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FESTIVAL SITE

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More About Our Cover...

The Feast site at Mount Pocono illustrates the potential opened up to God's people through proper use of the Tithe of the Tithe. Here from the air you see the Tabernacle (lower left) and the exquisite Administration Building (middle right). Add to these facilities the splendor of fall colors and the excitement of the Feast season and you have what God intended for the Feast of Tabernacles. Read the article by Mr. Albert Portune and Mr. Paul Royer on page three, "The 1969 Feast of Tabernacles"!

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What our READERS SAY...

"We Wish We'd Never Gone Steady!"

"I have just finished reading Mr. Dave Albert's article, 'We Wish We'd Never "Gone Steady"!' in the June issue of *The Good News*. In late high school and early college, before coming into the truth, I, myself went steady for over two years. Fortunately for both of us, we broke it up before our relationship degenerated into fornication (which it undoubtedly would have in time). Even though I am now twenty-three years of age, I realize that I have, in some ways, stunted my social maturity by having been tied down to one person for so long a time. This is the price I am paying for having made the wrong choice. Those years cannot now be called back, but speaking from sickening experience, I know and would gladly advise any teen-ager that 'going steady' is a sin and that 'sin hurts!' Thank you for your timely article."

Joe M. L.,
Johnson City, Tennessee

Being Thankful

"My wife and I started attending God's Church last November. One of the members is letting me read some of the back issues of the *Good News*. I just finished reading an article, 'Be Thankful' by Mr. David L. Antion in the August 1967 issue. I just realized

I never dropped you a line to thank you. You prayed for me and my daughter about two years ago. I was healed about a month after I received your anointed cloth. My oldest daughter had to take two different kinds of medicine three times a day for convulsions. She was healed immediately. Mr. Tom Williams prayed for my wife and son and they were also healed immediately. I want to thank you and God for the wonderful radio program, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and all the other books you have sent me. Being able to attend God's Church is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Up until recently we were anti-social. Now we enjoy fellowship with a lot of wonderful people. It's wonderful and exciting."

Lewis H.,
Baltimore, Maryland

God's "Commissioned Officers"

"Lately I have wondered why you always refer to the Work as 'Fulfilling the Commission,' as opposed to other churches calling their activities a mission. I looked it up and sure enough a commission is defined as 'a formal written warrant granting the power to perform various acts or duties. An authorization or command to act in a prescribed manner, authority to act for, in behalf of, or in place of another.'"

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The 1969 FEAST OF TABERNACLES

*What kind of a Feast will it be for you? Will you really rejoice?
Do you know how to truly rejoice? There is a way — God's way
— for the greatest Feast ever.*

by Albert J. Portune and Paul S. Royer



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YOU ARE a very privileged individual. Not only are you granted the way out of this present evil world, you are blessed to know and keep one of the LAST *Feast of Tabernacles* during this age. You by *properly* observing God's great Fall Festival, can experience a foretaste of the wonderful world tomorrow!

The whole world is frantically searching for a way out — a way to escape reality. For some, escape means outer space, LSD, dope, drunkenness, adultery, the movies, TV or a racy novel. None truly succeed except in death. None will escape the *wrath to come* via this route — except in death. Only you have found the right way, the way that

leads to peace of mind now and eternal life tomorrow.

The way out for the vast overwhelming majority is *death*. It's the only way they will learn life's true issues. Malnutrition and starvation take a life every 8.6 seconds from this world's underdeveloped nations. During the time you spend reading this article, over 200 twisted, agonized humans will convulse in death from starvation!

Yet God commands us to "Rejoice!" because we're picturing the time when ALL THE WORLD *will rejoice*.

The suffering of this present evil world will soon be at an end. In just a few more years we who endure, we who overcome, have a chance to pick up the

pieces, developing, building, reshaping the world for tomorrow.

Where We're to Rejoice

God has given sixteen beautiful Feast sites for the Feast of Tabernacles this year for His people to rejoice in — to learn how to live. He has given us His Word, the Bible, as our main guide to a happy, abundant life now — especially and doubly so at the Feast this Fall. In addition, you have been given a detailed instruction book, the Feast Brochure, as a guide to peace, happiness and joy for the eight-day life as it should be lived tomorrow.

This year again, both Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted

Armstrong will be able to be at *all six Feast sites* in the United States and Canada—a great additional blessing for those attending these Festival sites. God's Festival staff has planned for you. Detailed maps of the Festival area, how to get there, are in your hands. You are advised on your finances, meals, accommodations, safety, and even how to schedule your time. You are told how to strengthen your lives at the Feast of Tabernacles in a seven-page article. Special, separate instructions have gone out to those crossing the border into Canada. The festival staff is busy completing the giant task of housing 55,000 members, supplying equipment needs, organizing the special music, the talent show, the parking, the clean-up and the thousand and one other details necessary to physically and spiritually keep the 1969 Feast of Tabernacles.

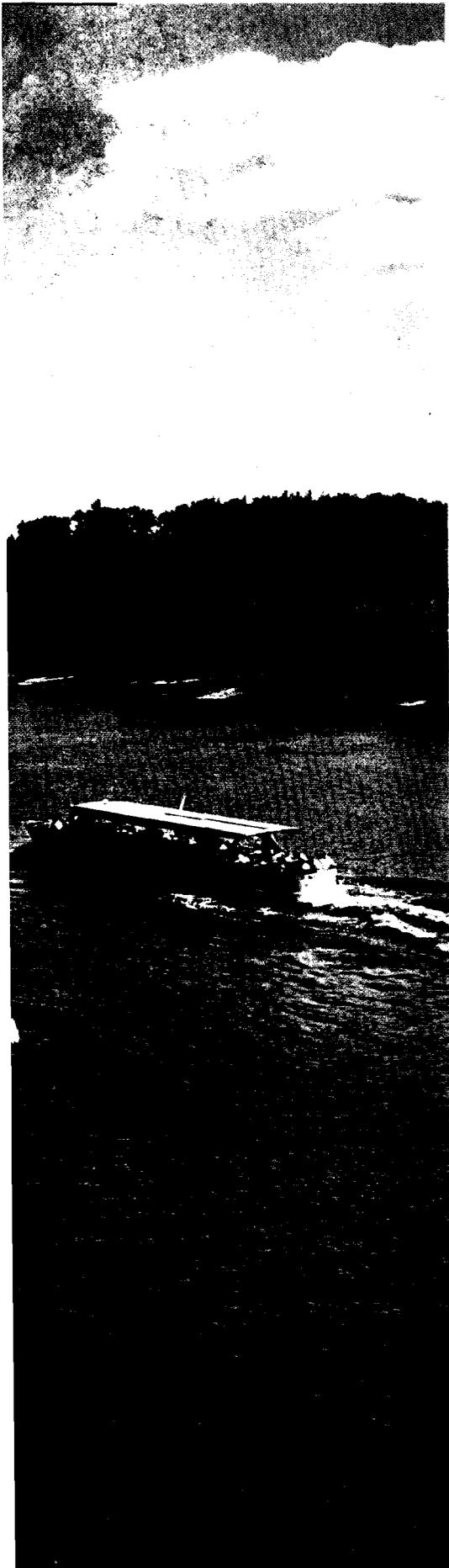
You've certainly got things going for you! Will you really rejoice? Will you use these fantastic blessings to your good? Will you get the most out of these facilities?

Most of you will. Most, if not all of the needed instruction of *how* to rejoice is already in your hands. The work necessary for the greatest Feast ever is almost complete.

The Wisconsin Dells

But, to polish off your preparation, to help insure that you will have the finest, the greatest time ever, the greatest spiritual blessing in your entire life we thought we would write this last informative article for you just before you leave for the Feast. In it we will tell you about our newest





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A Boat-ride Through the Wisconsin Dells

Feast site, as well as include some very important information from God's Word that, if neglected, would surely cause you to miss out on a joyous Feast.

A number of years ago we projected the Feast growth to determine when each new Feast site would be required. After Ozarks and Penticton, both set to open in 1969, we knew the next Feast site would have to be built and ready for 1971. It would have to be in an area north of St. Louis, East of Des Moines, and West of Cleveland. This summer, armed with information on five good possibilities within the area, we began an on-the-spot investigation. Four tired days later, as we made our last tour of the fifth possible site, we were rather sure we had found the one where God would set His name.

The Wisconsin Dells had it hands down.

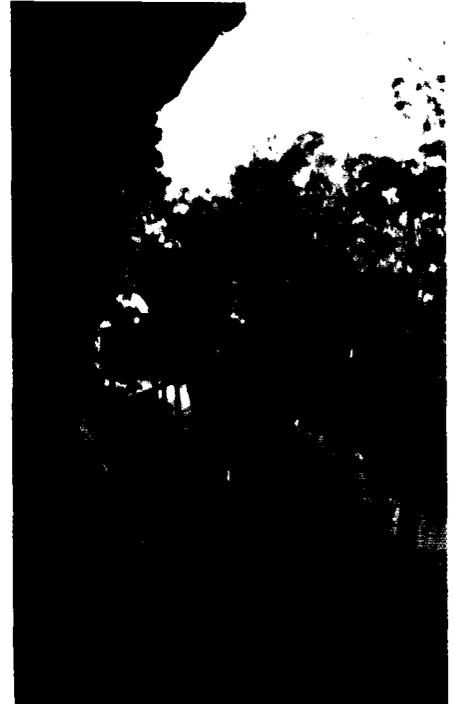
On returning to Headquarters we presented our findings and made our recommendation first to Mr. Ted Armstrong and then to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Both were impressed with the Dells. After reviewing the maps, the weather, the location and all the facts, all agreed this certainly appeared to be the next Feast site. Property was avail-

able at a good price and we already had leads on two choice areas.

The property that looked the best in every way was a 209-acre site located northeast of Lake Delton five miles out of the city of Wisconsin Dells. On a second trip to the Ozarks and later to the Poconos where we were having some problems, we stopped again in the Dells for a more thorough investigation of the 209 acres. Our major concern was the traffic problems that 15,000 members would encounter traveling to and from the motels. After a solid day of driving every possible approach over every possible road we decided the 209-acre site was the best the Dells had to offer for our purpose. It would be just fine.

A few days later Mr. Herbert Armstrong looked over the area in person. The final decision was made — the Wisconsin Dells would be our next Feast site. He also approved the 209-acre site we had "found."

The Wisconsin Dells is composed of a 15-mile stretch of river with magnificent rock formations sculptured by nature over thousands of years. The Winnebag Indians who inhabit this area call it Nelah-ke-coonah-er-ah. The Wisconsin Dells is only 150



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As a resort area the Dells offers many forms of recreation — from fishing and hiking along the banks and caves to the famous boat rides through the scenic, natural beauty.

air miles from Chicago. The City of the Dells has a population of only 2,100. However, the area has some of the finest motel accommodations anywhere and the Dells is just about right for sixteen or seventeen thousand people. The entire area can provide for approximately 30,000 people.

The Wisconsin Dells is of unspoiled scenic beauty, has diversified recreation and offers excellent local accommodations. It's "a natural" for the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Dells is a resort area. During the summer season over two million people go there for their vacations. Good wholesome recreational facilities truly abound. It's a land of green rolling hills, wooded slopes, blue skies, rivers and lakes.

The scenic boat trips up and down the Wisconsin River through the water-cut wonderland of the Dells is indeed breathtaking. Beautiful campgrounds are plentiful. From helicopter rides to water ski shows — it's all there. Plus, of



course, our own breathtaking facilities we hope to have ready for 1971.

After Labor Day the vacation period in the Dells is over. The vacationers all go home. By the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, the most beautiful time of the year is in full blossom. Days are warm and the evenings are cool. The trees are beginning to put on their autumn best. We'll have all this to ourselves.

God has indeed again shown us where He wants this Feast site.

Alaska Too

An exciting new development has recently unfolded!

Another Tabernacles' site for 1969, that has had no publicity as yet, is our most recent local Feast area — ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. Alaska was a development of necessity. The distance from Alaska to Penticton or Squaw Valley has been so great that only a few heads of households with an occasional family or two could afford to make the trip.

We as human beings are prone to take the Feast for granted — especially in the areas where we are not physically involved. Without a doubt few of us thought to pray for the scattered brethren in Alaska and their spiritual needs. But God did not forget them. They are abundantly eager to provide the labor, the planning, and the property for the new Feast site. The women have volunteered to do the cooking and the house cleaning to prepare for the Feast in every way. All they want from Headquarters is a minister and the approval to keep the Feast as a body.

Just a few days ago Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong returned from Jerusalem and was told of the need in Alaska. He gave his approval for a Feast this year in Alaska.

Have a wonderful Feast, Alaska!

The Right Use of Second Tithe

Certainly a prerequisite for a joyous Feast is proper use of the second tithe. That includes saving the second tithe and the right distribution of it as God has designated.

God says concerning the "second

tithe" (not to be confused with the "first tithe" which is to go for the support of His Work): "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Eternal thy God, in the place which He shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always (Deut. 14:22-23).

One tithe or tenth of our income God commands us to give to His ministry, which represent the Levites or Priests, who have the responsibility of conducting God's Work of preaching the Gospel to the world (compare Num. 18:21 and Matt. 28:19-20).

Another tithe or tenth of our income we are commanded by God to set aside or *save* so that we might take this SECOND TITHE to the place God has chosen and to rejoice before Him at His sacred festivals. While some of this second tithe may be spent at the other Holy Day Feasts, the majority should be retained for attendance at the Feast of Tabernacles. This is the great Feast of Ingathering — picturing the Millennium and the great harvest of lives which will be brought to God's truth. It is the time of harvest abundance — a time for rejoicing, thankfulness and happiness before God. It is a time in which God takes great delight.

Since our increase today comes in the form of money, we save our tenth of income in order to travel to the designated area for the Feast of Tabernacles. There at the Feast we spend our second tithe for the food, drink, proper recreation, lodging and fellowship which make the Festival a delight to us and to God. (Deut. 14:25-26.)

God warns us not to do whatever is right in our own eyes (Deut. 12:7-8).

None of us want to do what is right in our own eyes. That's the way of death! It's the way that *seems* to be right. It's the way that hurts. All of us want to do right. God has provided ministers to instruct us in the way that is right, to rightly explain and expound the scriptures.

Our Second Tithe Responsibility

God wants *all* His people to come worship and rejoice before Him. In the community of Israel the Levites (who had no land nor source of income other than the tithes of the people) and the widows, strangers, and fatherless were helped from the second tithe of the people to attend the Feast. "And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee" (Deut. 14:27). "... and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Eternal thy God hath chosen to place His name there" (Deut. 16:11).

We *all* have this as part of our responsibility before God!

This year there is greater need. Don't wait until you get to the Feast to give your portion of second tithe. Take care of that responsibility *now*. Remember the widow, the stranger, the *fatherless* and the Levite and send a portion of your second tithe to Headquarters to assist these to attend God's Feast. It will help us in our planning and distribution *before* the Feast comes.

In the article "What You Should Know About Tithing" Dr. Hoeh explains in detail how God provides through the second tithe, the firstfruits and firstlings the funds for the Levite. Out of our excess we provide for the fatherless, the stranger, the widow and the Levite at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Some have had the wrong conception. They have thought that God intends that they spend all of the second tithe on themselves. A number of our ministers have written in telling us that some members were wondering what to do with the extra money they now have as a result of not having to drive so far to the Feast.

In other instances members have selfishly thought only of self and planned how they could use every last cent on self, so no surplus would be available for those God says they are to provide for. One family at the end of the Feast told how they planned an extra side trip to a large city where they could spend the several hundred dollars they

still had left from their second tithe after having had 8 bountiful days at the Feast.

This particular family, until they repented of a wrong attitude, was for some reason always in debt, the kids were continually sick, the car seemed to break down semi-annually, — something was always going wrong! One day, a minister of God asked them a simple question, "Are you being blessed or cursed?" For the first time in their married life this family began putting their mind in gear before they acted. It's quite a different picture today. They are properly using their second tithe to provide for the Levite, the stranger, the widow and the orphans.

Another plaguing question that many are asking or taking for granted is saving left over second tithe from year to year. The practice started years ago when some wanted to travel to a faraway place to enjoy self rather than attend the Feast where God has provided for them in their local area. Brethren, we have searched the Bible and can find NO scripture or instruction to back up such a practice. On the contrary, God states that we are to save our second tithe from "year to year."

There may be a few exceptions when an individual isn't being blessed and doesn't have enough money to travel to the Feast where he is regularly assigned. Even here, a proper solution would be obey, work hard, and be blessed — let God provide "year by year." If you're handicapped, a widow, a stranger or a Levite, God has already provided in another way. Saving left-over second tithe from year to year is not Biblical.

Tithe of the Tithe

Several years ago it became apparent that providing Feast facilities for the thousands and thousands of members in the growing Church of God was becoming a monumental responsibility. This year over 55,000 people will attend the Feast.

Providing just the right environment and facilities that please both God and God's people is not an easy task. It can't be done just anywhere.

Therefore it became evident that we simply could not take funds out of the

gospel work to buy the land, erect the buildings, buy the tents, provide rest-rooms, sewage disposal, water supply, counselling and administration rooms etc., etc., etc. The burden was just too great.

It was then God led Mr. Armstrong to see that the members should mutually share this responsibility of providing facilities from the second tithe funds which are specifically designated by God for this purpose.

At that time we instituted the procedure that each member would contribute a tithe (tenth) of his second tithe and send it to headquarters where we would be able to plan a program of providing sites for God's people around the world.

These funds have built beautiful facilities at Big Sandy, Texas, where we will have a new 16,000-seat metal building this year. The Mt. Pocono site, with its magnificent administration building, spacious 16,000-seat auditorium, and other facilities, has been provided by these funds.

In Lake of the Ozarks another facility is nearing completion for the Feast this year — another breathtaking Feast facility.

We should all really feel a sense of accomplishment in what we have collectively done.

In addition to these sites, the tithe of the tithe is providing for the rental of the sites at Squaw Valley, California, Jekyll Island, Georgia and Penticton, British Columbia, Canada.

Now we must begin immediately in the Wisconsin Dells to provide for another site to open in 1971.

But there is only one problem.

You members are not responding.

Our records show that as many as ONE HALF of God's brethren have not sent in their tithe (or 10 percent) of their second tithe.

Although we budgeted to provide ample facilities for you to rejoice before God, we simply cannot do it if you do not do your part.

Right now we are faced with being unable to proceed on schedule in the Wisconsin Dells unless all God's brethren *diligently* and *collectively* shoulder this responsibility.

Examine yourself.

Have you sent your tithe of the tithe in to headquarters? Was it a full 10 percent?

Brethren, our statistics show that there are ample brethren to more than supply this need. After all, these are your facilities, for your use. Let's all do our part.

The Weather and the Feast

Don't forget to pray about the weather.

Remember Inez, the hurricane that acted like it had a steering wheel? That momentous occasion happened just four years ago. She was the "worst yet to predict." Back and forth she traveled across Cuba, then finally up the coast she headed. Just short of Key West, Inez did a 180 degree turn, headed back to Cuba, then off to the west over the Gulf of Mexico.

Inez turned when we began PRAYING, after we corrected some "I'll-go-my-own-way" rebellious members. In reporting the phenomenal behavior of Inez, the scientists, the reporters and the weather bureau had this to say, "The two winds contested for Inez for five days with each taking turns controlling the storm!" In describing what made Inez behave the way she did the weather bureau said, "We just don't know all the factors — I've been here 12 years and I've never seen a hurricane like this one. It seems like it has its own steering wheel."

We've had our hurricanes. One hit Jekyll Island the year before Inez, days before we arrived. It tore off roofs, along with other major storm damage. There have been cold, snowy Feasts, Feasts with high winds and too much rain or fog. Therefore, we need to apply the principle given in James 4:2 "... you have not because you ask not." We need to ask God for good weather, then obey His commands so He will act on our request. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Feast of Tabernacles under His Father. He is the God who said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

Let's pray about the Feast, obey God and keep the Feast God's way. Then it will be the greatest Feast ever for you!

PRAY FOR OTHERS!

Why do you pray for other people? If their prayer is fervent, and their attitude is right, won't God hear their prayer whether you pray for them or not? If they are NOT in a right attitude, or if they are not concerned enough to pray for themselves, is it going to do any GOOD for you to pray for them? Many of you are enduring a withered prayer life because you have not yet learned why you should pray for others. Here's how to put new life into your prayer life.

by Ronald L. Dart

WE KNOW we are supposed to pray for one another. The Apostle Paul repeatedly called on the churches to pray for him and the ministers with him. Over and over again he affirmed that he was praying for them and exhorted them to pray for one another.

It is clear that we are expected to intercede for others in prayer, but exactly why is not so clear. There are some lessons we need to learn about intercessory prayer.

Abraham's Intercession

Shortly before the birth of Isaac, Abraham sojourned for a time in a land called Gerar. One thing always worried Abraham when he moved into a new area — the beauty of Sarah, his wife. He feared that other men's lust for her could put his life in danger. So he asked her to say that she was his sister. It seemed harmless enough — she was his half-sister.

But the king of Gerar — Abimelech — took Abraham's "sister" to be his wife, and immediately found himself in deep trouble. (Genesis 20:1-2.)

God appeared to Abimelech in a dream and warned him that he was as good as dead because he had taken a married woman. Carnally, Abimelech was a God-fearing man and pleaded that he had done it ignorantly.

God answered: "Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore

restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and *he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live*" (Genesis 20:6-7).

Now if Abimelech were really repentant and prayed and asked God to forgive him, wouldn't God have forgiven him *without* the prayers of Abraham?

Apparently not.

For if Abraham had not prayed for Abimelech, all the women of his house would have continued childless from that time (see verses 17 and 18).

But why couldn't Abimelech simply pray for himself?

The answer is given in verse 7, where God said of Abraham: "For he is a prophet."

Abimelech feared God, but he had to learn *where God was working*. He needed to *know* that Abraham was God's prophet.

Call for the Elders

Most of us have had to learn this same lesson at one time or another. In James 5:14, God tells us that if any of us are sick, we should *call for the elders of the Church*. The elders are to come and pray over us. It does *not* say that we can pray for ourselves and we will be healed.

But some who have not understood James 5:14 may have prayed directly to God and *may have been healed*. Since God *can* heal a person without having them call on someone else, why does He require us to do it? The answer is that He wants us to learn where He is working — *to recognize the authority in His Church*.

It is odd, but some Church members are afraid to go to their minister. They fear correction, or they feel guilty. Whatever the reason, there are brethren who would never go to a minister with their problems unless God required them to go when they were sick.

God, in His wisdom, has seen to it that a person with this problem will be forced to seek the help that he so badly needs in spite of himself. When we are sick, it is because we have sinned. We need to be told this, and gently corrected by God's ministry. For this reason, God insists that the *ministers intercede* for the members of the Church for healing.

The first lesson we need to learn from intercessory prayer, then, is the recognition of *where God is working* — *the recognition of authority*.

God's Mercy

Do you remember what happened while Moses was up on the mountain for forty days and forty nights receiving the Ten Commandments? The people down below began to doubt whether Moses would ever come back.

They called on Aaron to make them a golden calf and began to work themselves up into an orgiastic frenzy (Exodus 32).

When God saw that: "The Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves . . . they have made them a golden calf and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto . . . I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked

people: now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of you a great nation" (Exodus 32:7-10).

Here was one of the great turning points in history! God was not bluffing. He was fully prepared at that moment to obliterate every one of those people at the foot of the mountain and to start His plan all over again through Moses.

What would *you* have done? The people were *even at that moment* engaged in abominable filth. They had stripped off their clothes, dancing stark naked around a fire. Even after having seen all the miracles of God coming out of Egypt, they had made themselves a golden calf and had called it God. Not only were they unrepentant, but they were *still revelling in the sin*.

What would *you* have said to God at this moment? How could you have prayed for these people? Does it do any good to pray for a person who is unrepentant? Is there any point in praying for someone who is still deeply involved in sin?

Read what Moses said: "Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? . . . turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people" (Exodus 32:11-12).

Read Moses' entire prayer. You will find that he made no reference to the righteousness of the people. He made no reference to their repentance. He knew they deserved nothing, but he asked God to forgive them for the sake of God's own reputation.

The result? "And the Lord repented of the evil which He thought to do unto His people" (Exodus 32:14).

This adds a new dimension to prayer. Many have wondered whether they *can* pray for their unconverted husband or wife, sister or brother. After all, they are still unrepentant. They don't *deserve* anything from God.

Of course they don't. But then *neither do you!*

The Spies Return

Take a look at another example. The spies had returned from spying out the

land of Canaan and had reported that the cities were walled up to heaven. They were like grasshoppers compared to the giants of that land.

The people revolted against Moses and were ready to return to Egypt. Joshua and Caleb stood up to plead with the people to not turn back but to continue and to be strong in faith, but the congregation was ready to stone them to death. (Numbers 14:10.)

Again, God intervened and said: "How long will this people provoke me? And how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they" (Numbers 14:11-12).

Again, God was ready to blot them out. And again Moses interceded. Read his prayer in the following verses. Notice especially verse 18 where Moses gets to the real reason why he could intercede for these rebellious, hardheaded, stubborn, stiffnecked people: "The Lord is longsuffering, and of *great mercy*, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty . . . Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people *according to the greatness of THY mercy*, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now" (verses 18-19).

Notice again that Moses does not mention the goodness of the people. He doesn't even say that they are sorry for what they had done — they weren't. Only one thing does he ask — that God would remember *His own mercy*.

God's reply? "I have pardoned according to thy word" (verse 20).

Nevertheless, God decreed that all that rebellious generation would have to die off in forty years of wilderness wanderings. He mercifully did not obliterate them, but would allow only their children to enter the promised land. A penalty was paid, but God's great wrath was turned away.

Merciful God in Old Testament Too —

What ever gave people the idea that the God of the Old Testament was harsh, unyielding, unforgiving? They certainly didn't get it from the Bible.

Yet many of us have gone on for months and even years after sins have been completely forgiven by God, suffering pangs of guilt because of them. We've left ourselves fair game for unclean spirits who put thoughts into our minds, accusing God of being unforgiving.

If we would spend more time in our prayers interceding for *others* who themselves do not deserve to be forgiven, perhaps we would better understand God's longsuffering and mercy toward us. Perhaps some of us would be able to get rid of our own heavy burden of guilt and realize that God's mercy is great enough to forgive what we've done as well.

Remember the words of Christ as He hung suspended between heaven and earth: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34.)

Of course, God's mercy will sometimes involve chastisement. Notice how David prayed for his enemies: "So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord." (Some have not understood why David prayed that God would chastise his enemies. Here is the answer! The purpose was that they would come to understand and know God.) David continued: "Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea let them be put to shame, and perish: that men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth" (Psalm 83:15-18).

Put Others First

One of the chief reasons for unanswered prayer is pure selfishness. James expresses it this way: "You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss that you may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:3). So many of us never get beyond the *self* in our prayers.

But there seems to be a *law* of prayer that one person praying for another carries more weight with God than one man praying for himself.

Look a little further in James and see what he says in chapter 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray *one*

for another, that ye may be healed." Notice that he did *not* say, "Pray for yourself that you may be healed." He said, "Pray *one for another*."

It seems clear enough that one man praying for another carries a little more weight than a man praying for himself.

It's no coincidence that this same passage of scripture is the one that says: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the *elders* of the Church; and let *them* pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (verse 14).

Think of Others

Let's look at it another way. How often do you remember to ask God to "give us this day our daily bread"? Chances are there are many days that pass when it doesn't even occur to you to mention it. Why? Because *you* already have *your* daily bread! Few of us in God's Church these days come anywhere near doing without food.

But if this is the case with you, you have demonstrated your selfishness. Notice the scripture does not say, "Give *me* this day *my* daily bread." It says, "Give *us* . . ." There are members of God's Church scattered around this world who do *not* have enough to eat. There are some others who are Co-workers who are in the same predicament — but they are still supporting this Work. But many of us, in our complacency, never *think* about anybody else who might be hungry. We *have* our daily bread and so it doesn't occur to us to pray for someone else — maybe even in our own local church!

Christ also said: "Forgive *us* our sins as we forgive those who sin against *us*." Most of us would have a hard time finding anyone who has sinned against us. For that reason, we modify our prayer at that point and don't mention the part about somebody sinning against us. For many of us, finding an enemy would be a difficult task indeed.

But for others, this scripture is full of meaning. They desperately need God's help to have a forgiving attitude because of persecution of wives, employers, etc. We need to be interceding for our brethren who may be tempted not to forgive.

Christ went on to say: "Lead *us* not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Day after day many members of God's Church are wrestling with serious temptations. For some, advanced age and other factors keep them from being severely tempted by certain things. But in the world their brethren day and night are having to fight horrible battles with themselves, with demons, with wicked spirits in high places. They *need* intercessory prayers of other brethren in God's Church.

Don't Be Selfish

But one of the strangest things about this is that selfishness — coupled with far-sightedness — should lead us to pray for others first and self second. Recall the example of Job. Was Job healed when he prayed for himself? Do you think Job never got around to mentioning his own problems any time in his prayers until we get to chapter 42? No, Job had prayed for himself time after time after time; but he had not been healed.

The key to Job's healing lay elsewhere. Take a look at Job 42. Beginning in verse 7, the Eternal speaks to Job's three friends and tells them that His wrath is kindled against them because of the things that they had said. He then told them to take an offering and to go to Job and offer a burnt offering for themselves: "And my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept." God would not accept these individuals. If Job had not interceded for them at this time they would have remained cut off!

So the men did as God commanded them and: "The Lord turned the captivity of Job *when he prayed for his friends*: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." Job had to pray for his friends before God healed him.

Could this explain why some of *your* prayers remain unanswered?

My Brother's Keeper

In this dog-eat-dog world we become quickly conditioned to letting the other man take care of himself. If he's negligent, malicious, or hateful, everyone is willing to let him suffer fully the results of his own actions.

Do we have a sense of *responsibility* for others or do we just not want to get involved?

One of the most serious examples of rebellion recorded in the Old Testament is the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. (Numbers 16.) Having challenged Moses' and Aaron's positions as the spiritual and civil leaders of the people, some of these men were incinerated in front of the Tabernacle for their presumptuousness. As for the rest, Moses told the people that if these men were challenging God, they wouldn't die the death of all men, but that the earth would open up her mouth and swallow them.

As soon as Moses had finished speaking, there was a great groaning and rumbling in the earth beneath and a roar as the earth snapped open, and those men, their tents, and everything that they owned disappeared into the fissure in the earth's surface. The earth closed on them, and there was nothing left but dust in the air.

The next day the rest of the children of Israel "murmured against Moses and against Aaron saying: *You* have killed the people of the Lord" (Numbers 16:41). This was entirely too much! God spoke to Moses saying: "Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment."

What would *you* do in a case like this? Step aside as in the mood of the twentieth century and say, "Give it to them — they've got it coming"? Did Moses and Aaron feel a *sense of responsibility* for these people?

Sense of Urgency

Beginning in verse 46 we see their reaction: "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and *go quickly* unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun." Moses knew that if they didn't act quickly, many more thousands of people were going to die for this rebellion.

Aaron was moved with a *sense of urgency* and leaped to do as Moses said. He put the incense and the coals of fire

in a censer and *ran* into the midst of the congregation. Speed was essential because the plague had already begun.

In verses 48 and 49, we read: "And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred . . ."

What would have happened if Aaron had delayed another five minutes? In all probability, it had only taken him five minutes from the time he was warned that the plague had begun until he actually arrived in the midst of the people. Nearly fifteen thousand had died in that short time and the plague spread like a pyramid through the congregation. In the next five minutes, thirty thousand people might have died from that plague. If Aaron and Moses had not recognized their responsibility — had not acted quickly and decisively — thousands more would have died. Aaron realized that as High Priest *he was responsible* for the people and leaped to action to fulfill that responsibility.

"Pray for us"

But what about your responsibility? If a brother in the Church is sick or in trouble, do you have any sense of responsibility for him or do you simply close your eyes and ears?

Take a look at another lesson in I Samuel. When the Israelites came fully to realize their sin in rejecting God's rulership and asking for a king, the people said to Samuel: "Pray for your servants unto the Lord your God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king" (I Samuel 12:19). They could have prayed for themselves, but they realized that they needed an intercessor. Samuel exhorted them to serve God with all their hearts and not turn aside from following after Him. He told them that God would not forsake His people. Samuel went on to say: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should *sin* against the Lord in *ceasing to pray for you*" (I Samuel 12:23).

For many people, a request for prayer is just so many words. It sounds spiritual and they suppose they're supposed to say it, but few really do much about it. Samuel, however, realized that he had a *responsibility* to respond to a request for

prayer. He realized that he was his brother's keeper after all, and that it wouldn't do for him to step aside, refuse to get involved and say "Pray for yourself."

We need to learn that *we have a responsibility* to intercede for our brothers, our friends, our enemies, civil rulers, and God's Work. God forbid that we should sin against the Eternal in ceasing to fulfill that responsibility.

God's Justice

There is another, more sobering lesson that we must learn from intercessory prayer. There does come a time when we are no longer able to pray for some people. In I John 5:16, John writes: "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

It must be understood that there does come a time when men have gone so far in sin and iniquity that God will not hear our prayers for them. We've got to realize this, talk to God about it, and be sensitive enough to recognize when God tells us it's time to stop praying about it.

There came a time in Israel's history — a time which is to be exactly paralleled very soon now — when their sins

and their iniquities had gone so far and they had hardened themselves so much that God told Jeremiah: "Therefore pray *not* for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for *I will not hear you*" (Jeremiah 7:16).

Man cannot always walk over God's laws with impunity. If man presumes upon God's mercy, the time will come when God will eventually not only cut him off, *but will even refuse to allow His servants to make intercession for him*.

When we have begun to learn the lessons of intercessory prayer, we will no longer find ourselves with nothing to say after the first ten to fifteen minutes of prayer. After we have prayed for the Work, the brethren, God's ministers, the Co-workers, and even for some unconverted relatives, and *then* dealt with our own problems, we are not going to find we have any problem "getting in enough time" in prayer.

Can we begin to realize how important it is to pray for others *now* while there is still time? Jesus Christ, our High Priest, sits at the right hand of God, making intercession for us. If we are going to have the mind of Christ, it's time for us to learn to intercede for others as well.

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Will WOMEN Be KINGS in The World Tomorrow?

Is God ANTI-woman? Does He consider women inferior to men? Why did God make a woman subject to her husband? Are there important positions in the Kingdom open to women? Read this eye-opening article for God's answers.

by Ronald Kelly

DOES God hate WOMEN?? Are women only a necessary evil foisted off on a masculine world? Were they created solely to serve man and perpetuate humanity? Is a woman subject to her husband as the result of a curse?

Is there any room in the World Tomorrow for qualified, dedicated, and converted women?

These and many related questions have frustrated scores of women in God's Church. Even many men have wondered what is in store for their wives and daughters. Much of the problem stems from misconceptions about the *plan of God*.

What is the TRUTH brethren? Why did God create women?

WOMAN — An Inferior Being?

Let's realize, first of all, God created woman because man was *incomplete* without her!

In the beginning, it was God who said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet [suitable, fit] for him," (Gen. 2:18). God knew that a natural man would be incomplete without the other half of His plan — woman — to *complement* and *serve* her husband.

God knew what He was doing. The creation of woman wasn't some fluke — it was part of a *perfectly executed plan*. "And God saw *every thing* that He had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD," (Gen. 1:31).

But there is more to it. A great

SPIRITUAL lesson should be learned from this flawless creation. All through the Scriptures we find the analogy that the *woman* is typical of the *Church*. The *husband* is the type of *Jesus Christ*. In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, where the Apostle Paul writes concerning the marriage union, he said, "I speak concerning Christ and the church" (verse 32). The entire relationship of a man toward his wife is a type of the *love, engagement* and *marriage* of Christ to His Church.

Why Must the Man Be In Charge?

Have you ever wondered why God placed the husband over his wife? Is it because she's inferior or more naturally rebellious?

Would authority be necessary in a perfect home? If both husband and wife were perfectly *compatible* and completely *harmonious* with one another, would authority in the home be mandatory? Or is it the raw carnality of the woman that demands the establishment of the man's authority?

Absolutely NOT!!!

Witness Christ and God the Father. No two beings in the entire universe are more at ONE, cooperative or harmonious. Yet they are not *equal* in authority — God the Father is clearly *in charge*. Absence of authority is pure anarchy. Someone has to be in charge — in the Kingdom and *in the home*.

We can see clearly that being subject to her husband is not a burden-

some curse cast on all women. It doesn't mean that men are smarter or superior to women. In fact, extensive tests have revealed that there is little difference between the IQ's of the average man and woman. It's not a matter of "superiority" or "inferiority." Rather it's a matter of God specially designing each for a distinctive job.

God designed and programmed the male mind to do a certain job, to fulfill specific duties so that he could *capably* guide and lead the family kingdom.

But What Can a Woman Do?

Many of you women have felt because God ordained the man to head up the home, that you had nothing positive *to do*.

This is NOT true!

A woman's responsibilities are just as much an integral part of God's plan as the responsibilities given a man. Because a wife is in subjection to her husband does not mean she is totally void of opportunities which develop character necessary to be born into the Kingdom of God. It is God's will for ALL to be saved — men and WOMEN.

This life is a training ground for the coming Kingdom of God. What we do here and now determines the reward we will receive when Christ returns. We are told in Revelation 3:21, "To him [those] that OVERCOMETH will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

ONE HALF of the physical beings in

the World Tomorrow will be women! Who would be any more qualified to re-educate them than spirit beings who had been physical women before being born into the God Family?

Someone will have to teach these women the true values of cooking, homemaking, child rearing, proper food selection, how to dress, how to be truly feminine! If you women are mastering these fields in this life, you will be qualified to teach others then.

Husband-Wife Teams?

Some of the ministers have even wondered if husbands and wives might not work as teams in the Kingdom of God. After all, if you spend a lifetime learning to work with and complement one another, why couldn't that carry over? Of course, this may be an unpleasant thought to many of you — but then until some of you husbands and wives learn to work out your differences, you probably won't achieve salvation. What's wrong with a dynamic God-team — *aren't God the Father and Jesus Christ a perfect example??*

The Bible is not specific about this aspect of our reward. But to those who are happily married, learning to work together and love each other — the possibility is certainly JOYOUS.

All of us — MEN and WOMEN — should be on a crash program to qualify for our ultimate reward. God is no *respector of persons* (Romans 2:11). God is just as desirous to see any woman in His Kingdom as He is any man. Don't ever feel that God is "down on females." Remember that He is the loving Father who created you, and will give you the highest position in His Kingdom that He possibly can.

The Woman's Special Role

Mothers, grandmothers, teen-age girls — all of you women — were created to fulfill a unique calling that no man could ever adequately fulfill. Your strength lies in a specific area — the area of *homemaker, wife and mother*.

You are the UNQUESTIONED, UNDISPUTED CHAMPION in these fields. Your husband, or *any man*, would be woe-

fully inadequate. Remember the time you were ill and "Dad" had to take over. After a few hours of cooking and changing dirty diapers he was more than happy to turn the housework back to you. Just as you're not cut out to overhaul the car, shingle the roof or make the living, neither is your husband suited to washing the clothes, buying the groceries, sewing the children's clothes. And both of you ought to be *happy* that God intended it that way.

Let's notice some specific instructions from God's Word directed strictly to women.

Biblical Example for Women

One of the clearest sections of the Bible on the direct responsibilities of a woman is in Paul's letter to Titus. In this section he gives clear admonition that women are to be taught the true laws of success for *their* happiness. Beginning in Titus 2:4 we read, "That they [older women] may *teach the young women* to be sober [marginal reading, WISE]." Why should a woman learn wisdom? Not only for immediate happiness, but because it is an attribute of *Godly character*.

Going on, we see that young women should be taught "to LOVE their HUSBANDS, to LOVE their CHILDREN." Do you know how to *love* your husband and children? These qualities of love multiple millions have never learned. Is it any wonder we in the United States lead the world in divorce and unhappy family life. You as a converted woman in God's Church need to learn to love and *help* your husband. God created you to be your husband's greatest source of help outside of God. There is no such thing as a "battle of the sexes" in a God-oriented home. You are there to back him up, encourage and up-lift him through thick and thin.

You do that in many ways — talking to him, encouraging him, taking care of his needs and keeping yourself attractive for him.

Too many women can't be bothered with cleaning up, putting on a fresh outfit and fixing their hair before their

mates arrive home in the evening. Keep up your appearance. Realize, for example, that a woman's hair is *the most important SINGLE part* of her appearance. Remember to dress to please your husband — *not other women* or even *yourself*.

And what about *loving the children*? Ever stop to think that you spend the lion's share of the time with the youngsters. It falls your lot to accomplish much of the training and education of your children — children who will live over into God's physical Kingdom. Of course the man will also do much of the child rearing, but don't undersell your part — it's every bit as important. How important it is to be directly training and working with these *potential Gods*.

Continuing in Titus 2, we find the woman is to be "chaste." That is, she is to be virtuous and morally pure. She is to be "a KEEPER AT HOME." Here again is *something POSITIVE to do*. Learn to be a *neat and orderly* housewife. If you learn to efficiently handle your kitchen cabinets and fastidiously maintain the house, then you'll be able to administer the responsibilities God will give you in the millennium. Remember this life is a *training* ground and "he that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

You might have wondered since God refers to women as "keepers at home" if there is ever a time when women should go outside the home and get a job?

Should Women Work?

Articles often appear in leading magazines on the pros and cons of women working. There is no argument in God's eyes.

Certainly a young girl out of high school or college — before marriage — should be working and should be learning as much as she can to improve herself before she is married. However, once a woman is married she should be working toward her goal — her calling — of being a *homemaker!* This does not mean for some temporary time, a married woman cannot work in order to *help out* — but it should not be her *ultimate goal* and

she should be taught as a young woman that her responsibility is to be a *keeper at home*.

A newly married couple might decide to have the wife continue working for a while to help become established and buy some of the items they need. However, this arrangement should not continue over an extended period, and *never after she becomes PREGNANT*.

Women are to be "good," and "obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed." Here are lessons in *character building* which are above and beyond evaluation. For a woman, here are laws — positive laws — which lead to real happiness.

The Qualities of a Good Wife!

The best known chapter in all the Bible for the responsibilities of a woman is Proverbs 31:10-31. Here are many examples which you women can and should be putting into practice in your lives. Notice what some of them are as we go down through some of these verses.

She seeks wool and flax and *works WILLINGLY* with her hands. She brings food from far away. She rises *before dawn*, if necessary, to give food to her household. She considers a piece of property and can buy it.

By the labor of her hands *she plants a vineyard* or garden. She can work with a spindle or sewing machine. She stretches her hand to the poor to help when she can. She is not afraid of the snow because *her family is properly clothed*. She makes fine linen. *She opens her mouth with WISDOM* — not flippant, aimless gossip — and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Here is a picture of a woman whose aim in life — physically speaking — is the welfare of her family. SHE IS BUSY! SHE WORKS! *She has CONCERN FOR OTHERS!*

Think about these responsibilities! Are YOU fulfilling them?

And YOU MEN reading this article, are YOU *allowing* your wives to fulfill all of these? What man would not want his wife to be *exactly* like this chapter pictures a virtuous woman? She is one who will *serve* and *bring*

happiness all the days of her life — but are you giving your wife the guidance she needs to *fulfill these duties*?

Sewing and Shopping

Let's look again at some of these responsibilities. How do they apply to the everyday life of the modern twentieth-century housewife? It is important to understand.

Several of these verses show that a woman is able to make or purchase fine quality cloth or clothing, and she is capable of *making clothing* for her family. First, however, is a matter of *quality*. Every mother and housewife should be able to buy *the best possible quality the family can afford*. Not only does the clothing look better, but it will wear longer.

A woman who is a good seamstress can provide *far more*, and better clothing for her children and herself *with the same amount of money* — than the person who must buy everything *ready-made*. So it is well worth the effort to learn this important skill. If you are too old to learn — see that your daughters do.

Another illustration from this chapter is grocery shopping. The woman is the one who is *free* during the shopping hours. It is *her* job to purchase the groceries for the week. Men are called the "bread winners," but they do not directly bring home the bread. They should provide the grocery allotment for the family which is generally about 20 percent of the average family's income. It is up to her to *make it last* through the week or month.

Notice how the Scripture says *she travels afar to purchase her food*. With today's modern supermarkets, this may not be necessary in every case. But in many areas, much better milk, eggs, butter, honey, fruits and vegetables can be purchased directly from a *small farm right outside of your town!* If this is true and you have not been getting certain items this way, you are *missing* some of the *best tasting* and *BEST QUALITY FOODS*.

Rising Early and Gardening

The right example for a woman to set is *to be up early* in order to get

the family off to a good start with a wholesome breakfast every day. How the day *starts* may well determine how well the husband will do in his job, how the children do in their schoolwork — and the joy of the wife as she goes about her daily duties. Many a day has been started by getting out on the wrong side of the bed — *or even not getting out of bed at all!* If the wife has the clothes all ready for the family to put on, and a piping hot breakfast ready in time for the family to really relax and enjoy it, every day can begin with amazing joy.

Another fine opportunity many women pass up is the *planting of a garden*.

Some, not all by any means, may have room in the backyard or in plots beside the house for a vegetable garden. A garden will not only produce *healthful* foods for the family but will provide exercise and sunshine for the wife and children.

The examples we listed are by no means all. The point is to learn to handle *all* of your responsibilities and you will gain in every way. Notice how Solomon concludes this chapter of Proverbs in verses 30 and 31: "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that *feareth the LORD*, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her *own works PRAISE HER IN THE GATES.*"

Caring for the household is not a position to be taken lightly. If some of the duties have seemed insignificant in the past, the goal of getting them accomplished should now encourage you all to strive more toward perfection.

Male and Female in the Kingdom?

In all the Bible there is no mention of a *SECONDARY promise* which would apply only to women. Certainly there is nothing to indicate women will have to take a lesser position when we are all born again. The promise is given to *ALL WHO OVERCOME!*

In a section dealing with husband-and-wife relationships, Peter wrote in I Peter 3:7, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as

unto the weaker vessel, AND AS BEING HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE; that your prayers be not hindered."

This clearly shows we are ALL working and striving toward the SAME GOAL!

What sex we were born with has no bearing on whether or not we will enter the Kingdom. Each of us has been given responsibilities to perform, whether male or female. As we *overcome* we will receive a *reward*.

The scripture is specific concerning our sex in the Kingdom. "For in the resurrection THEY NEITHER MARRY, NOR ARE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, but are as the angels of God in heaven" (Matt. 22:30). At that time there will be no difference of sex in the spirit world.

Paul said in I Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." We will no longer be mortal — but *immortal*. We will all be composed of spirit.

Now read I John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God [whether we are male or female], and it doth

not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he [Christ] shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is."

At that time, ALL of us — if we have qualified — will be exactly like Christ!

What YOU Will Look Like

In Revelation 1:13-16 we read how Christ is — He has hair white like wool, eyes like flames of fire, His face shines as the sun in its full strength. *This is what it will be like for women to be in God's Kingdom. All of us will be spirit beings — no longer "men" and "women" — but all BORN SONS OF GOD — all of us will be like Christ!*

Let's stop worrying about *what* we will be doing in God's Kingdom and concentrate on qualifying for a reward high in glory. Remember, we are *saved* — that is, made immortal — we get into God's Kingdom by GRACE — but once there, our *reward* will be according to our WORKS done in *this life* — works of overcoming, *growing* in Christ's knowledge and in righteous character.

Rejoice in your calling. Shoulder your responsibilities. Remember that ALL are called to be KINGS and PRIESTS RULING WITH Christ in the WORLD TOMORROW.

lutely no opposition to me at all. The only thing he said was that I would most probably end up the low man, pay wise, but getting Sunday double-time pay calls to make up for the lost money on the Sabbath, my pay increased by \$1000 this year."

K. R. H., Dayton, Ohio

No, You Can't Outgive God!

"'You can't outgive God.' We had this demonstrated to us this past year. All of our furniture, our automobile, and household items were purchased this same year. We planned our budget (which was quite tight) to take care of all expenses. Later, my wife needed some dental work. The budget didn't allow it but the money was provided. I received a salary increase that helped. Many blessings came in the form of outright gifts and unexpected surprises, yet all along we kept paying three tithes and all the offering that we could give. As our third tithe year drew to a close, we were able to say our most wonderful physical blessing (a brand new baby) was on the way. The Internal Revenue Service sent us a check two days before the end of our third tithe year. To top it off, we were given an automatic washer the same week. I wouldn't try to figure how it was done — we just thank our benevolent Father. This year we face a real opportunity. Without debt, bills, payments, etc. We can budget far more to the Work of God than last. No, you can't outgive God."

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. M.,
Harvey, Illinois

Reader's Say . . .

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Under the definition of mission there is no mention of such things. So the churches of the World can have their 'missions' and their 'missionaries.' The ministers and people of God are as commissioned officers."

D. R., St. George, Kansas

Why Christians Have Trials

"I want to thank Mr. Dankenbring for his powerful article, 'Why Do Christians Have Trials?' This really strengthens me, as I'm still unemployed after nine months of diligent search for work. But Mr. Dankenbring shows us so thoroughly in the Bible that God knows our problems and can change

them instantly, that now I realize that He is letting me learn some mighty important lessons — humility, and having faith in God! So I thank God for the inspiration of His servants to write such articles for us."

Mrs. A. C.,
Corrigan, Texas

Finally Keeping Sabbath

"After I had proven you were right about the Sabbath, it took me about 4 to 6 months to build up the courage to go to my boss. I asked God for help and I had decided that even if I lost my wonderful job, I had to go ahead with it. Surprisingly to me, there was abso-

"What Church Should I Attend?"

"Maybe you could tell me what Church I should go to. My wife is baptized and I was baptized into her denomination. I don't agree on all points of their doctrine — I was expelled from the congregation because of my beliefs. I was always asking questions, mostly concerning the seventh day of the week as the Holy Day of God. The pastor told my wife that I was trying to make a fool out of him by asking questions that he could not answer."

John C.,
Hamilton, Ohio