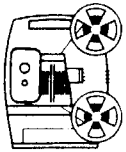


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Christian Educators' Association

Elects New President



Dr. Dayton Hobbs, principal of Santa Rosa Christian Schools and vice-president of the Florida Association of Christian Schools, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Christian Educators Association of the Southeast during the 18th annual convention of the CEA which was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, on February 23-25.

The CEA has grown from 462 delegates at the 1967 convention in Pensacola to over 2,200 delegates at the

1972 convention. With an estimated 3,000 delegates expected at the 1973 convention, the site will of necessity be changed from a hotel to a convention center which will accommodate the ever-increasing numbers of Christian educators.

Dr. Hobbs assured the delegates of the 1972 convention that the CEA would not lose sight of its purpose as expressed in the CEA Constitution nor would the organization vary from the statement of faith. The purpose and statement of faith from the Christian Educators Association are as follows:

PURPOSE: Its purpose shall be to provide mutual assistance and instruction in our work as Christian educators and to assist in the establishment of Christian schools in more communities.

STATEMENT OF FAITH: (1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative

Word of God. (2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (3) We believe

in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth and His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death through His shed blood, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. (4) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (5) We believe in

the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (6) We believe in the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation; we believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. (7) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The three month subscription drive to raise money for the literature ministry of missionary Dr. Gerry Johnson continues to bring in new names. Typical of the response is this letter from a Nebraska pastor:

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We appreciate this kind of enthusiasm which has been displayed during the first month of our subscription drive.

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February, March, and April goes directly to the work of Dr. Gerry Johnson's literature ministry in Korea. This is a wonderful opportunity for Bible-believing pastors, Christian educators, and laymen to keep abreast of what is taking place in fundamental Christian circles.

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Should A Scientist

Be An Agnostic?

BY DR. STEWART CUSTER

Dr. Stewart Custer, chairman of the Division of Bible in the School of Religion at Bob Jones University, is a 1950 graduate of Bob Jones Academy, preparatory school for Bob Jones University. He received the bachelor of arts degree in Bible from Bob Jones University in 1955. The University awarded him a graduate assistantship, and in 1957 the master of arts degree in Bible was conferred upon him. In 1964 he received the doctor of philosophy degree in the field of Greek Text from his Alma Mater. Dr. Custer also is professor in the Graduate School of Religion at BJU and is director of the University's Spitz Planetarium. He is the author of the full-length book entitled "Does Inspiration Demand Inerrancy," a study of the Biblical doctrine of inspiration in the light of inerrancy, and a monograph, "Problems of Evolution." He is also a co-author of "Good News for Modern Man, A Critique."

If a scientist should be asked what the composition of water is, he would be ashamed to say, "I don't know." A true scientist always gathers as much information and obtains as much experience with a problem as possible before admitting that there is no answer to the problem. He does not use the expression "I don't know" simply to avoid difficult research. Neither should one use this

expression as an excuse in the field of religion. The scientist owes it to himself to investigate the claims of the Bible carefully and not to dismiss these claims without thought. A superficial sampling of the teaching of the Bible may be misleading. No scientist wishes to ignore important facts in an investigation of any problem. But the agnostic tells the scientist to say "I don't know" to every



important question in the realm of religion.

Suppose that the agnostic is right—that a man should suspend judgment on the existence of God, the truth of the Bible and the claims of Christianity. Does the agnostic have a better life than the person who has a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ? Consider moral responsibility. All men have experienced the lash of conscience when they have done wrong. The agnostic, however, can experience no sense of having been

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The Church in Revelation

by Evangelist Ron Comfort
Turn in your Bible to Revelation Chapter 4. Some people say, "There is no sense in reading the Book of the Revelation, because it is beyond my understanding." But do you know that out of all the Bible, there is only one book that God promises a blessing to its readers and its hearers? That is the Book of the Revelation. In Revelation 1:3 He said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Now it doesn't say anything about understanding it, because the understanding of the book belongs to God Almighty. He says, "Blessed is he that readeth," and you'll find that as you read the Book of the Revelation, generally it is its own interpreter. Then it says, "Blessed is He that heareth." Now if you listen to this

message tonight, God is going to give you a blessing. If you sleep while I am preaching God's not going to give you a blessing, but He promises you a blessing if you'll listen.

Now before you understand the Book of the Revelation, you must understand the key that unlocks the door, and the key verse to the Book of the Revelation is Revelation 1:19. It says, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which shall be hereafter." Now here you have a threefold outline for the Book of the Revelation. He says, "Write the things which thou hast seen." John had a vision of Jesus Christ on the Isle of Patmos. I get amused at people today who have visions of Jesus Christ. Invariably if you ask them what Jesus looked like in their vision they will point to the picture of Solomon's

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EDITOR'S DESK

Every day subscriptions have come in to THE PROJECTOR, hundreds have come in during the last two weeks alone, and many have letters attached which indicate that the paper is being used of God to meet a need in lives, for which we are thankful. The drive to get 5,000 subscriptions during February, March and April is a goal that is obtainable, but it will take a maximum effort by every one of us. Help us reach the \$1,000 goal for Gerry Johnson's literature ministry in Korea. If you haven't sent in your subscription, do it today. Add a few more names of your friends, pastor, or loved ones. This paper will bring the Gospel to the homes of your unsaved friends or loved ones, plus other good Christian reading for 12 months for only \$1.00. Start a drive in your Church, Sunday School Class or Youth Group to get everyone subscribed. Souls will be reached in the needy land of Korea and a good fundamental, Conservative Christian paper will be going into homes each month. This is an unbeatable combination. Don't put it off, get at it today!!

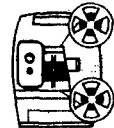
The 18th Annual Convention of the Christian Educators' Association of the Southeast was held February 23-25 at The Plaza Hotel in Daytona Beach. The general consensus of opinion of the folks I talked to was that it was the greatest Convention ever. There were 2,200 delegates

present from over 170 schools, and close to 200 had to be turned away for lack of space. Dr. Arlin Horton and company did an outstanding job of setting up the Convention. The feature speakers as well as the individual workshop leaders did a superb job. Some of the speakers were Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., Dr. Al Janney, Dr. Stuart Crane, Dr. Jack Hyles, Dr. Duane Gish, Mr. A.A. Baker and Mr. Frank Garlock. Dr. Max Rafferty was there via video tape. The quality and tone of the Conference was a credit to the fine job being done by the majority of the schools of the Southeast. There seemed to be an overall understanding on the part of the participants that those in Christian Education have a major role to play in these days in our country, that we must do a quality job and that we must not compromise or "bend the knee" to the pressures that are being applied, and that will continue to be applied with even greater force as we approach the time of the end. Thank God for the Christian Education movement. It certainly needs the prayers and support of all of God's people.

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A Closer Look At

Accelerated Christian Education

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

In this week's PROJECTOR your article "An Honest Look at Accelerated Christian Education" was of interest to me because we are considering using this program. Our need is great and we must meet the challenge to educate our children.

We do not have enough men like you to build a strong Christian school in every community. We must find God's way to do it and with the resources and ability He has given us.

You gave an opinion of A.C.E. based on a brochure and a presentation from Dr. Howard. However, you did not indicate that you had evaluated the program. Since this program, if it is good, can help a lot of churches get their children out of a very bad situation, we would appreciate you giving us your opinion based upon an evaluation of the program.

Your article "Christ Centered Education" sets forth the philosophy we hold and we have no reason to defend A.C.E. if it does not solve our problem.

The question is: Can the program offered by A.C.E. be used by sincere born again Christians to educate their children? Can the methods being used by lost teachers—that are effective—be used by saved teachers to better teach the young?

Dr. Hobbs, we appreciate your motives and will value your advice. You have created doubts, now will you help remove those doubts. We want to know for sure which way to go. We must depend upon God for wisdom and He often leads us to rely upon the advice of His men. Will you look at A.C.E. a little closer and see if your opinion is the same?

Dear Brother

Please forgive me for being so long in answering your letter of February 17 but I have been out of town for the better part of two weeks, and an answer such as your letter requires takes a little time.

First, let me say I agree with you that your need for a Christian school is great and that "we must meet the challenge to educate our children." Every Christian child ought to have a Christian education and I feel every pastor, supported by the Christian parents of his Church, has the responsibility to help provide that education. I have often said that if I pastored in a town with only one Christian child, I would see to it that he got a Christian Education. I'm that sold on Christian Education.

I feel that there is a way for you and other Churches like yours to have a Christian School, and I believe God will show you the way, but it must indeed be a Christian School with a Christian philosophy and curriculum and not a public school held in the Church. Your children would be no better off, in fact it could do more damage than good.

You asked if I had evaluated the program. If you mean by that, have I been to Dallas and watched the program in action; no I have not. That would not be of much help however, as the program violates certain principles which one who knows Christian Education knows will not work. You could be there and watch children do their "mini-packets" and feel that some learning was going on, but you must evaluate a program on a lot more than that. I will try to set forth some points of failure of such a program.

1. No attempt is made to teach beginning reading as the program is outlined, as the President stated. He suggested you begin in the 2nd grade. Who is to teach the 5 year olds and the 1st graders to read?

2. The reading program is "word recognition" instead of phonics. This "look-say" memory system is one of the main reasons "Johnny can't read" in America today.

3. The reading machine (McGraw-Hill) uses materials prepared for public school use and is certainly not oriented toward a Conservative Christian position. Each child gets to read only twice a week.

4. The "mini-packet" used for the series is the same used by the public school. This "bite sized" way of teaching is getting the students further behind, and the principle of going at their own rate often means they don't go at all.

5. This program eliminates the greatest asset that a Christian School has—the Christian teacher. They say the program "eliminates teaching to accelerate learning." The great advantage of the Christian School is having a born-again, Christ honoring teacher there before the children, teaching them the subject matter and relating it to the Word of God and God as He has revealed Himself in nature, history, etc. It is true that much of the material used in a Christian School is the same as is used in the public school, but the Christian teacher makes the difference. He can take the bite out of the false information and show the children the error of the material. Thank God there are those who are writing material today that is Christ centered. Let us pray that many more will be raised up for this needy area of writing a curriculum for the Christian School. A child studying a "mini-packet" written by godless educators without a teacher to show him the error is no better off than one in public school doing the same thing. Let us never replace the teacher for this is the way

the scripture says it should be done. II Tim. 2:2, Matt. 28:18, 19, Deut. 6:7.

6. The program breeds discipline problems. The record of such programs speak for themselves. Ask the people who have tried it.

7. The President wore a tie tuck of a folded fish with one finger raised heavenward; the one way sign of the hippie oriented Jesus movement, as he spoke at the meeting I attended. This in itself showed me that he did not even understand the issues of the day. Also this "one way" sign was posted on some of the work areas of the students in the pictures of the program presented in the slide presentation.

Many more things could be said, but this should be sufficient to point out that the program has no place in a Bible believing Church. If you are interested further, or would like for us to come some time to assist in establishing a school we will help in any way we can. I can assure you there are ways to do it, even in a small area, in a scriptural way.

I trust this has been helpful.

In His Service,
Dayton Hobbs

Dr. Hobbs is available as his schedule allows for lectures to Parent-Teacher Organizations, Churches, Schools and Colleges on a variety of subjects dealing with Christian Education. Some of these include Philosophy of Christian Education, Christian Philosophy of Discipline, Parent Responsibility in Education, Decay of the Public School, and others. His services are on an expense and love offering basis.

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forgiven; he must bear the burden of guilt for the wrongs he has committed, and he has no assurance that his guilt will ever be removed. The Christian has cast the burden of his guilt upon Christ, because Christ died to save the ungodly.

Now consider the fact of death. When the agnostic lays a loved one in the grave, of what comfort is it to the agnostic that he cannot know whether he will ever see his loved one again, or whether there is such a thing as eternal life? On the other hand, the Christian has the assurance that he sorrows not as those who have no hope. The man who has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour has received cleansing for his guilt, comfort for his sorrow, and an inner peace that surpasses understanding. He has lost nothing by maintaining a deep religious faith.

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Dr. Bob Jones III Brands

Jesus Movement—Unbiblical

The Jesus Movement is branded as unbiblical by Dr. Bob Jones, III, president of Bob Jones University, in his new booklet, "Look Again at the Jesus People," which has just been released by the Bob Jones University Press.

"If the Jesus of the Jesus Movement is indeed the God of Glory, redeemed people everywhere should rejoice and be glad in it. If he is another Jesus, Christians should boldly proclaim him to be a fraud and should brand his followers as idolators, for the only Jesus Who ever lived and was entitled to the worship of men was the One born in the fulness of time and sent forth of God in the form of a servant, made in the likeness of man."

The university president says, "There are few issues about which I could write that will bring the same emotional outburst of protest as will a revelation of the unbiblical nature of the Jesus Movement. I'm going to be charged by some as attacking the sincerity of those who are the practitioners of the Jesus Movement. I will be told



DR. BOB JONES III

that anything is better than living off dope and without meaning to life and that, therefore, any 'legitimate' idol to which young people can cling and find peace and a measure of fulfillment and meaning for their lives and a measure of reformation, should not be attacked but applauded as good, generous, healthy, righteous, and noble.

"I will be called an iconoclast for seeking to destroy something that a great many young people are holding onto and getting some satisfaction out of. I will be told that the Jesus Movement is real to these teen-agers and, therefore,

should be left alone since the Jesus Movement surely is preferable to their being potheads, speed freaks, dropouts, or other menaces to society. In the minds of a society conditioned to believe that the Bible is not authoritative and infallible, not absolute and unchanging, sincerity covers a multitude of sins."

According to Dr. Jones, there are four distinct areas where the Jesus Movement is "undeniably wicked—wicked because it speaks not according to the Word of God." The four areas he discusses are the church; the Son, Jesus Christ; the Scripture; and the life.

"Look Again at the Jesus People" is available from the Bob Jones University Press for 20 cents each. Please add four per cent sales tax and ten per cent for postage and handling. Minimum postage and handling charge, 35 cents. Quantity orders from individuals are as follows: 10-99 copies, 30 per cent; over 100 copies, 40 per cent. Postage and tax will be additional. Regular bookstore discounts will be available to bookstores.

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But on the other hand suppose that the agnostic is wrong—that he must make a decision in this life for Christ or he will face the anger of a personal God whose offer of mercy he has spurned and with only the prospect of eternal punishment in the flames of a literal hell. Can any short term advantage compensate for an everlasting regret? Consider the Christian doctrine of hell. If it is a fact that those who refuse the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ and reject His offer of salvation will suffer everlasting punishment for their sin, what else in the universe could possibly matter except getting right with God and accepting His free offer of forgiveness in Christ while there is yet time? Or consider the Christian doctrine of sin. All men have the experience that the good deeds which they would like to do, they somehow fail to do, and the evil things which they would like to avoid, they often find themselves doing. If it is a fact that a personal God holds each man responsible for the sins that he commits and at the same time holds out an offer of forgiveness for those sins, is not the acceptance or rejection of that offer the most important decision that can be made in this life?

If there is no God, and if Jesus Christ cannot save those who call upon Him, would it not be better to know these things and to face them frankly rather than to say vaguely "I don't know"? But if on the other hand there is a God, and if

Jesus Christ does indeed save all who call upon Him in faith, is it not imperative that a man experience this saving faith for himself? Would it not be worthwhile to see what the Bible teaches that would help a man who genuinely desires to know the answers to these vital questions?

The first principle of Scripture is that a man must want to obey God before he can have any assurance that Scripture is true. The Lord Jesus Christ once said, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:16-17). If a man really wants to do the will of God, he will know the truth of the teaching of Christ. The person who has no intention of obeying God and who then says that he does not know the truth of Scripture is simply admitting that this statement of the Lord Jesus is true.

Another important teaching of Scripture is that all men have actually sinned. The apostle Paul wrote, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). Every man's conscience will convict him of having sinned and of falling short of the glory of God. In his past there are events which are painful for him to think about. Every man needs God's forgiveness for the wrongs which his conscience brings to mind.

A third teaching of Scripture is that this forgiveness can come only

through the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). If a man does not find forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ, he cannot find them elsewhere.

The way to receive this salvation is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When the Philippian jailor asked the apostle Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). This believing is not just intellectual assent; it is a full commitment of the life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Such a faith is always honored by Almighty God.

Scripture gives a universal promise: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). Will you ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and to cleanse your heart that you might be right with God? Then believe that He keeps His word. After you have done this, secure a copy of the Bible and read about these great themes as found in John 3, I John 1, Romans 7 and 8, and continue reading the Scriptures for the strength which they can give your spiritual life. The doubt of the agnostic can be no comfort. "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psalm 34:8).

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head of Christ and say, "He looked just like that picture over there." Now, isn't that absurd? Do you know what causes most of our visions? Eating too much before we go to bed at night! If you want a vision tonight, I will guarantee you can have a vision if, before you go to bed, you'll eat an onion sandwich and drink a glass of buttermilk. You'll have a vision! You know I get so sick and tired of these sissified effeminate-looking pictures of Jesus Christ. I want to say it wasn't until the fourth century that artists started painting pictures of Jesus with long hair. Jesus Christ didn't have long hair! There is not one word in the Bible to validate the idea that Jesus was a hippie-type person—and it's blasphemy to say so. I don't believe He would inspire Paul to say in I Corinthians 11:14 that it's wrong, it's homosexual, it's perverse, it's wicked, for a man to look like a woman and then look like a woman Himself. That's free. That won't cost you a thing.

In Revelation Chapters 2 and 3, we have the things which are—the things of the present tense. Now it's interesting to note that John wrote to seven churches of Asia Minor. Why did he write to seven? Were there only seven? No, there were many. The number seven is a number of completion, and in the seven churches of Asia Minor, I believe we have prophetically pictured the church age from Pentecost until the time when Jesus comes for His Church. The things which are—the things of the present tense.

THE CHURCH RAPTURED

Now, from Revelation Chapter 4 through the end of the Book, we have the things which shall be hereafter, or the things of the future tense. It is interesting to notice that in the first three chapters of the book, the word church is used about twenty times. After Revelation Chapter 4, the word church is not used again. From Revelation Chapter 4 through Revelation Chapter 19 the church is viewed from a heavenly viewpoint. Now that is important, because while all the judgments of God are taking place on earth, the Church is with its Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Someone says, "Ron, do you believe the Church will go through the tribulation?" Well, when somebody says that, I say, "There is a church that will go through the tribulation—that is the ecumenical church—but THE Church will not go through the tribulation." The Bible commands every child of God in Revelation 18:4 concerning the ecumenical church, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." So THE Church will not go through the tribulation.

I Thessalonians 5:2-4, "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." That day is going to overtake the unsaved world, but Christians are not going to be partakers of it. Then again, in I Thessalonians 5:9 Paul said, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath (that is the tribulation), but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." And that salvation means total redemption, bodily

redemption, at the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Now notice please Revelation 4:1-3, where we see the Church raptured. It says, "After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven." Now who is that door? That is Jesus. John 10:9, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John looks up and he sees Jesus. "And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me." Remember, He is coming with the trumpet of God—I Thessalonians 4:16, I Corinthians 15:51-53. All right, continue, "The trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Now listen, it says, "And immediately,"—he was not left around to go through the tribulation—not a partial rapture, not a mid-tribulation rapture, but immediately he was caught up. "And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald." Get the picture. John is raptured, and he is standing before the throne of God; there is a circular rainbow encompassing the throne of God. Today we see a semi-circle, multi-colored rainbow. This, my friend, is not a semi-circle, it is a complete circle. This is not a multiple colored rainbow, it is a green rainbow. Why? As a rainbow was a promise to Noah, so I believe that this green rainbow is a promise to every child of God that one day there is going to be a new age of fertility. One day the thorns are going to drop off the roses, one day the lamb and the lion are going to lie down together, and there is going to be a golden age for 1,000 years when the curse of sin is lifted from this earth. Thank God, I am looking forward to that time—the Church raptured.

THE CHURCH REWARDED

Now notice Revelation Chapter 4:4—the Church rewarded. "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats." That word should be thrones. Do you know that if you are saved, you are going to sit on a throne? I Corinthians 6:2-3 says, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? . . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" I used to preach that Christians would not be present at the Great White Throne Judgment of God, but then I came across I Corinthians 6:2-3 where it says, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? . . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" I believe we are going to judge the world at the Great White Throne of God. Think of that! And I believe in that day some of us may have to pronounce the sentence, the punishment, on our own loved ones. What an awesome thought! Let's go on with the verse. "And upon the thrones I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold." They have on the priestly garment, they are dressed in white raiment. Do you know, if you are a Christian God sees you as perfect? You say, "Well, I'm not perfect." God know that, but if you are saved, He sees you in His Son, Jesus Christ, and you have a perfect standing. I had a man in

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The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

I Pledge Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag is said in schools across the nation by children of all walks of life. Many of these children come from conservative Christian homes where the Bible is read in daily devotions and others are from more liberal homes (both religiously and politically speaking). There is a very small minority who would ridicule the pledging of allegiance to the flag or the singing of the Star Spangled Banner or another patriotic song. America is a patriotic country regardless of the attempts of the far left to yield our sovereignty to the one world government which has its headquarters in New York.

The thought occurred to me recently that although the Pledge of Allegiance is recited by millions of Americans each day, very few people think through the meaning of these often recited words.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

According to the words of the pledge, our flag stands for a Republic. This thought is somewhat confusing if not contradictory. How does a teacher explain to the students that the pledge is to the Republic but we live in a democracy? Is there a difference? Is the pledge still valid? Should the pledge be changed to accommodate the country or perhaps the democracy should be changed back to a republic. Is a democracy the best kind of government? If one or all of these questions has ever come to your mind, perhaps an examination of the Pledge of Allegiance can help you find an answer.

Let us first of all consider some forms of government. I have five basic forms of government in mind. At one end of the spectrum we have Anarchy which is rule by none and the other end of the spectrum is Monarchy, which is rule by one. Obviously neither of these exist in the United States, therefore we must study only the three types of government in the center of the spectrum.

Since we are told that we live in a democracy, let's define what a democracy is.

According to the 1828 Webster's Dictionary, democracy is "a form of government, in which the supreme power is lodged in the hands of the people collectively, or in which the people exercise the powers of legislation." Let's call this simply "rule by the majority." In a democracy the people make all the laws. Whatever the majority says is right (at least the majority thinks they are right). As Christians, however, we know that the majority is not usually right on many issues. The important thing in a democracy is that the people think they are doing what is right and this keeps them happy.

The next form of government I shall define is one which has a name that you may not recognize but perhaps the definition will be familiar. Again, quoting from the 1828 Webster's Dictionary—"Oligarchy, a form of government in which supreme power is placed in a few hands." Let's call this "rule by the minority." In this form of government a group of leaders make all of the decisions regardless of the feelings of the majority of citizens. To better understand the differences between democracy and oligarchy we need only to ponder many of the important issues in our country today and ask ourselves who made the decision—the majority or the minority?

Coming back to our Pledge of Allegiance, let's look at the definition of a Republic. The 1828 Webster tells us that a Republic is a commonwealth or "An established form of government . . . consisting of a certain portion of men united by compact or tacit agreement, under one form of government." We'll call this "rule by law" or limited government. In a Republic everyone, including the government, is ruled by the same law. It is against the law for me to steal and it is against the law for the Department of Health Education and Welfare to steal. Rule by law works when we understand what law is. According to THE LAW by Frederic Bastiat, written in 1850, the following explanation is given:

"Law is justice. In this proposition a simple and

enduring government can be conceived. And I defy anyone to say how the thought of revolution, of insurrection, of the slightest uprising could arise against a government whose organized force was confined only to suppressing injustice."

Bastiat understood that the purpose of law is to prevent injustice as opposed to creating justice. There is a great deal of difference.

As we continue to examine the Pledge of Allegiance, we find the words "one nation under God." Without dwelling on this phrase I shall simply say that there is indeed enough confusion in the mind of a person who looks at a dime with a picture of Mercury or even FDR with the inscription "In God We Trust." Children in Christian schools certainly know the meaning of "one nation under God" but as Dr. Crane stated it in the February, 1972 edition of THE PROJECTOR—"For what else could a state school do but teach that the state is God."

The pledge ends with these words: "with liberty and justice for all." Going again to the 1828 Webster's Dictionary, we find a long listing under the word Liberty. Under "Natural Liberty" is this definition: "a state of exemption from the control of others, and from positive laws and the institutions of social life." The key word here is "positive"; for laws which are positive in nature restrict liberty. For example, the law can tell me not to steal, but my liberty is restricted when the law can tell me to give to someone else that which belongs to me. Under the heading of "Civil Liberty" in the dictionary, the idea is further expressed. "A restraint of natural liberty, not necessary or expedient for the public, is tyranny or oppression. Civil liberty is an exemption from the arbitrary will of others, which exemption is secured by established laws, which restrain every man from injuring or controlling another. Hence the restraints of law are essential to civil liberty."

When a man or a group of men can control or injure another man's life, liberty, or property, we see an end of "liberty and justice for all." The Pledge of Allegiance is recited in every school, but taught in only a few. Do your children know what the pledge means?

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Clarksburg, West Virginia tell me that he hadn't sinned in 38 years. That's a pretty good record, isn't it? Do you know what I say? I say ask his wife and she'll tell you differently. Before we got married my wife said, "Honey, I think you are perfect." After we got married she said, "Ron, I made a mistake, you are not perfect." That's right! You don't have to be around me five minutes to realize I am not perfect. Somebody said the only reason

the pope thinks he's infallible is because he's not married. If he were married, his wife would tell him he wasn't infallible! Now I'm not perfect, but thank God I have a perfect standing in Jesus Christ, and as God looks down from heaven he sees me in His Son—that's a perfect standing. I'm dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

What do they have on their heads? They have on their heads crowns of gold. Someone said, "I don't care how I get to heaven, as long as I get there. That's all that matters." I think that is a cheap definition of heaven, brethren. I don't want to get to heaven by the skin of my teeth. I want to have a crown some day. The Bible gives us five crowns that the children of God can earn in this age of grace. You know, you are saved by grace but everything you get after that you have to work for. Salvation is by grace, but rewards are according to your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first crown is found in I Corinthians 9:25. "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." My friend, everybody that is laying up treasures in heaven and not on earth will one day get an incorruptible crown. You know, the average Christian I know of is worried about having a fine automobile, a fine home and money in the bank. He wants security, and he is laying up a lot of treasures here on earth. He has forfeited his incorruptible crown; but everybody who is laying up treasures in heaven will one day get an incorruptible crown.

The Bible says in II Timothy 4:8 there is a crown of righteousness to everyone that loves the second coming of Jesus Christ. Paul says, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Do you know this is one crown that I know that I'm going to get, and I don't say this boastfully, because I know my heart, there is nothing that would gladden my heart any more than to see the Son of righteousness dawn in the eastern sky. I want Jesus to come, and I want Him to come tonight. People say, "Well, don't you have a lot of lost loved ones that would be left behind?" Yes, I do, but I want to say that every single week that Jesus carries, that means there are 2,000,000 more people that are born that are candidates for hell some day. I want Jesus to come, and I want Him to come tonight. I am not singing, "Wait a little longer, please, Jesus." I am saying, "Even so come, Lord Jesus." I want Him to come tonight, and everyone who loves His second coming will one day get a crown of righteousness.

Then in Revelation 2:10, there's the overcomer's crown, or the crown of life. John told the Church of Smyrna. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." I was in Lima, Ohio for a meeting, and a lady came to me with tears in her eyes and she said, "Ron, did you see on the front page of the newspaper about those five missionaries who were martyred in Vietnam?" She said, "I knew one of those ladies; she was the dearest saint that I have ever known in my life." I said, "Lady, you don't have to weep for her,

because when Jesus comes again everybody who has laid down his life for the cause of Jesus Christ will get a martyr's crown, or a crown of life. God is going to reward that missionary for her death."

The Bible says in I Thessalonians 2:19 there's a soul-winner's crown, or a crown of rejoicing. Paul says, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?" Paul said, "The only crown of rejoicing I have is you, because I have led you to Jesus Christ." The songwriter said, "Just a gate open wide and a friend by my side when I come to the end of the road. That is all that I ask is a crown for my task, when I come to the end of my road." Every man who is a soul-winner will one day get a crown of rejoicing.

Then in I Peter 5:4 there is the Good Shepherd's crown. Peter said, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." I go into a lot of churches where the pastor must give an account to the Deacon's Board. Let me tell you something, no pastor has to give an account to a Deacon's Board, he has to give an account to God Almighty. And I want to say if your pastor is faithful in feeding his flock of God, then one day God is going to give him a Good Shepherd's crown. Do you know that it is possible, even though you are not a preacher, to earn a preacher's crown? You say, "Are you advocating women preachers?" No, I am not. The Bible says if you receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, you'll get a prophet's reward. If you honor, respect, admonish, and encourage the man that God has led in your midst to be your pastor, if you give him the rightful place and your subjection to his leadership, then God Almighty says if you receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, He will give you a prophet's reward.

Now someone says, "What are we going to do with these rewards? Don't you think that would cause discrimination in heaven if you had a crown and somebody else didn't?" What do you think about that? All right, what are we going to do with them?

Turn to Revelation 4:10. Every time I read this I thrill. "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne." Isn't that beautiful? Thank God, one day Jesus may give me a crown, and I will just lay it right back at His feet. And in that day, I'd like to go down the road and say, "Lord, here's somebody I had the joy of leading to You in a church in Jacksonville, N.C." I'd like to go down the road and say, "Lord, here's a loved one I had the joy of leading to You." I want a crown, a trophy of grace, just to lay before His precious feet. I wonder, if Jesus came tonight, would you go empty handed, or would you have any crowns to lay before His feet? The songwriter said, "Must I go emptyhanded, must by dear Redeemer meet; not one soul with which to greet Him, lay no trophy at His feet." Would you go empty handed?

THE CHURCH REJOICING
Turn to Revelation Chapter 19:7. We've noticed the Church raptured, the Church rewarded. Number three—the Church rejoicing. Verse 7 says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give
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Christian Philosophy of Discipline

Introduction

The Word of God very definitely speaks on the subject of discipline and sets forth the philosophy and principles of discipline, just as surely as it speaks concerning the structure and operation of the home, the Church, and every other area into which God's authority extends.

Discipline is far more than chastisement, whipping, or punishment. As a matter of fact, in Webster's 1828 dictionary you have to go to the fifth definition to get that meaning. Discipline is order as opposed to chaos, control as opposed to freedom of movement, authority as opposed to anarchy, for either one or the other will eventually rule. There can be no genuine Christian Education without discipline, for the whole authority structure collapses without it. In Webster's 1828 dictionary, the very first definition of discipline is "education." Discipline in its fullest Scriptural definition is education, and education in its fullest sense has as its aim the fully self-disciplined individual, taught in all areas and committed to the will of God for his life. Discipline is necessary to proper character development, academic study, living with others, control of personal habits, physical development of the body, perfection in development of God-given talents and training in every other area for the child of God.

To approach the subject of discipline we must rid ourselves of biases, misconceptions of the use of the term, and any views that limit discipline in our thinking to only one area of the school, that is for punitive or corrective measures only.

Definitions and Comparisons of Scriptural Terms

(All definitions taken from Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

Let us look at some Scripture on the subject.

Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old (of age), he will not depart from it. The word train is defined: "To exercise, to discipline, to teach and form by practice; to break, tame and accustom to draw."

In Deuteronomy 6:7, the Israelites were instructed to "teach" the precepts of the Lord "diligently" unto their children. The word translated "teach" in Deuteronomy 6:7 is translated "train" in Proverbs 22:6. The definition for "train" which says "To break, tame and accustom to draw" describes the breaking of a wild animal to a useful domestic beast, and describes the purpose and

goal of our discipline or training of boys and girls. Their will must be broken. Their wild spirits tamed and made accustomed to bearing Christ's yoke. It is only then that His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light."

We must have the goal we desire for our youth constantly in mind as indicated by the "in the way he should go" of Proverbs 22:6. Socialistic, non-Christian educators say the teacher does not know what is best for the child and that this can only be determined by allowing the child the freedom to choose for himself the what, when, and how of his studies. The Bible teaches that our goal for youth is to see them "conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29). We desire to see Christ glorified in their lives, and we do know what is best for them. Youth are incapable of knowing, and God has put us in our position to give the proper guidance and direction to their lives.

The goal for our youth is self-discipline. External discipline sets the boundaries and limits around our youth within which they may learn to live with security. Knowing how far they can go is good for them. Being assured they will not be allowed to go beyond that which they ought to go, (and they will push those limits constantly), gives them the framework within which they can develop self-discipline.

If you don't know the goal you are trying to achieve for your students, or if you do not have a sense of Divine Call to train those youth, you should ask God for the vision or get out of Christian education now. We are dedicated to the goal of turning out a special product—a young person with Christian character, self-discipline, and academically equipped to go out into a lost world and lift up Christ without fear or apology.

"Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). This verse sets the Scriptural standard, "decently and in order." This takes planning. This takes setting everything up in the school program as well as the classroom to run "decently and in order"—order as opposed to disorder or chaos. Recently a salesman speaking concerning a non-Christian school that used their particular speed reading program remarked that they had "organized chaos." There is no such thing. Chaos is chaos, whether it is organized or not. We must have order in all that we do.

Authority of the School
All authority is from God. The devil hates duly con-

stituted authority as set forth in the Word of God, for when the authority God has set up functions as it should, the devil's plans are disrupted. Scriptures such as Ephesians 6:1-4, Colossians 3:20, 21, 1 Timothy 3:4, 5, and Titus 1:6 set forth the truth that God gives the authority to parents to rear their children. The offspring of most animals are on their own from a matter of days to a year or two, but God has given us our children for 18 to 21 years. Undoubtedly the primary reason for this is that they may be brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The school does not displace or override the responsibility of the parent in the matter of discipline, but rather the parent relegates to the school the authority to act in his behalf in these matters while the child is at school. This, of course, makes it obvious why the school and home must work so closely together. Parents must back up the school, not the child. Without parent co-operation the school's hands are tied, and it is foolish to keep a student in school without full parent support of the policies and program of the school. This support is generally given at registration, as most schools require a statement of co-operation to be signed by at least one parent; however, when some problem with the student arises, it may be found that a conference with the parents is necessary to reaffirm their support of the school. No school should hesitate to discontinue a student's enrollment if at any time this authority structure is broken by lack of parent co-operation. A school or teacher without the authority to carry out its program and enforce its rules is worse than no school at all. Let this first be settled, the school and home must work together or the child will be affected by the breakdown in the system of authority.

Overall School Policies and Philosophy
The school must be united within its own ranks, and the authority structure must not break down here. Each teacher, administrator, supervisor, principal and board member must recognize and accept his job as God-given and be willing to discharge his responsibilities in that light. We must be disciplined ourselves if we expect to turn out disciplined youth who are willing to walk in obedience to God. There is no learning without discipline. The extent to which a person is self-disciplined or is disciplined by the teacher will determine to a large degree the amount and speed of his learning, this is assuming he

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has the ability to learn.

Setting the Stage for Good Discipline

As already mentioned, good discipline takes planning. We must expect to have well-behaved children, and then we must prepare for it. Most discipline problems arise because of the teacher's own laxness, carelessness, lack of preparation, or lack of consistency. There are some problems that will arise no matter how alert and prepared the teacher may be, but these can be nipped in the bud usually and do not need to develop into big problems. Discipline is an atmosphere. Discipline is an attitude beginning in the teacher's mind and being transferred to the student. It is a matter of will over will. Good classroom order and Scriptural discipline starts with a teacher who says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). You may not be a natural "disciplinarian" as some are sometimes called, but if God has called you to teach, He has also called you to have good discipline and order, and by His grace you can become a good disciplinarian. Remember our mental approach must be I can do!!! Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., used to remind us often, "You can do anything you ought to do."

Half the battle is won when you approach your classroom with this attitude, and your heart is determined not to fail. Don't be afraid of the word "authoritarian" as that is your position in the classroom. God is the God of all authority, and Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth"—Matthew 28:18; 1 Peter 3:22; 1 Corinthians 15:24, 25.

Musts for the Teacher

Whether it is God-given or a part of the fallen nature of man, there is innate within every bright, lovely, smiling, charming, impish face in your classroom, the ability to read your weaknesses. There is not only the ability to read them, but the instant ability to know how to take advantage of those weaknesses. Children are cruel, and teachers are fair game. As "all is fair in love

and war" until you have established yourself as sole "King on the Mountain," the one in control in your classroom, they are going to "take you on." They will quickly spot you: (1) lack of self-confidence (2) lack of preparation (3) lack of classroom organization (4) laziness (5) failure to get sufficient rest (6) lack of personal time spent with the Lord (7) favoritism of certain students, and your (8) lack of consistency in enforcing rules. Your word must be good and your actions must always be fair. Good discipline is built on respect. It is absolutely necessary that the student respect the teacher, but it is equally important that the teacher respect the student as an individual. This does not mean lowering himself to the "buddy-buddy" level with the students. This does not mean gender respect but contempt. The teacher must keep a special distinction between himself and the pupil and at the same time be always available for direction and guidance.

When rules and classroom or school policies and procedures are established, the teacher must always be on the side of "law." He must never cross over and take the side of the student. This weakens the complete authority structure, does untold damage to the student, and eliminates the teacher from being able to be anything but a detriment and a stumbling block to the student. Such a teacher should be released from his duties immediately as such a position is simple disloyalty, and this cannot be permitted if the school is to serve and fulfill its purpose. It is not just disloyalty to the School Board or Principal, but to every teacher, every staff member, and every student in the school. Above all it is disloyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ from Whom all law and authority is given.

We must be consistent in our discipline, always setting and maintaining the same standards, diligently enforcing them, and never showing any partiality. Our consistency and diligence will be recognized and appreciated by the students. How many times have you heard it said about a

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The Church Scene

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Upon his return from the recent parley with Red China, President Nixon described the days of this infamous trek as "the week that changed the world." Patriotic Americans across this great nation have been filled with indignation over our Chief Executive's visit and many regard this as a traitorous act rather than an historic one.

Dissenting members of the U.S. Congress and the Nationalist Chinese delegation preferred to offer a toast to "Old Glory" rather than to applaud the President's toast to the murderous Mao and Premier Chou. My hat is off to these patriots who protest such actions by the President. They must be made of much the same material as the Hales and Henrys of yesterday. Mr. Nixon may have been carried on his journey by the "Spirit of '76" but I cannot find the slightest resemblance between his willingness to peacefully co-exist (with a world power determined in our destruction) and that spirit epitomized by the founding fathers of our nation and which has been the essence of its greatness. The

prevalent 'peace at any price' philosophy which appears to be embraced by the White House seems a far cry from that voiced by Patrick Henry when he thundered, "Give me liberty or give me death." Indeed, the world can scarcely be the same following this Chinese vacation. I am fearful of the consequences of this trip and wonder, as I feel many Americans are also wondering, of "closed door" deals and world-changing concessions made in secret. How will the lives of millions be changed by this 'Peking Peace Conference?' Will the U.S. ouster of Nationalist China from the United Nations simply preview a 'hands off' policy in Taiwan by the U.S., the result of which will be eventual communist enslavement of the people of Free China? Time will provide us with an answer to these questions.

The idea that we can peacefully co-exist with a form of government which is intent on the obliteration of our national life is more than naive, it is supremely foolish. It is also the height of foolishness to give Mao-Tse-Tung and the Red Chinese regime credit for

having more honor than the leaders of the Soviet Union who are still very much intent on our burial.

The President's desire for dialogue with the leaders of Red China is, in fact, the echo of sentiment which has been expressed in Communist-infected religious circles for some time. The Church League of America (NEWS AND VIEWS, March 1971) attributes a major factor in the growth of radicalism among the clergy to a phenomenon called the "CHRISTIAN-MARXIST DIALOGUE." In his September 13, 1970, article in the New York Times Book Review, Dr. Martin E. Marty, Professor of Modern Church history at the University of Chicago and Associate Editor of the radical CHRISTIAN CENTURY writes:

"Among the many astonishing reversals in the direction of Christian thought in our time has been the changing attitude toward Marxism. The 20th century has seen many thousands of Christian martyrs at the hands of people who call themselves Marxists of one sort or another. Perhaps half the world has been effectively

closed off from further Christian expansion. Christian apologists have long been in the habit of advertising Christianity as a Western commodity, a 'bulwark against Atheistic Communism.' Yet somewhere between the McCarthy Era and the Age of Agnew, CHRISTIAN-MARXIST DIALOGUE BEGAN. AND CHRISTIANS AND MARXISTS ARE TAKING NEW POSITIVE LOOKS AT EACH OTHER."

In POLITICAL AFFAIRS, Theoretical Journal of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (August 1968), the text of a paper is found which was presented at a Christian-Marxist dialogue. It was written by Hyman Lumer, national education secretary of the party and gave the following reasons for this Christian-Marxist fraternization:

"The rise of secularity, manifesting itself in such phenomena, among others, as the 'God Is Dead' theology and the 'underground' theology which has appeared within the Catholic Church, serves to bring Christian thinking into closer confrontation with Marxist thinking."

"Moreover, secularization has been accompanied by increasing involvement of practicing Christians, both Clergy and laity, in social struggle—in the struggles against war, against poverty, against racial and national oppression, against colonialism. In our own country, a striking feature of the peace and civil rights movements in recent years has been the extensive and growing participation of members of the Clergy, Christian and Jewish. Such developments have brought forward with growing insistence the question of cooperation of Communists and Christians in action." Herbert Aptheker, the

Communist Party U.S.A.'s 'Ambassador' to America's intellectuals, writes in his book THE URGENCY OF MARXIST-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE (1970):

"The most striking illustration of the shifts in recent religious thinking on social questions, property, and revolution, bringing that thinking very much closer to that which dominated early Christianity, appears in certain encyclicals coming from the present Pope and his immediate predecessor. These reflect basic shifts in Vatican thinking on questions about the role of women, on equality of humankind, on the nature of property, on the question of war and on the question of revolution. Dramatic alteration appears also in terms of the hitherto intensely hostile approach toward unbelievers and in particular toward Marxism, toward socialists, and, even toward Communists."

Other articles could be cited to further describe the warped and twisted views of radical Churchmen who are urging revolution and who constantly 'play down' the threat which Communism poses to our National security and the free world.

Christian friend, I believe that such trends and world events signal the nearness of the end of the age and our Lord's return. Let us pray earnestly for our nation and the faithful Churches of the land, and may we labor fervently until a trumpet shall sound in the skies and we shall rise to meet our blessed Saviour. How soon? His coming draws ever nearer. We may have but little time left, so let us live with a sense of the urgency of the hour.

then only for emphasis.

Be careful not to get it in for some child.

Always keep your composure.

Have a definite procedure for everything and stay with it.

DON'T

Don't shout.

Don't threaten. Be sure you can fulfill every promise.

Don't get yourself out on a limb.

Don't let some particular child get your dander up.

Don't let the smallest infraction of rules go unheeded.

Don't sit at your desk. Stand, walk about, be there when it happens.

Don't ever use methods that will degrade a child.

Don't give up on any child.

Practical Ways to Handle Problems

The ideal classroom is one in which the teacher has so established order and discipline that doing the right thing is the socially accepted thing and rule violators are the outcasts.

Generally there is plenty of warning that a problem is arising with a particular student before it reaches a

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(Continued from Page 5) teacher, "Well, he is consistent and fair." Or perhaps you have more often heard it said the other way around, "His discipline is not consistent or fair."

You need to be the kind of teacher of whom students say, "He's a hawk-eye," "He has eyes in the back of his head," "He can smell the devil," "He even knows what you are thinking." These are good signs. They mean you are alert. Expect trouble to happen. It will—just be one jump ahead of it when it does. Figure on the worst, and be prepared for that, and you'll be well prepared to handle the lesser situations. Laziness has no place in the Christian approach to discipline. The non-Christian philosophy of freedom of expression and movement is not as rewarding as its advocates sometimes put forth, but rather it is a cover up quite often for a lazy teacher.

Atmosphere has a great deal to do with good order

and discipline. A room that is clean, neat and attractive will have an advantage over the disorganized one. It speaks of a teacher who is orderly, organized and prepared.

There is no substitute for enthusiasm. A teacher with something to teach and eager to impart this knowledge to his students has a great deal going for him. Enthusiasm is contagious; it rubs off on students and eliminates a great deal of the environment conducive to discipline problems. A challenged, interested, and working classroom will not be a spawning ground for discipline problems.

Background of Discipline Problems

Just as every student is an individual, every discipline problem is different to some degree. However, there are certain things that very often contribute to problems and it may be worthwhile to check these areas for the possible root of problems.

1. Lax or unorganized conditions in the classroom. Check yourself first. Be sure you are doing all you can to eliminate the atmosphere that engenders problems.

2. Teacher's personality and habits such that they provoke children rather than settle and reassure them. This is another area to watch—don't argue with students, and be sure you are always frank and truthful even if it means telling them you don't know something. You can win an argument and lose a child.

3. Home situation and background of the student. There is nothing like a visit by the teacher into the home, especially of a potential discipline problem to help understand the child. We require our teachers to visit every home of every child in their classroom. Many problems can be solved in this manner.

4. Physical and/or mental problems that may affect a student's behavior. Children who are obviously

nervous, unable to sit still, or show other such difficulties may be suffering from hypertension or some other ailment that may be controlled with proper treatment. There may be areas that can be helped or eliminated with professional help. All such avenues should be explored.

5. The slow child who can't keep up, gets lost, and gives up.

6. The extra fast child who finishes everything given and then gets into trouble. These areas by no means cover all the backgrounds of problems, but many will be found to originate here.

Do's and Don't's

At this point a few do's and don'ts may be appropriate. This is certainly not an exhaustive list, but I trust they will prove helpful.

DO

Set a quiet and controlled atmosphere in your classroom.

Keep your voice down; raise it only sparingly and

Stars of the Morning

by "Aunt Carolyn"

A corner nook of hints and tidbits for folks who love boys and girls and want to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Shopping—or rather browsing—was so much fun. It was a cinch Tammy didn't have much money to spend today, but she surely enjoyed "looking" and at times dreaming or planning how she would buy some of the pretty things which were displayed so attractively in the department store. Tammy meandered from one section to another. There were the blouses—the sharp sporty ones and then the soft delicate ones that looked like peppermint ice cream and felt like whipped topping. She dared not try on shoes, but she fingered over the smooth leather and admired shape and color. Perfumes, lotions, gloves, accessories, and then her eyes fell on it—the bracelet. Of all the jewelry displayed, it flashed before Tammy's eyes with a lure that seemed to hold her spellbound. "No, Tammy, it's not for you," something inside seemed to whisper. "No Tammy, you don't have that much money." And the voice inside continued to plea. Tammy turned and walked toward the door, but in a moment she found herself back at the counter staring at that lovely bracelet. Slowly her eyes observed clerks and people around her, then with a silent motion she slipped the bracelet into her pocket and turned to leave the store.

Near the door a soft but firm voice spoke, "Excuse me, young lady," and Tammy soon found herself in a nearby office.

"Now may I have the bracelet, please?" spoke the matron.

"The what? What are you talking about?"

"The bracelet from the jewelry counter."

"I don't have anything. I was just looking," insisted Tammy.

"Yes, but the bracelet—the one in your pocket."

"My—my pocket?"

"Yes, your pocket."

"But how did you know?"

"Well, I saw you, my dear."

And Tammy knew there was no use carrying the argument any further. She had looked both ways, but she hadn't counted on the surveillance mirrors placed strategically throughout the store. She had not counted on the eyes of someone invisible to her. Now she was faced with her deed and its consequences.

One of the first Bible verses a child should be taught is found in Genesis

16:13, "Thou God seest me." As soon as that toddler can smooth words into sentences, even short bobbly sentences, he can repeat after you, "Thou God—seest me." "Thou God seest me." As this verse is drilled into the young mind and the truth is burned into the tender heart, a fundamental principle is laid for life.

(1) "Thou God seest me"—a truth which will produce clean, separated living and good works in a young Christian's life. Since God sees all, "everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God," and this truth will govern choice of companions, entertainment, reading matter, and conversation.

(3) "Thou God seest me"—a truth which will challenge a child or young person to be a diligent witness. "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his labor," I Corinthians 3:8. If God not only sees but also richly rewards soulwinners, what a privilege young folks have to give the Gospel to playmates, friends, class officers, the ball team, and every contact possible.

The knock on the back door was loud but a little unsteady. There stood barefooted, freckle-faced, rambunctious William from last week's Bible class and with him a frowsled little towhead unfamiliar to the lady of the house. "Well, good morning boys. Won't you come in?"

"Hi, Bible Lady," chimed William. "This here's Bobby, and he ain't saved. Will you tell him about Jesus, too?"

Say, boys and girls can be soulwinners. It may be a youngster his own age who heeds his buddy's plea, or it may be an elderly gentleman hardened by the weight of years whose heart melts when the little one climbs on his knee insisting that he wants Grandpa to go to Heaven, too.

"Thou God seest me." Oh the joy, the security in a child's heart when he knows that all good things come from God's Hand and God shares His child's every happiness and pleasure. This knowledge will make the difference in party plans, vacation activities, leisure hours, and dreams for the future.

Little Kim busily placed the tiny dishes on her tea table. With delight she invited Mother to the tea party

and chubby hands received with thanks the white sugar cookies from Mother's cookie jar. "Okay. It's time to come now," she gaily called. Mother laid aside her apron to oblige in attending the social occasion of the day and humor the child in her play and pretending. The tiny table appeared quite crowded. Mother, efficient as mothers are, observed the situation and remarked, "Four dollies—a place for each dolly, a place for you and me. If you would take that extra place off we would have more room." "No," replied Kim firmly, "I'm saving that place for Jesus."—And Mother sat in awed silence in the presence of The Guest of Honor. It is the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ that gives true joy. "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11.

"Thou God seest me"—a comfort and assurance to the sad or lonely heart. Grown-ups seem to forget that children have feelings, too. In all that he had left of a broken home, young Blake's lone comment was, "I live with my Dad. There's just us men folks now." Many a childish heart has been heavy carrying man-size burdens on pint-size shoulders. Yet God sees and cares.

Yes, the Invisible God sees. More accurate than a surveillance mirror, more penetrating than an x-ray machine, more sensitive than a metal detector, more discerning than a mother's eye is the Eye of God. "Thou God seest me." Drill it into your children until every moment is lived under the power of that truth. "Thou God seest me"—words able to be expressed in the imperfect speech of a toddler but a towering truth able to affect a life for eternity.

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crisis. This gives the teacher time to follow some kind of procedure in trying to solve the problem. At the first indication of a problem, the teacher should counsel with the student. If this does not correct the situation, the teacher should contact the parent and enlist his help. If, after giving the parent time to correct the problem, nothing has been accomplished, the paddle is used with the parent's permission. If permission is not granted to use corporal punishment, then the parent would be asked to take the

child out of school. This is consistent with our belief that we must have complete co-operation of parent and school to accomplish anything with the child. It would be foolish for a private Christian school to paddle a child without parent permission as you open yourself up to possible court action, and we do not have to keep children in school who do not conform to the rules. With full parent permission and co-operation much can be accomplished by corporal punishment and other types of corrective punishment.

In penal institutions, especially those that have "death rows" the aim of punishment is very often punitive only, that is without hope of correcting the offender. In our schools, however, punishment is not punitive but corrective. We are working for a change in attitude and character.

The Peaceable Fruits of Righteousness

In Hebrews 12:11 we have our goal set before us for producing "the peaceable fruits of righteousness to those who are exercised thereby." It takes dedication, hard work, and determination to accomplish these genuine results with our youth, but it is worth it. In this permissive, "let yourself go, do as you please" society we live in today, it is not easy to buck the tide, but if we are going to have Christian leadership for tomorrow, it must come from our Christian schools. "Be not weary in well doing," "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." God help us to discipline our own lives and set up the kind of Scriptural discipline and order in our classrooms that will produce self-disciplined youth.

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honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." This is the time that Jesus has been waiting for from the moment of eternity—the day when He would be married to His bride. Someone said, "Who is His bride?" We know who the Lamb is—John 1:29, John 1:36. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." One day the Lamb, Jesus, is to marry. Who is His bride? Someone said, "It is Israel, because Israel is called the wife of Jehovah in Jeremiah Chapter 3." Yes, but Isaiah 54 says that Israel played the harlot. Now is Jesus going to be married to a harlot? I would say not. II Corinthians 11:2 says He is going to be married to a chaste virgin. Now who is that? My friend, if you are saved, that is you. One day you are going to be married to the Son of God. I hear preachers say that we are married to Him now. We are not married to Him. We are only engaged to Him. Ephesians 1:13 says when we get saved we receive the seal of the Spirit, and in verse 14 of Ephesians 1 it says the seal of the Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance. In the Greek it means the down payment, or just the engagement ring. All we have today is the engagement ring. Have you ever seen a girl who,

when she got engaged, received a little diamond that looked like a speck of sand, but to her it was as big as a mountain? Everywhere she goes she says, "Look at my beautiful diamond," and people say, "Oh yes, I think I see it: yes, I think I see it." We've only got the engagement ring—one day we are going to swap it for the wedding band. You know, when you are engaged to a person you don't know much about them. I thought I knew a lot about my wife before I married her, but I didn't. I didn't know she had cold feet. I didn't know she'd try to take all the covers and push me out of bed. When I married her, I started finding out about her. If you love a person, the more you find out about them, the more you love them. I don't know much about Jesus today. I know He is the one who is altogether lovely, the fairest of ten thousand, and the bright and morning star. I don't know much about Him, because I am only engaged to Him, but thank God, one day, I am going to see Him. I am going to be like Him, because I am going to see Him as He really is. When I am married to the Son of God, then I am going to start finding out about Him.

You know at a wedding, there is always a preacher who performs the ceremony. Who is going to perform this ceremony? God Himself is going to perform the ceremony. At a wedding there is always a father who gives the bride away. Who is going to give the bride away? Ephesians 5:25-27 says Jesus will present the bride to Himself, a spotless thing; without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

You know I never will forget when I got married. Of course, my wife won't let me forget, especially when August 31 rolls around. But I remember standing on the platform of a small country church in West Virginia, and I looked in the vestibule and there was my bride-to-be, the most beautiful sight I have ever seen in my life. I am honest with you, I pinched myself to see if I was awake—I thought I was dreaming. I had never seen anything so beautiful: I thought the rapture had come. I noticed, as I looked out in the congregation, everybody had their neck craned, and they were looking at her. As I stood on the platform, I wondered, "Well, am I supposed to be here? Nobody's looking at me: everybody's looking at her." When we got engaged, they had a beautiful picture in the paper—of her—and it told about her background, where she had gone to school, her parents, her genealogy, and kind of at the bottom of the list was a P.S.—the fellow she's marrying is Ron Comfort. That is all they said about me. The day after the wedding, they had a beautiful picture in the paper—of her—and it told all about what she had worn and what her bridesmaid had worn and then at the bottom of the list—P.S. the fellow she has married is Ron Comfort. That is all they had about me. As I stood on the platform that day, everybody stood up as the wedding music began to play, and all eyes were on the bride. You know, if I had run out of the back door, not a soul would have missed me! I felt like saying, "Hey, I'm a part of this thing, too!" But nobody knew I was there. All eyes were on the bride. This was her day. But at this heavenly wedding, the scene is going to be changed—all eyes are not (Continued on Page 8)

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going to be on the bride: all eyes are going to be on the bridegroom, Jesus Christ. I am going to look down the row and see one of the guests, John the Baptist, that fiery prophet of God, and I may say, "Hey John, how are you doing?" And he might say, "Ron, keep quiet, I'm looking at the bridegroom, Jesus Christ." And I am going to spend the first few thousand years just staring into the face of our lovely Lord.

THE CHURCH RETURNING
After a wedding, there's always a honeymoon. Notice Revelation 19:11-16 where we see the Church returning. He said, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse." Someone said, "Do you think that is a real white horse?" I surely do. They had horses in heaven in Elijah's time. This is a real white horse. "And he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Who is on that white charger, can anybody tell me? It is Jesus! Someone has said, "That doesn't sound like sweet baby Jesus." It isn't sweet baby Jesus. When He came the first time, He came as a baby; when He comes the next time, He's coming as a warrior!—Revelation 19:12. When He came the first time, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes; when He comes the next time, He's coming in a garment saturated by the blood of His enemies—Isaiah 63:24. When He came the first time, He was laid in a manger; when He comes the next time, He's coming on a white charger—Revelation 19:11. When He came the first time, He was despised and rejected of men, but when He comes the next time, the Bible says that every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. When He came the first time, there was no room in the inn; but when He comes the next time, He is going to ask, and God is going to give Him the world for His inheritance—Psalms 2:8. When He came the first time, there were a few who beheld His coming; but when He comes the next time, every eye is going to see Him and all kindreds of the earth shall hail because of Him—Revelation 1:7. When He came the first time, there were a few angels that attended His birth; but when He comes the next time, He is coming with ten thousands of His saints—Jude verse 14. When He came the first time, He came in grace; when He comes the next time, He is coming in pure justice, and, do you know what some God-hater had the audacity to say? "I don't believe a loving God would send us all to hell." Well, let me tell you something, if somebody treated your children like the unsaved have treated God's Son, you would have sent them

to hell millenniums ago if you could. This world knows nothing today about justice, but when He comes again, it is going to be pure justice, and every man is going to get exactly what he deserves if he has rejected Jesus Christ.

Now notice verse 13 please. "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood." What is the blood on His vesture? Someone said, "That is Calvary." That is not Calvary. You know what the blood on His vesture is? It is the blood that is going to flow at the Battle of Armageddon. We talk about World War I and World War II—we've never seen a world war. When the Battle of Armageddon takes place, it's going to be World War Number One. The Bible says in Revelation Chapter 14 that the blood is going to flow for two hundred miles long, four feet deep, or up to the horse's bridle. Now you will notice in verse 15 what His weapon is. He is not going to have a nuclear weapon. Isaiah 11:4 says He will slay the wicked with the breath of His lips. Revelation 19:15 says, "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword." Now what is the weapon He's going to use? My friend, when all nations gather together to battle against the Jews, then King Jesus is going to step out on the clouds of glory and the only weapon He is going to have is the word of His mouth; He's going to slay the world, and the blood is going to flow. Men are going to fall, stacked on top of one another for two hundred miles long, four feet deep. Have you ever been through the deserts of the west in the summer time? You go along at night, and it's one continual thump, thump, thump, thump, and you hit one wild rabbit after another, but the next day you'll see the buzzards come down and pick the flesh of the dead carcasses lying in the road. You know what Jesus Christ is going to say at the Battle of Armageddon, when men fall in the streets? He's going to command the buzzards and vultures, "Come down and get your supper!" The Bible says it is going to be such a terrible battle it will take seven months to bury all the dead bodies. It will take seven years to clear up all the dead carnage lying in the road. Now notice, please, verse 14. "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Who is that? That is you, if you are saved. You say, "How do you know that is the saved?" Jesus said it was—John 14:3. He said, "That where I am, there ye may be also." Now if Jesus is on a white charger, I'm going to be on a white charger, too. I Thessalonians 4:17, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." Colossians 3:4, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

THE CHURCH REIGNING
All right, go to Revelation 20:6—here we see the honeymoon—the Church reigning. It says, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Hallelujah, what a honeymoon! All expenses paid by the blood of Jesus Christ. You know the Jewish wedding was in three phases. Number one, there is a period of betrothal or engagement. Number two, there was the wedding. Number three, there was the wedding

feast, or what we call the honeymoon. Now if the father of the bride and the bridegroom were normal parents, the wedding feast may last for a day or two. If they were well-to-do parents, it may even last for a week. I want to say our engagement was made with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit back there in the dawn of eternity. After we are married to the Son of God—our Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills—our wedding feast is not going to last for a day, or a week, or a year. It is going to last for a thousand years, all expenses paid by the cross of Calvary. What a honeymoon! Do you know at that day a little boy is going to the door and say, "Mom, come out in the backyard, I want you to see my playmate." You know who his playmate's going to be? He is going to be walking across the yard with a big grizzly bear by the hand. The Bible says that a little boy is going to put his hand in a cockatrice den, or a rattlesnake den, and he is going to pet the rattlesnakes just like they were poodle puppies. Listen to this, one day every knee is going to bow. I want to say that one day Mrs. Madeline Murray O'Hare over there with President Nixon in Red China, is going to bend her knee and say that Jesus is Lord. One day Mr. Nikita Khrushchev in the bosom of hell will bend his knee and scream that Jesus Christ is Lord, and you will, too, my friend! Why don't you do it tonight, because you want to and not wait until you have to. Every knee is going to bow, and for 1,000 years peace and righteousness are going to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

THE CHURCH RESIDING
Notice Revelation Chapter 21 in closing, where we see the Church residing—Revelation 21:1-4. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Do you know all that was lost in Genesis 3 is regained in Revelation 21 and 22? In Revelation 21 and 22 we have a new heaven, a new earth, a new people, a new city, a new light, a new temple. The Bible says this city will be surrounded by twelve gates—there will be three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south and three gates on the west, because the invitation in Revelation 22:17 is, "Whosoever will, let him come." The Bible says in Matthew 8:11, "Many will come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."

A couple of years ago I went into the home of a family in West Virginia who had had a seven-year-old daughter killed by a car just a few weeks before, and their hearts were broken. But I had the privilege of telling them that their daughter was saved a week before in our Bible School in my

local church. I said, "Now listen, one day you'll be able to sit over there on the corner of eternity, and you'll see your daughter again." They said, "Will we know our daughter? Will we know her as a baby? Will we know her as a grown-up? How will we know her?" I said, "The Bible says, 'Ye shall know even as ye are known.' She will know you as her parents, you will know her as your daughter, and you'll be able to sit over there in the edge of eternity, take her on your laps and tell her once again how much you love her." You know when I get over there, no one is going to have to introduce me to Abraham. I'm going to know him when I see him. You remember Peter, James and John went up the Mount of Transfiguration, and they saw Moses and Elijah. Did Jesus say, "Now Peter, James and John, I want you to meet Moses and Elijah; Moses and Elijah, here are Peter, James and John?" No. The moment they saw them they knew them, and in heaven we're going to know even as we are known. I've heard people say, "Well, my husband's lost. He is on his way to hell, and I want to go to hell with him, because I love him so much." You know that's a stupid thing for a person to say. There is not one word in the Bible that tells you you will recognize your loved ones in hell. I believe that in hell every man is an island to himself. You will have no fellowship in hell with your loved ones. But I tell you that over there, we are going to know even as we are known. The Bible says this city will be a city that is four square. It will be 1,500 miles in every direction. Do you know how big that would be? That would be as large as a city that would go from Boston, Massachusetts all the way down to Miami, Florida, go as far west to Dallas, Texas, and encompass two-thirds of the United States. The Bible says the streets are paved with pure gold, and I've got good news for you, there's going to be food in heaven. The Bible says that right there is a river of life and on each side of the river of life is the tree of life and the leaves are for the healing of the nations. These trees will bear twelve manner of precious fruit—a different kind of fruit for every month of the year. Hallelujah! That's my eternal dwelling place. I wonder, is it yours?

I heard about a bashful boy in south east Alabama. He went to his pastor, and he said, "Pastor, I don't feel like I have done anything to serve the Lord, but I'd like to. Isn't there something around the church that I can do?" The pastor said, "Henry, how would you like to be an usher in the church?" Henry

said, "Oh pastor, I'd love that." The next Sunday, everybody commented on how happy Henry looked. He had a smile from ear to ear as he ushered people down to their pews. A couple of years passed, and Henry was taken with a deathly illness. The pastor went to see him and said, "Now Henry, I believe I know the answer to this question, but I have to ask you." He said, "Where are you going when you die?" Henry said, "Pastor, I have settled that a long time ago with the Lord Jesus; I know that I'm going to heaven. Would you do me a favor? Would you read my favorite portion of scripture? You know what it is." So the pastor turned to Revelation Chapter 21 and read, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." About that time the pastor looked up, and he noticed big crocodile tears streaming down Henry's cheeks. The pastor took out his handkerchief and wiped the tears of Henry away. Do you know what Henry's dying words were? He said, "Pastor, the next time those tears are wiped away, Jesus is going to wipe them away in the new Jerusalem." Hallelujah, that is what I am looking forward to. In Duke University Hospital in January of 1965 a nurse told me this. She said, "Ron, one day you are going to be blind." She said, "One day your wife is going to have to read to you, she is going to have to drive for you, she is going to have to be your eyes." Do you know the first thing I thought about? I thought, "Well, thank God, one day I'm going to have a new pair of eyes, and He is going to wipe away all tears."

"There's a land beyond the river, where we call the sweet forever.

And we only reach that shore by faith's decree.

One by one we'll gain the portals; there to dwell with the immortals

When they ring those golden bells for you and me."

That's where I'm headed. Let's bow our heads in prayer.

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