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the Philosophy of Compromise

Pragmatism

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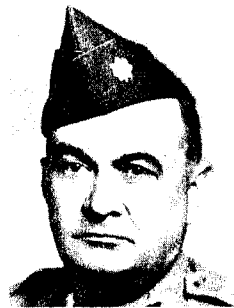
Pragmatism is as old as the Garden of Eden. It is the philosophy that the end justifies the means; that it doesn't matter what method you use as long as you get the desired results. Followers of this philosophy contend that any method is all right as long as it works. Satan convinced Eve that it was all right to disobey God's plain commandment not to eat of the forbidden fruit, as it would accomplish the desired result: that is—they would be "as gods."



The most subtle of Satanic ideas is causing havoc in evangelical and even fundamental circles today. All sorts of compromise with evil is occurring under the guise of "results." If souls are saved; if people respond to the call to "save the world" if the crowds are large and the "decisions" are numerous, then none dare speak against it or warn of serious consequences to the cause of Christ. If a preacher should stoop to such a "negative" approach, then he has violated that most sacred of all principles—that of being

"positive." Beware! The man who cries "be positive" doesn't want to be confronted with the clear teachings of the Word of God and places himself, at least in philosophy if not in doctrine, in the camp of the neo-evangelicals.

Let's look a little closer at the Philosophy of Pragmatism and the ultimate end this process of thinking leads to. Funk and Wagnall's Standard College Dictionary defines pragmatism as follows: "The doctrine that ideas have values only in terms of their practical consequence, and that results are the sole test of the validity or truth of one's beliefs." William James, the Psychologist, is often called the founder of Pragmatism, although you and I probably remember John Dewey best as its most articulate spokesman. Mark Fakkema in his book, "Christian Philosophy" states, "According to Dewey, true knowledge and good conduct must be gained not from God's self revelation but from man's experience. It should be clear that Pragmatism robs education of all objective truth content. All objective standards of right and wrong, of true and false, must be surrendered. God, religion and morality are likewise wiped off the educational slate." Dewey's educational philosophy is probably best summed up in the phrase "learning by doing." This is a humanistic, child-centered philosophy, and its guiding principle is "experience." "Doing is understanding" is the way another heathen philosopher, Confucius (See Page 5)



The Bible and WAR

BY COL. JACK MOHR
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Our nation is going through one of the most dangerous periods in its history. We are facing disaster. We have entered into the most shameful period in America's history, the age of "compromise." Christians everywhere, looking at the horrible things which are happening on the world's scene, things which have been predicted for ages by the Word of God, are nevertheless concerned and are asking themselves, "Is our nation in the right, when we fight wars such as Vietnam and Korea?"

In this generation, there are many good people, church members, if you will—some Christians, some not—who have been deluded by the liberal theology of which Paul speaks in 2 Timothy 4:3, 4. (I'm reading to you now from a liberal translation)—"For the time will come when men will not listen to true teaching, but will follow their own desires, and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear. They will turn away from listening to the truth and give their attention to legends." In this case, the liberal translation of T.E.V. is faithful to the original.

So the question we as Christians must ask is this:

"What does the Bible, God's Holy and Infallible (without mistake) Word, say about war?" I am not going to read any Scripture now, for we will be using a lot as we go along.

I would like to quote to you from a letter, written by a Christian young man, who had been rooted and grounded in the faith—his father was a fundamental pastor—written to his father from Fort Knox, Kentucky during basic training in April 1970, I quote: "The attitude about Vietnam around here was especially bad tonight. These guys are really scared. I think most Americans feel much the same way as they do. It all goes to prove what strange quirks can come over human nature in just one generation. War never changes; it's always bloody and awful. Nine or ten generations of Americans have gone to war before us, suffering the same, fearing much, but never shirking their duty. And then an age of apostasy is born, nor will it terminate until a spiritual revival, or the Fifth Cycle of God's discipline occurs. (Fifth Cycle of God's discipline is the destruction of a nation through war, see Leviticus 26).

"We all fear and hate war, but war is inevitable. When it comes, only those who un-

derstand Bible doctrine can resist the fear and relax during the maximum pressures it brings. Underlying everyone's fear at camp, is the uncertainty of death and the pain involved in learning to face the inevitable.

"I've already learned to face it and to relax most of the time. It's obvious that this generation cannot face war, or life, and they need Bible teaching. How does it feel that in us, as believers, is the key to upholding a nation and preserving its greatness." Love, Bobby (Unquote)

Some of you may disagree violently with what I have to say, but whether you like it or not, the Bible teaches that justified warfare is moral—war that is necessary to protect your country and defend your freedoms! Immoral acts are often committed during war, but the principle of war is moral when war becomes necessary. Fighting and killing the enemy—under those circumstances is moral—not immoral.

No one has the right—no one—to shirk military service, or to be a so-called "conscientious objector" on the basis of morality, and certainly not on the basis of Christian teachings. From the standpoint (See Page 6)

Three Gifts Of A Great Church

It's my pleasure to bring you a message concerning three gifts that God gives to great churches. Now the salt of the earth has always been the born-again element which populates our great churches in America. God's plan has always been to gather the children of God together in great force and eventually turn the entire world to the Savior. Yet over America there are thousands of churches who have long ago given up and replaced conquering faith with deadening form. Still in the over 500 revival campaigns we have had, we have enjoyed the blessed privilege of ministering to some of the greatest, successful, separated churches in our country. I've noticed that these churches have always

been marked by three special gifts from God—gifts which these churches were willing to accept.

God's successful, separated churches are always marked by three special gifts, making them great in the eyes of God and the world. Number one, God gives them special grace for the task; number two, He gives them special grit through adversity, and, last of all, He gives special guidance through obedience.

SPECIAL GRACE FOR THE TASK

Special grace for the task—yes. In Psalm 138:7 the Bible says, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the



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wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." I remember in a revival meeting

up at Illinois, that a lady came up to me, dressed very poorly—you could tell she came from a poor family—"I'm going to quit the whole thing," she said, "My husband is a drunk, we don't have anything in the house, and I hardly have enough to feed the children. I've been saved for about a year and it just hasn't done much good. I've been trying to live for the Lord and instead of getting any kind of compliments or encouragement, I get beatings and cursings, and I..." "Wait a minute," I said, "Before you do anything else, and before you decide to make any terrible moves, let me come up and talk to your husband." The preacher and I went up that night right after supper. We found the

husband sitting in a chair, half drunk, not a stitch of furniture in the house except some mattresses on the floor in the bedroom. We had a wonderful chance to talk to that man, even in his half drunken stupor. He got out of that chair, got down on his knees and with tears coming down his face he made a profession of faith in Christ. We left the home with his promise that he'd be there that night to come forward and make an open and public profession of his faith in Christ. As we drove on down to the place where I was staying, the pastor said, "I don't know about that man, do you?" I said, "Well, let's wait and see." To our utter surprise there was the man sitting out in (See Page 2)

EDITOR'S DESK

Fall is here again and that means that school doors are open all over the country for the 1972-73 school year. This, of course, includes hundreds of Christian schools all over the United States. How we praise the Lord for the growth of Christian Education today. I personally believe it is the only hope we have to salvage some of our young people. It is almost impossible for a young person to go through the state school system of our nation and come out "straight." It is going to take more character for the next generation to stand than it has in our own, and we certainly are bankrupt when it comes to character today. The Bible says in Isaiah 59:19b, "...when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." I believe that standard today is Christian Education.

Two of the many new schools that have started this fall are Fairhaven Christian Academy of Chesterton, Indiana and Garland Christian School of Garland, Texas. Roger Voegtlin is pastor of the Fairhaven Church of Chesterton, Indiana and founder of Fairhaven Christian Academy and Eugene Yingling is the headmaster. Mrs. Hobbs and I spent three days in September at Fairhaven Christian Academy holding workshops for the teachers and preaching in the Church on Christian Education. Fairhaven Christian Academy began with 90 pupils in grades K-6.

John McCartl, former principal of Panama City Christian School, is the principal of the new Christian school in Garland, Texas. They began the year with 136 pupils in K-6. Congratulations to these two new additions to the Christian school movement and to the many others that began this year.

There are dangers ahead, however, for Christian Schools, not from the National and State legislature as you may suppose, although there will be a very definite effort on the part of Government to hinder and stop the Christian Education movement. The real danger lies in compromise. In the desire to be large and to be recognized by the educational system of the world lies the real danger. Discipline is the key to Christian Education and this means weeding out students who do not meet the standards as well as enforcing Scriptural standards for the student body.

There is also the danger of not having a really Christian philosophy or curriculum. Schools must be careful lest the child-centered, humanistic philosophy that characterizes the whole Government school system get into the Christian school classroom, and it will, if schools are not on guard. It will get in through teachers or administrators who have been trained in the humanist philosophy and through textbooks and teaching materials that have been written from this "learning by doing" experience-centered point of view.

We need to pray daily for our Christian Schools. They need our support and our prayers.

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Formal Opening at BJU

GREENVILLE, S.C., Sept. 6 . . . "If it takes doing as you please to make you happy, you'll be miserable in Bob Jones University. But if you brought the joy of the Lord with you in your heart, you can be happy here or anywhere else," Dr. Bob Jones III, BJU president, told 4,600 students tonight at the opening exercises of the 46th academic year.

In a style reminiscent of the homespun advice given students through the years by his late grandfather, the founder of the university, the young administrator contrasted values of the world with values of the scripture which he declared are held by Bob Jones University.

Speaking on the subject "What Does It Take To Make You Happy," Dr. Jones said, "Circumstances, surroundings, roommates—nothing can keep you from being content here if you brought a love for decency, for fellowship with Christian people, for hard work, for learning, for scriptural obedience. If you were happy in the world, you will not be happy in Bob Jones University without a change of heart. If the company of the worldly pleased you, if you had a taste for its pleasures and felt at ease in its corruption, you can twist and squirm, turn over, sit down, stand

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up, lie down; but you will never be comfortable in Bob Jones University."

Continuing, he said, "The world has taught you that right is wrong and wrong is right. You have come to Bob Jones University to learn to look at things from the Bible viewpoint. If you find yourself in disagreement with what the Bible says, you don't disagree with Bob Jones University but with God Almighty. Some of you have been in step with the world so long that you will feel out of place in this institution, which is out of step with a world that is out of joint."

Concerning their previous training, Dr. Jones told the students that "the society that has taught you to depend on government welfare has taught you that perversion, murder, marital unfaithfulness, crookedness, cheating, and un-

chasteness are natural, normal, and healthy—this same society has nothing in common with Bob Jones University, which will teach you the absolutes of the Word of God."

In conclusion, President Jones stated, "You have learned your lessons from a devil's world that is the enemy of God and everything Bob Jones University stands for. For some of you, it will not be easy to learn that wisdom from above, is first pure, then peaceable; but a great many of you did not get to Bob Jones University any too early. And being here, where you will be offered what you could not have gotten at any other school in America, you will receive that which makes the difference between success and failure for you, both temporally and eternally; and we are glad you have come."

Dr. Jones addressed the more than 5,000 students, faculty, staff, and visiting friends at the formal school opening. This year's enrollment is the largest in the history of the school. The Rodeheaver Auditorium was filled, and overflow audiences watched by closed-circuit television in the Concert Center and listened by public address in the War Memorial Chapel.

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the church that night with his wife and, at invitation time, here they came, he without a shirt that was clean—dirty shirt—no tie, disheveled. Who'd have thought much of that? Well, years went by, I suppose three or four, and I went back in that same town for a revival campaign. We went out to dinner in this nice home and sat round the table—a very fine family—nice looking couple. They kept looking at one another and finally he said to me, "You don't remember me?" I really didn't, so I was embarrassed and said, "No, I'm sorry." "Well," he said, "I'm the man that you came out to the house and led to Christ. I was sitting in that chair." Then it all came back to me. Here was a home with fine furniture, the man had a good job, he was actually a pretty brilliant man, and the children had all been saved. Here's a home that had been saved. But what are we getting at? We're saying that God gives special grace for the task, and though you walk in the midst of trouble, God will revive you if you mean business for Him. In fact, in Isaiah 43:2 the Scripture teaches, "When thou paskest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." What's that again? When thou paskest through the water—yes—you'll find waters of rumors will come back to strike you between the eyes, some cutting terrible rumors

that you never expected and sometimes they'll come from so-called Christian friends, and you'll pass through the waters, but they'll not be able to overflow you. They come up and spread all the time. Herbert Armstrong loomed high in the circles—a false prophet. People gave way to his kind of teaching. The ecumenical movement came on, and people bought that. Now, one of the new things on the horizon is hyper-Calvinism, which people are accepting. But it's water that God allows us to go through. Not only that, but the Bible says that when thou walkest through the fire—the fire you're going to have—the fire of criticism—if you're any kind of Christian at all. And you'll have to pass through this, but remember, God gives you special grace for the task, for in Isaiah 45:2 the Bible says, "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass and cut in sunder the bars of iron." I was saved out of Roman Catholicism when I was just 25 years of age. It was a marvellous conversion, and I remember I was in the restaurant business. I was cleaning up one night getting ready to close—in fact I had already locked the doors—and a knock came at that glass door. It was a friend of mine about my age. "Let me in." So I let him in and gave him a cup of coffee while I continued to clean. He said, "Say, Schunk, I hear you got religion." "No," I said, "You heard wrong, I got rid of religion, I got Christ." "Well,

what's the difference?" So I went and got my Bible. I could only find about three verses. I had just been saved three days. I showed him those verses and looked over and tears had come to his eyes. It scared me half to death. I said, "That's wonderful, uh-uh-Cleve, that-uh-you're interested in being saved. I hope you'll get saved saved some day." And he said, "Some day? I want to get saved right now." I choked a little bit and then, stumbling—stumbling—I took the Scriptures the best I knew how, and I led that man to Jesus Christ. Oh yes, he's doing fine now. Years and years have passed, and I met him not long ago and he was Chairman of the church board and going on with God. Why? Because God gives us special grace for the task—not only to me to lead someone to Christ in my first days of salvation, but to this man who had come to Christ. In Psalm 46:1 and 2 the Bible says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

I was given an invitation to go back to my home town for a revival campaign years ago. It was a rather big church, and it scared me to death. I went back with fear and trembling, because I remember reading in the Bible that a prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and I was letting the devil get the best of me. But (See Page 3)

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when I got there and before the meeting was over, we witnessed a great and wonderful moving of the Spirit of God. Friends that I had known for years were saved, and after the meeting was closed, we looked back and counted the decision cards and found that 99 people had come to Jesus Christ. God gives us special grace for the task.

In II Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Notice, now, perfect in weakness. I remember when I first got saved the Lord put me in Uncle Sam's Infantry, and I spent two and a half years firing a machine gun overseas. The Lord called me to full time service while I was overseas, but when I got back to the United States of America, I got settled down. I got a job and got ready for school, but the longer I put it off, the longer the devil came to me and said, "You'll never make it to school, you've been out of high school for so many years." I finally got

convinced that it would be unwise for me to try and make it. Well, right about the time that I decided that I was not going to go, there was a fine, wonderful Christian lady who prayed for me every day, and we had been invited there for dinner. I thought, now if we just hurry and get the dinner over and get out of here, she'll not say anything about school. So we sat down ready to eat and she said, "Glen, I'm going to ask you to ask the Lord to bless the food before we eat. But before you do that," she said, "how are your plans coming for school?" I could have sunk right through the floor. I saw there was no way out, and I said, "Well, ma'am, I've decided not to go to school." There was no startled look on her face, but she said, "Now before you do ask the Lord to bless the food, would you just reach up behind you and take the plaque off the wall behind you? I'll not need that any more." I didn't understand what she meant. Well, I reached around to pick up that

plaque, and it said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." "My grace—sufficient." I sat back down and tried to get through that prayer. I know I was choking with tears, but that was the turning point that sent me away to school, because I depended on God's grace, and it has kept me all down through these wonderful years.

Did you ever notice in I Chronicles 28:20 that the Bible says, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord." Now this David talking to Solomon about the building of the temple. Notice, he said, "Be strong and of good courage, and DO IT, because God will be with you until you've finished all the work of the house of the Lord." It doesn't make any difference about what the task is to be, it

depends on the task that God has for you to do, and when you have accomplished that, then your time will be up. But nothing can happen to you until you've done all that God wants you to do—and He gives you special grace for the task.

SPECIAL GRIT THROUGH ADVERSITY

But wait a minute, not only does He give you special grace for the task, but He gives you special grit through adversity. Adversity? Yes, if you mean business for God and you intend to be a soul-winner and everything that God wants you to be for Him, then you're, first of all, going to be loathed by the sinner. How do you figure that? Well, Proverbs 29:10 says, "The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul." You make up your mind that you're going to stand for the doctrines that the Bible teaches, or you make up your mind that you're going to stand against communism, or you make up your mind that you're going to stand for the Word of God no matter what it costs, and I tell you, the bloodthirsty will hate the upright. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to say, "The biggest stumbling block that a person has in the world is losing friends." But you expect that, and the only reason that God allows you to go through these problems is to put steel in your backbone. He gives you special grit to go through this adversity. In fact in Proverbs 29:27, "He that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked." Do you believe that? I do. I've watched it come to pass where people just cannot stand. I've had people in revival meetings get up and walk out in the midst of the sermon, because it was too red hot, and it was too straight down the line. But if you check it out carefully, it was all the Word of God, so you've got to expect this. Psalm 37:32, "The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him." To slay him? Yes. I remember back when I was going to school studying for the ministry, that four or five of us had gone out on a Saturday to go and do some witnessing and some preaching in some churches up in the mountains. "We stopped at a gas station. It was actually a little country store and a gas station combined. I walked over and handed the man a Gospel tract. He tore it up in little bits and handed it back to me. He said, "Give this to the women and children. I'm a man!" Well, I walked away from him. There was a tall young lad standing by the gas pump, and I said, "Son, have you ever accepted Christ? Would you go to heaven tonight if you died?" "No, sir." So I took my New Testament out and was talking to this boy, and I saw a great big hand come out and pull that boy away. "And don't you talk to my son either, you blinkety, blank, blank, blank," he said. My, I thought in my mind, this man really keeps it up. I saw him walking away from me out of the corner of my eye, so I walked toward him in that direction and was fumbling through my New Testament for a bit of Scripture. By the time I'd caught up with him—he was over by the country store. I looked up after finding the Scripture. There he stood with a keg of nails and a wild look in his eye, and said, "If you say another word out of that Bible, I'm going to bring this keg of nails down over your head and

kill you." Well, to tell you the truth I was too scared to run. I said, "Before you do that I want to read you a verse of Scripture." I do not remember the exact verse, but I read him something in John, and when I got through I looked up and said, "Now I don't care what you say about me or to me, but I do want you to know that God loves you," and I turned around and walked away. We drove down the road about three miles and nobody said a word. Finally, someone said, "Whew!!" Well, I suppose two weeks passed, and a boy came to me and said, "Where are you going this weekend?" I said, "I haven't made any plans yet." And he said, "How about coming up to a church I have in the mountains and preach for me? We'll go up and visit on Saturday and then preach on Sunday." "All right." So Saturday, we wound around those mountains up in North Carolina, and we got away up in the mountains and stopped in front of an old country home. "Come on in with me," the boy said. So I went in, and I opened the door and there was that man who had held the keg of nails over my head. He said, "Brother Schunk, I want you to forgive me." But what had happened? He had been wonderfully saved. Some boy from Bob Jones University had led him to Christ, and he said, "You go back down to that campus and find that man that I talked to." Well, I was the man. What's that again? God gives you special grit through adversity. Notice in Psalm 38:20, "They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is."

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to say, "I don't know why that fellow doesn't like me. I never did anything for him." And did you notice in Isaiah 59:15 that the Bible says, "Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey." You stand for the Gospel; you be a pastor or a layman who stands for all the truth of the Bible, you stand for the Gospel and preach without compromise—you may be the wisest man in the world and one of the best preachers—but they'll say, "He's shallow and too evangelistic. He doesn't feed us. He's a dictator or a pope. He's not to be trusted." You see, what this really says in the Hebrew language is this—"Yea, it appears that truth fails, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey." Now that word "prey" means one to be persistently and relentlessly sought out and slain. Oh, but wait, God gives us special grit through adversity, for in Psalm 54:3 the Bible says, "For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them;" Now, really, this word "strangers" means "bold mouths." So it reads, "for bold mouths have risen up against me and those who are violent seek and demand my life and have not set God before them." But God gives you special grit through adversity. What's that again? By being loathed by the sinner—and I must touch on this—laughed at by the sinner, for in Job 12:4, "I am as one

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I wonder if you like to go for a boat ride? Well, I do, if the water doesn't get too rough, but I surely don't like to get sea sick, do you? Well, I want to tell you about a big beautiful ship. One day a big luxury liner pulled out of the harbor in England and sailed toward America. Oh my, that ship had all the honors as it sailed out—flowers for the passengers and all kinds of luxuries because it was a long voyage across that big ocean. There were many passengers on board. Some were business people, some were there for luxury, enjoyment, and a vacation. So—there were many people, and among them were some children, particularly a certain boy and girl. Well, Nan and Todd struck up a pretty good acquaintance, and before long they were playing games and having a good time. Todd had a big rubber ball. It was a mighty nice ball, so they played ball on deck while the grownups did other things. But, do you know what? A ship doesn't have a wall 40 feet high, you know, and they bounced that ball once too often and you guessed it. (Overboard it went. Todd yelled "OVERBOARD—it went OVERBOARD!" and he ran for the Captain. "Stop the boat!—Stop the boat! My ball went overboard!" The Captain looked at Todd and smiled and patted him on the shoulder. It surely didn't help Todd's feelings when the Captain said, "I'm sorry, son. Why with all these people on board this big old ship, I can't stop it just for a ball. I'm sorry. We can't stop the liner just for a little rubber ball.")

Todd was furious! He went back to Nan and blurted, "That old Captain said he wouldn't stop the ship. I betcha I know why, too. He didn't, because he couldn't! He couldn't!" and underneath Todd thought that the ship must be wound up with a key and had to run all the way from Liverpool to America and couldn't be stopped in between. He was quite upset.

Well, the children found something else to play and entertained themselves. And, as things go—a couple of days later Nan was playing with her doll, and she dropped it. It fell into the engine room, but she thought it went overboard. She ran to tell the Captain just as fast as she could, and Todd tagged along behind her all the

way. "There is no use to tell the Captain," Todd exclaimed. "He won't stop the boat. He doesn't care. He won't do anything about it." But Nan ran straight to the Captain anyhow. "Captain, I lost my dolly! I lost my dolly! I want my dolly back!" The Captain could see quickly that she thought the dolly had fallen overboard, but as he spoke to her, he glanced down into the engine room and way down below he could see the doll. He said, "Wait just a minute, Honey," and he disappeared. All the time Todd was saying, "He's not going to do it. He won't get her back." But then there came the Captain with the dolly in his hand. My, was Nan glad to get her dolly back! Well, Todd was bug-eyed. He didn't know what to think!

Days passed, and the children played and enjoyed the voyage. Then all of a sudden one afternoon the whole ship was terrified. The bell began clanging, the alarm sounded, and somebody shouted over the loud-speaker, "Man Overboard! Man Overboard!" Well, you can imagine what raced through Todd's mind. He guessed the Captain would just go off and leave the poor drowning man like he did the rubber ball! But word got to the Captain immediately and do you know what the Captain did? He gave the order, and all the machinery in that ship was halted. The ship stopped, and right there in the middle of the ocean boats were lowered in order to pick up the man who was swept overboard. This was just about more than poor Todd could understand.

The voyage went on smoothly, and finally they arrived in New York. And do you know the first thing the Captain did when they got in New York, anchored, and tied up at the dock? He went down town and bought Todd a beautiful rubber ball, much better than the one he lost overboard.

Now you see, they all had their requests answered, didn't they? Todd had to wait a little while, but what he got after he waited was better than what he asked for that day. Nan had her request answered right on the spot without any waiting or fanfare. And then, when the situation demanded it, everything on shipboard stopped—machinery and all, to save the man that went overboard! Now children, that is just how it is when you pray to

the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, Jesus answers as the Captain to the little boy. "Just wait a while—what you are wanting, you don't need right this minute. Wait a little while." Sometimes the answer is not so spectacular, but the answer comes. Then sometimes, God sees that we need something right now, and He might even do something spectacular, something that looks impossible for our prayers to be answered.

Now let me ask you, "Do you pray?" Oh, you may say, "At home, my father prays, and the preacher prays, but me? I don't know about me praying." But, you know, boys and girls can have their prayers answered just as well as grown-ups can. And you're missing out on a big blessing if you don't spend time in prayer each day.

There are some secrets to prayer that God would have you to know if you are to pray and have your prayers answered. The first thing is this—you have to be His child. He has to be your Heavenly Father. In other words, you have to be saved, born again into His family. It's like this—I couldn't walk up to your father and say "Hey, Daddy, how about giving me a dollar? I need to go to the store." Why, he'd look at me and say, "What has come over you? I'm not your father. I support my own children, but not you." Now, that's the way it is with God. You can't come to Him and ask for things if He's not your Father. Now, how does He get to be your Father? You must come to Him and ask Him to forgive you for your sins, ask Him to save you and receive you. When you put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ then you become His child. The next thing you have to do is pray in Jesus' name. You don't deserve His blessings or His answer to prayer, but when you come to the Heavenly Father in Jesus' name, He answers you. Now if you just say "Lord, give me thus and so, Amen," you can forget it. You have to pray in Jesus' name for your prayers to be answered. And you must pray in God's will—not wanting what you think you want for selfish reasons, but wanting what God wants you to have in order to please Him with your life and bring honor to Him. Now think about that. Give your heart and life to the Lord Jesus. Spend time in prayer, and see God work in your life.

EDITOR'S MAIL

September 11, 1972
Tampa, FL

The Projector
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Sir:

This is to request that my name be removed from your mailing list. I have received your paper, without request, for several months now and have read as you have continually come out against every work of the holy Spirit that is bringing about the salvation of souls and the changing of lives in America today. Though you claim that this is "God's way" I can see nothing but flesh and anti-Christ in what you have to say.

The Christ that has saved me ate dinner while a prostitute kissed His feet and, I suspect that He could have gone to a movie or even a rock festival if by so doing He could have lifted some lost soul out of the pit of hell. He changed lives by what He did and taught and is doing so today in churches and areas where the message "come unto me" is preached.

The Bible calls us to come unto Christ as we are. By so doing we place ourselves in the place where He can show us what we really are and how we may be changed into the person that He would have us be. It's message tells of a life which becomes increasingly more abundant as we allow Him to transform us into His likeness by writing His law in our hearts. His law is a law of love, the kind of love that sacrifices and does not condemn. Christ's love transforms lives, men's law condemns men to everlasting hell because it drives men away from Him who died that they might have life everlasting.

Daniel F. Moon

September 21, 1972

Mr. Daniel F. Moon
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Dear Mr. Moon:

I have your letter of September 11 and, as you requested, we are removing your name from the mailing list of THE PROJECTOR. I am not sure how your name got on our mailing list; possibly some friend desired that you receive the paper hoping that you would be blessed by it.

Your statement that we "come out against every work of the Holy Spirit that is bringing about the salvation of souls and the changing of lives in America today," is, of course, simply untrue. We always stand for every soul-winning effort that is in line with the Word of God. The Holy Spirit never leads any Christian, at any time, in a way that is contrary to the teachings of Scripture. To the contrary, the only gauge we have to test a movement or evangelistic effort is whether or not it is in harmony with the teaching, philosophy, and methods of the Word of God. One of the things that is doing more damage to our churches and young people than anything else today, is organizations and individuals saying that what they are doing is directed by the Holy Spirit when, quite often, it is contrary to the clear teachings of the Scripture.

You state further that you, "suspect that He (Christ) would have gone to a movie or even a rock festival if by so doing He could have lifted some lost soul out of the pit of hell." This statement clearly sets forth your pragmatic philosophy that "the end justifies the means." This philosophy believes that as long as the end result is worthy, it makes no difference what methods you use. This thinking is as old as the Garden of Eden itself and Satan has used it through the centuries to deceive and lead people to compromise and corruption. It is the philosophy behind socialism and communism and it is sad to see that it has invaded the ranks of evangelicals and, in some cases, fundamentalist circles.

You speak of coming to Christ "as we are" and certainly that is the only way we can approach Him. But Christ does not save us and leave us in the mire. He changes our lives and any person who has really been born again is going to evidence that change, not only in his relationship to others but also in his personal walk—and this includes his appearance. The "hippie" will cut his hair, shave, take a bath, put on some clean and modest clothes and cease to be a rebel and a revolutionary; a bum will cease to be a bum; a harlot will cease to be a harlot; a drunkard will cease to be a drunkard; a dope addict will cease to be a dope addict, and a Scriptural soul-winner will not attempt to look, act, sing, talk, or behave like one of these in order to reach them. Jesus Christ certainly came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) but He didn't take on the appearance, the actions, the language or the behavior of these folks. He came to save men, and lifted them up out of their sin.

I myself have personally preached many times in cafes, bars, on street corners and in jails and have seen many come to know Christ through such efforts but we always encouraged those who believed to straighten up, clean up and walk in newness of life, and we never, at any time, used their kind of music or dress in order to reach them.

You stated that "men's law condemns men to everlasting hell," but I am afraid it is not men's law that condemns men, but God's law that states that those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ are condemned to everlasting hell.

I trust you will recognize the error of your thinking and the fallacy of your way.

Sincerely,
Dayton Hobbs
Editor

Honesty is a far wider virtue than non-stealing. It embraces rectitude of motive and purpose, completeness and consistency of principle, and delicacy of responsibility. Truthfulness is the very cornerstone of character, and an instance of dislike for whatever is false or meretricious is one of the feelings which all sound education must inculcate. It cannot do so, however, unless its personnel and its methods are all animated by unflinching integrity.

William Graham Sumner



The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

The Lady Is a Tramp

Fifteen years ago there was a new arrival in the homes of many Christians. Now at age 15 this young lady is referred to as "that sexy little number." (Or, to put it bluntly—The Lady is a Tramp.) That is the way Western Publishing Co., Inc., refers to Barbie, the legendary trouper of the doll revolution.

Perhaps you recall the days when little girls would play for hours with a little dolly that sometimes had only one arm and was nearly bald-headed. This doll to which I am referring wouldn't talk, walk, or wet, but it was quite proficient at teaching little girls to love babies and motherhood. Little girls who played with the old style dolls learned to be feminine and enjoyed themselves at the same time. Let's look at what your little girls are learning now with the dolls of the now generation.

Have you ever taken a good close look at "Barbie"? (It is rather embarrassing). A recent news article in the PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL described the 1972 model as a "foxy coed, integrated black, chicana, oriental, skimpily clad kid who looks as much like the real thing as the law will permit." All of these girls—Millie Mod, Betty Ballerina, Sally Ice Skates, Magic Mindy, The Rock Flowers, and Josie and the Pussycats—have come on the scene in recent years to teach our little girls to be "sexy" instead of "feminine."

Take a close look at the ten year old girls in your church or school. You can tell by their dress (or undress) which ones have been playing with Barbie. Al Stoffel, the West Coast manager for Western Publishing Co., Inc., stated "Today, Barbie actually starts fashion trends among the young."

By now those of you who are reading this article have probably gone to your daughter's

room, found Barbie in a prominent place, and have probably examined her wardrobe. If so you found various types of fashionable dress which would be indecent and immoral on any woman in your church. Barbie wears a bikini at the beach, hot pants and halter in the back yard, mini-skirt and see-through blouse on her dates, and dresses with a deep plunging neckline for more serious forms of entertainment.

If you have been so fortunate as to have listened outside your daughter's room while she is playing with Barbie you know that Barbie was married to Ken for several months, but the sexy divorcee who moved next door to Barbie & Ken has broken up their home and now Ken has remarried Barbie's best friend, etc., etc., etc.

According to Al Stoffel of Western Publishing Co., Inc., TV has the greatest impact on the sale of new dolls for the kids. Do you watch TV on Saturday morning or is it just for the kids to watch by themselves?

You are now possibly thinking that I am a narrow-minded bigot and you are exactly right. For, you see, I have a daughter of my own and I want her to grow up to be a feminine Christian lady who knows how to love and care for babies. I want her to know that modesty is important to God, to daddy, and to the man she marries. I want her to know that being sexy is not the same as being feminine, and that she can be attractive without being revealing.

We should all pray for our children, but we must do what we know is right if God is to answer our prayers. Who is training your daughter? If Barbie is in your home perhaps she is working to un-do everything that you have taught your daughter. Why not ask her to leave on the truck that visits your neighborhood twice a week!

Modern Music

Consider the results of the modern brand of "rock" music which is so engulfing our young people. Entirely apart from the moral weakness it brings to human life, there are also actual

physical damages which come from the ear-splitting sounds so prevalent at the average rock performance.

A recent Reuter News Agency report tells that two San Francisco doctors,

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fuscious, stated this philosophy. Just this week a letter came across my desk from UNICEF (the United Nations division devoted to children) in connection with their Annual Halloween "Trick or Treat" drive. All kinds of subversive programs are carried out under this organization, and all are aimed at capturing the youth of the world for Socialism and Communism. I quote the opening paragraph:

"Hearing is forgetting... Seeing is remembering... Doing is understanding."

The above motto, on the wall of a primary school in Delhi, India explains THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE TEACHING METHODS (Caps Mine) now being introduced into Indian schools through the largest UNICEF assisted program in the world.

UNICEF admits that its teaching philosophy is based upon Confucious and Dewey's brand of pragmatism, "doing is understanding," but sad to say this is also the philosophy used by some so-called "Christian" schools and churches. As a matter of fact, the brochure put out by A.C.E. (Accelerated Christian Education) quotes this very formula of Confucious as the one they adhere to.

Admittedly there are things that we learn by doing, such as certain skills that require the use of hands, arms, legs, etc.,

audiologist Dr. Rayford G. Reddell, and ear specialist Dr. Charles P. Lebo, reported results of a nine month study on this problem.

For the first time, tests were made on rock music performances to determine how the loud sounds affect their hearing. Fifty were tested, and after seven dropped out of the testing, it was found that forty-one out of the forty-three had suffered permanent and irreversible hearing loss.

The doctors found that the noise level during some of the rock concerts reached 140 decibels, the threshold of physical pain. This is fifty decibels above the federal government standard of maximum sound for hearing safety.

Dr. Reddell said audiences at hard rock concerts were in as great danger of hearing loss as were the performers. He was also concerned about young people who listen to music at home using ear-phones; for while this "protects" the family from the loud sounds, it causes more hearing damage than those who hear rock without the head set.

Much could also be said as to the moral deterioration and spiritual loss wrought upon human lives by this type of musical (and unmusical) sound. The unruly sound, the suggestive lyrics, the heavy beat, the wild strains, all tend to loosen personal inhibitions and lead to uncontrolled sexual desire or violent physical actions. Many of the rock songs openly advocate the use of drugs, and the indulgence in completely

Pragmatism

but this is not the meaning of the "learning by doing" philosophy, so don't be misled.

"Learning by doing" glorifies experience and sets this up as the goal and end of education and relegates the ear to an insignificant role at best. The Bible, contrary to this, stresses the ear and insists that "the hearing ear and the seeing (perceiving) eye, the Lord hath made even both of them." Prov. 20:12

If you carry this experience centered application of the pragmatic philosophy—doing is understanding—to its logical conclusion, then I must "do" everything there is to do in life before I can understand or learn anything. I must experience sex, alcohol, "pot", heroin, etc., etc., before I can know anything about them. Every child an addict, every child a sex pervert, every child a rebel—as everything must be experienced to be known. No absolutes; no right; no wrong—only uncertainty. Is it any wonder that our youth are experimenting with drugs and sex with complete abandon today? Isn't this what they have been taught to do—experience in order to know?

This pragmatic philosophy, born in hell, has also infiltrated our churches and Christian schools as well. "Any method is all right as long as it draws a crowd and gets results"—it says, and preachers and ad-

ministrators are swallowing the lie. Churches are becoming Sunday carnivals and numbers and decisions measure the effectiveness of a ministry. I believe in promotion—the right kind—but I am afraid we are letting this thing get out of hand when our Sunday School program revolves around the spectacular.

"Explo '72" was another example of this "the end justifies the means" approach. Rock bands with religious titles and songs with a few religious (often not Scriptural) words; questionable characters of the entertainment world, and crowds of young people scantily clad and with hair and clothes resembling the revolutionary sub-culture crowd is the ultimate in the "get down in the gutter with them to lift them out" approach.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., used to say, "we must not only do God's work, but we must do God's work in God's way." Methods are important and there are scriptural methods to do a scriptural work.

Be careful!! The Pragmatic, "learning by doing," experience centered, "the end justifies the means" philosophy can slip into your methodology very easily, without your even being aware of it. Let us ever be on guard for we shall never be able to accomplish God's work as He would have us, unless we do it God's way.

unrestrained sex. Surrounded with these sounds and suggestions, it is no wonder thousands of our youth have thrown their morals away and permit themselves any pleasure as long as it momentarily satisfies their own desires.

—The Voice in the Wilderness.

Discrimination is free choice. The act of discrimination is the act of choosing between values evaluated and chosen by individuals with taste.... It was to ensure the right of individuals to discriminate, to choose even when wrong—that our country was created.

Alan Stang

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THE BIBLE AND WAR

of the Word of God, there is no such creature as a "conscientious objector." There are "cowards," and there are people totally ignorant of the Word of God, but there is no such thing in the Scriptures as a "conscientious objector." I am going to prove to you, from the Word of God, that the Supreme Court of the United States, which ruled to permit exemption to war and the draft on moral grounds, is out of line with Bible teachings.

The great Chaldean Empire fell in one night (Daniel 5) because people turned their back on God—they committed the overt sins like adultery, and murder, and they were guilty of the mental attitude sins such as gossip, hatred, envy, and all the rest and they were destroyed. America stands in danger of the same fate, for she too has turned her back on God. Other countries with the same disease which afflicts us have already been carried off to the "graveyard of history" by the "pall bearers of doom."

Our only hope lies in the re-establishment of moral and spiritual values; for the final solution to America's problems is a spiritual one.

The Bible has a great deal to say about war. The confusion as we see in America today, regarding the war in Vietnam, is a result of ignorance on the part of the American people, especially so-called Christians, of the Divine viewpoint on this subject. If you want to be sarcastic here and say: "Oh, so you are one of those who interprets God's ideas," you can drop that line of argument, for anyone capable of reading and understanding at the sixth grade level, can understand what the Bible teaches.

War will always exist in history, in spite of man's every effort towards peace, until the time comes when we finally have peace under the just reign of Jesus Christ during the Millennium. Jesus told us—"Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled; for such things must needs be..." (Mark 13:7) Until the reign of Christ on this earth, wars will be a bona fide part of world history as well as part of God's Word.

In Numbers 1:2, 3 and 26:2, 4 God instructed Moses to draft for the Israelite army, all the eligible males, twenty years of age and over, and thus sets a Biblical standard for the draft age. There is an interesting exception which might be well for us to follow. Deuteronomy 24:5—"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free for one year, and shall cheer up his wife..." This is the principle of the old Mosaic Law, Codex 3. A newly married man should not go to war for a very obvious reason, his mind would not be on the battle and he would be a danger to himself and everyone he comes in contact with. He can't concentrate on the military and that's what is necessary in battle to stay alive.

The Bible says that he should stay home for a year with his wife—a year long honeymoon and cheer her up. The Hebrew word here is "samach," which means literally "to make her happy." In other words, he is to spend the first year of his marriage making love to his wife and getting to know her intimately. This is the Biblical

basis for the Right Man-Right Woman relationship which should last through life. It's a basis for keeping her from getting jealous when he smiles at some other woman; and when she's five minutes late in getting home, he won't assume she's having an affair.

Then over in Deuteronomy 21, there is another interesting lesson to be learned. This recognizes that it is possible for the teenage element in a country to get out of hand and destroy a country. A recent Supreme Court ruling caters to teenagers, hippies, yuppies, and all other neo-gypsy types. The further we depart from Bible principles, the greater the danger to our country becomes.

Listen to this from Deuteronomy 21: 18-21: "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that when they have chastened him (disciplined him), will not hearken unto them; then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him out unto the elders (judges) of his city, and unto the gates of his place, (the court room) ... And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shall evil be put away from among you ..." This is how disobedient teenagers were punished. I didn't make that up—it's straight from the Word of God!

The remainder of this chapter establishes the Doctrine of Capital Punishment. Religious and political liberals are doing their best to destroy this doctrine today. Any time that religion gets hold of a country (and by religion I'm talking about any faith that tries to make man right with God and get him to heaven through his own works), any time you find religion dabbling in these things, it produces subjectivity. You will never find a religious advocate who stresses strong disciplinary measures towards youngsters. (Now let me clarify this word "religion." In spite of popular thought to the contrary, Christianity is not a religion, but a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.)

Religion is a great destroyer of a national entity. If you refuse to believe this, then explain, if you can, why the goals advocated by the American Communist Party and those of the National Council of Churches parallel each other.

The objectivity of war, from time immemorial has been the decisive defeat of the enemy and his annihilation. In other words his destruction as a potential threat. Annihilation has to do with killing the enemy, while decisive defeat has to do with strategy, tactics, and logistics. Look for a moment, if you will, at Psalms 46: 8-11: "Come behold the works of the Lord (the Psalmist is speaking here about war), what desolations (killings) he hath made in the earth (the land). He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot with fire."

The background of this Scripture was the Assyrian invasion of Judah, under Sennacherib about 713 B.C. Jesus Christ through His angel, destroyed 185,000 Assyrian infantrymen in one night. (2 Kings 19) How do you bring about peace in a devil's world?

By decisive defeat of the enemy and destruction of his war making potential. This is the only way. This is what General Douglas MacArthur meant when he said: "There is no substitute for victory!"

What is the result of decisive military victory? Joshua 11:23b, tells us: "And the land shall rest from war," but not until the enemy has been decisively defeated.

This is one passage, that if it had been followed by the United States in the Korean War, would have saved thousands of lives there and would have saved 50,000 more American lives in Vietnam. If we had blown Pyongyang off the map in the Korean War, then invited Red China to see the hole we had made, there would be no trouble in the Far East today. Any military man worth his salt knows that you don't win a war by sitting behind a "perimeter" and telling your men not to shoot at the enemy. All this does is to invite them to attack. In Korea, in 1950, we had absolutely no successes in battle, until we got out from behind the Pusan Perimeter and went on the offensive—then when we had the enemy on the run, the liberals in our government refused to let us destroy them. I could tell you some true stories about how this was effected that would make your blood run cold.

There is no doubt in my mind, that right now, the men in the Kremlin are saying, in effect: "The United States is weak, the will of the people to resist us is faltering; so let's keep the pressure on them and when they have had enough, they will surrender without us firing a shot!" They have told us over and over again that this was to be their strategy.

The Communists are out to take over the world, no matter how much the liberal politicians and church leaders scream differently. They have told us over and over again exactly what they intend to do, and they are keeping up pretty well on their time schedule. Many years ago, a Russian diplomat by the name of Dimitri Manuilsky said: "We will approach our enemies with unheard of peace overtures; and the capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will leap at the chance to be our friends. When they have gone to sleep and their guard is down, we will smash them with our clenched fist."

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the American Communist Party, made this prediction over ten years ago: "I will live to see the day," he boasted, "when the last Congressman is strangled with the guts of the last preacher and when 60-million hopelessly diseased capitalist animals are hauled away to liquidation centers by the commissars. They want blood in their religion ... we will give them blood, all they can stand, as we cut their children's throats and haul their bodies over the altar rails of their churches—may they strangle in the blood of their own children." Does that sound like "love," and "peace," and "brotherhood" to you?

It takes only a bit of common sense to realize that not all warfare is justified. Obviously warfare for personal or political gains is wrong. This is the type of thing the Nazi tried in World War II; it is strange however, that our press never told us,

that while Hitler took over 72,000 square miles of Polish territory in the West of Poland in 1938, that Stalin took over 77,000 square miles in the East, and as good measure annexed Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and parts of Finland, killing countless thousands of innocent men, women and children.

Just as a mad dog must be destroyed to protect a neighborhood, so God uses war to destroy a cancerous growth of evil that threatens the world. (See Genesis 15: Leviticus 18: 1 Kings 21; 1 Chronicles 5) In verse 22, 1 Chronicles 5, we read these words: "For there fell down many slain, because THE WAR WAS OF THE LORD." That phrase in itself ought to knock out, once and for all, anyone being a "conscientious objector" on religious grounds, or better yet, on Christian grounds.

Another question which is also asked is: "Why should we fight in another country for the protection of our own?" There is a Bible answer for that one too, in Numbers 32: 6, 7, 14. Moses tells the cowboys of Reuben and Gad: "It's not fair for the ten tribes to go over Jordan and fight for the land while you sit on the East side of the river and ranch. Why you're acting just like the cry babies back at Kadesh-barnea, forty years ago (Numbers 13 and 14), that caused your fathers to wander for forty years in the wilderness."

Reuben and Gad had found good land on the east side of the Jordan River, and were dragging their feet when it came to helping the other tribes conquer Canaan. It was time for them to go to war. In fact, if they refused, it could bring the Lord's anger on the entire nation. "For if ye turn away after Him ... ye shall destroy all this people."

A few conscientious objectors can cause an entire nation to be destroyed. The "disease" spreads. That's why what the National Council of Churches is trying to do to the United States is so dangerous. They are trying to destroy the military and thus make us all Communist slaves.

Notice what was said to them, verse 23: "But if ye will not do so (go to war in another country to help your friends), behold ye have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin (cowardice) will find you out." In other words, (your country will be conquered by the enemy and you will all be slaves.)

Many people associate the

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Three Gifts Of A Great Church

mocked of his neighbor, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn." I am remembering a young man who was in the evangelistic field for quite some years, and I remember the day that he got saved. It was before Christmas time, so he decided he'd wait until he got home to tell his folks about his conversion. He said, "Well, I'll just tell them about this wonderful story at Christmas dinner." So Christmas finally came and the evangelist went home, and they had a great dinner. I think there were 13 or 14 people sitting around the table. So after they'd finished the meal he took his spoon and hit on the glass and got their attention. He said, "Now, I've got something I want to tell you." He said, "Just two months ago I was wonderfully converted in a tent meeting over near the Camp LeJeune." He said, "They gave the invitation, and I went forward and somebody took me aside and led me to Jesus Christ, and I want my family to know these last two months have been the happiest days of my life. God has taken the things I once loved and made me to hate them; things that I once hated He has made me love. God has changed me on the inside, and I want to share that with my family on Christmas day." He said it was as silent as a tomb, then suddenly his dad over on the other end picked up in laughter. Then, one by one, they all began to laugh. Pretty soon it got hilarious and one by one they moved away from the table until the evangelist was standing there all by himself. He said, "In those few moments, standing there by myself I decided, that's it. I'll just give

the whole thing up." You couldn't blame him, could you? But let me tell you the beautiful story. Now years have gone by and the evangelist now has a church. Everyone of those 13 or 14 people who sat around that table—some of them are dead and gone now—but every single one of them has been led to Jesus Christ. Sure, you're going to be laughed at and you're going to be loathed by the sinner. And then—you must face this—you will be lied about by the sinner if you intend to be somebody for Jesus Christ. For in Psalm 56:5 the Bible says, "Every day they wrest my words; and all their thoughts are against me for evil." They what? They turn around my words. Every day they turn around my words, and they'll take the words that you say and turn them around and use them against you if that's at all possible. In fact, in Isaiah 29:21, "That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reprovet him in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of naught." You're going to have to expect this if you're going to live for God. God allows this to happen to build your faith, to put steel in your backbone so that He can make you a stronger Christian for Him.

SPECIAL GUIDANCE IN OBEDIENCE

So, you see, God does give three great gifts to churches. He gives special grit through adversity; He gives special grace for the task; and, may I just touch on this, as we come now to the conclusion, He gives special guidance in obedience. Now let me just say this, first of all, that obedience is absolutely required by God in the Christian. In Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the

whole duty of man." And again, Jeremiah 11:7, "For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice." I'm remembering before I went overseas when I was first converted, my Sunday School teacher was a very fine teacher and, of course, being one of the first Christians that I could really look at carefully, I had great respect for him. He was one of my heroes. The war got over, and I came back from overseas. The man was a barber. I went into his barber's shop to get my hair cut, and there on the wall was a calendar with a nude woman. I thought somebody must have come in and put that up when he wasn't looking, so I went over and started to take it down. He said, "Get your hands off that!" Unbeknown to me the man had backslidden and gotten away from God. He was not going to Church and was living like anybody else in the world. He was still a young man, but two months later he was cutting somebody's hair and slumped over by the chair and died—suddenly—without warning—of a heart attack. I believe it was because obedience is absolutely required by God. "You shall do my judgments," it teaches in Leviticus 18:4, "and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God." Some people just will not obey God. They say, "I don't have to tithe. I don't have to do this; I'll give my money if I want to." And it's true—you can do that, but if you are a born-again Christian, God's going to require the tithe, and if you are not willing to give that to God, then He will have to pick it up down the funeral parlor, or down at the hospital. Just as sure as you're listening to my voice, God's going to get that tithe, because obedience is absolutely required.

OBEDIENCE REWARDED

But the best thing about this when God gives you special grace for the task and special grit through adversity and special guidance in obedience, obedience is rewarded. For in Proverbs 4:18 the Bible says, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to say that when Paul came in to town, he never asked where the motels were, or where were the fine places to stay, he only wanted to know where the jails were, because he always ended up in jail. But the wonderful thing about Paul in jails was that he would sit in the darkness and sing the praises of God, and it would not be long before the other prisoners would pick up the same song and, in many, many cases, God would reach down with a holy hand and shake the sides of that jail and rattle the bars. They would fall away, and Paul would walk to freedom. You see, obedience is always rewarded. In Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart." Is that true?

I remember over in a meeting in Illinois, a lady handed me a slip of paper. Fourteen families were listed on that paper. She said, "Brother Schunk, I've claimed these families for the Lord during this meeting, and I want you to pray for me, or pray with me, about these families." "I'll do that." The revival went

on—if I'm remembering correctly we had 60 or 70 people saved, but not one person on that list was saved. That preacher's wife was absolutely crushed. You couldn't blame her much. She claimed them for the Lord. Well, about three years went by, and I was passing through that town and I got on the telephone and called the pastor to see if he might have a cup of coffee with me. The pastor's wife answered, "Oh, Brother Schunk," she said, "All 14 got saved." Well, that didn't ring a bell with me. "Is that right?" "All 14 of those families we had on the list." It still didn't ring a bell. "Really." She said, "Remember, we both had a list, and I gave you a list." Well, then it came to me. And what had happened down through the years, God had answered her prayer—not at the time that she demanded, but in God's own time and in God's own place, all 14 of those families were saved, because she never did quit praying for them. The fact is God always awards obedience to His Word. For in Job 17:9 we read, "The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger." And read it right in the Hebrew and it just says, "Stronger and stronger and stronger and stronger." It never quits saying that. I remember a lady who had an unsaved husband. In his young days he was a big strong blacksmith and very far from the Lord, and of course, unsaved. If I'm remembering correctly, that lady was saved by listening to the radio, and she prayed for her husband for 20 years. Then when he got very sick, he wanted the preacher up to his bedside. The preacher led him to Jesus Christ. What am I talking about? I'm talking about a reward that came after 20 years of prayer. What does that mean? It means that God gives you special guidance through obedience, and obedience is rewarded. Psalm 18:20, "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me." You'll find in the United States of America there are very, very few churches that ever get over 250 in Sunday School. The last I heard, I think the correct amount was less than 500 churches that ever get to 250 and over in Sunday School. If you reach 500 in Sunday School, then you're one of 400. And if you ever get to 1,000 they tell me you are one of only 300 churches in the United States of America. Now you think of that for a moment. Only 300 churches ever get to 1,000 in Sunday School. Now that's out of thousands of churches. Why is that? Because obedience is required, and obedience is always rewarded. But notice it's required first, and then it is rewarded. In Deuteronomy 28:1 the Bible says, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of earth; and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." God does just exactly what He promises in the Bible, and He still does it today. If you're willing to obey God, then

God does the work. Notice II Peter 1:5-8, "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if (notice the 'if') these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." If these things abound. Sometimes it seems like it won't. Now, I'll close with this.

I'm remembering a meeting over in Illinois where just before I'd gotten to the revival meeting, a half-back (I believe he broke some kind of record in the yards gained the year before in a college) had got wonderfully saved. It was in the summertime, and he decided when he got back to school for football practice, he was going to win every man on the team for Jesus Christ. Well, when he got back and started to witness, they told him to keep his mouth shut; it didn't make any difference whether he was a star or not. Well, after he'd waded through the whole team he was so down in the dumps he thought, "You'd think that I'd win one," and he got to where he wouldn't even witness at all. Then revival came. I guess Jeff was one of the first men forward to get right with God and to admit to God that he'd just given up. So he went back. He'd been working on a 260 lb. guard that ran the 100 in a little over 10 seconds with a football suit on, and this guard would pull out of the line and make a hole for Jeff to go through, which was why Jeff had gained all those yards. Well, he kept working on this fellow until finally he got him out to revival. When he stepped out he looked like a huge truck coming down the aisle. He was wonderfully saved. His wife was the beauty queen of the college and a speech major. She came and got saved. On the last night of that revival campaign the church was jam packed, and we had testimonies. The big guard's wife got up—beautiful girl—she said, in her well pronounced words, I'm glad that we're here tonight and that God saved my husband and me in this revival campaign. But," she said, "Let me tell you why we're here. The only reason we're sitting in this building tonight is because Jeff" (and she pointed to him—sitting right next to them—and his face got red? "That Jeff would not leave my husband alone; he just kept with him and kept with him and kept with him until he got saved; and now we've both been saved. And I'm sure," she said, "As the months roll on that many other members of the football team will also come to Christ." When I heard that testimony, I said, "God always awards obedience."

I'll tell you, friends, that God gives three gifts to great churches in this country to make them work for God and, spelled out, those three gifts are, special grace for the task, special grit through adversity, and special guidance through obedience. I hope, through this simple message, that you'll see from the Scriptures that these things are true, and God will do just exactly what He says He will do. If you're listening to my voice, I hope that you'll take

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3 Gifts of a Great Church

time out and say, "I haven't been busy for God, and I haven't been doing the things that God would want me to do." As a born-again Christian, I trust that you'll slip beside an open chair somewhere, maybe in your home right there, and get down on your knees and confess that to God. Say, "God, I've been unfaithful, and I have not carried out the things you want me to do, and I want to get back to Thee." There are no stains on the pages of tomorrow. Claim I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then this and I'll close. You're listening

to my voice and you say, "I don't know what this is all about." Maybe you don't know whether you are on your way to heaven or not. If that's true, kneel down beside the chair, look up to the heavens in prayer, and call out to God. "Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13). Call out to God and say, "Lord, I don't know how to be saved, but I learn here in the Bible that you'll save anyone that will call out to God and receive Jesus Christ in his heart. And the best I know how, right now, I'm opening the door of my heart and receiving Jesus Christ. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

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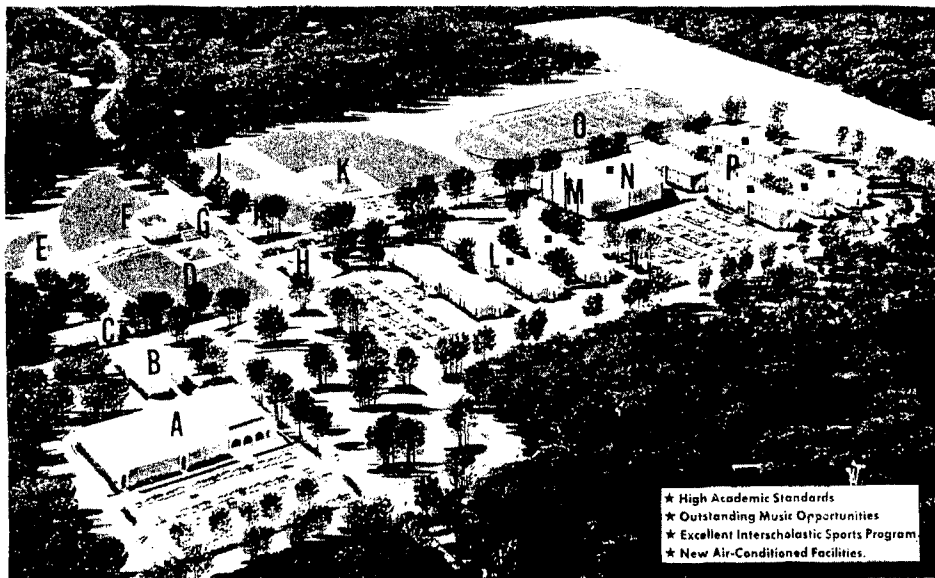


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