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McInteer Sermon Outlines - Galations

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I. We dispense great gifts.
   A. Grace & Peace.
      1. 20 X linked together.
      2. Grace is:
         (a) Foundation.
         (b) Root.
         (c) 1st blessing asked for.
         (d) Unmerited favor.
         (e) God the source.
   3. Peace.
      (a) Result.
      (b) Thru Jesus.
      (c) Only here.
      (d) World's yearning.
B. Only via God do these things come.
II. Jesus Integral to All.
   A. 1st He Gave.
      Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all unrighteousness, to a pure and acceptable offering, to God, which is ready to save all those that obey him."
      I Tim. 2:6 "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
      Gal. 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I am made alive by the Spirit of God."
      Rom. 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"
      Rom. 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin succored sin, that the law through the weakness of the flesh might be fulfilled."
      I Pet. 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, after he had suffered, he was set free with a great price."
      I Jn. 2:2 "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."
      Matt. 20:28 "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
      Jn. 10:17 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, and will again take it up: that my Father should be glorified which hath sent me."  
      Hebrews 10:9-10 "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."
   B. Sin abolished at Enormous Price.
      1. Death of Jesus.
2. Willing sacrifice.
C. Consequence.
   1. Deliver from present evil world.
      (a) Freedom.
      (b) No bondage.
   2. Glory to God for ever and ever.

West End Campaign Devotional 8-16-75
WAS PAUL A SEPARATED MAN?
Gal. 1:15-16

I. Oftentimes we are asked questions about important people.
   A. What was Paul's sister's name?
   B. What was his nephew's name? Was he a Christian?
   C. Was Paul a separated man—Peter was married—was Paul?

II. Of course, there is another separation—not in marriage—of which I speak. We'd like to see these incidents.
   A. Separated for a purpose.
      Gal. 1:15 "But when it pleased God, who separated i
      1. It confirmed his lawful apostleship.
         a.) Not by human mediation.
         b.) Not by subjective imagination.
         c.) Apostle before he ever saw one.
         d.) Recognized as an equal the 1st time they ever saw him.
         e.) Conferred not = didn't apply to anybody.
   2. Separated from womb.
      a.) God preparing him all along.
      b.) We are not set loose w/o purpose.
      c.) God has a privilege & a task for us.
      d.) Set apart before birth.
      Isa. 49:1 "Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye
      49:5 "And now, saith the Lord that formed me fr
      Jer. 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew the
   3. Called by Grace.
      a.) Luther, "In the midst of cruel rage he was called."
      b.) God called—not the Holy Spirit.
c.) Call means invitation accepted - w/o human worth.
Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be
4. Purpose - Reveal Son in Me.
a.) Reveal = lift veil.
c.) Mac Gorman, "Definition of conversion - God's revelation of Jesus Christ His Son in us, nothing less than this is enough, nothing more is possible."
c.) Our lives should reveal the Christ.
Acts 9:15 "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for
5. Preach among the heathen.
a.) All have sacred altars - field of farmer, desk of clerk.
b.) Saved to serve.
Romans 1:1 "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to
6. I conferred not c flesh & blood.
a.) Reaffirms divine source of his ministry.
b.) Negative way - via travels shows his authority not from man but God.
c.) Paul knew what he believed.
(1) Revelation of truth foundation of his courage.
(2) We need guidance of word today.
B. Purpose - apostle to Gentiles & to world.
Acts 13:2 "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted
1. They were fasting & praying - hard to do when always on the fast track.
2. Paul went to Arabia (Gal. 1:17).
3. Separate.
a.) Start of great Gentile activity.
b.) Much talent at Antioch.

(1) Simeon = Jew c Latin surname, plus Hebrew 
Niger Black.
(2) Lucius = from Africa.
(3) Manean = foster br. of Herod Antipas, who 
killed John the Bapt.
(4) Saul = mentioned last = had he not yet 
distinguished himself.

4. Ministered = liturgy - any public service or 
official function. Called while they were 
ministering!

5. Called Barnabas & Saul - he knew who could do 
it! Were useful at home - not a failure there.

6. Church solemnly sent them out.

C. What am I separated to?

Sheet End 8-1-82
Birth, Baby Deaths Down, Marriages, Divorces Increase

By ELLEN SCHREIBER

Tennessee registered record low levels of birth and infant mortality rates and record high total numbers of marriages and divorces in 1981, according to Tennessee Department of Public Health statistics.

A total of 69,369 live births were recorded in the state during 1981, translating into a birth rate of 14.9 per 1,000 population. That birth rate, in addition to being the lowest in Tennessee history, is one full birth lower than the national birth rate of 15.9.

TENNESSEE RECORDED 971 infant deaths in 1981, compared to 1,042 in 1980. The mortality rate was 14.9 per 1,000 live births, down by 4% from 14.9 in 1980.

Persons married in Tennessee totaled 118,244 during 1981, translating into a rate of 25.4 persons per 1,000 population. This total is a record high since records were first kept in 1946. In 1980, 117,208 persons were married in the state.

Divorces also set a record high, with a total of 58,972 persons divorcing in 1981, compared with 56,938 in 1980. This rate of 12.7 persons per 1,000 population represented a 2% increase over the comparable rate of 12.4 for the preceding year.
Back in Geneva Calvin had been such a religious despot that he fined people for not going to church, jailed them for wearing jewelry and lace, and burned them at the stake if they were heretics. A father was jailed for naming his child other than a Bible name and a woman was incarcerated for wearing her hairdo too high. Calvin condemned 58 to death as heretics during his theocratic rule in Geneva.

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If Campbell did not know why Jefferson would esteem these two, we now know why. Loving France almost as well as his native country, having lived there as Ambassador, hardly any event was viewed more seriously by him than the French Revolution, which began to brew while he yet lived there. It was Voltaire (partly because of the literary influence of John Locke) who helped to inspire that revolution, giving it what it most needed, philosophical and moral justification. But the most significant thing in Jefferson's life was the American Revolution, and it was Thomas Paine who helped to ignite it. So, to the Sage of Monticello these busts symbolized freedom, the biggest word of all in the lives of both Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Campbell.

Campbell was hurt that Jefferson's life was not made perfect by Christianity: "He repudiated the Bible," Campbell complained while viewing those busts and thinking of Jefferson, "and he
dreamed at making a tree and a happy people without faith, a hope, or a desire for Christian immortality." His mixed feelings become even more apparent when he writes: "the painful associations, the unwelcome reminiscences of the godless life and the hopeless death of its gifted and politically honored proprietor." (Mill. Harb. 27, p. 89).

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It was former President James Madison that pinpointed the greatness of Alexander Campbell. Upon being asked what he thought of him just after being associated with him in the constitutional convention, Madison spoke of his high opinion of his ability in the convention, and then said: "But it is as a theologian that Mr. Campbell must be known. It was my pleasure to hear him very often as a preacher of the gospel, and I regard him as the ablest and most original expounder of the Scriptures I have ever heard."

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THE BEAUTY OF CLARIFICATION
Galatians 2:1-2

I. Lives there a man so anemic of action that he was never asked:
   A. What are you doing?
   B. What are you trying to accomplish?

II. The boss may ask:
   A. Are your hands cold?
   B. Gill--In Jesus name.

III. If it is an appropriate appraisal in Commerce so it is in Christ.
   A. Paul clarifies his actions.
   B. We should be honest in all our works.

IV. Let's see the valuable lessons taught in our text.
Gal. 2:1-2 "Then 14 years after I"
   A. Then
      1. Life moves--world does not stop.
      2. Cycles come.
   B. 14 years.
      1. Scholars argue over the time span involved.
      2. Calvin said no way to reconcile Paul and Luke--but then no way to reconcile Calvin and the Scripture either.
      3. Stress is on long interval--Paul has been busy 14 years and no other apostle has complained.
      4. Shows his independency.
      5. He had no dependency on any other apostle--thus Paul is genuine and to be accepted.
2.

6. Going 14 years without other apostle shows soundness of his teaching.

C. Goes again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus.

1. Barnabas not an apostle but great co-worker.

2. Titus
   a) 1st record of Titus going anywhere with Paul.
   b) Goes as example of uncircumcised who is legitimate Christian.
   c) He settles argument over Judaism—can you be a Christian and uncircumcised.
   d) His very presence should remove prejudices.

D. Went by Revelation.

1. Revelations made in various ways.
2. Dreams, nocturnal visions, trances.
3. Not told method here for that is non-important.
4. What is important is that he came by revelation of God.
   a) We must ever commit ourselves to the guidance of providence.
   b) We must know whom it is we serve.

5. Who calls us to our work?
   a) Self
   b) Church
   c) God

6. Paul goes by revelation not by summons of Peter as though he is an inferior apostle.
E. Communicate the Gospel.
   1. Means to present, lay before, impart.
   2. Rehearsed the gospel to them that he preached.

F. That Gospel which I preach
   1. Preached independent of other apostles.
   2. Preached the same gospel they did--only to Gentiles as they to Jews.
   3. Like the presence of Titus it will show Moses is ended.
   4. Going 14 years without any apostolic visit shows the soundness of his teaching.
   5. During that time no alteration in doctrine or practice.
   6. Preach is in the present tense--asserts continuity and consistency--even to this very moment.
   7. Kept on until now with changeless message.

G. Privately
   1. 16X word used.
   2. Tells them of gospel I currently preach as it covers my whole preaching career to the present time.
   3. Told other apostles he acted in concord with Divine mind.
   4. Imperative a united front be presented.
   5. These men of eminences he met one by one.
H. Reputation
1. Men of repute—eminent in repute, position, reputation.
2. Later will say seemed to be pillars—no disparagement in "seemed".
3. Honorable men.
4. No denial they are men of importance.
5. No jealousy or effort to destroy.
6. Apostles are still to be held as the only authority now.
7. Yet eminence does not change God's truth whether gained by works, reputation or what—God's truth is supreme not men's mechanics.

I. Running
1. It too, like his preaching, is present tense.
2. Running shows the activity and swiftness of his proclamation of the gospel.
3. No time to waste.
4. If leaders misunderstood the cause could be hurt.
5. Men's misunderstanding can hinder the gospel.
6. Some works are failures.
7. Is ours going anywhere?
WATCH BRETHREN SETTLE A DIFFERENCE
Gal. 2:1-10

I. The Church is Human Beings.
   A. With them there will always be problems. (Think of new names that fit "sick & troubled" each week.
   B. The church will always have tensions.
   C. Fortunately, there can be peaceful solutions.

II. Paul's Galatian letter tells of a Settlement of Differences.
   A. Some will be elated.
   B. Some will be defeated.
   C. The Cause will be intact.

III. Study Gal. 2:1-10.
   A. Summarize Problem.
      1. Titus test case.
      2. False brethren sought to turn liberty to bondage.
   B. Now see it in detail.
      1. After 14 years Paul to Jerusalem again.
         a.) When do 14 yr. start - from time of conversion?
         b.) Again refers to what? 3 trip to Jerusalem? Acts 15?
      2. The Co. - Paul, Barnabas, Titus.
         a.) Paul - not a whit behind but not ordained of them like Mathais was.
         b.) Barnabas - generous, not apostle like Paul & Peter tho called one. - Pure Jew.
         c.) Titus - know little of him - Gentile.
            (1) V. 3 "Being a Greek - Gentile - added for argumentative purposes."
(2) Uncircumcised (did circumcise Timothy).
(3) Test case.
   ((a)) Say too little – compromise a principle.
   ((b)) Say too much – split a church (Tell anxiety in broken sentence writing).
   ((c)) Example or Exception?
Acts 15:10 "Why tempt ye God to put a yoke upon the
   ((d)) Courageous of Paul to bring him.
   ((e)) Paul consistent in doctrine & practice.
3. Paul went up by revelation (V. 2).
   a.) Rev. came often to Paul.
   c.) Divine guidance at crucial time in Chr. history – God wanted this confrontation.
4. Paul's Practice – Preach to Gentiles (V. 2).
   a.) Paul's teaching all the way – consistent.
   b.) He brot in many Gentiles.
   a.) Publicly all knew what he did.
   b.) Had private audience.
   (1) Went to them of reputation.
   (2) Earlier had proved, said Barclay, his independe
      of the gospel, he owed no man, gospel directly from God.
   (3) Now proves his independence is not anarchy.
   (4) Privately – apart – used 16X in NT.
6. Saw the Big Guns.
   a.) Those of repute used 4X - 2, 6, 6, 9.
b.) Was it in derision, irony?
c.) Was it what Paul's enemies called Peter & inferred Paul was little stuff?
d.) Some men **rightfully** eminent in repute & position?
e.) Not like Mrs. Howard Cossell - how many great sportscasters - one less than think Howard.
f.) Do you feel he referred to them in questionable way?

7. Paul did not want to run in vain.
   a.) Empty results.
   b.) No good.
   c.) Wanted no one to come say work not sound & work fruitless.

8. Some tried to compel circumcision for Titus.
   a.) Tense suggests they came to Titus c circumcision request.
   b.) Pressure put personally to him.
   c.) How? theological arguments, brotherly sympath keep peace, *excommunication* threat maybe?
   d.) Who was doing all this? Judiazers.

   a.) Are some!
      (1) Military term - indicates subversive & militant nature of evil he fought.
      (2) Pseudadelphous - overtone of traitor & spy.
   b.) Spy.
      (1) Wormed their way in over the wall, not thru door.
      (2) Stole in.
   c.) Hate your liberty - want bondage.
(1) Liberty & remembering of poor two hard things of today.
(2) Satan hates our liberty - we were in his bondage
(3) Legalist wage war on our liberty.
(4) Others wanted to tame Paul.
(5) Circumcise all men - keep going Moses & Jesus
(6) Came as spies to reduce to slavery.
(7) In matters of indifference - a time for conciliation; but in loyalty to truth, unbending devotion.

10. Gave Place Not 1 Hr.
   a.) Paul stood like a rock.
   b.) Paul inflexible on gospel purity.
   c.) Paul inflexible on minor matters.
   d.) Circumcise Timothy for scruples of weak brethren; thus renounce liberty to gain souls but would not sacrifice Titus to contention circumcision necessary to salvation.
   e.) In contention c others be sure it is the gospel 1st, not personal interest.
   f.) Paul's defense was not for personal victory but gospel truth.

11. The Somewhat Brethren.
   a.) Paul gave authority due respect.
      (1) Didn't go his own way.
      (2) Talked c leaders regardless of how much he differed.
      (3) We gain nothing by rudeness.
      (4) Courtesy & determination can go hand in hand.
      (5) Some of us make Don Rickles look lovable!
b.) Not over awed by leaders.
c.) Have respect, don't cringe.
d.) Seek approval of God & good men.
e.) Some men give stability - "pillars".
f.) Pillars uphold truth.
g.) Did Paul think Jer. apostles lax in letting Judiazers in?

12. God accepts no man's person.
   a.) Paul maintained independence & was recognized by other apostles as having equal authority.
   b.) Conference can add no new knowledge but simply confirm a course.
   c.) From the start leaders accepted Paul's position.
14. One gospel.
   a.) The same gospel is to be brought to two nations but some men are more qualified than others for a specific assignment.
   b.) Gospel of circumcision & uncircum. not a different gospel in content - only in sphere of its proclamation.
   c.) NIV better on this than KJV.
   d.) Note wisdom in division of Labor - Paul & Peter.
   e.) Paul acknowledge equal c Peter.
   f.) Paul & Peter got same commission - thus Peter no pope.
   g.) Paul's "diocese" the largest - Gentiles, Peter had Jews.

15. It's all the work of God (V. 8).
a.) Paul was conscious of a special task - God gave
it — neither opposition nor discouragement could stop him.

b.) But it is God Who gives strength to do the task!

c.) Gospel is entrusted.

   Gospel is one.

   Gospel is God's & He gives the success.

16. Right hand of Fellowship.

   a.) James, Cephas, John.

      (1) Wrote 21 of 27 NT books — c Paul.

      (2) Paul names Cephas 9X — 7X calls him Cephas 2X Peter.

      (3) This is only mention Paul makes of John.

      (4) Some corrupted text & changed Cephas to Peter & put him 1st.

b.) Rtf. hand.

      (1) Confirmation.

      (2) Ratified formal assurance between 2 parties.

      (3) Paul had 1 gospel — 1) By revelation & 2) Confirmed by others.

      (4) Demonstrates unity.

      (5) Don't need testimony of men to substantiate word of God but a cordial understanding of outstanding men helps.

      (6) Paul avoids charge of singularity; as tho invention of his own.

      (7) Gain leading men, multitudes follow.

      (8) If he'd yielded at Jer., would have to everywh.

17. Remember poor.

   a.) Paul eager to do this.

   b.) Continue to remember them.
c.) Those to whom mercy is shown must be merciful.  
2 Cor. 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus C.
d.) Are we so overwhelmed by love of God we are eager to help poor?
e.) Thus see no doctrinal change could be initiated.
f.) Common object of charity unifies.
g.) Are we constant in our remembrances of poor?

Test End 6-3-79. 6-10-79
**Tuba Travelers**

1. Be at the Lewises house at 1:30PM this Sunday afternoon with all travel gear (except what you need to get ready Monday morning) so we can pack and be ready to leave Monday.

2. We will depart from the Lewises at 7AM Monday morning (June 4th).

3. Get your $3.00 in change to Betty.

4. Don't forget your Bible, ball glove, etc.

5. In all things, keep Christ first in your life and keep a loving attitude toward your brothers and sisters! When it's time to work... work hard! When it is time to play... play hard!

**Soul Talks**

Beginning Tuesday, June 5th, the two night-time Soul Talks will combine for the summer.

Bruce

**WE ARE A FAMILY**

Becoming a Christian is not so much becoming a member of an organization as it is being born into a family. Others in the fellowship are our brothers and sisters. God is not the president; he is the Father. Our basic relationship is not to an institution but to persons. That imposes some significant behavioral expectations.

In an organization one might reasonably expect his involvement to fluctuate on the basis of his moods or other responsibilities. That is not true to anywhere near the same extent in a family. Even a nominally responsible husband would not come home after a ten day unexplained absence and say, "I just haven't felt much like a husband lately." A mother would not, even on a bad day, say to her child, "I'm just not in the mood for being your mother today."

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WE ARE A FAMILY - continued

Different members of an organization can have varying fortunes, but members of the same family are so locked together that their fortunes cannot be separated. Suppose you asked a man, "How are you doing financially?" It would be unthinkable for him to reply, "I am doing quiet well, but my wife is very poor at the moment. I have managed to save up a large sum of money but she has had a lot of medical expenses and is in debt. I had steak for dinner but she could only afford a small helping of rice." The idea is preposterous.

The fact that some preposterous things appear reasonable to us in regard to our involvement in the church betrays the fact that we are still thinking of the church as an organization. On that day that we begin to see it as a family, some of our present practices will be seen to be unthinkable. We are not tied to an organization. We are children of God, brothers and sisters of each other.

--Wes Reagan

Time Change:

There will be a slight change in scheduling for Wednesday night meetings. Beginning June 6, a general assembly will be first at 7:00PM; classes and groups will then meet from 7:20 till 8:00PM.
—THE PLEA—

MODERN LIVING

A neurotic dreams of living in a mansion. A psychotic thinks he lives in a mansion. A psychiatrist collects rent from both of them.
doctrine."

—THE PLEA—

SOLUTION

THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOUR MISSING RELATIVES IS TO GET RICH.
TWO SPHERES: ONE GOSPEL:
RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP
Galatians 2:7-10

I. We've got just a few words in this text yet amazingly it covers:
   A. Uncircumcision.
   B. Circumcision.
   C. Peter and Paul.
   D. Workings of God's approval.
   E. Pillars in the church.
   F. Perceived Grace.
   G. Two spheres of work.
   H. One gospel.

I. The poor remembered.

II. It seems short, snappy, so let's get to it.

Gal. 2:7-10 (READ)

III. Succinct Truths
   A. They "Saw" the Truth.
      1. Implies it was a fact new to them.
      2. Had known Paul only by hearsay and that's never the best method.
      3. Obvious both Paul's work to Gentiles and Peter's to Jews was proper.
      4. Great to see men come together--no censoring, no accusations, only approval.

   B. The Gospel of Uncircumcision Was Committed to Paul.
      1. Our talents and influences vary--Clinton could always get potatoes from Grandpa when the rest of us could not.
2. Paul says I have been put in trust of the gospel.
3. Gospel is not ours but God's to originate and place.
4. Men's task--keep the gospel.
5. Committed = entrusted.

1 Tim. 2:6–7


C. God blessed both men--He "wrought effectively."

1. God confirmed work of both.
2. Paul never thought of Peter as the Vicar of Christ.
3. God equally blessed both men.
4. Please remember it's 2 spheres with 1 and the same gospel.
5. Difference only in the spheres--not in the gospel.
6. Both men had talents suited to the work they were to do.
7. All this shows:
   a) Moses is over.
   b) Gospel same, sphere vary.
   c) Gratitude for each effort.
   d) Yet the division of labor not exclusive--Peter preached to Gentile Cornelius.
   e) Let God place you where you are best suited for service.
   f) 12 foundation stones of various colors but rests on one cornerstone.
1 Cor. 3:11
Rev. 21:14
Rev. 21:19

D. Those Pillars
1. Peter, James and John no more as this is a different James.
2. 3 pillars named.
3. Peter is not named 1st.
4. Meyer imagines what these men could have talked about.
   a) James: at home with Jesus.
   b) Peter: fellowship with Jesus throughout his earthly ministry.
   c) John: unfold serious life of Jesus.
   d) Paul: blazing new trails.

E. Named Pillars
1. Perceived of a certainty the grace given Paul.
2. Great ambition to hold.

1 Tim. 3:15

3. Upholders of the truth.
4. Yet Pillar not so much as upholding a superstructure but rather something stationary.
5. Also beautiful and glorious.
6. These men known to be eminent and acknowledged as chief men.
7. Yet high positions do not alter facts of the gospel.
8. Pillars--weighty supporter of the church.

Prov. 9:1
Rev. 3:12
F. Received the grace (approval) of God.
1. No grumbling from men.
2. Amen from God.
3. Their gospel not of human origin but via God—not flesh & blood.
4. If they saw the grace of God how could they deny the accuracy of God.

G. Right Hand of Fellowship.
1. Handshake shows they are recognized as partners.
2. Yet most sacred of all covenants is the oath of God.
3. Right hand shows confidence—nothing hidden.

Lev. 6:2
4. Meant approval, endorsement.
5. Harmonious ending.

Rom. 15:27
6. Aren't you glad we can have favorite works but still be one as we pursue our goals?
7. God places us where best by our temperaments to serve Him.
8. Different sentiments are confirmed.
9. Paul and Peter meet again—no further mention of Paul & John's togetherness.
10. Great to see 3 apostles and wonderful brethren together as one.
11. Clasp symbolizes a union between men of opposite temperaments and training, brought to Christ in different ways.
H. Remember the Poor
1. Serving the poor a matter of great importance.
2. This would cement relations between Jew & Gentile.
3. They earnestly did the work.
4. Not unmindful of the physical needs of those who heard the gospel.
5. So remembering the poor would provide temporary relief and be a bond of union between Jew & Gentile. (DL)
I AM NO LONGER MINE
Galatians 2:19-20

I. Once I had me—and what did I have?
   A. Selfishness
   B. Sinfulness
   C. Condemnation
   D. Impossibility of attainment.

II. When I lost me I didn't lose much, did I?

III. Just how did this all come about? Let's see it as it unfolds in the Galatian account.

IV. It was some meeting at Antioch.
   A. Barnabas one of the preachers.
   B. Peter has come to visit the church and stays awhile.
   C. Then Paul drops in and one would expect a magnificent fellowship.
   D. But no--things were not right--even leaders get on the wrong track--look at the events.

V. The Last Recorded Meeting of Peter & Paul.
   A. Paul withstood Peter to the face.
      1. Shows his apostleship as strong as Peter.
      2. It shows good men can be wrong.
      3. It shows controversy can come--this one over chiefest matter of Christian doctrine.

Acts 15:11 "We believe that through the grace"
   5. Now gone back on it.
B. Withstood to the Face
1. Oppose--set one's self against.
2. Felt Peter attacking the gospel.
3. Face--not behind his back.
4. Remember if Peter fell I can; if Peter arose I can.
5. To be blamed--stood condemned--conduct condemned him.

C. What was crime--ate not with Gentiles.
1. Some came from James--perhaps means Jerusalem.
2. Peter in their presence withdraw from Gentiles.
3. "For before he did eat"--tense shows he did it on a regular basis.
4. Earlier for a Jew to eat with a Gentile was wicked.
5. Withdrew--tense began to and continued to withdraw.
7. Aloof--faded out of picture.
8. Feared the circumcision.

D. Contagious
1. Other Jews did.
2. Barnabas did--he's the preacher!!
3. This must have hurt his buddy Paul.
4. Would this split the church?

E. Carried away with Dissimulation.
1. Not malice or ignorance.
2. But hypocrisy.
3. Acted a part--pretend to be something other than themselves.
4. Hypocrite--concealed real character.
5. Lit. to "answer from under"--the mask.

F. Walked not uprightly according to truth of the Gospel.
1. Put aside Peter for who are men?
2. Truth is greater.
3. What is the creature in respect to the Creator?
4. Word is infallible--members are not.
5. Didn't (Lit.) walk with straight feet.
6. Did not stay parallel with the truth.

G. Rebuked before all.
1. Peter was showing revolt from the gospel, forsaking Christ--his grace, his liberty.
2. Danger in tradition and ceremonies.
3. Accepted them as Christians but not as social equals.
4. Peter is not a nobody and has to be condemned.

VI. Now comes many great truths but we move to the very last--a difficult paradox.
Gal. 2:19-20 "For I through the law"

A. I am crucified with Christ.
1 Pet. 2 "Christ suffered leaving us"
1. All earthly things are crucified and dead to me.
2. Christ and my consciousness become 1 body--nothing remains in my sight but Christ crucified and raised.
3. Christ said "I am the sinner—his
sins and death are mine—I'm joined
to him by faith."

Eph. 5:30

4. Tense—I have been completely
crucified.
5. His crucifixion satisfies all claims
to the law.
6. He's my surety.
7. His crucifixion destroys sin &
annuls its power.
8. His atonement our grounds for hope.

B. Nevertheless I live, yet not I, Christ
lives in me.

1. Delivered from law & sin plus my guilty
conscience—I now live.
2. I am alive no more for Christ lives
in me.
3. I live not as Paul, Paul's dead.
4. Words we say in the flesh come out
as in Christ.
5. "We have the same voice after
conversion but now it's to the glory
of God we use the words, not
earthly ones." (Luther)

C. Life which I now live in the flesh, I
live by the faith of the Son of God.

1. I am ransomed by the high price
of Jesus' blood.
2. His blood satisfies the justice of God.
3. 2 pillars—death of Christ and grace
of God.
4. Never go to God except through
Jesus.
5. Never expect things except but for the sake of Christ.
6. Through Him are the channels of all blessings.

D. Son of God loves me and gave himself for me.
   1. In my behalf. Jesus loves me.
   2. Our substitute. This I know.
   3. For me.
   4. Loves me with all my weakness and shallowness.

5. Blessed assurance—Jesus is mine.

O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.
I am mine. O Lord, I have heard thy voice and it told thy love for me, but I long to rise in the evens of faith to be closer drawn.

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LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
Gal. 5:16

I. Are we as Christians faulting the Holy Spirit?
A. We have seen such emotional extremes practiced by people and accrediting the action to the Holy Spirit we naturally resist such excesses.
B. But we cannot deny, nor want to, his presence in our lives—as we were baptized into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
C. Let's give Him due respect
   He is not at It!

II. The Holy Spirit in our lives.
A. 1st He gave us the Word that guides us, it's ours by inspiration.
B. Things we rightfully claim.
   1. Gal. 5:16
      "But I say, Walk by the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."
   2. Gal. 5:18
      "We are led by the Spirit...ye are not under the law."
   3. 1 Peter 1:12
      The gospel is preached "by the Holy Spirit sent forth from Heaven."
   4. Col. 3:5 (15 walks of the flesh Gal. 5)
      Though an apostle is physically absent yet "am I with you in the Spirit."
5. Romans 5:13 (Gal. 5--9 fruits of Spirit)
   "But if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body you shall live."
   This embraces putting away "anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth" (Col. 3:8-9)
6. 1 Cor. 14:15
   "I will sing with the Spirit"
7. John 16:13
   "He, the Spirit of Truth...will guide you into all truth"
8. Romans 8:1
   "There is no condemnation to them...who walk after the Spirit"
9. 2 Cor. 3:6
   Ministers "of the Spirit giveth life."
10. Gal. 6:8
    "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."
11. Eph. 2:18
    "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."
12. Eph. 4:3
    "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
13. Eph. 5:18
"And be ye not drunk with wine wherein is excess (riot) but be filled with the Spirit."

14. 1 Thess. 5:19
"Quench not the Spirit"

15. 2 Thess. 2:13
"Because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."

16. 2 Tim 4:22
"The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy Spirit. Grace be with you."
(Personal)
I. What are your duties in Christ?
"Live Like Him."

II. Richard Wolfe has done a book on distinctive doctrines of the church. Let us do a pattern on identification of the Christian from our text as we contrast work.

A. Fruit of the Spirit is singular.
   1. We are to do all of them.
   2. Tree is known by its fruit.

B. See the blessed nine.
   1. Love - not a sentiment but a service both to God and man.

John 14:15
14:23
I Jn. 5:3
3 Jn. 16-18
   2. Joy
      a) Thankful we are forgiven.

Rom. 5:3-5
I Pet. 1:8
   3. Peace
      a) Toward man.
      b) Toward God.
      c) Keep it.
      d) Pursue it.
4. Long Suffering
   a) Bear with others.
   b) Endure trials.
5. Kindness
   a) Treat all with courtesy.
   b) Be gentle.
6. Goodness
   a) Pure
   b) Holy
   c) Free from envy, pride.
   d) Think no evil.
7. Faithfulness
   a) Reliable to God and man.
   b) Discharge full duties at all times.
8. Meekness
   a) Steadfastness
   b) Patient under difficulties.
9. Self-control
   a) Govern temper and tongue.
   b) Also appetite. Bob Neil never ate until he was full.
   c) Body under subjection.
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**"Walk by the Spirit"**

- What were these Galatians admonished to do?
- What is it to "walk by the Spirit"?
- When should we "walk by the Spirit"?
- Where should we "walk by the Spirit"?
- What does the Spirit teach us to do?
- What is the warfare between the flesh and the Spirit?
- What is necessary in becoming Christians?
- What is necessary to live the Christian life?
- How are we free from the law?

**The Works of the Flesh**

- What is meant by "the works of the flesh"?
- What is meant by walking after the flesh?
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**"The Fruit of the Spirit"**

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- "The Fruit of the Spirit"
- How does Paul speak of "the fruit of the Spirit"?
- What is it brought in contrast?
- Name the different kinds mentioned by Paul.
- Give the meaning of each.
- Why is there no law against such?
- Those who are faithful to Christ have done what?

**"Let Us Not Become Vainglorious"**

- What is it to "live by the Spirit"?
- What does "vainglorious" mean?
- Why are Christians warned against this?
- How may self-control help it?

**Practical Suggestions**

- What man has been prone to do?
- What light does a Christian have?
- What warfare never ceases?

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*Make haste, O man, to live,*  
For thou so soon must die;  
Time hurries past thee like the breeze;  
How swift its moments fly!  

*Make haste, O man, to do*  
Whatever must be done;  
Thou hast no time to lose in sloth—  
Thy day will soon be gone.  

*Up, then, with speed, and work;*  
Fling ease and self away;  
This is no time for thee to sleep—  
Up, watch, work, and pray!  

—Horatius Bonar.

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*Elam's Notes on Bible School Lessons - 11/1931*
I. I realize there are things which I can no longer do. A. Lead a hike—paint a room.
B. Load a truck with supplies.
C. Sit up with the dead.

II. But Paul outlines in our text four things I can do as an old man.
A. Let's itemize them.
B. Let's be doing these four things in this text.

Gal. 6:6-10

III. First, I can help spread the word.
6:6 "Let him that is taught in the..."
A. I've had great teachers.
   1. Pitman - Parks - Pullias
   2. Armstrong - Sears
   3. Many local men and women.
B. I can "communicate" unto him.
   1. I can share.
   2. Contribute is better than communicate.
   3. Pay the way of those that teach.
   4. I've got experiences to share with younger folk.

Whispering little boy—en busy
5. Luther said, "Satan thwarts the gospel by raising men to oppose and starve those who preach it."


7. Church must teach.

8. Means "share as a partner" especially help missionaries.

IV. Secondly, I can observe the law of sowing and reaping.

V-7 "Be not deceived, God is not mock."

A. Deceived - mocked.

1. Oddly "deceived" comes from same word as "planet."

2. Ancients thought there were errant planets.

3. Some of the things I see and hear on TV must be from another planet with all the writhing of half-naked bodies. I like to turn it off with a click.

4. Deceived - led astray.

5. Mock
   a) Turn up nose in scorn.
   b) One pays a terrible price to mock God.
   c) Deride - to sneer.
   d) Fail to meet God's requirements of piety--stick out lip.

B. Whatever a man sows he reaps.
2 Cor. 9:6 "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

1. Flesh reaps corruption as reward.
   a) Flesh is short-lived satisfaction.
   b) Sow to flesh reaps violence.
   c) Avoid personal gratification for own profit, pleasure, honor.
   d) Gratify worldly inclinations.

Rom. 8:4-5 "That are after flesh do mind
6:13 Neither yield ye your members e) Reap corruption.

2. Spirit
   a) Permanent reward.
   b) Life everlasting is reaped.

C. Laws of sowing and reaping.
   1. We have a season for doing it.
   2."The opportunity to do good imposes the obligation to do it."
      (Cotton Mather)
   3. Harvest has a relationship to seed sown; amount and timing.

V. I can keep at it--thirdly.

V-9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

A. We get tired — granted.
   1. But don't stop.
   2. Don't lose heart.
   3. Preservations necessary.
4. Grow weary when make little progress.

B. However irksome the task, duty demands and blessings come.

C. Recognize the due season.

D. Expect harvest.
   1. Where live - little white house.
   2. Where get mail - little box on porch.

VI. Number 4 - do good to all men.

V-10 "As we therefore have opportunity..."

A. Do good--the business of life!
   1. Don't be diverted by difficulty.
   2. Well doing--lit. doing what's beautiful.

B. Continual effort.
   1. Doing what is beautiful.
   2. Engaged in that which is right.
   3. Requires continual effort, constant toil.
   4. Due season - God's time.
      Opportunity - our time.
   5. Reap--nature inexorable as rigid as gravity.

C. Note "as we have opportunity."
   1. Not always an exceptional season to do good.
   2. Uncertain tenure.
3. Good is that which is morally excellent.

D. Especially remember your church family—other times household is used.

Eph. 2:19 fellow citizens of his kingdom
1 Tim. 5:8 he that is worthy of his service

1. Both physical and spiritual help.
2. Look for opportunity: "What good can I do today?" Beautiful

1 Cor. 3:5 "Ministers by whom ye believed..."

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Logical Answer

"Why do hummingbirds hum?" a little boy asked his father one day.
Captured off guard, the father said, "Let's ask Grandpa."

When the youngsters asked his grandfather, the reply was, "Because they don't know the words."

Connecticut Betty

Grandma Diplomacy

AT THEIR grandmother's birthday party, two youngsters asked her how old she was.

"I'm 66," she answered.

Already wise in the ways of the world, the older one exclaimed, "Boy, you sure don't look it!"

A few seconds later, the little girl's younger brother leaned toward her and noted out of the corner of his mouth, "Parts of her do."

—George Posthuma
Superstition, New York
Heard and Not Seen
THE PHONE rings at a farmhouse, and a little boy answers in a whisper. "Is your mom home?" the salesman asks.
"Yes, but she's busy," the boy whispers.
"How about your dad?"
"He's busy, too."
"Well, are there any other grownups there?"
"Some firemen and policemen," the boy whispers.
Somewhat alarmed now, the salesman says, "Can I talk to one of them?"
"They're busy, too."
"What are they doing that's so important that they can't take one minute to come to the phone?" the man asks in exasperation.
"Looking for me."
—Wanda Anderson
Pikeville, Tennessee

Forgettable
Four-year-old Bobby was helping himself to a cookie when his mother walked in and caught him.
"Bobby, what did I tell you would happen if I caught you getting into the cookie jar?" his mother asked.
"That's funny that you forgot, Mommy," Bobby said with a sigh of relief, "because I don't seem to remember either."
Kansas
Michelle

Small World
THEY SAY the world gets smaller every day. But if that's true, why do they keep raising the price of postage?
—John Ebersol
Strasburg, Pennsylvania
Subject: Fw: BREAKFAST SPECIAL!!!
We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for $1.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" My wife asked incredulously. "I'll take the special."

"How do you want your eggs?"

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS
A TASK THAT CONFRONTS ME
Gal. 6:6-10

1. My Lord gave me the greatest possible challenge.
   A. 4th grade boy said I'm not an under-achiever,
      but my teacher is an over-achiever.
   B. I read with delight my high calling.

2. Open to Gal. 6.
   A. Times so bad Mafia in NYC
      Task of Teaching. Laid off 2 judges & dist. attorney
      Church is a sharing institution (Barclay).
   B. God will thwart the gospel by opposition to
      teachers or starving them into submission (Luther)
      Love is so practical it tugs at purse strings
      (Hubbard).

   a.) Hobbs says contribute a better word.
   b.) Pay the way of those who teach.
   c.) Trade spiritual wisdom for financial support.
   d.) Lit., share as a partner.
   e.) Tell story of man on dimly lit street, "I have
      nothing but this gun."

5. Teaching a most imp. function of the church.

6. No gap between discipleship & stewardship.

B. Sowing & Reaping.

1. Be not deceived.
   a.) Comes from same word for "planet" as ancients
      that planets errant bodies.
   b.) Thus wander around.
   c.) Painted yellow line...Everyday farmer from
      Not my fault
can

2. Mock.
   a.) Lit. turn up nose in scorn.
b.) We pay terrible price for this mockery.
Ps. 2:4 "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the
c.) Is all truth relative?
d.) No absolutes?
e.) Are there absolute physical laws?
f.) Does it depend on the individual or the special
situation?
g.) Can we all do our own thing?
a.) Our priorities get sorted out. build idiot
b.) Sow sex - reap adultery.
Sow violence - reap anarchy.
Sow secularism - reap irreligion.
4. Two fields - flesh or Spirit. No alligators.
a.) If nature dominates, expect trouble.
b.) God can forgive, but can't wipe out consequences
of sin.
c.) The scar remains.
d.) Quantitative & qualitative view.
e.) Walk the high way & in the end it pays.
f.) Life holds scales in unscrupulous balance.
C. Keep On - Bernard, Who pushed me
1. Weary. Men working - we hope
a.) However irksome the task, duty demands we do
it. Little league - clean mask - gun
exploded!
b.) Don't lack staying power.
c.) Continued effort, constant toil.
2. Well doing.
a. Lit. "beautiful."
b.) Find $500,000.
3. Due Season.
   a.) God's time as yet unrevealed to us.
   b.) Can't render final judgement till all evidence is in at 2nd coming.
   c.) We impatiently want to see immediate results.
   a.) Our time - season.
   b.) 2 phases - one God's time, one ours.
   c.) Search for opportunity to do good.
   d.) Bkfast on Visa Card.
5. All & Household.
   a.) Love all.
   b.) Love especially the 1 family.
   e.) Ours is a positive good in all the earth.

Youth Holley Shop Meeting, heat end, 7-28-80
Mountain State Children's Home, Holly Days, 8-2-80
Longmont, Co.
Marvin, a fourth grade Des Moines student explained his report card. "It's not that I'm an underachiever — it's just that my teacher is an overexpecter."

A vagrant approached a traveler at the airport and asked him for a dollar. The traveler explained that he did not have a dollar right then but he would be glad to buy an extra breakfast on his American Express card.

"Man," said the vagrant, "I've already had three breakfasts trying to get a dollar."

The Little League catcher asked for time out to clean his mask.

"What happened?" asked the umpire.

"My bubble gum exploded." — Dr. Herbert TRUE, Laugh Oil (Miles Press).
The economy has gotten so bad in NYC that the mafia had to lay off two judges and a district attorney.

Judging from the advance consumer's prices, she comments, "I can't even eat a district attorney..."

Red Oak, Iowa M.O.M.

Quick Thinker

An ambitious young grocery clerk was approached by a customer wanting half a head of lettuce. The clerk told her he would have to ask his boss in the back room if the store could sell lettuce in sections.

The clerk turned and saw that the customer had followed him and was standing right beside him. Quickly he added, "And this lady wants to buy the other half."

The grocer said okay. The clerk wrapped the half head of lettuce and the customer said, "Thank you. The boss called the supplier."
Walking along a dimly lighted street, a man was surprised by a stranger who slipped out of the shadows and stopped him. "Would you be so kind," said the stranger, "as to help a poor, unfortunate fellow who is out of work and very hungry? All I have in the world is this gun."

A wealthy widower and his daughter were traveling to Europe on the SS United States. The girl fell overboard. Berman, aged 73, hit the water and saved her. After the two were brought back aboard the ship, the widower threw his arms around Berman.

"You saved my daughter's life," he exclaimed. "I'm a rich man. I'll give you anything. Ask me for whatever you want!"

"Just answer me one question!" said Berman. "Who pushed me?"

Cloyd Gump and his wife, Bessie, came to town on Saturday and decided they would eat at the town's new landmark, the drive-in restaurant. One look at the menu, though, and Cloyd hopped up from the table, dragged Bessie out of the restaurant, shoved her into the truck, and drove off full-speed toward the farm.

"Cloyd, what'n blazes are you up to?" Bessie gasped as soon as she could speak.

"Did you see the price of the hamburger sandwich?" he asked, gritting his teeth and standing on the accelerator.

"Sure. A dollar eighty-nine. But what..."

"That means we got a $48,000 cow standin' out in the south pasture without us there to guard 'er!"—Nuggets 2-75.
TENNIS
The physical benefits of tennis are enormous. There's a substantial amount of aerobic activity involved because the leg muscles — the largest muscles in the body — are very active and require a great deal of oxygen to fuel them. That means the heart has to work hard to supply sufficient oxygen and the result is an increase in aerobic activity. Dr Willibald Nagler, chief of rehabilitation medicine at New York Hospital. — Harper's Bazaar, 5-80.

THEATER
Theater is the most direct of all the arts. All the others use other materials, such as words and paint, to create. Only the theater uses the living presence. The actor becomes an instrument alive enough and real enough and true enough to create reality—by means of reality. Because of this special quality, the theater holds a mirror up to nature in a way that the other arts cannot. In the theater, creativity takes place at the same moment that the public is literally there. It offers a totality of experience that cannot be accomplished in any other way. — LEE STRASBERG, US News and World Reports, 6-16-80.

FORGIVENESS
Forgiveness occurs when one is ready to close the books on the incident that caused a fragmented relationship, and move into reconciliation and friendship.

Forgiveness would be good medicine for many a troubled mind. For, too often, the trouble stems from an unforgiving spirit that pours bitterness and resentment into the mental stream of life, and such ingredients only destroy the mind rather than build.

Forgiveness is always a step in the right direction. For, whatever it is that is forgiven is not worth destroying one's spirit over. And if forgiveness does not enter the picture at some stage, then the destructive seeds of an unforgiving attitude will grow and bear their bitter fruit.

Forgiveness is the bridge that allows relationships to be reunited and friendships to be resumed. It is sometimes the longest journey, but always the most rewarding one.

Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is always right. And where life is more concerned for right than it is for convenience, it will build bridges rather than barriers.
Sarah Bernhardt created a sensation when she made her debut on the New York stage. One of those who was moved to tears was William H Vanderbilt, who watched her enraptured.

Unashamedly, the gruff, old railroad tycoon dabbed his eyes repeatedly with his handkerchief. Later, he went backstage to pay his respects to the Divine Sarah.

"I have never been so affected by a theatrical performance," he told her. "It would please me immensely if you would permit me to give you something as a memento of this event. Tell me what you would like and it is yours."

The actress thought for a moment, then said: "There is one thing, I would like your handkerchief." — Funny Funny World.

A Washington bureaucrat, who had served several administrations and had experienced investigations from all sides, was reporting to a friend about his new home.

"It's an old Georgetown house," he said, "and it would probably crumble to the ground if it weren't held together by old FBI wiring."
THE BRAND I WEAR READS 'JESUS'!

Gal. 6:17

I. Any achievement shows the marks of investment literally present in its structure.
   A. It could be a school.
   B. It might be a life insurance co.
   C. It could be a doctor's home, a church bldg., or a boy's or girl's practice in athletics or music.
   D. Yea, it could be a life!

Gal. 6:17 "From hence forth let no man t.
   1. If England had its "blood, sweat, & tears" ------
   2. If America has its Gettysburg "We cannot consecrate", etc.
   3. If manhood has its courage, for Emerson said to be a man one must be a nonconformist to society "To be great is to be misunderstood." ------
   4. What do you have as a Christian?

Gal. 6:17 "I bear in my body the marks

II. An analysis of Paul's position
   A. Cease forever troubling me.
      1. Years of loyalty have surely proven to every critic his stand.
         (a) Just how long & how much must one endure to be viewed as creditable?
         (b) What more can you ask?
2. If you continue your assault, you divert my energies from those that need me to serve those already Christianized.

3. Yet Paul carried heavy burdens, visited upon him because of:
   (a) Ingratitude
   (b) Perversity
   (c) Misunderstanding
   "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). "Reckon" is a bookkeeping term. Paul says he has added up all the columns, has taken everything into consideration, and is certain that Christianity has more to offer than any other way of life. The rewards of eternity far outweigh the hardships of the present.

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4. Life has those who'd make trouble for the worthy, for this is literally what this verse means.
   (a) Luke 11:7 tells of those who'd knock awake another in the middle of the night.
   (b) Some want to be troublesome, annoying, & to bother.
5. Paul's plea is in triplicate.
   (a) Don’t harrass me any longer.
   (b) Don't question me as to whose I am!
   Rom. 1:1 "Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, call
   (c) Don’t hold a man guilty of something
      contrary to their profession & suffering.

A recent religious folk musical includes
a number entitled "Sunday’s Child", about
whom it is said that on Monday through Saturday "A saint he ain’t!"

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B. He was branded.
   1. In substance he said, "If you don’t be-
      lieve me, look at my marks."
   2. Word is Scars, Stigmata
      (a) It was a brand
         (1) Often identified slaves - mentioned
            in placard of runaways.
         (2) Some ear marked
      Exo. 21:6 "Bore c aul"
      (b) Some said like a tatoo
      (c) "It was an outward thing - not an
          artificial product of morbid concen-
          tration but the unavoidable conse-
          quence of doing good in his world"
          (Interpreters Bible)
3. What were some of his experiences?
   Gal. 1:15-16 "But when it pleased God
   Acts 13:50 "But the Jews stirred... expelled
   Acts 14:19 "And there came hither c jews... stoned
   2 Tim. 3:10-11 "But thou hast known
   2 Cor. 11:23 - Read
   2 Cor. 6:4 - Read
   His was daily care of churches
   4. His scars were for Jesus
   2 Cor. 1:5 "For as the sufferings of Christ
   2 Cor. 4:8-10 "We are troubled on every
   (a) He belonged to Jesus, not Jewry.
   (b) He gloried in scars not circumcision.
   (c) Lash of the Lord left its mark.
   Rom. 8:37 "Nay in all these things
   III. And now the question comes for me - what brand do I wear?
   A. Any dedication I manifest?
      1. Clip on some are like thermostats.
      2. Demosthenes "If they cannot face the candle, what will they do when they see the sun?"
   B. Any burdens for the Lord I carry?
      1. Wallace Hamilton story on clock & weights.
      2. Golf balls & dimples.
   C. How do I react to my burdens?
      1. Chas. Jones story from Life is Tremendous on AWOL.
2. Centipede poem.
3. Chas. Allen card on suffering
   "Suffering is part of the business of living, and you will just have to brace yourself and take it." A little girl once fell down on the sidewalk and skinned her knee. She said to her mother, "Wouldn't it be good if the whole world were cushioned?"

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Page 98 - When Tears Are Flowing
   D. "Show me your scars", said Jesus - would I enter if this were the pass?
   1. Woods card on elderly missionary.
   2. Poem by Wilcox.

West End 4-13-69

Stillwater, Okla. 4-21-69
Meijer Church, Huntsville, Ala. 5-12-69
Memorial, Holmes Road 7-8-69

Highlands, Abilene 10-6-69
Boettcher St., Park Avenue 10-21-69
The centipede was happy quite
Until the toad in fun
Said, "Pray, which leg goes after which?"
That worked her mind to such a pitch,
She lay distracted in a ditch,
Considering how to run.

Craster, Mrs. Edward. quoted in John Bartlett
Familiar Quotations, page 942.

One ship drives east and another west,
While the selfsame breezes blow;
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
That bids them where to go.
Like the winds of the air are the ways of fate,
As we journey along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal
And not the storm or the strife.

Milco, Ella Wheeler. "One Ship Drives East,"
One Thousand Quotable Poems, pages 118-119.
Dr. Wallace Hamilton tells of an old grandfather clock which stood for generations faithfully ticking off the time. Its momentus came from a heavy weight, suspended by a double chain. In pity the owner thought "Too bad that such an old clock should have to bear so great a load." So he removed the weight, but the ticking stopped. The clock pleaded, "Please put my weight back. That is what keeps me going."

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by Charles L. Allen
Pp. 82, "When You Are Disappointed"

An elderly missionary couple were coming home after a lifetime of service on foreign soil. As their ship neared harbor, they wondered whether anyone would be on hand to greet them. When the ship docked, the missionary couple heard the welcoming strains of a band and saw a great throng crowded together on the pier. Thinking they were the objects of the festivities, emotion welled up in their hearts. Suddenly, however, they were pushed aside to make way for a dignitary of the United States and his party who had returned on the same ship from a big game hunt in Africa. By the time the old couple were able to make their way down the gangplank, the cheering crowd and the band were gone. The pier was silent.
Discouraged, they made their way to a small hotel. At last the wife broke the silence and said, "We've given our life to the Lord and now after all these years we've come home with not one single soul here to welcome us. I want you to go to our room and ask the Lord why we have been so poorly welcomed."

The old gentleman disappeared up the narrow stairs. Later, when he came down, his wife, still hurt from the rebuff at the dock, said, "Well, what did the Lord say?" Her husband looked at her gently and with quiet voice answered, "The Lord said, 'Missionary, you're not home yet.'"

Woods, B. W. God's Answer To Anxiety, page 68.

"Did you hear about the two positive thinkers in the Army guardhouse? One said to the other, "How long are you in for?" "Thirty days." "What did you do?" "I was AWOL—what are you in for?" "Three days." "What did you do?" "I murdered the General." "How come I got thirty days for being AWOL and you got only three days for murdering the General?"
"They're hanging me on Wednesday."

LIFE IS TREMENDOUS
by Charles E. Jones
Page 15, Leadership is Learning to Live
When they first manufactured golf balls, they made the covers smooth. Then it was discovered that after a ball had been roughed up, one could get more distance out of it. So they started manufacturing them with dimpled covers. So it is with life. It takes some rough spots in your life to make you go your farthest.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH PRAYER
by Charles L. Allen
pg. 85 - "When You Have Failed"

People are much the same way. Some are thermometers and some are thermostats. The thermometers merely record the social pressure or private anxiety and accommodate themselves to them. The persons who live by faith are not molded by society nor by personal anxieties. Regardless of the risk, they remain firm in their convictions. Their faith in God is not a form, nor is their belief in truth and righteousness a mere profession. Their faith is a force for that which they believe right. It is the thermostats who will eventually control the world's pattern.

Woods, B. W. God's Answer To Anxiety, page 106.
THE LAW THAT CAN'T BE REPEALED
Gal. 6:7-8

I. Some laws we can & should change, as we debate their value.
   A. 55 MPH.
   B. Horses.
   C. Amendments to Constitution.

II. Some we can't change.
   A. Gravity.
   B. Sowing & Reaping.

Gal. 6:7-8 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for
   1. Rather strange that this was brought up just after saying "be nice to the teacher."
   2. Congregational health is in proportion to treatment of teachers.

Gal. 6:6 "Let him that is taught in the word communi
   3. Yet from this narrow confinement Paul launches a great principle for our consideration.

III. God's Law of Harvest.
   A. Be not deceived.
      1. It's possible to be fooled.
      2. Sometimes it's by others.
      3. Worst is self-deception, via
         a.) Pride.
         b.) Selfishness.
         c.) Adhering to perversion of false teachers.
   B. God is not mocked.
      1. "Derided."
      2. Synonym = writhe the nostrils, sneer.

Lu. 16:11 "I am resolved what to do, that, when I am Ph.'r. out... deride him"
Lu. 23:35 "And the people stood beholding. And the
3. P. C. "It's derision of God to meet his requireme
of real piety & practical obedience by the
presentation of lip professionals & outward show
of religiousness."

C. Sowing & Reaping.
1. Nature is inexorable - it's perfectly rigid.
2. What we sow we reap!
3. False ideas: (True False False)
   a.) Harvest has no relationship to seed sown.
   b.) Harvest has no relationship to amount of seed
      sown.
2 Cor. 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly
   c.) Delay of germination alters the end product -
      sow seed of pyramids & still get wheat!
Eph. 6:8 "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any me
Col. 3:25 "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for t
D. "Meanwhile down at the granary! " I can sow:
   1. Flesh & reap corruption.
      a.) Personal gratification for own profit, pleasure,
         honor.
      b.) Gratify own worldly inclination to disregard
         well-being of other men.
Lu. 12:20-21 "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this
   c.) Corruption - spoilt, impaired, wasted away, rot
   2. Spirit & reap life everlasting.
      a.) Harvest follows here & hereafter.
      b.) Do I see life as seed time - harvest necessarily
         comes.
3. Other things to sow:
   a.) Discord.
   Prov. 6:14 "He soweth discord, therefore
   1) Check not multiplying new work

   b.) Wickedness.
   Job 4:8 "They that plow iniquity & sow wickedness, r
   4 things come not beat; spoken words sped
   arrow, the past, neglected opportunity

   c.) Tares.
   Matt. 13:25 "Enemy came & sowed tares among the w
   1. CD - SKEW, harvesting - see Sandy
   2. Trout article #4 #3

   d.) Strife.
   Prov. 16:28 "A froward man soweth strife: and a whis

   e.) Iniquity.
   Prov. 22:8 "He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity
   1) lost #1 - 05 lost #614 #5
f.) Wind.
Hosea 8:7 "They have sown the wind, and they shall
[i]Write in Index[/i]

[g.) Righteousness.
Hosea 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap;
Prov. 11:18 "To him that soweth righteousness shall be
[i]Encourage churches[/i]

h.) Tears.
Ps. 126:5 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."
[i]Sweat Tomorrow[/i]

i.) Word.
Mark 4:14 "The sower soweth the word."
Lu. 8:11 "The seed (of the K.) is the word of God."
Isa. 55:8-11 (Read)

j.) Peace.
James 3:18 "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in

k.) Good seed - you.
Matt. 13:38 "The good seed are the children of the k
Jesus sows them - Devil sows tares

IV. One qt. remains - what am I sowing?
Southside Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., Youth Rally 26-20
A small boy came hurriedly down the street and stopped in front of a stranger. "Have you lost a dollar bill?" the boy asked.

"Yes, yes, I believe I have!" said the man, feeling his pockets.

"Have you found one?"

"Oh, no. I just wanted to find out how many have been lost today. Yours makes fifty-five."

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A workman had climbed a steep ladder and was perched precariously on the rim of the city hall clock. He was cleaning the huge dial when a passerby stopped to watch. "What's wrong?" the passerby asked.

"It's fine," replied the workman. "I'm just near-sighted."

Teacher: "Can you give me a sentence with the word 'officiate' in it?"

Pupil: "A man got sick from a fish he ate."

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A small boy sent his grandfather a get-well card when he was in the hospital. On the bottom of the card he wrote a little note:

"Dear Grandpa, Mom told me you were in the hospital for tests. I hope you get an 'A'."

Chester, Ill. Louise

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Bedtime Devotions

In preparation for seasonal cyclones and floods, the town Civil Defense official asked the minister how many people the church could sleep in an emergency.

"Well," replied the preacher, "we sleep 30 to 50 at Sunday morning services."

Chicago, Ill. George

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Great for Hearing

Two fellows were talking about the new treatment one had received from his doctor.

"Did that cure your problem?"

"No, it really helps me."
Perhaps the most alarming problem that faces every elder and every evangelist in the church of the Lord today is the problem of spiritual indifference on the part of 50% of the members of the body of Jesus Christ. In some areas this figure is higher and in some lower. It is an alarming thing to read the severe rebukes that our Lord directed to the spiritually indifferent and then to realize that this disease afflicts so many people of God today. The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is to be to us everything. But the fact is that to many of us He is almost nothing.

About all Christianity seems to be to many a member of the church is that he is expected to get up on Sunday morning a little later than usual and put on his best suit of clothes and enter the church building too late for Bible classes with a stately and dignified step, bow his head, or at any rate close his eyes when prayer is offered, turn toward the pulpit with holy dullness while the preacher speaks, partake of the Lord's Supper with his thoughts a million miles away, slip a dollar out and put it in the collection plate, kind of shoving it under the other bills so that as far as the usher knows it is a ten or twenty and go quickly home to the biggest meal of the week. After the big meal he leans back with a smile of self-satisfaction, thinking to himself how fortunate the Lord is to have him for a servant. Jesus describes this dead, inactive, lukewarm, once-a-week Christian as a "wicked and slothful servant." He promises that when He comes again to receive His own He will say to this man, "I never knew you."

If this is all that Christianity means to us, then I assure you that we are in worse spiritual condition than the man who never heard the name Jesus. Let us awake out of our spiritual lethargy before it is too late!

-Virgil Trout
Let us encourage our churches to substitute salt and light for some of the sugar and spice. We need to begin again to know the sort of victory and blessing and humdrum hard work that comes from serving the poor, the widowed, the infirm, the lonely. Jesus Christ often ministered to the people nobody else wanted.

Though people won't like us for it, we can draw our lines where the Scriptures do. We can confront and care for those Christians toying with divorce, greed, gossip, sloppy or unethical practice in business, and immorality. We must be aggressive in righteousness.

Let us make our spiritual accounts accurate, testifying to God's faithfulness in failure, not just in success. In testifying to our conversion to Jesus Christ, we must not make the BC days worse than they really were, or our AD days better. If we have occasion to write of our ministry or of that of our church or organization, we need to tell both of those saved and of those who leave the faith — and why. We must report as well about those for whom prayer was offered and who were not healed. — PETER E GILLQUIST, Christianity Today, 5-8-80.

THE GIFT OF READING

In India, until the last couple of decades, a person who had the ability to write was considered sacred, and no one might touch or address him without first presenting him with a gift.
TOMORROW

All men think all men mortal but themselves.
— Edward Young

He was going to be all that a mortal could be
— Tomorrow.
No one would be kinder, or braver, than he
— Tomorrow.
A friend who was troubled and weary, he knew,
Who'd be glad of a lift and who needed it, too;
On whom he would call and see what he could do
— Tomorrow.
Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write
— Tomorrow.
And he thought of the folks he would fill with delight
— Tomorrow.
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
"More time I'll have to give others," he'd say,
— Tomorrow.
The greatest of workers this man would have been
— Tomorrow.
The world would have known him had he ever seen
— Tomorrow.
But the fact is, he died, and he faded from view,
And all that he left here when living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do
— Tomorrow.