Tho' we travel the world over
to find the beautiful,
we must have it in us or find it not.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Psalms 116 is largely a psalm of thanksgiving. It is a paean of praise in which the Psalmist speaks of his gratitude for what God has done, reaching a climax by asking in verse 12, “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” It is as if he is really saying, I acknowledge the benefits of God, but how can I show my gratitude?

Then dramatically, he answers his question by saying in verse 13, “I will take the cup of salvation . . .” This is true, for man cannot give anything to the Lord that is truly acceptable until he has first received His gift of salvation.

But after having received that gift of salvation, what then shall we render unto the Lord? The New Testament priority is complete surrender of all our redeemed powers to Almighty God and the total involvement of ourselves in the task of spreading His gospel. This is what we call living the surrendered life. It is the truly surrendered life that pleases God, satisfies us, and blesses the world.

It is always amazing what and whom God uses. A life fully, voluntarily, eternally surrendered to God is the evidence of true gratitude and thanksgiving on the part of the New Testament Christian. Such a surrender, acceptable unto God, involves placing myself, my all—body, soul, mind, and spirit—upon the altar of God. The Church of the Nazarene believes, as Paul wrote in Romans 6:13, that we should yield ourselves unto God—this we should do completely and utterly. Fully surrendered lives make their greatest priority living in full obedience to God.

When we do this we face a threefold involvement. First, to pray for all men everywhere. Second, to witness fearlessly to all, showing ourselves to be “the salt of the earth.” And third, to give of our means, realizing that if Calvary is God’s gift and God’s prerogative, then our money is a viable and visible part of our gift and our imperative.

The first great general church offering of this new quadrennium is the forthcoming Thanksgiving Offering with a goal of $3.2 million. We are called as a people to be students of priorities and ask ourselves very realistically, “What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us?”

On the far-flung frontiers of our world-evangelism enterprise the darkness of sin’s night is being dispelled—but too slowly. People in many lands, including our own, are receptive, responsive, and waiting. The doors of opportunity are open, but for how long no one knows. We who have been recipients of His salvation must so love at this Thanksgiving time that we will give unstintingly. What shall we render unto the Lord this Thanksgiving season? We must render the only help for humanity, the only remedy for unrest, the only program for peace, the only hope for the paganism, materialism, and vice of our world—THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

May He empower us to see the need and to respond in our 1972 Thanksgiving Offering. “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? . . . I will offer . . . the sacrifice of thanksgiving” (Psalms 116).
Christians know—for Jesus has stressed this explicitly—that it is their commission to recruit men for Him, to win them and make them disciples.

And this commission really lies on the hearts of believers. We wish to be missionaries and evangelize. We pray and wait yearningly for “success.”

A look into the work of a church that is alive shows that, after a person’s conversion, he shows a steep upward curve of spiritual gain in winning others. In many cases this soon flattens out and after some months begins to fall off again.

In other words, the first opportunities which the new convert has to lead others to Christ are also the best. It is also a fact that the first opportunities are more fully utilized than those which offer themselves later on.

Why do more opportunities for winning others present themselves to new Christians?

The answer is stunningly simple. But it will cause us to reflect and, I hope, will also cause us to earnestly pray about these issues.

At the beginning of one’s Christian life there still stands a bridge to the life of the natural man, to the “world,” which will be torn down stone by stone, until eventually every connection is severed.

Christians who affirm complete separation from the world refer to Bible passages like II Corinthians 6:14-18. They stress that the separation required by God here can be only for the well-being of the Christian.

This Bible passage must truly be taken seriously and may not be ignored as insignificant. There were reasons in Corinth, and there are occasions today everywhere, to bear in mind the advice which the apostle gave.

On the other hand, it must be said emphatically that in the course of time there has occurred a confusion of concepts which has smothered evangelism like a wet blanket smothers flames.

Sins have been equated with the sinner. The conclusion is, then, that separation from sin means also separation from the sinner. We see very clearly where that leads: away from the world, back from the front line, and into separation.
This is not the will of God and contradicts every rational consideration of the missionary command. The command of Jesus is twofold:

1. "Come and take . . ."; "Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy; and I will give you relief" (Matthew 11:28, NEB). "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you . . ." (Acts 1:8, NEB).

2. "Go and give . . .!" "Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples; baptize men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit . . ." (Matthew 28:19, NEB). "... and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Judaea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NEB).

In the prayer that we call the "high-priestly prayer of Jesus," He says to His Father: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth. thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:15-18).

There is a great difference whether, as is expressed in I Corinthians, I yoke myself with the unbeliever and partake of his sins or whether I cultivate his friendship because I love him and wish to win him to Jesus.

Let's ask ourselves very honestly: When was the last time someone accused us of sitting and eating with publicans and sinners? (Matthew 9:11; Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30; 15:1; 19:7)

After a church service in which the pastor had spoken of personal evangelism, a lady came to the preacher and asked almost desperately where she could reach people for Jesus. She had friends and acquaintances only in the church and would not cultivate contact with people outside of the church.

Is this not the plight of many? We should bear witness of Christ through our lives in the world and not outside of it.

Salt can season only when it is in the food. Light can lighten only where darkness reigns. When we first take this realization to heart, it will become possible for us to recognize and use first opportunities again.

A last word:

HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST! "For the divine nature was his from the first; yet he did not think to snatch at equality with God, but made himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, revealed in human shape, he humbled himself, and in obedience accepted even death—death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8, NEB).
My daughter, Kathy, and I had planned all summer to attend the writers' conference. A month before the conference, tragedy touched our lives. It was a blow to all of us, but Kathy was more involved. A young man she dated had committed a crime. She knew he faced prison or possibly a mental institution.

We were stunned! Something like this had happened only to strangers before. Now it had touched our lives and Kathy's plans for the future.

The two of us debated several days about attending the conference. Finally, with some reluctance, we went.

Each of us felt that our burden was too much to share with others.

The conference was held on the campus of a Christian college. How beautiful it would have been if only our own lives were different! The change did both of us good and we were soon caught up in attending workshops and lectures. They didn't give us much time to brood about our troubles.

The guest speaker had the women on our floor meet in her room one evening for what she called a "gab fest." It turned out to be much more. She asked us to introduce ourselves and tell the group anything we wanted to talk about.

If Kathy and I went to that room thinking we were the only ones with trouble, we left knowing different. Tragedy, pain, death, and other problems were all shared.

One mother had a mentally retarded child; several of us had recently lost loved ones—and we felt a deep closeness. When it was my turn, I told only what had been my own tragedy and didn't mention the recent one.

Kathy was last, and since she was by far the youngest, many probably felt that she would have the least trouble. When she finished her story, I noticed several women wiping their eyes. Some of them had sons the age of Kathy's friend.

There were prayers followed by a very sacred silence. I thought of our Lord's words, "Follow me." By following Him, I had come through the many trials that life can bring—the joys and sorrows, love and loneliness, life itself, and the death of my teen-age son. And in that room He was still saying, "Follow Me, and I will help you find a greater purpose in life. I am the Way, and I will guide each of you through your troubles."

We were a group of about 20 women of different life-styles, from various religions and from all sections of the country. Strangers, gathered there to learn how to write about our Lord, we had shared each other's troubles. In that tiny room we found God. And in finding Him, and sharing our thoughts, each of us went away a far better person.

By Marie Butler, Kansas City
Bob and Helen came to my office by appointment. They had been trying to resolve marital problems for several years, and were weary and frustrated.

Bob was a tradesman, a carpenter, earning a good salary with only a high school education. He was a rough talker, and made no profession of Christian faith (though I found him quite responsive to prayer and receptive to the gospel).

Helen, on the other hand, was a minister’s daughter, but had strayed through the years from the teaching of her preacher father. She was five years older than her husband, was a college graduate, and quite refined. She enjoyed all the generous provisions of her husband, but resented his dominating ways.

Their marriage had degenerated to less than a tired friendship. It was now a tug-of-war. Many problems entered into their domestic difficulties, but it did not take long to discover that the number one problem center was a lack of communication.

I found in subsequent sessions that my role became one of being an interpreter—translating the opinions, feelings, and attitudes of two different people as though they were speaking two different languages.

They could have overcome this problem with a little consistent effort on the part of each. The secret? A psychologist would call it “identifying”: the wife identifying with the younger, less educated, insecure husband; and the husband trying to identify with the more refined, delicate nature of his wife.

In 25 years of pastoral ministry, I have discovered that lack of communication is probably the number one problem in marriages. Mates are conversing, but they are not communicating.

Just today I listened to a wife say, “We talk a lot, but we’re not getting through to each other!”

Perhaps there is too much talking and not enough communication that really identifies with the needs and feelings of the marriage partner.

“If I could just tell him [or her] . . . that he snores . . . that she is a lousy housewife . . . that his personal hygiene is bad . . . that she has poor table manners . . . that he is a poor lover . . . that she is unresponsive.”

The list goes on without end, and so do the problems, simply because two adults are not mature enough to face their problems and communicate about them.

How can I communicate with my partner about delicate, but important, matters? The answer is not simple, and cannot be so universal that it will apply to all situations. But there are certain things that will contribute to getting your feelings across effectively.

First, find a right time and right place to talk together. Never at bedtime. Never when you are limited in time by appointments or work schedules. And certainly never when other members of the family are present.

Take a quiet drive through the country, or find a new, subdued climate where you can discuss things together.

Secondly, make yourself available for improvement. If you make a frontal attack on your mate and ask him (or her) to make all of the adjustments, then you will turn him off right at the start.

Prepare yourself mentally and spiritually to accept constructive criticisms from your mate. It may be that something you do triggers the very thing in your spouse that “bugs” you. After you have listened, then diplomatically share some of your feelings.

Thirdly, pray that God will help both of you to respond maturely to the needs of your home. God has an abundance of grace that will help husbands and wives to work out this type of problem. So many problems in marriage have been worked out as hands are joined together in prayer!

Fourth, work every day on your problems. Do everything within your power to practice the improvements, in both the absence and the presence
of your husband or wife. You will find that this will come to you quite naturally in time, and will be a real incentive to helping the other partner to work on his (or her) "improvement projects."

Lastly, if you find that your differences are greater than your ability to identify and resolve, then seek the help of your minister or a counsellor. Most pastors in our church have training and experience, so that they can help you over the communication hurdles which you cannot resolve on your own. You can be sure that your problem will be kept in confidence, and that your pastor will prayerfully help you with your family needs.

As individuals, we cannot help bridge the communication gap in Paris or Peking, but we can within our own family units. Do more than converse—communicate.

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**THE FUTURE IS HAPPENING TODAY!**

A new society is taking shape before our eyes. The future is happening today!

We have been awed and thrilled beyond expression at the great engineering marvel of landing men on the moon. Living within a few miles of NASA—Manned Spacecraft Center—we always enjoy taking visitors from other parts of our state and other states on sight-seeing visits to this very important place, showing them as much of the space center as is open to the public.

On one of these tours, the man showing us around made a statement that greatly impressed me. Our guide that day made the remark that these engineering feats were made possible only because many years ago some individuals "IMAGINEERED" into the future. Today we are witnessing the fruits of their imagination.

I could not help thinking that, since "'imagineering' is just as important as 'engineering' in our scientific world, we as Christians need to do some 'imagineering' for the years ahead for those who follow us: to identify the Church's opportunities and responsibilities in this our day; to stretch our imaginations, stir our consciences, and think creatively about God's work in a rapidly changing world.

The outstanding characteristic of the years ahead will be rapid change. Tomorrow will move at a faster pace. If the Church expects to compete in the marketplace of ideas, it must keep pace or face a diminishing role in the closing years of this century.

Many opportunities for action are ours such as taking positive action to influence home, church, community. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we may chart our course for the future that is happening today!

Never before has the need for men's involvement in "imagineering" been as apparent as it is today. More and more churches and laymen are unshackling their imaginations to think of new approaches to service.

Pilots, carpenters, teachers, doctors, and lawyers—literally any and every occupation—can be used in a specific area of service to God's work in today's complex environment.

Theologians and religious historians have noted that all great advances in the history of Christianity have resulted from laymen surrendering their lives to what Christ would have them do.

The Great Commission applies to everyone. We who know Christ are to be better disciples. We as Christian people are to dream in terms of presenting the gospel to the lost.

"IMAGINEERING" for the years ahead will take account of the future that is happening TODAY!

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By Katherine Bevis, Houston
In April, 1940, a dedicated young nurse sailed across the war-troubled waters of the Atlantic Ocean to take her place in the missionary ministry of the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland, South Africa. In January, 1972, she retired, completing 32 years of service to God, the people of Africa, and our church.

Her name is Miss Dorothy Davis, and the record of her life is one of Christian love, professional excellence, and a lifetime of service that will leave its touch upon Swaziland and South Africa for years to come.

Among the many tributes paid at her retirement ceremonies was one which proclaimed her "Mother of the Swazi Nurses." It is an accurate one, for the heart of Miss Davis’ ministry has been the training of nurses, competent in skill and Christian in commitment.

When Miss Davis first arrived in Swaziland, she was stationed at the Endingeni Health Centre, where she gained experience in running that rural clinic. A year later she transferred to the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital at Manzini, where she was sister-in-charge of wards, and where she began teaching in the Nazarene Nursing College.

When her first furlough came in 1948, she went to the University of London and received her Sister Tutor’s Diploma from the Royal College of Nursing, graduating with honors. Upon return to Swaziland in 1950, she became the director of our Nazarene Nursing College at Manzini, building and shaping the character of Swaziland’s only nursing college. When retirement came in January, more than 350 state registered nurses had completed training and gone out to take their places in Swaziland and the surrounding nations.
On June 11, 1966, the outstanding accomplishment of Miss Davis and the Nazarene Nursing College was recognized in public ceremony when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth of England awarded her the Member of the British Empire Medal, a tribute to long and devoted service to Swaziland.

Dorothy Davis was born in Hugo, Colo., one of three daughters in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Davis. Her first contact with the Church of the Nazarene came at Yuma, Colo., when she was a young girl.

When Dorothy was 10, her family moved to Whittier, Calif. Two years later at revival services at the Whittier Church of the Nazarene she knelt with her mother and father at the altar, receiving Christ as her Saviour. At the age of 14 she sensed the total claim of Christ upon her life and yielded herself to His sanctifying Spirit. She and her family joined the First Church of the Nazarene of Alhambra, Calif. Not long after, the call of God to full-time Christian missionary service came as she read in her devotions Psalms 2:8, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

The preparation for fulfilling that call took her first to Pasadena College, where she received her A.B. in 1934. She then went to Northwest Nazarene College and Samaritan Hospital, where she received her bachelor of science in nursing and her R.N. in 1938. She was granted a district minister's license before going to Africa and was ordained as a minister of the gospel in 1948 by General Superintendent H. V. Miller.

The tributes paid to Dorothy Davis by others reveal the scope of her service. Dr. Samuel Hvnd, medical superintendent of our Fitkin Memorial Hospital, said, "In an area where things really count—that of spirit and attitude in her work—Miss Davis will not be easy to replace. She was dependable, and if she promised to perform some duty or task, you could be sure it was done and done well. That she maintained contact with God, whom she served, was never in doubt. This spilled over into all she did and everything that came her way, whether on duty in the hospital, teaching in the Nursing College, or holding a church service under a tree somewhere in Swaziland. Her concern and compassionate spirit toward everyone around her made one realize that she truly had received something of the spirit of her Master—the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dr. D. G. Standing, the director of medical services in Botswana, and the chairman of the Examination Board of Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland, commented: "There are very few people about whom one can say that they have accomplished all that they were meant to do; there are far fewer who accomplish much more than they expected to, and she is one of these. She has really done her work to the best of her magnificent ability."

Warm appreciation for Miss Davis was also expressed by Dr. Charlotte Searie, outstanding educator and professor of nursing at Pretoria University, who stated publicly: "The thing that struck me most is the shining example you have set to all of us, us South Africans. You have shown us what it means to be a professional nurse, what it means to be a great teacher, what it means to be a servant of the Lord. Professional nursing in southern Africa has been immeasurably enriched by the fact that you have served this country. On behalf of all those who have benefited, on behalf of my colleagues in the nursing profession in southern Africa, we want to say thank you."

And what are the thoughts of Dorothy Davis as she looks back on a life invested for the cause of Christ? She testifies: "I have been especially blessed and privileged in the assignment the church has given me on the mission field. In teaching, I have seen the building of the national church. In teaching, I have seen the growth of the people. And in healing, I have had a part in bringing life and new hope. The preaching, teaching, and healing ministries harmonize so beautifully, and to me it has been following in the footsteps of the Master."

After 32 years her address now is no longer Africa but Casa Robles, the Nazarene missionary center in Temple City, Calif. What the tomorrows hold at this point is unknown, but her yesterdays have given to the church and to the world a needed touch of healing and an unforgettable example of Christian life and service.
At the foot of the towering Wasatch range we sat in a picture window enjoying the view of the valley below while we relished each morsel of an excellent steak dinner—plus cream pie for dessert. What I saw told me that such a meal par excellence was no accident. Lettered on an old picturesque barn were these brightly painted words, "The Quest for Excellence."

So must life be for the Christian. It is a Quality of life, built on a Unity of purpose, an Excellence in the goal pursued, a Steadiness in the pursuit, and a Total commitment to that goal.

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It is popular now to talk about quality of life—usually with a reference to environment: clean air, pure water, and less noise.

This is "the outside of the cup." It is the inside that counts. Jesus would make and keep it clean. For it is out of the inner man, the heart, that the qualities come that really make or break life.

No better description of the quality of life has ever been given than this—"The Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, TEV*).

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Unity of purpose keeps a person from being weakened by indecisive and fractured living. All must travel through the valley of decision but it is no place to build a permanent residence.

To pursue a goal without deviation makes the pursuit a more likely success. Past failures are placed in better perspective, present powers and capabilities are maximized, and the vision of the goal is clarified.

The Apostle Paul put it in very simple language. "The one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize . . ." (Philippians 3:13-14, TEV).

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"The Quest for Excellence" tells in one magnificent word what the quest is all about—excellence.

As I reflect on the principle which had quite evidently motivated an early-day farmer and his wife to be able to develop a roadside farm and refreshment stand into a thoroughbred Hereford ranch and grade A restaurant, it was evident that they had not only just one goal but the right goal—excellence. Everything I saw and ate was prime evidence that second-rate goals had no place in the establishment.

What is the goal for one who desires to live the holy life? Paul called it "the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above" (Philippians 3:14, TEV). More explicitly, he describes it as "the will of God" with some details about reach-

ing the goal: "I make this appeal to you... Do not conform outwardly to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly, by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good, and is pleasing to him and is perfect" (Romans 12:1-2, TEV).

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To achieve excellence in living has never been easy and it is not easy now. If a person made the quest only when it was easy or when he enjoyed success, the goal would never be reached.

Men scale high mountains only in a steady climb that may be best described as a joyous agony—joyous because of only one goal; agony because of little oxygen and tortuous precipices, ice, snow, and rocks. But steadily they climb.

So must we with Paul "press toward the mark for the prize" (Philippians 3:14). Excellence in holy living comes only to those who make the quest in spite of circumstances rather than because of circumstances.

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A very wise man once observed that the person who really excels in the enterprise or profession to which he is totally committed usually does not realize that he really is an authority or an expert.

This may be in part due to the marvelous complexity and nearly infinite possibilities for further knowledge in any area of our human existence. But it is more apt to be because such a person is so totally committed to his goal that he has lost sight of himself and sees only that for which he strives with all his heart, mind, and body. He is totally committed!

The Christian is to be 100 percent committed to Christ. There is no other way to excel in holy living. Paul said it for all who would reach the goal. "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20, TEV).

The quest for excellence! Every letter of the word quest points the way. Quality of life, holy living characterized by regular production of the fruit of the Spirit is the goal. Unity of purpose keeps the victorious Christian on the pursuit for one goal, excellence—which is God's will, which is good, pleasing to Him, and perfect. The steady pursuit of the goal assures attainment in spite of circumstances. Total commitment gives Christ first priority in all things.

MISHANDLING GUILT THROUGH PROJECTION

"They will never forgive you for the harm they have done you." That's the whimsical way one wag put it, knowing full well the uncanny capacity of man to lay blame at the door of the "other party" as a means of relieving guilt.

There is a sobering truth embodied in this bit of satire. Unrectified wrong done to another embitters the spirit of the offender. One's uncharitable actions may become so morally blinding that one actually, though erroneously, sees the person who is the object of his malice as the cause of his experience of alienation.

Evidences of this strange phenomenon are not difficult to find in real life. One passes along an untruthful, if not malicious, rumor about another. He then feels strange in the presence of this person—and goes away complaining that his acquaintance seems unusually "cool" to him.

A son lies to his father. Guilt becomes active, the relationship grows strained, and soon the son—perhaps not knowing the reason—blames the unwitting father for a situation which the son himself has caused.

A student cheats on an examination. Guilt spurs the imagination, causing him to assume that the teacher is judging him and is acting with partiality toward his classmates.

Illustrations can be multiplied almost to infinity. But these are sufficient to show the projecting tendency of guilt. Guilt resulting from wrongdoing, or even from smallness of spirit, when left uncared for by confession and restitution, entices the self to point an accusing finger toward others. And often the whole process remains unknown by the innocent.

Knowing the subtlety of the human psyche should be sufficient to cause one to arm himself with grace. The only cure for this immature and less than Christian activity is the mercy and forgiveness of God.

The indwelling Holy Spirit alone can push from the heart and will all such unchristlike machinations. His purifying presence not only saves from guilt, and from the projecting activity which seeks to alleviate it. He also delivers from those conscious actions which produce the guilt in the beginning.
"He who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money” (Matthew 25:18, RSV),

Scholars are not agreed upon the precise identity of the audience to which Jesus told the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). It is part of the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:3). Perhaps no other persons were present that day—the third day after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem—than the 12 disciples.

The parable may have been given for the benefit of the one-talent man. It is from this parable that the word “talent” came to be used in our language.

What is a talent? It is usually taken to mean an “ability” or “mental gift.” Some see the word as referring to “opportunities” or “spheres of duty.” Charles Finney said that one’s “talent” or “talents” refers to the power of his mind.

The talent of money was worth about $1,000. When taken to mean personal ability, it must be concluded that even the third servant, who received “only one talent,” was given a considerable amount for which he was responsible.

Perhaps more opportunity for service ought to be made in our churches for the one-talent man. It is too often true that a person in the church who feels he has only one talent buries it instead of using it in the work of the Kingdom.

The one-talent man is subject to temptations that are all his own. He is not faced with a superiority complex, a passion to dominate, or desire to accumulate great holdings. But the one-talent man must guard against the temptation to despise his single ability, and consequently to surrender it through lack of use. He may dissipate his ability through inactivity.

The parable shows that every man has a “talent” in keeping with his “ability” (v. 15). God does not expect the one-talent man to undertake a task he cannot perform. Native abilities differ, as do the opportunities to develop those abilities.

No man is passed over; each receives something. No person is left out in the divine distribution of gifts. Every man has a work to do for God; every man receives the necessary ability to carry out that work adequately.

The words of commendation to the two productive servants were, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant” (v. 21). The qualifying attributes are seen to be “good” and “faithful.” Dr. Ralph Earle reminds us that every man can be “good” in character and “faithful” in service.

It was at this point that the third servant made three fatal mistakes: He did not have faith in himself; he did not have the courage to work; and he did not have faith in his master. Thus he received words of condemnation—“Take therefore the talent from him” (v. 28).

USE or LOSE is a law of life. The journalist writes every day to keep his skill alive. Artistic ability and athletic dexterity require constant sharpening. In the spiritual realm, every gift given by God must be exercised or it wastes away.

Having only one talent was something the servant was not responsible for. But being “afraid” was something for which he was fully responsible.

“Either you renounce your talent or you risk everything for it. You fling away the talent, or you trade with it.” Helmut Thielecke says, “There is no third choice.”

Perhaps one reason Christ gave this parable is that there are so many of us who are one-talent men. Our Lord often surprises us by attaching great significance to seemingly obscure service. He talked about cups of cold water given in His name, feeding the hungry, and visiting the person in prison. Two “mites” given by a poor widow became an eloquent illustration of the proper motivation for giving.

“I am not a money-maker as my brother is,” a man once said to his minister, “but I do not propose to allow any man to outdo me in faithfulness in the administration of what I have. My tithe will not amount to a large sum of money, but no contribution will carry with it more sincerity of purpose or more honesty. The dollars I give to the missionary may be few, but I am going to enjoy thinking they paid his passage the last miles he has to travel in order to get to his field.”

By Terry Read, Halli
A CHECKLIST FOR SPIRITUAL TRAINING

I was recently asked why some children grow up to reject God, even though they have been raised in Christian homes and exposed to church services and religious instruction. Some adults display no appreciation or understanding of the values their parents thought they had taught them. To their utter dismay, Mom and Dad learn too late that their training just didn't "take."

Each time I see this occur, I am reminded of the story of Eli in the Old Testament. The devoted priest failed to save his own boys, both of whom became profane and evil young men. What disturbs me more, however, is that the saintly Samuel—one of the greatest men in the Bible—witnessed Eli's parental mistakes, yet proceeded to lose his children, too.

The message is loud and clear to me: God will not necessarily save our children as a reward for our own devotion! Christianity is not inherited by the next generation. We must do our early homework, as I discussed in the last "Insights" page.

Parents have been commanded to "train up a child in the way he should go." But this poses a critical question: What way should he go? If the first seven years represent the "prime time" for religious training, what should be taught during this period? What experiences should be included? What values should be emphasized?

It is my strong belief that a child should be exposed to a carefully conceived, systematic program of religious training. Yet we are much too haphazard about this matter. Perhaps we would hit the mark more often if we more clearly recognized the precise target.

Listed below is a checklist for parents—a set of targets at which to aim. Many of the items require maturity which children lack, and we should not try to make adult Christians out of our immature youngsters. But we can gently urge them toward these goals—these targets—during the impressionable years of childhood.

Essentially, the six scriptural concepts which follow should be consciously taught, providing the foundation on which all future doctrine and faith will rest. I encourage every Christian parent to evaluate his child's understanding of these six areas:

CONCEPT I—And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (Mark 12:30).
1. Is your child learning of the love of God through the love, tenderness, and mercy of his parents? (most important)
2. Is he learning to talk about the Lord, and to include Him in his thoughts and plans?
3. Is he learning to turn to Jesus for help whenever he is frightened or anxious or lonely?
4. Is he learning to read the Bible?
5. Is he learning to pray?
6. Is he learning the meaning of faith and trust?
7. Is he learning the joy of the Christian way of life?
8. Is he learning the beauty of Jesus' birth and death?

CONCEPT II—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Mark 12:31).
1. Is he learning to understand and empathize with the feelings of others?
2. Is he learning not to be selfish and demanding?
3. Is he learning to share?
4. Is he learning not to gossip and criticize others?
5. Is he learning to accept himself?

CONCEPT III—Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God (Psalm 143:10).
1. Is he learning to obey his parents as preparation for later obedience to God? (most important)
2. Is he learning to behave properly in church—God's house?
3. Is he learning a healthy appreciation for both aspects of God's nature: love and justice?
4. Is he learning that there are many forms of benevolent authority outside himself to which he must submit?
5. Is he learning the meaning of sin and its inevitable consequences?

CONCEPT IV—Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
1. Is he learning to be truthful and honest?
2. Is he learning to keep the Sabbath day holy?
3. Is he learning the relative insignificance of materialism?
4. Is he learning the meaning of the Christian-family, and the faultlessness to it which God intends?
5. Is he learning to follow the dictates of his own conscience?

CONCEPT V—But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . self-control (Galatians 5:22-23, RSV).
1. Is he learning to give a portion of his allowance (and other money) to God?
2. Is he learning to control his impulses?
3. Is he learning to work and carry responsibility?
4. Is he learning to tolerate minor frustration?
5. Is he learning to memorize and quote scripture?

CONCEPT VI—. . . he that humbleth himself shall be exalted (Luke 14:11).
1. Is he learning a sense of appreciation?
2. Is he learning to thank God for the good things in his life?
3. Is he learning to forgive and forget?
4. Is he learning the vast difference

Questions relating to home and children may be addressed to Dr. Dobson in care of the Herald of Holiness. Dr. Dobson's book, Dare to Discipline, may be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. $1.95, paper.
Society has to be changed!" This shout has reached the proportions of a scream. But, despite the decibels, it is a quite reasonable cry.

Even the trees of the eastern United States that display a near-spectrum of different colors over each 12-month cycle are a silent monument to the genuine need for constant renewal in all forms of life. We do not label the tree "radical" because it changes its green into yellow, orange, and red, finally shedding its leaves completely in preparation for new ones.

What would be even harder to understand would be the West Virginia maple that "decided" (though I seriously doubt that it would!) to abandon the tiresomeness of taking weeks to change colors, one leaf at a time, and to make the change overnight instead. Such a prospect is frightening.

We would summon the tree "surgeon" in alarm, quite sure that something was fearfully wrong with the tree. It is not in its nature to do such a thing. Even if the tree could accomplish such a feat at all, it could not do so and remain healthy and normal.

The phenomenon would also rob us of a great deal of pleasure—weeks of comments like, "Isn't it remarkable how much redder the leaves look just since yesterday?" There would be a shock to the observers fully as great as the shock to the tree itself.

Of course, society needs changing! It needs radical change. We then need to ask, "What is society made of?"

It is made up of many models of another dynamic product of God's creative mind besides the tree—man, with all his individual behavior patterns and all his collective institutions.

In Muncie, Ind., Duane Pederson, one of the leaders of the "Jesus People," had just finished speaking and asked the group if they had any questions.

One fellow stood and asked, "What are you going to do—you and the Jesus People—about all the problems in America?"

Pederson's answer, in part, was, "I wish it were possible for me to right all the wrongs that have

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been done to the black people in America. I wish it were possible for me to right all the wrongs that have been done to the Indians in America.

"I wish it were possible for me to right all the wrongs that were done to the Asians here in America during the Second World War—but it's not within my power.

"All we can do is to try to solve the problems of today . . . not of the past . . .

"There is only one real solution to our messed-up and confused society . . .

"That solution . . . the only one that will be lasting and permanent . . . is to change people. And we are working on that. We are out there in the street showing people how they can change. Then, with changed people, we can have a completely changed society."

People, like trees, were meant to change individually, one at a time, according to natural—or supernatural—laws. Only in rare cases in which prearranged, God-given laws are followed do whole blocks of society very suddenly and abruptly change with any degree of success or good "health." A case in point:

If you were to take a real look at the happenings in England in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, you would not be able to escape noticing the effect that one striking group of believers in Christ had on the society of their time. They were known as followers of the "method," or disciplines, of John Wesley.

These little cell groups of "Christ-learners" made dramatic differences in the down spin that had been taking place in British society—socially, economically, culturally.

It all began with spiritual renewal in their private lives. They very likely prayed, "Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires." This is an organic change of the spirit, not a superficial or artificial change; it is accomplished from the outside by the Higher Power.

Really, this social "revolution" was nothing but a rediscovery of an amazingly simple New Testament principle: Those who honestly follow Christ do bring about changes in society in their generation. They quite naturally strike down slavery (in all its forms) and racism; automatically help those who are poor and handicapped; and find themselves altering unfair laws and shaping positive leadership in the Parliaments, Congresses, and all levels of life.

Our present problems are actually no different in kind from eighteenth-century England's. The question of whether our nation will last as an entity in the sweep of growing frustrations—with the widening gaps between those who have and those who wish they did, between the black and the white, and between the old and the young—leads us back to an ageless answer: As a tree changes colors and changes leaves, in the same fashion society must submit to change.

Its failure to do so naturally will be an indication that it has decayed beyond the help of the natural life-process of change. This latter prognosis need not panic us; there are many branches and twigs of modern society that are worth salvaging.

In just what way can men who follow the Christ of the Bible change society?

Is the answer so difficult—or different from that of Wesley? A methodology for our own "now" might again include a small group (one, for a start) of men who are so committed to each other, to society, and to a kind of renewing faith in the relevance of Jesus Christ that results in action that they quite logically move on to alter wrongs, eliminate ills, and produce institutional change in every area and at all levels—religious, business, political, social.

Utopia? Not at all. No marriage, business, or fraternity can last without change—not even the body of believers in Jesus Christ, the new believers and the old.

The need for change in society is obvious, and it is not extremism to admit this need. John Gardner has said, "Criticism without love produces destruction, but love without criticism produces stagnation." It would be good to guard against both extremes.

"When someone becomes a Christ-one, he becomes a brand-new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" God can genuinely, dramatically, radically, and permanently change an individual's set life-patterns. All we need is enough such revolutionized individuals, and the cry for change in society will begin to be answered.

Yes, cry! Cry for total change in the total man, and, oddly enough, society will begin to change.

HIS DESIGN

He planned it all—this life of mine—
He timed the course so well,
Directing me on unknown paths
Too numerous to tell.

He shaped the mold of life's events,
And carefully designed
A route for me much better
Than I could ever find.

I see His hand in everything;
His wisdom is divine,
And I shall gladly walk with Him.
His will has become mine.

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SUCCESSFUL PRAYING

A GENUINE EXPERIENCE OF CONVERSION AND SANCTIFICATION IS NECESSARY.
A DAILY WALK WITH GOD IN TRUE WORSHIP IS ESSENTIAL.
BUT SUCCESSFUL PRAYING DEMANDS THAT WE GO FURTHER.

A young man of 24 was spending the summer of 1666 in the country because of a plague which swept through his hometown of Cambridge. While reclining under an apple tree he observed a falling apple. Being a mathematician and philosopher, he began to meditate upon the law of falling objects and gravitation.

That young man was Isaac Newton, and his cogitations led directly to his discovery of the laws of gravitation as we know them today. His formula of gravitation, in combination with modern discoveries of physical dynamics, have enabled modern man to reach the moon. The moon trips have been a success because of the right combination of physical laws and forces.

The writer purchased a fountain pen for his wife on their ninth wedding anniversary. The filling mechanism was different from the old-type lever action, and the company sent along printed instructions on how to fill the pen with ink. But we misplaced the instructions before we learned how to fill the reservoir, and were forced to lay the useless pen aside.

Twenty years later my wife found the instruction, and by following the detailed combination of so many turns right, left, etc., we were able to fill the pen with ink. Now, for several years, the pen has been of use. Again, it was the right combination that made the difference.

To make a success of any venture there must be the right combination of factors. This is true in the matter of prayer as well as in anything else.

One of the best ways to study the elements of successful prayer is to analyze any one of the prayers in the Bible, and then to pattern our praying along those lines.

A good example is found in II Chronicles 14. King Asa was beset by a million Ethiopian soldiers. It looked as though defeat and destruction were inevitable. But Asa prayed, and his prayer was answered. His combination for successful praying is simple:

First, King Asa was a righteous man (verse 2). The spiritual status of the supplicant must not be discounted. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

This is not saying that God does not hear the honest, sincere prayer of a repentant sinner, for He certainly does. But the Bible is insistent on our walking in the light and obeying God if we are to get our prayers through.

John said, "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:21-22). A right relationship with God is imperative.

Next, notice the devotional life of King Asa. This must be kept up, too. Verses 3-5 tell us that Asa "took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves: and commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers". He put his religious house in order.

Today’s Christian must give heed to these things, too. Is our church attendance spasmodic or regular? How about our private devotions? Do we delight daily in God’s Word? Do we have blessed private communion with our God every day?

Asa, by diligently applying himself to the worship of God, had, in a sense, built up a supply of faith so that when the great trial came he could come to God in confidence. Day-by-day Christian worship makes a difference when it comes to successful praying.

Finally, there is an act of commitment. Verse 11 makes Asa’s act of commitment very graphic: "And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, 0 Lord our God; for we rest on thee." Notice those last four words! That is faith!

A genuine experience of conversion and sanctification is necessary. A daily walk with God in true worship is essential. But successful praying demands that we go further.

We must commit the entire issue into God’s hands, as Asa did. We must cease looking at impossible circumstances and believe that God can and will help us.

This is not easy to do. Peter obeyed when he was called by Jesus to walk on the water. But when he got his eyes on the surrounding circumstances, he began to sink.

So it is with us. We must take our eyes off the impossibilities and fasten them on God and His promises. When we do, He will perform the impossible. Our prayers will be successful.

There is a beautiful sequel to this story of Asa. After the great victory, the Israelite soldiers collected a vast amount of spoil and treasure from the defeated Ethiopians. After the battle they were far richer than before.

That’s the way that God rewards successful, believing prayer. We always get more than what we ask for! Isn’t that wonderful? It’s just a bonus to successful praying!

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FAMILY ALTARS

After hearing a sermon on the family altar, one couple asked the minister if they could get one in Early American to match the rest of their furniture! However humorous that may be, it is amazing how many people do not really understand or appreciate the important role of the family altar in Christian homes.

A family altar is a family get-together for devotions, sharing, and spiritual enrichment—worshiping God at home.

Although there are unique families who are able to maintain their family altars with the creativeness of spontaneous sharing of spiritual experiences and growth, most families need the discipline of a regular togetherness at a predetermined time.

A family altar is brief and informal. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Some families, especially those with small children who thrive on repetition, need a standard ritual (such as reading a Bible story, singing a song, sharing prayer requests, and praying together). On the other hand, families with teen-agers find the “ritual” a bit deadening. In fact, one seminary professor found that in talking with students who had come from Christian homes the one thing they resented about the family altar was that it was boring—always the same. The most dynamic family altars are those which recognize the ever-changing individual needs of the family and adapt accordingly.

There are many reasons why we should have the family altar. It's the kind of thing meaningful childhood memories are made of. If there are no children in the home, it's a marvelous opportunity for couples to talk about really important things and draw closer together as they commune with each other and God. But mostly it's just that there is NO WAY a home can be GENUINELY Christian if it does not share together God's Word and prayer and seek to pattern itself after the will of God.

C. S. Lewis said, "Sometimes we have to build an altar in one place in order that fire may come down in another." Build a family altar in your home and watch it spill over into other aspects of all of your lives.

In an article reprinted in The Marriage Affair (edited by J. Allan Petersen, published by Tyndale House, 1971), Dr. Howard Hendricks, professor of Christian education at Dallas Theological Seminary, talked about some of the excuses people use for not having family altars:

I don't have time. This is a problem of priorities and you must ask yourself, Time for what? To do that which God is seeking? Dr. Hendricks says "There's a sterility to activity, and much of our activity is nothing more than an anesthetic to deaden the pain of an empty life."

It's not convenient to get the family together. "The average American is looking for a religion that is comfortable and convenient," writes Dr. Hendricks. "And there are plenty of them on the market. You cannot take cost and conflict out of Christianity and have the same thing left." He emphasizes that family-worship time is something you have to make as a sacred appointment and keep.

I don't know how. Dr. Hendricks considers this excuse probably the most legitimate, especially if you come from a non-Christian home or a Christian home that did not have a family altar. "This was my problem," reveals Dr. Hendricks. "When I recognized my responsibility it was like a babe in the woods, but I just forged it out."

I don't need it. Isn't it enough to go to church on Sunday? This is a problem of vision, says Dr. Hendricks. "Compartmentalized Christianity—the little religious compartment on Sunday with the Lord on call in case of trouble."

If you have young children, I recommend Devotions for the Children's Hour, 95c, by Kenneth Taylor, published by Moody Press. It is superb!

Also, the Nazarene Publishing House's Master Buying Guide (free on request) is filled with all kinds of children's Bible story books and devotional aids.

If you have teens, incorporate some of the new folk religious music into your family worship. Folk Hymnal, $1.00, published by Singspiration, is inexpensive and very good. (Don't count the little ones out here—our four-year-old daughter's favorite family worship song is, "We are one in the Spirit.")

Fulfilling a Mission

Peter Forsyth once wrote, "Life is not realizing a plan, but fulfilling a mission." Nothing short of this truth can measure up to the call for Christian vocation.

We have lost something from our understanding of the Christian life that was very important in the early days of the Protestant Reformation. It is the conviction that every Christian is a person with a calling. "Mission," "vocation," "calling" are now terms we reserve for those God has set apart for some "special" service. In the New Testament, these are words that describe all the people of God.

It was to "laymen" that the Apostle Paul wrote, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Ephesians 4:1).

This calling, when we get rid of the misplaced comma, involves "the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:12): not necessarily "preaching," but serving those for whom Christ died.

In the usual meaning of the word, no Christian can have a "career." Rather he pursues a calling.

It is becoming more and more clear that if the Church is ever to break out of its cloistered walls, it will come through the penetration of Christian businessmen, mechanics, doctors, lawyers, teachers, or homemakers into the lives of those who work at the same tasks.

This does not mean the substitution of piety for proficiency. The Christian must strive to be a better workman for the very fact that he is a Christian. More, not less, will be expected of him.

This very fact is in itself a silent witness to the Christ who was known to His neighbors as "the carpenter." Our daily activity—the industry, integrity, and spirit with which we work—reinforces the testimony of our lips.

When life becomes for us, not a career or the realizing of a plan, but the fulfilling of a mission, then it becomes what it is meant to be, a fresh thought from God to the world.

Holiness and the Spirit of God

Holiness in character and conduct is the fruit of the abiding fullness of the Holy Spirit. This means that it is a personal relationship between God the Giver and a human being as receiver.

Such an understanding at once banishes a dozen wrong ideas. Holiness is never a matter of merit. It is all of grace. It is never something we work up to. It is a gift. It is not a "thing," some sort of heavenly substance. It is a quality derived from the Divine Presence.

The Bible teaches this in many ways.

Jesus promised it: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:15-18, 23).

Paul testified to it: "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20, NASB)—or as William Barclay paraphrases it, "True, my physical life goes on, but its mainspring is faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

Peter described it: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:4).

In each of these instances—and a score more that could be quoted—the same truth shines through. It is the Holy Spirit, the indwelling presence of Christ, making us partakers of God's own nature, who is the Key to the sanctified life.

Here is no saccharine saintliness, no goody-goody pretense to piety. Here is the life more abundant (John 10:10). Here is "the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ (Romans 15:29).

Many have seen this truth clearly. In 1768, John Wesley wrote to a friend, Lawrence Coughlan, who was being tossed in the storm of controversy that raged around the Evangelical Revival:

"You never learned, either from my conversation, or preaching, or writings, that 'holiness consisted in a flow of joy.' I constantly told you quite the contrary; I told you it was love, the love of God and our neighbour; the image of God stamped on the

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heart; the life of God in the soul of man; the mind that was in Christ, enabling us to walk as Christ also walked.”

F. E. Marsh wrote: “We have no inherent holiness. We are holy as we are possessed by the Holy Presence. We are holy in His holiness, loving in His love, strong in His strength, tender in His tenderness, patient in His patience, calm in His peace, and consecrated in His consecration. Get out of touch with Him by neglecting prayer, and the fragrance of His presence is wanting.”

Commissioner Samuel Brengle of the Salvation Army wrote: “Do you want to know what Holiness is? It is pure love. Do you want to know what the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is? It is not mere sentiment. It is not a happy sensation that passes away in a night. It is a baptism of love that brings every thought into captivity to the Lord Jesus; that casts out all fear; that burns up doubt and unbelief as fire burns tow; that makes one hate uncleanness, lying and deceit, a flattering tongue, and every evil way with a perfect hatred; that makes Heaven and Hell eternal realities; that makes one patient and gentle with the froward and sinful; that makes one ‘pure, peaceable, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy;’ that brings one into perfect and unbroken sympathy with the Lord Jesus Christ in His toil and travail to bring a lost and rebel world back to God.”

British Baptist Oswald Chambers—who, incidentally, has given the holiness movement some of its most penetrating insights—wrote:

“Holiness is not an attainment at all, it is the gift of God. The pietistic tendency is the introspection which makes me worship my own earnestness and not take the Lord seriously at all. It is a pious fraud that suits the natural man immensely. He makes holy, He sanctifies, He does it all. All I have to do is to come as a spiritual pauper, not ashamed to beg, to let go of my right to myself and act on Romans 12:1-2. It is never ‘Do, do, and you’ll be’ with the Lord, but ‘Be, be, and I will do through you.’ It’s a case of ‘hands up’ and letting go, and then entire reliance on Him.”

If there is no holiness apart from the Holy Spirit, then our attitude toward and openness to the divine Comforter becomes all-important. The fruit of the Spirit is then seen to be the evidence of His abiding.

All the argument that has raged across the years about the possibility of a pure heart must be judged in light of the fact that the Spirit is holy. His concern is not with psychological complexes and quirks. We shall have these in abundance until we enter the more excellent glory. His concern is with the basic motivations, the essential springs of life.

The Holy Spirit himself is the Light that expels the darkness, the Health that heals the soul’s disease, the flowing Stream that cleanses the corruption. It is He, said Peter, who purifies the heart by faith (Acts 15:8-9).

Baines Atkinson put this in fine focus when he wrote: “We are vehemently warned by writers today that we cannot bear witness that all sin has been completely removed from the heart, because we cannot really know what is in the heart. We readily accept the warning, and will say that we have asked God to do what He means by cleansing the heart from all sin, and we believe He has done it, and we leave it there without further definition. My testimony, and God’s testimony, is not primarily to my state, but to God’s redeeming work.”

Holiness is what the Holy Spirit is: He is the Spirit “of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (II Timothy 1:7). It gives no glory to the Spirit of God to suppose that the first evidence of His abiding presence is unintelligible speech, however sincerely this idea may be held.

The late Dr. A. W. Tozer, for many years editor of the Alliance Witness, found this way to be the secret of a victorious life. He wrote:

“The blessed Holy Spirit waits to be honored. He will honor Christ as we honor Christ. He waits—and if we will throw open our hearts to Him, a new sun will rise on us. I know this by personal experience. If there is anything God has done through me, it dates back to that solemn, awful, wondrous hour when the Light that never was on land or sea, the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, flashed on in my darkness. It was not my conversion—I had been converted, soundly converted. It was subsequent to conversion. How about you?”

“Our age is preeminently the age of the Spirit. The Comforter has come.” He waits only our willingness to let Him work in us “both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

Holiness by faith in Jesus;
Not by effort of thine own;
Sin’s dominion crushed and broken
By the power of grace alone;
God’s own holiness within thee,
His own beauty on thy brow:
This shall be thy pilgrim brightness,
This thy blessed portion now.

—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL
HUNDREDS OF NAZARENES ATTEND EXPLO '72

Nazarenes arrived by plane, train, bus, and car from across the nation to attend Explo '72, held June 11-17 in Dallas. Perhaps the most unusual arrival was a Nazarene runner who traveled by foot across 1,500 miles from Littlerock, Calif., to his Dallas destination. Dennis Swift, student at Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., left April 19 with plans to run 210-20 miles per week and taking approximately seven weeks to reach his goal. (See story in May 24 Herald, p. 31). Dennis ran the miles successfully and witnessed to over 4,000 people en route.

Representing many denominations and groups, the crowd of 180,000 at Explo '72 found a bond of unity as they sang "We Are One in the Spirit" during the Jesus Festival on Saturday. Their purpose in assembling was to be trained in the sharing of faith in Jesus Christ.

A Nazarene booth sponsored by the Departments of Youth, Evangelism, Education, Home Missions, Nazarene colleges, and the seminary provided multi-media presentations showing opportunities for a variety of Christian services. Rev. LeRoy Tipton, Harrisonville, Mo., assisted as booth coordinator. He reported that Nazarene periodicals and brochures were distributed by the thousands. Five thousand copies of the May 24 Herald geared to the interest of the young people attending Explo '72 were handed out.

About 100 Nazarenes routed their return trip through Miami Beach, Fla., where they attended the General Assembly and began their work of training other young people in spreading the good news of the gospel through the world. Gary Morsch, Nashville, was the official organizer for the Department of Youth. He supervised the training sessions in soul winning for young people conducted Monday and Tuesday, June 19-20, of General Assembly week.

RECOGNITION DINNER HELD AT MIAMI BEACH

Friday evening, June 16, during the General Assembly at Miami Beach, Fla., nearly 200 people enjoyed a recognition dinner for retired ministers, their wives, and widows of ministers. The dinner was the first of its kind sponsored by the Department of Pensions and Benevolence. Everyone seemed to have a great time meeting old friends and recalling old times. Some had not seen each other since college days.

Dr. Dean Wessels, executive secretary; department members of the General Board; and office staff hosted the dinner. Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Lewis were also present. He brought greetings to the group. Dr. Lewis was the general superintendent sponsor of the Department of Pensions.
and Benevolence for the quadrennium.

Each retiree was introduced by one of the hosts. The oldest minister and the ministers who had served the church the greatest number of years were recognized. Rev. Robert Floyd Honchell, 91, of Tampa, Fla., was the oldest ordained elder present. Rev. R. Honchell was ordained by the Pilgrim Holiness church and recognized by the Church of the Nazarene in 1920. He has served the church as pastor and evangelist.

Rev. F. N. DeBoard and Dr. George F. Franklin were recognized as the elders present who has served the church the greatest number of years. Rev. F. N. DeBoard, 82 years of age, of Nowata, Okla., was ordained in 1909 by Dr. E. P. Ellyson at Ponca City, Okla. He has served as pastor and evangelist.

Dr. George J. Franklin, 84 years of age, of Orchards, Wash., was ordained July 2, 1910, by Dr. Phineas F. Bresee at Los Angeles. Dr. Franklin has served as pastor, missionary, and district superintendent.

These men are still young at heart and active in boosting the church they have loved and served for so many years.

**TARGET CITIES NAMED**

Nazarene district superintendents have named target cities where they hope to establish new churches during the quadrennium. The list of these cities is available upon request from the Department of Home Missions.

The list contains target cities in every district where the Department of Home Missions is active. The New York District leads the way with 18 target cities; Dallas District has 13; and the Wisconsin District has 12. Washington lists 10 target cities; Philadelphia lists 11.

The list of target cities was developed as the first step in the attempt to achieve the quadrennial goal of 400 new churches as approved in the Eighteenth General Assembly in Miami Beach, Fla.

Nazarenes interested in serving as lay home missionaries and helping establish new churches are encouraged to write their district superintendent or the Department of Home Missions, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131, to volunteer their services.

The Department of Home Missions is encouraging volunteers to attend the IMPACT Conference scheduled in their areas. A schedule of IMPACT Conferences is also available upon request from the Department of Home Missions.

**CANADIAN COPIES ENTIRE BIBLE**

On August 26, 1968, Rev. L. E. Sparks of Paris, Ontario, Canada, (age 68) began a special project. He started copying his Bible (King James Version) in his own handwriting. Almost four years later, the task has been completed.

In a letter to Dr. Dean Wessels, executive secretary of the Department of Pensions and Benevolence, Sparks reported—"You will be happy to know that today, July 24, 1972, at the age of 72 years, at 11:55 a.m., I completed this work. I used 8½" x 11" sheets—2,120 of them. Had this writing been in one continuous line, it would measure about seven miles. Sometime after I have had it proofread, my son, David (a Nazarene elder) is planning to have it bound for me.”

The first class to be ordained by General Superintendent Charles Strickland, Upstate New York District (left to right)—Jonathan Gassett, district superintendent; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pierce; Rev. and Mrs. S. Paul Wehr; Rev. and Mrs. Willis F. Wilcox; Rev. and Mrs. Dale Stotler; and Dr. Charles Strickland, general superintendent.

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BUS MINISTRIES

Duane Schmitt, Sunday school superintendent, at Sapulpa, Okla., church, has reported eight months of successful community outreach through a bus ministry. He gave special credit to bus ministers and drivers—Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stubblefield—who have seen continuous growth since last October. The Sunday school averaged 440 in attendance during a six-month period. Spiritual victories have been realized among some of the new families. Hiram Sanders is the pastor.

The bus ministry at North Little Rock (Ark.) First Church has resulted in significant increases in average monthly Sunday school attendances. The church has a fleet of eight buses with a goal of 10 by the end of the year. Average attendance for March was 466, an increase of 111 over the previous year. Pictured are 20 workers serving in the bus ministry.

CHURCH DEDICATES BUSES

The Bradenton (Fla.) First Church conducted an outdoor bus dedication ceremony earlier this year. A new 48-passenger bus had been added to one already in use. In one month, the bus attendance jumped from 49 to 82.

Increase in attendance is backed by the efforts of a member, Mrs. Ann Hall, volunteer bus pastor, who has completed her first year of service. She calls two or three days each week with another volunteer from the church. Last year she reported 1,771 personal visits.

The Bradenton Sunday school’s total weekly average was 411 for 1971-72, an increase of 51 per Sunday over the previous year. Mr. Ralph Bogle is captain of the bus drivers and responsible for maintenance.

STEWARDSHIP AT THANKSGIVING

The measure to which we use the Thanksgiving Offering to express our stewardship will depend more on the depth of our love and the vitality of our relationship with Christ than on the abundance we possess.

Because of the example and leadership of a grateful pastor, a Korean congregation raised their Thanksgiving offering from four bags of rice to 14. This was accomplished without posters or propaganda. A young couple who recently had been converted opened their home for the young people of the church. A young professional man grew tired of a religion that had grown cold and sterile. After receiving a fresh experience of the reality of Christ, he offered his time and talents wherever he could be used.

Faithful stewardship touches every area of a Christian’s contribution to the Kingdom. Giving in the Thanksgiving Offering should not be excluded!

General Superintendent Coulter
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

CANADA CENTRAL
General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland presided over the thirty-seventh annual assembly of the Canada Central District, held at Clarksburg Camp, Clarksburg, Ontario, Canada, July 6-7. This was Dr. Strickland’s first assembly following his election as general superintendent. On the first night, he was presented with a gavel.

District Superintendent Neil E. Hightower, having served nine months from the time of his appointment, was elected to a four-year term. He reported 109 members received by profession of faith and said the district gave 10 percent of its income for world evangelism for the second consecutive year.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Weldon Bull and Robert Coghill; (laymen) Kenneth Ohan and Clarence Whitmore. Mrs. Neil Hightower was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. Wesley Campbell was elected president of the NYPFS. Rev. Robert Coghill was elected chairman of the church school board.

OREGON PACIFIC
The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District was held July 12-13 at Eugene, Ore. General Superintendent Edward Lawlor ordained Gearold D. May and Eldon W. Rayborn.

District Superintendent Carl B. Clendenen, Jr., completing the first year of an extended term, reported a Sunday school average attendance of 8,757, a gain of 50, and an enrollment gain of 721 for a total of 17,777. Churches received 643 newNazarenes for a net gain of 438 and a membership total of 9,503. The district raised $2,100,155 for all purposes.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Marilyn W. Anderson, H. R. London, and Daniel H. Penn; (laymen) Gordon T. Ohlen, Willard Pfeifer, I. A. Satter, Mrs. E. W. Shields. Mr. R. W. Hightower was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. Floyd L. Schwanz was elected president of the NYPFS. Rev. H. B. London, Jr., was reelected chairman of the church school board.

MOVING MINISTERS
Ralph Ahlemann from Columbia, Mo., to Woodbridge, Va.
Lyle Boiger from Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Trinity to Joliet (Ill.) Crystal Laws.
T. J. Bashford from Belle, W. Va., to Parkersburg, W. Va., Broadway.
R. L. Bredholt from New Iberia, La., to Clinton, Mich.
George Emmett from New Palz, N.Y., to Clinton, N.J.
Charlie Freenon from associate pastor, Pasadena (Calif.) First, to pastor, Moscow, Idaho.
Ronald E. Graham from Hurricane (W. Va.) to Ironton (Ohio) Elm Street.
Harry C. Greene from Burnham, Pa., to Boswell, Pa.
Walter F. Masters from Charlottesville, Va., to Highland Springs, Va.
Kenneth Maze from Parkersburg (W. Va.) to Fairmont (W. Va.) First.
Russell E. Spray from Traverse City (Mich.) First to Sparta, Mich.

Tom Sykes, minister of youth and music, from Carthage, Mo., to Lubbock (Tex.) First, same position.
L. Dean Thompson from St. Louis Bridgeport, associate, to full-time song evangelism.

Loy Watson from Woodward, Okla., to Enid (Okla.) First.
Thomas C. Williams from Benton, Ky., to Elizabethtown, Ky.

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CHURCH DEDICATIONS

CANADA CHURCH DEDICATED

On July 30, General Superintendent George Coulter dedicated the new church plant built by the Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, First Church. This structure was built in the north section of the city at a cost of nearly $400,000.

The architect designed the structure after a thorough study of the materials that were produced by church designers and builders meeting at the 1968 General Assembly.

The sanctuary will seat almost 500 persons in a fashion that will put no one farther than 40 feet from the front of the church and the altar.

There are Christian education facilities for a Sunday school enrollment of 800. Classes can meet in nine departments.

In 1971, First Church congregation merged with the Edmonton Calder congregation and relocated in a new area of the city. Bernard M. Archer is the pastor. Earl Wood has accepted a position as associate minister.

DECATUR CHURCH DEDICATES CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

"Out of necessity," reported Pastor Leslie Wooten, the Decatur (Ill.) Oak Grove Church has built and dedicated a children’s chapel. The new structure, valued at $22,000, was designed exclusively for children. Its furnishings are scaled to meet the needs of children ages five to nine. The facility will hold 120 persons.

Mrs. Leslie Wooten, pastor’s wife, conducts special services for the children during the worship hour on Sunday mornings.

Mayor James H. Rupp was present for the dedication service and cut the ribbon at the entrance of the chapel. Present also was Superintendent L. S. Oliver, Illinois District.

TAMPA FIRST DEDICATES NEW EDIFICE

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins brought the dedicatory message at Tampa (Fla.) First Church. Greetings were given by Dr. Marvin Compher, president of the Tampa Ministerial Association.

The cement block and stucco church structure has 1,600 square feet of floor space providing a sanctuary and education facilities for 500 people. Modern educational equipment is included. The buildings are carpeted throughout. Adequate parking is available in the spacious parking lots at the church. A 60-foot cross is erected at the entrance of the new facility. Total cost of building and furnishings was $225,000.

BUILDING CHURCHES

The official board of the Bethany (Okla.) Calvary Church is shown with Pastor Carl Summer as the group studied the contract for purchase of a five-acre plot just west of the church. The purchase agreement has been negotiated and plans call for providing larger facilities on the new property while continuing to use present buildings for education expansion and fellowship activities.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS
Paul A. Toepfer, former pastor of Petersburg, Ill., Tuesday, is in the church of evangelical fellowship. Contact him at Box 146, Petersburg, Ill. 79205.
—Lyte E. Eckley, W. Texas district superintendent.

Arthur Allen, who has served pastorates on Maine, New England, and New York districts, is entering into the field of evangelical fellowship beginning October 1. He is a singer and Bible teacher. Contact him at Rte. 1, Taft Station, Danielson, Conn. 06259.
—Kenneth H. Pearsall, New England district supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robison are available for song and special musical concerts. Address them at 307 Milliken Bend, Nashville, Tenn. Phone: 615-468-4397.
—H Harvey Hendershot, Tennessee district superintendent.

T. E. Holcomb is reentering the field of evangelism. Contact him at 13829 Bandera, Houston, Tex. 77015.

Charles Davidson, evangelist on Central Ohio District, is entering full-time evangelism as singer and evangelist. He may be contacted at 541 Gibbons St., Columbus, Ohio 43240 (419-332-0246).
—Don J. Gibson, Central Ohio district superintendent.

EVANGELISTS’ OPEN DATES
John H. Lanier, Junction City, Ohio 43748, has open April 4-5.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS
GERALD L. FOSBENNER, 41, died May 14 in Nampa, Idaho. He had been vice-president for development at Northwest Nazarene College since 1968. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gerald D. Johnson. Surviving his wife is his wife, Lucille; his daughter, Lynda; and his mother, brothers, and sisters.

GEORGE A. ROBERTS, 66, died in Titusville, Florida, June 13, en route to General Assembly. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. Brindley. He is survived by his wife, Doris; three daughters, Anna Wilson, Betsy Koltz, and Ruth Robison; one son, David; and one great-grandchild.

WILLIAM K. KRAUS ROLFE, 35, died July 26 in Halstead, Kan. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. E. Shafer. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, six children, and her parents.

FLOYD METCALF, 69, died July 6 in Merrillville, Ind. Services were conducted by Rev. R. V. Schultz. He is survived by his wife, Blanch; and five sons, Robert, William, Kenneth, David, and James.

MRS. C. C. KNIPPER, 60, died July 27 in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Byrd and Rev. Rupert Cravens. She is survived by four sons, Cecil, Ottis, Shurial, and Howard; two daughters, Mrs. Thurman (Dorothy) Coburn and Mrs. Bill (Lora Lee) Dunkin; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WRIGHT LEACH, 74, died May 13 in Simi Valley, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. West and Rev. J. W. Long. Surviving are his wife, Glennis; three sons, Wright Irvin, Ray Arthur, and Franklin; and four grandchildren.

MILDRED E. GOULD, 74, died June 14 in Quincy, Mass. Services were conducted by Rev. T. L. Smith. She is survived by her husband, Dr. J. J. Gould, two sons, Mrs. Winnifred A. and two grandchildren.

TEELOLA L. WILSON died Aug. 1 in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Wadell. Surviving are her husband, Glen; and two daughters, Mrs. Milton Carpenter and Mrs. Terrill T. Williams.

MRS. AMABEL J. BYRON, 96, died Aug. 8 in Seattle, Wash. Services were conducted by Rev. Marvin Jacobs and Dr. Lloyd B. Byron. She is survived by one son, Dr. Lloyd B.; one daughter, Mrs. Esther B. Clark; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

REV. EMORY OWEN WALDEN, 77, died Aug. 10 in Hutchinson, Kan. He had pastored in Colorado and Kansas for 36 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. Canaday and Rev. J. T. May Hance. Surviving are his two sons, Everette and Ernest; one daughter, Mrs. Alice Hodges; six grandchildren; four brothers; and two sisters.

LILLIE D. REEDER ROGERS, 92, died Aug. 6 in Medford, Ore. Services were conducted by Rev. G. M. Wilson. She is survived by four sons, James H., Clifton H., Marvin B., and Milton D.; four daughters, Mrs. Nola McCormick, Oleta M. Warren, and Lillie M. and one brother.

MRS. ESTHER V. BOTTEMILLER, 75, died Aug. 4 in Vancouver Wash. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. J. Bartram and Rev. H. L. Evans. Surviving are her husband, Daniel; four sons, Curtis, Forrest, Jerry, and Dean; and three grandchildren, rev. Harold, Mrs. Ernest (Elaine) Oquist, and Mrs. Donald (Jeanette) Anding; 18 grandchildren; and two brothers.

MRS. TRESSA SMITTER died Aug. 3 in Falmouth, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gerald B. Cook.

EDWARD M. GREEN, 64, died July 15 in San Leandro, Calif. Surviving is his wife, Fern. He fathered two sons, Everette and Ernest; one daughter, Mrs. Alice Hodges; six grandchildren; four brothers; four sisters, Mrs. Clark; and seven great-grandchildren.

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MARRIAGE VOWS BY LONG-DISTANCE. Stephen White, 21, had always wanted his father to perform the marriage ceremony when he married. But when the time came for his union to Barbara Moran, 18, his father, Rev. Wallace White, was 8,000 miles away in New Guinea.

That didn’t deter a determined groom. Steve had the telephone company install special equipment in the First Church of the Nazarene in Denver, Colo., to amplify the call he was to put in to his father.

An overseas operator in Oakland was asked early in the day to reserve a line for the 8 p.m. call. At that hour, contact was made—with a little static interference—and the pastor of the church said, “I now present to you the father of the bridegroom, Rev. Wallace White.”

Rev. W. White administered the vows, the couple was formally united, and everyone said goodbye to young White’s father and mother in far-off New Guinea.

Before returning to their classes at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kan., the newlyweds took off on a honeymoon. To New Guinea, of course.—E.P.A.

CHURCH SERVICES ON THE WATER. Church services on the water are held every Sunday afternoon during July and August at Half Moon Bay on the St. Lawrence River near Gananoque, Ontario, Canada, in the Thousand Islands region.

Interdenominational devotions are conducted from a natural stone pulpit before the floating congregation in boats of all sorts, from rowboats to luxury cruisers.

Prayer books and hymnals are distributed by “ushers” paddling about in a canoe.

UCC AGENCY HITS BROADCASTER’S BID TO HIRE ONLY CHRISTIANS. The communications office of the United Church of Christ has urged the Federal Communications Commission not to approve a request that would permit employment discrimination on the part of a religious broadcaster.

In its statement to the Commission, the UCC maintains that since all broadcasters are “public trustees,” discrimination on their part is “an issue of Constitutional dimension.”

The UCC agency’s action was prompted by an FCC ruling that King’s Garden, Inc., an evangelical group that operates stations KGDN and KBJQ-FM in Edmonds, Wash., was guilty of employment discrimination in violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. King’s Garden has asked the FCC to exempt it from that law.

According to the FCC, King’s Garden, Inc., has asked an applicant for the position of news announcer if he and his wife were both Christians, and asked him to give a testimony of his faith. The man, Trigby Anderson, maintained that such qualifications were not relevant to his ability to broadcast.

In its statement, the UCC Office of Communications also cited a decision of Chief Justice Warren Burger, when he was a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, in which he declared, “A broadcaster seeks and is granted the free and exclusive use of a limited and valuable part of the public domain; when he accepts that franchise it is burdened by enforceable public obligations...”

STATE COURT HOLDS HOST WHO ALLOWS EXCESSIVE DRINKING LIABLE UNDER LAW. The social host who serves drinks to minors or allows his guests to drink too much is just as liable for their actions as a bartender or liquor dealer who provides the liquor commercially, the Minnesota Supreme Court has ruled in St. Paul, Minn.

In a unanimous decision, the court drastically extended the scope of the state’s 61-year-old “Dram Shop Law” to those who “provide liquor gratuitously as an act of hospitality, if injury occurs to a third person as a result of the intoxication of the recipient who was furnished the liquor legally.”

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BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS—Of- fice, 6431 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131. George Coultier, Chairman; Edward Lawlor, Sec- retary; Orville W. Jenkins, V. H. Lewis, Eugene L. Stowe, Charles H. Strickland.
In giving the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21, Paul says those who are guilty of such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. It reads like these are unpardonable. Can you explain this to me?

Galatians 5:21 does not say “those who have done such things shall not inherit the Kingdom.” It says, “Those who are doing such things shall not inherit.”

Forgiveness blots out the record of the past, though the sins committed be as scarlet (Isaiah 1:18). Paul said of himself, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15). The chief has already been saved, so there’s hope for all the rest of the tribe. But forgiveness is accompanied by the miracle of the new birth. We become “new creatures in Christ.” As a result we cease engaging in the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5:19-21. Whosoever is born of God is not committing sin (1 John 3:9).

Why can sanctified people get irritated and upset at others?

Because they are human.

Holiness does not insulate a person against the hurts, aggravations, and irritations that inevitably mar the relationships of imperfect people living in an imperfect world.

What holiness does provide is the necessary potential for dealing with hurts and irritations constructively in the spirit of Christ.

I don’t know where the idea ever came from that a sanctified person automatically possesses a rhinoceros hide and nothing anyone ever does or says can annoy or hurt his feelings.

Dr. J. B. Chapman used to say that a holy heart is subject to some of the deepest hurts a human being can know. It is how one handles those hurts that makes the difference.

The human psyche has some built-in defenses that are as much a part of our humanity as the blinking of the eye or the reflex pull of a hand away from a hot stove. When its integrity or security are threatened, its natural reaction is defensive.

There is, to be sure, a carnal rage that is destructive and tends to smash and destroy the object of its hostility. Carnal irritations, as Dr. James Dobson has said, tend “to lash out.” It is “aggressive and vicious. . . . I feel that when we sin when we want to get even with our enemies—to cut and scratch and destroy the object of our anger.”

On the other hand, as Dr. Dobson said, “I don’t believe that all strong feeling, even when negative, is necessarily sinful. There are times when embarrassment, irritability, disappointment, fatigue or tension can bring an emotional outburst.

“Emotion has a well-developed physiological base which is difficult to ignore. When you have been humiliated in front of others, for example, adrenaline is released into the bloodstream, the eyes dilate, the blood pressure is increased, the hands sweat and the mouth goes dry. The heartbeat quickens and the entire system is put on an alert status. It is impossible for some people to inhibit this physiological reaction.

“Therefore, I feel it is very important for the sanctified Christian to understand the distinction here. Without this understanding, he may feel he has sinned every time he is upset or antagonized.”

“Jesus may demand even greater control of our emotions than I suppose, but I’m inclined to feel that He is tolerant of individual differences in this regard. Didn’t Paul say, ‘Inasmuch as it is within you, live peaceably with all men?’”

There’s much more that could be said, obviously. Some of it I’ve tried to say more at length in Interpreting Christian Holiness.

The fullness of the blessing is a necessary element in the highest and best human relationships. But it does not automatically solve all the problems or smooth out all the wrinkles.

I read in another magazine that if you just committed a small sin or any sin and went immediately and asked forgiveness you only grieve the Holy Spirit and do not lose Him. Is that right?

In the first place, there is no such thing as “a small sin.” All and any deliberate sin will eventually “do despite” to the Spirit of God (Isaiah 59:1-2; Hebrews 10:26-29; 1 John 3:8-10).

But while God makes no allowance for sin in the Christian life, He does make provision for dealing with it. “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2).

The important point is the immediate forgiveness. Either to deny the fact of the sin or to persist in it is fatal.

John 2:15 says, “And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew the tables.” Do you think Jesus really used the whip?

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Bethany (Okla.) First Church recently closed its assembly year with "living reports" given to the entire church at the Bethany Ball Park.

Following a chicken dinner, hundreds of church members and friends met in the stadium bleachers to hear living reports from every division of the church life. The theme for the evening was "WINsome Evangelism."

Highlights of the evening included a statistical report incorporating the ushers' count in Sunday services, Sunday school attendance, and new members received on profession of faith.

Bethany First Church reported the following average attendances for its 1971-72 year: Sunday morning worship, 1,812, for a gain of 145; evening service, 1,522, for a gain of 242; Sunday school, 1,529, for a gain of 166. The church received 110 members on profession of faith. Pond W. Gilliland is pastor.

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Could It Be!
NEW PRESIDENT TO SERVE MVNC

Dr. John Allen Knight, pastor at Nashville Grace Church, was elected president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, at a special meeting of the board of trustees held on the campus, August 21. He assumed his new duties September 1. He will continue his relationship with Grace Church until his successor has been called. He succeeds Dr. Stephen W. Nease, who has accepted the presidency of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla.

Dr. Knight, 40, a native Texan, did his undergraduate work at Bethany Nazarene College and received a master of arts degree in philosophy at the University of Oklahoma. He has taught at Bethany Nazarene College and for 11 years was chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville.

For two years Dr. Knight served as chaplain and chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Mount Vernon Nazarene College before moving to his present position. He has approximately 10 years of experience pastoring churches on the Tennessee District.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. John L. Knight, of Kansas City, he is married and has three children.

MRS. A. MILTON SMITH DIES AFTER SURGERY

Mrs. Opal Smith, wife of Dr. A. Milton Smith, district superintendent, Florida District, died Tuesday, August 22, in a Bethany, Okla., hospital. Following thyroid surgery, complications developed that caused her sudden passing.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, A. Milton Smith, and three daughters—Joan Griffith, Norma Dell Smith, and Donna Ruth Peoples.

Funeral services were held at Bethany (Okla.) First Church, Friday, August 25, with Dr. G. B. Williamson officiating, assisted by Dr. Ponder W. Gilliland, pastor.

SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULED

Paul Skiles, director of Servicemen's Division, has announced that the Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat will be held November 13-17, 1972, at the General Walker Hotel in Berchtesgaden, Germany. Rev. Paul Martin will be the speaker and Dr. Ralph Earle will be holding the Bible studies.

NEW HONOR CITATIONS FOR CARAVANS

Bill Young, general director of Caravan, announces that a new set of honor citations for Trailblazers and Pathfinders will go into effect October 1. The new set was developed to help internationalize the Caravan program. All districts, other than United States, will use the new honor citations.

For the Trailblazers, the new honor citations are—John Wesley, David Livingstone, George Washington Carver, and Phineas B. Bresee. The new honor citations for the Pathfinders are—Fanny Crosby, Helen Keller, Florence Nightingale, and Esther Carson Winans.

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CORRECTION

Rev. Edwin Simmons, Rapid City, S.D., church, has written to correct a report sent to the Herald office stating that their church property was hit by severe flood damage in the June 9 storm. He said the report, released from a source outside the city, was in error. Little damage was done to the church property, which is on a hill 12 blocks from the flood-damaged area.

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and consultation of the advisory board of Missouri District, together with the department heads, I have appointed Rev. Arthur E. Mottram of Vancouver, Wash., to be superintendent of the Missouri District.

Rev. A. Mottram has accepted the appointment and will assume his new duties on October 1.

Charles Strickland
General Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous endorsement of the Board of General Superintendents and the approval of the district advisory board, I have appointed Rev. James Huston, Philadelphia District, as superintendent of the Illinois District. The effective date, September 25.

Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE AND BREAKS GROUND

Members and friends of the Neo-desha, Kans., church celebrated a victorious day on April 30 when they burned their cancelled mortgage of $40,000 and at the same time broke ground for a new $35,000 building project.

The mortgage was paid off in just over 12 years. The new project consists of two buildings: a new three-bedroom parsonage, and an activities building of metal construction.

Around 200 servicemen and their families attended last year. Chaplain Dudley Hathaway, retreat coordinator for 1971, commented, "We had a truly outstanding retreat in Berchtesgaden. The Bible study was excellent." One retreatant said, "I'm already looking forward to next year's retreat."

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