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COVER: When pulled over by a police officer for a violation of a traffic law, the thought comes to mind, "But officer, give me a break!" An article with that name begins on page 3. Photo by Nathan Faulkner.

Letters

Considered running away

I really enjoy your *Youth 84* magazines. I think it was in the August issue when you had the article on running away. Well, I was really considering [running away] *before* I read the article. Thanks! Your magazine has really helped me. I am almost 13 and I really need to learn more, so I would like to subscribe again.

Name Withheld
Ohio

Used for Sunday school

As a Sunday school teacher of young adults, I find your *Youth 84* to be most informative. I base my lesson on an article from your magazine regularly and find my class (ages 15 to 19) eagerly look forward to each session.

Robert Oberther Sr.
West Falls, New York

"Teen Bible Study"

I just had to write and congratulate you on your "Teen Bible Study." I am enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, the best, most up-to-date course of Bible study, right from the Bible, in the world today. But I also like your study because it helps to show you how to live more spiritually daily and, of course, never fails to have new, informative topics in every issue. Keep up the good work.

Ronald Fitch
Richmond, Virginia

Life without luxuries

After reading your article "What's It Like to Be a Teen in Guyana?" I realized that life is beautiful even without luxuries. It's what you make of life that's important. In fact, it's better for a person not to get used to luxuries because once you get used to them, it's hard to live without them if and when the time comes. I feel that people like Sunita are very courageous, motivated and self-disciplined.

Vani Bommakanti
Jackson, Mississippi

Parents

I am 15 years old. I found your article in *Youth 84* (April) "Do Your Parents Understand You?" very interesting. It has helped me speak with my parents and understand them. I [also] thank you for all articles of Monsieur Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mario Gauthier
Katevale, Quebec

The Wonderful World Tomorrow- And You!

By Herbert W. Armstrong

In this talk with our *Youth 85* readers I want to say something about the many letters we have received from those who have read the exciting book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like* — since it was first published nearly 20 years ago.

All but a few — from nearly 1.5 million mailed out in the United States alone — have been enthusiastic, elated, inspired to know what a WONDERFUL world is soon to be ours.

I wish ALL OF YOU could realize that this wonderful coming world IS REAL — *and most of you will be in it*, I hope, either as one of its changed IMMORTALS or as a much privileged human pioneer. It's not only REAL, it is coming SOON — possibly (*I do not set dates*) in perhaps 10 years! Yes, *very possibly* that soon!

What you will be doing

But what I am most concerned about is WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU — as an *individual!* Each of you! I wish all of our readers could think — as one wrote me — wondering what YOU will be doing, then!

I wish all of our *Youth 85* readers could be reminded, at this point, of that very *first* of the LAWS OF SUCCESS! There are seven *laws* that will produce success. The very first one is to have the RIGHT GOAL — to be fired with ambition to achieve that goal — *to keep that goal constantly uppermost in your mind!*

Have a definite, inspiring PURPOSE in life. Realize, as Winston Churchill said, there is a PURPOSE being worked out here below! Mankind was placed on this earth FOR A PURPOSE. That means YOU, as an individual, were born and given the breath of life for a PURPOSE!

In this world's colleges and universities they teach nothing about that purpose. They know nothing of the real MEANING of life. They leave students without a goal. They don't know where they are *going* — or *whether* they are going anyway.

But the all-intelligent, all-knowing Creator — who *designed* the human mind and body, created the human race and supplies the air, water and food to sustain it — had a PURPOSE! And, through the apostle Paul, He reveals to us that GOAL — in Paul's words, that "I might attain unto the RESURRECTION . . ." and, further, ". . . this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto

those things which are before, I press toward the MARK for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:11, 13-14, Authorized Version throughout).

The prize

The MARK — the PRIZE — the GOAL toward which Paul pressed forward is THE RESURRECTION TO IMMORTALITY, in the Kingdom of God!

In this important book we have tried to paint in simple words — as revealed in the Bible — the WONDERFUL world that this Kingdom of converted, changed IMMORTALS, under Christ, will produce.

But is BEING THERE, as a changed, immortal person, YOUR goal? Is that one overriding LIFE'S OBJECTIVE constantly before your eyes — constantly dominating your thoughts?

Many have written to tell me how exciting — how interesting and inspiring — it is to see just WHAT such patriarchs and prophets and men of God as Abraham, Joseph, Job, Daniel, Moses and others might be doing — how they will be brought back to life, immortal, in glorified POWER — and the high executive positions in the new WORLD GOVERNMENT they will occupy.

Interesting? Exciting? WONDERFUL? Yes, I should say it is! But, as I said above, I wish all of

This wonderful coming world is real — and most of you will be in it! It's not only real, it is coming soon!

YOU were *terribly concerned* by asking yourselves where YOU will be — what YOU will be doing then!

I don't mean that you may decide for yourselves what precise position may be assigned to YOU. Yet, in general, *I can tell you* what position will be assigned you! It will be the position *you are training for, qualifying for, RIGHT NOW* — in *this* life!

WHY will Abraham, David, the apostles Peter and Paul, be assigned the positions either directly named — or at least indicated — in the Bible? Simply because they prepared for, and qualified for, those positions DURING THEIR MORTAL LIVES!

YOU — *if* you have been *called* to conversion *now* — are being JUDGED for your future position in God's Kingdom right now!

Few understand this — I know. But see if I can make it

plain enough that at least *some* of our readers may UNDERSTAND. A NUMBER OF JUDGMENTS are revealed in the Bible. Most people get all mixed up and confused by such theological terms as *judgments, covenants* and so on.

Understand, first, being saved — that is, being born into the Kingdom of God — given God's GIFT of eternal life — is altogether by GRACE, as God's free GIFT. *You can't earn it!*

I have ALWAYS taught that! I have always taught that salvation — what religious people call “being saved” — inheriting eternal life — being born into the Kingdom of God — just *getting there* — comes ONLY by GRACE (which means undeserved pardon) and as God's FREE GIFT. YOU CAN'T earn it! All your OBEDIENCE — all your good WORKS — won't buy it!

BUT you shall be REWARDED with whatever OFFICE you shall be placed in according to your WORKS! Check for yourself. Don't believe me because I say it — check for yourself.

For those who would like a more detailed and technical exposition of this vital principle, write for a FREE booklet *What Will You Be Doing in the Next Life?*

But, when the glorified Jesus Christ returns to earth, in all the supreme POWER and GLORY of God, as KING of kings to rule all nations, He will then assign the positions in His government — the reward — to those who already — then — ARE SAVED, to those who have, through grace, received God's GIFT

of eternal life — then already made IMMORTAL! These shall have been resurrected to immortality, and have risen to meet Him in the air, as He is returning.

Now notice: Jesus says, “And, behold, I come quickly; and *my reward is with me*, to give every man *according as his work shall be*” (Revelation 22:12).

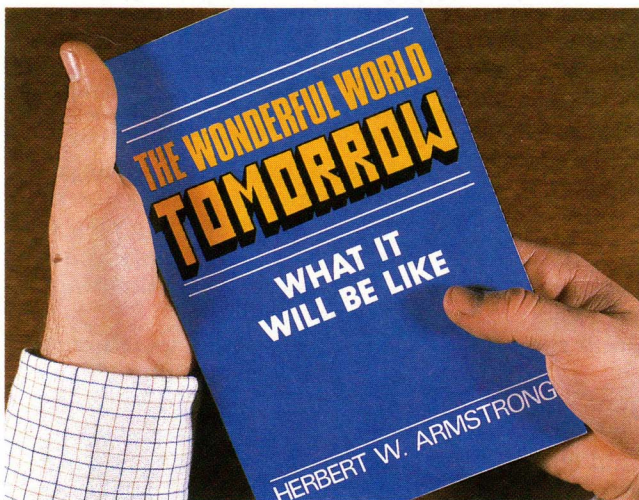
Notice the parable of the pounds: When Jesus returns, having been coronated KING of kings, He will call to Him those He had given “the money” — that is, His Spirit and salvation. The one who, in this mortal life, had gained 10 pounds is made mayor over 10 cities. The one who gained, in his Christian life in this time, five pounds is made mayor ruling over five cities. He qualified for only half as much, during this mortal life, so his REWARD in the Kingdom — the POSITION to which he is assigned — is only half as much.

Notice this picture of Christ's coming, and establishing of the Kingdom of God over the nations: “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever . . . And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, *that they should be judged*, and *that thou shouldst give reward* unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints” (Revelation 11:15-18).

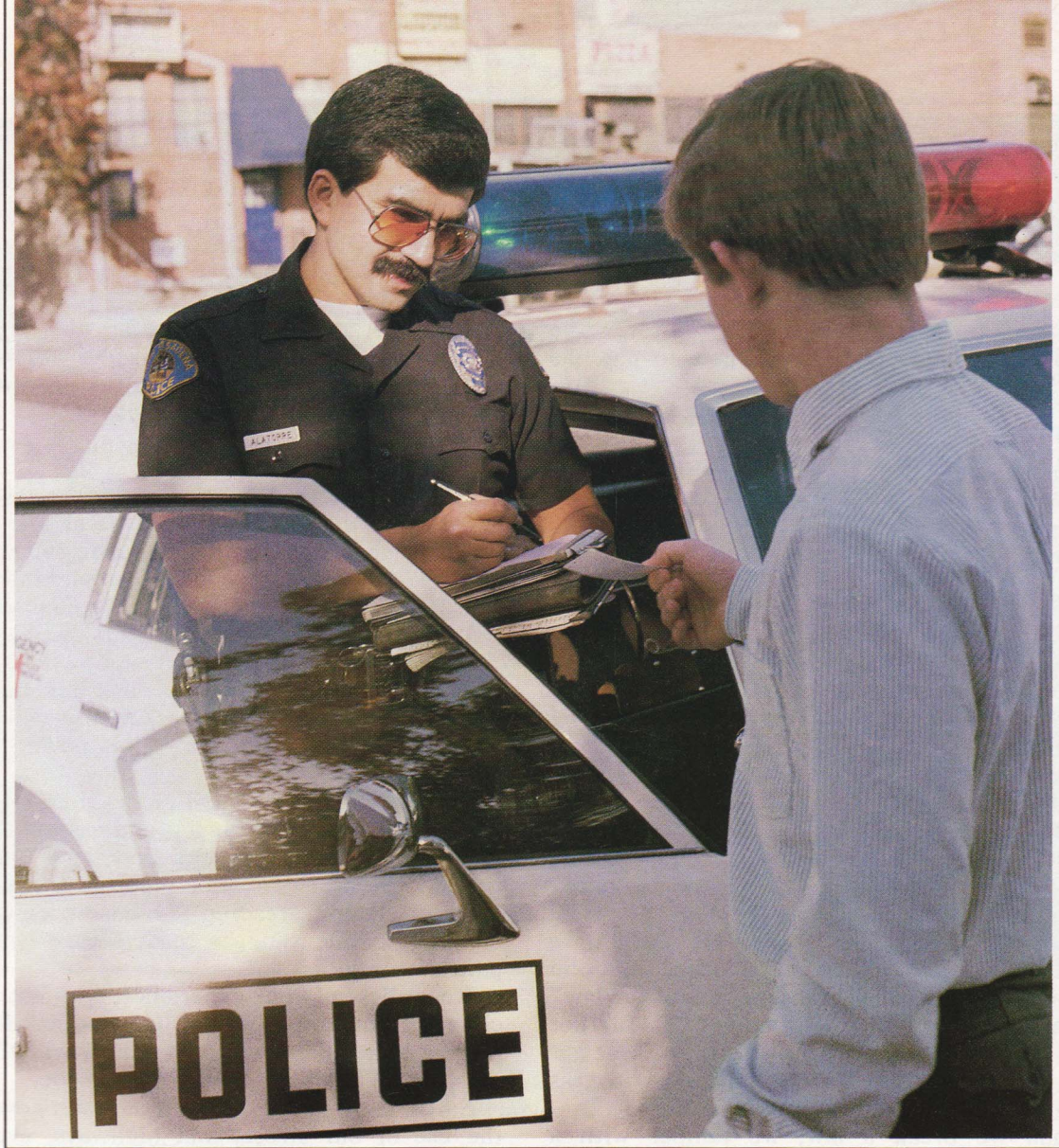
How God judges

One of the judgments is the Great White Throne Judgment. Notice that REWARD — *rank* in God's Kingdom — is according to WORKS! Not *getting into* the Kingdom, but *rank* or reward or office, once there:

“And I saw the dead, small and
(Continued on page 27)



Nearly 1.5 million copies of our free book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*, have been mailed in the United States alone, bringing in many enthusiastic responses. Call or write for your own free copy.



Photos by Nathan Faulkner

‘But Officer, Give Me a Break!’

By Darris L. McNeely

I knew I was in trouble when I saw the flashing red light.

He was pointing something at me! Sitting in the empty lot at the edge of town was a uniformed man pointing a large black radar gun at me. I quickly lifted my foot from the accelerator and slowed down — but I knew it was too late.

As I passed him, he pointed his finger at me as if to say, “I want you.” I hoped he didn’t, but

when I saw the car pull out with the red light flashing, I knew he did. I was caught speeding.

After I handed the policeman my driver’s license, he invited me back to his car. Sitting there as he wrote out my speeding ticket, all kinds of thoughts flooded my mind: I was only a few miles over the legal speed limit. I was almost out of town. Give me a break!

But there was no mercy. I had broken the law

Have you ever broken a law without getting caught? Probably. Just like me. But we really don't get away with anything when we break the law.

and a penalty had to be paid. The officer wrote the citation and instructed me how to pay the fine.

My first ticket

Driving away from the scene gave me time to collect my thoughts about the incident. No one likes getting a speeding ticket — but if the experience teaches a deeper respect for the law, then it's worthwhile.

It was the first time I had received a ticket for a traffic violation. Notice that I said the first time I ever received a ticket — not the first time I had ever broken a traffic law.

Have you ever broken a law without getting caught? Probably. Just like me.

Breaking the law without paying a penalty (yet) can teach us two things. One, that we can get away with breaking the law, any law — man's or God's. The second danger is we think that no one will get hurt if we cross the line between right and wrong. Both are wrong.

We don't get away with anything when we break the law. The Bible terms that sin. In I John 3:4 it defines sin as the "transgression of the law" (Authorized Version). Romans 6:23 further states that "the wages of sin is death." Those are living principles that govern our lives just as surely as the physical law of gravity.

When we break a law, we tamper with a delicate feature of our minds — the conscience. We can sometimes feel that we are above the law or that the law is of little value. That attitude can cause us to destroy the sensitive nature of our conscience that warns us when we are wrong.

Without realizing it, I had lost some of the

respect for my country's traffic laws over the years I had been driving. I realized it was possible to lose the right fear of the spiritual laws of God — something I never want to do.

People get hurt

People do get hurt when traffic laws are broken. I had a cousin whom I never knew. She was on her way to school one morning when a motorist struck and killed her. A combination of speed and carelessness ended her young life.

Every day people are killed on the highways from excessive speed, drunkenness or careless driving. Many senseless deaths and injuries could be prevented by a healthy respect for traffic laws and the potentially destructive power of an automobile.

One of the biggest milestones for a teen is reaching the legal driving age and passing the test for his or her first driver's license. It marks a time when you can assume more control of your life. Some of you reading this have been driving for years, while younger readers eagerly anticipate that event.

Regardless of your experience, why not take a close examination of your driving habits? Do you respect the traffic laws where you live? Stop and think why these traffic laws were made.

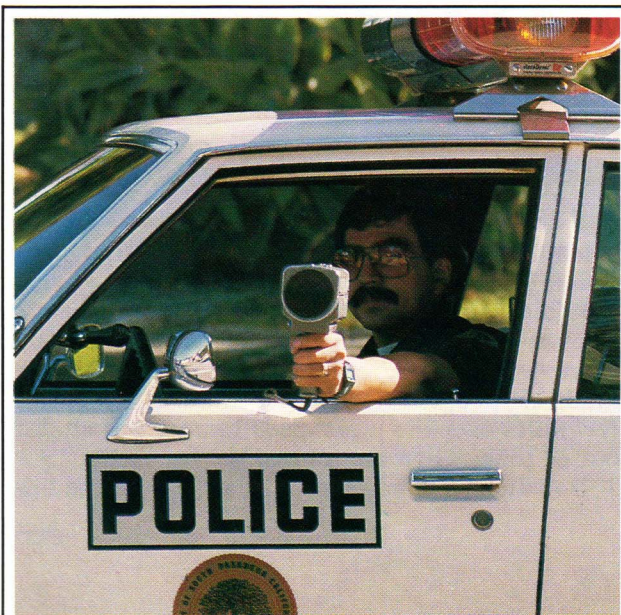
Safety is a big reason. Without laws governing the use of our streets and highways, everyone would be deciding these things for him or herself. What one person considers a safe driving speed might be unsafe for those in the cars around him or her. If stoplights and signs did not regulate the flow of traffic, chaos would result. It would become almost impossible to travel in larger metropolitan areas.

Respecting traffic laws is a perfect example of practicing the way of give. It shows an outgoing concern for the welfare of other drivers.

Careful driving should be the goal of everyone who takes the wheel of a car. Driving is a privilege granted by the government; it is not a right. If it is approached with care and respect, a climate of safety is created for all who drive.

When the officer handed me the ticket, I said, "Thanks" — not because I enjoyed the idea of paying a big fine, but because I knew the experience could teach me a big lesson.

Why don't you save yourself some money and learn from my mistake? Obey the laws of the road — they are made for our good. If we keep the law, we won't have to feel guilty when we see a policeman by the side of the road. □



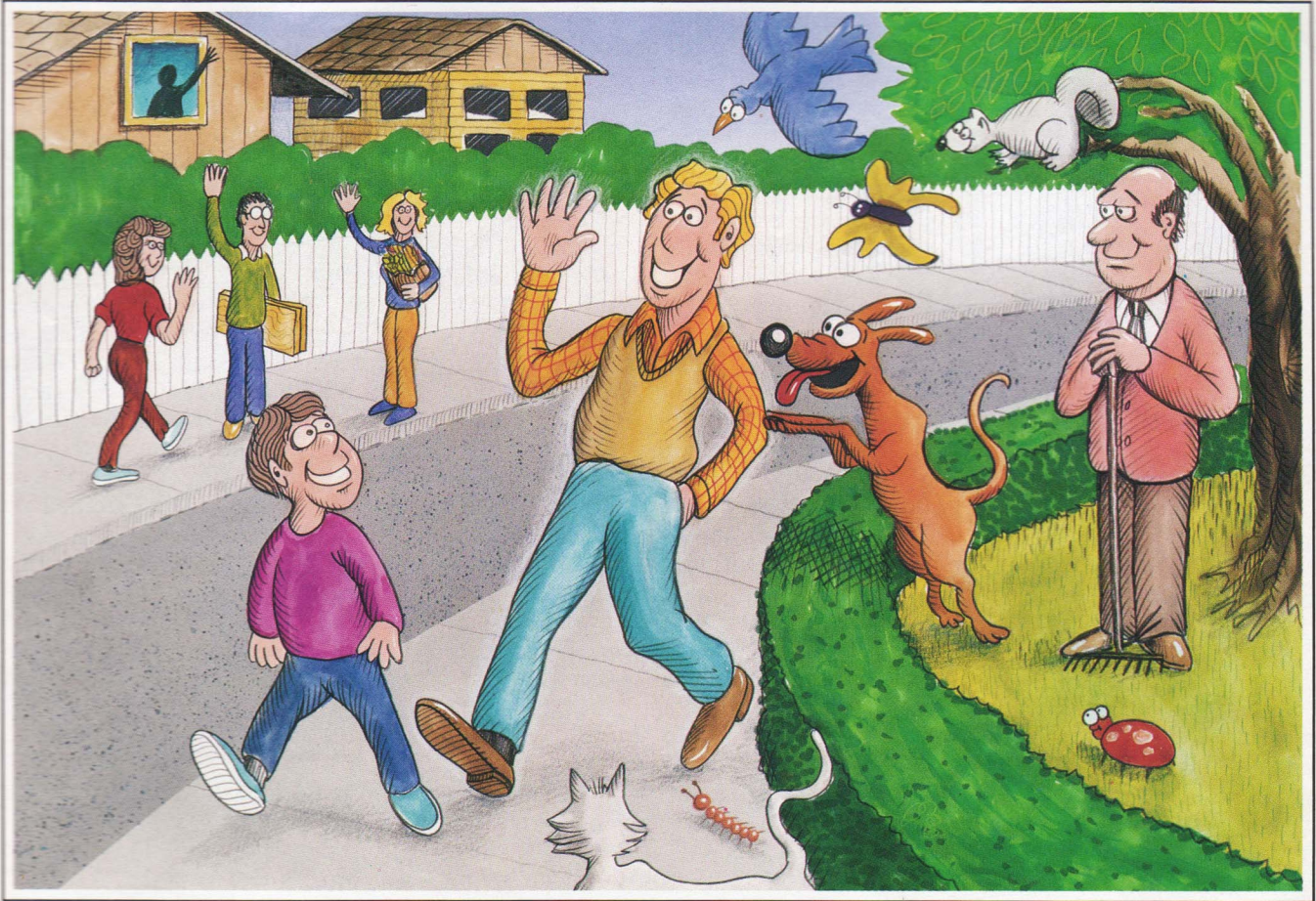


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'So You Want to Be Popular...'

By Rick L. Shallenberger

Do you ever feel left out? What does it take to be in the center of things?

Some people seem to be just naturally popular. Everyone enjoys being around them. We all wish we could be more like them.

These people seem to be happy and full of life most of the time. We think about

them when we're at home feeling sorry for ourselves because we're not out with the gang. They have all the friends and we feel like outcasts.

Well, if you have felt this way, there's something you can do about it.

Let's first look at motives. Why do you want to be popular?

If you desire popularity only to make yourself look good or to be accepted by the wrong crowd, then this article really won't help.

If, on the other hand, you desire to become popular because you realize that being popular means being a leader, a true friend, a good listener and a fun person to be around, then read on

Being popular means being a leader, a true friend, a good listener and a fun person to be around.

— this article is for you.

We've all heard the saying, "If you want friends, be a friend" or, "If you want friends, show yourself friendly." Sounds like sound advice. So you ask, "What do I do to show myself friendly?"

Let's take it one step at a time. Think of someone you consider friendly and popular. What is it you notice about him or her first?

His or her smile is what usually catches your eye. A big, friendly, inviting, warm smile. A friendly person seems to have a smile for everyone.

"What good is a smile?" you ask. Well, think how many times a smile has encouraged you, brightened your day, brought you out of the dumps or just made you happy. A smile is powerful indeed.

Remember Clayton Steep's article (May, *Youth* 84) about being happy? He said to try, as your goal, to make someone smile. Well, you certainly have to be friendly to do this.

Remember that most people will not smile unless you smile first. So, take the first step and have a big genuine smile for everyone.

Practice encouragement

What else do you notice about your popular friends? You probably rarely hear them say anything negative about others. Instead, they try to always encourage others. In sports, for example, the friendly person doesn't make fun of the one with the least ability on the team, but helps him or her develop playing skills.

After all, think back when you were younger and someone helped you develop your basic skills.

Were you born being an athletic star? Were you born knowing how to dance, sing, play an instrument or write poetry? Obviously not. You had to be taught these skills by patient, encouraging teachers.

A leader, a person who is popular, realizes this and takes the time to teach others. When there is a short girl on your volleyball team, for example, encourage her to become the best backcourt player.

I know one high school girl who is rather short and plays volleyball extremely well. She decided she wouldn't let her size deter her from playing. She is one of the strongest players on the team. Why? Partly because her friends, who are leaders, encouraged her and gave her the support she needed.

For you young men, I know a college student, 5 feet 10 inches (1.78 meters) tall, who can slam dunk a basketball. He, too, was encouraged when he was young.

What about you? A leader — a popular person — will encourage others. Wouldn't you feel good knowing you helped someone develop his or her skills? It's better than picking on someone, and then realizing that it is partly your fault that the person has an inferiority complex.

Be a leader. When others are picking on someone, don't join in. If you say anything, say something encouraging. Instead of making fun — make a friend.

Be a fun person

Another attribute you notice about friendly people — they and their friends always seem to have fun. When I was younger, I always wanted to be included in the "in" crowd. I often complained to my father and asked him what I could do to become popular.

He told me not to worry about the other group. If I wanted to be a leader and be popular, my friends and I should always be

sure we had fun, no matter what we were doing.

He told me to make mine a fun group, and he guaranteed that within a year or so, my friends and I would be considered the "in" crowd. I admit I was skeptical, but I took his advice and — you guessed it — he was right!

My friends and I weren't concerned with dating so much as getting everyone involved in group activities. Slowly but surely, most of the young people in our church came to our group.

We didn't care how silly or childish our activities seemed to others. We had fun and so did all those with us. We quickly became popular leaders. I realized then how right Dad was! (Don't tell him, but I got to thinking that maybe I should have listened to him more!)

Be an idea person

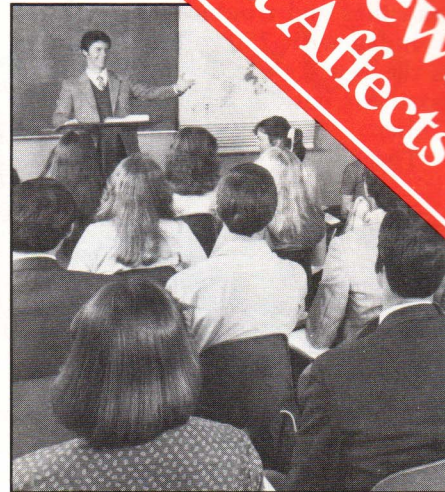
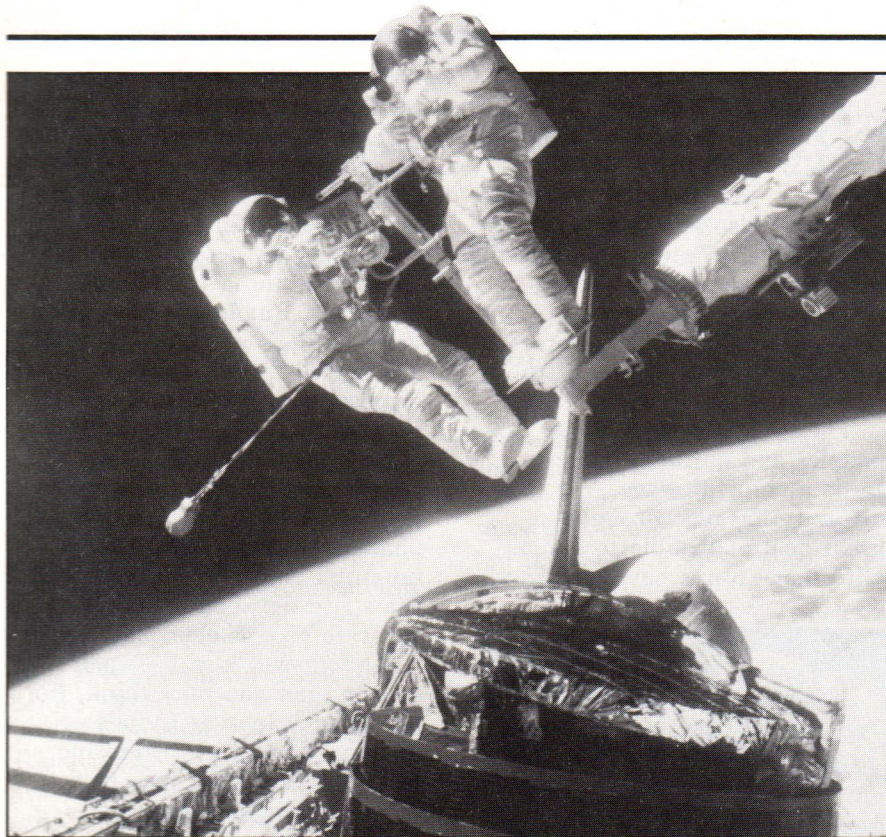
What else should you do to become popular?

Accept everyone! Don't make anyone an outcast. As you become more popular and have more and more friends, the tendency is to start being picky. *You* decide who will be in *your* group and all others will be outcasts.

But this will make you just the kind of leader you don't want to be — surrounding yourself with certain people to make yourself look better. Accept everyone — make everyone your friend. Always leave the door open for others to come into your friendly group.

Invite people over. Ask your parents to help you organize a beach party, pool party, potluck dinner, a picnic, a camp-out or numerous other activities. Come up with different ways to get teenagers in your area together. Talk to your minister or youth counselor; they will have several good ideas for you.

A final word of caution. Don't brag, boast or put yourself above others. A true leader is humble, not conceited. By serving and helping others, you will develop the right kind of popularity. □



Dale Gardner and Joseph Allen IV joke with the rest of the space shuttle crew. Could your teacher soon be a part of that crew?

Your Teacher's Ticket to Space?

• Could one of your teachers soon be traveling on the space shuttle?

If you live in the United States or one of its territories, the answer could be yes. President Ronald Reagan announced in August that a schoolteacher would be the first "citizen passenger" to circle the earth in the space shuttle.

Although other nonmilitary people have flown on the shuttle, they have been a part of the crew, assigned specific tasks. The job of this special teacher, on the other hand, will be to enjoy the trip and tell everyone on earth what outer space is like.

On July 4, American Independence Day, 10 finalists will be selected. The

teacher-astronaut and an alternate will be chosen in September. This landmark flight is scheduled to take place in early 1986.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) began digging through the tens of thousands of applications this month looking for teachers who are intelligent, creative and eloquent.

Eloquent? Since when is that necessary for space flight? Since the winning candidate will be sent on a national speaking tour following the voyage. Exceptional speaking and writing skills will be essential.

In their applications, candidates will need to explain with great imagination and

feeling why they want to go into space, what they'll do if they get there and how they will share that experience with others.

NASA and other science organizations hope the program will stir public interest in space exploration projects.

"I think that, after a quarter of a century, the time has been reached when there ought to be some specific payoff the public can relate to," Dr. Thomas Rogers, adviser to the National Academy of Sciences, told *Space World* magazine. "And one of those things is putting citizens in space. We need more ordinary people up there [not just] more scientists, pilots and navigators." — *By Robert C. Taylor* □

India: At the Crossroads

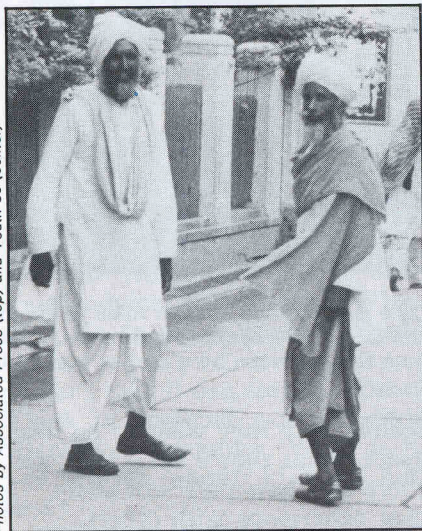
• It seems that the world only thinks about India when there's trouble there. Last autumn's assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi brought India to the front page again. But there is much more to India than its

Shuttle photo courtesy of NASA; classroom by Warren Watson

tragedies and troubles.

India, with 750 million people, is the world's second most populous nation, second only to China.

The culture of India is an old



Photos by Associated Press (top) and Youth 85 (center)

and rich one. Several Eastern religions — Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism — began in India, and the Muslims, who invaded centuries ago, have also left their mark. Among the Hindus are different castes and subcastes, adding to the diversity. The land is covered by the ornate temples, shrines and monuments of these faiths.

The great diversity of its peoples and cultures makes India a colorful place. Yet this diversity has also brought a great deal of trouble to India. Different groups have, at times,

riots that followed, more than a thousand Indians died.

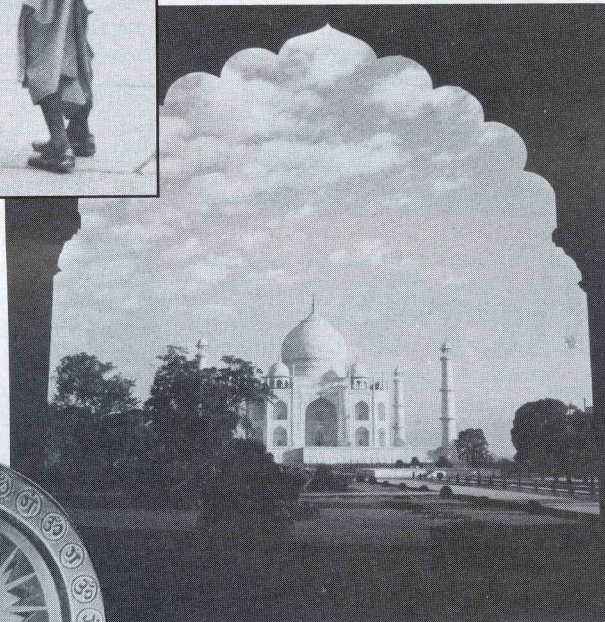
Yet, for all its troubles, India is emerging as a world power. India is now the world's seventh largest industrial economy.

Feeding its people has been another of India's perpetual problems. But in the past 20 years, India's grain production has doubled, and is now increasing at a rate greater than its population growth.

Still, Rajiv Gandhi, Mrs. Gandhi's son and India's new prime minister, faces many challenges. Will India's great potential ever be reached? Will the strife between its many separate groups ever end?

The answer is yes — and sooner than you may think. For an advance look at India's — and the world's — promising future, request the free book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*. — By Colleen Dixon □

India's many faces: Two Sikhs pause in Amritsar (top), their holiest city. The Taj Mahal (right) was built nearly 400 years ago by a Muslim ruler. Pilgrims (bottom) worship the god Ganesh.



clashed violently. The assassination of Mrs. Gandhi caused an example of this.

The violence had been brewing for some time. Some Sikhs were calling for an independent Sikh state. A few of them turned the holiest Sikh temple into an armed fortress.

Last summer, Mrs. Gandhi, a Hindu, sent the army into the temple to restore order, an action that offended some Sikhs. Apparently in revenge, two Sikhs assassinated Mrs. Gandhi last October. Many of the nation's Hindus began taking revenge on other Sikhs. In the

Test Drive the Future

• As soon as you say your password and buckle up, the on-board computer fires up the engine, adjusts the seat position, radio volume and temperature to your liking and displays a video readout of vital data. You establish communications with a satellite orbiting overhead to determine your route.

Sound like you're sitting in the cockpit of a powerful jet fighter or in television's electronic wonder car, KITT? No, it's a look ahead to the year 1990 with you in the driver's seat of an ordinary car!

The wonders that automotive engineers have in store include

What will the cars of tomorrow be like? That's what this designer is trying to decide as he turns an idea into the form of a clay model.

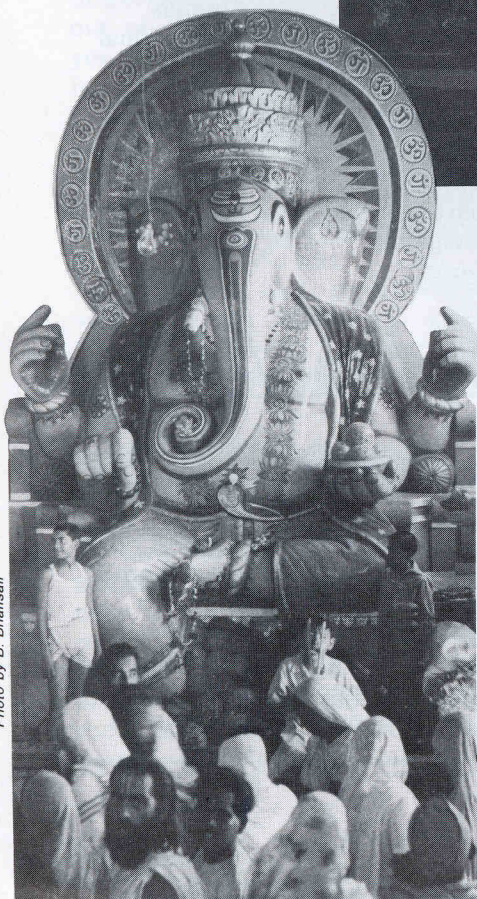


Photo by B. Bhansali

navigation by satellite, fuel efficiency two to three times better than today and instrument panels resembling those in airliner cockpits. The cars of tomorrow will come equipped with the products of today's electronic revolution.

Says David Hollis, executive designer at General Motors, "Cars will probably still have all four wheels, but the differences, the improvements, will be dramatic."

For instance, imagine not having to fold and unfold a map again. Some models of the future will pick up signals from satellites and show your location on a computer map. Chrysler plans to offer this system for about \$500 before 1988.

The computer can also tell the driver about possible mechanical problems before they happen. It can compute the best time for changing oil, servicing brakes and other basic maintenance. Several auto companies already offer some of these features, including a computerized system that helps prevent spins on ice or snow.

Sonar warning systems will warn of any object that gets too close to your car while driving, helping cut down on collisions. Some Toyotas in Japan already have sonar.

At first, these electronics will appear only on luxury cars. But by the year 2000, companies hope they will be standard on most cars. — *By Jeff Zhorne* □

Earthscrapers Going Up (Or Is That Down?)

• Sometimes living in a large city can be the pits. The traffic noise, neighbors who share their music — right through your bedroom walls — until 1 a.m. and jet planes that use your home as a critical landmark to fly over, can make life pretty miserable. It can make you want to go off and live in a cave.

Some people have done just that! An estimated 6,000 underground homes have been built in the United States alone. These buried buildings are also popular in Canada, Europe — especially Scandinavia — and Asia.

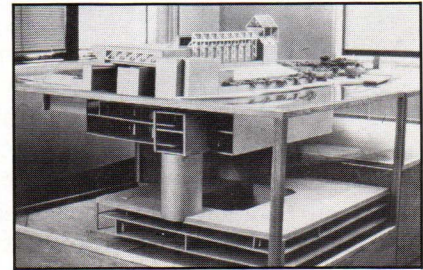
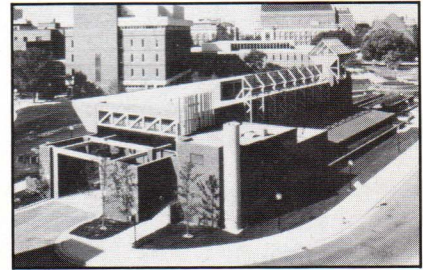
Because of the need for reinforced building materials, costs for underground housing can be higher than above-ground construction. But those who support underground housing say it has much more going for it than against it.

They say that underground homes blend into the environment, they do not suffer in high winds or exterior fires, and they maintain constant, year-round temperatures — a great energy saver.

Overall, there's less upkeep involved — no more exterior repainting, but you may have to mow your roof every now and then.

But underground buildings are not just limited to the home market. The newly completed \$16.7 million Civil and Mineral Engineering Building at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis is proof of the attractiveness of underground structures.

This award-winning building rises only 20 feet (6 meters) above the surface. The rest of the



Photos courtesy University of Minnesota; car by Nathan Faulkner

From the street this building (top) at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis doesn't look too out of the ordinary. But there's more to it than it seems. The model (bottom) shows it is mostly underground!

building — about 95 percent of it — descends 110 feet (33 meters) below the ground creating a 10-story "earthscraper" — a skyscraper that headed the other way.

Far from being a dark, dank cave, the structure uses a novel series of lenses and mirrors to project three-dimensional views of the street all the way to the bottom floor.

In addition, two mirrors on the roof follow the sun throughout the day and bounce light down a shaft to light offices underground.

One thing is for sure, officials at the University of Minnesota are convinced that underground buildings can be attractive as well as functional. We might soon be seeing many underground buildings going up. Or is it down? — *By Dan Taylor* □



A Hobby With Unexpected Returns

By Robert C. Taylor

Stick throwing may not sound like a great hobby. But when the stick is a boomerang, it can provide unexpected entertainment.

This Australian pastime originated with the aborigines (native Australians). They discovered that flat, curved sticks sometimes traveled in fascinating patterns when thrown. By altering the shape of a stick, they found it would travel farther or, in some cases, even return to the thrower.

Not all boomerangs are designed to come back. The aboriginal hunting stick can travel in a straight line for up to 200 yards (180 meters) — about twice as far as a man could throw a spear. The hunting stick is longer and heavier than a returning boomerang and can deal a fatal blow to a game animal.

Hobby catches on

For Australians, the making and throwing of returning boomerangs is now a nationwide hobby featuring national and international throwing compe-

titions. Even though boomerangs are traditionally an Australian plaything, they can now be found in many countries around the world. Numerous sporting-goods stores and mail-order companies sell them as novelty items.

Boomerang feats can be surprising: Robbie Croll of Victoria, Australia, made a record 653 consecutive catches. Peter Ruhf, an American, kept a boomerang in the air for 1 minute 35 seconds, catching the boomerang and setting the maximum-time-aloft record.

With a throw measuring 125 yards (114 meters), he also holds the world's record for the longest outward distance with an accurate return.

A few daring boomerang experts have captured boomerangs while blindfolded.

Barnaby Ruhe, a member of the United States Boomerang Team, likes to entertain spectators by knocking an apple off his own head! (These dangerous stunts are not recommended for experts, let alone beginners.)

How it works

The boomerang's flight is mysterious and amazing. It seems to defy laws of nature as it soars in a broad sweeping circle to land back at its starting point. Actually, the boomerang performs this way *because* of natural laws.

One side of the boomerang is flat. The other side, which could be considered the top, is slightly rounded.

As the boomerang spins, air must travel faster and farther to get around the curved side. This creates a vacuum that draws the boomerang upward and to the left. The spin also gives the stability necessary for a predictable flight path.

Not all returning boomerangs are created equal. Some fly well, others do not. Minor variation in size, curvature and shape can make a big difference. A common size is 15 to 18 inches (38 to 46 centimeters) long with a 70- to 110-degree curve angle.

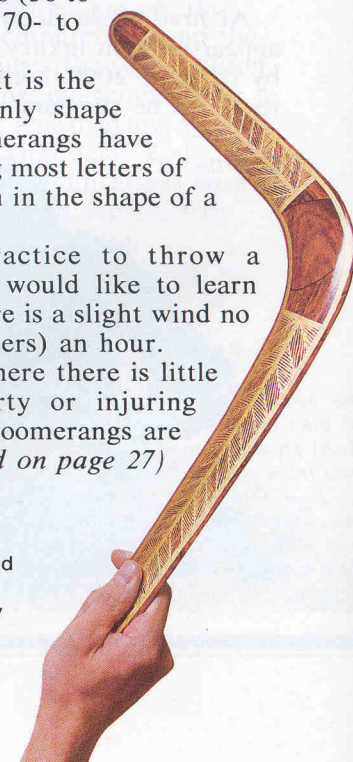
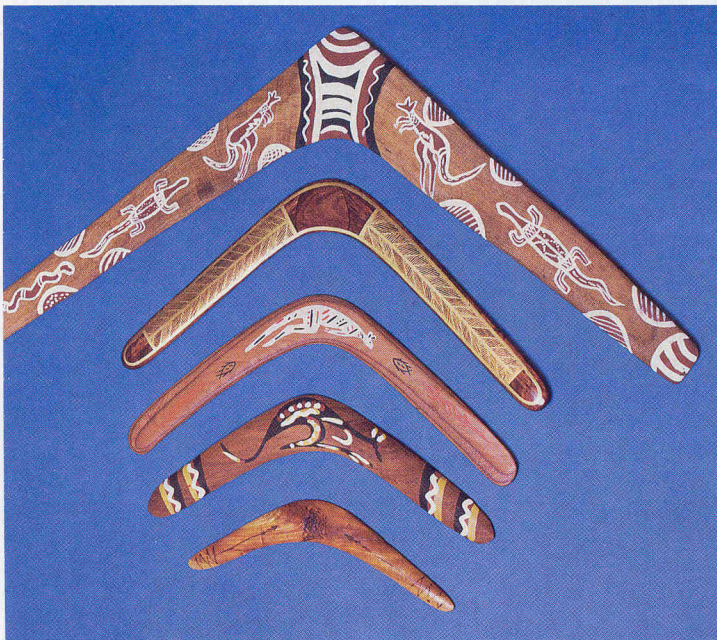
The elbow shape, though it is the most common, is not the only shape that works. Returning boomerangs have been made in shapes matching most letters of the English alphabet and even in the shape of a kangaroo!

It requires a lot of practice to throw a boomerang properly. If you would like to learn how, wait for a day when there is a slight wind no more than 5 miles (8 kilometers) an hour.

Find a large open space where there is little chance of damaging property or injuring people. Although returning boomerangs are

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Left: Besides being a popular Australian pastime, boomerangs can also be an art form! Right: Hold a boomerang like this before releasing it with a flick. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)





START EARLY TO GUARANTEE CAREER SUCCESS

By Bill Butler

Here's an employer's advice.

“What kind of career will I have? Will I earn a good income and be able to afford what I need and want?”

You might be facing these important questions now.

Perhaps you need a job now to earn money for clothes, summer camp, a car, college, travel.

Or you're thinking long-range about getting married. Marriage

takes a lot of money! Saving ahead is important for both men and women. And getting established in a career is vitally necessary for the men planning to support a family.

Today, though, the world of work — and, too often, the world of unemployment — can seem overwhelming to a newcomer.

How can you avoid the trap of unemployment? How can you work toward a career that will

pay well and give you a sense of fulfillment?

These questions can't be fully answered in one article. But we can list some points that will guarantee, no matter what career you choose, that you will make an employer happy. And that is a guarantee of career success, because the boss is the one who hires and gives raises and promotions!

Since the employer is the one

you have to impress, both to be hired and to advance on your job, ask yourself some questions: What will the boss want in me as an employee? and, How can I learn to work for an employer in the way he or she would like?

As an employer [Editor's note: Mr. Butler has 550 people working under him, 100 of them teenagers], there are certain things I look for. Most employers want their employees to have these traits.

What are they? They are the same qualities you want in your friends. More important, these are things God wants us to develop.

These are the qualities that will help you get along with anybody. You don't need to wait until you have a college education or years

of experience to get them, either. These traits can be summed up in a single word — *character*.

Most employers recognize the traits of good character even though they may not use that term.

Character helps you work well with your boss, and other employees, in a consistent, dependable way. You will perform your job well — all the time — not just when you are in a good mood or when the boss is looking. For this reason, your boss will trust you. Let's look at some aspects of character.

Honesty — a necessity

One of the things a boss values most in employees is honesty.

Make honesty a part of your character by practicing it daily in

school, on your summer jobs or with your family and friends. Go out of your way to be honest even in the smallest things. If you make a promise, even a casual one, put forth every effort to keep it.

Unfortunately, honesty is not a common trait among most people today. Two forms of dishonesty are often seen in the work environment. One is deliberate — such as lying, stealing and cheating. The other is more subtle — laziness, loafing on the job or using work time for personal affairs.

Learn to be totally honest in all of your ways — all of the time. Your boss will notice it on the job and, more important, God will notice it and bless you.

Work hard

Another thing every boss likes is a hard worker.

In order to keep a good job, you must produce for the boss and the company. One of the greatest enemies to getting things done is unnecessary personal talking. Some people work hard when alone, but when working with others they talk much of the time and accomplish little.

This doesn't mean you cannot enjoy small talk in a way that doesn't interfere with your work. But avoid getting into long conversations about what you did the previous night or the latest movie you saw.

With experience, you'll learn how much you can afford to talk without appearing unfriendly or taking away from your job. If you're in doubt, it's better to work than talk.

Always be on time

Bosses notice employees who come to work on time — or even a few minutes early. Your boss will value your punctuality.

Avoid the annoying habit of being late. Those who work with you are affected when you are late because this makes it difficult for them to do their job.

Being absent from work is even worse. We all get sick now and
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The Extra Mile

You may not have realized it, but building roads and planning a career have something in common.

Imagine what would happen if the people who build the roads didn't have a plan for achieving their massive task. Can you imagine the confusion?

They would run out of some important materials too fast, but would have far more than they need of other supplies. Roads would end in the middle of nowhere for lack of funds.

In some places roads would sink into marshes or softer ground. Some roads would make sharp turns around people's property, or go right through someone's front yard.

To avoid all these problems, it takes a lot of preparation. It takes the same type of preparation to plan your career.

One vitally important part of career planning that many people overlook has to do with our approach to the employer.

There are two ways you can work for someone. One is the give way — asking, "What can I

do for my employer?" This way you are a help to your employer — the company prospers.

The other way asks, "What can my company do for me?" Those who follow this get way are actually working against the employer.

Jesus Christ gave an example to show how to apply the give way. In His day, by law Roman soldiers could ask the local people to carry their equipment and supplies. As you can imagine, this wasn't popular with the people.

But Jesus said, "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" (Matthew 5:41, New International Version). If we should do twice as much without even being paid, how much more should we do when we are receiving a paycheck?

So, just as others plan for a good road system, take time now to plan your approach to your career and your employer. Build that extra mile of road for your boss. — *By Nathan T. Faulkner* □

'Six Months That Changed My Life'

By Lynn Marshall

Her mom's challenge seemed like a good idea. But what would Cathy think after six months?

Cathy was 18 when she met Don. She had finished high school and had been working for almost a year.

Cathy and Don hit it off so well — they seemed right for each other in every way. The parents on both sides were for the marriage.

When Cathy asked her mother one evening whether she had *any* reservations about her marrying, her mother replied: "No. But there is one thing I'd like you to do first. I would like you to take over the complete running of this house for six months. Then I'll be happy about it."

Accepting the challenge

That first Monday, Cathy worked like she had not worked before. She got up early in the morning to prepare a nutritious breakfast for her father and her younger brothers and sisters who ranged from age 16 down to age 6. Then she had to quickly make wholesome school lunches and a lunch for her dad to eat at the office. Her mother slept in — a thing that Cathy hadn't known her to do.

By 10 a.m., Cathy had cleaned up the kitchen, made her youngest sister's bed and was halfway through the washing, which she felt resembled a small mountain.

Her mother appeared looking refreshed and dressed ready for her first golf lesson — another thing Cathy hadn't known her to

do. It was her mother's first serious hobby since marriage. With so many children close together, there hadn't been time for things other than running the household and the 1,001 jobs a busy mother and wife has to do.

After school, Cathy drove two of her sisters to music practice, one brother to a tennis lesson and another to the dentist. She

Of course, it didn't quite turn out as well as her mother's meals, but Cathy just tried harder the next time, realizing that practice makes perfect. All the while, she was in the enviable position of having her mother close by to check with and to ask, "What went wrong, and why?"

Also, she remembered her many helpful classes on nutrition



Cathy took special care now that the home was her responsibility. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

thought to herself: This is just like being a taxi driver. And I don't even get paid for it!

After the lessons and the dentist, it was back home to prepare dinner. Cathy cooked a three-course meal and tried to present it as nicely as she had seen her mother do.

and was thankful that she had kept the cookbooks she had used in class, marked with explanations.

After a week of this routine,

By the end of the second week, Cathy felt she was slowly mastering the details of running a home.

Cathy wondered why she was so tired. By the end of the second week, though, Cathy felt a growing sense of accomplishment. She felt she was slowly, but surely, mastering the details of running a home.

Trial by error

True, there had been several occasions when her inexperience had shown through. Somehow, despite all the theory she had learned at school and the many years she had seen her mother do things, when it came to putting it all into practice, things were a little different.

She had learned about the various fabrics at school, but somehow that didn't prevent her from putting a large scorch mark on her father's best white shirt.



Then there was the time the roast had been seared outside and raw in the middle. The family had been so understanding.

The one thing that was most confusing to Cathy was the housekeeping money. She was given the same amount as her mother, but somehow she

couldn't manage to make it go as far.

At first she concluded that by nature she was more wasteful than her mother. But by the end of her six-month training period, the household money was going just as far.

After the six months her mother said: "Well, Cathy, you've done a wonderful job running the household. We'll be so happy to go ahead with wedding arrangements for you!"

Cathy replied: "Thanks, Mom,



Stretching the family food budget by clipping coupons, and caring for the family's clothes — these are just two of the challenges of running a home. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)

but you don't need to rush.

I'm still planning on marrying Don, *but not yet.*"

Cathy married — but at age 22. She first returned to her former job and worked long enough to save for some extensive traveling — gaining experiences that held her in good stead and settled her before her marriage.

Cathy and Don's marriage was a success. Their first year of marriage was relaxing because she was well prepared for it.

Cathy's situation obviously was an ideal one. She took over a household that was well run and she had her mother's good example and advice to follow. She had a ready-made family to practice on.

What can you do?

We can't all take six months off work like Cathy. However, if you are unemployed for a while after leaving school, why not take over the complete running of the house for a few weeks? It will do wonders for your mother and at the same time you will be helping prepare yourself.

If you aren't out of school yet, why not cook a meal for the whole family once a week or month? Or take over the home-making during vacations. This way you can begin to get in some practice with your mother close at hand to ask if something is not turning out the way the recipe book says it should.

What if you're an only child? One girl I know in this situation spends part of her school vacations with a family of seven children. She helps care for the children, and in so doing gains valuable child-training experience.

She also cares for the baby. Later on when she is married and her own baby makes its first noise, she won't panic and think it's taking its last breath — as many inexperienced young mothers do! She will also have an idea of the different cries, that of hunger, attention and discomfort.

On top of that, her help is a marvelous assistance for a mother whose time is constantly sapped by seven children all under the age of 13!

Why don't you take the challenge and prepare ahead of time for being a wife and mother? Then you'll feel much more confident and relaxed when you set out to establish a home of your own. □

These "picturesque pets" sent in by readers were awarded honorable mention in the contest.

Clockwise from top left, the photographers are: Gavin Best, age 16, from Cecil Park, Australia; Damon Danner, age 14, from Edwardsville, Kansas; Tom Peterman, age 16, from Pewaukee, Wisconsin; Janna Kisse, age 11, from Big Sandy, Texas; and Peter Otholt, age 16, from Belton, Texas.

More Pets on Parade





Let's Hear It for the Ears!

By David E. Harris

Here's an incredibly advanced sound system so small you can wear it on the side of your head!

The explosion was so loud, it was heard 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) away!

When the Krakatoa volcano erupted in 1883, 5 cubic miles of rock were hurled high into the air with a horrendous roar.

That roar demonstrates the amazing range of the human ear. Because not only could human ears on nearby islands withstand the awesome shock, but people thousands of miles away could also detect a faint rumbling.

Few organs of the body accomplish so much in as little space as the ear. If an engineer could design and construct an ear, he would have to squeeze an advanced sound system into roughly 1 cubic inch (16 cubic centimeters).

This system would have to include: a wide-band signal analyzer, a multichannel electrome-

chanical transducer, a matching transformer, a mobile amplifier and switching system, a delicate hydraulic balancing system and a two-way signal system!

If such a miracle of microminiaturization were accomplished, it is doubtful it would even come close to the fabulous performance of the human ear. Let's examine some facts about this amazing sensory organ.

An incredible range

Our ears respond to loudness in a way that allows us to hear an incredible range. Without this ability, the ear would easily be damaged by loud sounds and would not be sensitive enough to hear very faint sounds.

How is it possible to hear such a wide range? Basically, this works because for a sound to seem twice as loud, the intensity must be not just doubled, but squared (multiplied by itself).

Look at some examples of what this means. If we were to measure

the energy or sound intensity of a soft whisper and then say that this equaled one, then the intensity of normal conversation would be 10,000. The intensity of heavy traffic would be 1,000,000,000 and that of a nearby airplane engine, 1,000,000,000,000.

If we likened the sound energy of that soft whisper to 6 inches (15 centimeters) of distance, then the loudest sound intensity that the human ear could hear without hurting would be equal to the distance to the sun!

In its most sensitive region, the eardrum can detect sound levels so small that they cause it to vibrate less than the diameter of a hydrogen atom or less than a wavelength of light!

Another important thing the ear allows us to do is to concentrate on what a friend is saying while ignoring the noise of a crowd around us. We can do this because the human ear can locate where a sound is coming from. It is extremely sensitive to

small differences in the arrival of sound and, working with the brain, can at the same time suppress or ignore sounds we are not interested in.

Our hearing mechanism continues to work with amazing efficiency even while we sleep. The brain continues to process sounds received by the ear. These sounds are interpreted and selected in such a way that a person can sleep soundly through noisy traffic or even the roar of a nearby airport, but awake promptly at the ringing of an alarm clock.

How it works

How does the ear work? When sound waves enter the outer ear, they travel through the ear canal to the eardrum. The outer ear helps amplify the sound, and the pressures of these sound waves cause the eardrum to vibrate.

The eardrum passes these vibrations to the bones of the middle ear — the hammer, anvil and stirrup. They are held together by delicate muscles and connective tissues that cushion the inner ear from the vibrations of loud sounds.

The eustachian tube, which connects to the middle ear, acts as a pressure-relief valve to maintain equal air pressure on both sides of the eardrum.

The tiny, pea-sized cochlea, in the inner ear, receives the vibrations next. It is filled with liquid and also contains 30,000 microscopic hair cells that play a part in transforming the vibrations into electrochemical impulses. These impulses then travel along the auditory nerve to the brain at close to the speed of light.

Finally, the brain decodes the volume, pitch, tone and arrival time from both ears to locate and identify the incoming sound waves.

Through hearing and talking, man is able to communicate. The ear warns us of

Are You Damaging Your Ears?

As amazing as the ear is, it can only take so much. The delicate sound-detecting hairs of the inner ear can be easily destroyed by loud sounds. The fewer of these fibers the ear has, the harder it is for the ear to pick up sound.

In times past, the hearing loss that this causes showed up only as we grew older. But doctors have noticed a surprising amount of hearing loss among young people. For example, a study at the University of Tennessee found that 60 percent of the university's freshmen had a significant hearing loss — nearly double the number from the year before.

In our noisy, modern world, this loss can have hundreds of different causes — everything from subways to hair dryers. The problem is that the process is painless and its effects usually go unnoticed until the

damage has already been done.

How can you protect yourself? Hearing specialists suggest these steps:

- If you know you will be exposed to loud sounds — like when using a power lawn mower — wear protective headphones or earplugs.

- If you own a portable earphone stereo, be wary of how high you turn up the volume. Most personal stereos can produce sounds above 120 decibels. Damage to the ear can begin at 85 decibels. Hearing specialists in your area may be able to test your personal stereo to help you find safe volume levels.

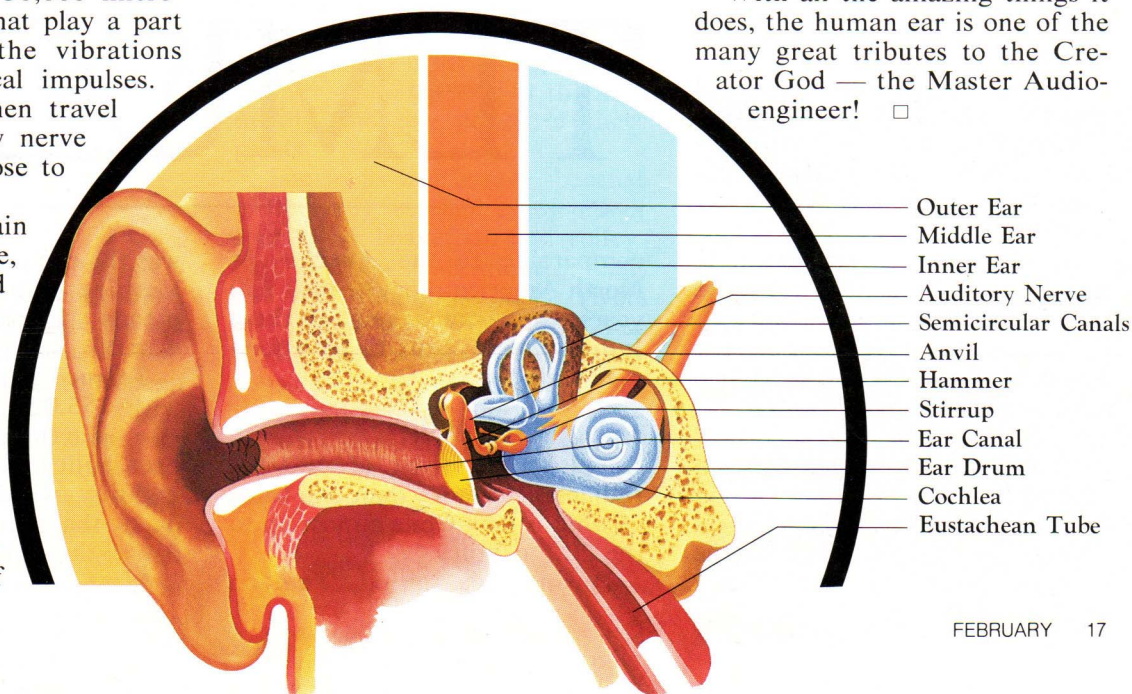
- Have your hearing tested regularly to discover any problems before they cause great damage. For young people, a test every two years is recommended. — *By Lowell Wagner Jr.* □

danger. Is it possible for something as remarkable and complex as an ear to develop by accident?

Our ability to hear is only a

small part of the whole creation, and we have only looked at one function of the ear — hearing. Did you know that your ear also gives you your sense of balance?

With all the amazing things it does, the human ear is one of the many great tributes to the Creator God — the Master Audio-engineer! □



How would you like to live in a country where there are more than 100 volcanoes?

Chile is just such a country. Fortunately, the volcanoes seldom erupt and cause damage.

Chile is on the lower west coast of South America. Although Chile averages less than 110 miles (176 kilometers) wide, it's more than 2,600 miles (4,160 kilometers) long. That means Chile could reach from Los Angeles, California, to Washington, D.C., or from London to Cairo!

About 10 percent of the world's copper is mined in Chile. Forestry, agriculture, fishing and stock breeding are also important industries. Spanish is the main language for Chile's 11 million people.

Fanny Figueroa, 17, is from Temuco, Chile, about 400 miles (640 kilometers) south of the nation's capital, Santiago.

By Fanny Figueroa

Most people reading this article have probably not heard of a place called Temuco, Chile, where I live. Yet it is an interesting city with breathtaking scenery and a colorful history.

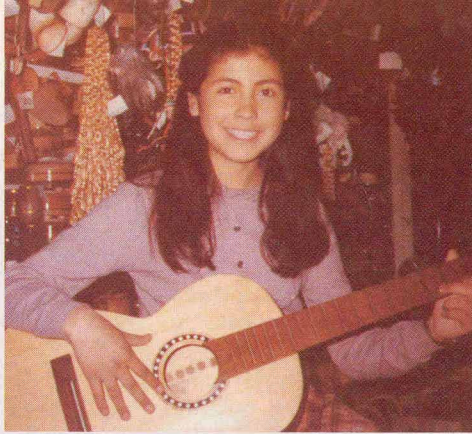
It was in this spot that the last Indian battles were fought in the Americas.

What's it like to live in one of the few places in the Western Hemisphere where ancient Indian civilization mingles with the hub-bub of modern society? It is a tale worth telling.

To better understand the answer to the question, a glimpse into history will be of value.

In the mid-1500s, when the Spanish conquistadors arrived in Chile, they were not prepared for the strong Indian resistance they met. After all, far greater Indian empires in Mexico and Peru had fallen in a matter of years.

In Chile they encountered the fiercest Indians anywhere, only



What's It Like to Be a TEMUCO,

comparable to the Apaches of North America. For the next 350 years, the Araucanians, as these Indians were called, withstood every attack.

The Indian capital

This brave tribe of 300,000 Indians held more than one third of what is now Chile almost up to the 20th century.

During this period, Temuco

was the capital of the Araucanian Empire. The name *Temuco* means "a place of trees and water."

Temuco is now a thriving city with 155,000 inhabitants. High-rise apartment buildings have been built and the Pan-American highway, which goes from Canada to the southern tip of Chile, passes through Temuco.

Most people do not realize how



From left: Fanny Figueroa demonstrates Chile's most popular musical instrument. Santiago, the nation's bustling capital. By contrast, a horse-drawn carriage in Los Andes, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of Santiago. Below, downtown Temuco. (Center and right photos by Thomas H. Williams; others, Mario Seiglie)



Teen in CHILE?

far south Temuco actually is. It is in line with the southernmost cities in Australia! So, we too are on the bottom of the world. But, as you can see, this does not mean we write upside down!

During nine months of the year it is rainy and cold, but this makes the countryside green and beautiful. Because of the many lakes, forests and snowcapped mountains, this area is known to

many as the South American Switzerland. There are three towering volcanoes nearby, but only one, named Villarica, gives off a harmless (so far!) snort now and then.

Many German settlers have come in the last hundred years, attracted by surroundings similar to their mountain homeland. Their German- and Swiss-style chalets are a common sight in Temuco.

The ski resorts nearby draw many European tourists who come when it's summer there, but winter here. Other attractions include trout fishing and rafting down excellent rapids. This area is one of the few places where there are forests unexplored and untouched by man.

However, there is a large-scale lumber industry around Temuco. Because of this, there are vigorous reforestation projects to plant one new tree for every one cut down. We want to keep the Switzerland of the Americas beautiful!

The Indians bring their beautiful quilts, wool sweaters and polished wood products to a huge market every week. People from all over come because of the high quality and low prices of these goods.

The teens in Temuco, because of the rainy weather, enjoy indoor sports like basketball and volleyball. In the warmer months, teens use the numerous pools, rivers and lakes for swimming. Also popular are soccer, which many consider to be the national pastime, and cycle racing.

After finishing high school, many teens apply for university,

but only a few are accepted. Many of those who aren't accepted go to a trade school instead.

The universities in Chile are especially difficult. It is not uncommon for students to have 30 hours of classes each week!

The busy schedule allows no time for a part-time job. They have to study almost all day.

Unfortunately, there are few jobs available even for those who complete university training. The economy is ailing and unemployment is high.

Family life

Music and dancing play an important part in our life-style. The *cueca* is the most popular dance and is similar to square dancing. Almost everyone plays either the guitar or the Indian flute.

Families here are very close. They will often get together to play guitars and sing familiar songs. We enjoy eating together, playing cards, watching American television shows (dubbed in Spanish) and good conversations.

Teenage life is pleasant and clean in this faraway land, somewhat isolated from the ravages of drugs, crime and the violence of modern society.

As you can see, Temuco is quite tame now, but it is a place worth remembering. Temuco is a constant reminder of a past civilization that here, in the "place of trees and water," made its last stand. □



A variety of Indian handicrafts on display in a Temuco shop. (Photo by Mario Seiglie)

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The Gift Everyone Can Give

Most of us have said, at one time or another, "If only I had more time!" Or, "We need more than 24 hours in a day." Benjamin Franklin said time is "of all things the most precious."

Since time is such a valuable commodity, giving your time to another person can be one of the most valuable gifts of all. If you want to give a gift to someone — a friend, your parents, a neighbor — but don't have much money, consider giving the gift that can be even more precious.

Here are some simple, everyday ways to save another

person's time by giving your own:

- Do the laundry for your mom. It could really help relieve her busy schedule.
- Mow the lawn for your dad or see if you can give him a hand with the gardening.
- Type a school assignment for a friend who cannot type as quickly as you can.
- Offer to help an elderly person with grocery shopping.
- Make your sister's bed in the morning if you see she is late.
- Help your brother with his paper route when the weather turns bad.
- Offer to cook the evening meal — perhaps once a

week — to give your mom the night off.

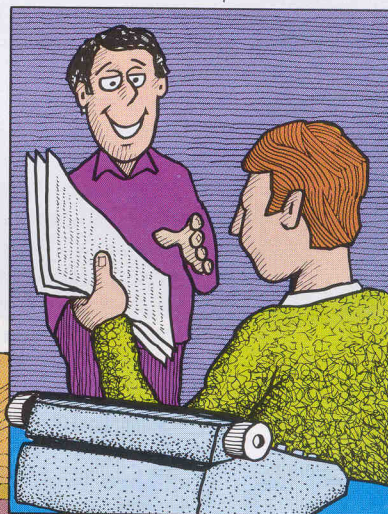
If you haven't had experience with a task, such as cooking or gardening, offer to help so you can learn how before you volunteer to take on the entire project.

For more formal gift-giving occasions, you could make gift certificates good for things like one car wash, cooking a meal or many other services. Or, instead of specific services, give certificates good for amounts of time. Try making a whole book of them with coupons that can

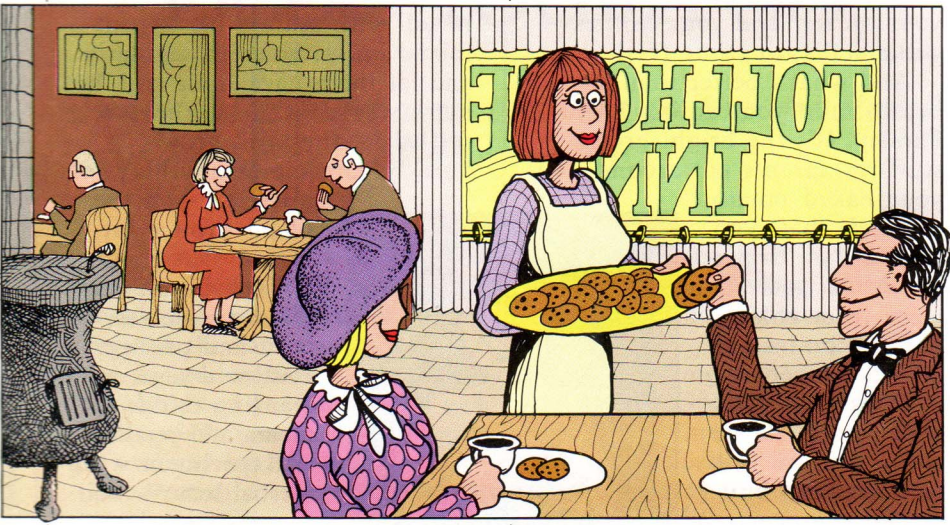
be torn out when the person needs some extra time. This kind of gift can get a lot more use than many other gifts.

You'll be surprised at how much time you can save another person — and surprised at how much appreciation will greet your thoughtfulness! —

By Janet Eddington □



In our busy world, there's one gift everyone can use. And the great thing about it is its price — free!



The Great Cookie Accident

Imagine chocolate chip cookies — biscuits, for you non-North Americans — hot out of the oven. There's nothing that can beat the chocolate chewiness and nutty crunchiness of this favorite American cookie.

And though they've quickly won a place in cookie jars around the world, they haven't been around all that long. It all started in 1930 when Kenneth and Ruth Wakefield bought an old house on Route 18 in Whitman, Massachusetts. Originally it had been a toll house where the horses were changed on the way from Boston to New Bedford. The Wakefields turned it into a restaurant and inn called the Toll House Inn.

Mrs. Wakefield one day added some small chunks of chocolate to the dough of her cookies. She thought the chocolate would melt and run through the cookie. Instead it stayed in small chunks.

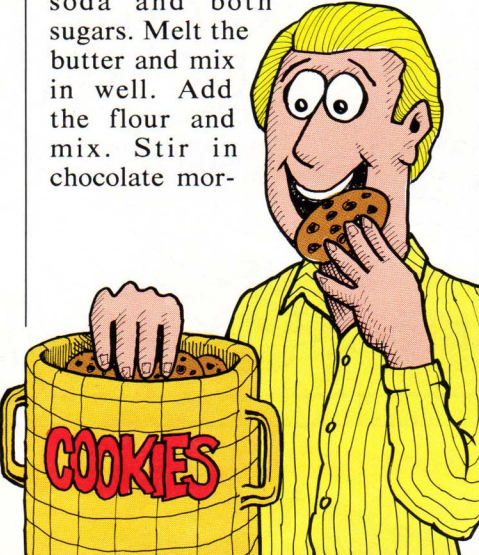
The cookies became popular with guests who dined at the Toll House Inn. It wasn't long before everyone called these

delicious cookies Toll House cookies.

The name has changed since then, but the cookies are still basically the same. Here is a version of Mrs. Wakefield's recipe that is close to the original:

- 1 cup sweet butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 eggs
- 2¼ cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups walnuts, cut in medium size pieces
- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit (190 degrees Celsius). In a large bowl mix the salt, eggs, vanilla, baking soda and both sugars. Melt the butter and mix in well. Add the flour and mix. Stir in chocolate mor-



sels and nuts.
 Drop teaspoonfuls of dough onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.
 Now munch a few while they're warm and you'll see why these cookies quickly won a home in the hearts of thousands.
 — By Mique J. Smith □

Proverbs for Today: Where There's Smoke

Mom looked at me suspiciously. "I just made a little torch to see by out here," I told her. "Remember? The porch light's burned out."

My mother smelled smoke and came out to the utility porch to check it out.

Next morning, she toured the porch again. There she found the place in the washtub where I had ground out the cigarette.

I lied about what caused the smoke. Mom punished me for the smoking, but even more so for the lying.

I remember this incident when I read Proverbs 19:5: "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape."

We never really get away with lying. One who lies has to keep lying to cover the inconsistencies that show up. And it's hard to tell the story just the same way to everyone. Like Peter, the boy trying to plug the dike with his thumb, it's hard to make a false story hold water for long.

Being truthful helps cement a relationship of trust with your parents. But if you begin to lie, your credibility will crumble. Not knowing when you are telling it straight, they won't be able to expand your privileges.

The truth has a way of coming out. If you make a mistake, it's always better to admit it than to

destroy others' trust in you as well as damaging your character. Like cigarettes, lies easily evolve into a bad habit. You'll do yourself lots of favors by always being honest.

I learned that day that cigarettes should be left alone. But I also learned that lies will be found out. Even if telling the truth hurts temporarily, it will always be your ally. It will give you a good and trusted name. —

By Jim Roberts □

Add a Touch of Spice

Anytime you want to make food taste extra special, herbs are what you turn to. And what's especially nice is that anyone can grow them.

Do you know how to make a cup of hot cocoa taste *incredible*? Chew up a leaf from a mint plant before you take a sip. Have you ever run your hand over a patch of greenery and smelled the sweet scent of lemon? That's lemon verbena. When it's dry you can put it in

your dresser and your clothes will smell springtime fresh.

And what's better than any breath mint you can buy? Parsley. It's the bright green stuff restaurants put around your baked potato — and that you probably don't touch. It gets its color from chlorophyll — an instant breath freshener.

Fresh herbs have more flavor than the dried ones you can buy in most grocery stores, and they are easy to grow for yourself. Even in an apartment you can find room for herbs.

You can start your herb garden (some people call them kitchen gardens, because most of the herbs are used in cooking) in a window box, in a large clay pot or in a corner of the garden. If you plant in a pot or box, make sure it has holes in the bottom. Herbs drown especially easily and need good drainage.

Buy whole plants from a plant nursery or get offshoots from a friend's plant. Set the plants out

in soil with quite a bit of peat mixed in, water them regularly and let them have *some* sun, but not a whole lot. Once they are settled in, they will grow quickly. Don't pick anything for a while — let the plants grow a bit first.

To liven up a salad, try chives, mint and parsley. Basil and sage do amazing things for meats and poultry.

Experiment with herbal teas — boil leaves from lemon grass or peppermint, then try more exotic types.

Even if you don't put your herbs to use in other ways, a small herb garden looks nice in the window. Herbs multiply, too — so once you are set up with your own garden, you can use the offshoots to start other ones to use as gifts or to sell.

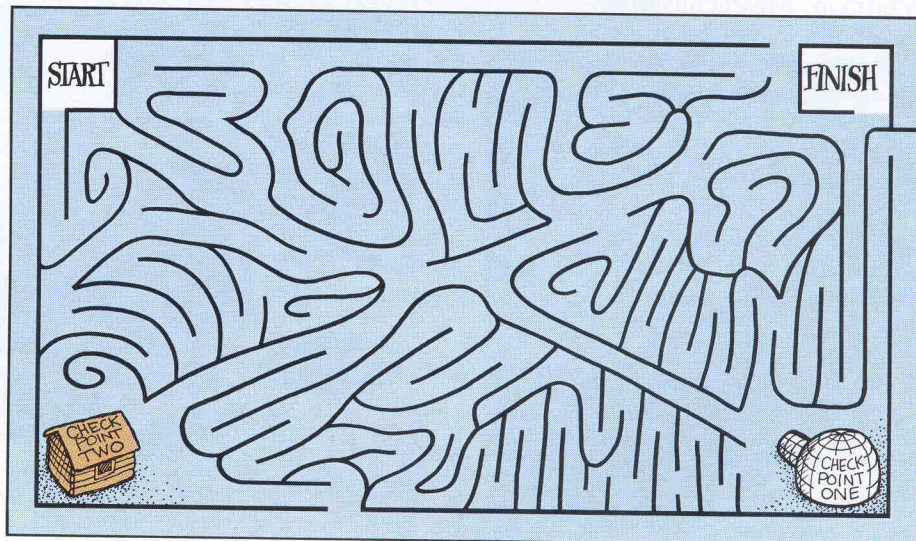
And if you have a hard time caring for a regular pet, pet herbs may be just what you need. They make good pets — they aren't too demanding! —

By Maria Root □



The Amazing Alaskan Dogsled Race

The wind whips the snow around, the dogs pull at their harnesses, eager to get going. The starter's pistol rings out and you're off! To win, you have to go to both checkpoints before you reach the finish line without overlapping your own path. And don't get too lost. It can get *cold* up here!



Teen Bible Study

“Honor My Parents— Are You Kidding?”

By Richard A. Sedliacik

How would you describe your relationship with your parents? Do you get along well?

Or do you find yourself frequently involved in misunderstandings, hurt feelings and arguments — maybe even shouting matches?

A good relationship with our parents is vital to success and happiness in life. In this study, we'll learn just how important it is to honor our parents, and about the benefits that result.

But before you begin, be sure to get a Bible, a pen or pencil and some paper. Reading and writing out the Bible verses that answer the questions asked in this study will help you remember the important principles you will be learning.

1. What instruction does God give us about our relationship with our parents? Exodus 20:12. Did Jesus Christ uphold the Fifth Commandment? Matthew 15:4, Luke 18:20.

God wants human family life to be happy, pleasant and fulfilling. To help ensure strong, stable families, He commands all people to honor their parents. To honor means to esteem or to hold in high regard, to prize or to reverence. Included in its meaning is respect mingled with love and devotion.

Though many of us do not live in an ideal family situation, we should still try our best to honor and respect our parents (or guardians), considering the many things they have likely done for us over the years. God wants us to honor them despite their faults or whether we feel they deserve it, and, as we'll see, promises to bless us if we do.

Most parents truly care for their children. They want to see them do well, be happy and have a better life than they had. We can be grateful for this.

2. Was Christ, who set an example for us to follow (I Peter 2:21), an obedient child? Luke 2:51. How did He honor His real Father

— God in heaven? John 8:28-29, 49, 15:10. Did Christ honor His mother by making sure she would be provided for after His death? John 19:26-27.

Jesus set us an example by being in subjection to His parents. He also had loving concern for them that lasted throughout His life.

And through obedience to His heavenly Father, and to His human mother and human guardian (Joseph) as well, Jesus grew in wisdom and maturity even as a youth (Luke 2:40, 52).

3. What responsibility has God given our parents? Proverbs 22:6. Does this include discipline and correction? Proverbs 3:12, 29:15, 17.

When we were born, we knew absolutely nothing. It is the God-given duty of parents to teach and guide their children, as well as discipline them, while they are growing up.

4. Will a wise child heed his or her parents' advice and instruction? Proverbs 1:8-9, 6:20, 13:1, 19:20. Just how valuable is following our parents' teaching? Proverbs 3:1-2. What does the Bible call the person who hates correction — who despises his parents' instruction? Proverbs 15:5.

Our parents have had valuable experiences and learned lessons from their mistakes. They desire to pass this information on to us so we will not make the same mistakes. Their instruction will give us a solid foundation on which to build a happy and successful life!

5. Is God highly pleased with young people who obey their parents? Colossians 3:20.

Honoring your parents also means to obey them to the best of your ability within the circumstances you find yourself. It means respecting their wishes and doing what they say, even though you may think your way is better.

Enthusiastically comply with their requests, and do what they ask you right

away. Volunteer to do more than asked of you. Think of additional ways to please your parents. And be sure to observe family rules cheerfully.

By doing what your parents want with a good attitude, you will be helping to build positive and strong family ties. And your cooperative spirit will tend to spread to other family members as well.

6. Just how important is it for families to live together in unity and harmony? Psalm 133:1, Matthew 12:25.

Cooperation and teamwork are vital to any organization — including the family. We honor our parents as we strive to help the family work together. So when you see an opportunity to help out, go ahead and do it willingly and cheerfully. And support your parents' plans by doing your part to make them succeed.

Doing everything you can to make your home as pleasant a place as possible will pay off in many ways. Not only will home be a more enjoyable place to live, you'll find that all of your outside relationships will be more peaceful and rewarding when you know everything is fine at home.

work and have many things on their minds. We should be willing to overlook their shortcomings and faults, and forgive them when they fall short. Realizing that none of us is perfect, we can be more kind and loving toward our parents.

8. What reward do parents receive from a wise son or daughter? Proverbs 10:1, 23:24-25.

Parents are pleased with children who follow their instruction and strive to be successful. They receive happiness and great satisfaction from a son or daughter who diligently applies himself or herself in school, at work and in other facets of life.

9. What warning is there to those who break the Fifth Commandment by disrespecting their parents? Proverbs 19:26, 20:20, 30:17. But what is God's promise to those who honor and obey their parents? Deuteronomy 5:16, Ephesians 6:1-3.

God assures us that keeping the Fifth Commandment will result in long life! Respecting and heeding the wisdom of your parents makes it possible to avoid many mistakes, thus promoting a longer and happier life. It helps you to avoid the recklessness, violence, wrong associations and rebellion against authority that can end in untimely death.

But even more important, being subject to your parents shows an attitude and willingness to be subject to your greater Parent in heaven. Since God is our spiritual Father, we should always honor Him. Honoring your parents, as well as your Father in heaven, carries with it the fantastic prospect of living happily forever!

10. Is God willing to give us the help we need to honor our parents? Matthew 21:22, Philippians 4:13.

No matter what your relationship with your parents may be, you can improve it. It might be hard to do, requiring considerable effort in some

cases, but go ahead and try!

Begin to practice the principles you've learned from the Bible. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. And by all means ask God for the help you need. He has promised to give you that help if you will ask Him.

Keeping the Fifth Commandment will help you develop a close, loving relationship with your parents. It will add to peace and harmony at home. And your life will be more interesting, happier and exciting! □



God wants human family life to be happy, pleasant and fulfilling. In the Bible, He shows how!

7. What other vital principles, if put into practice, will help contribute to peace and harmony in the home? Matthew 7:12, Romans 12:10, I Thessalonians 5:15, I Peter 3:8-9.

Being a parent is a demanding and difficult job. Therefore, our parents may not always be able to act the way they would like.

They get tired, experience pressures at

Photo by Hal Finch

Dear Youth 85,

Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.

Q. A nice boy I've liked since we were 13 has told me he just doesn't like me anymore. I have accepted the fact that he doesn't care for me as before, but I still feel hurt and sometimes get depressed. Is there any way I can get over my hurt feelings?

A. Probably everyone reading your question has experienced the emotional pains of rejection, especially from the breakup of a romantic friendship. Although no magic pills exist to take away the hurt, there are some things you can do.

Realize that rejection by this one person is not a rejection by the whole world, nor a sign that you are worthless. At the proper time you will probably find numerous others who find you interesting and attractive.

But avoid rushing into other romantic relationships. Why should you subject yourself to the emotional peaks and valleys that such relationships cause when entered too soon? You have plenty of time to narrow down the field later, when you are in your 20s perhaps.

So what can you do when you feel the depression of rejection coming on? Get active and fill your mind with other things. You may want to look back at the article, "I Like Her, But She Thinks I'm a Nerd," in the May *Youth 84*. It covers some things you can do to lessen the pain of rejection.

Q. I know that God should be important even to a teen. But I get so wrapped up in other things that pleasing God is completely out of my thoughts.

A. You are wise to recognize the importance of God in a teen's life and your need to deepen your relationship with Him. Having

other interests need not detract from pleasing God or cause you to forget Him, however.

The key is to keep your priorities straight. Begin each day by asking God to help you do things that are pleasing to Him and to not forget Him.

A good way to do this is to set aside some time early in the day to pray and think a bit about God by reading something from the Bible. By doing this, your thoughts can reflect back on it later in the day.

Then the other activities of the day will not crowd Him out since you will have attended to your spiritual duties first.

Q. I have become discouraged about marriage because I see that so many married people are unhappy and get divorced. I think that maybe the answer for me, when I get old enough and am out of high school, will be to live together with the man I love without ever going through a ceremony. After all, a marriage license is just a piece of paper anyway.

A. Yes, a marriage certificate is paper, but so is a check for a million dollars and so are the constitutions of the United States and other countries. Pieces of paper can carry a lot of meaning. Those who believe liv-

ing together is the solution to the problems of marriage are overlooking some important points.

Some of these people confuse the symbols of marriage — the license or the ceremony — with the process of marriage itself. They feel that if they are not married, then they cannot fail at marriage.

This is like saying if you never get a driver's license, you can't get it revoked for an accident. True, but driving without a license doesn't mean you won't wreck the car, and living together doesn't mean you will have a happy relationship.

Others say merely, "We don't need a piece of paper to show our commitment." But, in reality what they are saying is, "We are not sure this will work out, so we won't commit ourselves fully so we have an easy out if we need it."

Yes, living together is doomed to failure, because a healthy relationship must be based on 100 percent commitment by both parties. And those who merely live together have announced to the whole world that they are scared to formally bind themselves for life, and therefore, by their own admission, shown their lack of commitment. □

We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 85," 300 W. Green Street, Pasadena, California, 91129.



The Story of Mrs. Sprig's Wig

A dear old lady lives next door,
Her name is Mrs. Sprig.
And when her last gray hair
fell out,
She bought herself a wig.

She got it at the barber's shop,
At half the normal price.
It didn't really fit her, but
She thought the style was nice.

She strutted through the
village streets,
Her nose up in the air.

And dreamed she was a movie
star,
With glitter in her hair.

Alas, her dreams were shattered,
She was not prepared for rain,
Or gusts of wind that caught
her wig,
And tossed it down the drain.

But Mrs. Sprig, she chased
that wig,
Until it reached the sea.
And there she met a

fisherman,
Who'd caught a whale for tea.

"Excuse me, Mr. Fisherman,
But have you seen my wig?
I cannot bear to have no hair!"
Cried poor old Mrs. Sprig.

The fisherman was helpful,
But that wig he couldn't find.
Instead he found a seaweed of
The rarest, greenest kind.

He placed it on her shiny head
Improvement in a trice!
She thought the color
ghastly . . .
But at least the style was nice!

*Poet Karen Elliston, 16, is
from Ballarat, Australia.*

READER BY-LINE

Sleepyheads

By Petti Jean Buck

"Get up! You're late — you overslept!"

If this sounds too familiar to you, you fit into the sleepyhead category, just as I do.

The average sleepyhead's day isn't one to be desired by anyone, especially if the sleepyhead is in a large family. From experience, I know this is true.

I set my alarm, but as soon as it goes off in the morning, I turn it off and go right back to sleep. Eventually, I wake up from 30 minutes to an hour later, very late!

I quickly get up with a sudden burst of energy, now trying to beat the clock. I spend a lot of time in the bathroom, showering, fixing my hair and primping. This keeps other family members waiting, and early in the morning this can sometimes create a conflict.

When I do finally come out, everyone is in a bad attitude.

It's not long after this that the

"mad watch" for the bus begins, which also makes everyone tense and nervous, wondering if I'm going to make it or not. I usually do, but I'm so late that I don't have time to eat breakfast. That usually makes me feel tired before my day even begins, and I can't perform as well as I should in school either.

So what it all comes out to is that every morning I dash out to catch the bus, still zipping my jacket and working my foot into my shoe, and everyone else at home is nervous and tense and upset before the day begins.

You may be a sleepyhead or you may know one. If so, the question probably is, "What can I do about it?"

Well, every sleepyhead is different, but here are a few suggestions that could work.

1. Try going to bed earlier. Keeping late hours can make you want to oversleep.

2. Watch out for late-night

snacks. Often eating snacks right before you go to bed can cause digestion problems and can keep you from getting a proper amount of sleep.

3. Have someone in the family who gets up before you wake you up and be sure that you are wide awake.

4. Or you could just make yourself get up. Push yourself to get up in time to get ready.

From time to time I use all of these and they work effectively for me. These are only a few suggestions that can help.

One thing to always keep in mind is how you are upsetting your family and your own performance the rest of the day. Nobody likes a sleepyhead. Sleepyheads tend to be inconsiderate of others and their schedules.

So, sleepyheads of the world, let's make this one of our goals. Overcoming this will help us and our families get the day started off right. □

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World Tomorrow

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great, stand before God [in a resurrection]; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead *were judged* out of those things which were written in the books, *according to their works*" (Revelation 20:12).

Peter taught that God JUDGES (*not saves*) according to WORKS: "... the Father, who without respect of persons *judgeth according to every man's work*" (I Peter 1:17). Paul taught that God "will render to every man *according to his deeds*" (Romans 2:6).

Jesus said, plainly, "No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father" (John 6:65). And again, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

But, to you whom God has called at this time — to you who have repented, believed, received God's Holy Spirit and thus been converted — YOU ARE BEING JUDGED RIGHT NOW (I Peter 4:17). And if you say: "I'm already 'saved,' and there are 'no works' to salvation," and then you fail to go on *overcoming, and growing spiritually* (see II Peter 3:18), you not only will BE JUDGED by your *lack* of spiritual works to qualify for a higher office in God's Kingdom — but, far worse, you may be in the position of the servant from whom (parable of the pounds — Luke 19, quoted above) Jesus took away the very salvation he thought he had! It takes a LIVING faith to save!

So — I just wanted so say to those *Youth 85* subscribers who have read *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like* — read it AGAIN, and let it be REAL to you. Recognize the *connection* with what you read there *to your own life*. If any readers have not received this vital book, your own FREE copy is on reserve for you in the mailing room. Why not request it? □

Unexpected Returns

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not designed as weapons, they can become dangerous if used carelessly.

How it is thrown

To throw a boomerang, stand facing the wind, then turn slightly to your right. With the flat surface on the right, grip the lower end of the boomerang with your right hand.

The boomerang should be vertical with its elbow toward you. If it leans too far to the right, it may go too high and come straight down with enough force to crack the wood. (Although you hold the boomerang vertically when releasing it, it turns in flight so that it flies horizontally with the flat surface down.)

Raise your arm above your shoulder and aim the boomerang straight ahead. As you throw, give the boomerang a flick to produce a fast spin. It may take you several tries using subtle variations before you get good results.

If you are successful, the boomerang will head straight out, circle to the left and hover briefly before landing at your feet. If it falls too far to your left, face more to the right when launching the boomerang. If it lands too far to your right, face more toward the left.

If you are left handed, you will need a left-handed boomerang. Reverse the instructions given above.

There are several games that can be played with a boomerang. One of these is to see who can make the boomerang land closest to its launching point. As you become more experienced, see how many consecutive catches you can make. (To catch the boomerang safely, sandwich it between your palms during its final hover.)

If you have the chance, why not try this truly Australian hobby? There will be many happy returns! □

CAREER SUCCESS

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then or have other valid reasons for missing work. But we shouldn't stretch our employer's patience by being away for weak reasons — such as going to the beach or an amusement park or claiming to be "too tired." Nor should we ask for a lot of time off. Employers want workers who are dependable.

Being on time is largely a matter of habit. A college professor tells a story that illustrates this. He was teaching a night class and, to his annoyance, one of the girls in his class was always late.

After a few weeks of this, he decided to teach the entire class an important lesson about tardiness. He told her, in front of the whole class, that coming in late each day was simply a bad habit. She disagreed and insisted that her busy schedule prevented her from making it on time. To prove his point, the professor changed the starting time from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. You guessed it! She was still late!

Employers are looking for people with the habit of being on time.

A person of character will build these right habits — they make practically any job easier and more fun.

Good habits stay with us, even when we're not at our best. They don't depend on how we feel or how busy we are.

These character traits will help your company make money, help make your boss look good and, therefore, make your job secure.

By developing these habits, you will be guaranteeing yourself career success!

(For more tips about preparing for career success, read *The Seven Laws of Success* and *The Early Years*, a booklet that gives an autobiographical look at career selection. If you don't have your own free copies, call or write the *Youth 85* office in your area of the world. See the inside front cover.) □

Beware of Mistaken Identity

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Being a teenager today isn't easy. There are difficult choices to be made — choices that can change your life.

Many of these choices involve questions about who and what we are. Like the question of establishing our masculinity or femininity.

Let me quote one young man to make my point:

"When I wear makeup, I'm not trying to look like a woman," said the young Englishman. "I just want to look like me."

Today psychologists talk about outmoded sex roles and breaking out of sexual stereotypes. It can all get pretty confusing.

In times past, a lot of these decisions were made for you. Throughout history, the roles of the sexes were fairly rigid — mothers were expected to do certain things and fathers had other responsibilities.

Of course, many times things weren't handled perfectly, so people felt a need to break down those rigid roles. And that has led to the confusion we see around us today.

Tootsie, the hero

Like an incident one *Youth* 85 editor observed on an airplane trip. The airline staff

began showing a movie on the long international flight.

When the picture flashed on the screen, a little girl, not more than 4 years old, let out a peal of delight: "Tootsie!"

This 4 year old had as one of her heroes a man who dressed like a woman in order to get a job. Did this seem natural to her? Why not? That movie was helping shape her ideas of what it is to be feminine and masculine.

With all the confusion today, isn't there a way to know what real masculinity and femininity are? Where can we look to find the answers?

To be sure, there are physical differences that affect how men and women think, feel and act. Science tells us that even our brains do not function exactly alike. Girls seem to have more intuition — the ability to "read" people better. Guys are generally better with mathematics, maps and puzzles.

Women usually outlive men by three or four years. Women bear children and have a more active thyroid gland that allows them to laugh and cry more easily. Men have more physical strength in most cases.

How the sexes began

But to really understand masculinity and femininity better, we need to see how the sexes began. For this information we

look to the Word of the Creator God.

We find that God "created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). And after God was through with His creation, He looked at it and saw that it was "very good" (verse 31).

Did you catch that? Men and women are both made in the image of God, and both are very good. So any difference in men and women is not a matter of one being better than the other, for example, but a difference in the jobs God intends them to do.

Masculine and feminine traits accompany these different purposes. Notice some of God's instructions about how to fulfill the purposes for which He created us male and female.

One important consideration is appearance. God wants girls to look like girls and boys to look like boys. So the Bible teaches men and women about hair lengths and dress. Men are to have shorter hair than women. Both girls and guys are to dress appropriately for every occasion in the best clothes available to them.

It's not wrong to express our personalities through our clothing, though modesty and good taste should always prevail. But God makes it clear a girl should

never dress in a way that would allow her to be mistaken for a guy, or vice versa.

Why? Cross dressing (also called androgyny or transvestism) affects not only the way others look at us, but the way we feel about ourselves. It can really add to your confusion over sex roles, over who you are, and God does not want confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).

It's important to have role models to look to in establishing your masculinity and femininity. Besides our parents, God has given us many examples in the Bible to learn from.

Role models

Reading the short book in the Bible called Ruth, for example, gives a good idea of how a young woman can impress a future husband with her beautiful character in a feminine way.

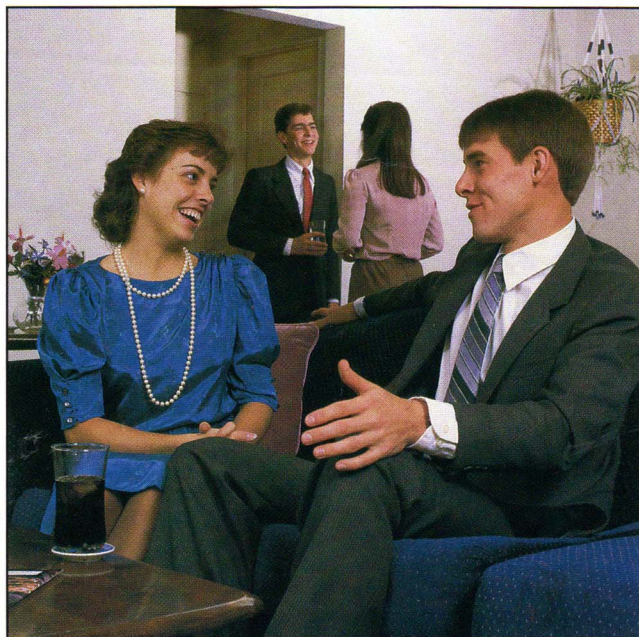
Why not compare Queen Esther's personality (found in the book of Esther) to that of another queen, wicked Jezebel (I Kings 16:31, 19:1-3, 21:5-16, 23-25, 22:51-53, II Kings 9:30-33). God certainly doesn't want anyone to follow Jezebel's warped use of femininity!

On the other hand, He does expect women to follow the good examples of Sarah (Genesis 12-23, I Peter 3:6) and the woman mentioned in Proverbs 31. These women are the standard of what God expects. Diligently guiding and providing for their households under the leadership of their husbands, showing concern and care for others, developing their talents

and ability — they expressed what true femininity is all about.

For the men, Abraham, Sarah's husband, is shown as a good role model. He was well-respected by his wife and large household. He led, protected, provided for and trained his children well. And he was the spiritual leader of his family as well (Genesis 12-25, especially 18:18-19).

Joseph, though perhaps



Men and women are both made in the image of God, and both are very good.

spoiled and somewhat conceited as a teen, learned much about masculine leadership and character through suffering hard times (Genesis 37-50).

On the bad side, Jezebel's husband Ahab was certainly an example of how men should not be, weakly submitting to his wife's evil desires, instead of firmly doing what he knew was right (see sections of Scripture

listed for Jezebel).

The Bible is full of good and bad examples that show the essential responsibilities of masculinity and femininity — responsibilities that remain constant even though society swirls in a fog of confusion.

The great counterfeiter

Why all the confusion?

Why, instead of choosing God's revealed knowledge, is society falling for nicely packaged fakes in many areas of life? We need to recognize the ultimate origin of all counterfeits.

Satan is the great cosmic master of deceit. His packages often come with attractive wrappings.

Satan the devil is depicted as a lion waiting to pounce on his innocent victim. We are warned, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8).

Satan doesn't carry a big flag or a bold sign. He's very subtle, so be careful. Don't choose the counterfeits and deprive yourself of all the really good things in life.

For more about masculinity and femininity, look back at "What Is Real Masculinity?" in the May *Youth 83* and "True Femininity: Every Girl's Challenge" in the October-November *Youth 83*.

Write to *Youth 85* with any ideas you have on the subject — we would like to hear from you. It is a subject that will affect the rest of your life! □

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