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is to the sons of man." Proverbs 8:4

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**With Failure Facing Him And His Company
He Took God As His Full-Time Partner
And Because This Was So Successful**

Pierce Brooks Is God's Partner Now

A visit to a Chapter meeting of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International not only greatly affected the life of this one man, but his life, in turn, is influencing the lives of countless multitudes.

By THOMAS R. NICKEL

OUR FELLOWSHIP had not been in existence very long when Evangelist Paul Cain brought to the Los Angeles Chapter meeting a Methodist business man from Dallas, Texas. The man was Dr. Pierce P. Brooks. The meeting revolutionized the life of this man to such an extent that thousands have been influenced and blessed as a result.

Anticipating the future that lay before Dr. Brooks, we ran his testimony in the October, 1954, issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice, "God Is My Partner." We introduced him to our readers in the following manner:

Dr. Pierce P. Brooks is President of

the following organizations: National Bankers Life Insurance Co.; Physicians Life and Casualty Co.; Columbia Realty Co.; and Realty Sales Co. In addition to these, he is President and Director of the Legal Reserves Officials Association, Vice-President of the National Foundation Insurance Company, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home Security Life Insurance Company, Director of the Merchants State Bank, and Dean of the Business Administration School of Chapman College from which institution he holds the Doctor of Laws degree. While Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Tyler Methodist Church, their

CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPH ON FRONT COVER

The Liberty Bell, which appears in the photograph on the front cover of Full Gospel Men's Voice, became a symbol of the battle for independence because there was not enough space to engrave the full text from the Bible. The Bell was commissioned to honor the fiftieth anniversary of William Penn's Charter of Privileges, obtained in 1701. The inscription from Leviticus read: "And ye sha'll hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Because of space limitations, the text was shortened to: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Seventy-some years later, the Bell served just this purpose, for when the Revolution began, it became the symbol of patriotism. When the British Army occupied Philadelphia in 1777, they removed the Bell from the Tower and took it to Allentown and hid it. The victorious Continental Army returned to Philadelphia, bringing with them the Liberty Bell, where it has remained to the time of the FGBMFI Convention, as we, too, in the name of the Lord, are proclaiming liberty to the peoples of the world, not only under the Old Testament Law of Leviticus but under the New Testament Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday School became the largest in Methodism and still maintains this standing. Although this great yet humble man has to his credit a life-long devotion to the Kingdom of God, has been most active philanthropically, and has concerned himself with the interests and welfare of children and youth, his greatest achievement is taking as his partner the One Who so abundantly giveth the increase.

Following this introduction, we published Dr. Brooks' testimony which told of how he and his company had averted failure and had achieved success, only after taking God as his partner. Here is that testimony:

The National Bankers Life Insurance Co. of Dallas, Texas, was formed in 1945. Then followed the slow and

uncertain progress of this company from 1945 to 1950. In the early part of 1950, the future for this company and myself did not look bright as it seemed that the company could not or would not be able to make a success of the tremendous problems it faced in connection with developing and building a life insurance company. We faced considerable odds, including keen competition with over one thousand insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas. This company faced competition with large Eastern insurance companies which had been organized and had faced a successful period of operations for ten, twenty, and fifty years.

It was at this time one night that I woke from my sleep around 2 o'clock



Here is Dr. Pierce P. Brooks addressing the Chicago Chapter of FGBMFI. In this meeting, a gangster came forward and gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ.

in the morning, and the room appeared to be aglow. I was excited and trembling, being very uncertain about what was taking place, when I heard a voice which said, "Be not afraid as I offer encouragement. The tree has been planted and watered, but there is still work to be done. You need He that increases."

Needless to say, I was amazed and stunned, so I couldn't get the full significance of this message and whence it came. I was unable to go back to sleep and prayed for the remainder of the night. Upon rising, I went to my office and attempted to go about my duties; but the vision continued to prey upon my mind. I sought out my pastor and asked that he help me in my problem. After telling him this strange story of the vision, he thought for a long time and then went to his Bible. He made the statement that those words were the words of Paul, and he turned to First Corinthians 3:6, 7. He pointed out to me that it was a revelation that although we had started this company and had proceeded with the operation of the company, we had only "planted and watered." We needed "God to give the increase."

This had a tremendous impact on me, and I began from that moment on to see the light. I had a good understanding what was required of me, and I spent the balance of the day in prayer. I came to the firm conclusion that I would make God my partner in this business. It wasn't an easy proposition to go about convincing a large Board of Directors of a company that such a move should be approved. I asked God to help me in this project and to help point the way, as I was determined to work out

a program whereby our company would pay the Lord the same salary that I was receiving. I wanted Him from that time on as a full-time partner.

I set a meeting of the Directors of this company for the following day, and in the meantime I contacted Directors who I felt were favorable and would help me in this gigantic program. I did not divulge my program as I wanted time to think of how to present it, but I merely asked those who were close to me to help me in the project that I would submit the following day. I prayed that night for support of this proposition, and I asked the Lord to start right now to work with me in our program for the success of this company.

We had a meeting the following day, and at that time we had around twenty-six Directors. Some of these men were Christians, and some were not. They were all outstanding, upright, fine businessmen, men who were worldly-wise, men who gave some time to the work of the Lord, but men who, I felt sure, would not at first understand the full meaning of my program. I will always recall that when I presented this proposition and pointed out to the Board of Directors, "We have an opportunity of bringing with our company the most outstanding, most successful business Man that ever lived," that I developed a tremendous amount of interest. The Directors were sitting on the edge of their chairs because they knew the company needed revitalizing. They knew we needed something. They did not know just what it was, and possibly this was the answer.

As the meeting progressed, I became keenly aware of the fact that it was going to be difficult to finally introduce

this great Man to the Board. But finally the psychological moment arrived, and I simply explained to them that I proposed to "make God my partner" and authorize the payment to His work of an amount financially at all times equal to the salary which I was drawing, amounting to six thousand dollars a year at that time; that I proposed to make His spiritual program a part of our training of personnel, and that such Christian work would be infiltrated into the business.

Needless to say, it was like a bombshell because in the minds of some of these Directors, it was a great "let-down." They were nonplussed. Some had blank looks on their faces, and knowing me intimately (as many did), knowing me as a hard-working businessman with little thought regarding the spiritual side of life, I think that many thought that possibly I had lost my mind. One or two openly stated that they thought that "I was playing a joke on the Board." Another said, "How can you suggest such a thing when you know the company has been losing money for the past few years, and at a time like this, how can we afford to pay more out of our operating budget?"

It was a turbulent meeting, but I insisted upon the program. I had promised the Lord that I wanted Him as partner and I would fight to the end to develop His program within our company. I pointed out to these businessmen that all they said was true, but that the fact the company wasn't too sound was all the more reason we needed something that we had never had before. When the motion was put to a vote, praise God there were fourteen of these fine businessmen, a bare majority, who supported the resolution,

which passed, and the rest were very indignant, and hastily left the meeting.

We initiated a spiritual program within our company. We went about selecting people who were conscious of their spiritual contribution and who were active within the framework of the Christian religion, and during the first year developed more of a relationship with the better things of life. We did not force any program upon the employees, but we did make it available.

At the next meeting of the Board of Directors, I reported that the company had shown an increase of \$500,000, in assets, and for the first time in five years the company had shown a profit and had increased its surplus \$25,000, making the capital and surplus \$125,000. Needless to say, the Board of Directors and stockholders were pleased. However, since the Board members had changed some, and some of the members of the Board were not familiar with the program which had been established of making God my partner, when the resolution was brought up again approving salaries, we faced another fight. Honestly, you should have seen the faces of some of the new Directors.

I recalled at that time references which had been made in the Bible that there would be trials and tribulations of those who would seek to expand the work of the Lord, but we ended the meeting with a successful vote, at which time twenty of our Directors voted for this salary program.

At the end of 1952 we had established more spiritual influence in our company, we had regular devotional services, I was going to the Lord with prayer on every big problem, and He was coming through as a true and

tried partner. He was guiding me and pointing the way. There was no major decision which I made which did not carry with it a prayer and my thanks for His advice and guidance.

The following year we reported to our Board of Directors an increase of capital and surplus of \$250,000 and that the assets had increased \$3,000,000. Needless to say, the Directors and stockholders were elated. One of the Directors moved that my salary be increased to \$10,000, which was immediately seconded. However, before the vote, I asked that the motion be amended so that we would contribute to the Lord's work an amount equal to my salary of \$10,000.

The Board of Directors had been increased to forty-two, and there were many here who did not understand the program. Some pointed out that this would be paying out \$20,000 rather than \$10,000. I pointed out that we were now paying out \$6,000 in the Lord's work and that I was receiving \$6,000, and that if the resolution went through as proposed, they would be paying me \$10,000 and the Lord \$6,000, making \$16,000; that I would be agreeable to accepting only \$8,000 if they would be willing to increase the salary of "my partner" to \$8,000, which would equal the amount of \$16,000. This proposal passed by a majority.

The past year we worked in the faith of the Lord throughout our entire operations. We carried the Christian work into the training and teaching of over a thousand salesmen and agents across the country. Truly we have had the guidance of the great Master and ended the year 1953 most successfully. I went before our Board of Directors and stockholders and

pointed out the outstanding program of accomplishment and successful operation which had its forward successful thrust in 1950. I pointed out to these men that National Bankers Life Insurance Company is now twenty-third in the nation in premium income for this class of company, operating now in twenty-three states, with its assets increased to over \$10,000,000 and a capital and surplus of over \$700,000.

It was one of our greatest meetings, and we held a prayer meeting for thirty minutes. The resolution was submitted and promptly unanimously approved by all the Directors, authorizing an increase in salary for all the officers, including increasing my salary as President and an equal amount for the work of the Lord, whom I have pointed out as "my partner."

I shall continue to contribute my gifts to the work of God's Kingdom on earth and shall continue my partnership with the greatest Businessman and Saviour of souls that the world has ever known!

Thus Dr. Brooks concluded his testimony. But his testimony did not stop there. He began to work for the Lord outside his business and outside his church. Soon he became so impelled to spread the Gospel that he purchased a tent and equipment and began going about the country in salvation and healing meetings. Realizing he could not devote the necessary time to his work as President of the National Bankers Life Insurance Company and also carry on the work of the Lord according to his desires, he resigned as President and became Chairman of the Board of Directors, actually a promotion but in a capacity that would not interfere with his Gospel work.

Up to this point, Dr. Brooks had

considered God as his partner. Now he became God's partner!

The call of the mission fields began to draw Dr. Brooks, and his faithful wife, away from their fabulous new home at Dallas. Their missionary journeys have led them to the West Indies, to Latin America and to Hawaii. Other missionary trips are planned for the future, as the Lord leads.

Recently, Dr. Brooks and his wife turned their attention to a mission field overlooked by many: Hollywood. They took over a theatre building on Hollywood Boulevard and converted it into headquarters for the Sacred Arts Academy, for the Teen-Twenty Club and for the Time Tithers Association, all of which Dr. and Mrs. Brooks have sponsored with time, effort and finances.

In looking backward over God's faithfulness to Dr. Brooks and Dr.

Brooks' faithfulness to God, we can declare the partnership extremely successful!

Thirteen years ago, Dr. Brooks moved into his one-room office in the Allen Building in downtown Dallas. With the financial assistance of several friends he formed the National Bankers Life Insurance Company. He chose Miss Mildred Gregory as his Secretary and had a few clerical assistants. Some of these assistants are still with the firm, and Mildred Gregory is now Treasurer of the giant concern that operates in twenty-three states, with more than seven hundred agents in this vast expanse of territory.

The Allen Building, where the company started in Room 202, has now become the home office building of the company, and a huge eleven-story sign on the eighteen-story building reads:



Dr. Pierce P. Brooks, left, Chairman of the Board of Directors of National Bankers Life Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, and Lester F. Hall, right, who succeeded Dr. Brooks as President when he became Chairman of the Board, were photographed by the Editor as they attended the Los Angeles Chapter. Their Company has eighty million dollars of insurance in force. Dr. Brooks is an ardent booster for FGBMFI and Full Gospel Men's Voice, being a five-year member of the Voice One Hundred Club and also a member of the International 300 Club.

"National Bankers Life."

The founder and his associates planted and watered, but it is God who has given the increase! In the truest sense, there is a dual partnership involved: first Pierce Brooks chose God as his partner; and Pierce Brooks is God's partner now!

DISTRESS OF NATIONS WITH PERPLEXITY

By ARTHUR H. COLLINS

Recently, we have seen the words of Jesus literally fulfilled as Vice-President Nixon was so grossly mistreated in South America. France is also in distress as the various factions come to open disagreement. Also we have seen the trouble in Lebanon which is so close to Armageddon. The stage is being set for a quick change in the standing of great nations as regards their certainty of action. Truly there is great perplexity. If the Lord had their attention He could speak to them and take away the perplexity by telling them where they stand.

Russia has launched another Sputnik so large that they marvel at the thought of the tremendous power that was needed to launch it into orbit. Nations are wondering just what they have in this satellite because it is large enough to have a television camera in it.

How can the nations not regard the Word of God in this time of crisis when it is so apparent that the Lord's way is the only way out of this dilemma? The three spirits like frogs are in the world corrupting them spiritually, socially and politically. There

has never been a time when there have been so many bloodless religions and the family life of careless people has so deteriorated that mothers who have left off the family altar and reading the Bible have made the remark that they think they are oversexed which means that an adulterous spirit has moved in. These spirits deceive and work insidiously in the lives of them who are led aside and enticed by the lusts that are in them.

The Word of God tells us that this condition is in the world and we may as well face the facts. The world has been polluted politically by the spirit of antichrist in the form of communism which does not deny that it is antichrist and has become so powerful that it dominates the majority of the world's population. The most miserable people are the ones that are demon possessed and there is no doubt that the Devil is using his power as the prince of this world!

PLANS STILL NOT COMPLETE FOR EUROPEAN CONVENTION

At this writing, it appears that the European Convention of FGBMFI may be held later than the anticipated tentative time being considered.

You may rest assured that Full Gospel Men's Voice will keep you informed as to future developments concerning the European Convention, as well as matters pertaining to the Fellowship as a whole.

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you. 1 Thess. 3:12.

**Satan Has Defeated The Church For Centuries
Because Witnesses Have Deserted Their Posts
Ignoring The Exhortation Of Paul The Apostle:**

EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN CALLING

God, in His sovereign wisdom and will, calls upon certain men to forsake their calling, anoints them and sends them forth as fire-brands proclaiming the Gospel, but no man has the authority to call himself forth. The private who faithfully performs his duty as a sentry renders a service that no officer can render.

By G. H. MONTGOMERY

GOD HAS A PLAN for every man, a calling for every Christian, a gift and work to fit every temperament and mental capacity in His Kingdom.

I have a call to preach the Gospel by tongue and pen. In this calling I have enjoyed a fair measure of success. But three times in my life I have yielded to an urge to go into business, and three times I have failed and had to go back into the ministry to get the money to pay my creditors who suffered by my failure.

It was easy to see my failures, because my bank account and accounts payable pointed them up with unmistakable certainty.

Also, for me, it was easy to discover the reason for my failures. I have never admitted, even to myself, that I do not have the mental ability to succeed in business. I know that I do have. But God called me to do something else, and I doubt that I will ever know genuine success out of that calling. God never gave me the power to get wealthy but He did give me power to preach His Gospel. And by "abiding in that same calling" I have been able to bless thousands. So why should I not be satisfied to do what God has called and gifted me to do?

Someone has said that "dirt is something out of place." In the final analysis, that's all that dirt is. Out there in the farmer's field it is good earth, rich, productive, and sweet-smelling. But on the lady's rug in the parlor, it is dirt, and she cries, "Get it out of here!" What makes the difference? Out there in the field it is in place. Here in the parlor it is out of place. Then good earth becomes dirt.

You have a calling also. And you have a gift to match that calling. Some of you have been used of God in most miraculous ways to build business enterprises and make money for His glory. Like Moses, I can say, "I would God that all the Lord's people were prophets," but in His wisdom God has said, "No, that won't do. For if the whole body were eyes, how could it hear? If it were all hands, how could it walk?" If the people of God get out of their calling, how will the whole plan of God ever be carried out in this world?

As a Christian businessman, you have a testimony. And how God can use that testimony! You can inspire the people of God and challenge the people of the world. As long as you stick to that testimony, you will proba-

bly see as many sinners saved as a result of it as the average preacher sees as a result of his sermons, for, "Ye are my witnesses," the Lord declares. And you have an influence with other businessmen that the average preacher cannot have.

The moment you take a text and start to preach without being called and anointed of God to preach, something goes wrong. Again, there's dirt in the parlor. It may not be as easy for you to discover your mistake as it was for me to see mine, for your bank account and accounts payable may not reflect your error as mine did. But the damage will be done, and God will know it, and if your soul stays in tune with Heaven, you will know it, although you might not know the reason.

Now, I recognize the fact that there



G. H. Montgomery

are some people with more than one gift. And you may be such a one. But a tragedy occurs when, because one successful Christian businessman is called to preach, all the others feel that they must do likewise. Let me urge you to *abide in the same calling wherein you were called*. Remember this: If a business man forsakes his testimony, which God gave him, for a sermon, which God did not give him, he is forsaking something of great value for something of little value. That isn't good business!

The measure of any man's consecration is his willingness to walk in the light. The measure of a Christian's devotion to truth is his ability to listen to truth, even when it's unpleasant, and accept and abide by that truth. Here is the truth as presented to the Corinthian Christians and through them to us: "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."

RUBY SHAW - DWIGHT JEFFERS

Mr. and Mrs. William Erby Shaw announce the marriage of their daughter Ruby to Mr. Dwight Newman Jeffers June 21st, at the Holmes Memorial Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

Mr. Shaw is Director of FGBMFI, and Ruby has been prominent, along with her brother Jack, in the youth activities of the Fellowship during a number of Conventions.

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**The High-Priestly Prayer Of Jesus Christ,
Which The Father Is Going To Answer, Is**

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE"

It is only through the love and unity of individual believers that this will ever be accomplished, and that is the work the Lord has called the FGBMFI to help bring about.

By DR. IRVINE J. HARRISON

THE RECORDED PRAYERS of Jesus are most significant and important. They reflect more than any thing else the desire of His great heart. Accepted as probably the greatest of these is what is known as the High-Priestly prayer recorded in John 17, and the very heart of this prayer is Verse 21, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

The desire of Christ for unity among His followers has never changed during the centuries. It is still His desire for His church. He said that such a manifestation of unity among His followers is the true evidence and demonstration of His own mission — "that the world may believe that thou hast sent Me." If these words of Jesus mean anything it is that unity among His followers is essential for an effective witness for Christ, the successful promulgation of the Gospel and the progress and growth of His true Church.

When men within the church then view with an ever-increasing concern its unfinished task and sincerely grieve over the multitudes yet unreached, the Christ-given answer is at the door. Even as God provided an answer when Cain stood empty-handed, recognizing his need, so Christ has in these simple

words told us without a doubt or hesitation that the effective testimony before the world is the unity of the followers of Christ.

This has been sought for, starting a few decades ago, through organic union, the bringing together of groups and denominations into a new organization comprising several such groups. The merits or shortcomings of such an effort are interesting to discuss but are not of consequence here since Jesus is not talking of an organic but a spiritual unity. To achieve this, the distinction of denominations need not necessarily be abandoned but instead of being considered a divisive element they must be recognized for what they are — expressions of group differences in government, ritual or creed; more often maybe differences of origins or founders more than ought else.

Spiritual unity on the other hand is the normal outworking of true love. If we love deeply and truly enough, the things that make us different are subordinated to the things which unite — our common love for Christ and from this our love for one another. We are indeed one in Him. And as the Divine Spirit is free to move in our hearts individually He must of necessity seek to bring to fruition the prayer of the Lord: "that they all may be one." The issue too often has been: We'll be "one" all right,

but which one? When love prevails in our hearts and we respond to the true moving of God's Spirit such a problem cannot exist for He will make us seek to decrease, not increase, and to fit gladly into any place in the Body of His Divine choosing.

It is more than coincidence or accident that we should find the "Love Chapter" of the Bible (1 Cor. 13) inserted between two sections of the Scriptures dealing with the external working and operation of the Spirit. The absolute incontrovertible reason is succinctly stated there by the Holy Spirit Himself: If I have all these gifts and do all these things, still if I "have not love I am nothing." It is scarcely possible to be less than that — "nothing." And yet that is God's evaluation of all the externals of religion — yours or mine — or even His operations, if love is not dominant, in all of them. Whatsoever is not impregnated with divine love, is nothing, according to the unchangeable Word of God.

Nor is this necessarily a reciprocated love — He loved when man rebelled and rejected Him. It is not a well-stimulated expression of natural affection — or affectation — but it is the same love now indwelling and controlling the hearts of His followers that filled His own even as He prayed. This love enabled Him to endure the betrayal, the trial, the forsaking disciples, the despising mob and sweep all of them up in the breadth of His

all-embracing love and pray, "Father forgive." So 1 Cor. 13 says His love in our hearts will produce the same reactions, not outworkings of self, but true manifestations of His love! His love doesn't divide, it unites; it doesn't wound, it heals; it doesn't humiliate the other fellow, it exalts. His love then indwelling our hearts — yours and mine — will lead to unity, the unity that bears testimony to the world "that Thou hast sent Me."

So the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship goes forth not advancing a new doctrine, setting up a new organization, or sponsoring a new cause, but simply and out of purity of soul calling upon men of God everywhere to join in "love and unity" in a mighty effort for God that will bear evidence before the world that after nineteen centuries Christ's own prayer is seeing fulfilment in the lives of His people: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

CAROL ANN PETTY

A daughter, Carol Ann Petty, was born to Carl and Grace Petty, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 6, 1958.

Carl is Secretary of the Twin City Chapter of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and has been very active in the work of the Chapter and the Fellowship.

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THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S WILL

By BILLY GRAHAM

ONE OF THE MOST thrilling things about studying the Bible is to know that the Infinite God has been pleased to share some of the secrets of His universe with His redeemed children. Sin has blinded men, and the average man sees life in a false perspective. But the truly born-again Christian sees life not as a blurred, confused, meaningless mass, but as something planned and desirable, with a purpose.

One of the wonderful benefits of redemption in Christ is to give sight to the blind, to open our eyes to spiritual truth. In Christ's opening sermon at Nazareth He said that He had come to recover sight for the blind; hence, the gospel of Christ is an eye-opener. It aids us in seeing our own need, our own helplessness, as well as the redeeming grace which God has placed within reach of every man. Hence in the Bible we are called "children of light" and the "children of the day." Why? Because it has pleased God to share His mysteries and secrets with us. We are no longer in the dark about life. We know where we have come from, we know why we are here, and we know where we are going.

In Ephesians 1:9 we learn of another one of God's mysteries that has been revealed. "Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure, which He hath purposed in Himself." I want to lift this text out of context and speak to you on the mystery of the will of God.

Many have written us inquiring as to how a Christian may know the will

of God. To know and to follow the will of God has been the heart's desire of devout men down through the ages. David said: "Teach me to do Thy will." The Bible reveals that God has a plan for every life, and that if we live in constant fellowship with Him, He will direct and lead us in the fulfillment of this plan. There are many of us that have God's second or third best. We have substituted the good for the best. We have missed God's perfect plan for our lives.

To know the will of God is the highest of all wisdom. Jesus said: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" (John 7:17).

Living in the center of God's will rules out all falseness of religion and puts the stamp of true sincerity upon our service to God. As the Bible says: "Not with eye-service, as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6:6).

You should covet the will of God for your life more than anything in the world.

You can have peace in your heart with little if you are in the will of God; but you can be miserable with much if you are out of His will. You can have joy in obscurity if you are in the will of God, but you can be famous and wretched if you are out of His will. You can endure sufferings and be happy if you are in God's will; or you can be in agony if you are out of His will. You can be poor and contented if you are in the will of God; but you can be rich and sad if

you are out of the will of God. You can be persecuted and have peace as long as you are in the will of God; or you can be popular and be lonely if you are out of the will of God. All of life swings on this divine hinge: the will of God. So it is all important that we discover what His will is for our lives.

Keep in mind that God's will is revealed only to born-again believers. The Bible says: "Be ye transformed . . . that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). God doesn't reveal His will through fortune-tellers, soothe-sayers, and workers of hocus-pocus. His will is reserved for those who have trusted Christ for salvation. He only shares His secrets with those who are redeemed and transformed. If you would know the will of God for your life, you must go to the cross and confess that you are a sinner, and receive Christ as Lord and Savior. If you want the perfect plan that God has for your life, you will have to go by the way of Calvary to get it. It is only through Christ that we can be on speaking terms with God and know God's plan for our lives.

There are several ways outlined in Scripture that we can discern and know the will of God. One of the ways that we discover the will of God is through the Bible. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

Isaiah said: "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail" (Isa. 34:16).

A will is null and void if it is not in writing. That is what the testament means. You have often wondered what Old Testament and New Testament mean. The word "testament" actually

means "will." In the New Testament we have a new will that God has in writing. It has endured the centuries. It has never been revoked. It is still valid today. If you want to know the will of God, set aside a special time each day for reading of the Bible. Read it prayerfully, read it regularly, meditate upon it, and He will guide you into His blessed will. The will of God is revealed in the Bible.

Secondly, the will of God is revealed through the Holy Spirit.

When Christ ascended into the Glory He sent the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, to live in the hearts of His disciples. He said: "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come" (John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit reveals God's will to God's believing children. The Bible says: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). The early church depended entirely on the Holy Spirit to reveal to them the will of God. At that time they did not have the New Testament in writing, and they did not trust their own reason or judgment. Therefore they had to rely entirely on the guidance of God's Spirit.

For example, we read such statements as: "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia, and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia, they wanted to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit allowed them not" (Acts 16:6,7).

And again the Bible says: "The

Holy Spirit said, Separate me, Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). If you would know the will of God, it can be revealed through His Spirit. It is He who has come to reveal unto us all truth. But may I remind you again that this applies only to the hearts of true believers. The Bible says: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Thirdly, the will of God can be revealed through a transformed conscience.

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed . . . that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

When we are converted to Christ, our conscience becomes sensitized by the Spirit of God. That is what the Bible means when it says: "Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience" (I Timothy 3:9). When the conscience is perverted and seared by sin, it can be very untrustworthy, but when we are born of God, our sinful conscience is purified; our hearts can then perceive the will of God.

To the transformed conscience, things that once seemed right will seem wrong; things that once appeared foolish will seem wise; and things that once seemed dull, we will enjoy with the greatest of relish. The "old things" will pass away, and "all things"—including a purged conscience—will become new.

Whereas our natural conscience sought the things which were self-pleasing, our redeemed conscience will seek the things which are pleasing to God. Only those with a transformed conscience can know the mystery of

the will of God.

Fourthly, the will of God is revealed through circumstances.

The Bible says: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

My wife, Ruth, as a young Christian, wanted to be a missionary, as were her father and mother, but God had other plans for her life. She is, in fact, a missionary indeed: ministering daily to her little congregation of four children while their daddy goes to the ends of the earth preaching the gospel. Changing circumstances revealed to her God's will, and she is happy where God has placed her.

So many of us ask God to change the circumstances to suit our desires rather than conforming our will to His will.

God has a plan for the life of every Christian. Every circumstance, every turn of destiny, is for your good. It is working together for completeness. His plan for you is being perfected. All things are working together for your good and for His glory.

Don't let circumstances distress you. Rather, look for the will of God for your life to be revealed in and through them.

Fifthly, the will of God is revealed through prayer.

The Bible says: "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:27).

Prayer puts us in the proper attitude to discern the will of God. Jesus won His greatest triumph in lonely Gethsemane when He prayed: "Not My

will, but Thine be done" (Luke 22:42).

For that reason, Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. If the enemy of souls can keep us off our knees, he has won a major victory. I urge upon everyone of you to steal away with God in prayer every day. It is there in that quiet place, away from the din and confusion of the world, that God makes His will known.

We are admonished to seek out the will of the Lord. In Ephesians 5:17 we read: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Though we are constantly to seek for His will, there are a few things we can be perfectly sure are in His will.

(1) It is God's will that we live above sin.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from evil; that everyone should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor" (I Thess. 4:4-5).

It is against the will of God for a believer to become entangled with the yoke of bondage. If we say we abide in Him, we ought also to walk even as He walked.

(2) It is His will that we have thankful hearts.

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:13).

In an age of griping, groaning, and murmuring, how easy it is to fall into a pattern of thanklessness! It is God's will that we have thankful hearts.

(3) It is the will of God that we walk uprightly.

"For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (I Peter 2:15).

The world cannot gainsay those who walk uprightly and "do well" in the Lord. The greatest and most convincing argument for Christianity is a transformed life.

(4) It is the will of God to hear our prayers.

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us" (I John 5:14).

(5) It is the will of God that Christians love one another.

"Let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (I John 4:7).

The greatest evidence of Christ dwelling in your heart is that you love the people of God. Beware of becoming involved in controversy, embroiled in sectarian arguments, and fruitless discussions! Let love be the prevailing principle of your life. This is the will of God.

(6) It is not the will of God that any one should perish.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

And now a word to those who are outside the will of God: You were made for fellowship with God. God has worked out a fabulous blue-print for your life, and is patiently waiting to put it into operation. Some of you have already experienced heartache, and disillusionment in the pursuit of

your own selfish plans for your life. Your air castles have crumbled before your eyes, your hopes have been shattered, your dreams have not materialized. Life is like that when you are out of the will of God. We have just pointed out that it is not His will that any should perish, but that all should be brought to repentance.

It is not His will that you suffer defeat after defeat. It is not His will that you live under the crushing weight of guilt. Christ stands at your heart's door today, saying: "Come unto Me . . . and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Won't you dare to open the door and let Him in!

The story is told about the man who designed and planned the Brooklyn bridge. As the construction was begun, he was taken ill and had to remain in bed during the entire construction period. After the bridge had been finished, he was taken on a stretcher to look at it. He inspected it from one end to the other, and then exclaimed with great joy: "Just according to plan. It's just like I planned it."

Some day we shall stand before God. He will inspect His workmanship. Will He say of you: "Just according to plan?" The blueprints of your life were drawn in heaven before you were born. God said concerning you: If this man or woman will bend his will to me at every turn of the road throughout life, not only will they find the greatest joy and fulfillment in life, but the entire universe throughout eternity will marvel at the workmanship of God.

KENNI THOMAS NICKEL

A son, Kenni Thomas Nickel, was born to Wallace and Ilse Nickel, Decatur, Illinois, Memorial Day, May 30, 1958.

Wallace is a son of Editor Thomas R. Nickel and drew the heading for the front cover of Full Gospel Men's Voice and the heading for The Editor's Mail. From a lifeless condition as a result of an automobile accident, the Lord restored him to life, stopped the terrific outward flow of blood after his heart resumed beating, and otherwise marvellously ministered to his body as told in an early issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice in The Wallace Nickel Miracle.

Another grandson of the Editor's was recently born to Bruce and Jeanne Nickel, Sacramento, California, named Scott Thomas Nickel. Their other sons are Robert, Martin and Douglas. A sixth grandson of the Editor's is James Herschend, son of Jack and Sharon Nickel Herschend, Branson, Missouri.

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**Here Is Another Side Of The Christian Pathway
Which Causes Many To Falter, Stumble, and Fall
While Others, Doubting And Fearful, Wonder Why**

Many Are The Afflictions Of The Righteous

But we have this promise, that the Lord delivers the righteous out of all afflictions, and all things work together for good when God, in His sovereign wisdom, is directing the life of an individual. The cross and the crown constitute complete victory.

By LILY OSMER

Editor, *The Star of Hope*

WE HAVE GONE THROUGH the hardest experience of our lives during this past month. My dear husband has been in the hospital, for the last three weeks, but, praise God, he has come home much renewed in strength and apparently recovered from the tumor operation that seemed so necessary. It was a case of life or death and it has been so hard for him because he trusted the Lord for his healing and believed that God would see him through. We do not know the answer to this any more than we do for having my eyes go out instead of being healed.

During this experience we have both learned a new meaning of what the Word says about "ministering angels" because we have found ministering angels in human form, he in the hospital with the doctors and nurses ministering unto him, and I with the friends, relatives and neighbors ministering unto me. I just never realized people could be so loving and kind, even to bringing hot dishes and furnishing transportation to the hospital daily during this period of three weeks, and all the little deeds of kindness, even starting my fires for me. All these things have meant so much to us in our hours of trouble.

My dearly beloved assistant and I

had just one moment of humor in all this. We were in the bank arranging for finances for the hospital. She explained to the bank official how that the nerve shock of my husband's having to be taken to the hospital had completely blinded me, and this official suggested that it would be better to just sit down and read a book. I said, "He said for me to sit down and read a book and I am blind!" So we did have one moment of humor in our trial.

The Lord has given me peace and rest of soul through it all and over and over He has repeated the Twenty-third Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me . . ." and we did experience just that, of not fearing evil but going down into the valley of the shadow of death with my dear husband.

All of the time the Lord seemed to be saying to my heart, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" and "Un-

derneath are the everlasting arms." That was very necessary for me because sometimes I would almost let go of the cable of faith and hope and then I would realize that "underneath are the everlasting arms" and if I should let go the Lord would still catch me and hold me firm, which was really a comfort to my soul at a time when we were just at the point of breaking.

The other day our dear pastor, who has been with my husband before and after surgery and many times since, was reading to him the Thirty-fourth Psalm and it just seemed that Jesus was speaking directly to my husband's heart: "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart

from evil and do good: seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."

When my husband's dear relatives were with me in the hospital as my husband was being operated on and were holding me up, I was thinking that everything was going on with the Star of Hope, but believe it or not nature called my secretary to the hospital the very same day and she came back with a lovely new baby. I felt that now she wouldn't be able to go on with the work and I wondered what we would do, but instead her mother-in-law has taken over the baby and her husband is helping with the office work and she was back on the job on Monday after the baby was born on Wednesday night. She has gotten the current issue out on time, in fact just a little ahead of time, so the Lord has been very gracious to us in that way also.

Now perhaps some of you are thinking that I have gone through all of this triumphantly and victoriously, but I have not. There were times when it

was Gethsemane and I cried out in my heart, "Lord let this cup pass from me," but finally I would say, as our blessed Lord did, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done."

When total blindness came to me I went down on my knees and cried out like Jesus did at the crucifixion, "My God, why has thou forsaken me?" and that seemed to be the way I felt in my heart. However, after praying in the spirit, I felt that God was very gracious unto me and loved me still and would take us through all of this to His glory and that there would be light. We were feeling very much as though we were in a cave in the dark and someone was calling, "This way to the light." The doctors are telling us that the operation for cataracts, which is my eye trouble, is very simple and that I could see by having these cataracts removed, and that, to me, is like a ray of light showing through and hearing a voice telling me that I could still get out of this cave of darkness.

We love the Lord. We know the Lord loves us. In some cases He does wonderful miracles and in other cases He removes things as He has removed the tumor from my dear husband's body. So I am looking to the will of the Lord at this time, knowing that He does all things well!

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RELEASED TIME PROGRAM IS DECLARED CONSTITUTIONAL

The following news report has been released by the Associated Press from Spokane, Washington:

Superior Judge Raymond F. Kelly upheld Constitutionality of the Spokane school district's "released time program" for religious education today.

The Judge ruled that the program does not violate either State or Federal constitutional provisions against using public money for sectarian purposes.

A suit to stop the program was filed last year by four Spokane residents who were later joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, the International Religious Liberty Association and a Seventh-Day Adventist Church group in the action against the school district.

SACRED RECORD LIBRARY WANTS REPRESENTATIVES

The American Library of Sacred Records, whose address is 550 W. Lambert Road, Dept. FG, Whittier, California, is interested in obtaining Christian men and women to represent them in every state in the Union. The library contains the Talking Bible, Family Devotions, Children's Library of Sunday School Songs and Bible Stories, Bible History Course, and records by many of the finest Christian recording artists. Interested readers may contact the Library at the above address.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. John 15:9.

**Jesus Christ Went About Doing Good To Others;
Following His Parable Of The Good Samaritan,
He Said: "Go Thou And Do Likewise." Here Is**

HOW TO HELP ANOTHER PERSON

Christians, including business men, are not to be ministered unto but to minister. This cannot be done without love. To help others we need to love, to study and to pray, we need to have patience, to have understanding and to have love—and the greatest of these is love!

By DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

A BUSINESS MAN recently wrote me somewhat like this: "We have a man in our employ who has been with us for many years. He is very capable, well-trained, we need him, he needs us, but he has lost his grip. He doesn't get along well with his associates. He is drinking too much. Something has gone wrong with him. I'd like to help him. What can I do?"

Another recent letter ran in this vein: "There is a couple in our group whom we all love, fine people, both of them, but they can't seem to get along with each other, and it looks as though their marriage might go on the rocks. How can we help them?"

Here is a third type: "George is a very wonderful boy, comes from a good family, sixteen years old, has had every advantage. He is in with the wrong crowd, and it's a wild crowd. Recently George was even caught stealing. Yet he has no need to steal. Nobody wants to see this boy a confirmed delinquent, but nobody seems to know how to get hold of him. How can we help?"

So runs a good portion of the mail that comes to me. And, no doubt, there are very few of us anywhere who cannot think of people they would like to help, if only they felt adequate to do so. What, then, can we do about it?

Of course, there are experts in helping people—psychologists, pastoral counselors. But we cannot get all human problems referred to experts. There are too many problems, and not enough experts to go around. Besides, every Christian person should be a creative individual, with resources for helping others. Christianity is not meant just to help you or me, but to help us help other people. And in helping people, Jesus can be our model. For Jesus is the wisest, keenest, most astute, most scientific, most skillful helper of human beings who ever lived. To find that out all you have to do is read the New Testament.

Take, for example, the incident at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9). The word "Bethesda" means a "bubbling spring." This particular spring is located in Jerusalem and I, myself, have seen it. In Jesus' time the pool of Bethesda was near the sheep market, and round about it were five porches. In these porches lay all manner of sick people, waiting for an angel to stir the pool because, according to tradition, whoever got into the pool first after the water was stirred would miraculously be healed. Jesus came to this place, and He took notice of a certain man who had been lying there thirty-eight years. Because he had been

there longer than anybody else, this man enjoyed a good deal of prestige. He was the oldest of the oldtimers at the pool.

Jesus went up to this fellow and said, "Would you like to be healed?" He knew very well that the man did not really want to be healed, because he was enjoying a lot of self-pity the way he was—self-pity and prestige.

The man replied, "Yes, I'd ilke to be healed, but see how it is. When the water bubbles there is never anybody to come put me in the pool, and before I can get there somebody always gets in ahead of me."

Now you'd think, wouldn't you, that in the course of lying around there for thirty-eight years, there would have been one time, at least, when he could get in first. You would think, if nothing else, that he could inch up to the edge of the pool and when the water bubbled, just flop right in. But no, "There is never anybody around to help me." So many people are like that. They don't really want to be helped.

Jesus knew that the man was fooling himself, that he had built up a barrier of self-pity and was hiding behind it. Jesus went up to him and looked him in the eye. He asked again, "Do you want to be healed?"

And the poor fellow lifted up his feeble eyes and looked into the eyes of Jesus. Power was transmitted. Perhaps he saw reflected in the eyes of the Master that which he could be, and for just one minute the manhood which he had originally had came forth, and he said, "Yes, sir, I would like to be healed." And that was all that was necessary.

Jesus said, "All right, pick up your

bed and walk away from this place."

The man looked at Him in disbelief.

"I said, pick it up. Do it yourself." And the man took up his bed and walked away.

So often I hear people say they would like to be healed of their fears, their hates; they would like to be healed of this or that weakness or frustration or discouragement or ineptitude. But do they want healing really? That is the question. If you look into the eyes of Jesus and say, "Yes, I want it, I really mean it," wondrous healing can take place.

To help other people we must study them, we must know them, we must look behind the facade they have built up. We must develop understanding. Human nature is very complicated, very devious. But you can understand it by prayer, by study, and by love. Love is the greatest teacher in the world. If you love anybody well enough you will begin to understand them. And with this there develops long patience. Understanding, patience, love—with these three you can help another person. Sometimes all that is needed for being helpful is to transmit a sense of patient, understanding love.

My friend Arthur Gordon, the writer, tells a very significant story about a man he knew. This man was a newspaper editor in a small town. He was often at his desk until late at night, writing his editorials and doing other work. One night about midnight there was a rap at his door. He yelled, "Come in!" The door opened and there before him was the haggard face of a neighbor, a man whose little boy had recently drowned. The editor knew the circumstances. This man had taken his wife and son

out canoeing. The canoe had overturned, the wife had been saved, but the child had drowned. The man had been walking the streets in a daze.

"Here, Bill," said the editor. "Sit down and rest yourself awhile."

The man sat, slumped in utter dejection. The editor continued working. After a while he said, "Would you like a cup of coffee, Bill?" He poured him coffee. "Drink that, old boy. The heat inside you will do you good." They sipped their coffee. No conversation.

After half an hour of this the neighbor said, "I'm not ready to talk yet, Jack."

"That's okay. Just sit there as long as you want. I'll go on with my work."

Much later Bill said, "I'm ready to talk." Then, for a solid hour, he poured it all out. He went over the tragedy in meticulous, minute detail—what actually happened, what would have happened had he done this, what would not have happened had he not done that, in every detail blaming himself for everything. By three o'clock in the morning he was rundown and tired. He stopped talking and said, "That's all I want to say tonight."

The editor went over and put his arm around him and said, "Go home, old boy, and get some sleep."

Bill said, "May I come talk to you again?"

"Any time," the editor told him. "Whenever you want to, day or night." He slapped him on the back and said, "God bless you, old boy."

The editor gave his friend no counsel, no advice, no suggestion. He didn't feel competent to do so. He gave patience, understanding and love.

In the last analysis every man and

woman on this earth has to solve his own problems. But you can help people if they can come to you as one who understands, who is patient, who loves, who will stick by them, who believes in them, who shares with them.

You business men, for example. You have people in your places of business who have all kinds of burdens and problems. Do you let them come talk to you? Or do you have no time? You have daily opportunities for helping people, for a lot can be done by just letting them talk.

I had an interesting experience not long ago aboard ship, crossing the Pacific on the way home after a trip to the Far East. The first day out my son John came to me and said, "Dad, there's a man on this ship who has no use for you."

"Well," I said, "that wouldn't surprise me, but how do you know?"

Well, it seems that John and some of the young people had been playing deck tennis and then had gone to the Marine Veranda—a fancy name for the cocktail lounge—the only place they could get soft drinks. Here they sat drinking coca colas and cooling off.

"There was a fellow sitting at the bar, an American, and he was drinking one whiskey after the other," John continued. "There was nobody else around and he was talking to the bartender. I was talking with the other kids when all of a sudden I heard your name. This man was saying to the bartender, 'I don't give a blankety blank blank if Norman Vincent Peale is on this ship, I'll drink all the whiskey I want and Norman Vincent Peale can go to blankety blank blank.' Whoever that fellow is, he sure has no use for you, Dad."

"Well," I said, "it would be interesting to know why."

The next day as we were having lunch, a stranger came over to our table and in a very gracious, pleasant way, said to me, "I beg your pardon, Doctor, but I want to introduce myself. I'm Mr. So and So. I'm having a party in my cabin before dinner tonight. The Captain is coming and some other people and I would be honored if Mrs. Peale and you would join us. Will you?"

Well, I wasn't filled with any burning enthusiasm, but the man looked like a nice fellow and his manner was kindly. So I said, "All right, we'll be there."

As soon as the man was out of earshot, John said, "That's the guy! That's the one that was cussing you out to the bartender."

"You don't mean it!"

"Yes," he said, "it is. You'd better watch that fellow."

Well I went to the party. My host said to me, "Doctor, what will you have to drink?"

"Have you any Seven Up?"

"Oh, yes, we have lots of Seven Up." So he gave me a Seven Up, and he took one, too. Now, friends, I like Seven Up, but one is enough; yet I drank three Seven Ups with this man. Nicest fellow you ever saw in your life.

The next day I met him on deck. We walked around together. The man was good company. I was increasingly puzzled about the outburst John had overheard at the bar. It was hard to believe this was the same person.

Suddenly the man said to me, "Doctor, I want to ask you a question. Why has God got it in for me? He has done me a very terrible thing. I don't

like what He did to me."

"What did He do to you?" I inquired.

"I had a wife. For twenty-seven years we were married. I loved her. She was everything to me. My whole life was built around her. God gave her cancer and God took her away from me. Why did He do this to me?"

Then I saw what was wrong. This man was hurt. He was bewildered. He was angry.

"I'm drinking a lot," he continued. "I don't like myself this way. But why did He do it to me?"

We talked a little, I asked, "Do you go to church?"

"No," he said, "I used to go to church every Sunday with my wife, but now that she is gone I don't feel like going to church by myself. I would just be sitting there thinking about her."

I told Mrs. Peale about all this. She went to the man and said, "Mr. So and So, you know, I have a problem. My husband is going to preach on shipboard Sunday. I never can sit with my husband at church services because he is always up front. Would you sit with me on Sunday?" That, friends, is what you call spiritual strategy!

On Sunday I looked at the congregation, and there sat my wife with our acquaintance beside her. He was singing hymns. He seemed to know them, too.

And in the days that followed we were able to do a little work together on all that pain and anger in his heart.

Now why had this man been cussing me out before he ever met me? You see, had he cursed God out to the bartender, the bartender wouldn't have

stood for it. So he had to take some kind of symbol. I happened to be a minister, therefore connected with the church, and the church is connected with God. So I was a convenient symbol upon which he could unload his hate. There was nothing personal in it.

We must learn to question why people do the things they do, why they say this or that. We must learn to be objective. If a person says something about you, say to yourself, "Why did he say that? There must be a reason." Be objectively scientific about criticism. It may be your opportunity to help someone.

Look up into the eyes of the Great Physician who said, "Do you want to be healed?" First, get healing for yourself, so that you may be full of patience, understanding, and love. Then give of your best to others, by what you say, by what you do, by what you are. And you will enter into the wonderful experience of helping people.

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UNTIL OUR WORK IS FINISHED

By LEON E. METCALF

How long, oh Lord, we do not know,
We're called to witness here below;
But to our rest we would not go
Until our work is finished.

The days seem long and filled with toil
In this dark world full of turmoil;
So fill our lamps with heavenly oil
Until our work is finished.

Lord, give us strength for our brief
stay

And help us labor while it's day,
In showing other souls the way
Until our work is finished.

And while we journey down life's road,
Make us Christ-like in every mode,
By helping lift another's load
Until our work is finished.

Then when life's little race is run
And we draw near life's setting sun,
Oh we may hear these words: "Well
done!"

Because our work is finished!

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THIS PASTOR IS REJOICING BECAUSE OF WORK OF FGBMFI

Although Christ chose only laymen from among the fishermen and business men of Galilee and sent them forth to begin the establishing of the Kingdom of God among men, there have been some modern-day pastors who are not too enthusiastic about FGBMFI and its work of calling forth men to work both in and out of the churches to do the work Christ commissioned them to do.

On the other hand, there are thousands of thrilled pastors who are rejoicing at what God is doing among laymen and consider it an answer to their prayers. Among these there is none more wholehearted in their support than Pastor J. R. Edgar, of the Assembly of God Church, Ukiah, California.

In a recent letter to Executive Secretary Irvine J. Harrison, accompanied by a donation to help with the work of FGBMFI, he says:

"I appreciate the burden you and the brethren are carrying. May God continue to bless and guide you. We have cherished the good fellowship we have always enjoyed with the FGBMFI. Brothers Rose and Nickel have been especially used to encourage the laymen and the churches of our section. Also, I hear from my friend, Hal Herman, of the blessing FGBMFI is overseas.

"Here is a little help. The need of every Christian today is a burden for the lost. We need to encourage our laymen. We are planning a program to include more laymen in our administration of the Northern California

and Nevada District. I happen to be Chairman of this Committee. Would you pray that God will direct us and that the Holy Spirit will speak to our hearts?"

THE LOVE OF GOD

By HORATIUS BONAR

O Love of God, how strong and true!
Eternal, and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love!
We read Thee in the sky above;
We read Thee in the earth below,
In seas that swell, and streams that
flow.

We read Thee best in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.

We read Thy power to bless and save,
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light
We read the fullness of Thy might.

O Love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way!
Eternal Love, in Thee we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest!

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THE STRATEGY OF DEPTH

By RICHARD C. HALVERSON

THE STORY is told of a German and Russian officer who met following the second world war and were discussing the failure of the Nazi "Blitzkrieg" against Russian forces. Said the German, "The trouble with you Russians is that you don't know when you're licked!" Replied the Russian, "We know when we're licked, but the Nazis did not count on a military strategy which we understand very well, the strategy of depth! Your lightning warfare was no match for the depth of our ranks."

In life as in warfare there is no substitute for depth. Depth is the hallmark of maturity — the key to poise and perseverance. The shallow man is no match for life's adversity . . . the man of depth is always "more than a conqueror" no matter what his circumstance. The shallow man caves in under pressure — the man of depth grows in strength under pressure.

There would be far fewer crackups among high powered men if they would give their souls time to breathe and season and temper.

Men need depth. But depth takes time. Time to be silent — to listen — to think. And men are too busy! To the eternal peril of their souls they are too busy! With tragic ease modern man excuses himself from spiritual disciplines on the grounds that he is too busy in his job. Yet he is in danger of sacrificing the very enterprise that commands his time by neglecting the spiritual foundations which make it possible — guarantee his freedom to pursue it.

Infinitely wise is the man who gives his soul its chance to stretch and feed upon the bread of life and grow. Infinitely wise is the man who makes time for fellowship with God. He is more than a match for any contingency. He is the strong man — the imperturbable one — the steady hand — the level head.

Four kinds of men surrounded Jesus during His public ministry: The multitude, the one hundred and twenty in the Upper Room at Pentecost, the twelve, and the three, Peter, James and John. They represent four levels of impact, four spheres of influence in terms of their nearness to Jesus: (1) The multitude, perfunctorily interested in Jesus, curious, fickle. They followed him when He worked miracles — joined the mob that cried "Crucify Him!" in the end. (2) The hundred and twenty. They stuck. They sweated out the crucifixion and the post resurrection days. They were there on Pentecost. (3) The twelve, eleven of whom were faithful. (4) The three, with Jesus in some of His deepest moments such as the Transfiguration. They gave top leadership to the primitive Church.

The measure of a man's spiritual leadership and influence is the measure of his fellowship with God. The man who makes time for the spiritual disciplines, who takes time no matter how busy he is, is the man whose life reflects the depth, poise and balance so imperative in a confused world.

The man that is too busy for God is too busy!

Because A Dying Mother Prayed For Her Baby Boy,
The Prayer Was Answered Twenty-One Years Later When
GOD SET RUBEN FLORES FREE!

This is one of the most amazing testimonies that has ever come to the attention of the writer during a long and active career of both secular and sacred Journalism.

By THOMAS R. NICKEL

PART ONE

MANY YEARS AGO, as Editor of The Midget Magazine, "The World's Smallest Periodical," we published an account of Wallace Reid, the beloved movie star, and his untimely death which resulted from his heroic but unsuccessful effort to set himself free from the dope habit.

This is an account of Ruben Flores, who was in a far worse condition than Wallace Reid, but he called upon God, and God set him free!

The story of Ruben's degradation and deliverance is a marvelous testimony of the miraculous power of God to break the shackles that bind men which neither they nor the Society which produces them and then rejects them can break.

Ruben Flores was born August 12, 1932, at La Habra, California. His mother, Ernestine, a member of the Assembly of God Church, died when Ruben was one year old, but before she died she made two requests of God: she asked that He baptize her with the Holy Ghost; and she asked that He cause her baby boy to become a Christian when he grew up. The first request was answered just a few days before her death. The second request was answered twenty-one years later. Because she made this second request, and the manner in which God answered it, makes this as dramatic

an episode as ever was found inside or outside Holy Writ.

Ruben's father, Luz, whose name in Spanish means "Light," ironically was a member of the Black Cross Gang of Los Angeles, dealing in Prostitution, Narcotics, and Gambling. He had formerly travelled with a circus as an entertainer and had become involved in his nefarious traffic through the influence of his evil associates.

When Ruben was a young boy, his father established a Gambling, Narcotic, and Prostitution dive in Pico Park, a small suburb of Los Angeles, and Ruben grew up amidst this degrading and illegal atmosphere, sleeping in a room adjoining all this immorality.

At the age of eight, Ruben began to smoke cigarettes, and at the age of nine, he began to drink intoxicating liquor and to steal.

When Ruben was twelve, his father was arrested for violation of the Federal Narcotic Law. During his father's imprisonment, Ruben was placed in the home of a Catholic family.

After his father had served eight months, he was released, and he and Ruben moved to Lindsay. While his father made a continual round of the dives, Ruben was left with a family that heaped abuses upon him. During this miserable part of his life, Ruben

was forced to eat out of the same dish from which the dog had just eaten his meal.

Because of this inhuman treatment and because of the sordid existence he had experienced all his life, Ruben began to revolt against Society and decided that as soon as he got old enough he was going to get even with Society.

Luz took Ruben to Fresno, and they lived in an old tent, with no bedding, sleeping on grape sweat-boxes, used for drying raisins. Ruben had no shoes and only ragged clothing. Most of the money he earned from cotton picking was spent by Luz for liquor, so very little food was purchased. Most of the food was stolen by Luz and Ruben.

During the rainy season, water ran right through the floor of the tent. There were also spiders and lice to make life more unbearable for the helpless and hopeless lad.

Up to this time, Ruben had not had more than three months of genuine schooling as his total education.

One night, Ruben — lonely and craving companionship and love — joined with three other boys from broken homes and went to Jericho Cafe, a Negro dive in Fresno, where Liquor, Narcotics, Gambling, and Prostitution were rampant, indulged in by black and white men and white and black women in complete promiscuous abandon.

The boys bought some Marijuana cigarettes and offered one to Ruben.



The Editor took this photo of Ruben Flores standing underneath the tree in Fresno, California, where he smoked the first Marijuana cigarette that started him on his downward trail that brought him many long years of suffering and heartache.

Here he had a tremendous decision to make. He did not want to become addicted as he had seen so many become, but he knew that if he refused the cigarette, then he was rejecting the only friends he had in the world. To be able to feel that he belonged to them and they belonged to him, he took the cigarette and smoked it as he stood there with them in the night underneath a tree, starting on his downward trail that was to bring him many years of suffering and heartache.

The Society he would have preferred had not become a part of Ruben Flores' life, so he chose the Society that was opening up its arms to receive him!

TO BE CONTINUED

CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING HAS MARVELOUS AFTERMATH

By VIOLET CARLSON

The Chicago Chapter had a glorious banquet meeting recently at the time of the visit of President Demos Shakaran, who spoke.

Before the message, a colored choir sang, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name." They sang with such an anointing that before they had finished the first verse, everyone in the place rose to their feet and, with tears in their eyes and arms raised to Heaven, worshipped the Lord as the choir sang.

The janitor, who had been walking back and forth in the hall, smoking, came to the door and tears began falling from his eyes. Later he came to me and asked who the singers were. I did not know, but upon inquiry for him learned that they were gathered together from various denominations. One of the singers was not even saved,

but he got saved while singing the song, and at the end of the service raised his hand for prayer, along with nine others.

One lady, who had recently been saved in our church, sat during the meeting praying for her husband who was then making the rounds in the different Chicago taverns. She said that she felt in her heart that the Lord had heard her. Later she reported that upon arriving home, she went to sleep thanking God for answering her prayer. Soon her husband came home and woke her up. He was crying and told her that while he was in a tavern he suddenly became sick of himself, the smell of the liquor, and the way he had been living. He couldn't understand what had come over him.

Continuing his weeping, he begged her to get up and pray for him. The two were up all night, praying, talking over their problems with the Lord and reading the Bible. Being recently saved herself, she didn't know where to read, but the Holy Spirit directed them.

The next morning was Sunday, and the friends who had taken her to the banquet dropped by to see her. They were surprised to meet her husband at the door, smiling. The first thing he said was that he was saved. His statement and his appearance were so paradoxical that they were so amused that they could scarcely refrain from laughing. The marks of his drinking still plainly showed on his face. His clothes and hair were in a mess. His cheeks were smeared from all his tears. Then through all this was his big smile.

What a wonderful "hang-over" from a wild and blessed night, because his wife prayed for him during the FGBMFI banquet and because the Lord answered her prayer almost instantly!



Has Camp Meeting By Herself

Enclosed is my renewal subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice. I get such a thrill every time it comes that I have a little Camp Meeting all by myself. How I would love to meet with this great organization where all Christians come together, regardless of creeds, and show love for one another. It is a commandment of Jesus: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another."

Another thing, there are so many of our faithful members of God's World Prayer Band, whose motto is, "The Sun Never Sets on God's World Prayer Band," and whose members number 18,000, who are attending the FGBMFI meetings in the United States and in foreign lands. This makes your Fellowship interesting to me. I hear from these members the good that FGBMFI is doing as well as reading it in the Voice. These members tell me that the meetings are such that they go home enriched in their souls. May God richly bless such fine work for Him. — Dr. S. May Eversole, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Wants Two Shakarian Stories

Enclosed is remittance for subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice, for

a copy of the March issue containing the testimony of Guy Braselton of Corpus Christi, Texas, and for two copies of The Amazing Shakarian Story. — J. C. Muehleisen, Arcadia, California.

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Voice A Blessing In The Home

I enjoy my Full Gospel Men's Voice each month very much. It is a blessing to our home. Enclosed is a renewal for the coming year. May the Lord bless the Full Gospel Business Men.— Glenn I. Hathaway, Fontana, Calif.

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Doesn't Want To Miss A Copy

Please renew my subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice another year for I don't want to miss a single copy. I enjoy the publication very much and the work the men are doing for the Lord.—Roy S. Smith, Kellyville, Okla.

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German Subscriber Is Happy

I thank you, very much, for Full Gospel Men's Voice which I have received regularly after I ordered it when Brothers Nickel, Hicks and some others were in Karlsruhe, Germany. I am especially happy to see that you preach the Full Gospel which is rarely believed in this country. I only hope

and pray that many more people come to this wonderful experience of realizing that we have a powerful God. Though I am only twenty-four years old, God had to reach down deep to lift me out of sin and disaster. But, praise God, He did!

I am sending two more subscriptions for other parts of Germany. Not too many people here speak or read English. Also, I wish to renew my own subscription which will expire in September. Thank you again, and God bless you and your work.—Inge Waber, Frankfurt, Germany.

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"Daddy Enjoyed The Voice"

I am writing to let you know that my father, Rev. Sam Davis, went to be with the Lord November 12, 1957. I wish to tell you that Daddy enjoyed the Voice so much and passed it around for others to read. Sorry we forgot to get in touch with you concerning his going before this. — Lillian Dishman, St. Petersburg, Florida.

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A Father's Day Gift

Enclosed is a two-year subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice to be sent to R. N. Nelson as a Father's Day Gift. — Clara Nelson, Santa Maria, California.

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Voice Blesses In Bolivia

I am an independent Missionary working here in Bolivia. Just finished a meeting in which over 600 accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour with over 200 healings and 84 receiving Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

Enclosed is my subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice. Your magazine has been a real blessing to me.

Thank you so very much, and may the dear Lord bless you and all the Staff as you labor for Him. — Robert T. Oslin, Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America.

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Appreciates All Voice Means

You will find check enclosed for renewal of subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice for another year. I surely enjoy getting it and appreciate all it means. — Mrs. Ivah Bartelmie, Oakland, California.

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"A Great Work For God"

I am sending my renewal subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice. You are doing a great work for God. May He abundantly bless you and all your work. — Alma Miller, Los Angeles, California.

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Rejoices Over Rabbi's Song

Once again I want to write and tell you how much I enjoy listening to your program every Sunday night. This last Sunday night my Evangelist and I enjoyed so much listening to our Jewish Rabbi who had come to the Light and accepted the Light. We sat and cried when he sang the song, "My Wonderful, Wonderful Lord." I have so many Jewish friends who are now Pentecostal that I rejoice when I hear of one more coming in.

Was so sorry to hear of the passing of our beloved brother, Ben Hardin, former pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Santa Ana, California.

Enclosed is my subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice.

May the Lord continue to bless FGBMFI. — Ralph A. Bentley, Clinton, Missouri.

THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN

By ALVY E. FORD

Blind Author of The Bible In Verse

The faith of the Christian is simple and sweet,
Yet it's precious, more precious than gold.
It's faith in the Saviour that makes us complete,
And that opens the door to the fold.

The faith of the Christian is steadfast and sure,
And it holds against tempest and shock.
Its sturdy foundation will ever endure,
For it's built upon Jesus, the Rock.

The faith of the Christian is vibrant and warm;
It's a virtual foundation of youth.
It constantly bubbles in excellent form,
For its source is the wellspring of truth.

The faith of the Christian is throbbing and strong;
It's the current that flows through the line.
Though unseen by others, it wafts him along,
And empowers for service divine.

The faith of the Christian is humble and low;
It is happy in mansion or shack.
You'll find it abiding wherever you go,
For it dwells on both sides of the track.

The faith of the Christian is lofty and high,
Like a towering column of cloud.
Though dwelling on earth, it has roots in the sky;
And it's never defeated nor bowed.

The faith of the Christian is tender and kind;
It's as gentle and soft as a dove.
It's home to the homeless, and sight to the blind;
It's a marvel of infinite love.

The faith of the Christian is tempered and tough,
Like a bulwark of steel or of stone.
Repelling all onslaughts, no matter how rough,
It withstands, though abiding alone.

The faith of the Christian is tested and proved;
It quite often is tried till it hurts.
But, after the battle, it is unmoved.
Oh, it's wonderful, Friend, and it works.

The faith of the Christian is patient and mild;
It is never repulsive nor rude.
It waits with the old and forgives with the child;
And its fruit is delicious and good.

The faith of the Christian is reckless, but right;
It will venture where brains fear to tread.
It easily overcomes chasm or height,
For it springs from the heart, not the head.

The faith of the Christian is hard to explain;
It's not smelled, tasted, felt, seen, or heard.
Enduring through ages, it so shall remain.
It's eternal. It's built on the Word!

THE INTERNATIONAL 300 CLUB

The International 300 Club consists of 300 dedicated members who believe in the FGBMFI and its program to the extent that they will, as God enables them, pledge a minimum of \$10.00 per month for the FGBMFI cost of operation. This will enable the Fellowship to use all other money 100% for its world-outreach.

The International 300 Club was launched with the March issue of the Voice. The names below are those of the men, women and organizations who have already joined. Names will be added monthly until 300 is reached. We invite you to join now.

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We solicit the earnest prayers of all of our readers for the FGBMFI and for the work it is trying to accomplish for God. Particularly we would ask that as you read these words and look over the list of names above that you would lay your hands upon them in prayer and ask our Heavenly Father to bless them!

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"OUR BANNER IS LOVE!"

BY THOMAS R. NICKEL

Jesus Christ, our Leader, made the following declarations.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you."

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me." "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do: because I go to my Father." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ye shall be witnesses unto me." "And as ye go, preach, saying The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." "And, lo, I am with you always."

"Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." "He that is not with me is against me." "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Christ has raised up a banner of Love, and Christians, the Children of Light, all over the world, are uniting under this banner.

As recruiters, throughout the earth, for the Children of Light, we welcome you to join Christ's united forces. Our banner is Love!