust, if our lives are cluttered with fears and confusion, instead of grounded in peace and joy. A child will be far more impressed by prayer if he sees prayer as a vital part of the lives around him. He cannot feel the strength of God unless we give visible evidence that God is the source of our own strength.

## The Two Prayers

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears;
"Dear God, make me a man,
Like Daddy — wise and strong;
I know you can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head;
"O God, make me a child,
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

—Selected.

## The Queen of England Writes on the "HOME"

"It is the creative and dynamic power of Christianity which can help us to carry the moral responsibilities which history is placing upon our shoulders. **If Our HOMES can be truly Christian**, then the influence of that spirit will assuredly spread like leaven through all the aspects of our common life, social, industrial and political."—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

This woman has presented one of the most needed truths of the present crisis in the world. Paul commands Christian parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that is just as much a command as Repent and be baptized. Can we say we are Christians and neglect it?

You say, How can I do this? I reply: Get your Bible RIGHT NOW, and look up these scriptures in it, and read them to your children, and talk about what they mean, and draw some lesson if you can:

Genesis 1:26—And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen. 3:17—And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Gen. 6:3—And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man.

Gen. 8:22—While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen. 9:6—Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.

Gen. 12:1-3—Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The rest of the Bible is the unfolding of these promises to Abraham. God multiplied his seed till they numbered millions of people, he gave them the land of Canaan, watched over them, and blessed the world through Christ, his descendant, and we are still being blessed through that promise. That promise alone coupled with the history of the Jewish people and our knowledge of them today, (no nation has existed as it has, for it is a living monument of the truth of God's Word)—show us that the Bible came from God.

Now, reader, would it be nice to go through the entire Bible that way? Well, we have collected the choice scriptures on the Divine Life which EVERY ONE should read and meditate on, and they are printed in a tract called "Nuggets of Gold", and we will send it FREE to you for a stamp, so that you can be helped in training your

children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And at the same time, you will be training YOURSELF, and drawing closer to God. These 2,500 scripture references can also be found in the late edition of the Simplified New Testament.

To think of it! You will read this, and lay it aside and do NOTHING to train your children and yourself, and all of you will go down in hell together! Or will you NOT?

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**BOOKS WHICH HAVE HELPED MILLIONS OF CHILDREN**

**If the reader cannot find Bible story books for children in your local book store, we can furnish as below:**

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Story of the Gospel, $1.25.

Story of the Bible, for older children, $2.50.

Bible Pictures and What they Teach, $2.00. (400 of the greatest Biblical pictures).

Simplified New Testament, $3. (Helps make the Testament easy for children as well as grown people).

Send to the publisher of this paper for any of these.

Stop! Get paper and pencil, will you, please? Now, think of all the people in your church or community, or friends anywhere, who have children, under ten years of age. Send those names and addresses to us, and we will send them this copy of the Spiritual Call, also the bookmark on the family, and other literature on the family and home training, and its importance. Also we will send the paper a few months. Then after two or three months incidentally ask them, if you see them personally, if they have received the literature; and it may give you a chance to state that you had it sent, and to talk a little on such things. Will this help? We must do more than we have been doing. Also send names of any non-members, or careless Christians, and we will send a few copies of the paper.

Tens of millions of adults in America seem not to be interested in the gospel, but there are fifteen million children of teachable age who WILL listen to truth, especially by parents. Instead of devising human organizations to try to do this, let us try to STIR PARENTS THEMSELVES TO REALIZE THEIR DUTY BEFORE GOD. Reader—

If you can not cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
**You can help them at your door.**

But are we doing it—in God's way?

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## Building Character

Oh, did you know the little thoughts
That flutter through your mind
Are always either good and pure
Or selfish and unkind?

And did you know that what you think
And what you say today
Will make you what you are to be,
Because you grow that way?

Your life is built just like a house:
The things you think and do
Are like the bricks the builders use,
For they are building you.

The bricks that crumble, none would want
To build into a wall,
Because when the winds began to blow
The house would quickly fall.

And so, to build your character
And build it strong and sure,
Use pleasant words, do kindly deeds
And let your thoughts be pure.

—Gospel Herald.

## Facing Our Crisis

Life is really a pathetic thing. Man born of woman is but a few days and full of trouble. Each rising sun brings its added responsibilities; age brings problems and pains, and eventually death. Yet life, for the child of God, is a glorious challenge, a climb, as it were, toward a mountain peak.

In a way, baptism is the first major victory in our struggle upward. If it follows understanding and sincerity of heart, the old life of sin has been put to death. We may then consider the first major precipice conquered. Now, as a babe in Christ, we stop to survey our new world and behold the cliffs before us. **Oh, my friend, if this victory—this new birth—were believed, taught and actually experienced, what a people God's people would be.** Sad it is that **we have made so much over the act of baptism and so little over the heart behind it.**

Have you ever likened baptism to a grain of corn? What a crisis to one of these little fellows as we deposit it in the earth. Death and decay begin to eat away its life, but hold—is the crisis in vain? Not so. In death we find a new birth—new corn and a real victory, the very same as Jesus experienced. A higher plateau has been reached. Man with God in him is now ready to meet Satan on every level; nothing can turn him backward or downward except a lukewarm or cold heart.

Think of our Lord, how He faced His crisis. Temptation and disappointment dogged Him all of His days, even until the last few minutes of His life. Friends forsook Him, His beloved apostles went back to their nets, and finally we hear Him cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Poor Boy of Nazareth, how my heart goes out to Him then, but greater still, how it goes out to Him now as untold thousands of us who live today meet our defeat in our first battle, that of baptism, as we walk with Him in name only. **We have never climbed above water level and when we do run into some sort of tough going, we growl and howl as the heathens do. We are a people of little faith.**

—Jimmie Lovell in West Coast Christian.

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## Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give

The twelve owed both physical and spiritual blessings to the Lord. Christ said, "Pass them on!"

To God, the author of every good and perfect gift, who maketh the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the just and the unjust, I am indebted for my physical and temporal needs. I cannot in return feed, clothe and shelter the Lord Jesus himself, but I can and must provide for the orphans and unfortunate ones of this world. I am to give as I have been prospered (1 Cor. 16:1, 2). Great prosperity impels me to free-hearted giving.

"Go, break to the needy sweet charity's bread,
For giving is living," the angel said.
"And must I keep giving again and again?
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through:
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

God through the message of his Son affords me comfort and consolation. There is balm in Gilead which our Savior has prepared. Since I cannot comfort the Lord, I must weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

The penitent believer who is baptized into Christ receives the free and full forgiveness of all past sins. (Acts

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2:38; Acts 3:19). The erring Christian who professes his faults and prays to God through Christ may thus obtain the forgiveness of all sins since coming into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16). How much my Lord has forgiven me! How many transgressions he has blotted out! What a debt I owe to my Father! Can I repay this debt by forgiving God in turn? Not so; God has never sinned against me. The only thing I can do because of him is to apply the principle of our text: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The king who forgave his servant the debt of ten thousand talents rightly expected that selfsame servant to forgive his fellow servant the debt of one hundred pence.

Heaven's king has freely forgiven me; I cannot say "No" to my brother who humbly cries out to me, "I do repent; wilt thou forgive?" (Matt. 18:23-35).

The gospel is God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Unless some messenger of the Christ had preached its facts, commands, and promises to me, I should still be without hope and without God in the world. His overwhelming mercy places me under an eternal debt of gratitude. Knowing that I have freely received my tongue cannot be idle; like Paul I was forced to exclaim: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel . . ." (Romans 1:14, 15).

Selfish churches and self-centered Christians who do no missionary work are absolutely Christless. A religion that isn't worth sharing isn't worth having. Christianity is contagious; if no one has ever "caught" it from me, shall I not conclude that I am not a Christian?

Received ye freely, freely give;
From every land they call;
Unless they hear they cannot live,
The gospel is for all.

—J. M. McCaleb.

God so loved me as an individual that he gave his only begotten Son to die for me (John 3:16). Thus I am forever divinely obligated to love my fellows. "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). I can pay my note at the bank, but my debt of love to the world never grows less. Today finds me just as heavily, just as deeply indebted to others as yesterday. "Owe no man anything, but to love one another . . ." (Rom. 13:8.) I can never pay this debt simply because God's love itself is never-ceasing.

In conclusion, I know of no better illustration of this heavenly theme than these words from the pen of Bruce Barton:

"There are two seas in Palestine.

"One is fresh, and fish are in it. Slashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters.

"Along its shores the children play, as children played when he was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when he spoke his parables. And on a rolling plain not far away he fed five thousand people.

"The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

"The river Jordan flows on south into another sea.

"Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

"What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas?

"Not the river Jordan. It empties into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

"This was the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

"The other is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously.

"It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

"The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named The Dead.

"There are two kinds of people in the world.

"There are two seas in Palestine."

And Jesus' words still ring in our ears: "Freely ye have received, freely give."—J. H. Childress in Gospel Proclaimer.

(When the apostolic disciples were scattered, they "went everywhere preaching the word," and they turned the world upside down. If we don't have chances to talk to people, we can send them a paper, or a tract; or send us the names of friends in your community who are NON-members, and we will send them a few copies. Do YOU give OUT as well as TAKE IN? Don't be a Dead Sea.—Editor.)

## "Out of the Heart the Mouth Speaketh"

What manner of persons ought ye to be in all manner of holy conversation and godliness?—(2 Peters 3:11).

In these perilous times it is necessary that we stop and consider where we stand. What manner of persons ought we to be? What will be your decision, and what will be mine? Our eternal future depends upon how we answer the question.

We wish to present a few thoughts in regard to some practices of the day and see if they can be classed with things that are a part of holy living and godliness. Foolish talking and jesting are two things we hear in every day conversation, and even among those who profess to be followers of Christ. And their purpose is for the amusement of the hearers. The Apostle Paul condemns all such talk in his letter to the Ephesians, but rather he says to let all things be done unto edifying. Does foolish talking and jesting help to build up the hearers in the faith? Do foolish stories help in holy living, or do they not tend to take our minds from the things of God and set them on things of the earth? "Out of the

abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34).

Paul tells us to think of things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. How can we obey this command and have our minds filled with foolishness? Our talk, to a large extent, shows what we are. I fear that when the day of the Lord does come, that many of us will be found wanting and he will say to us, "I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity."

Yes, many of the things we do may be classed as iniquity, if we are not careful and take heed to the things we have learned.

Or is it possible that we have failed to study the Scripture carefully and prayerfully as we should, and have not learned of the evils that beset us on every side. The prophet of God said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). But sometimes, those that have knowledge in regard to God's commands, will go right on telling filthy stories, foolish talking, jesting or joking in order to get a laugh from their hearers.

Paul says those things are not convenient (proper). Remember, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

May we take heed to the warnings given unto us by the Apostles of Christ our Lord and be prepared to meet Him when he comes, is my prayer.—E. D. McCay.

## Are Christians Letting Their Light Shine?

Saddest of all is the conduct of some few professed Christians who at church services are seen to amuse themselves at how one of the brethren look. Bible say one "looks into a glass and goes away forgetting wh manner of man he is." We think that means he forgets to remove his defects of character. Midweek prayer meeting is one of the best tests of faithfulness, for may be necessary to **quit work early** to reach the meeting on time. Are we honest with one another, or do we prefer vanity to honesty, any style to modest apparel, gayety to purity, nonsense to sense? Do we find pleasure in theater movies, or do we shun immodest talk and dress of such? There must be more preaching against such if preachers want to save souls. The preacher who does not receive regular pay or gifts is a **free** Christian, indeed **free** "to preach the whole truth" and "woe to him" if he does not obey the Bible. How many of us do not want to let the work, God says we must do, interfere with our position or work or associates? How many of us "sell our soul" for "a mess of pottage" like Esau of old. "Seek **first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things necessary shall be added unto you."

Why do some (yes, even some preachers) prefer an amusement about a brother or sister to a serious thought about God and Heaven? It is said when one can not find a fault of any kind in his or her own conduct to correct, he or she is **past being helped,** for they could not even remember one duty they had omitted to do. Why do professed Christians fear to talk against dishonesty, immodesty, snobbishness, vanity and even the much married business? Are some of their associates among the guilty? "Shun not to declare the whole truth." No such persons on earth as presiding evangelist, presiding judge or even a presiding elder in a congregation of the Church of Christ. Some say "a lie travels faster than truth," but what does the lie look like when truth catches up with it, and the one who packs the lie around does not look so good, either? "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."—A Pilgrim.

## The Schooling of Moses—Acts 7:22

Moses was a patron of two schools—a student of art and a scholar of nature—the palace and the desert. His court life of refinement and culture should not be forgotten; such classics doubtless would fit him for the drawing room or social life, but of little value in the office of a shepherd. The man of God must have **isolation, separation** and **meditation.** Christ himself spent 30 years in the obscurity of a carpenter shop, almost ten times what He gave the public—no one can teach like God and to learn from Him we must be with Him. Moses was the grandson of Pharaoh by adoption—he was next in order to the throne of Egypt—to this end he was taught, trained and tried for 40 years—until he was "mighty in words and deeds," Act 7:22—but God overthrew it all by placing him in office of a Shepherd, then calling him to deliver his people and lead them thru the desert to their own promised land of milk and honey.

Christ the good Shepherd first learned the nature of His sheep by being made like them (human), then dies to redeem them, builds a fold in which to keep them, then goes to prepare a place for them, then returns under the figure of the Bride Groom, (Mat. 25:6), that He might escort them home to glory. Rev. 19:7-9. This state of glory for us depends upon our faithfulness to the good shepherd. Rev. 2:10.—A. R. Moore.

## Something to Think About

A charge was made recently by LIFE magazine captioned, "Greed on the Farm."

1. The farmers fed their grain to livestock because it was more profitable, while a starving world clamored for bread.
2. That farmers are hoarding grain.
3. To get the grain off of the farm, government action had to take the form of a bribe.

**"Revealing facts."**

It was not my intention to write a piece on Agriculture, but give you these facts by way of illustration. The farmer must produce while other producers strike and shut down plants that make vital farm products. He also copes with scorn. There were no doubts when many a farmer's wife took the place of the son who was sent to war to fight for a greedy world and much bloodshed and many lives lost. These are some of the serious facts we are facing at present time.

Yet how much more serious are the facts we are facing in the church and spiritual realm at the present time. . . . The laborers who are working in the Vineyard of the Lord have never had a shortage of food, or never will, for Jesus said: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew, ch. 5, v. 6. Yet many so-called Christians are spiritual dwarfs because they are partaking of forbidden fruits as did Adam of long ago.

I fear there is a strike on in too many congregations today. Too many say they want to do the will of the Lord. Yet they will not take a stand with "thus saith the Lord." Too many are setting on the stump of do-little and whittling on the stick of do-less, who I fear are just

kidding themselves, for an inspired writer of God said, "Without Faith it is impossible to Please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Some present-day preachers or pastors get up in the pulpit and proclaim Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism, over and over, yet will say when it comes to living a Christian life, You have to pick clean Worldliness.

Our governor Jesus Christ says for us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Romans 12:1.

I have not written this with any malice in my heart, but the only remedy for all our misery, is to go back to the Bible and follow Christ who is the Author of Eternal Salvation. "For the time is come that Judgment must begin at the house of God. . . . And if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4:17-18.—C. V. Baker, R. 2, Box 239M-2, Santa Maria, Calif.

## Fellowship

> Now we **command** you **in** the **name** of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and **not** after the tradition which he received of us. 2 Thess., 3:6.

Is there any **plainer** command in the New Testament? Is not the dance-hall a place of revelry? Gal. 5:19, 21. Revelry is one of the fruits of sin: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, false doctrine, envy, murder, drunkenness and such like . . . and they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." They are forbidden, and excluded from the Church, the Lord's vineyard, not servants of God. Be not ye therefore **partakers** with them—and have no **fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them. Eph. 5:1, 11. Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear, 1 Tim. 5:20.

The fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians teaches the same lesson of exclusion. With such an one, no, not to eat, the Lord's supper, our passover. Therefore put away, from among yourselves, that wicked person. 1 Cor. 5:13. Therefore, I write these things, being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, **according to the power** (the right), which **the Lord** hath given me to **edification**, and not to destruction. 2 Cor., 13:2, 10. Wherefore rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in the faith. Titus 1:13, 2:15. "Be not **partakers** with them."

Why is not exclusion from disorderly members in the Lord's church just as essential as, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not **partakers** of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." They would be no better off to "Come out" of the Roman Catholic church and denominationalism, her offspring. Rev. 17:5, into "**the** Church" where such sins are tolerated indefinitely.—Mrs. Laura W. Goodin.

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**"A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.**

**"I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. . . .**

### WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN STOOD ALMOST ALONE AGAINST THE WHOLE LEGISLATURE

A deep-thinking disciple has sent us the following editorial from a metropolitan daily, regarding Abraham Lincoln:

It is told there how in Illinois just over a hundred years ago, "in the legislature that winter just past, he had done a thing as independent as the way he wore his hat. **He had stood almost alone against the whole legislature**; he had found only one other man to stand with him."

Illinois at that time was made up mostly of people of Southern extraction and sympathies. "Amid this welter," wrote Sandburg, "Lincoln could understand his fellow members of the legislature when they passed resolutions declaring: 'We highly disapprove of the formation of Abolition Societies; . . . the right of property in slaves is sacred to the slaveholding States by the Federal Constitution, and . . . they cannot be deprived of that right without their consent . . .'"

This was a doctrine Abe Lincoln could not stomach. **He "voted against these resolutions, and was joined by only one other member.** Dan Stone and he recorded a protest spread on the Journal of Proceedings . . ."

Men who accomplish something worth while for their fellow are not "rabble rousers," playing on the passions and feelings of the people "for the sake of advantage"; nor are they men who "believe" in the right but because of the Pharisees will not confess it lest they be put out of the synagogue—but they are those who like Lincoln see the deep-rooted principle of RIGHT and FAIRNESS and JUSTICE, and stand there though they die.

**"We ought to obey God rather than men."**

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### WHAT SOME ARE THINKING

Keep sending out the truth and may more people be persuaded to read and consider the importance of its warnings.—California. . . . I do hope and pray your work will continue, and may the Lord bless you; as I have read after you for 35 years now and can't remember you ever being unfair in any of your writing.—Washington. . . . Am enclosing check. Send paper to——, and send books. The rest to be used as you see best in sending to new readers the Spiritual Call and for the spread of the truth and gospel of Christ. Have enjoyed reading the Spiritual Call.—Missouri. . . . I enjoy reading the Spiritual Call.—Pa. . . . You publish a very readable paper.—California. . . . The reading is most instructive and wholesome. We have sent you names and addresses of personal friends whom we wish would become deeply interested and concerned about their soul's salvation.—Pa. . . . I am sending $2 for my "sub" to Spiritual Call as I believe its teaching will materially aid in securing a permanent home beyond the skies.—Arizona. . . . I am enclosing $3 for renewal. What is over, use. . . . Trust you will be able to continue the work you are doing for the good of the Church. Good reading in its pages.—Canada. . . . We enjoy your messages in the SC and hope you may live long to continue the good work.—Washington. . . . A $20 contribution (from Missouri) toward the building fund at New Castle, Ind., is reported by Forest W. Anchor. . . . We read the SC each time and enjoy every article in it; and there are so many good articles that you write that are good sound doctrine that we can not help believing that you are on the right track.—Illinois. . . . Spiritual Call starting the new year is improving. January and February numbers are excellent. In February it is brought out so clearly that "Great Masses of People Don't Think for Themselves," that any honest hearted person ought to be able to understand it, and things pertaining to that subject. May your life be spared and strength given you to finish the work for which you seem to be fitted.—Kansas.

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### "AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

You remember that that question was asked our Savior, and in reply He told the story of the Good Samaritan, showing that every one needy and in distress is our neighbor. The same is true religiously; our neighbor is not simply the one who lives near us, but all those who NEED us. That applies spiritually to most of the people in the world, for on every hand the people are sinking down in sin and into perdition and need us.

Now count such neighbors whom you happen to know. Write down their names. Names of all the members of the church who are indifferent. Names of the non-members who are apparently honest. Now, how many names have you? A couple of dozen? All right, should you not be neighbor to all such and try to save them? Maybe the Spiritual Call can help you. We are trying to FILL it with the best religious thought there is, which will help ALL who are trying to get to heaven, or WISH to get there.

We expect to make each issue much like this one. Now, we can send this paper SIX months to those two dozen—24—neighbors of yours, for $6. That is only 25 cents each. It does not pay for it, but donations help us do this. A few of the brothers and sisters can get together and divide this little cost, and it will amount to little to each. Are you a spiritual Good Samaritan to your neighbors? Write and tell me, won't you?—and that will make us workers together with God.

### "OFFEND IN ONE POINT"; "GUILTY OF ALL"

Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—James 2: 10.

Whenever a man believes in Christ with his WHOLE HEART, and repents of his sins, and confesses Christ as his Savior, and is baptized to obey that Christ, he surely is forgiven of ALL his sins. But if he should reserve a corner of his heart to serve the devil, and has not FULLY surrendered to Christ, the whole performance is void. And so, every day we should say, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? And when we have found it, WE MUST BE WILLING TO DO IT.

And after one's conversion, he must carry the same conviction all through life. Every one will make mistakes, but he should be willing to confess and make them right. If he wrongs any one, he should be glad to rectify those wrongs. If he has stolen anything, or injured one in any way he can remedy, he should be glad to straighten it out. Of course, there are those who do wrongs, and fail to have knowledge of it—when they find their mistakes they will gladly retract or change.

**One wrong, one sin, unrepented of, unrectified, when we know,—will send the otherwise-best Christian on earth, to hell.**

That is what James meant when he said, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, is guilty of all."

We must be honest, we must be sincere, we must be humble, we must be willing to correct our wrongs to others, if we would be saved. God does not forgive a man unless he repents and makes his wrongs right, and he does not expect man to be better than himself in that respect.

## "Whose Mind Is Stayed On Thee". Isa. 26:3

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in **thee** (whose mind is stayed on **Thee**) and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed, and I am with thee (whose mind is stayed on **Thee**) and will **keep** thee I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of Gen. 28:14, 15.

The Lord said to Hagar, in her despondency over what she thought, that her child would die, Arise, lift up the child and hold him in thine hand: for I will make him a great nation (the Gentiles) Gen. 21:13, 18, because he was Abraham's seed—in thy seed shall **all** the families of the earth be blessed, both Jew and Gentile. "I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." And it shall come to pass that instead of that which was said, "Ye are not my people" it shall be said unto them, ye are the sons of the living God. Hosea, 1:10, 11, John, 1: 12, 13.

Behold thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew thee not shall run unto thee **because** of the **Lord thy God,** Isa., 55:5. Remember that Jesus said, "No man cometh to me except the Father, which sent me, draw him" spiritually attracted by the words which Jesus and his Apostles spoke, John, 17th ch., by the words which Peter spoke on the day of Pentecost. For the promise is unto you and to your children, **and** to all that are afar off, even **as many** as **the Lord, our God, shall call.** Acts 2:39. ("Whole mind is stayed on **Thee.**")

Do we not remember, Behold, thou **shalt call** a nation? (Isa. 55:5 and Isa. 60:3.) Do we not remember that the Lord said to Hagar, "Lift up the lad—for I will make him a great nation"? Do we not remember Acts 10:34, and Acts 11:18, and 14:1? Ishmael was an outcast but it was God's purpose to **make** the Gentile people ("whose mind is stayed on **Thee**") those who would obey the law of the gospel of Christ, the spiritual seed of Abraham, by faith, because thou hast obeyed my voice, Gen. 22:17, 18. For I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. Gen. 28:14, 15.

From the day of Pentecost, to the present time, those who gladly receive His word and are baptized for the remission of sins, and **do not apostatize** from the Church which Jesus built by superfluous organizations and untaught practices of worship are "those whose mind is stayed on Thee."—Mrs. Laura W. Goodin.

## The Devil Works

These are facts we should remember in these days of so-called "Post War Reconstruction." Remember that propaganda will not stop with the cessation of hostilities, and the methods that have been used to defeat all enemies in Europe may be turned loose in America to bring confusion here and the defeat of our Democratic government **IF WE DO NOT WATCH AND PRAY!**

Great and marvelous as has been these dictators of the past and the ones of the present, neither of them is the World's worst Dictator. He is the Dictator that has been and is back of every dictator in the world. Jesus spoke of him often in His ministry, the Devil.

First, he is the worst because he is the most subtle.

Paul says in II Cor. 11:3, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and purity that is toward Christ." The Devil is the author of evil; the fountain of wickedness; the adversary of truth; the corrupter of the world; man's perpetual enemy; he plants snares, digs ditches, spurs bodies; he goads the souls, suggests thoughts, belches anger; he exposes virtue to hatred; makes vices to be loved; he sows error; nourishes contention; disturbs peace and brings eternal affliction. His temptations fit every age and circumstance of life.

He tempts the child to disobedience saying, "It is natural," but that is not so. The natural thing for the child is obedience, and only as the child listens to him who was disobedient from the beginning is he disobedient. He caused God's first children to disobey Him in the garden. God spoke and the Devil spoke. Man chose to listen to the seducer and father of liars, choosing death in preference to life. God and the Devil still speak and you have to choose which of these voices will be your master.

He tempts the young person by the lusts of the flesh. He says to the good Christians, "You should attend the **good** movies," and the same master says to the poor sinner of a lower level, "Those are **too tame** for you, you should see the hottest thing from Hollywood." He knows that they promote and tolerate improper sentiment and language. He knows that falsehood and friction are its foundation. He knows that false standards are so cleverly presented that the unsuspecting take them for true standards. He knows that they are distorted views of life, unnatural, and that the true Christian religion is ridiculed while indulgence is promoted to the tune of thousands of dollars a week being paid to the best seducers.

Every Christian should look into the "law connections" of Hollywood and see how they ran the courts of

Los Angeles county until they got a new District Attorney recently. The Devil subtly seeks to lead you and he means to MIS-lead you until he dominates you completely. He knows what God expects of Christians. He seeks to defeat God by discouraging Christians and he is not above intrigue, deception, misrepresentation, slander, enmity, hurt feelings, exercise, education, thrill, false front, enmity between Christians or any other means at his disposal to accomplish his end. He uses the dance, necking, church absence, bad friends, hot parties, and all worldly amusements. He knows better than you that God has said, "Be not conformed to this world," and "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate." He knows that God has said, "That ye be blameless, and harmless, the Sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world." The Devil knows better than most preachers that "**Whosoever maketh himself a friend of this world, is an enemy of god.**"—"The Church Speaks."

## "Flee Youthful Lusts"

Christians are exhorted to keep themselves "unspotted from the world." The divine rule to govern the children of God with respect to temptation is this: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." They must "walk circumspectly." They must save themselves "from this crooked generation." Only in Christ shall they have this victory. His name is Jesus (Savior), "for he shall save his people from their sins."

Look where you will, and there is, on every side, "the appearance (yea, the stark reality) of evil." Sin is a great flood sweeping through the five continents of this earth.

We hear much said about the weak morals of many of the returned soldiers. This bespeaks the deleterious effects of war upon their hearts and lives. But many of the civilians, those left behind on the home front, in factory and on the farm, were, and are yet, weak also. Many of them made money during the war, profiteering on the war, meanwhile keeping themselves out of the battles. Not that they had conscientious convictions against war—indeed, they "whooped" for the victory, and desired it, all the while doing little in support of it. They made money while the war raged; and when they saw victory was in sight, they "profiteered" all the more feverishly, hoarding up, heaping up. When the soldiers returned, they were ready to "celebrate the victory" with them—in drunken excess. So weak is human nature! So easily do we sell out to the devil!

But let us consider our soul's salvation in these "perilous times," each for himself, for each one "must work out his own salvation," and each one, and everyone, shall "stand before the judgment seat of Christ" at the last awful day.

Paul warned young Timothy, "**Flee youthful lusts.**" This is an application of the rule: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Let the young man remember that nothing but remorse results from "sowing wild oats." It is said of Benjamin Franklin that in youth "his private life was far from spotless," and that he "sowed a regrettable measure of wild oats." He admits it in his autobiography, and warns young people to beware his own mistakes. Yet in old age, when he calmly wrote the story of his own life up to advanced age, he reflected with comparative satisfaction over his long career of usefulness and achievement. From the standpoint of material success and intellectual accomplishment, he had done well; in spiritual matters, not so well. His mistake here would seem fatal—he did not give Christ full reign or sovereignty over his heart. But from his own practical way of looking at his life, there was one mistake and one regret—the regret that sprang up with those wild oats. If he were privileged to live his life over again, he declares that he would follow virtually the same course, "requesting only the advantage authors have of correcting in a second edition the faults of the first." He considers his life as a book which he has written "tolerably well." In his epitaph he expresses the hope that "the work (the book of his life) will appear once more, in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author." By "Author" here I think he means the great Creator, the God who gave him "life, breath, and all things."

Let us profit by Franklin's mistake. Let the youth of the land remember that the smallest handful of "wild oats" (as cigarette smoking, beer drinking, carousing, dancing, lewdness) constitutes a "regrettable measure." Certainly, young people, such sowing to the wind will compel you to reap the whirlwind. You will **regret** your foolish sowing. Remember that the fruitage is sorrow, anguish, ill-health, premature physical death, and spiritual death, eternal, at last.

## "America Can Not Go On Insulting God"

This is the title of a page article in the Moody Monthly, which is pleading for a spiritual awakening. Their slogan is "Christ for America". It is a movement backed by a great many "Reverends" and "Doctors". They say:

"**We are face to face with the stark fact that as a nation we are no longer a God-fearing people!** On every hand are the evidences of general decay, both of public and private morality. The movie is substituted for God's house, and only one in twelve persons goes to church.

"Fifteen million sex magazines are read every month. Home life is rapidly breaking up. There were 1,560,000 marriages last year and 560,000 divorces. Our insane asylums are full, our jails overcrowded. The tragic truth of our increasing paganism as a nation is coming home to us today. With Ezra we need cry, "**O, my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.**"

"**In the face of these challenging conditions the church stands mute and paralyzed** when she could be virile, courageous and outspoken for God. **This crisis can only be broken by a mighty revival!**"

I doubt whether in two thousand years we have had the spiritual lethargy we now have. The prayerful study of the Word is the only remedy. Every indication to me is that we are getting close to the end of time. I can not get out of my mind what Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles TILL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." The United Nations has partitioned part of Palestine to the Jews, and if this fully matures and the control of Jerusalem falls into the hands of the Jews, and the city is **no longer** trodden down of the Gentiles as it has since the year 70, then it will be evident that the times of the Gentiles will have been fulfilled, and something great will happen in the plans of God. I am neither a pre- nor post millennialist, but neither position is going to drive me away from the Word of Christ. Are you ready for what great changes God may have in store for HIS people? Or are you "lukewarm" and in fit position to be spewn out?