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## My Saviour

*I looked and saw my Saviour,  
Hanging on that tree;  
All this cruel pain He bore—  
For such a sinner as me.*

*He came down from Heaven,  
Where to Him all glory was  
given.*

*To live the life of finite man,  
And prove we could live  
without sin.*

*The people all despised  
Him—  
“Kill Him! Kill Him!” they  
cried.  
That men might have eternal  
life,  
He was led away to be cruci-  
fied.*

*All this my Saviour did for  
you;  
Won't you please accept Him  
too?  
He's waiting now to hear you  
say,  
“Lord, take me; I want to  
abide in You today.”*

*by Sarah Kimbrell—Virginia, U.S.A.*

## Editorial



## A Lamp in Every Corner

It is interesting to notice how practical God is.

In our living room at home, we do not happen to have a light fixture on the ceiling. So, instead of having one general light for the whole room, we have to use small table lamps wherever light is needed. There is a lamp beside the armchair for when my husband wants to read. Another is by the sofa for when I need to read, and a third is on top of the piano so that we can see the music whenever we play the piano. Each lamp has been selected as the most suitable for its particular spot. All three have a distinct purpose and we appreciate each one. Unfortunately, the fourth corner is dark because we do not have another lamp to place there. It would be a nicer corner if we did.

Similarly, we are told that God, “the Light-giver arranges the lamps so that all in His house (the world) may be enlightened. He has an inexhaustible supply of light, and He places those who truly believe in Him where they will shine brighter and brighter. Constantly our light is to increase in brightness because we are constantly receiving light from the Source of all light. Beholding Christ, we are to become changed into His image, reflecting His light to the world.

“Each soul united to Christ becomes a light in God's house. Each

is to receive and impart, letting his light shine forth in clear, bright rays. We are held responsible by God if we do not let light shine to those who are in darkness. . . . By His Spirit the Lord will mold and fashion the human agent, quickening his energies, and giving him light wherewith to enlighten others.”—*Reflecting Christ*, p. 197.

Have you ever wondered why you have been placed where you are at a certain time? Maybe you have ended up in a certain class at school that you were not expecting to take, or your whole family has been unexpectedly transferred to another city. Why are you where you are?

If you are a sincere follower of Christ, remember that He as the Light-giver arranges His lamps in the most effective way possible. Just as we select the most appropriate lamp for our needs in a particular corner of the room, so God places us where we can do the most effective service for Him. There are probably a few people in your class at school who would be open to hearing about the present truth that you just happen to know. Or perhaps they need some moral counseling or suggestions about how to improve health—subjects about which you may already know more than you realized. You may very well be the lamp that God is placing near those persons to help them read and understand His Word. Without you there, perhaps they would not be able to see where to read.

So, remember the words of the wise man, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1. The Lord does not place us in a certain place at a certain time without having a specific purpose in mind. So, don't leave your area in darkness! Why not pray and ask the Light-giver to show you what He has in mind especially for you in your particular corner?—*B. Monteiro*.

# Who I AM

VS.

# Who YOU THINK

# I AM

By J. J. Skorich — North Carolina, U.S.A.

**H**EBREW parents were particular in giving names to their children. Each person received a single name. In case of boys this was done on the eighth day when circumcision was performed. Godly parents chose names that stood for traits of character that they desired to see developed in the child. Sometimes when a person began a new life with God, his/her name was changed. Thus Abram became Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Sarai became Sarah (Genesis 17:15), and Jacob became Israel (Genesis 32:28). Thus it is with the life of the Christian. "Beginning in the morning of life, controlled by the laws of nature and of God, the Christian moves steadily onward and upward, daily drawing nearer his heavenly home, where await for him a crown of life, and a new name,

'which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it' " (*Messages to Young People*, p. 95).

Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." This was very important to the Hebrews. What a person did during his lifetime brought honor or dishonor to his family and to the God of his fathers. This was much more important than being rich. After all, drug dealers, robbers, and dishonest businessmen may become rich. "My good name is capital of far more value to me than gold or silver. Let me preserve it untarnished. If men assail that name, it shall not be because I have given them occasion to do so, but for the same reason that they spoke evil of **Christ—because they hated the purity and holiness of His character**" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 595). [Emphasis supplied.]

## Outside vs. Inside

When it comes to evaluating or judging other people, we look at what we see from the outside. When Samuel was trying to select a new king from among the sons of Jesse, "the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Since we cannot read what is in other people's minds, we tend to judge them by their looks, education, social status, and so on. In many cases, the outside parallels what is inside. However, it is not always so. Judas, for example, had a very fine reputation among the disciples. They thought that he would be an asset to the cause of Jesus so they decided that he should be one of the disciples. Judas was deceiving himself and the disciples, but he could not deceive Christ. Because he was rotten inside, he sold his Lord and hanged himself. Thus it is with us. We can build our character on our own foundation with the help of Satan and his host or on the foundation of Jesus Christ with all heaven working for us. It is our choice.

## On Our Own (With Satan's Help)

When we build our character on our own, we follow the plan that the devil began in heaven. Before he fell, Lucifer told himself, "I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:14). His unholy love of self, the most insidious disease ever to afflict God's creation, led to rebellion against God

and is leading him to his final destruction. The devil told Eve the same lie, "Ye shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5). Today he is presenting to us the same words in many different forms. However, God clearly says that He hates pride, arrogance, evil behavior, and perverse speech (Proverbs 6:16–18). "There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 154).

Many people will lose their soul because of pride. When the apostle Paul was speaking to the Athenians, "many who listened to the words of Paul were convinced of the truths presented, but they would not humble themselves to acknowledge God, and to accept the plan of salvation. . . . In their pride of intellect and human wisdom may be found the reason why the gospel message met with so little success among that people" (*Sketches From the Life of Paul*, p. 96). Today we face the same problem. Although science, knowledge, and the wisdom of this world may be contrary to the word of God, many refuse to give these up. As a result, they will perish.

Unfortunately, pride can also manifest itself among God's people. When Jesus was walking the streets of Jerusalem, the Pharisees proclaimed their goodness on the corners. "I am better than my brother," they would say. We would be guilty of the same attitude today in thinking, "I am not like other Christians. Definitely I am better than unbelievers. You see, I am a Reformer." Let us see what God has to say about this. Look up Proverbs 26:12. The wise man asks, "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope

of a fool than of him." Yes, I can be thankful that I was born into a strong Christian home. Does that make me better than those who were not?

show off ourselves, or if we are proud of our "humility." For him it only matters that we are proud. The story is told of Benjamin Franklin and how

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## To a great extent every one is the architect of his own character. Every day the structure more nearly approaches completion

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Only if I accept the Lord Jesus as my Saviour and follow Him, will my salvation be sure.

Many times we love to show off our appearance. The apostle Peter speaks of the adorning of both men and women when he says, "let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:3, 4). Devotion to fashion absorbs the mind and heart so that no room is left for the important aspects of life. "No Christian can conform to the demoralizing fashions of the world without imperiling his soul's salvation" (*Child Guidance*, p. 433).<sup>5</sup>

On the other hand, we may be tempted to be proud that we do not follow the fashions of the world. Many have a false humility in the way they dress. "When we lose taste for order and neatness in dress, we virtually leave the truth; for the truth never degrades, but elevates" (*Messages to Young People*, p. 353). Satan works in many ways. He does not care if we are proud and like to

he wrote down all the vices that he had. He decided to overcome each one of them. As he was overcoming one at a time, he would cross each one out. At the end he felt so good about what he had done that he strutted proudly around his room. Thus he still had pride. This pride, of all sins, is the most hopeless and incurable.

Why is it that God hates this pride? Why, of all sins, is it the most hopeless and incurable? Perhaps it is because pride distorts reality, never admits that it is wrong, insists on its own way, takes undue credit to itself, is never content, and is blind to its own need. "Pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give. There is no room for Jesus in the heart of such a person" (*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 7). Do these words ring a bell? Remember what God's people, who live in the Laodicean period, are saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Yes, we have the truth. We have the knowledge. And many times we are proud of it. Yet the True Witness says in essence, "You do not know. You do not know how wretched you are, how

miserable you are, how blind and naked you are, if you do not have Christ in your hearts." (See Revelation 3:17-20.) Jesus is faithfully standing in front of the door of your heart. He is patiently knocking and waiting for you to open your heart and invite Him in.

### Solution to our Dilemma

In Revelation 14:1 the apostle John saw the Lamb standing on mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 with the name of the heavenly Father written on their foreheads. Why is it that God's name is written on the forehead? Why not on some other part of our body? The forehead—the frontal lobes of our brain—deal with judgment, self-control, conscience, and imitation. "The brain nerves which communicate with the entire system are the only medium through which Heaven can communicate to man and affect his inmost life. Whatever disturbs the circulation of the electric currents in the nervous system lessens the strength of the vital powers, and the result is a deadening of the sensibilities of the mind" (*Temperance*, p. 13). It is very important what we choose as food for our mind.

We can choose good or bad literature, good or bad food, good or bad music, and whether or not to indulge in TV, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, and suffer the consequences. If Heaven cannot communicate with us, then we are left alone. How awful the words, "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone" (Hosea 4:17). You see, "God has given us intel-

lectual and moral power; but to a great extent every one is the architect of his own character. Every day the structure more nearly approaches completion" (*Messages to Young People*, p. 412). God gives us strength, but we make choices.

Why is it that God's name is written on the foreheads? Why not some other name? If you recall, the name represents a character. In this case, God's name represents His character. At the end, when evil is completely destroyed, God's name will be written throughout the whole universe, including the foreheads of His saved children. (Revelation 3:12.)

The writing of the name must begin here and now. We cannot afford to lose time. "God gives you intelligence and a reasoning mind, whereby you may grasp His promises; and Jesus is ready to help you in forming a strong, symmetrical character" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 579). Lucifer had an evil desire—to be like God, in the sense that he wanted the title, control, power, prestige. This evil desire brought him ruin. But let us realize that "we are in this world to do service for God. We are here to become like God in character, and by a life of service to reveal Him to the world" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 409). ❀



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**W**here is **Huahini**? It is a beautiful area in French Polynesia. Why is it important to know about? It's the site of some inspiring meetings for young people! See the following excerpts from a letter:

"We are very busy preparing for the **Youth Convention** in October 1998. A big vegetable garden has been planted, so we do not have to buy a lot of the food. The site of the meetings is a lovely place on the beach, and the young people from Tahiti will come for the next holiday to help us clean the place and build houses like on the 'motu' of Topatii where we have been for two nights. 'Motu' means 'island,' and this promises to be a delightful opportunity for young people of all ages to soak up some of the joy of island life."

For those who are not familiar with the islands of the South Pacific, this part of the world has often been considered to be as similar to Paradise as can be found on earth. The lush greenery and exotic flowers delight the soul—and when found as the background setting for some powerful Christ-centered youth meetings, the mind can truly rejoice in the glory of our great Creator! Mark your calendar for **October 12–22, 1998**.



**R**eady to try out one of the most fascinating areas of the world? Come to Africa!

A special series of meetings for the youth will be held at the **Youth Convention in South Africa, December 18–27, 1998**. Young people of all ages are invited for this important event—the first worldwide youth congress held on the African continent. Plan to spend a few extra days to explore some of the world's most beautiful landscapes. See exotic animals in their natural habitat or take a trip to spectacular Victoria Falls. Not only is an adventure in store for all who come, but for those from western countries, the airfare is not all that costly and the favorable exchange rate allows your money to stretch a long way. Make your plans now to attend! You'll be glad you did!

**To those who wish to give:** Please remember that extra funds are needed to finance these two conventions, particularly in Africa. For those who may not be able to come, but would still like to support these inspiring meetings for young people, your freewill donations are most welcome to help make these opportunities a reality for our youth! ✨



# Photo News . . .



**Left:  
Youth  
Camp—  
Virginia,  
U.S.A.**



**Youth Congress  
and discussion  
groups in  
Fortaleza, Brazil**



**Right:  
Singers in  
Ecuador**



**Left:  
Youth  
Congress  
in Greater  
Sao Paulo,  
Brazil**





**Left:  
Youth  
Congress  
—Peru**



**Right:  
Bro. Lainez's  
family  
singing at the  
Honduras'  
Field  
Conference**



**Right:  
Baptism  
in Peru**



**Left:  
Baptism in  
La Ceiba  
Honduras—  
a total of 20  
were bap-  
tized on  
April 10,  
1998**



**Left:  
First Youth  
Convention  
of Central  
America held  
in one of our  
churches in  
La Ceiba,  
Honduras**



**Right:  
Youth  
Convention—  
choir from  
the church of  
Tegucigalpa,  
Honduras,  
April 1998**

# HOW TO MEET CRITICISM

by E. G. White

**T**here are those who can not speak in favor of the very best of blessings without attaching a criticism, to cast a shadow of reproach. Let us be guarded. Let us refuse to allow the criticisms of any one to implant objections in our minds. Let us educate ourselves to praise that which is good when others criticize. Murmurers will always pick flaws, but let us not be saddened by the accusing element. Let us not look upon it as a virtue to make and suggest difficulties, which will harass and perplex. Keep the atmosphere surrounding the soul clear by dwelling upon the bright sunshine of heaven, which is always shining to make us happy. Let us bring all the pleasantness possible into our lives.

When others begin to question and criticize, let us be determined, either by silence or by turning the conversation into another channel, to cut off the words which would not be spoken in wisdom. We are to continue to wait upon the Lord, making every effort to keep the door of our lips, so that we shall not utter one word savoring of unbelief.

We are to walk by faith, practicing the very things we have asked the Lord to give us grace to do. Thus we work out our own salvation, trying to help and save those in trouble

by faithful words and kind deeds. It is God who works in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure. The finite and the infinite are to unite in accomplishing the work that needs to be done. God has pledged himself to supply us with strength, cheerfulness, pleasantness, and joyfulness in our Saviour. Abiding in him, the word that would cast a shadow over others is left unsaid.

Let us remember that every one has some dark spot in his experience; and let us do all we can to bring cheerfulness and hope into the lives of others. What a blessing this will be to them! In turn they will speak words of good cheer to others, to bring sunshine into their hearts. As we do this work, we shall be in a position to realize, that the Lord hears our prayers, because we work in harmony with them, fulfilling all the duty we owe to God and to ourselves. We shall go about our work in a thankful, prayerful frame of mind.

By faith we may claim the promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find." Yes, we shall find the answer to our prayers; for God will do exceeding abundantly above our highest expectation. What precious witness we shall then bear for God! What an honor we shall be to the truth of his word!—*The Youth's Instructor*, April 4, 1901. ❀

## The Judgment

by L. D. Santee

*The wind from the southland is drifting,  
Its warm breath is fragrant and sweet,  
And God in His dealing is sifting,  
Yes, sifting the chaff from the wheat.  
To me it is awful and solemn,  
But I know from the scripture 'tis true,  
That all of earth's far-reaching column  
Will pass in review.*

*All the prayers and praise ever worded,  
All the service of love ever given,  
Have been by the angel recorded,  
In the "book of remembrance" in heaven.  
And the faith that would take no denial,  
The duty that feared not earth's frown,  
The steadfastness under each trial,  
Are all written down.*

*Yes, the record contains all the story  
Of the motives, the deeds I have done.  
And my actions of shame, or of glory,  
Will all be reviewed—every one.  
If my life has been worldly and careless,  
If I've caused a weak brother to fall,  
If my soul has been sinful and prayerless,  
The record tells all.*

# Alone

*It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone.*

*It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is godlike to follow a principle, to stem the tide.*

*It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure;*

*it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.*

*“No man stood with me, but all men forsook me,” wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.*

*Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness, and perished.*

*Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. The Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.*

*Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.*

*And of the lonely way His disciples should walk He said, “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way,*

*which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:14.*

*Of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way He said, “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, . . . therefore the world hateth you.” John 15:19.*

*The church in the wilderness praised Abraham, and persecuted Moses. The church of the Kings praised Moses, and persecuted the prophets. The church of Caiaphas praised the prophets, and persecuted Jesus. The church of the popes praised the Saviour, and persecuted the saints. And multitudes now, in both the church and the world, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness like faithfulness to truth today.*

*Wanted, today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at the cost of fortune and friends and life itself!*

—Selected from *The Youth’s Instructor*,  
June 13, 1901.



# GENEROSITY VS. GREED



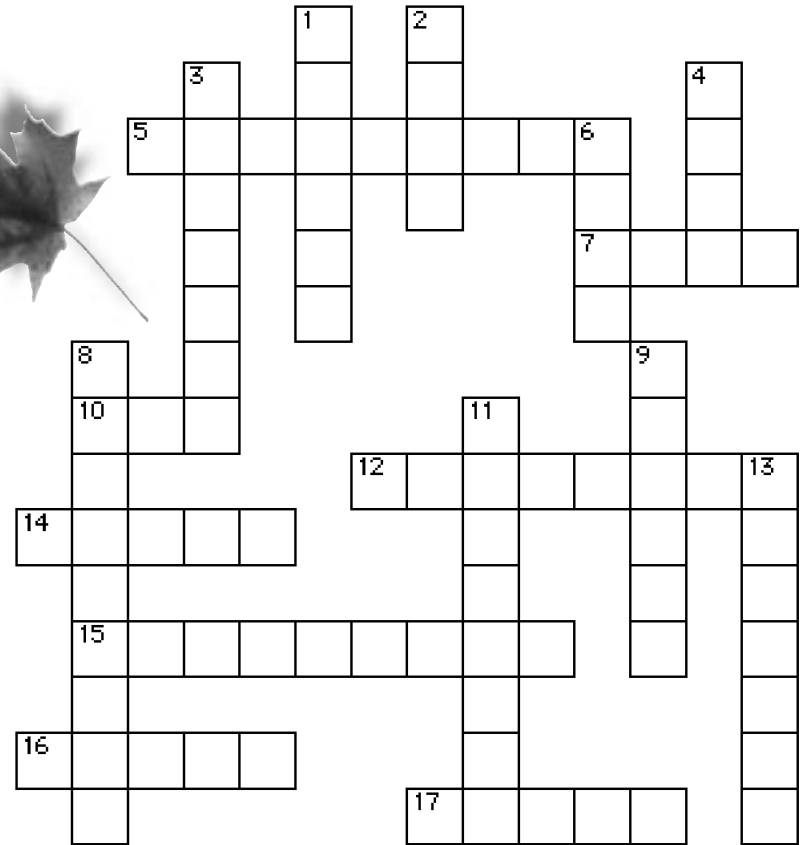
This puzzle is based on several Proverbs from the Bible, teaching us much for both our spiritual and material benefit.

## Down:

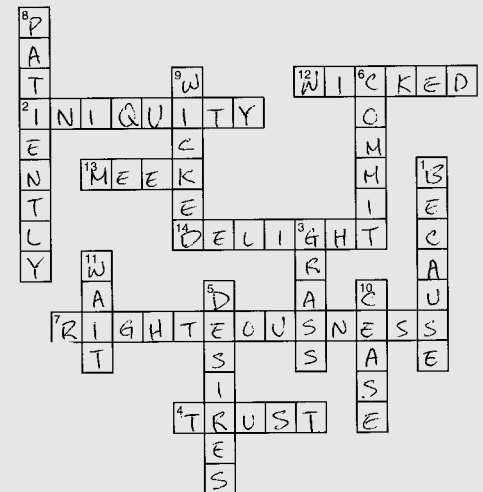
1. The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_ tossed to and fro of them that seek death (21:6).
2. He that hasteth to be rich hath an \_\_\_\_\_ eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him (28:22).
3. There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to \_\_\_\_\_ (11:24).
4. He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the \_\_\_\_\_ (28:8).
6. He that giveth unto the poor shall not \_\_\_\_\_ (28:27).
8. Envy thou not the \_\_\_\_\_, and choose none of his ways (3:31).
9. He that is \_\_\_\_\_ of gain troubleth his own house (15:27).
11. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thy \_\_\_\_\_  
So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine (3:9, 10).
13. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and \_\_\_\_\_ therewith (15:16).

## Across:

5. He that hath a \_\_\_\_\_ eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor (22:9).
7. He that withholdeth \_\_\_\_\_, the people shall curse him (11:26).
10. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he \_\_\_\_\_ him again (19:17).
12. A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be \_\_\_\_\_ (28:20).
14. If thine enemy be hungry, give him \_\_\_\_\_ to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink (25:21).
15. Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never \_\_\_\_\_ (27:20).
16. Envy [is] the rottenness of the \_\_\_\_\_ (14:30).
17. He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath \_\_\_\_\_ on the poor (14:31).



**Answers to last  
issue's puzzle  
entitled,  
"Perspective  
on the World"**



# Seeking the Lord

by Sarah Kimbrell — Virginia, U.S.A.

*“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”—Matthew 6:33.*

I used to be worried about such events as the end of the world, the time of trouble, until I finally surrendered my whole heart over to Christ, for Him to have full control of my life. The Lord has encouraged me by impressing me to read or study certain books and verses in the Bible. He works in marvelous ways! In Matthew 11:28–30 He says, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” What an encouraging thought! He promises to take the

burden we bear and give us rest from the daily trials and perplexities of life. I believe that many grown-ups think that young people are carefree and don’t have trials and temptations as they do. If they only knew how much we struggle, too! I have many, many trials every day. They come so easily, for example, when you are tempted to say that mean word to your little brother or sister, or plan a mean prank on them. Just because you are abiding in Christ doesn’t mean that the devil will leave you alone! He sees you make that stand, or commitment, and he works extra hard on you to try to discourage and drag you down. It seems that below every mountain there is a valley. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is

Joshua 1:9, “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

So, what does it mean to “seek ye first the kingdom of God?” Is simply going to church enough? Is getting baptized enough? No, you must have your own personal moment-by-moment relationship with Jesus. Some of you may say, “Well, my parents are really good Christians, and they’re godly people.” Let me remind you; you can’t leave your relationship with Jesus in someone else’s hands! “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 7:20, 21. I looked up the definition of the word “seek” in the dictionary and it says: **1** “to try to locate or discover; search for **2** to endeavor to obtain or reach. . . **5** to try, endeavor **6** to explore; to make a search or investigation.”

That is pretty strong, isn’t it? Well, if you really want to live eternally with Jesus in Heaven, you will get serious about seeking the kingdom of God. How do we seek? By simply getting up a little earlier in the morning and seeking the Lord first in prayer, then in Bible study. Remember, if you want to have that growing relationship with Jesus, you must make the decision now to spend quality time with Him.

A little illustration might help: Suppose I am lazy and sleep through my alarm clock, and when I get up I only have 5 minutes until Family Worship. What would you suggest I do during that time? Some of you may say, “Study your Bible.” Well, studying the Bible is a good

thing, but not as important as prayer. Besides, the Spirit of Prophecy says, “Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 91). In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 we read, “Pray without ceasing.” I have often heard people say, “If you cease to pray you cease to live.” Of course, you cannot be like the monks in their cloister who pray all day long, without doing anything else. What this verse means is to think, or say, prayers to Jesus in your mind throughout the day. You can even do it by singing! The Spirit of Prophecy confirms that “Singing, as a part of religious service, is as much an act of worship as is prayer” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 594).

So, I should pray during those precious 5 minutes and make my commitment with Jesus. *Steps to Christ*, p. 70 gives a model prayer, “Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.”

I pray we will all strive to be everything that God wants us to be! May He continue to bless you as you seek His kingdom! ✨



# YOUNG PEOPLE AS SOUL WINNERS



Submitted by Lola Lopez — Virginia, U.S.A.

**T**HE glory of young men is their strength." Proverbs 29:29.

"Young men and young women, I saw that God has a work for you to do; take up your cross and follow Christ, or you are unworthy of Him."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 206.

"There are many Christian youth that can do a good work if they will learn lessons in the school of Christ from the great Teacher. Even though pastors, evangelists, and teachers should neglect the seeking of the lost, let not the children and youth neglect to be doers of the word. . . .

"Let young men, and women, and children go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action. Cannot you form a band of workers, and have set times to pray together and ask the Lord to give you His grace, and put forth united action?"

You should consult with men who love and fear God, and who have experience in the work, that under the movings of the Spirit of God you may form plans and develop methods by which you may work in earnest and for certain results. The Lord will help those who will use their God-intrusted capabilities to His name's glory. Will our young men and young women who believe the truth become living missionaries?"—*ibid.*, p. 197.

## *Where to begin*

"Let those who desire to work for God begin at home, in their own household, in their own neighborhood, among their own friends. Here they will find a favorable missionary field. This home missionary work is a test, revealing their ability or inability for service in a wider field."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 428.

## *In the neighborhood and among friends*

"The most successful toilers are those who will cheerfully work to serve God in small things. . . .

"The work of Christ was largely composed of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience; and that one soul has carried to thousands the intelligence received. . . .

"Words, even if well prepared and studied, have little influence; but the true, honest work of a son or a daughter of God in


words, or in a service of little things, done in natural simplicity, will unbolt the door, which has long been locked, to many souls."—*The Review and Herald*, May 9, 1899.

"God calls for ministers, Bible workers, and canvassers. Let our young men and young women go forth as canvassers, evangelists, and Bible workers, in company with laborers of experience, who can show them how to labor successfully. . . .

"There is room in the work of God for all who are filled with the spirit of self-sacrifice. God is calling for men and women who are willing to deny self for the sake of others, willing to consecrate all they have and are to

His work. Men are needed who, when they encounter difficulties, will move steadily on, saying, We will not fail or become discouraged. Men are needed who will strengthen and build up the work that others are trying to do."—*ibid.*, April 28, 1904.

May the Lord bless all the young people who desire to work for God.

"One soul is of infinite value; Calvary speaks its worth. One soul won to Christ, will be instrumental in winning others, and there will be an ever-increasing result of blessing and salvation."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 207. 



# *Hidden Bible Names*

In the following paragraph there are hidden at least 12 names of specific people mentioned in the Bible. How many can you find?

There are many ways that Christian students can develop good character traits while in school. A most effective way to cultivate unselfishness is while doing teamwork. For example, by yourself you may tend to stay up late studying on the eve of your exams, or wait until the last minute to type term papers, pleading for the teacher's mercy, rushing to ask her to extend the deadline so you can still get a good mark. But when you have to work with a partner—as in chemistry or biology lab—the thoughtful thing to do is to work efficiently, not waiting until the last minute. Consider your lab partner. As her friend, you do not want to mar your own perfect record, nor mar that of her (or him). You do not want to annoy or upset her. Be hardworking and punctual to lab and thus add another star to your crown by witnessing for Christ in practical life. By cherishing this type of cheerful diligence, you can be the most glad among all your friends.

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