A "Balanced Diet" - - -

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4.)

Dairymen, stock and poultry raisers, as well as medical science, all advance the theory that a balanced diet, or ration, in the line of food stuffs for both man and beast, is both beneficial, and most necessary at times. A balanced ration for dairy cows is highly recommended for more satisfactory results in milk and butter-fat production. By a balanced ration is meant the equal, or proportionate amount of the different food elements indicated as being necessary, or most helpful in keeping the animal in a thriving condition, and adding to the quality and quantity of production. In the case of mankind, it is claimed that a properly arraigned diet is beneficial towards warding off certain diseases. Malnutrition weakening the system and the powers of resistance, it is claimed, lays the body more susceptible to diseases. Pellagra is attributed to malnutrition. The lack of certain food elements contributes to the dread disease of scurvy, which explorers into the far northern artic regions, as well as into the far south antarctic regions, have to guard against by including in their store of provisions, food having the necessary elements to ward off this disease. They have to "balance" their diet, don't you see? Babies are often little victims of malnutrition ---lack of proper food elements in their diet.

Now, beloved, we hope you have gotten a thought that will the better help you to understand the spiritual side of the question---how that a "balanced diet" in things spiritual, is vitally necessary for the welfare of our soul, and our spiritual growth in the Lord, as we take up the subject of our lesson of a "Balanced Diet," spiritually speaking.

When the Saviour referred to the fact above that we should not live, temporally speaking, by bread only, but that we should also live, spiritually speaking, by every word of God, He infers the fact that we should observe all the present commandments of God—that we take to ourselves all the doctrines laid down for us, and not be as some are wont to do—adhere to those that "appeal" most to them, and which commandments are the more easily kept and with the less sacrifice on their part, and void of much persecution from the world, leaving off the more difficult, and possibly more weighty matters, which also might mean a self-denial on their part; nor neither does He want us to be extremists in proclaiming the Gospel by giving our mind to certain parts of it to the point of radicalism, leaving off other vital and necessary things. Paul, you know, told the elders of the Ephesian church, when he had sent for them, and was giving them his parting admonition (Acts 20:27), how that he had not shunned to declare ALL the counsel of

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God unto them. And we hear the Saviour say to the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23:23, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.” In other words, the Saviour is here pointing out to those who were very strict along a certain line—that of paying tithes, something that He tells them they OUGHT to do, alright, but pointing out to them the fact that they were failing along other lines—that of looking to the more weighty matters of judgment, mercy, and faith, telling them they should not leave these things UNDONE! They needed a more balanced spiritual diet!

Paul tells the elders of the Ephesian church, as mentioned above, concerning his preaching while among them, how that he had kept back nothing that was profitable unto them. (Acts 20:20.) In this, possibly, he may have preached some things to them that caused them for the time being to do otherwise than shout! He gave them that which was most needed in their life to produce a substantial growth in grace; he gave them a well balanced spiritual diet—he was a careful husbandman, so-to-speak, in this case.

He may have given them food which they didn’t just relish, possibly; but he was obeying orders from above—from the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who, in every case, knows just what is needful and best. But not so with many preachers of today, and some right within the ranks of the Apostolic faith movement—they will often shun to preach to the people many times, the very messages God would give them, because they have men’s person in admiration—they are wanting to stay on the “good side” of somebody; be popular; have a big following; or maybe a few more dollars coming in, etc. They would let souls literally perish for the right kind of spiritual food—a real balanced diet—to satisfy their own desires; yes, let the sheep of His pasture famish, and perish away, for the sake of their own selfish gains. Cowards they are, sometimes, possibly, to declare ALL the truth!

So there are those today who are in need of a balanced diet. There’s the individual who lays great stress on a certain part, or parts, of the Gospel, or some phase of Christian living, and at the same time, possibly, they may be very, very, slack on some other point of doctrine, or every day living, which is just as necessary, or essential towards perfection, or maybe moreso, as was the case with the scribes and Pharisees mentioned above, and whom the Saviour rebuked. There are some today, possibly, who are very much concerned over present world conditions—fearful for the evident approaching beast power as prophesied unto us in Daniel and Revelations; they are carefully abstaining from all semblance of “signing up,” and so on, which is all very well when viewed in the light of the scripture as being no doubt only links in the chain of events leading up to the oncoming and ultimate beast rule; but these same people may be at the same time robbing God in tithes and offerings—letting His cause suffer for lack of support; withholding help from the widow and orphan; no alms for the poor; possibly raising their children to be unruly—disobedient, letting them dress in an ungodly, and worldly manner; showing a spirit of pride in their own lives; or maybe even living in adultery, etc. Then there is some one else who is very careful along the line of dress, but who are slack in other things. Wife and I knew some people several years ago, who were what you might call extremists in the matter of dress. They were holiness people of one of the old line movements, but at this time they were worshipping with Baptized saints, though neither of them had the Baptism, that we cannot remember. They were of the type who would give a new saint coming into the mission, one of those critical “once overs,” so-to-speak, to note how they were dressed ---whether or not they were

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My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: — Prov. 3:11.
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dressed in what they thought was a standard of holiness dressing. This wife was on the extreme on the button question, using only pins in her plain and simple attire. They were both against low-neck, and short-sleeved style of dresses, but the husband, poor fellow, would come to church with his shirt-sleeves partially rolled, and his shirt-collar thrown open! And the sad part of this story is, that while this father and mother were so busily engaged in giving themselves to that part of the Gospel which treats on plainness and modesty in attire (which is just fine so long as one does not drift into a fanatical spirit), that one, if not two, of their own daughters in their home, went to the bad in the mean while! How badly these parents needed to have been partaking of a more balanced spiritual diet in their lives—ought to have been more careful in home discipline! And so there are many comparisons that could be made, possibly, wherein people are given to applying themselves to some certain administration, or administrations, of the Gospel in their lives, and at the same time they probably are badly in need of a few other things to give them the proper growth in grace, that they might have well rounded out, and fruitful lives.

There are some who are more interested in revival services than they are in the teaching of the Word. Some seem to love the shout above all else, and feel they haven't had much of a service unless there has been a demonstration of the power, as they understand such, among themselves. They seem to favour the preacher who has the more shouting in his or her meetings. Such people are like so many little children, who, if so they could and were allowed to do so, would make an entire meal out of jelly, cake, pie, etc., whereas they need, for their health's sake, more of a variety of food stuffs—they need a more balanced diet! Some Christians, it seems, who are surely old enough in the Lord to be standing some strong meat by way of preaching, are yet clamouring for a diet of milk altogether. You know what we mean. The Bible says, in Hebrews 5:13-14.

"For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe."

"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

And again in Isaiah 28:9, we read:

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts."

Try to imagine an overgrown child still crying for mother's breast, refusing to be weaned!

Then back to those who are more concerned in the revival side of the work—-they love the shout. Who is there—but loves to see people getting saved—but why not be equally concerned in that part of the work that tends toward building them up in their souls—keeping them saved? Paul tells Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Tim. 4:16.)

Some do not like doctrinal sermons. Others may be too zealous in such respects. One whom we know was much given to asserting himself about "standing on the Word," until a sister one day told him to this effect, that "some needed to get the Word up before their faces, and see what it said to do!"

Some may be very strict on tithing, as those whom the Saviour rebuked, and yet very slack on other things; while to the reverse, there may be those who are very careful about the spiritual side, but who are not following the Saviour's admonition that they ought to pay tithes. (Matthew 23:23.) Some are possibly more concerned in receiving the Gospel, than they are in helping to get the Gospel to their place, supporting it in their midst, or in sending it to the regions beyond. And if it were not for the liberality of other saints—-maybe sometimes a sacrifice on somebody's part; or maybe a sacrifice on the preacher's part, some who

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By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. — Prov. 16:6.
THE LAST GREAT REVIVAL PERIOD

It's beyond doubt that this great outpouring of the Spirit—the latter rain, as prophesied by Joel (chap. 2), wherein the Holy Ghost has been given unto saints of God as in the early dispensation, or days of the former rain which began on the day of Pentecost and continued for some years, marks the closing of the last great revival period the world will ever see. And it is evident that the harvest is just about over—even are we now away down into the gleaning time. While there are many today who are professing to get saved in so-called revival meetings, yet real genuine old-time conversions—the kind who stand the test, and who bear the fruits of the Spirit—are few and far between, today, as compared to the results of revival work of a few years ago during the time when the power was falling so mightily in the midst of this latter rain outpouring. As we said, many are professing today, but what about the results when you go to looking for the fruits in their lives? and anyway, what becomes of so many of them, for in many cases, possibly, you can visit one of the places a few weeks after one of these "big revivals," and you will find about the same number of the old time saints out to services who have been so faithful for years. Of course there are some exceptions, but we are speaking as the general rule. In the gleaning, of course, there are to be found yet, some real gain; but these scattered and hidden away heads of grain are surely getting very scarce, indeed. Now some of you, possibly, will disagree with us in this; but facts are facts, just the same. There is more work to be done right among the saints today, getting the church ready for the coming of the Lord, than there is to be done on the evangelistic field; and we never expect, therefore, to see another great revival spirit sweep over the world as has been witnessed during the past 34 years, wherein thousands have been swept into the kingdom of God, believers sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost; with the sick being healed, devils cast out, drunkards, dope fiends, and tobacco slaves set free; broken homes reunited—separated, or divorced couples finding God, which meant a reunion of their lives in real happiness; restitutions being made—people going over their past lives, making right their wrongs committed against their fellow man; divorced and remarried people coming out of adultery, and measuring up their lives to God's holy standard.

Wonderful, indeed, has been the work of God during this generation. But we can see the letting up of the work of the Spirit today. There is not the real conviction for sin among the people today, as was so mighty a few years ago. There is possibly more deception in religious matters right now than the world has seen since the dark ages. People are sin and pleasure mad, so-to-speak. The world, possibly, and lots of professed Christians, can't see it this way; but real, true saints of God, who are not possessed of that "hurrah" spirit so prevalent in the land today, especially those who have been in the way for a number of years, can see and understand the awful condition of the time in which we are living. They can well testify to the fact that the main harvest has come and gone, and that we are now far down in the days of the gleaning, despite all the pretense, and the make-believe, to be found today in the ranks of holiness, as well as among nominal church people. Solomon sings of the time when the rain is over, when the advent of the new day—the millennium—is at hand, with the Saviour calling for the church to arise and meet Him:

"The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

"My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

"My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

"The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." (S. S. 2:12-13.)

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. —Prov. 3:25.
KEENER, ARK.

October 12, 1934.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all readers of the little paper:

I am praising God this morning for old-time salvation, I praise Him for seeing fit to save my soul. I mean to go on. There isn't anything in this world that I want to turn back to. Although I have many temptations and sorrows, yet God is my helper, and I just call upon Him, and He helps me in every time of need. Jesus is a dear Saviour to me. He is also my healer. I want to be ready to go when He comes or calls; and I don't feel it will be long before He comes, for the Bible is fast being fulfilled. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Dollie Holt,
Keener, Ark.

THE POWER OF GOD

It isn't always the longest sermon that is the most weighty or powerful; neither is it the one that falls from the lips of the so-called learned. We remember in part, the testimony of a young man—a brother in the Lord—nearly nineteen years ago, though of few words as was his custom, yet the portion we remember so well was surely accompanied by the power of God when he said these words, "The Bible is almost fulfilled!"

You could feel the real anointing from Heaven in the statement. It surely was a wonderful message, and that by reason of the fact that God was in it—a realunction from on High! He was only an unlearned boy; and sorry to say, has evidently gone back into the world since that time; but his short message was from Heaven, and yet lives on.

An hand painted motto on the wall in this little Gospel printing office (the gift of a young brother in the Lord) reads:

"Little is much if God is in it."

How true the words in either spiritual or temporal affairs of life!

"QUALIFICATIONS OF PASTORS"

By Bro. E. A. Buckles,
Conference Chairman.

Drumright, Okla.,
November 4, 1934.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and readers of the MESSENGER:

A few lines this beautiful Sunday morning.

I have a heart attack, and am not feeling able to go to Sunday School, so I thought I would write a few lines to you and the readers of the little paper, as I have not written in quite a while.

I was thinking about the qualification of pastors. It seems that the way people look at the matter, that to qualify as a pastor, that it is a man with a small family—not to exceed the preacher, his wife, and two small children, and at the most, three, saying, "We are not able to finance a man with a larger family."

Seems that people always want to take things into their own care, not having enough faith to trust God. I am of the opinion that if it was all left in the hands of God, that He could just as easily supply the needs of a large family, as He could that of a small family!

I am also of the opinion that, in these days in which we are living, we look to our own affairs too much. Several years ago when we had every thing on the altar, we never locked for impossibilities; but to the contrary, we looked for God to bring things to pass!

In Mark 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

In Ephesians 4:11, we read: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."

The 12th. verse tells us for what purpose they were given: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (church)

Not a word here is said about the size of his family!

I have been places before now, and some of the saints would ask me about sending them a pastor, I would mention a few preachers, and they want to know "this or that."

Some folks, just to make it light on themselves, will call an evangelist for a pastor. If I understand God's Word in Ephesians 4:11, the office of a pastor differs from that of an evangelist, unless it might be the case as Paul said to Timothy to "do the work of an evangelist." It seems that in some cases, a man might get the calling for both pastor, and evangelist.

But I can't understand this to be the case with all evangelists.

My advice to all, would be to know your calling, as Paul said for us to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." (Eph. 4:1.)

For one to undertake to do something out of his calling, it seems that his life is full of blunders and miserable mistakes; and many times brings awful discords and heartaches. Paul said for us to be careful for nothing.

We desire the prayers of all saints for the healing of our body. I was healed of heart-troubles once, but for some cause it came back of late. So we covet your prayers.

E. A. and Birdie Buckles,
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Drumright, Okla.

Jesus is coming soon.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him..." --Rev. 2:1.
Editorially

SHOWING THE WRONG SPIRIT

As we have been informed, an individual whom conference recently disfellowshiped, has written to some of the saints on the side, criticising, so-to-speak, such action, stating in one instance, at least, that untruths had been told on him. This action on the part of the brother in question is presumably to gain sympathy.

Now if our information be correct—and we have no occasion to doubt—such action shows a very wrong spirit on the part of the accused, aside from that which prompted conference's action in his case. In our opinion, if the brother would do the right thing—show the right spirit—he would come clean with a confession of his guilt, asking forgiveness, and for a chance to prove himself (provided, of course, he has not crossed the fatal line, which we hope is not the case), and we are sure that conference, acting on Bible lines, will be glad to give him the chance. And if he feels he has been falsely accused in any part of the matter, or not dealt with on Bible lines, sufficient proof, introduced in the right manner, would move a Bible conference to reconsider that part of his case. But as things now stand, we are with conference's decision in the matter, and so ought to be all other saints.

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SACRIFICING JUSTICE

We believe that any one in authority among God's people should be possessed of a sympathetic nature, alright; but we do not believe that justice should be sacrificed for sympathy. Judgment can always be carried out with sympathy properly manifested. Failure along this line will bring like results as often seen in the home where parental authority is slack—that of confusion and disorder.

Possibly we could be faring a little better financially in this life, if we would just "ease up" a little on declaring against sin and worldliness; but thank God, dear ones, it isn't altogether finances that are looking for in this life—we are looking for a crown in glory! Amen.

Just what about the individual who has to practically be made to line up—and then having to almost "stay after them," to keep them straight?

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Just A Few Plain Thoughts

Some may think we are a little too straight and plain in some of our remarks in the little paper. That's alright, beloved—the time is coming for some people when they would appreciate a little plain preaching! Amen.

We wish that all the "starch," and all the "strut," and all the "hurrah," and all the worldly pride in general, was shaken out of every professed holiness preacher possessed thereof, and that they would take the pulpit both looking and acting the part of a sincere minister of the great cause which they represent.

Some sisters of the faith wouldn't use very much face powder--just a little, scarcely enough to be noticeable! Amen.

How much difference is there in the spirit of the thing, beloved, wherein the organized preacher might be seeking "joiners," and an unorganized preacher in just "rail roading" folks through at the altar, you might say, in order to have "noses" to count at the end of the revival?

It surely makes one to wonder when they see the holiness preacher's son or daughter all garbed out in a manner which the preacher knows is contrary to the doctrine of Bible holiness. We refer to children who are yet under the parents control—or who ought to be, at least! This to lay members, also!

We hate to see a band of people—saints in whom we have confidence—drift into a "lazy," or either an unconcerned spirit (which ever it is—maybe lukewarmness!) in their services wherein they fail to tarry long enough before the Lord in prayer to give some one a chance, at least, to reach the throne. Then we've seen people go too far, it seemed, in prayer in public service—but not if in a real spirit of prayer, mind you! One can be on the extreme either way. Let's therefore stay away from extremes, and give God a chance. And when we come together in prayer, let's act like we appreciated the privilege of prayer, and felt our need of such. We've been in the place where we wished they had continued a little longer in prayer!

We don't like to hear the preacher, though he be an evangelist, use such for a title in signing his name, as, "Evangelist So-and-So." To use such signature, seems too much like they wanted the fact known, or something on that order. The Bible refers to "Philip the evangelist"—not "Evangelist Philip!" If Satan can't get saints of God to do nothing worse, he will get them to begin acting just a little "starchy" along the way. Paul used no flattering title in referring to himself, and he is a good example for preachers of this day to follow. Amen. Hear the man of God in Job 32:21-22:

"Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

"For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away."

The way some parents get along with their children ---keep peace in the family---when it comes to one of those times wherein it means for the parents to have their way, or else for son or daughter to have theirs, the parents sometimes compromises (?) with them by letting them have their way, but giving them some "good advice" on how to behave themselves, etc. Pity, and shame!

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. —Psalms 119:17.
"FUSS" IS NOT POWER

There's a lot of difference sometimes, beloved, in the person's testimony, and the real power of God they might possess in their lives. Paul once said in a letter to the Corinthian brethren: "But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power." (1 Cor. 4:19.)

We suspect if Paul could visit in person, the movement today, he would find, just generally speaking, a lot more just "speech," than he would real power! Please understand us. There are people today who can put up a "flowery" testimony, but who haven't enough of the genuine grace, nor power of God in their lives, to trust Him for their healer in sickness, nor their provider in depression—or even to just live the life, generally speaking! A good place to here quote the truthful adage—"Grit isn't grace; fuss isn't power; and everything that shines isn't gold!"

Beloved, it taken the real to stand the test in the life of Job, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, Paul, Silas, Peter, John, Stephen, and all—beginning with Noah, and on down; no sham, nor no "hurrah," would have carried them through some of the trials of their day. And it's going to take the genuine to carry you and I through the hour of darkness that is now coming upon this world.

Are we ready for the test?

DAVID'S DELIVERENCE

Daniel was delivered from the power of the lions because he believed in his God. And he could have this faith and confidence in God because there was only innocence found in his life before God; and also before the king, he had done no harm.

We, too, can have this confidence in God in every trying time, if we will only live before God and the world as Daniel did—in innocency.

"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

---1 John 3:21-22.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."

---1 John 5:14.

A WONDERFUL PROMISE

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

"To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

Psalms 33:18-19.

It isn't just lying, stealing, gambling, murder, drunkenness, etc., that constitutes sin—pride, love of the world, etc., are branded by the Bible as also being such. Sin can never enter Heaven.

CONCERNING MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

We have no extra copies of the Minutes of the last conference meeting, being held July 27, in White Oak Dist., near Lead Hill, Ark. After printing them in pamphlet form, we mailed them to Bro. E. A. Buckles, Box 1446, Drumright, Okla. So write Bro. Buckles—all who desire a copy. And let us suggest that you send him a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if you please. We happen to know something about postage expenses.

Brother Buckles serves as conference chairman.

Some people—professed saints of God—will talk about the old fashioned way, and sing about it; but let the preacher begin to preach along that line—just bringing to them some things along the line of real Bible holiness, telling them something about how people are going to have to live if they expect to look the part of a real saint of God, and immediately they become offended. Jesus spake of a class, who, with their lips did honour Him; but whose heart was far from Him. (Matthew 15:8)

Dear ones, there is no promise held out to any one in this life of ever reaching Heaven, but to him that overcometh. It means for you and I to live above sin, if we would ever see the end of a Christian race.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. —Matthew 24:13.
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are even professing the highest experience this side the Glory world, would not be hearing as much preaching as they are. Again, you know what we mean. Some will make a sacrifice, possibly, to keep up their part of the temporal side of life—they will make provision to pay taxes to support schools, build roads, maintain government, etc., but at the same time let God’s cause suffer for lack of support—maybe the preacher’s taxes going unpaid, and him (the preacher) possibly having made a financial sacrifice, and borne a burden, to get the Gospel to these very kind of professed Christians! Let us say right here, that ANY group of professed Christian people who will receive the services of a minister of the Gospel—pastoral, or otherwise—and at the same time be neglectful in looking after the financial needs of the one who is giving their life and time in ministering to them in spiritual things, are missing the Bible line just the same as the individual who is failing God in some other respect, and they are not worthy the services of a pastor, or of an occasional preacher. Of course you understand we refer to those who are already able to help, or who could, if they would, make a sacrifice along these lines. You remember the incident of the poor widow sacrificing all her living at one time—and that was only two mites—toward the support of God’s cause, as against the rich, who just of their abundance cast into the offerings of God. Not many of her spirit today. Wonder how many preachers today, but who are in debt in some way or other, and that in order to carry the Gospel to the people? Neglect along these lines—that of willingly helping to support the Gospel as it should be, or willing to make a sacrifice along these lines if necessary, is either on the account of just pure stinginess, slothfulness, or fearful the preacher might prosper a little too much—of which there is not much danger so long as he stays clear of all compromises, and preaches the old time Gospel in its fulness and purity! Now, as in the language of Uncle Joe Gott (many of our readers have either met, or heard of him), if this lands “spat” somewhere, we’re just going to say AMEN to it! Guilty parties need to get on a more balanced diet! Some are possibly hard against the tobacco user, but who, themselves, are addicted to some minor useless habit—tea or coffee, etc.—who love such equally as well as the tobacco user loves the filthy weed; and who refuse to give up such, although knowing that the principles of true holiness are against saints of God being bound by, or addicted to, any habit forming appetite, or even the occasional participation of things of an unclean or questionable nature. Some things that are even lawful to use, or partake of, are not edifying, neither is it expedient for us to indulge; and of such, Paul says he would not be brought under the power of the same. (1 Cor. 6:12 & 10:23) If we would take Paul’s preaching, and his life as an example to follow—and he says, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1)---here is enough scripture to condemn our becoming addicted to use of even harmless things, that is, being bound by such in a habit-forming manner. Here is another need for a more balanced form of Bible doctrine.

There are those who are possibly “as straight as a gun-barrel,” as we have read the expression, in doctrine, but who’s life seems to be empty so far as the Spirit is concerned. Such class are decidedly out of balance. Much more could possibly be said along this line, beloved, showing how people are very careful along some lines, and at the same time are very slack along some other lines; but we hope some thought has been dropped in these few remarks that will help you to grasp the meaning of our Saviour’s words, that “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” It is ALL necessary for us, or the Saviour would not have spoken thus. We have no choice in the matter when it comes to observing the commandments of God. It takes all the counsel of God that we might properly grow in grace, and in the knowledge

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Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.” —Daniel 5:27.
**MRS. MAGGIE McCARTY**

Mrs. Maggie McCarty was born December 25, 1901; and passed from this life on September 26, 1934. Age, 32 years, 9 months, and 1 day.

She was a Christian, and leaves to mourn her passing, one son, Lester McCarty; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Keithly; two brothers, John and Clifford Norton; and four sisters, Mrs. Walter Clay, Mrs. Pearl Benefield, Violet Norton, and Ruth Keithly.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. P. A. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., from the Burt Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Okla., at 3:30 P. M., September 27, 1934.

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**BUSINESS MEETING AT MULBERRY, KANS.**

Mulberry, Kans.,
October 25, 1934.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that a special conference session was called to convene at the church at this place on this date by conference chairman, Bro. E. A. Buckles, of the Church of God of the Apostolic Faith, for the purpose of transacting any business properly brought before the church.

After opening with a song, and prayer by the church, with Bro. Lee Wheeler presiding as chairman, and Sr. Lula Murray of the local church as secretary, Bro. Buckles made a talk on the purpose of this special called session, making a motion that we withdraw fellowship from the ones who, without Bible reasons, had separated themselves from the church at this place, and established another place of worship in opposition to this, the original church of the faith at this place. These parties had been given six months from the date of the conference in Oklahoma City (April 1, 1934), to return and make right their wrongs, which thing they failed to do. Motion adopted.

Adjourned.

Lula Murray, Sec.,
Mulberry, Kansas.

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**OUR THANKS**

We thank the Sunday School at Webb City, Okla., for their regular offering for the little paper (Oct. 27); also the Sunday School at Evans, Colo., and the church at Three Rivers, Texas, for an offering, each, since last issue; also to each individual who has remembered us in their needs, we thank you. May God both bless and reward each of you, beloved.

Your unworthy servant in our dear Saviour's cause,

The Editor.

Some testimonies we are carrying over until next issue.

Self denial is possibly the greatest task for some. With victory over self, the cross is more easily borne.

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**BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ans. to September questions:
1. 1 Kings 3:5-15.
2. 1 Samuel 1:9 18.
3. Besides the twelve, it mentions Paul, Matthias, (who taken Judas' place) and Andronicus and Junia, as being "of note among the apostles." (Romans 16:7.)

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1. What kin in the flesh was the Saviour to John the Baptist?
2. What man was stricken with blindness for a time at the rebuke of a man of God, for having interfered with the Gospel work?
3. A man prepared a contrivance upon which he hoped to see another man put to death, but instead he, himself, was executed thereon. Find this.
4. God one time left a man, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. Find this.

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**Misjudging The Preacher**

Possibly many a preacher has been accused of preaching "at" somebody, when as a matter of fact, they were only doing their best to obey the Lord in all they had by way of a message. It isn't being "preached at," that should hurt the worst—what if it "hits!" Amen.

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**A "Balanced Diet"**

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of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, if we would be the kind of Christian that God intends for us to be. So just as a balanced diet is beneficial to our physical bodies, even so is a balanced spiritual diet needful for our souls.

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Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings. —Psalms 9:11.