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OUR GENEVA OFFICE



More About Our Cover...

Our French office in Geneva, Switzerland, is located in a gleaming NEW glass and steel building. As Mr. Armstrong says about Ambassador Colleges, it is equally true of our fine overseas offices—"They mutually excel each other!" Be sure to read Mr. Wilkins' article on the Geneva office beginning on page five.

Ambassador College Photo

What our READERS SAY...

Building Program

"An enclosed article asks as follows: 'Are Big Cathedrals on Way Out?' It is interesting to note that Ambassador College would never waste its money on such useless overgrown stone barns. Ambassador College as I can plainly see gets the most mileage from its money; i.e., restoring fine old estates and where new buildings are needed, erecting the most tasteful and functional structures of contemporary architecture. (The proposed new auditorium at Pasadena is an excellent example.) The motto of the Ambassador College building program could well be, 'Useful, Functional, Beautiful.'"

Edwin G., Massachusetts

Orr Summer Camp

"We were privileged to be among the brethren and children to attend the first service on Friday evening at the Imperial School campus grounds at Orr, Minnesota. What a beautiful place this will be when it is completed! Also a wonderful blessing to all young teenagers who have the opportunity to attend."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold M.,
Minnesota

Child Blessed

"This is to express my thanks, somewhat late, for the booklet, 'The Plain Truth About Child Rearing.' The principles set forth in it really do work. The most heartening thing is that a child can understand the necessity for punishment. This was brought home to

me just today when my 3-year-old son, after a spanking, instead of crying, said, 'Thank you, Daddy.' I find that the number of spankings he needs now is only a fraction of what was necessary when I first began to apply the proper methods of child rearing. Also, there is enough tangible evidence to convince me that my son really loves me more now than he did before I started trying to apply God's laws in rearing him."

Carl R. C., New Jersey

"Free" Literature?

"I wish to clarify a statement you made concerning your literature. It really is free, but only to those who don't apply it to their lives. For us who do, it is very expensive, in fact it costs us our entire lives. Now, I'm not complaining, because I enjoy being a member of God's Church. In fact, I never really began to live and really enjoy it until I became a member. The rewards we receive if we overcome are simply fantastic, and I get a thrill just thinking about them."

Aubrey L. E., Ohio

Member's Full Life

"Here is our tithe. We hear the broadcast on WCKY in the mornings. We just got back from skating—it's such a thrill to be at the Church socials. Everyone had such a wonderful time. Since I've started learning to skate and other things, life is more fun. I always was the backward type in the world but am coming out of that, for it's so much

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Church of God News—

WORLDWIDE



*SIX new churches, SIX ordinations and HUNDREDS baptized
this summer!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

ARICH HARVEST is being reaped by the Work of God this summer! In a world wracked by degradation and violence, the deep LOVE and JOY produced by *God's way of life* is being extended to additional *millions* of human beings.

All of you who read Mr. John Portune's fine article on "RADIOSHIPS" last month will rejoice even more to hear that *The WORLD TOMORROW* is now broadcasting on yet *another* great outlet covering much of Southern England! This new station is called "Radio City." It reaches the vast, metropolitan area of London even *better* than does "Radio London"—and at a *different* time, therefore reaching mostly a *different* audience.

So, increasingly, the people of Britain—God's people *Ephraim*—are really being *reached* by the Message of the Living God!

HUNDREDS Being Baptized

Meanwhile, with our vast network of *local* ministers covering the earth, *hundreds* are being baptized this summer! And baptismal tours have covered most scattered areas of the United States, Canada, Britain, Europe, Australia and the islands in the Caribbean.

Mr. Frank McCrady, assisted by an Ambassador College graduate, Mr. Ken Mattson, toured some of the scattered areas of the Great Plains states. They met with 61 scattered listeners who had requested baptism, but found only 15 who were really repentant and ready for baptism. In addition, they made 21 visits to scattered members during this tour.

From New York, Mr. Clarence Bass—one of our Negro Elders—reports that he and his wife baptized *six* people on a combination baptizing and visiting tour. In addition, they visited a number of scattered members and listeners.

Mr. Dibar Apartian, the voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* in the French language, and Mr. Ron Kelly—faculty member in Big Sandy—joined together on a baptizing and visiting tour covering several of the islands in the Caribbean. They just recently returned and reported that they have baptized 22 out of 96 visited. Many others were helped, however, and Mr. Apartian was able to conduct three services on the Sabbath for the brethren on the island of Martinique. So it was certainly a successful tour although Mr. Apartian mentioned that many of the people were *very* illiterate—some so illiterate that this was a major factor in preventing some from being baptized at this time.

Mr. Frank Brown—recent Student Body President at Bricket Wood and now an ordained minister—conducted two legs of an extended baptizing and visiting tour of French-speaking people in Europe. This tour covered parts of Switzerland, Belgium and most of the provinces of France. On the first leg of the tour, Mr. Brown was accompanied by Mr. Bourdin—Assistant Office Manager of our Geneva office. On the second leg, he was accompanied by the Manager of our Geneva office and Local Elder, Mr. Colin Wilkins. A total of 86 scattered French-speaking brethren were contacted on this tour. Fourteen were baptized, 13 were invited to the

Feast and many others were visited and helped.

With the wonderful growth of local churches, the *major* amount of baptisms now take place in local church areas. That is the reason, of course, that our baptizing tours do not report the large number of visits and baptisms that they used to.

For instance, during the week of July 4-10, there were 12 people baptized in the Chicago area alone. In the week ending July 31, there were 10 people baptized in the New York area. And in the previous week, ending July 24, there was a grand total of 27 baptized in the New York area alone!

So you can easily see how these figures—especially in large church areas—soon mount up and far surpass the number baptized on previous tours when the men would have to drive hundreds of miles to meet scattered people not attending local churches. Those long, grueling, earlier tours were necessary. But we can *thank God* that now so many THOUSANDS of brethren around the world are able to meet in local churches—and that most baptisms take place there!

Important Ministerial Changes

With the increasing size of God's Church, *growth* and *changes* are taking place everywhere. Here are some of the major ones that have taken place recently.

Mr. Carn Catherwood—recently pastor of God's Churches in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lexington, Kentucky—has been transferred to Canada to begin Bible studies—leading to churches in

Montreal and Ottawa. A Canadian postal strike slowed down his operations there at first, but it is now over and we should soon be hearing about definite plans for a Bible study in each of these cities. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Glen White—recently pastoring God's Churches in Omaha and Des Moines—have been sent to Winnipeg, Manitoba. A new church is starting there right away, and is forecast to begin with around 200 in attendance!

Mr. Catherwood was replaced in Cincinnati and Lexington by Mr. Dick Ames—recent Student Body President in Pasadena and now an ordained minister. Mr. Ames just had a few weeks of "breaking in" under Mr. Antion before this sudden transfer took place. So now he has a real job on his hands!

That leads to the next transfer and a series of SIX ORDINATIONS which have taken place recently!

SIX Recent Ordinations

Mr. Ron Reedy—recently assisting Mr. McCrady in the South Bend-Grand Rapids area—was ordained by Mr. Dean Blackwell on July 24. Then, he was immediately sent to Omaha and Des Moines to replace Mr. White. Mr. Reedy graduated over a year ago from Ambassador College at Bricket Wood. He was one of the student body leaders there, and has been a fine help to Mr. McCrady and has already exemplified a real spirit of service and leadership plus marked preaching ability. So now he has been ordained as a full *Preaching Elder* in God's Church.



Mr. Ronald Reedy

On the same Sabbath, July 24, Mr. Paul Zapf was ordained in the new Fayetteville, North Carolina Church as a *Local Elder*. Mr. Zapf graduated from Ambassador College in Pasadena a year ago last June. Just after graduation, he and his wife—the former Pat Patterson—were sent to the Cincinnati-Lexington area to assist Mr. Catherwood. Then, because of the crying need for help in the Greensboro area, Mr. and Mrs. Zapf were transferred to help Mr. Richard Plache in that Church District. Now, Mr. Zapf has demonstrated increasing ability and service and has been ordained.

Then, on July 31, Dr. Herman Hoeh ordained Mr. Eldon Stewart of the



Mr. Paul Zapf

Fresno Church as a *Local Elder*. Mr. Stewart and his wife have been long-time, balanced and faithful members of the Fresno Church and have set a wonderful example of faithfulness and service. All who know them will be happy to hear of Mr. Stewart's ordination.

Then, on August 7, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong—on a flying visit to the South African office—was joined by Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Hunting in ordaining as *Local Elders* Mr. Michael Bousfield and Mr. Adrian Botha. Mr. Bousfield graduated from Ambassador College at Bricket Wood a year ago last June. A native of South Africa, he has been assisting Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Ernest Williams in the Johannesburg office ever since and has been a fine servant in the local church and Visiting Program as well.



Mr. Eldon Stewart

Mr. Botha has been a member of God's Church for nearly five years. A most zealous member and a tremendous example of service, he later became a full-time employee of the Johannesburg office. Now, he joins Mr. Bousfield in serving as a *Local Elder* in God's Work there.

On this same recent Sabbath, August 7, Mr. Apartian and Mr. Ron Kelly ordained Mr. Louis Jubert as a *Local Elder* in God's Church on the island of Martinique. Mr. Jubert, as you may remember, is the leader of an entire group of people there who have been converted from one of this world's religions and have shown consistent growth and ability in God's Truth. Mr. Jubert has proved himself to be a fine servant and leader among these people, and Mr. Apartian and Mr. Kelly were very pleased to be able to ordain him as a *Local Elder* in the Church of God.

SIX New Churches

Besides the six ordinations which have taken place recently, we have also, coincidentally, raised up exactly *six churches* in the last few weeks!

On July 17, a new church started in Knoxville, Tennessee, with 170 in attendance. The first sermon was preached by Mr. Ken Swisher, District Superintendent, and Mr. Gary Arvidson will be the pastor at Knoxville—hooking this up in his circuit with Asheville, North Carolina.

On this same Sabbath, another new church began at Columbus, Ohio. A total of 185 were in attendance for the

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We Are In GENEVA - To Stay!

"Behold, I set before you an open door and no man can shut it," promised Jesus Christ to His Church! Read here HOW the door to establish an office for God's Work to the French-speaking people was OPENED—and nearly shut—in Geneva, Switzerland!

by Colin Wilkins

GENEVA is a truly *international* city. It has a complement of over *fifty* world organizations, such as the European offices of the U.N. organization, the International Red Cross, the offices of the World Ecumenical Movement, etc.—all of which are an attempt to fulfill man's *vain* ideals for peace. It is also a cultural city of distinction, has a superb orchestra and notable university. But, most important of all, Geneva is also the European center from where God's Message to the French-speaking peoples is carried.

Few cities in the world present a better setting for the establishment of a new foreign office for the WORK of God. A spacious suite of offices, together with an adjoining apartment, were rented without undue difficulty, and all seemed "set fair" for the beginning of activities in the autumn of 1963.

However, few operations get started in God's Work without "growing pains" and the Geneva office was no exception.

Persona non grata

Just before the Feast of Tabernacles in 1963, Mr. Etienne Bourdin and his family prepared to leave their home in Paris and move to Geneva, where Mr. Bourdin was to work in the new French offices, primarily as a translator.

But imagine Mr. Bourdin's dismay when, upon arriving at the Swiss frontier, he learned that he had *no authority* to move to Geneva on a permanent basis—he needed a "Work Permit."

Now, a "Work Permit" cannot be issued unless the person concerned is employed by a firm *already legally established* in Switzerland—but *Le Monde A Venir* was not yet given such legal standing! The specter of a forced march between two gendarmes back across the Swiss frontier loomed before Mr. Bourdin.

How could this difficulty have arisen when Swiss officials a year ago had clearly given Mr. Apartian the "green light" to the establishment of the French branch of God's Work in Geneva? The full reason for this anomaly did not become clear at this stage, but it was soon evident that *something*, or *someone*, was beginning to consistently work against us!

Despite the circumstances, however, Headquarters in Pasadena decided that plans should proceed as originally scheduled.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, with Mr. Stanley Rader, Headquarters auditor and legal advisor, flew to Geneva, and engaged an attorney to *get the work legally established* in Geneva. And while there, Mr. Armstrong began the selection of office furniture and equipment, as well as the furniture and furnishings for the living apartment.

Accordingly, in October 1963, right after the Feast of Tabernacles, my family and I moved to Switzerland. Upon our arrival, we met similar problems to those of Mr. Bourdin. In our case, lack of a "Work Permit" meant that we were not even permitted to have our *personal* belongings cleared

by customs. Our personal clothing situation was becoming desperate, until mention of our sick baby and his need of a cot caused official hearts to soften.

Far more important, however, was the fact that *we had no permission to work!*

Something clearly had to be done quickly . . .

God Provides an Ally

It so *happened* that a senior official of the local authority which controls the issue of "Work Permits" had formerly been employed in the Police Department of a Central American republic. Now, this official had *heard* the VOICE of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on *The WORLD TOMORROW*, since it appeared that the program *interfered with the police wave length!* Yet he was favorably impressed—so favorably it seemed that he gave Mr. Bourdin and me *VERBAL permission to work!*

God had provided us an ally.

This verbal permission, however, was by no means a sign that we had reached "the end of the road" so far as establishing the offices was concerned, for nothing is official in this little country, until it is *signed, stamped and sealed* in the form of a legal document. In order for us not to be '*persona non grata*' in Switzerland, the FEDERAL POLICE DEPARTMENT at Berne had to be satisfied that we were not *Communists*, posing under the cloak of religion, or *ex-Nazis* wanted by the "Statute of Limitations"! The whole organization had to be investi-



Ambassador College Photo
Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is seen here in a recent visit to Geneva with Mr. Wilkins (standing) and Mr. Bourdin.

gated on a high level, for Switzerland is *quite rightly* very careful whom she harbors.

Brake on Economy

Since 1960 the Swiss have been enjoying a boom which has been exceeded by only three other countries in Europe—Germany, France and Italy. During the last two years, the cost of living in Switzerland has risen by eight percent and wages by fifteen percent.

In an effort to put a brake on the economy, which was rapidly spiraling towards inflation, certain legislation was introduced. So as to discourage foreign investment in Switzerland, authorities decided that banks would no longer pay interest on foreign funds deposited with them. In conformity with this policy, the local officials passed a measure which seemed to close the door which God had so recently opened in Geneva.

On the 13th of April, 1962, legislation became effective, requiring every firm to reduce its foreign personnel by no less than five percent per annum!

As a result of our Swiss lawyer's personal representations to the Berne authorities, we learned that the Federal Police had fully approved the establishment of *Le Monde A Venir* in Switzerland as a "bona fide" religious organization.

We greeted this news with jubilation, but just around the corner lay the biggest barrier that we had so far encountered.

A Precarious Position

Early in February 1964, we were advised by the local authorities that *Le Monde A Venir* would have to come under the terms of the legislation relating to the reduction of foreign labor. To the Geneva authorities, eager to restrict foreign investment, our position was spelled out in these words:

"Since your organization was only created in November 1963, you are not entitled to maintain in Switzerland your two foreign employees, namely MM. Bourdin and Wilkins. This decision is based upon the Federal law passed in April 1962, which states that no firm may exceed the number of foreign employees over and above the total labor force as at that date."

The conclusion was inescapable: as far as the authorities were concerned, *Le Monde A Venir* did not even exist in April 1962, yet there we were, in February 1964, with two foreign employees!

Surely, our Living Head, Jesus Christ, was not going to allow us to be expelled ignominiously from Switzerland. Could the choice of Geneva have been

a terrible mistake? If we needed any demonstration of God's hand in His Work, we didn't have to wait long! The very same month a *third weekly broadcast* was added in the French language. Those who thirsted for God's Truth could now hear Mr. Apartian every Sabbath morning. Another radio door had opened and God's Work didn't hesitate, but stepped right in!

We had to go on, regardless of adverse circumstances. Late in June 1964, Mr. Apartian flew over to Europe to conduct two baptismal tours for the French-speaking people. During his brief stay in Geneva, he consulted with our lawyer on the latest position regarding the offices. He was told that according to the "law," no firm, either Swiss or foreign, was allowed to increase the size of its staff in Geneva. As far as we were concerned, in view of the fact that we had no existence here prior to the passing of the aforesaid law, we had no right to have any staff whatsoever.

Accordingly, the appointment of new personnel—even Swiss—could not be contemplated.

As you can see, our position—Mr. Bourdin's and mine—was still exceedingly precarious, and it was becoming evident that extra office staff would shortly have to be engaged...

The summer months came and went, yet our position in Geneva still hung in the balance. An appeal against the unfavorable local decision of February 1964 had been lodged with a higher consultative body, and no decision was so far forthcoming. We recalled the remark that our lawyer made during a meeting with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong earlier that year: "Gentlemen, it is a miracle that your Geneva offices are here at all!"

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong told him that *we knew it was!*

Mustard-seed Growth!

It may well prove possible to successfully restrict the expansion of the Geneva economy, but the Work of God is just not impeded by man-made codes. By a miracle of God, the FEDERAL AUTHORITIES reversed the decision of the local body and gave formal

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TRAIN Your Children For Sabbath Services

Here are helpful laws of child rearing explained. A minister of Pastor rank, a father of three fine children—Mr. Kelly has written many practical points YOU can apply in training your children to get the most from each Sabbath service. You will be thankful for this article—especially if you studiously APPLY it!

by Ronald Kelly

IN GOD'S CHURCH every little child from the age of just a few weeks on up to big strapping teen-agers attend the Sabbath services with their parents. There are *no special Sabbath schools*. No nurseries! And certainly parents are NOT EXPECTED to leave their children at home.

The chances are, at the time you first attended you were startled that so many children were SO QUIET. You might have said, "Why, in the church I used to attend parents wouldn't think of bringing their children to services. Children were only allowed in the Sunday School classrooms or they were kept in the nursery room."

But now that you are over the original jolt of children in church, maybe you have begun to notice that quite a number of babies cry out during services! Perhaps you've seen certain little children make funny noises while the minister is speaking. You might have been disturbed by a child next to you—and perhaps more than one time. And it could be you've noticed some little boy or girl marking on a new song book with a color crayon.

And it could even be that your own child does not act nearly as well as you know he or she should.

Individual Responsibility

Each and every parent in God's Church really needs to go to work on having the kind of children that will allow you TO GET THE MOST OUT OF

CHURCH SERVICES. Children who can also begin to profit themselves from their being in church!

If you were accustomed to attending one of the large church denominations a few years ago, you probably left your children at home every week—or sent them off to a separate Sunday School class or placed them in the nursery in care of another person.

It was the accepted thing to do. Everyone did it.

But is that the thing God wants done?

The answer is a very resounding NO!

The modern philosophy of wacky child psychology has led the average American to think it is right and good to LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN! We have come to believe it is not the job of the mother and father! Many believe someone else should do the job.

So many young mothers today are working to help support the family. They only stop long enough to give birth to two or three children—then they dash back to work again.

At first they may have a babysitter take care of the infants. After infancy, the children more likely than not are sent off to day nursery to be cared for during the next few years. After that it is off to school every day. And even then on the weekends children are sent to a Saturday afternoon matinee at the movie theater. And then on Sunday SOMEONE ELSE teaches them in the Sunday School classroom.

It is about time all that is wrong comes to a screeching halt—about time that parents get themselves back into the proper position of teaching their own children!

In the book of Titus the Apostle Paul was inspired to write admonishing Titus to teach the young women to be "sober, to love their husbands, to LOVE THEIR CHILDREN, to be discreet, chaste, [and a very important point] KEEPERS AT HOME, good, obedient to their own husbands" (Tit. 2:4-5). Two of the most important principles a young mother has to learn are: (1) to learn to keep the home as a true HOUSEWIFE should and (2) to learn as God intended to love and care for their children.

The modern philosophy of having someone else take care of your children from birth—even including their religious training and the attendance of church services—is of Satan the Devil and he's done a pretty good job TWISTING and WARPING the minds of countless millions of parents and children!

Don't Leave Them Home!

It ought to be plain, then, God does not intend young children to be "farmed out" like so many little animals to be fed whatever the world has available. On the other hand, every parent has the all-important responsibility to FORM AND FASHION THE MINDS of young children—and to fash-

ion them with *real* and *genuine* UNDERSTANDING and LOVE.

Solomon wrote in Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME." God never intended a child to be left alone—to be "farmed out," or to be taught totally apart from his parents. When your child reaches school age, he will be going off to school for a few hours a day—but he will still be under your supervision and care in learning. By all means take full advantage of all the spare time you can spend with your children!

Search as you may throughout the Bible you will not find one single scripture—not even so much as a *hint*—showing that it is the job of the *church* to take care of your children!

Perhaps an example from Christ's own life will best illustrate this. When Christ fed the five thousand, He fed five thousand men PLUS WOMEN AND CHILDREN that were there. If you will read the context in the fourteenth chapter of Matthew—from about Verses 15 to 21—you will find that they all sat together. All were very orderly. And all were fed. Then you will notice the disciples *carefully picked up* the left-over food and everything was left *spotlessly clean*. There was no trash! *There were no fighting, bickering, squirming children!*

Everything WAS QUIET and ORDERLY during His preaching or "sermon." Everything was *neat* and *systematic* while they were fed. NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS were made to have elderly ladies take the *children* to a special place to teach them. *Everyone* listened to Christ teach. *Everyone* sat together! Families were together!

It is right and good that children should be with their parents in church—and as far as that goes as often as circumstances permit it. There is nothing like being together as a family to bind father, mother and children into one happy unit.

How Should They NOT Act?

When your children come to church they are EXPECTED to act like obedient boys and girls *should act*—not like

aboriginal savages from the out-back country.

They should NOT *tear songbooks*. Should NOT fight with other children. Should NOT *make noises*, pop bubble gum, bring water pistols (or any other kind of pistols) to church. They should NOT *pull hair, run loose* before and after church, grab other children's toys, or *throw their own toys*. They should not throw *tantrums*, kick chairs, or mark on someones else's Bible.

Unfortunately, I suppose I could go on and on with what they should NOT DO. Most of what I have just mentioned here I have seen happen at one time or another in the past several years I have been serving in God's ministry. And brethren, THAT'S A PITY AND A SHAME! Things like this should NEVER HAPPEN and *they don't need to!* If only each one of us realizes properly how *our* children should act.

It Takes More Than Sabbath Training

Brethren, so many in God's Church *wait until* they are in Sabbath services to train their children for the Sabbath services. This is undoubtedly the first and BIGGEST MISTAKE OF ALL! Some reason, "Well, church is only two hours a week, so how can I train my child to do well when he doesn't go to church the other six days?" The FIRST PRINCIPLE of *child rearing* is to always be CONSISTENT! Be *consistent* in your training! *Consistent* in your teaching! *Consistent* in the punishing of your children!

If your child runs like a wild Indian all during the week, he will not slow down just because he goes away to church on the Sabbath.

If he makes *excessively loud noises*, *tears books*, or turns over chairs at home, he will do *exactly the same thing* in church. Child rearing is *not*, let me repeat, is NOT, a *one-day-a-week* Sabbath duty. It is a *constant* day in and day out responsibility—probably the *one most important* responsibility you have outside of your daily prayer and Bible study.

So if you want your child to be quiet in church, to sit still, not to tear the songbook, you will have to have periods of time at home when he sits

quietly in a chair, when he comes in from play and is taught to sit still. He should *never* under any circumstances, at any time be *allowed to tear* a book or magazine.

This doesn't mean you have to "play church" every day. It doesn't mean you have to call the child in in the middle of his play period every bright and sunny day. And it doesn't mean he has to sit perfectly still with his hands folded in his lap for two solid hours in a row every single day.

But it does mean that you should set aside time to WORK WITH YOUR CHILDREN with the *overall goal* in mind of having *quiet* and *obedient* and *respectful children*. Don't do this just to make a show at church. This is for their own good—and your good too—in learning how to prepare their lives for future years. Later on, when they enter school, they will learn *so much more readily* if they have been *properly trained* to be still, quiet, respectful, and *obedient* at home and at church. So this is not just for a show at church—it is to make a permanent and lasting impression on the child to equip him for his entire future and adult life.

The pattern then, is a quiet, obedient, yet *warm* and *friendly* child who sits with his parents in church, and who matures into a fine young man or woman who is one *well-equipped* for life. A child who respects your laws will learn to respect God's laws which are to govern his entire life.

Start With Your Babies

The time to begin training your children for all facets of life is *right from birth*. If you were converted before you had children, you are indeed *privileged!* If you already have children or are just now beginning to attend church services, *there is still a lot you can do!*

The chances are, the very *first outing* for your newborn child will be taking him to church. *Don't* be overly zealous about this first trip. Too many young couples are over-anxious simply because a young mother might feel reasonably well after childbirth. They might try to get the mother and child out the

very first week. *This, brethren, is not wise!*

Of course, childbirth is not a sickness. Nevertheless, it has been *work* for the mother. And the child needs time to develop strength. You certainly should not bring a child to church or take him out on trips during the first week or two of his life. It is much better to wait until mother and child have both gained the proper strength—and this is probably not until the third or fourth week. As anxious as you might be, it is still *much wiser* to use caution and to maintain good health.

When you do come to church, you will probably have some sort of car-bed, for the baby—or perhaps a baby buggy or a stroller made into a bed. This is fine, but the minute you walk in the door *everyone* in the church is going to *want to see the baby*. Every teen-age girl will be longing to HOLD HIM for a while. And if the baby gets passed around 15 or 20 times before church, he is probably going to be PRETTY UPSET and is likely to *cry all during his first trip to church*. Then, your very first week back you will spend three-fourths of your time outside bouncing your child in your arms and nursing him—and you'll get nothing out of the service.

So when you go to church, even though you'll probably be "busting at the seams" to show off your new baby, politely and warmly explain to the young girls that it is *not good to handle the little baby so much*. And if he is sleeping soundly don't keep uncovering him from head to toe so everyone can see him.

There will be plenty of time for that in future weeks. Of course, there is nothing wrong with people looking at your baby, and if he is awake perhaps even two or three can hold him. But remember, during the first two or three weeks of his life he has become very accustomed to his mother's caress, warmth, and voice. He has to *gradually* become *adjusted* to being around so many people. If we will *all* understand this and try to help new mothers by not scurrying to look at the child or hold him so much, it will help the child and parents immensely.

As They Grow

With a new child in the house the weeks and months will go by very rapidly. One Sabbath to the next will seem like a very short time. And as the child grows to be two months, three months, six months, and nine months old, you'll learn many more things about *how to attend church* with a child and to still get the full benefit from the messages of God's ministers.

But remember as we already learned—if you *expect* your child to do well IN CHURCH, you will have to expect him to do well AT HOME *the other six days of the week*.

During these early months—and into the early childhood of your boy or girl, the average child will probably SLEEP at least a portion of the church service. Especially during the early months, he will probably sleep *most of the service*.

At home, you probably put your child down to bed at night and in the afternoon for a nap in his crib. He becomes accustomed to this crib very rapidly. But you can't take the whole crib to church. Most parents have a car-bed, and then in later months just a pallet of plastic and a couple of blankets for the child to sleep on in church. Many parents expect their child to *automatically* go to sleep on the pallet. When they don't, mother or father has to walk out of church as many as three or four times to spank the child before he finally goes to sleep.

There is certainly nothing wrong with spanking a child to make him go to sleep—IF HE NEEDS TO BE SPANKED. But to spank and spank when you *should have trained him at home* first is not the right way—that is, if it is only one-day-a-week training.

So work with your children at home. Do it often.

Once in a while, why don't you put your children down for a nap on a blanket just like you would at church? And why not do it at about the *same time of day* as you ordinarily go to church on the Sabbath? Then, when the Sabbath comes the child or the children will be able to get by with the least amount of time spent with

you out in the hall getting practically nothing out of services.

The Older Children

The principles already mentioned apply to children through the first four or five years of life. But about this time of life children stop taking regular afternoon naps—they are getting along towards school age and into school when they are able to sit quietly, to listen carefully and to learn.

Now don't think that a little child isn't beginning to learn in church at the age of three, four or five. There have been *many parents* who mention to me that their little children have made inadvertent comments *numerous times* about something a minister said *in a sermon*.

By the time your child is five, then six years old he needs to be prepared for school. What you teach your child at home—and even how he pays attention in church—can be very helpful in training your child to be successful in his first years of school.

After He Starts to School

Soon after your child has begun the first grade, he begins to read and write (or print). In his own crude way he begins to make letters and learns to put those letters into words. And within a few months he can take his own Bible and special notebook to church. He won't get too much down on paper for a while, but certainly he can get one or two words down every now and then and before two or three years go by, he'll be getting several thoughts down and quite a few reference scriptures.

To me it has always been *very satisfying* to know that these LITTLE CHILDREN—made in God's own image—can know from the *early days of childhood* how to LIVE and to act. That's a BLESSING none of us who are older have had. We weren't taught as children—and many of you were not able to teach your children because *you didn't know* God's way of life. *But these children can now be taught! It won't come naturally!* And how you teach these small children which God has given you will greatly determine

your effectiveness and conversion! It will show how *effective* you are going to be in God's Government in the World Tomorrow.

When and How to Punish

No matter how diligently you strive at home, there naturally will be times when your child will need to be punished during church services. However, the *more diligent* you are in your DAILY TRAINING, the *more consistent* you are, the LESS TIME you will have to spend *out of services* taking care of your child. Ideally, your child should *not* be taken out of church except on *rare* occasions.

When you do find it necessary to punish your child, *obviously* the place to do it is NOT right in the middle of the church auditorium! Sometimes, people believe they can swat the child three or four times in church to make him be still or quiet, or perhaps go to sleep, only to have the child begin to cry *loudly!* Which naturally causes everyone to look right at you—it's embarrassing to you, to the minister, and to every church member.

NEVER spank your child in the middle of church services. When your child *needs* to be spanked, one parent or the other should calmly *take up the child and walk into the hallway COMPLETELY AWAY FROM THE HEARING* of the congregation and minister. Oftentimes one of the restroom areas is a suitable place for punishing children. In every case, the particular arrangement and design of the auditorium in which the church meets is a very important factor in determining where to punish the children.

In some instances, where the church meets in a rented hall, outsiders have reported to police that children were being spanked. Always be careful *not* to punish your child in a place where outsiders see or hear. And NEVER punish your child in a public place in front of others—such as a restaurant, public bus, or any public place. Just tell the child—very *quietly*, yet sternly—he will have to be punished when you return home.

Remember you are always a *living example* of God's ways! How your chil-

dren act in church will be seen by the hall managers, janitors, perhaps other groups who are meeting in the same auditorium in different rooms. You are always an example *to the world!*

Brethren, this means be *even more diligent* in your training *at home* during the week! And remember when you need to punish your child during a church service, USE WISDOM! If your child is likely to need correction—that is, if he is of the age where he is not yet old enough to be fully trained and you think you possibly would have to leave services—*be seated near an exit and on the outside aisle* so that you will not disturb anyone during services as you must leave. Mothers with new babies, children who are of the age who are just beginning to understand your instructions, and others who might have particular reasons for being taken out of church, all should be seated in a place where you can get out without disturbing others.

When you do take your child out, remember you are not to "beat" him until he is black and blue. A few effective swats with a paddle *with instruction* should sufficiently do the job—once again provided you have trained him properly *at HOME!*

Don't Bring Sick Children!

Somewhere along the line, many church members have come to feel that they *must* come to church under any and all circumstances. Many, many times parents have brought a child to church *who should never have been there* that particular Sabbath. Children have been exposed to measles, mumps, chickenpox, and many other common "*childhood diseases.*" All because an *over-zealous* church member brought a child to church who had a *fever* or who had been *exposed to a childhood disease* at school or by another child in his home neighborhood.

I realize many might use this as an *excuse* not to come to church services regularly. Every local minister has enough of a problem striving to keep his church members zealous and able to get the most out of every sermon. Naturally, everyone should STRIVE to be at church *every single Sabbath he*

possibly can. But we also must be "WISE as serpents and HARMLESS as doves."

If you get up Sabbath morning and start preparing for church and then find that one of your children is running a slight fever, one parent or the other should *stay home* that week. If your child is breaking out with a slight rash, or complains with swollen glands in his neck, *don't bring him to services.* Even if your child has recently been exposed to one of these common childhood diseases, you should keep him home until the danger period is past. Educate yourself in the details of how to care for children during the time they are exposed to and might contract these childhood diseases.

Never use this as an *excuse* not to come to church, but use WISDOM and DISCRETION—and if there are questions you can always CALL YOUR MINISTER prior to leaving for church services.

After Services Conclude

Perhaps one of the most trying times is when services are over and all the brethren are talking and really enjoying fellowship after a week or more of not being together. But far too often, this is when the "kids" go into action. They've been quiet for two whole hours. And after church, they really can "let off the steam." And so many parents just *haphazardly* let them *run like cows in the pasture* or bulls in the china shop. Many parents have *no knowledge* of WHERE their children are until it is time to "round them up" to make the trip home.

Your policy must ALWAYS BE to know exactly WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING!

Of course your children can play with the other children when services are over. They should look forward to and *enjoy* the Sabbath when they see all their friends again. But this is NOT LICENSE to *sail airplanes* out of restroom windows, *wrestle* on the floor, or *bang chairs* around and get in the way of the janitor who is trying to clean the hall for an evening meeting.

Children should talk, perhaps play outside on the lawn (under the super-

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The POWER of Believing PRAYER!

Why does God seemingly ignore so many prayers? What is the key to powerful, effective prayer? When YOU pray, does God really HEAR?

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THIS PRESENT world does NOT believe in prayer. But, that should not be surprising—this world does not believe in a *real, living* GOD! Prayer, to most people, sounds “religious,” superstitious, and so *sanctimonious!*

Of those few people who do pray, most of them look upon prayer as a psychological release, an emotional outlet, a “balm for the soul.” Prayer, they reason, helps you to “get things off your chest.”

But a God who literally *hears*? Never!

Monks in Tibet have a very “advanced” system of prayer. While they idly sit beside a spinning “prayer wheel,” each revolution of the wheel sends a prayer wafting up to the gods!

Tragically, this world has LOST the knowledge of PRAYER!

But what about YOU? Do you know how to pray? Are YOUR prayers *heard* when you pray?

Do you pray because you know God commands it? Does prayer seem like a dull routine? Is it boring—tiresome?

Many of God’s people LACK real spiritual vigor and strength—many are WEAK and lack the POWER to overcome their personal problems and weaknesses!

Why?

A great part of the answer is NEGLECTED PRAYER!

The Example of Moses . . .

Notice an amazing example of prayer set by one of the most humble men who ever lived—Moses.

After God led His people Israel out of slavery under the yoke of the Egyptians, the children of Israel REBELLED in the wilderness. When Moses climbed up into the fastness of Mount Sinai, to meet with the Creator God, the Israelites plunged into idolatry and sexual lewdness. “Make us a golden image to worship,” they clamored to Aaron. “As for this Moses . . . we wot not what is become of him!” (Ex. 32:1.)

God’s wrath was stirred! God declared to Moses, “Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have CORRUPTED THEMSELVES” (Verse 7). “I have seen this people,” God declared, “and, behold, it is a *stiffnecked* people: now therefore let me alone, that MY WRATH may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation” (Verses 9-10).

God was ready to ANNIHILATE Israel because of their wickedness and sensual debauchery!

But, without hesitation Moses fell on his knees and *earnestly prayed*. A WHOLE NATION was about to be destroyed, but Moses intervened and interceded.

Moses, in utter humility and deep concern, fervently BESOUGHT God to spare His people, whom He had redeemed from Egyptian bondage. Moses reminded God of His glorious promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and pleaded with Him to turn from His WRATH.

God *heard* this fervent prayer! “And the LORD repented of the evil which

he thought to do unto his people” (Verse 14).

Moses’ prayer CHANGED the entire course of HISTORY! It changed the future of an ENTIRE NATION!

. . . and Elijah

Notice another example from the Old Testament. Elijah the prophet was a man “subject to like passions as we are” (Jas. 5:17). He had *human nature*. He was HUMAN. And yet, “. . . he prayed EARNESTLY that it might not rain: and it RAINED NOT on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he PRAYED AGAIN, AND THE HEAVEN GAVE RAIN, and the earth brought forth her fruit” (Verses 17-18).

Elijah served God with his whole being. Yet, when his life was threatened by the harlot Jezebel, he fled into the wilderness. He was so discouraged that he asked God if he might die. “It is enough; now, O Lord, *take away my life*; for I am not better than my fathers” (I Kings 19:4).

Elijah could also be despondent, discouraged! But he walked with God, *talked with God*, OBEYED GOD, had power with God. God mightily answered his prayers!

Does God similarly answer YOURS?

These two examples show clearly that, just as James wrote, “The effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man availeth MUCH”! (Jas. 5:16.) Prayer can change the course of HISTORY! It can effect MIRACLES!

But so often it doesn’t!

Why? What about YOUR prayers? The prayers of most people lack real

power and effectiveness for a very simple reason—they really DON'T KNOW HOW to pray!

How NOT to Pray

There are many reasons why many prayers are not answered. Let us notice a few!

One problem—perhaps the most common problem of all—was revealed by the Apostle James. He wrote, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, *and have not*: ye kill, and *desire to have*, and *cannot obtain*: ye fight and war, yet ye HAVE NOT"—why? "BECAUSE YE ASK NOT" (Jas. 4:1-2.)

How many really have the faith to ASK GOD for the things they need? Many actually IGNORE God when they have a need—they have not learned to really trust in Him to provide!

But, James continued: "Ye ask"—yes, sometimes people *will* ask—"and receive not"—still they don't receive the answer. WHY? Notice! "...because ye ask AMISS, *that ye may consume it upon your LUSTS*" (Jas. 4:3).

There is the answer! God will not hear SELFISH prayer! If we ask for something selfishly, to consume it on our own desires, we are asking *amiss*. This is the wrong attitude to have in prayer!

Have you ever prayed—from *selfish* motives? Do you have the well-known prayer "disease"—called the "GIMMEES"? When you pray, do you only want to GET?

Notice another example of UNANSWERED prayer.

"Two men went up into the temple to pray," Jesus related, "the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus *with himself*, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:10-12).

His prayer did not ascend to God. He was merely praying "with himself." God will not hear haughty, proud, SELF-RIGHTEOUS prayer! God does not

answer if you pray in a conceited, proud, "holier-than-thou" attitude!

Rather, when we approach God's throne, we must be conscious of our own utter UNworthiness—we must enter God's presence with an attitude of HUMILITY! God *heard* the prayer of a publican who would not even lift his eyes to heaven; but the prayer of a strutting Pharisee went unheeded (Luke 18:13-14).

Another reason for unanswered prayer is the "sleepy-time prayer." Tiresomely repeated prayers will not be heard (Mat. 6:7-8). Dull, repetitious prayer shows a lack of respect for God. It is insipid!

Speaking of so many people who pray, God says, "They *never put their heart* into their prayers..." (Hos. 7:14, Moffatt). Sleepy-time, lethargic prayers lazily waft toward the ceiling—and that is all.

Is this the way YOU pray?

Faith and Obedience

How, then, should you pray in order to RECEIVE GOD'S ANSWER? How can you pray, and KNOW that you will be heard?

First, your attitude must be surrendered to God. You must, to the best of your knowledge, be living according to God's will. Otherwise, SIN can cut you off from God!

Isaiah wrote, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; *neither his ear heavy*, that it cannot hear: but your INIQUITIES have *separated* between you and your God, and your SINS have hid his face from you, *that he will NOT hear*" (Isa. 59:1-2).

Here is one of the major reasons so many prayers are NOT answered. God will not listen to a person who rebels and DISOBEYS His Word. God will not listen to the prayers of someone LIVING IN SIN!

First, there must be REPENTANCE! Sin must be put away. Idols—anything which separates from God, anything we tend to put before God—must be crushed, *shattered*.

When a person searches his own life, and puts away SIN, and turns to God in heartfelt repentance, *God*

promises to hear! (John 9:31; Dan. 10:12.)

Are you truly SEEKING God's way? Are you daily repenting of SIN, and putting it out of your life? Have you really surrendered your life and whole being to God?

One thing, however, is still lacking. There is yet one thing which—if you don't have it—will cause prayer to be worthless. The Apostle James tells us what it is:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him *ask in FAITH, nothing wavering*. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and TOSSED. For let not that man think that he shall *receive any thing of the Lord*. A double minded man is *unstable* in all his ways" (Jas. 1:5-8).

Lack of real FAITH is one of the greatest hindrances to powerful, effective PRAYER!

As He looked into the future—and noticed the almost complete, total lack of faith in our age, today, Jesus said, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find *faith* on the earth?" (Luke 18:8.)

We live in a *materialistic* world—a world which has lost the knowledge of the TRUE GOD—a world totally ignorant of His way, His Truth, His glorious promises! Consequently, we live in a FAITHLESS generation!

Yet, the Apostle Paul wrote: "But WITHOUT FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE to please him: for he that cometh to God *must believe* that he is, and that he is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

What is *faith*?

Living Faith

"Now FAITH *IS the substance of things hoped for*, the EVIDENCE of things NOT SEEN" (Heb. 11:1). *Faith* is believing, trusting to receive something which you do NOT SEE! It is not predicated on sight—or any of the five senses! It is SPIRITUAL!

If you desire to have your prayers answered, you must have FAITH. You must BELIEVE that God exists, that He

is the LIVING God, and that He will hear and ANSWER your petition!

Notice the example of Abraham. Here was a man filled with faith. In fact, he is called the "Father of the faithful."

For years Abraham waited patiently for GOD to intervene in his life, and provide him with a son. YEARS flew past. But, year after year—still no son!

Wouldn't YOU have grown discouraged?—disheartened? But not so, Abraham!

"And being *not weak in faith*, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb" (Rom. 4:19). Abraham did not even consider outward circumstances. He knew that God HAD PROMISED to provide a son—and he BELIEVED GOD!

He did not look to the physical. Physically speaking, the birth of Isaac would have been IMPOSSIBLE! Nevertheless, Abraham believed. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was STRONG IN FAITH, giving glory to God; and being FULLY PERSUADED that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:20-21).

What an example of FAITH! There was NO DOUBT in Abraham's mind—no fear or anxiety about the outcome. He was not worried in the slightest. He BELIEVED GOD! In his heart, he knew that God had PROMISED, and that He could not break a promise!

Do YOU have that kind of faith? Or, when your faith is tried, do you fold up like a tent blown in a hurricane? Is your faith STRONG, founded on the bedrock of God's SURE WORD? Or is it a flimsy, empty thing?

FACE THE TRUTH, brethren! Do you really BELIEVE God? Do you really CLAIM His promises, like Abraham?

"According to your FAITH be it unto you," Jesus Christ said (Mat. 9:29). "... as thou hast BELIEVED, so be it done unto thee," He told a centurion (Mat. 8:13). "THY FAITH hath made thee whole," He told a woman who was healed of a serious blood disorder (Mat. 9:22).

Lack of faith can render God's power null and void in your life!

The Secret of FAITH

How can you have REAL faith?

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the WORD OF GOD" (Rom. 10:17). Here is why many lack firm faith! They don't study God's Word as diligently as they should—they are not familiar with the many examples of faith contained in the Bible. They are ignorant of God's PROMISES—and they are ignorant of His great POWER to intervene in their lives!

Is this *your* weakness?

Then again, many lack faith because they think they must work it up themselves. They struggle, groan, and strive to work up faith in God—but they fall miserably short. This kind of faith—HUMAN faith—will never bring answers to prayer! It cringes in the face of a real TEST of faith.

How can you have REAL faith? IT IS A GIFT!

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD: *not of works*, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Notice—this kind of faith is NOT something you must "work up"—it is something God gives as a *gift*. This is *the faith you NEED!*

How do you get it? Go to God in earnest prayer—AND ASK! God is willing to GIVE you real faith, as a GIFT, if you will go to Him for it! This kind of faith is one of the attributes of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Ask God to FILL you with His Holy Spirit—the Spirit of FAITH!

He will not deny you. "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? ... If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father GIVE the Holy Spirit to them that ASK him?" (Luke 11:11-13.)

Even the FAITH we need comes from God!

Humility, selflessness, obedience to God—and faith—are still often not enough, however! Often, MORE is still required!

Patiently Persevere!

Some, if God doesn't answer right away—if He doesn't jump when they crack the whip—begin to *lose faith*.

They conveniently forget that, although God promises to answer, He nowhere promises to answer RIGHT AWAY! God does not tell us exactly HOW or precisely WHEN the answer will come. Sometimes it may come in a way we would least expect!

That is why Jesus declared "... that men ought ALWAYS to pray, and *not to faint*" (Luke 18:1). Or, as Goodspeed translates it, "*not give up*."

How many are willing to persevere in prayer, until God answers? How many are willing to WAIT on God to send the answer? How many are PATIENT?

James wrote, "... the trying of your *faith* worketh PATIENCE" (Jas. 1:3). How impatient we human beings seem to be! WAITING on God, in patient FAITH, seems to be one of the hardest things to do!

Remember, God keeps the time in His own hands. Don't cease praying about the problem or affliction! God wants us to come before His throne DAY AND NIGHT. He wants us, like Abraham, to ENDURE in faith and *not* stagger at His promises in unbelief.

One of the lessons God wants us to learn is PERSISTENCE—stick-to-it-iveness! We must learn to IMPORTUNE God for what we know is good in His sight (Luke 11:5-9). We must learn to persistently, *shamelessly*, carry our problems and needs, the needs of others, and God's Work, before His heavenly throne in prayer.

Pray BOLDLY!

Another problem many have, sometimes due to a lack of faith, is that they are WEAK in their prayers. They are *afraid* to ask for much—afraid to ask God's richest blessings. They hang back in doubt. They are hesitant and apologetic in their prayers! They are not sure of God's will, so they only ask *halfheartedly*.

Again—what about YOU?

God wants you to approach His glorious throne with BOLDNESS—with

fergency and urgency! "The effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man availeth much," James wrote (Jas. 5:16). "Let us therefore come **BOLDLY** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help *in time of need*," the Apostle Paul exhorted (Heb. 4:16).

When Moses prayed for Israel, he prayed **BOLDLY**, courageously! When Elijah prayed, he prayed boldly, with faith and confidence. These mighty men of God did NOT hang back apologetically, in gnawing doubt.

They **KNEW** God's will—and they prayed accordingly!

For you to pray boldly—with real faith and CONFIDENCE—you must first **KNOW** GOD'S WILL. His will is revealed in the Bible! You must come to know how God thinks, how He acts, how He looks upon things. You must know His CHARACTER and His holiness, the purpose He is working out here below, and the PROMISES He has made in His Word.

Then you can lift up your voice in prayer, and cry aloud **BOLDLY**!

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing *according to his will*, HE HEARETH US: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, *we KNOW that we HAVE the petitions that we desired of him*" (I John 5:14-15).

Halfhearted prayers never brought about wholehearted intervention! Consider this, the next time you begin to droop, or drowse, in prayer!

Sense of Urgency

When Jesus Christ prayed to the Father, He meant it. He did not approach God merely to "pass the time." His prayers had deep MEANING. He felt them. He was deeply **Moved** on many occasions when He communed with God. He was emotionally affected by the urgency of the situation.

Christ prayed **URGENTLY**!

In Hebrews we read, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with **STRONG CRYING AND TEARS** unto him that was able to save him from death, *and was heard in that He FEARED*" (Heb. 5:7).

Are your prayers meaningful—to you? If not, how do you expect them to be moving to GOD?

David was another who was often moved deeply when he prayed to God. Many of the Psalms reveal his depth of emotion and deep feeling.

David prayed, "HEAR ME when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have *mercy* upon me, and HEAR my prayer" (Ps. 4:1). He cried out, "Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: *but thou, O LORD, how long?* Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for *thy mercies' sake*" (Ps. 6:2-4).

David was often moved to tears when he cried out to God in fervent, bold prayer! "I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears" (Verse 6). Have YOU ever prayed with such depth of emotion, feeling? Have you ever prayed with such **URGENCY**?

Have you ever really wholeheartedly **CALLED UPON** GOD?

This kind of prayer achieves real RESULTS! This is the kind of prayer which is **WELL PLEASING** in God's sight. God is deeply moved by such earnest, sincere, heartfelt prayer!

God says to those who have never prayed this way, "Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with **ALL YOUR HEART**, and with fasting, and with *weeping*, and with mourning: and *rend your heart*, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness..." (Joel 2:12-13).

The POWER of Prayer

Notice, now, one of the shortest—and most **POWERFUL**—prayers recorded in the Bible. Turn to John 11, the account of the death of Lazarus.

Lazarus, a close friend and disciple of Jesus, had died four days previously. When Jesus arrived at the tomb, He was moved inwardly because of the unbelief of those present, and their lack of understanding. *He wept!*

Jesus then lifted up His eyes and

prayed, standing, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 11:41-42).

When Jesus had thus prayed, He **THUNDERED**, "**LAZARUS, COME FORTH!**"

What a miracle! What an example of **ANSWERED PRAYER**! Jesus had real **FAITH**. He literally walked with God!

He wants YOU to have the very same **FAITH** dwelling in YOU! (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:9.)

This kind of prayer is NOT a "balm for the soul" or a "psychological release." It is **REAL**! It is effective! It **ACCOMPLISHES MIRACLES!**

God heard the fervent, moving prayers of Abraham, Moses, Elijah. He heard the prayers of David, Samuel, Hezekiah. He heard the prayers of Jesus, the apostles. *He will hear YOUR prayers!*

He is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11). He intervened for others. **GOD WILL INTERVENE FOR YOU!**

Your personal, heartfelt **PRAYERS**—on the behalf of **GOD'S WORK**, on behalf of those who are sick and afflicted, on the behalf of God's ministers—your prayers for help, deliverance, healing, strength to overcome temptation—**YOUR FERVENT PRAYERS** can accomplish **MIRACLES!**

What about it?

Will you permit this article to **HELP** you? Will you follow this instruction and allow it to make a **CHANGE** in your life?

Are you **CONCERNED** about prayer? Are you really *concerned* about God's people, His ministers, His **WORK** in these end times?

What about it?

Your prayers—yes, **YOUR** personal prayers—can change lives, save lives, work **MIRACLES!**

Will you go, now, to a private place and really *intercede* with God, in earnest prayer, according to His Word—not only for your own problems, but also the problems of others, and for the very **Work** of the Living God?

God will **BLESS** those who do!

What Our Readers Say . . .

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more fun to be in something than just watch. I gave my Ice-Breaker speech in Spokesman's Club and, to my surprise, I got a cup. I don't have a lot of education, but I know that having the true knowledge of God is the best knowledge I could ever get. Anyway, my life is changing and I know thousands more are too, thanks to *The WORLD TOMORROW*. That started me out on the right course."

Floyd M., Ohio

Summer Camp

"I am so thankful God prepared a beautiful place as He has for the Summer Camp this year. Words just can't describe the beauty. I am so thankful I have gotten to go. I am enjoying it very much—wish it could last forever; it must be a foretaste of what the World Tomorrow will be like. I just wish all the children in the Church could go. It is a tremendous blessing!"

Miss I. B. M., Kansas

Friendly Children

"We enjoyed the latest GOOD NEWS, especially the correction in the articles about friendly children and news of the Work. The personalized accounts are exciting to read."

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. R.,
California

Eyes Opened to Truth

"I am returning the tape which you so kindly sent me. I have enjoyed hearing it so much. It is the first time in 20 years that I have had anything like it. Apart from some scriptures in braille, I have had nothing else. I am the only blind person in the Glasgow Church, and I felt I was missing something. Now I have something to talk about as the others get the PLAIN TRUTH to read."

Blind Lady, Glasgow, Scotland

Printing

"Thank Mr. Jon Hill for the history of printing, on the great amount of work that it takes to print a magazine, for all the pictures and figures he gave

us. It is something we are all interested in, and helps us to better understand something of the size and scope of this Work."

Mr. Melvin L. B., Oregon

Healing

"Now for the very best news, I think. I've mentioned in some previous letters that I've suffered three coronary attacks of very serious nature, and for the past two months my heart seemed to bother me more than it had for some time. So on Monday I was suffering severe pains in my chest and left arm to the extent that I realized I was in very grave danger. I immediately phoned the minister and he immediately sent one of the Elders, Mr. White, to pray for my healing. Mr. White arrived very soon and anointed and prayed for me, asking God to heal me. I can say that it seemed that we had barely finished the prayer to God when all the pain was completely gone. I shall never quit praising my God and Savior Jesus for this instant healing."

Mrs. Edna B. C., Washington

"We had come to the conclusion that my husband or I, one, was sterile until your book on marriage and sex was read and we received your letter. Your letter advised us to put the matter in God's hands and trust Him for a family and healing. I *did not* expect an answer to my prayers so soon. Here it is May and we are expecting a child in November. The impossible happened, because according to medical science it was impossible for us to have children. We both are so happy. Thank God for not changing!"

Mrs. Ronald L.J., Oklahoma

"Thank you, each and every one, for your prayers and thoughts. It is hard to conceive of so great a God, and yet this is truly His hand touching us with a miracle. I wrote you that the doctors were going to send our daughter Bonnie to a psychologist, etc., but from the time I wrote you she began to rally.

Monday she took one step on the parallel bars; Wednesday, eight steps; Thursday I took her swimming and she stood four seconds alone. Friday in therapy they cancelled my appointment with the psychologist. Saturday at noon she suddenly stood up and walked away from her wheel chair, turned around, bounced her knees up and down, leaned over and hugged our 2-year-old. She has been doing more each day. I'm sure her therapy is almost over. This was *not* an expected event at this time, as they thought that by today she *might* STAND ALONE ONLY."

Mrs. R.L.B., Florida

Comments on Tithing:

"We want you to know what tithing has done for us. We have been tithing a little over two months. My baby-sitting and ironing money has greatly increased, and my husband's pay check has almost burst its seams."

Dolores C. C., Indiana

"I set aside 10 percent each week as tithes. I found it hard not to spend it. Each week, as the amount gets larger, the greater the temptation. Finally, I reached the point of unbearable temptation not to send it in, but to spend it. If this force had won me over I would have been guilty of stealing God's money. So I just dropped you a check in an envelope without an explanation. I now find it a lot easier to set aside God's 10 percent. I no longer have to worry about spending it foolishly."

Leslie H.C., New Jersey

Windows of Heaven Open

"We sent in just a little more for an offering last payday and to illustrate how God really meant what He said about overfilling the barn: Yesterday the President of the big company I work for came to see me and said, 'I hear you are going to see your son graduate in California.' I said, 'Yes, Sir!' . . . Then he said, 'This company is very proud to have a man who works and turns out the quality of work you do. To show our appreciation for what you have done for this company, and to let you know you are a real asset to

this organization, we want to present you and your wife two round trip jet flight tickets to go on, instead of having to drive.' We sure know God is real and close to us because of the many blessings we receive every day."

Mr. and Mrs. Doyce B., Texas

Budget

"I am in my third tithe year and I am slowly cleaning up all my bills, and have really done a lot more this year. I have just about all bills paid now and by following the budget from *The GOOD NEWS*, I hope to have a good bank balance soon, too."

Terry M., Oregon

● *If this budget works in the third tithe year—it must work EVERY YEAR—be sure YOU have your finances budgeted!*

General Miscellaneous Comments:

"In the March issue of *The GOOD NEWS*, Mr. Bill McDowell wrote an article on 'What Is Your BREAKING POINT?' which has been of much help to me. I had been nearing my breaking point, for since I came home from the last day of Unleavened Bread, it seems there has been no end of the trials and persecutions that have beset me. But with answered prayers and much Bible study, I've never given up. I am so thankful that we have such a powerful Father to see us through everything if we trust and obey Him."

Mrs. James P., Tennessee

"To live by God's law, as nearly as is humanly possible, has proven to me daily that God does reward us even in this life. I pray that I may be strong in the Lord and be able to hurdle when I reach my 'breaking point.' That was a good article Mr. McDowell wrote."

Mrs. R.J.P., Colorado

Cancer Healed

"I know that God can heal. I asked you to pray for me nearly 3 years ago. I had cancer—now the doctors say they cannot find any trace of cancer about me."

Mary E. B., Texas

Wise Husband

"My husband doesn't believe in God's True Church, but he does insist on tithing. Ever since we started doing so, we have had less and less financial worries and my husband has found his first permanent job since his discharge from the Air Force last October. Tithing is indeed a joy to give, and a blessing in return."

Mrs. Sue R., Tennessee

Another Success

"Well, here it is tithe time again. It seems like time just flies away lately. Things seem to get better for me every week. I am putting more money in the bank, and still have more to spend than I have ever had before, and I know it is all because I try to be faithful in my tithing. Although most of us at work make the same salary, I am the only one who seems to ever have any money to save; the rest are usually 'broke' before pay day."

Robert V., Illinois

"Enclosed please find my check for tithe and offering. This is the best investment I've ever made. In 1964 my income increased by more than \$2,000.00 and this year it looks as though it may increase by another \$1,000.00. Truly God has 'opened the windows of heaven, and poured out a blessing' as He promised."

Donald W. R., Indiana

"Since last corresponding with you, I have had the opportunity to talk with a representative of the Church of God, Mr. George Meeker, and also, to attend the last 2 Sabbath day assemblies in Milwaukee. Words cannot convey my thanks for having been provided with these rich experiences. Mr. Meeker and I had a very informative visit at which time all my questions were answered. I enjoyed this conversation immensely! As a result of our discussion, my desire to learn more of God's way was certainly stimulated. Mr. Meeker extended an invitation to me to attend the Church of God assembly a week ago last Saturday. I did attend; I saw; I heard. The experience was simply a wonderful blessing."

Richard L. H., Wisconsin

Blessings Won't Quit!

"I haven't told my friends and family yet, but since the first of the year when I started giving God His rightful share of my income, my income has nearly doubled. I can scarcely believe it! Also, I prayed for my 10-year-old daughter to improve her citizenship grade in school, and for the first time in 3 years, she made an 'A' for this

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CHILDREN

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vision of the parents), or simply remain with an adult after services conclude. That way, he enjoys the other children, but is never allowed to run loose *whooping* and *hollering* all afternoon.

Get a Balanced Picture

Let's remember, now, your first impression of church. You very likely, as mentioned at the beginning of this article, were *practically shocked* at the obedient and happy children. You were *amazed* that *one full third of the congregation* was made up of children—babies to teen-agers. So *don't go overboard* and now assume that our children are *totally* out of line. The average church congregation of this world (whatever the denomination might be) would *not dare* bring their children to church. CHAOS AND CONFUSION WOULD REIGN!

But on the other hand—although our children on the whole do very well—we have a great deal of room for IMPROVEMENT.

If each parent will diligently go to work *on his own children*, and each one will concern himself with getting more out of church, and having his children get more out of church, we will each experience the richly rewarding feeling of accomplishment and will know the true blessings of happy obedient children! This will be true not only in church services on the Sabbath but throughout the entire week—the month—the year—and *throughout the years that are to come!*

THE ANSWER TO SIN!

Do you wonder why you are not changing? Have you repented of a sin, only to repeat the same sin? Here are the steps to conquering sin PERMANENTLY.

by Charles V. Dorothy

IN LAST month's article—WHAT IS SIN?—we learned that God inspired different words in the original texts to emphasize different *kinds* of sin. All mistakes, errors and failures are *sin*. But by using different words to identify the different kinds of errors, God helps us to know our enemy.

Our society and our personal human nature stand condemned by God's definitions of sin. As we saw in the last article, society is set up to TEMPT human nature—and we yield too often! That is, we miss the mark (Hebrew word *chattab*). We saw that vanity of personal appearance, bragging on children, general senseless frivolity is *aven*—that is, nothingness and vanity! We saw that modern art and music is greatly "twisted"—bent, wrested and perverted from its true use!—*avon*. We found that "sneakiness," treachery (Hebrew *ma'al*) included word-breaking, disloyalty, petty thieving, etc.

We saw then how clearly, how *unmistakably* the Bible pictures, brands, and *condemns* sin.

Know Your Enemy

These two articles are intended to help you personally to locate, spot, pinpoint the sin in your life—and *root it out!*

Your enemy—sin—has a real target: YOU. "Yea, *on you* its desire [is set], but *you* should *rule* over it" (See *A Distinctive Translation of Genesis* by J. Watts and Revised Standard translation of Genesis 4:7). If you do not "master" sin NOW—*while you have the chance*—you will end up a reprobate: a person who "cannot cease from sin"! (II Pet. 2:13-15.)

Sin of course is not a person or personality. Sin is a *force*, a *power*.

Sin is that part of your *human nature* which pulls you DOWN, makes you *want to go* the WRONG WAY, which makes you want to *give up, quit*. In short, sin is what makes us the carnal, miserable wretches we are.

To *win this battle* over your human nature—your sin—you must *clearly see* what sin is. You must know your enemy, to defeat him.

Sin Splints

Track men and athletes are familiar with the excruciating, stabbing pains of "shin splints." God is familiar with the stabbing, excruciating *pains* of sin! We who are Christians must also become familiar with the sins in our own lives. Let's discover a few more facets and kinds of sin—both *national* and *personal*—which God identifies in the Bible before we give the *answer* to sin.

Last time we mentioned only sins which were "not necessarily intentional." But the Bible does talk about *intentional sin*—since all human beings and nations DO SIN INTENTIONALLY, some time or other in life. The Hebrew *zimmab* means *meditated wickedness*, a *plan for evil*, especially with sins of unchastity, incest, rape. Many such sinners (people *plotting* crime, sexual criminals) roam our streets today. We don't call them sinners; we call them homicidal maniacs, psychopaths, or unfortunate, or sometimes misunderstood. The ugly episode of the concubine (Judges 20) is termed *zimmab* (King James "lewdness") in Judges 20:6.

Our nation is filled with sexual looseness and lewdness—for which we must be punished! (Read Jeremiah 13, especially Verse 27 where "lewdness" is *zimmab*.)

Our NATIONAL *lewdness* will mean

our VERY DESTRUCTION! (See how frequently the word "lewdness" [*zimmab* in Hebrew] is used through the middle chapters of Ezekiel.)

A Worldwide Sin

God is going to intervene soon—because of sin—and shake this earth! All nations and probably all individuals too are guilty of REVOLT, REBELLION! To break away from, to change allegiance, to fall away, apostatize, REBEL is the definition of the Hebrew *pasha'*—another word translated *sin* in the King James translation. God says our teachers have committed *pasha'* in Isaiah 43:27: "Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have *transgressed* against me." Furthermore, Jeremiah shows in Chapter 2, Verse 8 that the priests and pastors have also *rebelled*. "The priests said not, 'Where is the Lord?' and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed [revolted, *pasha'*] against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit."

The leaders, teachers, and educators of this world HAVE REBELLED! And rebellion *never goes unpunished* (See Prov. 16:25 in Moffatt, and Prov. 17:11).

Make sure that rebellion is not a part of *your personal life!*

Sin Is Personal

Sin is not only national and worldwide, it is *individual* and *personal*.

Can you control *your* rashness, *your* temper? The sin of *going astray* (especially through temper or rashness) is serious, once requiring the blood of a sin offering: Leviticus 4:13-14 and Numbers 15:27-29.

You must be constantly on guard

against this sin of *piercing*, or breaking through the limits of self-control and decency. This sin of GOING ASTRAY through *ignorance* or temperamental *rashness* is called *shagag* in Hebrew, and requires the blood of Jesus Christ to wash you clean.

Even David fell victim to this sin: "Before I was afflicted I *went astray* [*shagag*]: but now have I kept thy word" (Ps. 119:67). David also *overcame*, as the phrase "now have I kept thy word" shows!

Worse Wandering

A related word, *shagab*, means to WANDER IN MIND, either from drunkenness or from just plain being carried away by *foolishness*. Do you "get carried away" *eating*? Some of you reading this article are *enormously overweight*; you need to change—stop getting carried away.

Sad to say, some of you readers also get *carried away* by too much alcohol! This is GLUTTONY! The Bible demands self-control and moderation (true "temperance") in *all things* (Gal. 5:23; Phil. 4:5).

Another *very common sin* included under *shagab* is just exactly what the word says: MIND WANDERING. An uncontrolled, wandering mind (even without the help of alcohol) produces forgetfulness and daydreaming.

Do you often forget when you *should remember*? Some forgetting of course is innocent. But forgetting can also be A SIN! Sometimes we forget because we *want to forget*—to remember is unpleasant.

Stop forgetting! If you have to—as many of God's ministers do—carry a notebook or three-by-five cards with you at all times. Jot down things you *MUST remember*: important appointments, vocabulary words, a grocery list, daily duties, etc. Make it a habit to check your card or notebook *every day*.

Moreover, too many of us allow our minds to wander, *daydreaming*!

Do you realize that God condemns daydreaming? *Daydreaming is a sin!*

Are you letting your children get into this ugly habit? If you allow them to stay awake, lying in bed for long periods of time, they will pick up this

vicious trait. Letting the mind just "flit off" into a never-never land of make-believe and dreams is a vicious, mind-and-character-destroying sin!

Watch for this malfunction (sickness) of the brain in both yourself and your children.

Falsity and Sham

How open and honest are you?

Openness, innocence, and straightforwardness are earmarks of conversion. The direct opposite qualities—treachery, slipperiness, DECEIT and SHAM (Hebrew *bagad*)—are earmarks of carnality and sin. *Bagad*, often translated *perverseness*, is a form of treachery, slippery dealing—what we sometimes call *double dealing*. Business today is filled with double dealers, slippery salesmen, deceitful advertisements and sales "pitches," falsified claims for phony products. God condemns slippery, crooked business in Proverbs 11:3, 6.

And what of you? Do you once in a while—as wives—use just a little *deceit* to convince your husband? And you husbands, do you once in a while *exaggerate* to impress the men at the office, the wife, the family? Stretching the facts is a form of deceit and sham—slipperiness. And all deceit, all slipperiness *is sin!*

The New Testament Speaks

Just as there are differences in Hebrew synonyms for sin, so also the New Testament shows various *aspects* of sin by using different words.

Interestingly enough, the most common word for "sin" in the New Testament is *hamartia*, meaning exactly the same as Hebrew *chattab*—MISS THE MARK. The English word *sin* translates *hamartia* in the great Bible definition of sin, I John 3:4. It was this sin that "entered the world" with Adam. See Romans 5.

Evil Thing?

Many of you talkative women, you who *pass on information*, are condemned by the Bible. Titus 2:7-8 shows what you *ought* to practice. "In all things showing yourselves a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing un-

corruptness, gravity, sincerity, *sound speech* [not gossip and senseless talk], that cannot be condemned." The same verse shows that carnal people will set the opposite example in their speech: "That he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no EVIL THING to say of you." This "evil thing" is GOSSIP. The Greek word for *evil thing* is *phaulos* meaning evil or empty thing, something without basis. Isn't that exactly what gossip is?

It is easy to speak senseless things and to gossip. If you allow yourself to fall into this easy trap of back yard scuttlebutt, you are guilty of *phaulos*—sin.

Check yourself next time you *pass on information*. Gossip is *phaulos*—evil, empty *sin!*

Active and Passive Sin

For those who would like to study more—possibly with a concordance or an interlinear—you will be interested in the two Greek words for *evil* or *sin*: *kakia* and *poneria*. *Kakia* is sin, but it is the *passive* type. *Kakia* does not try to destroy others; in other words it is *passive*, it is *lacking*, it is no good, good for nothing. Passive sin is FAILING to do what you know is right.

On the other hand, *poneria* is actively, *aggressively bad*—it is destruction on the march.

Satan is called "the evil one" in Greek—the "one of *poneria*." Satan is *aggressively evil*—*seeking* to destroy everyone.

Search yourself! You'll probably see some *passive* evil, and worse yet some *active evil!* Errors of omission and errors of commission—both must be rooted out!

Last but Not Least

One last thing before we attack sin. Are you one of those all-too-frequent "members" who holds your *own* opinion—contrary to the Church? Do you think Mr. Armstrong "just doesn't understand"? Do you think some others of God's ministers are "just a little bit off"? Do you feel *your explanation of Scripture* is MORE CORRECT than God's Church's? Do you dare "judge" the authority God Himself placed over

you? Do you disagree with the Feast locations—the handling of tithes—the poor fund—the selection of Spokesman Club officers?

MANY OF YOU DO!

You are holding on to your own opinion—you are *opinionated!* You are stubborn and bullheaded! And worst of all, you're wrong—you're **DEAD WRONG!** YOU ARE MISSING THE MARK! And that's sin! You're guilty of *chattab* and *hamartia*.

Why don't you *give up* your opinion—surrender your will to God—before God has to *shake* YOU? May God help those of you who in some form or another pit yourselves against God and His Church *to repent and CHANGE.*

The ANSWER

Now we're ready for the *attack!*

Actually, if you read these two articles on sin, and if *you got the point,* you are *already* well on your way to changing! You see, the *first* step in conquering sin is TO SEE sin.

You must *know* your enemy. You must pray, study the Bible, listen to sermons whenever possible, and *strive* to see YOUR sins. If you do not see them, how can you fight them? Paul said he would not have known (understood) sin, unless the *law* revealed what it was (Rom. 7:7).

If you do not think you have any sins, or have not seen a *new* sin for a long time, you are *self-righteous.* Ask God to *show you how you look to Him*—and He'll do it!

That's the first step. But there are two more steps.

The Second Step

Here is a simple-sounding, but difficult-to-perform point. Pay close attention. You may be missing this *vital key!* "HATE the evil, and *love* the good" (Amos 5:15). The Bible commands you to *hate*—to *loathe*—YOUR SINS!

There is one great reason that sin is difficult to hate—the carnal mind **LOVES** sin!

"We all had our conduct in times past *in the lusts of our flesh,* fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were *by nature* the children

of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:3). Here is the point: LUSTS are *pleasant, appealing, strongly pulling* desires—desires which are illegal! These strong, illegal pulls and desires of the human mind are *exactly* what the human mind *wants!* The human mind, by nature, **LOVES** *its lusts!* The carnal human mind **HATES** *God's way*—*hates* to give up its *lusts!*

Can you see this terrible tendency *in yourself?* Can you realize your mind wants *its way*—not God's? If so, you **CAN** overcome.

But how?

It is simple. God **HATES** sin. Notice Proverbs 6:16: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him." Read the rest of the verses of Chapter 6 for yourself. God here reveals His **HATRED** against sin. Slowly but surely, you too can receive (through God's Spirit) true hatred of sin.

When you *really* hate sin, you will begin to overcome! Ask for God's Spirit! Ask for God's mind—ask for *help, to HATE.*

Another aid in the direction of hating sin is something you can do for yourself. Did you realize the entire Old Testament history is a chronicle of the results of sin? Read, *meditate,* **THINK DEEPLY** on the sufferings and failures of Old Testament men and women *who sinned.* **MEDITATE** on the results of your *personal* sins. Picture yourself locked out of God's Kingdom—thrust into oblivion. *Think* about the Lake of Fire, about *eternal failure,* about **DEATH!** Your sins will **KILL YOU** if you do not change.

Receiving God's own help through His Holy Spirit, meditating on the results of your sins, *will make you* an overcomer.

The Third Step

REPENT!

II Corinthians 7:10 shows that there are two kinds of sorrow: one worldly, one Godly. Worldly sorrow is what Saul demonstrated in I Samuel 15, when he begged Samuel to pardon his sin and pray for him. Reading Saul's words would make you think he was *really repentant.* But the fruits showed otherwise.

Godly sorrow—which Saul did not have—*does work a change*—repentance!

How can *you* have godly sorrow?

You must become more concerned about God and His Work than *yourself!* You must draw so close to God that you *really care* what God thinks and feels about you. Make no mistake: your sins *do affect* God your Father. God is not an insensitive monster, but a kind, loving and deeply interested Parent—a Parent who grieves over His errant children.

If you understand God's parenthood, if you are this close to God, you will be able to *truly repent* TO GOD, when you sin. You will be ashamed of yourself, for what you have done to God *personally,* to God's love, to God's ways, to His outstretched helping hand. Yes, Godly sorrow—sorrow strong enough to *make you change*—is sorrow *to God,* not just sorrow for "having messed yourself up."

Worldly sorrow is *sorrow* all right—maybe to the point of bitter tears—but it is sorrow for having failed yourself. You are sorry because you have not lived up to the "image" you have of yourself. You are sorry because this mistake does not exalt you. It tarnishes your picture—it spoils your self-esteem, it lowers you in your own mind.

That is selfish, worldly sorrow.

For Failure, Take This

If you are trying to overcome, but not succeeding, then try this. Analyze the *reason* you are trying to overcome. Is it purely selfish, in the same way as worldly sorrow described above?

Do you want to overcome so that *you* may put yourself forward? So that you will rise in the eyes of others? So that you will be advanced? So that you may "*get ahead*"? So that your position will be raised? If so, your motive for overcoming is **CARNAL!** The carnal mind wants to "get ahead" (walking "after the flesh"). The Godly mind (walking "after the Spirit," Romans 8) wants to *serve others.*

Analyze yourself—honestly now! For *what reason* do you want to get rid of sin? If it is just for yourself, and not

for the Work, you probably are not overcoming.

CHANGE your *motive* for overcoming, pray for the desire to serve others. When you really achieve a desire to serve others, you will realize *why you need to overcome*. You will have an unselfish goal for changing. Seeing other peoples' sufferings and needs will give you a desire to change for their sakes, to help *them!*

YOU WILL BEGIN TO OVERCOME!

The New Building

As you begin to overcome, it will help you to *strive* for a new habit. Let's put it this way: "Be not overcome of [the habit of] evil, but overcome evil with [the habit of] good" (Rom. 12:21).

Sin is the thing we *usually* do. Sin is hard to root out because it is customary, usual, pleasant, easy, *habitual*.

Build a new habit. Make yourself do the opposite of sin. MAKE yourself practice the right way several times, even if "you do not need to." Repeat the good habit several times *in a row*—overlearn!

To pick a simple example as an illustration, take smiling. Suppose you are a "frowny" person, can't make yourself smile. Well then, once you find a good reason for smiling—and you *do actually* smile once—then *make yourself SMILE AGAIN*. Smile several times in succession. Instead of practicing your old habit of constantly frowning, search for reasons, excuses, opportunities to smile. Smile at yourself. Smile at others. Smile just because it's a good feeling to do *differently* than your old sinful way. Smile, *smile*, SMILE! Pretty soon, smiling will be easy.

Work at, *build* the habit of righteousness! (Connect this with Hebrews 5:14—note the word "exercised.")

Will You CEASE?

The answer to sin is . . . STOP!

Sin grows constantly worse. Sin goes from bad to worse, from worse to wretched, and from wretched to absolute filth and abomination! The Hebrew word *ra'*—translated *sin* many times in the Old Testament—means exactly that: *rot, filth, DUNG!* God

hates sin so much He calls it *manure and sewage!* That's how bad our sins are. Will we cease?

"Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has *suffered in the flesh* HAS

CEASED FROM SIN; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God" (I Pct. 4:1, 2).

My earnest prayer for you brethren—and the prayer of all of God's ministers—is that you too will *cease from sin!*

In Geneva to Stay

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approval to the establishment of *Le Monde A Venir* with two foreign employees.

Almost as soon as our staff of two had been officially permitted to work, it became vitally necessary to engage *secretarial* assistance. Once again we appealed to the local authorities. They were shown clearly to what extent mail from the broadcasts had increased during the year in which we had been operating—the figure was actually 119 percent—as well as the upsurge in translation work undertaken by Mr. Bourdin, and other relative information. Everything pointed to the *need for secretaries*, and every indication was given that our appeal would be successful.

However, this was not to be, for in January 1965, the "Office Cantonal de Placement" REJECTED our appeal and stated that we would have to continue to operate with *only two employees*. But why? What was the reason for this unfavorable decision? The same troublesome law of 1962, designed to *restrict* the expansion of the Geneva economy.

The Final Appeal

As if to emphasize the desperate need for extra staff, and to show us that somehow or other there would be a way out of this new impasse, GOD *caused* the addition of *two more weekly broadcasts*, this time on the powerful RADIO LUXEMBOURG. *Le Monde A Venir* began to thunder out to the French-speaking peoples of Europe no less than *six times a week!* In order for the thousands of listeners to receive prompt response to their requests for literature, additional staff would have to be engaged quickly.

Faced with this desperate situation, our lawyer played the *last card* in his



"Le Monde A Venir" is the listing for our office in Geneva.

hand—a direct appeal, through accredited legal channels, to the SWISS COUNCIL OF STATE, *the highest court in Geneva*. The sounding-out of local opinion showed clearly how *unlikely* it would be for the Council of State to reverse a decision of this nature by a local legislative body. Any other organization would, at this stage, have closed down and left the country—in fact, a number had already done so.

But God's Work is no ordinary organization!

On March 15, 1965, the transcript of a *cable* from the French office in Geneva arrived on Mr. Apartian's desk in the World Headquarters at Pasadena. It read as follows: "COUNCIL OF STATE REVERSE UNFAVORABLE DECISION AND PERMIT SEVEN STAFF: TWO FOREIGN AND FIVE SWISS."

What further endorsement do we need have to show us that when *God* opens a door for His Work, no authority or power—however awesome it may be—can shut it?

We are here in Geneva to stay—until God's Work is accomplished! Thank God!

The Bible Answers Your Questions

Please address any questions YOU would like answered
in this column to the Editor.

Is it permissible to borrow from second tithe? I've heard that some scriptures say this is all right.

People are inclined to reason that since God requires the tithe to be used only at the Festivals, it's all right to borrow from it.

"After all," one may reason, "it's not doing any good lying there and as I'm short this week, surely it will be all right to borrow some and then return it later." This is just one of the many ways by which we persuade ourselves that God will not mind our using the tithe to help us over a financial hump.

Some will even turn to Leviticus 27:31 and say, "Here is proof that I can borrow as long as I add another 20 percent." But is it?

When we are dealing with God's goods we need to be very aware of our responsibilities with them. We can know what God says we can do with His money only *by going to the Bible*.

Deuteronomy 14:22-27 clearly shows that God intends us to use the tithe to eat *where He shall choose* (verse 24). There is nothing to show that we can borrow from it for our own purposes. It must be used only for traveling to and from the Festivals and paying for whatever food and accommodations are needed during that time.

Turn to Leviticus 27:30 and see what God says about tithes: "And all the tithe . . . *it is holy* unto the Lord." God says it is holy. That means it has been put aside, dedicated and set apart, for a sacred use. Brethren, we cannot take something that is holy and put it to a use for which it was NOT intended.

Just what does it mean, "If a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof" (Lev. 27:31)? "Redeem" means to buy

back—*not to borrow*. Verse 30 shows that he can buy back "the produce of the land"—*not* livestock (see verses 32-33). A farmer would buy back the land produce which he had tithed when he desired the food for his own consumption. When he bought it back, he would pay the current market price plus 20 percent. This *money* would then represent the tithe.

God says the tithe is His. We have no right to borrow from it. He does not allow us to use it this way because He knows human nature. If a man borrows from his second tithe, something is likely to come up that will prevent him from paying it back. He may even reason that since the money is spent, the sin has been committed and he can merely ask God for forgiveness and everything will be all right.

If you find yourself with a financial problem, borrowing from the second tithe *is not the solution*. Have faith in God's promise given in Malachi 3:10 and solve your problem God's way.

In Ecclesiastes 1:4 Solomon said that the earth abides forever. But in II Peter 3:10 we read that the earth will be burned up. I know that the Bible does not contradict itself, but please explain this unclear point.

Wise King Solomon was inspired to tell us: "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the *earth abideth for ever*" (Eccl. 1:4).

This is a promise that *will not fail!*

Some have assumed that this scripture contradicts the Apostle Peter's statement in II Peter 3:10 that the "*earth . . . shall be burned up.*"

Is Peter really talking about the total destruction of the earth? The context of II Peter 3 tells us. "But the *heavens* and the *earth*, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, *reserved unto fire* against the day of

judgment and perdition of *ungodly men*" (II Pet. 3:7).

Notice that this fire is the Judgment of *ungodly men*. This is the Lake of *Gehenna* Fire which is the second death (Rev. 20:14). This is the unquenchable fire that will burn up the unrepentant (Mat. 3:12).

Peter then goes on to describe the effects of this unquenchable fire: "In the which the *heavens shall pass away* with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the *earth also* and the *works* that are *therein* shall be *burned up*" (II Pet. 3:10). An unquenchable fire is one that cannot be put out. It merely burns until it has consumed all combustible material. Then it dies out for lack of anything else to consume. This is as Peter has said—*everything will be burned up*.

This fire of Judgment is further explained in the first three verses of Malachi 4. "The day cometh, that shall *burn as an oven*; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall *burn them up* . . . And ye shall tread down the wicked; for **THEY SHALL BE ASHES UNDER the soles of YOUR FEET.**" Notice that there will be *ashes left* when this unquenchable fire dies out! This globe we call the **EARTH WILL STILL EXIST!** The *saints will still be on this earth*.

This is exactly what Peter meant.

He used example of Noah's Flood as a *type* of the future cleansing of the earth by fire. "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" (II Pet. 3:6). Just as the earth continued to exist after the Flood so it will *continue to exist* after the coming worldwide *Gehenna* Fire.

Continuing with the context of II Peter 3 we find in Verse 13 that: "We . . . look for *new heavens* and a *new earth*, wherein dwelleth righteousness." In Revelation the new heaven and new earth are mentioned immediately after the account of the Lake of Fire. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the *first heaven* and the *first earth* were passed away [by fire]; and there

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Ambassador College Photos

Mr. Michael Bousfield, left, and Mr. Adrian Botha were recently ordained Local Elders in God's Church. A photograph of Mr. Louis Jubert, also ordained a Local Elder, will appear in a coming issue.

first service and Mr. David Antion brought the opening sermon. Mr. James Young, a graduate of Ambassador College in England, is now assigned as the Pastor of Columbus. Mr. Young has been serving in this area since his graduation—and now becomes responsible as Pastor of both Dayton and Columbus.

On July 24, we started another new church in Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. David Antion, Superintendent over the district including Charleston, reports the following: "With temperature and humidity both in the 90's and perspiration ebbing out of everyone, 83 faithful members of God's Church attended the *first Sabbath service* of the Charleston, West Virginia Church. Many had looked forward to having this church in their own vicinity so long that neither the sweltering heat or the stifling humidity could keep them away from this opening service."

Mr. Roy Holladay will be the regular pastor at Charleston and will make it part of his circuit from Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. Holladay reports that many of the brethren in that part of the West Virginia hill country are not used to traveling, but attendance should increase substantially after a little encouragement from him!

Also on July 24, another new church began at Fayetteville, North Carolina, with 167 in attendance! The opening sermon was brought by Mr. Kenneth Swisher, and Mr. Arthur Craig is slated to be the regular pastor—hooking this up with Greensboro, North Carolina, as his circuit.

Then, on July 31, a new church started in Central California, at Modesto. There were 132 attending for the very first Sabbath. Dr. Herman L. Hoeh brought the opening sermon, and Mr. Al Dennis will be the local pastor.

Mr. Dennis reports: "There were many comments about how gratifying it was to have a new church, so close, by those who had been driving from 75 to 100 miles to attend church for many years. The church should grow as there are several prospectives in the area."

Then, on August 7, a new church began at Midland, Michigan, with a grand total of 196 attending! Most of this group formerly met over in Saginaw in the Bible study there, but a beautiful auditorium was located in Midland and other factors pointed toward having the church located in this city.

Mr. David Antion—District Superin-

tendent—was up to give the first sermon, and Mr. Dennis Pyle gave the sermonette. Mr. Arthur Mocarow, who organized the church, acted as song leader and "master of ceremonies," and will be the local pastor. They report a *very enthusiastic* opening service and Midland should certainly be a large and growing addition to the Churches of God.

Other Ministerial Changes

Recent news is that Mr. Gerald Waterhouse—one of God's Evangelists and top man in the foreign work under Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong—is being brought back to Pasadena to assist Mr. Armstrong in directing the worldwide activities in the foreign work *from Headquarters*. This should be a wonderful change for Mr. Waterhouse, as he has spent *long years* in the field organizing and building up the London Church and office and later being the pioneer in establishing and conducting God's offices and Churches in Australia, the Philippines and South Africa.

We are certainly looking forward to having Mr. Waterhouse with us. In addition to assisting Mr. Ted Armstrong in the foreign work, he will be a tremendous addition to the faculty and staff here at Pasadena helping out by bringing special lectures in Bible, Advanced Public Speaking classes, forums and assemblies—plus, of course, preaching in many of the area churches.

Another man returning to Headquarters is Mr. David Roenspies—recently assisting Mr. Hal Baird in the St. Louis-Columbia area. Mr. Roenspies has been out of college for the past fourteen months getting field experience in God's ministry as an assistant. Now, he is coming back to complete his senior year of college and is being replaced in the St. Louis area by Mr. Michael Heiss—graduate of Ambassador College and a zealous assistant in the Los Angeles area Visiting Team.

Mr. Ron Reedy—the new pastor-



Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Evangelist.

designate at Omaha and Des Moines—is getting an assistant in the person of Mr. Allen Bullock. Mr. Bullock graduated from Ambassador in Pasadena this June, and has been a fine help in the Pasadena area Visiting Team.

Another very recent ministerial change has affected very greatly the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Docken. As you read in last month's GOOD NEWS, Mr. Docken was recently ordained as a Local Elder—slated to serve in the Los Angeles area. Now, Mr. Docken has already left for the Philippine Islands to replace Mr. Guy Ames as Director over the work there and pastor over a church to be raised up in Manila!

Mr. Docken is certainly well prepared for this new responsibility as he was Assistant Manager, under Mr. Hugh Mauck, of the entire Headquarters' Mailing Office here at Pasadena. Now, he himself becomes top man over the Philippine office—now sending out more PLAIN TRUTHS than any other office on earth outside of Headquarters!

But this is quite a geographical change for Mr. and Mrs. Docken, and their two children. So all of you brethren who know them should remember them continually in prayer in this important new assignment—and remember God's Work in the Philippines as well.

Keep Your HEART in God's Work!

Brethren, my family and I just returned from an extended visit to God's College in Bricket Wood. This is the reason I have not been writing this column for the last two or three months, and the reason you may have noticed some of my PLAIN TRUTH articles datelined from Britain and Europe.

During our trip abroad, I was able to visit not only the Bricket Wood College and office, but also the overseas offices in Düsseldorf, Germany, and in Geneva, Switzerland. It is certainly inspiring to go to nearly every corner of this earth and realize that the *same spirit of God—of literal obedience to Him and His way of life*—prevails among God's people no matter what their geographical location. Being there helped me realize how much more we ought to earnestly PRAY for the servants of God in these far-flung offices and churches around the world! For, completely *cut off* from many of the big church-area activities in which so many of you are privileged to take part, they are doing God's Work day after day with *very little fellowship* with other converted people. Entirely *too few* of us write to them and encourage them. News from Headquarters, and from the church areas in Britain and America—is eagerly awaited and highly appreciated when it comes!

And we need to remember *all THREE* of God's Colleges more in continuing prayer! God's College at Big Sandy is still "pioneering" as it begins its second year. And the College at Bricket Wood still has, to some extent, the feeling of being "way off" from the major Work of God at Headquarters and from the news of the huge church areas in the United States and Canada.

But the College in Bricket Wood has certainly grown in every way, as I was there—at its inception—for the entire first term nearly five years ago. The student attitude and "esprit de corps" is certainly excellent. The attitude of service and "looking to Headquarters" is even more prevalent there—in some ways—than it is in other parts of God's Work. Very seldom do the students re-

turn thanks at meals or Ambassador Clubs—or lead in prayer in classes—without praying *personally* for Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in directing God's Work, worldwide.

This was quite an inspiration and example to behold, and helped me realize that the time Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have spent in England has helped instill in the students there some of the "early Ambassador" attitude which the College here in Pasadena used to have so much of in its early years. And, as you have probably all heard, the campus of God's College at Bricket Wood is simply *gorgeous* as long as the sun is shining!

Mr. Armstrong has often said that one of the prime indicators of a person's spiritual growth is the extent to which his *whole heart and being* is in the very WORK OF GOD. In your thoughts and prayers, therefore, be sure *you are* REMEMBERING God's three Colleges, His offices around the world and His Churches *everywhere!*

Realize that you are part of a literal *crusade* to prepare for the end of this age and the second coming of Jesus Christ! Be *vitaly interested* in the news of God's expanding Work around this earth. Be *earnestly praying* for the needs—*thanking God* for the blessings—and really keeping *your HEART* in the Work of the Living Christ!

Bible Questions

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was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven . . . the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them [on the earth]" (Rev. 21:1-3).

Thus we see that the EARTH WILL STILL EXIST FOREVER. The simple explanation of II Peter 3:10 is that the surface of the earth and everything on it, including the incorrigibly wicked, will be destroyed by fire. God will then *remake* the *surface* of the *earth* (with no sea and no sun) for a *habitation for Himself* and the rest of the *God Kingdom* (Rev. 21, 22).

You need to *understand* these prophe-

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cies of your Bible and then REPENT so that you will *live over into* the new heaven and new earth.

In Judges 1:19, we read, "And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron." Why was God unable to drive out the inhabitants of the valley since all things are possible with Him? (Mat. 19:26).

YES! God *could have* driven the inhabitants out of the valley! He even *promised* to do that very thing in a later instance.

"Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore *will I deliver* all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (I Kings 20:28).

But, because of Israel's disobedience, God said He would *not drive out* their enemies. "Wherefore I also said, I *will not drive* them out from before you; but they shall be as *thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you . . . I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died" (Judg. 2:3, 21).

God was completely *capable* of performing this feat. But this is the reason God *wouldn't* drive them out for Israel. In the verse it appears as though God were not able to drive out the inhabitants! However, a simple understanding of proper English usage reveals the meaning of this verse. The antecedent to the pronoun "he" in Verse 19 of Chapter 1 is not "the Lord," but *Judah*. We have already proved why *Judah* was unable to drive out these inhabitants. God had simply ceased to be with them!

As we have seen, God could have easily delivered the inhabitants of the valley into Israel's hand. But, ISRAEL LACKED FAITH!! They began to look at the enemy and their superior chariots. They ceased trusting and relying in their God.

They allowed their fears to blot out

their faith in God. This is another example for us today (I Cor. 10:11). God wants us to look to Him in unwavering faith.

How many times should one pray concerning his problems?

Some have read that Paul prayed three times for a certain problem (II Cor. 12:8) and believe that *three* times is the answer!

Others have read in Matthew 7:7 where Christ said, "Ask, and it shall be given you." So they asked *once!*

Still others turn to Matthew 9:29 and read, "According to your faith be it unto you," *and don't pray at all!*

Christ's parable in Luke 18 gives the answer. The widow in this parable *persevered* with her cause. She knew that her request was *lawful*—according to God's will. She practiced *determination, patience* and exercised her *faith!*

It is important for us to remember that when God does not answer our prayers immediately, there is a purpose being worked out. We have to learn from our problems.

We have to learn that "men ought ALWAYS to pray, and not to faint." So *continue* praying about any problem *until God answers!*

Readers Say . . .

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last 6-week period. I read in an inspirational book what wonderful changes could be brought about in one's life by tithing and thought I would do it. I got a new car, completely paid for, as a gift; my son made the All-State Junior Boys' Basketball team; I received a \$100 per month raise in pay at the business school where I teach; without asking for it, my encyclopedia sales seem to come out of the blue; and I have been able to break a bad habit (or maybe 'sin' would be a better word). I know none of this is my doing. I've also tried much harder. I fully expect to win an all-expense-paid tour of Europe for me and my son any day now. I'm beginning to think 10 percent isn't *enough!*"

B.V. W., Arkansas