

MORE THAN THE ORDINARY

II KINGS 2: 1-15; Text V. 9.

Elijah asked: "What can I do for You? Elisha replied:
"Let a double portion of your spirit rest upon me."

INTRODUCTION;

- A. He knew he was following a great leader.
 - 1. He was facing the greatest challenge of his life.
 - 2. Anything short of excellence would fail.
 - (a) You are following the footprints of giants.
 - (b) They made a difference— So must you!
(The illustrious list of our HONORED DEAD)
- B. The moral and spiritual condition was at its lowest ebb under the reign of Ahab and Jezebel
To be more than the ordinary requires:

I. AN UNDENIABLE CALL TO MINISTRY-- I Kings 19:15;

- A. It must be clear, genuine, authentic. (Symbols)
- B. It must be a continuing call.
 - (a) Ezk. 1:3- "The hand of the Lord was upon me."
 - (b) " 3:14-The hand of the Lord was STRONG " "
 - (c) " 2:1- "He said to me I am SENDING you unto the children of Israel."
- C. It must be a compelling call.
 - (a) I Cor. 9:16- "When I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me IF I DO NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL!"
 - (b) Note: PREACH THE GOSPEL— Good news.
 - (c) Give your people TRUTH to reflect on.
 - (d) Don't let your "preaching well go dry."

A good starting place: Miracles of Elisha.

II. THERE MUST BE AN UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT

- A. Above that of family. (I.Kings 19:20)
"Let me kiss my father and mother good-by."
- B. Above that of material gain. 19:21. He was the son of a wealthy farmer. He slaughtered his yoke of oxen and made a farewell feast for the people. (Later refused to accept a gift from Naaman—I might have been tempted to accept it in behalf of the school of prophets. God had other plans. Axe to swim, Multiply 20 loaves of barley bread and fed 100 people—Students? The element of the miraculous!)
- C. Above that of occupation or profession. (He was a successful farmer BUT he used his wooden plow for fuel to cook the oxen for the feast. Good-by farming! He never went back.
- D. Above that of rigorous labor. Physically and emotionally exhausting.
- E. Above that of popular acclaim.— Even the young children disdained him. (II. Kings 2:19-24); Kings hated him; and many people rejected him.
- F. Above that of Places where he was to labor. (Jordan, Bethel, Carmel, Samaria, Damascus, etc.)
(Where God wanted him.)

III. THERE MUST BE UNQUESTIONED CHARACTER

- A. He was a man of God. ("The man of God.")
 - (a) He was not a carbon copy of Elijah.
 - (b) Note the contrast.
- B. He was a "Holy man of God" (4:9.)
 - (a) This was the appraisal of the Shunemite woman whom Elisha visited in her home.
 - (b) He was a role-model for the young prophets.
- C. He was a man with God's Message. (3:12)
 - (a) Jehoshaphat (king of Judah) said, "The Word of the Lord is with him." (3:11-12)
 - (b) "Thus says the Word of the Lord." (7:1) etc.)
 - (c) He kept a clear focus of the purpose of his ministry in sharp view.
 - (1) To be true to his own soul.
 - (2) To provide a helpful ministry
(Sweets of the Word—insulin shock)
- D. He was a man of prayer. (6:8-23)
 - (a) "Those who are with us are MORE than those who are with them." (6:16)
 - (b) Elisha prayed three times. (v.17,18,20)
 - (c) His vision exceeded that of his assistant.
- E. He was a man with a double portion of the spirit of Elijah resting on him. (2:9)
 - (a) Some say: Double inheritance as oldest son.
 - (b) Elijah's counterpart in N.T.—J.B. ministered in the Spirit and power of Elijah (Lk)1:7)—
Divine Adequacy— (True in life & death.)
 - (c) It was the anointing— The unction of the Holy One. (1 John 2:20,27).

CONCLUSION:

A. Go home and put salt in the flowing spring of your hurting congregation so that the overflow will be safe and sweet. That spring in Jerico still flows. I, as some of you, have drunk from it. It is sweet and safe.

B. REPEAT--ELIJAH asked: "What do you want me to do
for You?"

ELISHA replied: "Let a double portion of your
spirit rest upon me."

If THAT happens your ministry will be MORE THAN
ORDINARY! It will be adequate. May God grant that it
will be so.

A GLORIOUS CHURCH

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Ephesians 5:18-33

INTRODUCTION:

I. ITS A GLORIOUS CHURCH BECAUSE OF ITS
ORIGIN.

- A. Christ is the head of the church, v. 23a.
- B. Christ is the Saviour of the body, v. 23b.
- C. Christ loved and gave himself for the church,
v. 25, hurt Christ.BY wrong attitude.

II. A GLORIOUS CHURCH BECAUSE OF ITS
OBJECTIVES.

- A. A spirit-filled church, vv. 18-26.
 - 1. Negative: "drunk with wine."
 - 2. Positive:
 - a. A joyful church.
 - b. A singing church.
 - c. A thankful church, v. 20.
 - d. A submitting church, v. 21.
 - e. A church that is subject to Christ, v. 24.
- B. A spotless church, vv. 26-27.
 - 1. Spotless because it is a cleansed church,
v. 26.
 - 2. Spotless because it is a glorious church,
v. 27.
 - 3. Spotless because it is without blemish,
(defect), v. 27.
- C. A soul-winning church, vv. 28-29
 - 1. Husband and wife.
 - a. Procreation.
 - b. Reproduce.
 - 2. A joint partnership, divine-human.
 - a. The church is nearest Christ
when she is winning souls.

III. ITS A GLORIOUS CHURCH BECAUSE OF ITS
ORGANIZATION, vv. 30-33.

- A. In comparing the church to a body we get a picture of organization--each member of the body is created for a specific function.
- B. For a smooth operation of the body of Christ the church (The Wesleyan Meth. Church) has three levels of organization:
 - 1. Local level.
 - a. Granted certain rights and privileges.
 - b. Assigned certain responsibilities.
 - 2. Conference level.
 - a. Granted certain rights and privileges to the local church and to the denomination.
 - b. Assigned certain responsibilities to the local church & denomination--both spiritual and financial.
 - 3. General Level.
 - a. Granted certain rights and privileges.
 - b. Assigned certain responsibilities to the annual conference and to the local church.
 - c. General Conference every 4 years with equal representation between lay and ministers (500 members or major fraction).
 - 4. General board of Administration--26 members.
 - 5. General Officials--Headquarters-Marion.
 - a. General Superintendents
 - b. Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist.
 - c. General Manager of Wesley Meth Publ assoc
 - d. Exec. secy Sunday Schools, Literature
 - e. Exec. secy Church Extension.
 - f. Exec. secy Youth and Servicemen
 - g. General President WMS
 - h. Exec. Secy World Missions.
- C. Our Base of Operation:
- D. Conclusion.
 - 1. Statistics.

- 1 California Conference
- 2 Allegheny Conference

June 29, 1964

Junr 6, 1966

MY SON

Proverbs 3:1

My son, 12 times in first 7 chapters

I. MY SON, CHERISH THE TRUTH, vv. 1-4

A. Forget not my law --

1. Law, truth, doctrine, teaching-directions.
2. Forget not - speaking not from the standpoint of a defective memory but from a wilful disregard for and a careless neglect of the admonitions given.

B. Let thine heart keep my commandments, v. 1

1. "Keep" is used 25 times in book of Proverbs.
2. Means "observe, conform, comply"
3. Let thine heart keep
4. Results v.2 - In Old Testament, extended life to indicate his favor. In New Testament, He gives His approbation

C. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee v.3

1. The meaning:

- a. Mercy -- kindness -- truth
- b. Faithfulness -- loyalty

2. How to keep mercy and truth from forsaking u

a. Bind them about thine neck, v.3

(1) Tie-fasten.

(2) Keep them constantly in view.

b. Write them upon the table of thine heart.

(1) Inscribe them.

(2) Write them on heart as God did on stones.

(3) Do not have to have a religious encyclopedia.

3. The results, v. 4

II. MY SON, COMPLETELY TRUST THE LORD, vv. 5-6

A. Trust in the Lord, v.4

1. Lean on
2. Be confident in
3. Rely upon.
4. Cling to.

- B. With all thine heart, v. 4 wholehearted faith.
- C. Lean (rely) not unto thine own understanding, v. 4
 - 1. Abandonment to God, self-surrender.
 - 2. Distrust of our ability and utterly trust God's ability.
 - 3. Self-sufficiency and self-dependence has been the down fall of many.
 - 4. This does not mean we are not to exercise our own intelligence and judgment.
- D. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, v. 6
 - 1. Acknowledge, recognize, honor, keep in mind.
 - 2. In all thy ways, continual acknowledging. What would Jesus do - do nothing He would disapprove.
- E. He shall direct thy paths, v. 6
 - 1. Make straight, unwind the snarls, clear the way before.
 - a. Blizzard in Nebraska.
 - b. Our Lord is a way maker.
- F. Be not wise in thine own eyes.
- G. Fear the Lord
- H. Depart from evil

III. CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF GOD, vv. 9-10

- A. Honor the Lord with thy substance.
- B. First fruits.
- C. Put God first.

World Headquarters
Wesley Grove Camp - Boys

Feb. 27, 1964
July 24, 1964

GOD'S STANDARD FOR HIS PEOPLE
I Peter 1:13-16

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I. GOD COMMANDS US TO BE HOLY.

- A. God does not command the impossible
- B. What God commands, He makes possible.
- C. W. E. Sangster's proposition.
 - 1. In pointing out the possibility of living a holy life, it is evidence that such is possible if there has ever been one person who lived a holy life. He then set forth the following standards to determine what a holy life is:
 - a. Has there ever been a person who was saved from an inordinate love of money?
 - b. Has there ever been anyone who suffered and kept sweet?
 - c. Has there ever been anyone who engaged in controversy and manifested a Christ-like spirit?
 - d. Has anyone ever been saved from carnal ambition?
 - e. Said he: "I would like to refer you to John Fletcher of Medley."
 - (1) He made alot of money but when told he was dying exclaimed: "Oh, my poor, my poor, who will care for my poor."
 - (2) Fletcher suffered much. On shelf for 5 yrs. Life was a benediction.
 - (3) He could fight people's views and love them at the same time. He could resist them to their face and yet enfold them in his arms. Henry Venn, one of his calvinist opponents, challenged him to a debate in which Fletcher won overwhelmingly. He invited him home with him for 6 wks: "He was like an angel on earth."

- (4) "On one occasion Mr. Fletcher's public speeches greatly helped the government of England and the Lord Chancellor desired to reward him for it. 'I have stood in Medeley and imagined the interview. The Lord Chancellor sent men to Fletcher. He received them graciously. They said: 'Look, Mr. Fletcher do you want anything? The king is behind this. . . a canonry, a deanry. . . a bishopric?' 'Oh, Thank you!' he said: 'Thank you. . .but I want nothing except more grace.'"
- (5) Robert Southey said of Fletcher: "No age or country has ever produced a man of more ferved peity, or more perfect charity." No church has ever possessed a more apostolic ministry. Fletcher in any communion would have been a saint.
- (6) Boswell once asked Voltaire, the French infidel, "Did you ever meet anyone like Jesus Christ?" He answered: "Well. . .I once met Fletcher of Medeley."

2. What God commands he makes possible
3. What Calvary provides and God demands He will require at His coming.

II. GOD CALLS US TO BE HOLY

- A. To enable us to be among the elect. v. 1-2
- B. To qualify us to enjoy our inheritance. v. 3-6
 1. Bishop Fairbain - old skeptic
- C. To prepare us for the coming of Christ. v. 7
 1. Imputed and imparted
- D. Because of the price Christ paid to make such possible. v. 10-12.

- E. To enable us to live like we should. v. 13-17
 - 1. Gird up loins of mind. v. 13
 - 2. Demands of gospel. v. 14

III. HOW TO COMPLY

- A. Dynamic born again experience.
- B. Desire for the experience.
- C. Decisive Consecration.
- D. Definite Act of Faith.

Places Preached

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| Carlisle | Nov. 18, 1956 |
| Sans Souci | May 8, 1957 |
| Nelson St., Ind. | Nov. 17, 1957 |
| Nebraska Camp | Aug. 23, 1959 |
| Florida Camp | Jan. 3, 1960 |
| Marion College Church | Mar. 6, 1960 |
| Glenwood | Mar. 7, 1961 |
| Knoxville First | Jan. 28, 1961 |
| Lafayette, Ind. | Mar. 25, 1962 |
| Shady Grove Camp | June 26, 1962 |
| Houghton Camp | Aug. 19, 1962 |
| Greer Camp | Aug. 20, 1963 |
| Kentucky Camp (Dr. Dayton) | Aug. 11, 1964 |
| Gastonia First | Sept. 26, 1964 |
| Virginia Camp | July 22, 1965 |

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| 1. | Wesleyan World Headquarters | Sept. 10, 1964 |
| 2. | Greenville First, S. C. | Jan. 3, 1965 |
| 3. | Marion College Chapel | Jan. 10, 1965 |
| 4. | El Cajon, Calif. | Feb. 21, 1965 |

SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

Joshua 1: 1-18
Successful Living

INTRODUCTION: This passage assured God's people success in their endeavor to enter the Promised Land of Canaan. It is full of spiritual significance for us today. God expects His people to be a successful and victorious people.

I. PROMISE OF SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.

- A. The promise came from the Lord.
- B. The promise is conditional, v. 2.
 - 1. A swelling Jordan River.
 - 2. A land to be conquered.
 - a Giants.
 - b Wallted cities, etc.
- C. The promise is certain, vv. 5-6.
 - 1. As I was so I will be--unto the people shalt thou divide.
 - 2. We have never lived in more perilious or more difficult times. However, these are exhilarating, breathtaking, and challeging times. God's promises are sure.

II. PREREQUISITS FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.

- A. Courage
- B. Continued presence of the Lord, v. 16.
- C. Cooperation, vv. 10-18..
- D. Confidence, v. 15.

III. PROOFS OF SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.

- A. Commandments were accepted, v. 16.
- B. Covenant was reconfirmed, v. 17.
 - 1." According as we harkened unto Moses. "
- C. Canaan was possessed.
- D. Conquered tribes returned.

JESUS WEEPS OVER A DOOMED PEOPLE

Luke 19: 41-44; Luke 13: 34-35

I. COMPASSIONATE CHRIST.

A. He weeps over the city.

1. A cry of compassion.

2. A cry of love

3. His coming was incarnate love standing before them.

4 The three years of faithful ministry was the patience of love.

5. The purpose of His coming to Jerusalem was the results of love.

B. He expressed this compassion in fictitious language, Luke 13: 34-35.

1. How often.

2. "Thy children . . ."

3. "As a hen gathered her brood . . ."

4. "Cluck . . ."

a. To let them know where she is--to keep them together.

b. Food.

c. Worms.

d. Hovering.

II. A CALLOUSED PEOPLE.

III. A CONDEMNED CITY.

A. Fickle.

B. Religious.

C. City.

D. Nation.

E. Individuals.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Psalm 46

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We have pictured here a raging storm, a commanding voice, a humbled foe, and a jubilant song.
- B. It was said of Martin Luther that when he heard any discouraging news that he would say, "Let us sing the 46th Psalm.
- C. This fortress provides:
 - I. A PRESENT HELP, v. 1.
 - A. Immediately accessible.
 - B. Able to fully meet the need.
 - II. EARLY HELP, v. 2.
 - A. The turn of the morning.
 - B. At the darkest hour.
 - III. PROMISED HELP, vv. 8-11.
 - A. Prophetic future spoken of as if it were already an accomplished fact.
 - B. Can count on God's promises.

LYING TO THE HOLY GHOST

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Acts 5: 1-

INTRODUCTION: A man and his wife about whom we had heard nothing until this tragic event. They were astute in business matters. They had acquired a possession and no doubt sold it for a good price.

We learned about them as a result of the greatest revival in history PENTECOST--they became revival casualties--what a tragedy!

I. THE CAUSE FOR THEIR LYING TO THE HOLY GHOST.

A. Hypocrisy.

1. Sought to receive more credit than was due them.
 - a. Wanted to be noticed as Barnabas was.
 - b. Wanted to be thought of as generous givers.
2. They were greedy for praise, "Touch not the glory." v. 25.
3. It was outward pretension with inward reality.

B. They wanted to be blessed but unwilling to meet the full conditions to receive God's best.

1. They sought a short cut.
2. The tragedy of a partial surrender.

C. Wanted to give an impression that they were right with God when they were not.

D. Shows spiritual deficiency.

1. They could have professed with receiving a genuine experience.
2. May have failed to be sanctified wholly.
 - a. Fifth columnist--Trojans.
 - b. Inner struggle.
3. May have failed to make restitutions and adjustments.
4. May have failed to walk in the light God gave them.
5. May have failed to heed God's call in their lives--sought to substitute giving for preaching.

- E. Conceived it in their hearts.
 - 1 It began in their thought life
 - 2 Welcomed cherished gave it room to grow
- F. Satan filled their hearts The heart that is not filled with the Spirit the devil takes over.

II. THE CALAMITY. (Results of lying to the Hly Ghost.

- A. They cheated themselves.
- B. They brought a reproach on the cause of Christ.
- C. They agreed together.
- D. Sapphira did not take advantage of the three-hour dispensation.

THE CONSEQUENCES (of their lying to the Holy Ghost)

- A. They lied to the Holy Ghost.
 - 1. A defination of a lie: "A lie is a falsehood uttered or expressed in an effort to deceive for an evil purpose."
 - 2. We do so when we brake vows, play fast and lose with God.
- B. They tempted the Spirit.
- C. They lost their dives.
- D. They lost their souls.
 - 1. Sooner or later men have to face what is in their hearts.
 - 2. Any sin we commit is ultimately a sin against the Holy Ghost.
 - a. He is the executive member of the Trinity.
 - b. He ministers grace, prevenient grace, etc

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| 2. Greer, S. C. | April 8, 1962 |
| 3. Shady Grove Camp, N. C. | June 22, 1962 |
| 4. Marion, West 8th), Ind. | Nov. 11, 1962 |
| 5. Knoxville, First, Tenn. | May 5, 1963 |
| 6. Whicita, First, Kansas | Nov. 15, 1963 |
| 7. Lynchburg, Va. | April 19, 1964 |
| 8. Allen Mitchell Memorial | May 5, 1964 |
| 9. Kentucky Camp | Aug. 13, 1964 |
| 10. Gastonia, First, N. C. | Sept. 20, 1964 |
| 11. Athens, Ohio | Nov. 21, 1964 |

CRUCIFYING CHRIST AFRESH

or

FAILURE TO GO ON TO PERFECTION

Hebrews 6: 1-39; 10: 26-31

I. WHEN GUILTY OF SAME SINS.

- A. Envy, Mark 15:10.
- B. Love of money, Matt. 26: 14-
- C. Dishonesty, Luke 23: 1-12.
- D. Compromise, Mark 15: 12-15.
- E. Rejection.
- F. Denial.
- G. Betrayal.
 - 1. He sought an opportunity.
 - 2. He agreed or covenanted.
 - 3/ He knew the place.
 - 4. He said, "Is it I?"

H. Evasion.

- 1. Asked the wrong crowd.
- 2. Sought to shift the responsibility to Herod, Barabbas.
- 3. Compromised by scourging.

II. WHEN WE REJECT OR FAIL TO BENEFIT FROM THE ATONEMENT CHRIST MADE.

- A. Rejection of holiness, vv. 1-3.
- B. Apostasy, vv. 4-10.
- C. Failure to lay hold upon the hope set before us, vv. 11-20.

III. THE RESULTS.

- A. We re-enact the crucifixion scene.
- B. We thwart the purpose of the atonement.
 - 1. No hope while we do this.
 - 2. We make the death of Christ of no effect.
- C. We destroy the provision for the forgiveness of our sins, vv. 10-26.
- D. It will finally lead to retribution, 10: 27-28.
- E. We tread underfoot the Son of God, 10:29.
- F. We do despite to the Spirit of grace, 10:29.
- G. Places on us a greater responsibility, 10:30-31;

Nov. 19, 1965

April 14, 1967

1. Greer, S. C.

2. Central First, College

MANAGER, CENTRAL FIRST COLLEGE
Greer, S. C.

SOCIETY OF JAMES WING

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II. WHERE WE REPORT OR FAIL TO REPORT FROM THE

- 1. Refraction of Politics, v. 1-2.
- 2. Apology, v. 4-10.
- 3. Pattern for help upon the page at
- 4. Refraction, v. 1-20.

III. THE RESULTS

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GOD'S MEASUREMENT OF THE CHURCH
Revelations 11: 1-2

I. THE INSTRUMENT USED IN MEASURING THE CHURCH.

- A. A reed
 - 1. Straight
 - 2. Unbending.

II. THE INCLUSIVENESS OF THE MEASURING OF THE CHURCH.

- A. The Temple of God
 - 1. The church world in general.
- B. The altar:
 - 1. Prayer
 - a. Posture:
 - (1) on knees.
 - b. Spirit--praying heart.
 - (1) Red light.
 - (2) Barber shop.
 - 2. Praise
 - 3. Sacrifice -
 - ⌘. (Communist and missionary.)
 - ⌘. Salvation--soul winning-- new church.
- C. The worshipers:
 - 1. Count the worshipers.

III. THE INTENTION OF MEASURING THE CHURCH.

- A. To determine where the true Temple is.
- B.

OUR LOCAL CHURCH'S MISSIONARY TASK
Luke 10: 1-22

I. THE MEN

- A. They were appointed, v. 1.
- B. They were redeemed men, vv. 21-22.
- C. They were empowered men, v. 19.
- D. They were commanded, "I send ye forth"
- E. They were rewarded, v. 7.

II. THE METHOD:

- A. Preparation.
- B. To present Christ.

III. THE MESSAGE.

- A. Peace, v. 5.
- B. The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you, v. 9.
- C. Revelation--we become a representative of Christ, v. 13.
- D. Repentance, v. 13.
- E. Judgment, vv. 10-15;

THE "IF" OF REVIVAL
II Chronicles 7: 14

I. THE PROMISE OF REVIVAL.

- A. "IF" is the biggest little word.
- B. Argues from cause to effect.
- C. Man's part
- D. God's part.

II. THE PREREQUISITES FOR REVIVAL.

- A. Pride must be eliminated.
 - 1. Self-esteem--inflated ego.
 - 2. Self-importance--puffed up.
 - 3. Self-conceit---self-centered.
 - 4. Self-pride---self-willed.
 - 5. Self-interest.
 - 6. Self-glory, Romans 12:3.
 - 7. Self-confidence, Galatians 6:3.
 - 8. Self-defense--
 - a. Constant self-defense is one who is not clothed with humility.
 - b. Is quick to defend self.
 - c. We must take sides against ourselves.
- B. Prayer must be established.
- C. Purity must be exhibited.
- D. Pardon must be experienced.

III. THE PERIL OF NOT HAVING A REVIVAL, vv. 19-22.

- A. I WILL hear from heaven.
- B. I WILL forgive their sins.
- C. I WILL heal their land.

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GOD'S PRESENCE

Exodus 13: 12-15

Review
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I. THE CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING GOD'S PRESENCE.

"I will give thee rest." Cloud and pillar of fire, Ex. 3
I AM.

- A. Restful victory.
 - 1. Personal, inward rest in the battle.
 - 2. Ultimate restful victory in conquering the enemy.
- B. Became God's distinguished people, v. 16.
- C. Saw the glory of God, vv. 18-23.

II. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

- A. Shall go. This assurance came to Moses after Israel's sin and defeat at Sinai.
- B. God's statement to Moses was sufficient.
Jesus will walk with me, # 158.

III. THE CONDITIONS OF HAVING GOD'S PRESENCE.

- A. Obedience, following God's firection.
Progress --not stay.
- B. Getting into and keeping in right relation to God.
 - 1. God was grieved in the worshiping of the golden calf.
 - 2. They removed their ornaments.
- C. Intercession.
- D. Separation, v. 16.
 - 1. Theology.
 - 2. Worship.
 - 3. Clothes
 - 4 Food
 - 5 Marriage
- E. Intimacy with God, vv. 11, 17.

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| 3 Wesley Grove Camp | July 20, 1964 |
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| 13. Nebraska Conference | Aug. 16, 1966 |

THE CROWNING GLORY OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

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Proverbs 16: 31; 20:29; Isiah 41:10; 46:4.

I. GROW OLD GRACEFULLY.

A. Atmosphere:

1. Pessimistic or optimistic.
2. Gloomy or cheerful.
3. Doubtful or hopeful.
4. Critical or trustful.

B. Attitudes:

1. Seek pity or seek to serve.
2. Brood or bless.
3. Sour or sweet.
4. Recall others before grown old.

C. Adjustments:

1. Keep young in spirit.
2. Retiring grace.
3. Recognize a slackened pace as a challenge
not a catastrophe.
 - a. Childhood.
 - b. Old age.
 - c. Strength.
 - d. Gray hair.
4. Remember others.

II. BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED:

- A. The man who said to me
- B. Dr. ~~O.~~ G. ^DWatson.
- C. Seek to preserve the usefulness you have contributed.

III. GIVE WAY TO PROGRESS:

- A. We lived in two cities that were static.
- B. Boost and stand by.
 1. Brother Kendrick would not stand in the way.

BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

Blessed are they who understand
 my faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today
 must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know
 that my eyes are dim and wits are slow.
Blessed are they who looked away
 when coffee was spilled at the table today.
Blessed are they with a cherry smile
 who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say,
 "You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the ways
 to bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who make it known
 that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss
 to find the strength to carry the cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
 on my journey Home in loving ways.

Esther Mary Walker
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THE FINISHED PRODUCT OF SIN

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James 1: 12-15

INTRODUCTION: In these words of James we have a commentary of sin. These words tell us when sin commences and what sin will do when it is completed. In our study of this passage we wish to call attention to two things:

I. SIN CONCEIVED:

A. There are two meanings of the word temptation.

1. Try, test or prove for providential reasons.
2. To solicit to evil.

B. It is not a sin to be tempted--it is sin when we yield to it.

1. Walter Mitchell and business partner who was cheating him in business--he took gun to office and man wrote him a check for amount of money stolen but he had murder in his heart.
2. Man in hotel hears knock on door; again, again, again. Man decides if it comes again he will open and in his heart he had committed adultery.

C. Sin allures, entices, solicits, draws us away.

1. With what the devil entices us to sin.

(a) Caused Mother Eve to loiter in the area of temptation.

(1) Good for food.

(2) Pleasant to the eyes.

(3) Desired to make one wise.

(b) Got her to lower the standard of the value of God's Word, "The day you eat surely die." Devil desired to make one wise.

(c) Caused her to question God, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

(d) He mixed a little truth with much error. ye shall know. . . eyes opened.

(1) Wait some other time.

(2) No harm in it.

(3) Others are doing it. Not so bad to curse a little; get mad now and then.

(As good as most church members.)

II. SIN COMPLETED: When it is finished, grownup, harvested. Isaiah 59: 1-15.

A. Sin produces a bad harvest, Gal: 6:9.

1. Sin drives us from God, Isa 59: 1.

a. Sin is a willful transgression of a known law of God.

b. Sin is a willful neglect of any known task.

2. Sin defiles us, vv. 3-4.

3. Sin deceives us, 5-12.

a. Deceives as to the outcome of actions, vv. 5-6

b. Sin leads to the quicksands of destruction, v. 7

c. Sin is likened to blindness, vv. 9-11.

(1) Blinds as to what sin does to you.

(2) Blinds as to the dangers you are in.

4. Sin declares against us, vv. 12-15.

a. Through the omnisciences of God, "our sins are multiplied before thee."

b. Through a guilty conscience, "Our transgressions are with us."

c. Through bondage they inflict, "As for our iniquities we know them. "Can't get rid of them"

d. Through increasing transgressions, 13-15.

1. Sin creates abnormal and destructive appetites that clamor for satisfaction.

2) To satisfy such people have ben known to give up a Christian life, violate sacred marriage vows, desert home, abandon precious children, leave financial security.

e. There is no forgiveness for unconfessed sin!

CONCLUSION: vv. 1, 2; A French writer tells of a ships' captian who was walking carelessly along the mouth of a river at low tide. . . he got his foot caught in a chain or cable and couldn't get loose . . called blacksmith, called doctor but couldn't get help. DEATH.

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FRUITFULNESS

John 15:1-27

- I. The Analogy
 - A. God is the Husbandman
 - B. Jesus is the vine
 - C. Christians are the branches

- II. The Degrees of Fruitfulness
 - A. No Fruit v. 2
 - B. Fruit v. 2
 - C. More Fruit v. 2
 - D. Much Fruit v. 5
 - E. Remaining Fruit v. 16

- III. Things in Which to Be Fruitful
 - A. Prayer v. 7
 1. God is looking for fruit in this area of our lives, but perhaps we are less efficient here than in any area.
 2. This is a day of "beat the record". Roll of faith. Hebrews II chapter.
 3. God's supermarket and our pantry.
 4. Prayer only limited by God's will, I John
 5. Praying through:
 - a. Amanda Smith - by faith wore a pair of shoes before she received them.
 - b. Abraham - rocked Isaac on his knee 25 years before he was born.
 - c. Unwise to publicize it.
 - d. Must be sure, and then do not pray self out of faith.
 6. Let our prayer be:
 - a. Affectionate - real heart in it.
 - b. Intelligent - real thought in it.
 - c. Energetic - real energy in it.
 - B. Love, vv. 9, 12-13, 17.
 1. Love to God assures faithfulness to Him.
 - a. Not taken up with others.
 - b. Makes His will a delight.
 - (1) Queen of England was asked, "Why do you wear that hideous looking hat?" His majesty likes it, she replied.

2. Development of love
Songs of Solomon 2:16; 6:3; 7:10
 3. Attitudes toward God.
 4. Attitudes toward others.
 5. Attitudes toward things.
 6. Attitudes toward the Word.
 7. Attitudes toward the Church
 8. Attitudes toward sin.
 9. Attitude toward heaven.
- C. Obedience 10, 12, 14, 15, 17.
1. The motive for obedience
 - a. Love, John 14:21-24
 - b. A fear of punishment.
 - c. Reverence
 - d. To be like Christ, 15:10-14
 - e. Desire for real friendship.
 2. Rewards for obedience.
 - a. Abide in Christ's love.
 - b. Love for each other.
 - c. Friendship with Christ.
 - d. Sensitive to the voice of Holy Ghost.
- D. Joy
1. Difference between joy and fullness of joy.
 2. Psalms 42 and 43
 - a. Got shouting happy over how he was going to feel.
 3. Have this joy when outward circumstances are unfavorable.
 4. How will I feel and act?
 5. Lack of persistent joyful emotion is not a sign of backsliding.
- E. Separation from the world v. 18, 21
1. When love for Christ is at the boiling point, He becomes supreme standard of our life.
 - a. Producing principles
 - b. Col. 3- 15 - 17 - 23

2. Others may - you cannot
 - a. No suspicion
 - b. No hard feelings.
 - c. Influence (Romans 14:16 "Let not then your good be evil spoken of."
 - (1) What will this do to my spiritual
 - (2) Doing this when Jesus comes
I John 2:28
 - (3) I will do it. Another says, "If it will hinder communion with God or will not help me live a holy life, I will avoid it." One aims at innocence and the other to a deep spiritual life.

F. Compassion for the lost.

G. Walking in the light 22-25

H. Witnessing for God 26-27

1. Ministry of Holy Spirit to witness of Jesus.
2. Ministry of Christians to be witnesses for Christ.
 - a. Must know something
 - b. Must tell it in an effective manner.
 - (1) Witness - snow on fourth of July
 - (2) Witness - is it not a fact that you are the biggest gossiper on your street? Yes sir, "That's all."
 - (3) Live that people have confidence in what you say.

IV. How To Be More Fruitful

A. Purging or Pruning v. 1

B. Abiding in Christ v. 4

V. The Tragedy of Failing To Bear Fruit

A. Cast forth as a branch to wither v. 6

B. Burned in the fire v. 6

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THE LAYMAN'S PLACE IN INCREASING THE KINGDOM

Acts 6:1-

INTRODUCTION: 1 God's Kingdom has been and shall ever be an increasing Kingdom.

- (1) On earth it has been compared to a tiny mustard seed that grows and grows until it becomes a large tree.
- (2) In eternity I believe His Kingdom will constantly increase in revelation, gradeur, service, etc.
2. To establish and increase His Kingdom God works through mankind.
3. In our scripture lesson Laymen in a very special sense have a vital place in increasing the Kingdom of God.

Let us observe three ways they helped to increase the Kingdom.

I. THROUGH THE PURITY OF THEIR LIVES. 3-8.

A. Were of honest report. v 3.

1. Amp. N.T., "Men of Good and attested character."
2. Reputation for holy living is essential if one is to increase the Kingdom.

B. Were full of the Holy Spirit. v 3.

1. Fulness of Spirit essential to increase the Kingdom.

- (a) When He is come (into you) He will reprove the world (through you) of sin, and righteousness, and of Judgment. John 16:8.
- (b) "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me." John 15:26.
- (c) The success of the church is tied up to Spirit Filled human instruments.

2. Must not only be filled with the Spirit as a crisis experience but filled day by day.

C. They were full of wisdom. v 3.

1. Full of wisdom in spiritual emphasis.

- (a) These folks were blazing a new course.
 - (1) Coming from trusting Judaism to trusting Christ for salvation. Salvation was not works but a transformed life.
 - (2) Going from legalism to the liberty of the Spirit
 - (a) Had to find a balance.
 - (b) Ridiculous extremes to which people have gone.

2. Full of wisdom in their presentation of Christ to others.

(a) They told what Christ meant to them.

(1) Philip preached Christ unto them. Acts. 18:5.

(2) Philip preached unto them Jesus. Acts 8:35.

(b) Do not begin by telling cost but what they will gain by coming to Christ.

D. Were full of Faith. v 5

E. Were full of power v 8.

II. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE CHURCH. v1-5.

A. They participated in the business of the church. v 2

1. Called the multitude together- look ye out seven men-the saying pleased the whole multitude-they chose _____ and _____

(1) Speak and vote your convictions and let the other person do the same.

(aa) Mr.Charles Bailey of Greer-spoke against and voted against the plan the Building committee submitted to purchase a pew. 122.00

(bb) Life guard who let man drown. "He wouldn't stick together."

(cc) Mrs.Rochester at Salem-who would not accept what the church voted for heating. system.

(dd) One of our pastors & conversation with a Presbyterian concerning ~~appointment of pastors~~.

(ee) Wesleyan laymen conversation concerning cooperating with pastor.

(b) The multitude made the decision-the apostles appointed but all pleased.

2. They followed the procedure outlined.

(a) Chose-appointed.

(b) If one is not elected-what then?

B. They participated in the work of the church. v 1,3.

1. Relieved the apostles of much of the work.

2. Am sure they were good servers.

C. They participated in the spiritual life of the church.v4.

1. By the kind of lives they lived.

2. By making possible a greater spiritual contribution by the apostles.

III. THROUGH POWERFUL WITNESSING. ACTS 6:8;15.

- A. This witness was wisely given. v 10.
- B. This witness was given in the right Spirit. v 10.
- C. This witness was given with the glow of a shining face. v 15.
- D. This witness was saturated with the Word of God. v Chapter 7:1-54.
- E. This witness was made effective by applying the Word to those to whom the witness was given. v 51-54.
- F. This witness was given while maintaining a vision of Christ. 55-56.
- G. This witness was given in the Spirit of forgiveness. v 57-60.

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BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1: 29-51

I. BEHOLD HIS DIVINITY, vv. 29-34.

II. BEHOLD HIS DRAWING POWER, vv. 35-45.

III. BEHOLD HIS OMNISCIENCE, vv. 46-49

IV. BEHOLD THE PROMISE OF HIS SECOND
COMING, vv. 50-51.