

Intro: A.-The word "WINE" occurs a number of times in the Bible & some of these occurrences have been used in attempts to prove that God's Word endorses the drinking of fermented or intoxicating wine.

Those who have made such claims fall into 2 classes. One group consists of those who have an honest conviction that fermented wine was the only kind used in Bible times. Some of the clergy are in this group & justify their use of fermented wine in the communion service on this basis.

The other group consists of those who like alcoholic beverages and use the Bible to excuse their desire for intoxicating liquor.

The Bible makes it clear that there are 2 kinds of wine red and sweet, old and new, fermented and unfermented. The old & the new are referred to in Lk. 5:39--"No man having drunk old wine straightway desireth new, for he saith the old is better." Naturally a man who craves alcohol, or old wine, will not top off his drinking with new wine, or grape juice. It is the old wine that dethrones reason & gives loose rein to the emotions & passions.

B.-Remember that the "wines" of old were, at their very strongest, quite weak alongside the hard liquors of today. If, as we shall see, those were condemned, HOW MUCH MORE those of today!

C.-Intention Of This Study:

- 1-Not to cite every use of "wine" in Scr.
- 2-But to cite the major & helpful ones

I.-OLD TESTAMENT OCCURRENCES OF INSTRUCTION CONCERNING WINE:

A.-The Cases:

1-Gen. 9:20-23

2-Exod. 12:8 --with 1 Cor. 5:7

--Also, "wine" added later in this observance, but impossible to be fermented, because leaven prohibited for use, or even to be in the house at that time

--Confirmed even by modern usage.

3-Lev. 10:1-10

4-Num. 6:1-4

5-Jud. 13:3-5, 7, 14

6-ILLUS--In a series of articles on "How To Play Tennis", William T. Tilden, for many years the world's champion tennis player wrote, "It is certain injury to touch alcoholic drink in any form during tournament play." Alcohol is a poison that affects the eye, the mind, & the wind--three essentials in tennis. Tobacco...too, hits eye and wind. A man who is facing a long season of tournament should refrain from both alcohol & tobacco in any form..."

7-Prov. 20:1--Deceitfulness & A Mocker:

--deceives into thinking it supports the finances of the community

- deception that it feeds & strengthens the body
- deception that its revenues aid the public treasury. Forgets about increase in crime, mental & physical illness which accompany
- deception that its medical values are substantial
- deception in its stealth in overcoming its many victims.

8-Pr. 21:17

9-Pr. 23:19-21

10-In a recent survey among 1,177 students in 5 High Schools in Utah, representing a cross section of the population, 20% of the girls & 44 % of the boys reported that they sometimes drank. But 49% of the girls & 29% of the boys who drank did so in their own homes. The majority drank "TO FOLLOW THE CROWD" and even at that age--High School--17% drank "TO FORGET THEIR TROUBLES". The average age at first drinking was 14½ years.

11-Pr. 23:29-35

12-Pr. 31:1-7

13--Eccles. 2:3, 10-11

14Song of Solomon 4:10

15-Isa. 5:11-12, 22

16-Isa. 22:13

17-Isa. 28:17

18-Jer. 35:1-19

19-Ezek. 44:21

20-Dan. 1:5, 8, 15-17

21-A comparison between the consumption of wine & milk in Chile & the USA shows that Chile's annual consumption of wine is 79.6 liters per capita; that of the USA is 4.5 liters. Chile's annual consumption of milk is 14.5 liters per capita; that of the USA is 159 liters. A distinguished Chilean newspaperman comments that this is a typical difference between Protestant & Roman Catholic countries.

22-Dan. 5:1-4, 23

23-Hos. 4:11

24-Hos. 7:5

25-Hab. 2:5, 15-16

B.-The Results Attributed To Wine:

1-Violence--Pr. 4:17

2-The red eye--Gen. 49:12

3-The unbridled tongue--Prov. 20:1; Isa. 28:7

4-The excitement of the spirit--Prov. 31:6; Isa. 5:11; Zech. 9:15; 10:7

5-The enchained affections of its votaries--Hos. 4:11

6-The perverted judgment--Pr. 31:5; Isa. 28:7

7-The indecent exposure--Hab. 2:15-16

8-The sickness--Hos. 7:5

9-No wonder that Carlyle called drink "LIQUID MADNESS"

10-PCR testimony of how God spoke to me about this.

II.-NEW TESTAMENT OCCURRENCES OF INSTRUCTION CONCERNING WINE:

A.-The Cases:

1-Matt. 9:17

2-Matt. 26:26-29

3-Mk. 15:23

4-Lk. 1:15

5-Lk. 7:33

6-Lk. 10:34

7-Jn. 2:1-12--The alcoholic content, if any, of the wine made at Cana was so small as not to be injurious in the least. Would the Creator of mankind make that which is injurious to His creation?

8-Acts 2:13

9-Acts 28:15

10-Rom. 14:21-23

11-1 Cor. 6:10

12-1 Cor. 10:21

13-1 Cor. 11:21-22, 25-27

14-Gal. 5:21

15-Eph. 5:18--"excess"=="debauchery" or "drunkenness"

16-Phil. 4:5

17-1 Tim. 3:3, 8

18--ILLUS--Years ago T.V. Powderly, spoke to his fellow workingmen: "Had I 10,000,000 tongues & a throat for each tongue, I would say to every man, woman and child: Throw strong drink aside as you would an ounce of liquid hell. It sears the conscience, it destroys everything it touches. It reaches into the family circle and takes the wife you had sworn to protect, & drags her down from her purity. It induces the father to take the furniture from his house, exchange it for money at the pawnshop, & spend the proceeds in rum. IT DAMNS EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES! I have seen it in every city east of the Mississippi River, & I know that the most damning curse to the laborer is that which gurgles from the neck of the bottle. I had rather be at the head of an organization having only 100,000 temperate, honest, earnest men, than at the head of an organization of 12,000,000 drinkers, whether moderate or any other kind. Every dime spent in the rum shop furnishes a paving stone for hell."

19-1 Tim. 5:23--soothing effect of fruit juice for troubled stomach

--IF alcoholic--"a little" to be USED; not drinking

--medicinally (Pr. 31:6-7)

--no licence here for "boozing"

--"Mighty frail magna charta for alcoholic christian liberty

--"The practice of abstinence was so

widespread among early Christians, and prized so much, that in some places, scandal was given if a Christian were seen to depart from it and drink intoxicating wine" BARONIUS, the historian

20-Tit. 1:7

21-Tit. 2:3

22-1 Pet. 4:3

B.-The Results:

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FRUITS OF REPEAL

The wets solemnly promised that legalization of liquor would bring financial and social benefits to the nation. After more than ten years of legalized drunkenness we now have: *almost 30*

1. The highest rate of juvenile delinquency in our history.
2. The greatest period of crime in the history of the nation.
3. Venereal diseases so frightful in their prevalence that our foremost health and medical authorities refer to one of them, syphilis, as Public Health Problem No. 1.
4. Jails, penitentiaries and asylums more crowded than ever before.
5. Traffic fatalities more terrible than the statistics of American deaths in battle.
6. Highest tax rate on record.
7. The largest public debt in the nation's history.
8. Sickening spectacles of corruption in government.
9. The gloomiest postwar prospect of public morality that ever confronted our people.
10. Liquor outlets numbering 437,000 with 50,000,000 drinkers.—*Sign*

11 - Ten times as many bar-keepers as preachers in Calif.

CONCLUSION: POSITION OF A BELIEVER:

1-1 Pet. 2:5, 9-12

2-1 Cor. 6:11-12, 15-20

3-ILLUS--Griffith Thomas once told the story of a poor Negro who was a helpless slave to drink. He tried again & again to get free, & others tried to help him, but he could not get rid of his drunkenness UNTIL HE WAS SAVED. When he was converted, there was a wonderful change. Someone said, "So you have got the mastery of the devil at last?"....."NO", he said, "but I have got the Master of the Devil."!!!!!!

Since Satan is a supernatural enemy, it takes a supernatural power ~~power~~ to overcome & overwhelm him. Christ is that power! Christ in the believer is not only the HOPE OF GLORY, but He is also the HOPE OF VICTORY.

4* Prov. 16:8--"Better is little with righteousness..."

5-Jer. 35:6--"...We will drink no wine..."

THE HEART OF MAN.....Proverbs

Intro: A.-What Is Man's Heart Like:

1-Think immediately of Jer. 17:9

2-Pr. 27:19--"As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."

3-Mk. 7:20-23

4-This is the INTERNAL VIEW

B.-Point Of View:

1-Heart is not visible to man

2-Therefore, we are unable to infallibly discern reality in others

3-ILLUS--Some years ago a remarkable picture was exhibited in London. As you looked at it from a distance, you seemed to see a monk engaged in prayer, his hands clasped, & his head bowed. As you came nearer, however, and examined the painting more closely, you saw that in reality he was squeezing a lemon into a punch bowl.

...What a picture of the human heart! Superficially examined, it is thought to be the seat of all that is good & noble & pleasing in a man; whereas in reality, until regenerated by the Holy Ghost, it is the seat of all corruption.

4-Man can't discern, BUT GOD CAN!!!!

5-1 Sam. 16:7

6-The heart of the unregenerate man has been likened to a darkened room. Written upon its walls in letters of fire is the law of God, but the sin of countless generations has all but obliterated the writing.

I.-THE HEART OF UNSAVED MAN (acc. to Prov.):

A.-What It Is Like:

1-5:12--"my heart despised reproof"

2-6:14--"Frowardness is in his heart"

3-6:18--"An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations"

4-7:10--"...and harlot and subtil of heart"

5-10:20--"The heart of the wicked is little worth"

6-12:30--"He that is of a perverse heart shall be despised"

7-12:20--"Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil"

8-16:5--"Every one that is proud in heart is an abominat'n to the Lord."

21:4--"...a proud heart...is sin."

9-17:16--"Wherefore is there a price in the hand of the fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart for it."

10-18:12--"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty"

11-19:21--"There are many devices in a man's heart"

12-22:15--"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child"

13-24:2--"For their heart studieth destruction"

14-25:3--"The heaven for height and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable."

15-26:23--"Burning lips and a wicked heart..."

B.-What Will It Do?:

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1-6:14--"he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth dis-

2-6:25--"Lust not after her beauty in thine heart."

3-12:23--"The heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."

4-14:14--"The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways."

5-18:2--"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover (=reveal) itself"

6-19:3--"The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord."

7-23:17--"Let not thine heart envy sinners..."

8-23:33--"...thine heart shall utter perverse things."

9-ILLUS--The heart may be compared to the regulator of a watch, which acts on the hair spring, & the hair spring acts on the main spring, & the main spring acts on the hands as they move around the dial. If your watch goes wrong, it will not do merely to alter the hands. You must touch the regulator. So, also, man's hands need correction through the heart.

II.-THE HEART NEED OF THE UNSAVED MAN:

A.-Man's Need Is An Issue Before God:

1-15:11--"Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men."

2-17:3--"The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts."

3-24:12--"If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"

B.-Man's Trust:

1-28:26--"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool..."

2-Thus, trust dare not be in ourselves

3-3:5--"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart..."

4-Only adequate place for trust is in THE LORD

5-ILLUS--A red-suited Santa Claus had come to visit the children in St. Mary's Hospital in Cincinnati 2 years ago. As he walked through the ward, pausing at each bed, the boys & girls told him their Christmas wishes.

Then he stopped by Cindy Green's crib. He picked up the 6 month old baby. She didn't say a word, of course, though Cindy very much needed a new heart or help for her heart, if she were to live much longer.

Three months earlier, the Green's family doctor had noticed a loud heart murmur when he examined her. He referred Cindy to Memorial Heart Laboratory, whose director is Dr. Robert S. Green--no relation to Cindy Green. Cindy's heart was so big it was filling her chest & eventually would cut off her breath & life unless the doctors could help her.

Because babies have such tiny blood vessels that it is hard to make studies of them, the workers at the heart laboratory failed twice to locate Cindy's trouble. Finally, with the aid

of a new motion picture X-Ray unit, they found it. A small blood vessel necessary in fetal circulation had failed to close after Cindy was born & breathing for herself.

Three days after Santa's visit to the children's hospital ward, Cindy was taken to the operating room. Here Dr. Green & his team of surgeons successfully cut & tied off the dangerous blood vessel--in effect giving Cindy a new heart.

Later Dr. Green learned that his little patient not only had the same last name as he, but also the same birthday, & he wrote a letter congratulating her for getting a new heart for Christmas.

Like Cindy, we too have serious heart trouble. Our trouble is spiritual. Our hearts are filled with sin. Like the red-suited Santa who had no real help for Cindy, our friends cannot help us. We need the miraculous care of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, who proved His power while on earth by simultaneously curing diseases & promising, "Thy sins be forgiven thee."

6-What kind of a RESPONSE????

7-28:14--"Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief."

8-23:26--"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways."

III.-THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS MAN:

A.-Described:

1-ILLUS--A chaplain of a jail, a dear friend of Spurgeon once told him a surprising case of conversion in which a knowledge of God's promise of a new heart was the chief instrument of the Holy Spirit. There was a man under his charge who was most cunning & brutal. He was singularly repulsive, even in comparison with other convicts. He had been renowned for his daring, & for the utter absence of all feeling when committing acts of violence. I think he had been called, "THE KING OF THE GARGITERS."

The chaplain had spoken to him several times, but had not succeeded in getting even an answer. The man was sullenly set against all instruction. At last he expressed a desire for a certain book, but as it was not in the library, the chaplain pointed to the Bible, which was placed in his cell, & said, "Did you ever read that Book?" He gave no answer, but looked at the chaplain as if he would kill him. The question was kindly repeated, with the assurance he would find it well worth reading. "Sir," said the convict, "you would not ask me such a question if you knew who I was. What have I to do with a Book of that sort?"

He was told that his character was well known to the chaplain, & that for this very reason he recommended the Bible as a Book which would suit his case. "It would do me no good," he cried out. "I am past all feeling." Doubling up his fist, he struck the iron door of the cell & said, "My heart is as hard as the iron door of the cell; there is nothing in any book that will ever touch me."....."Well," said the chaplain, "you want a new heart. Did you ever hear of the promise of a new heart?" To which the man answered sullenly by inquiring what he meant by

such talk. The chaplain replied, "Listen to these words: 'A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.'"

These words struck the man with amazement, as well they might; he asked to have the passage found for him in the Bible. He read the words again & again; & when the chaplain came back to him the next day, the wild beast was tamed.

"Oh, sir," he said, "I never dreamed of such a promise! I never believed it possible that God would speak in such a way as that to men. If He gives me a new heart it will be a miracle of mercy;.....and yet I think," he said, "that He is going to work that miracle upon me, for the very hope of a new nature is beginning to touch me as I never was touched before."

And that man became gentle in manner, obedient to authority, and childlike in spirit.....as described in Proverbs thus:

2-10:18--"the wise in heart will receive commandments"

3-11:29--"...th fool shall be servant to the wise of heart"

4-14:30--"A sound heart is the life of the flesh..."

5-14:33--"Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding."

6-15:28--"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer, but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things."

7-16:23--"The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, & addeth learning to his lips."

8-16:23--"The wise in heart shall be called prudent."

9-18:15--"The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge..."

10-22:11--"He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips, the king shall be his friend."

11-31:11--"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her..."

12-ILLUS---A man with Spurgeon once remarked, "Children are so ignorant when you think they understand." Later he went with Spurgeon to see some children, & he said to one of them, "Well, my boy, have you a good heart?"....."Yes, sir," replied the boy. 4....."There you are," said the gentleman, turning to Spurgeon, "you see he does not know the first thing about the gospel. He doesn't know he is a sinner."

Whereupon Mr. Spurgeon addressed the boy, "How do you know you have a good heart?"...."Well," said the boy, "When I took the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, He gave me a NEW HEART, and I'm sure it was a good one."

B.-Cleansed:

1-20:11--"Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?"

2-Parallel to 1 John 1:8-9

3-Cleansed by application of God's method

4-Cleansed by decision of heart

--3:1 --4:21 --7:25

--3:3 --4:23 --22:17

--4:4 --7:3

5-Cleansed by the Word (Ps. 119:9, 11)

--2:2 --23:12

--2:10 --23:19

--6:21

--8:5

6-Need for cleansing by application of God's method, by a decision of the heart & by the Word of God is seen in 23:7--"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

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"True," replied the Rabbi, "you have comprehended all that the others have said. For he that hath a good heart will be of a good disposition, and a good companion, and a wise man. Let every one, therefore, cultivate a sincerity ~~of his~~ and uprightness of heart at all times, and it will save him an abundance of sorrow."

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C.-Guided By God:

1-16:1

2-16:9

3-21:1-2

D.-Rejoicing:

1-As a Human--27:9

2-As a parent--23:15

--27:11

3-As one enjoying the good hand of God--15:13-15

--15:30

--17:22

4-With intimates--14:10

5-With mixed emotions--14:13

6-From a good word--12:25

7-From realization of ultimate goals--13:12

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Concl:

I.-Definition Of Terms:

A.-Meanings:

- 1-To fear
- 2-To reverence
- 3-To honor
- 4-To have a holy fear
- 5-To have awe
- 6-Scofield Note P. 607--"The 'fear of the Lord' is a phrase of the O.T. piety, meaning reverential trust with hatred of evil."
- 7-Bridges--"It is the affectionate reverence by which the child of God bends himself humbly & carefully to his Father's Law."

B.-Objects Of Fear ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ In Scripture::

- 1-Toward parents--Lev. 19:3
- 2-Toward King--1 Kings 3:28; Ps. 72:5
- 3-Toward Leaders--Josh. 4:14
- 4-Toward Prophet & God--1 Sam. 12:14, 18
- 5-Toward Sanctuary--Lev. 19:30
- 6-Toward an oath--1 Sam. 14:26
- 7-MOSTLY TOWARD GOD

C.-Fear Of the Lord is the BEGINNING (=principle part) of wisdom

II.-REASONS FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

A.-Found In Other Portions Of Scripture:

- 1-Fear because of God's wonders, power and portents
 - Ex. 14:31-Spreading of the Red Sea
 - Killing Pharaoh's forces
 - 1 Sam. 12:14-18-Thunder & rain at Samuel's command
 - Ps. 33:6-8-Creation power
- 2-Fear in the sense of worship & service
 - 1 Kings 18:12-"I thy servant"
 - "fear the Lord from my youth"
 - 2 Kings 17:7-Israel had sinned against the Lord their God...and had feared other gods

B.-Recorded In The Book Of Proverbs:

- 1-To fear (reverence) God as the punisher of wrong
 - 1:7, 29
 - Yet not personally afraid of Him
- 2-To fear God enough to abstain from evil
 - 3:7
 - 8:13
 - 16:6-7
 - 23:17-18 Because of the end of sinners (Ps. 73:17)
 - Such is the holiness of Divine wisdom
 - John 14:21
- 3-To fear God enough to be upright
 - 14:2--No stream w/o a fountain; Grace in the heart is the fountain spring of an upright walk. Phs. 4:8
 - 24:21--Avoid disloyalty that brings libel upon godliness

- N.B. the order
- 4-To fear God enough to be pious
- 15:16--Fear + the saints little is better than the sinners' all---16:8; Lk. 12:15
- 15:33--The Fear of the Lord is because of Love
The Fear of the Wicked is because of Hate
- 22:4
- 31:30--Solid excellence is not mere "surface" excellence, but of the heart.
- 5-Taught to Fear God by Scripture's God-revealed wisdom
- 12:5
- 15:33
- 6-To Fear God leads to knowledge
- 1:7
- 9:10
- 7-To Fear God leads to prolonged life
- Life::Temporal, Spiritual, Eternal
- 9:11
- 10:27
- 14:26-27--with confidence
- 19:23
- 22:4--What an accumulation of riches

The child of God has only one dread, to offend his Father; only one desire, to please and delight in Him.

Read Heb. 12:3-15

"Among the many modern theories of education, how often is God's system overlooked! Yet should not this be our pattern and standard? THE ROD of discipline is its main character--not harsh severity but wise, considerate, faithful exercise; always aiming at the subjugation of the will, and the humbling and purifying of the heart. But here God and man are at issue. Man often SPARES the ROD, because he loves the child. This at least he calls love. But is not our Father's love to His children inconceivably more yearning than that of an earthly parent? Yet does he not SPARE THE ROD---"What son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Is THE ROD the proof of his HATRED? "Whom the Lord LOVETH, he chasteneth."----Nay--He gives us his Divine Judgment--HE THAT SPARETH THE ROD, HATETH THE CHILD. Does he not act at least as if HE HATED HIM; omitting a duty so necessary for his welfare; winking at the indulgence of vicious habits and a wayward will--so surely issuing in bitter sorrow? Is not this delivering him up to his worst enemy? Better that the child had been trained in the house of strangers than that he should thus be the unhappy victim of the cruelty of parental love.

The discipline of our children must therefore commence with self-discipline. Nature teaches us to love them much. But we want a controlling principle to teach us to love them wisely. The indulgence of our children has its root in self-indulgence. We do not like putting ourselves to pain. The difficulties indeed can only be known by experience. And even in this school one parent cannot measure the trials of another. But all our children are children of Adam--"Foolishness is bound up in their hearts."----All choose from the first dawn of reason, the broad road of destruction. And can we bear the thought that they should walk in that road? WE PRAY FOR THEIR CONVERSION. BUT PRAYER WITHOUT TEACHING IS MOCKERY, AND SCRIPTURE TEACHING IMPLIES CHASTENING. Discipline therefore must be! All need the rod, some again and again. Yet it must be the father's rod, yearning over his chastened child, even while he dares "not spare him for his crying." The rod without affection is revolting tyranny.

But often we do hear mourning over failure. And is not this the grand reason? We do not CHASTISE BETIMES. Satan begins with the infant in arms. The cry of passion is his first stir of the native corruption. Do we begin as early? Every vice commences in the nursery. The great secret is--to establish authority in the dawn of life to bend the tender twig, before the knotty oak is beyond our power. A child early trained by parental discipline, will probably preserve the wholesome influence to the end of life.

But fearful indeed is the difficulty when the child has been the EARLY master, to begin CHASTENING, when the habit of disobedience has been firmly established, and the child is almost beyond the reach of parental discipline.

been formed and hardened; to have the first work to do, when the child is growing out of childhood, and when the unreserved confidence needs to be established. Rarely indeed does this late experiment succeed; while the severity necessary to enforce it is not less dangerous than painful. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

REASONS FOR CHASTENING:

I.-For the Child's Salvation

A.-Prov. 23:13-14

B.-Come to Christ OVER mother's knee

II.-For The Child's Instruction:

A.-Prov. 10:13

1-ILLUS---Solomon & Rehoboam

2-Egyptian Proverb--"A youth hath a back that he may attend to his teacher

B.-Prov. 19:18

1-Rod is part of positive instruction

2-Balance with Col. 3:21 & Eph. 6:4

C.-Prov. 29:15

1-Wisdom is thus instilled

2-Failure to instruct has serious consequences

3-"Left to himself"--WE must make choices for them

4-Mother's part

5-Need positive instruction

6-ILLUS--1 Kings 1:6

7-Either the child's will or the Parent's heart will be broken!

III.-For The Child's Correction

A.-Prov. 29:15--Rod & rebuke linked together

B.-Prov. 29:17--This is a DIRECT COMMAND

C.-Prov. 23:13

1-This is a DIRECT PROHIBITION

2-See what happened in Eli's case--1 Sam. 2:25, 29

3-Won't kill him with a Rod, but you can kill him with kindness!

4-Rod of correction will keep his path from ways that lead to DEATH!

D.-Prov. 22:15

1-"Foolishness"--Moral character of fallen nature seen

--Chip off the old block; ADAMIC NATURE

--Foolishness, not childishness in God's sight

--"A child is not to be punished for being a child, but for being a wicked child".

--ILLUS--Children of Belial; 2 Kings 2:23-24

2-Bound up in the heart--part & parcel of unregenerate nature

3-Rod of correction--it is effective, IF USED!

E.-Prov. 19:18

1-During days when it can be done

2-During days when it can do some good

3-Don't be dissuaded by the tears.

F.-Prov. 17:2

1-To correct the shame of the son

2-No friend to a son when we leave him in this state!

IV.-For The Child's Good:

A.-Prov. 19:18

- 1-May delay beyond time when there is hope of recovery & thus be to his ETERNAL detriment
- 2-Thus, to discipline him is to do him GOOD!

B.-Prov. 22:15

- 1-Rod of correction is CORRECTIVE, not merely PUNITIVE
- 2-Chastening is MEDICINE, and not FOOD; Use it judiciously!
- 3-Don't threaten frequently & withhold often
- 4-Be insistent and consistent
- 5-If it does "drive it far from him"-----THAT'S GOOD!

C.-Prov. 29:15

- 1-Will give wisdom to a child
- 2-Will avoid shame for mother

V.-For The Parent's Joy

A.-Prov. 29:17

- 1-Rest from chastening when it has been successful
- 2-Rest in rejoicing
- 3-Delight in your soul at a job well done
- 4-"Forget not God's rule. The completeness of discipline is the father's firmness combined with the mother's tenderness; each infusing into the other the quality of each. A wise parent will put his seal to the testimony, that this well-disciplined education is the surest means of securing the children's affection, gratitude, and reverence."

B.-Prov. 29:15

- 1-To avoid shame & bring joy
- 2-Bishop Hoskins--"Take this for certain, that as many deserved stripes as you spare from your children, you do but lay them on your own back."

C.-Prov. 17:2

- 1-What joy to have the Son able to be restored to the place of prominence
- 2-Joy to son; Joy to parents

VI.-Ultimate Reason for Chastening---LOVE

A.-Prov. 13:24--

- 1-Hatred is shown in sparing the rod
- 2-This is SELF-indulgence
- 3-Love is evidenced by concern enough to reprove with force enough to "make it stick".
- 4-"betimes"++++="Diligently" (RV)

B.-Prov. 3:11-12

- 1-Pattern of human love for the one in whom we delight
- 2-Reflection of God's dealing with us all

CONCLUSION----Ps. 119:67, 71

Job 34:31-32

Recognize the good hand of the Lord in all that comes into our lives.

Intro: A.-General Overall Principle:

- 1-ALL are in full-time Christian service
- 2-Some are in Special Service
- 3-1 Cor. 7:17, 20, 24

B.-Exceptions To Abiding In Prior Calling:

- 1-If it is Immoral
- 2-If it is illegal
- 3-If it is damaging to Christian testimony
- 4-ILLUS---Marvin Franer in pool-table-business

C.-Real Dignity & Service in the Business World:

- 1-If that's where God puts you
- 2-If you make the most of it.

I.-PRECEPTS OF THE BELIEVER IN BUSINESS:A.-Romans 12:11--"Not slothful in business"B.-Romans 12:17-19

- 1-Not recompensing evil for evil; 2 wrongs don't make one right
- 2-Provide things honest
 - without blame or harm to any
 - without any recourse
 - not just for friends, but "in the sight of all men"
- 3-Live peaceably
 - if it be possible
 - as much as lieth in you
 - with all men
 - do not seek vengeance

C.-Romans 13:8-14:

- 1-No debts but love(explain meaning of DEBTS owed)
- 2-Love your neighbor as yourself
- 3-Awake to opportunities
- 4-Time of Christ's coming is at hand
- 5-Put off works of darkness-----ALL of them!!!!
- 6-Put on the armor of light---Conscious decision
- 7-Walk honestly

D.-1 Timothy 6:5-14:

- 1-False supposition
 - that gain is godliness
 - commanded to withdraw ourselves from such
- 2-True principle
 - godliness with contentment is great gain
 - nothing in our hands when we were born
 - no pockets in our shrouds when we die
 - be content with NECESSITIES
- 3-Warning
 - willing to be rich can be a snare
 - Love of riches is the root of all evil

- Can lead to erring from the faith
- Will lead to many sorrows
- 4-Charge (to the man of God)
- FLEE these things
- FOLLOW after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patientce & meekness
- FIGHT the good fight of faith
- KEEP this commandment

E.-1 Corinthians 6:1-10:

- 1-Believer CAN'T Go To Law
 - because of unjustness of judges (6:1)
 - because we will judge the world (6:2)
 - because we will judge the angels (6:3)
 - because the unrighteous are not qualified to judge, for they have no contact with the eternal principle of righteousness (6:9-10)
- 2-Alternatives Faced By Believer
 - Go to civil law---not free to initiate; only to defend (6:1)
 - Submit to church judgment (6:4-5)
 - Take your right to give up your rights (6:7)

II.-APPLICATION OF PRECEPTS ACCORDING TO BOOK OF PROVERBS:

A.-Promptness In Dealing With Debts--Pr. 3:27-28

B.-Honesty In Business:

- 1-As regards weights, measures & specifications
Prov. 11:1; 16:11; 20:10; 23.
- 2-As regards representation of the facts
Prov. 20:14; 21:6
- 3-As regards business methods, proceedings & ethics
Prov. 20:21 ---the END does not justify the MEANS
Prov. 29:24-25

C.-Suretiship:

- 1-Word is your bond--Prov. 6:1-2
- 2-Seek to deliver yourself by making it good--Prov. 6:3-5
- 3-Avoid suretiship for strangers--Prov. 11:15a; 20:16; 27:13; 22:26, 27
- 4-Avoid suretiship for friends--Prov. 17:18; 22:7; 22:26-27
 - Make a GIFT of it, then no difficulty in it. Give no more than you can afford to give as a GIFT. Receiver will be under more bondage of spirit than ever to return it.
- 5-Safety in avoiding suretiship--Prov. 11:15b
- 6-Unjust money dealings--Prov. 28:8

D.-Pity & Compassion---Prov. 11:26

E.-WORKING for One's Living:

- 1-Prov. 13:11--a lost art today

Titus 3:14, Eph. 4:28; 1Thess 4:11-12; 2Thess 3:10

2-Prov. 14:23--not to include "talk breaks"

--ILLUS--Story from Russia---"Coffee Breaks"

.....Oh, NO!!!!....."Is break to be alive."

3-Prov. 16:26--Labor to satisfy own wants

4-Prov. 22:29--Dignity to labor

5-Prov. 27:18--Labor brings proper reward

6-Prov. 27:23-27--Labor brings "enough"

F.-Greed Is To Be Avoided:

1-Prov. 15:27--greed brings gain

--greedily gotten gain brings trouble

--trouble affects whole house

--hating gifts (or bribes) is preferred

--ILLUS --Gehazai in 2 Kings 5:20-27

2-Prov. 21:6--Question is bigger than the getting of treasures

--Involves question of HOW YOU GOT THEM!!!

3-Prov. 23:4--"Labor not"=== "Weary not thyself"

--Don't make riches your supreme goal

--Matt. 6:33

--Col. 3:1-4

--"Cease"----"Don't rest alone" in your own wisdom.

--Remember Prov. 1:7

All labor gained new dignity, Since He who all creation made
Toiled with his hands for daily bread Right manfully
No work is common-place, if all Be done as unto Him alone
Life's simplest toil to Him is known, Who knoweth all
Each smallest common thing He makes Serves Him with its minute part;

Man only, with his wand'ring heart, His way forsakes.
His service is life's highest joy, It yields fair fruit a hundred-fold,

Be this our prayer--"Not fame, nor gold, But thine employ!"

John Oxenham, 1852- 1941

The Shady Lady-----Proverbs 2:16-22; 5:3-20; 6:24-29, 32-35;
7:1-27; 9:13-18; 11:22; 22:14; 23:26-28, 33;
29:3; 30:20, 23; 31:3

Intro: A.-An Unintended Series:

- 1-The Shady Lady--Loose Woman
- 2-The Deaconesses--Serving Women
- 3-Mrs. Far-Above-Rubies--Model Women
- 4-Instruction For Women--Trained Women

B.-Testimony Of Scripture:

- 1-Full of positive admonitions
- 2-Full of negative warnings
- 3-A word to the wise....

I.-THE SHADY LADY DESCRIBED:

A.-Her Names:

- 1-Strange woman--2:16; 5:3; 20; 6:24; 7:5; 22:14; 23:27, 33
- 2-Evil woman--6:24
- 3-Whorish woman--6:26; 23:27
- 4-Harlot--7:10; 29:3
- 5-Foolish woman--9:13
- 6-Fair woman w/o discretion--11:22
- 7-Odious woman--30:23

B.-Her Character--11:22

C.-Her Prey:

- 1-The lustful--6:25
- 2-The adulterous--6:32
- 3-The simple--7:7; 9:16
- 4-The young--7:7
- 5-The ones lacking understanding--9:16
- 6-Any "son" is susceptible--23:26-28, 33

II.-THE SHADY LADY'S TACTICS:

A.-Key Passage--Prov. 7:1-27:

- 1-Provocative attire & situation--7:10a; 9:14-15
- 2-Subtilty of heart--7:10b
- 3-Clamorous & loud--7:11a; 9:13
- 4-Lying in wait in public--7:11b-12; 23:28a
- 5-Loose with affections--7:13, 15-18
- 6-Makes light of holy things--7:14
- 7-Is only an eyeservant & not from the heart--7:19-20
- 8-Master of flattery--7:21; 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:21; 22:14

B.-Other Tactics:

- 1-Forsaking the guide (Mother) of her youth--2:17
- 2-Forgetting the covenant of her God--2:17
- 3-Fluttering eyelids--6:25
- 4-Hunts for mens souls--like Nimrod did--6:26b

- 5-At least "APPEARS" simple--9:13
- 6-In reality she "knoweth nothing" of spiritual & eternal realities--9:13
- 7-Her "line" is smooth & enticing--9:16-17
- 8-Her hardened heart--30:20
- 9-Her haughty character--30:27

C.-Response In The Man:

- 1-Sneaking in the twilight--7:9 with Job 24:15
- 2-Spending his substance--29:3

III.-THE SHADY LADY'S END:

A.-For Herself:

- 1-Path leads to death & hell--2:18; 5:5; 7:27
- 2-Path leads to bitterness--5:4
- 3-Path is an anesthesia for a soul on its way to a Christless eternity in hell--5:6

B.-For Her Lover:

- 1-Path leads to death & hell--2:18; 7:27; 9:18
- 2-Path leads away from life--2:19
- 3-Path leads to poverty--6:26a
- 4-Path leads to soul destruction--6:32b; 7:22-23; 22:14; 23:27
- 5-Path of wounds, dishonor & reproach--6:33; 7:22
- 6-Path of jealousy--6:34-35
- 7-Path of perversity--23:33

IV.-WARNINGS FROM THE SHADY LADY:

A.-Key Warning: Prov. 5:7-20:

- 1-Hear--5:7
- 2-Remove thyself--5:8-14
- 3-Stay within marriage vows & bounds--5:15-19
- 4-Question--5:20

B.-Other Warnings:

- 1-End of the wicked--2:22; 23:28
- 2-Lust not after her beauty in thine heart--6:25a; 7:25-26
- 3-Give not thy strength unto women--31:1-3

C.-Exhortations:

- 1-Give me thine heart--23:26a
 - Give it to God
 - Give it to a godly father
- 2-Set eyes on my ways--23:26b
 - Ways of God
 - Ways of a godly father
- 3-Take Scripture as a PREVENTIVE MEDICINE:

--7:24

--7:1-5

--Ps. 119:9, 11

--LET HIM THAT THINKETH THAT HE STANDETH, TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL! ! !

EXPOSITION: --Warning Against Sloth--Prov. 6:6-11

A.--Wisdom of the Ant--6:6-8

B.--Result of Laziness--6:9-11

ELABORATION:

A.--Slackness:

- 1-Prov. 10:4-5
- 2-Prov. 18:9
- 3-Prov. 19:15
- 4-Prov. 20:4
- 5-Prov. 21:25-26

B.--Vexing:

- 1-Prov. 10:26

C.--Won't Be Leaders

- 1-Prov. 12:24

D.--Laziness:

- 1-12:27
- 2-Prov. 19:24 & 26:15

E.--In Want

- 1-Prov. 13:4
- 2-

F.--Talks A Good Fight

- 1-Prov. 14:23

RATIONALIZATION:

A.--Excuses:

- 1-Prov. 15:19
- 2-Prov. 22:13
- 3-Prov. 26:13-16

B.--Observation:

- 1-Prov. 24:30-34
- 2-Results

SUMMARIZATION:

A.--Physical Sluggardry

- 1-2 Cor. 12:14
- 2-1 Tim. 5:8

B.--Spiritual Sluggardry:

- 1-Rom. 14:12
- 2-Eph. 5:14 & 1 Cor. 15:34
- 3-John 4:35 & Prov. 10:5

SONGS:

Give of your best for the Master
Am I a soldier of the Cross?
Work for the Night is coming
Make me a blessing.

B.-Biblical Illustrations:

- 1-Pharoah---Ex. 9:16
- 2-Haman-----Esther 8:10
- 3-Nebuchadnezzar--Dan. 4:28-33
- 4-Herod-----Acts 12:21-23

GOD HATES

II.-A LYING TONGUE (Prov. 6:17b):

A.-God's Evaluation:

- 1-First $\frac{1}{2}$ of "hoof & mouth disease"
- 2-Prov. 12:22--"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are His delight."
- 3-James 3:1-14
- 4-Prov. 21:23--"Whoso keepeth his mouth & his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles."
- 5-Ps. 120:2-3--"Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? Or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?"
- 6-Rev. 21:8--"But the fearful, & unbelieving, & abominable & murderers, & whoremongers, & sorcerers, & idolaters, & all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire & brimstone: which is the 2nd death."
- 7-NOTICE the kind of company God says a lying tongue keeps! Not the kind of company for a Christian's tongue.

B.-Biblical Illustrations:

- 1-Gehazai--2 Kings 5:25-27
- 2-Ananiās & Sapphira--Acts 5:1-10

GOD HATES

III.-AND/HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD (Prov. 6:17c):

A.-God's Evaluation

- 1-Principle is set
- 2-Gen. 9:6--"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man."
- 3-No person--on his own--has such a right.
- 4-Only committed to government, for protection of all, & only then after "due process of law"

B.-Biblical Illustrations:

- 1-Isai 1:11-19--No sacrifices acceptable (1:11-14)
* Reason; Hands full of blood (1:15)
Exhortation by God (1:16-19)
- 2-Cain who slew Abel
- 3-Mannaseh--2 Kings 21:15-16
- 4-Murderers of Christ--Mt. 23:31-38

GOD HATES

IV.-AN HEART THAT DEVISETH WICKED IMAGINATIONS. (Pr. 6:18a):

A.-God's Evaluation:

- 1-God doesn't only look on the outward appearance
- 2-1 Sam. 16:7--"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

- 3-God sees the HEART too
- 4-Heart is the seat of the devising of wickedness.
- 5-Never improved or removed; even in a believer
- 6-Jer. 17:9--"The heart is deceitful above all things, & desperately wicked: who can know it?"
- 7-Micah 2:1--"Woe to them that devise iniquity, & work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand."
- 8-2 Pet. 2:14--"Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart ~~have~~ they have exercised with covetous practices..."

B.-Biblical Illustration:

- 1-Ahithophel--2 Sam. 16:20-23

GOD HATES

V.--FEET THAT BE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO MISCHIEF (Pr. 6:18b):

A.-God's Evaluation:

- 1-Feet--2nd of "hoof & mouth disease"; common to all
- 2-No struggle against temptation is in evidence
- 3-Rather, they give themselves as willing slaves to their lusts & evil ways.
- 4-Quoted in Rom. 3:15 in Paul's inditement against man as asinner.

B.-God's Warning:

- 1-Prov. 1:10-16

GOD HATES

VI.--A FALSE WITNESS THAT SPEAKETH LIES (Prov. 6:19a):

A.-God's Evaluation:

- 1-Ex. 20:16--"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."
- 2-Ps. 27:12--"Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, & such as breathe out cruelty."
- 3-ILLUS---Gossip is like a BLOTTER. It picks up everything & tells it BACKWARDS.
- 4-Warning--Zech. 8:17--"And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these ~~thin~~ are things that I hate, saith the Lord."

B.-

God's Judgment Is Sure:

- 1-Pr. 19:5--"A false witness shall not be unpunished, & he that speaketh lies shall not escape."
- 2-Pr. 19:9--"A false witness shall not be unpunished, & he that speaketh lies shall perish."
- 3-Mal. 3:5--"And I will come near to you to judgment; & I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, & against the adulterers, & against false swearers..."

GOD HATES HIM
VII.-AND THE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN (6:19b):

A.-Explanation:

1-"soweth"=="scatters indiscriminately"

2-Discord=="dissention & trouble"

--double stamp of warning (6:14, 19) against
the self-willed

3-Heavenly dew upon unity

4-Ps. 133:1--"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity!"

5-Withering blast reserved for those who cause divisions & #
fail to differentiate between prejudices & principles

6-Rom. 16:17-18--"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which
cause divisions & offences contrary to the doctrine which
ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such
serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; & by
good words & fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple"

7-The Lord's mark upon them

8-Jude 19--"Sensual, having not the Spirit"

B.-Evaluation:

1-This is the worst evil of all

2-Unwilling to go quietly on his own way to destruction

3-Must also take others down with him

4-AND.....

Must disrupt the testimony & fellowship of those
able to turn the wicked from their ways.

Conclusion:

1-Summary--Pr. 8:13--"The fear of the Lord is to hate
evil: pride, & arrogance, & the evil way, & the frow-
ard mouth, do I hate."

2-HATE SIN

3-LOVE SINNERS

4-If we cannot attain unity of opinion "PERFECTLY" joined
together in the same mind & in the same judgment (1
Cor. 1:10)"

5-At least let us cultivate a unity of spirit, "Whereto
we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule;
let us mind the same thing."

6- NEVER be guilty of these 7 things God HATES

Intro: A.-Christ Is Wisdom:

- 1-1 Cor. 1:30--Wisdom
 - Righteousness
 - Sanctification
 - Redemption
- 2-Col. 2:2-3--"Mystery"=="Sacred Secret"
 - Relates to the Godhead
 - In whom are all the treasures
 - of Wisdom & Knowledge
- 3-Col. 2:9--Relates to each member of the Trinity
 - Relates to Christ

B.-Wisdom Is Our Portion:

- 1-We have Christ
- 2-We have all that Christ has
- 3-Col. 2:10
- 4-1 Cor. 1:30

C.-Personification Of Wisdom:

- 1-Seen in Prov. 8
- 2-Chapter is an open invitation to WISDOM in contrast with the secret allurements of the "Shady Lady" of Ch. 7

I.-THE CRY OF WISDOM (8:1-11):

A.-Wisdom's Call (8:1-5):

- 1-She does call & cry for attention (8:1)
- 2-Her voice is heard from key points (8:2-3)
- 3-She calls--to men- 8:4 (8:4-5)
 - to the simple
 - to the fools
- 4-She pleads--for understanding
 - 2 Pet. 3:9

God is long suffering to usward not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance

B.-Wisdom's Content (8:6-9):

- 1-Descriptions--excellent things
 - right things
 - truth
 - righteousness
 - plain things
 - right things = upright

- 2-Exhorted to HEAR

C.-Wisdom's Comparison (8:10-11):

- 1-Riches that perish--Silver
 - Gold
 - Rubies
 - All the things that may be desired
- 2-Durable riches--instruction
 - knowledge
 - wisdom
- 3-There is no comparison between these!
 - Wisdom is BETTER

***Prov. 1:7--The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but he who despises wisdom + instruction*

II. THE NATURE OF WISDOM (8:12-21):

A. Discernment Of Wisdom (8:12, 14):

- 1-Dwells with prudence (8:12)
- 2-"finds out knowledge of witty inventions" or "well thought out plans"
- 3-Counsel is found in wisdom (8:14)
- 4-Understanding & Strength in HIM *IN HIM*

5-Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, & the government shall be upon His shoulders: & His Name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace

B. Righteousness Of Wisdom (8:13):

- 1-Synonymous with "FEAR OF THE LORD" to speak of "WISDOM"
- 2-Righteousness hates--evil

No man can serve 2 Masters: for either he will hate the one & love the other, or else he will hold to the one & despise the other. Ye cannot serve God & mammon

3-Mt. 6:24

Responsibility of

C. Wisdom Is Inherent Upon All (8:15-17):

- 1-Kings are responsible
- 2-Princes are responsible
- 3-Nobles are responsible
- 4-Judges are responsible
- 5-Rom. 13:1-6
- 6-Wisdom is the RULE for ALL
- 7-LOVE for those--who love wisdom
--who seek it EARLY
--Job 1:5

8-Such--who seek & love-----SHALL FIND

9-ILLUS--Ex. 16:14-19; Those who sought Manna EARLY, found a sufficiency

Reward of

D. Wisdom Is Rewarding (8:18-21):

- 1-Temporal riches (8:18a)
- 2-Durable riches (8:18b)
- 3-Eph. 3:8 -- "unsearchable riches of Christ"
- 4-MARTYN--"With THEE there is no disappointment"
- 5-Fruit of wisdom--8:19
--Better than gold
--its "increase" more desirable than silver
- 6-Leads in the path of righteous though judgment be all around (8:20)
- 7-Leads to an inheritance--8:21
--substance
--treasure
--1 Pet. 1:4-5

III. THE ORIGIN OF WISDOM (8:22-31):

A. Wisdom Before Creation (8:22-26):

- 1-Personification of Wisdom; CHRIST is in view
- 2-Eternal generation of the Son of God; (8:22)
- 3-Parallel to John 1, Heb. 1, Col. 1

- 4-"Before"--8:22, 25
 - Priority of the Son
 - Col. 1:15
- 5-Creator of man--8:26
 - "highest part of the dust"
 - Gen. 1:26; 2:7

B.-Wisdom During Creation (8:27-30a):

- 1-Heavens, Seas & Lands
- 2-Christ was THERE
- 3-Jn. 1:3
- 4-"compas"=="circle"=="vault"
- 5-"Decree"=="bounds"=="boundary"
- 6-"Then I was by Him"
- 7-"as one brought up with Him"=="as a master workman"

C.-Wisdom After Creation (8:30b-31):

- 1-Delight & rejoicing--perennially between members of Trinity
 - Jn. 1:18
- 2-The thought is that Wisdom, who found glad exercise in every part & stage of creation as it advanced, had HIS consummated joy in the adaptation of the completed whole to be the dwellingplace of man and in the "sons of men", for love of whom He had created it. Compare Gen. 1:31
- 3-"habitable earth"--arena of His victory
 - Gen. 3:15
 - Heb. 12:2

IV.-THE EXHORTATION OF WISDOM (8:32-36)

A.-Address (8:32a):

- 1-Reason--"now" therefore
 - Because WISDOM exists & has HIS delight in His creation & in the children of men
 - 1 Jn. 3:1
- 2-"Hearken"--"give God an attentive ear"
- 3-"O ye children"--not yet mature
 - not yet attained to all wisdom

B.-Substance (8:32b-34):

- 1-Blessed are they that keep my ways
- 2-Hear instruction
- 3-Be wise
- 4-Don't refuse it or reject it!
- 5-Blessed--is the man that heareth me
 - is the man watching daily at my gates
 - is the man waiting at the posts of my doors
 - terms of eagerness to "LEARN OF ME"
 - Mt. 11:28-30

C.-Exclusiveness (8:35-36):

- 1-For whoso findeth ME--findeth life
 - shall obtain favor of the Lord
 - Jn. 1:4
 - 1 Jn. 5:12

2-"But he that sinneth against ME"=="misseth me"

--wrongs his own soul

--Jn. 8:51 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my

--Soul suicide to reject Christ

saying, he shall never

--"all they that hate ME, love death" see death"

Conclusion:

A.-The Personification Of Wisdom:

1-Wisdom calls

2-Wisdom's nature

3-Wisdom's origin

4-Wisdom's exhortation

B.-1 Cor. 1:30

James 1:5

~~Personification~~

Intro: A.-The Battle Is On:

- 1-Power of Good & of God on one side
- 2-Power of Evil & of the devil on the other side
- 3* --activities of this evil world
- activities of the evil spirits
- nature that is "evil prone"

B.-The Battle Is Decisive:

- 1-It must be joined--no exemptions
--no rejects
--**UNIVERSAL CONSCRIPTION**
- 2-It must be decided--in heart as place of choice
--in life as place of demonstration
- 3-Settles--eternal destiny
--present path
--joy or sorrow

I.-THE TEMPLE OF WISDOM (9:1-2):**A.-Wisdom's Temple (9:1):**

- 1-Built not by man, but by Wisdom
- 2-Wisdom is the personification of Christ (see ch. 8)
- 3-He builds--Ps. 127:1--"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."
--Mt. 16:18--"...I will build my church..."
- 4-Building the **CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD**
--1 Pet. 2:5--"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house..."
--1 Tim. 3:15--"...behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth"
- 5-Seven Pillars--speaks of completeness
--Firm foundation of the eternal truth
--7-fold gift of the Spirit (Isa. 11:2)
--7-branched golden candelstick (Ex. 25:37)
--No Samson or Devil to tear down this house, for "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mt. 16:18

B.-Wisdom's Feast (9:2):

- 1-Fellowship pictured
- 2-Everything needed is provided
- 3-Eating that "which the world knoweth not"
- 4-Can't eat at this table & at the table of demons (1 Cor. 10:21)
- 5-This fellowship is **PREPARATORY** to service of 9:3-6

II.-THE HANDMAIDENS OF WISDOM (9:3-6):**A.-The Handmaidens Instructed (9:3a):**

- 1-They are sent forth
- 2-This **FOLLOWS** fellowship (9:2)
- 3-Handmaidens must **KNOW HIM (WISDOM)**
- 4-Ps. 3:10--"...that I may know Him..."

5-Reminds of Mt. 22:1-4

Luke 14:16-17

Luke 15:8-10

6-True of all believers that are sent forth

7-Jn. 20:21--"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

B.-The Handmaidens Informing (9:3b-4):

1-"She crieth"--so all can hear her

--"upon the highest places of the city

--goes where the people are

--doesn't wait for people to come to her

2-"Whoso is Simple"--address is not to the WISE

--God doesn't call many of them

--1 Cor. 1:26-29

eth"

--but address is to "him that understand/

--"Here, sinner, is thy warrant--not thy

worthiness, but thy need, & the invitation of the Lord. All the blessings of His gospel are set before thee---love without beginning, end, or change. Honor the freeness of His mercy."

3-"Let him turn in here"--only ONE place of truth

--only ONE person of truth

--John 14:4; Acts 4:12

C.-The Handmaiden's Invitation (9:5-6):

1-Made in behalf of her commissioning Lord

2-Two-fold command

--COME & FORSAKE

--Meet the first command, & the 2nd follows

--1 Thess 1:9-10"...how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living & true God."

--accomplished by the power of GOD, not of FLESH

3-COME YE--plural invitation

--yet addressed to each personally (9:4)

--extended to all

--Isa. 55:1--"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, & he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money & without price."

--Jn. 6:35--"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

4-FORSAKE--the foolish & their ways

--ONLY way to LIFE

--go in at the gate of spiritual understanding

--no longer reside among those who be "carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14)

--Must come to a DEFINITE DECISION

--Present status is untenable

--choice is to FORSAKE--Christ

--OR, the foolish

--One is necessary

--too strong to say "forsake"

--Jesus said, "LET THEM ALONE"--Mt. 15:14

III.-PARENTHESIS-----VARIED RESULTS OF REPROOF (9:7-9):

A.-The Parenthesis:

- 1-The abrupt interruption ^{with} of the parenthesis is a justification by WISDOM for her course in inviting only the simple & not extending it to the scorner & the wicked
- 2-All that can be said is for the simple to testify to such by FORSAKING (9:6) their constant company & becoming a WITNESS.
- 3-Can't win them by "being one of them"-----2 Cor. 6:14 ff.

B.-The Reproof:

- 1-Read 9:7-9
- 2-Don't argue with the scoffers & the godless. Witness to them, but don't lecture them. It would be giving that which is holy to the dogs & casting pearls before swine (Mt. 7:6)
- 3-Distinguish between the wilful & the ignorant scorners
- 4-Can't profit by tackling the scorner & the wicked
- 5-The wise & just will hear a word in season
 - Pr. 27:6a--"Faithful are the wounds of a friend..."
 - Pr. 28:23--"He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue."

IV.-THE BLESSINGS OF WISDOM (9:10-12):

A.-The Fear Of The Lord (9:10-11):

- 1-Key to all blessings (9:10)
- 2-The fear of the Lord was a lovely grace in the perfect humanity of Jesus (Isa. 11:2)
- 3-Let it be the test of our "predestination to be conformed to His image"
- 4-Verses 10 & 11 go together
- 5-It is true wisdom to know & fear God, for thus length of years & life that is worth living are to be gained.

B.-The Alternatives (9:12):

- 1-"If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself,"
 - "for thine own benefit"
 - There is reward for use or for disuse of opportunity
 - 1 Cor. 3:8--"Now he that planteth & he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor"
- 2-"But if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it"
 - i.e., the penalty of that scorning
 - Gal. 6:5, 7-8
- 3-THUS, the consequences of our conduct--good or bad--chiefly reflects on ourselves
- 4-REMEMBER, there is a DOUBLE HARVEST--for time & for eternity

V.-THE INVITATION OF THE FOOLISH WOMAN (9:13-18):

A.-Her Character (9:13):

- 1-Folly is PERSONIFIED, as was wisdom
- 2-Now we have allurements from an opposite quarter

3-She--is "clamorous" or "undignified"

--is "simple" or "stupid"; "Without restraint"

--"knoweth nothing"--& so leaves room for all evil to enter & dwell with her.

--leaves entirely out of consideration the consequences of her action

--"So fearfully do sensual pleasures darken the understanding, that the tempter, from the very habit of deceiving, becomes the victim of her own delusion." Bridges

--THUS, she perishes, like Israel (Hos. 4:6), for lack of knowledge

B.-Her Methods (9:14-15):

1-"She sitteth"--at ease

--in her element

--not sending forth her maidens to seek & save

--not interested in the good of others

2-"At the door"--Folly, too, has a "house" or "temple"

--These places are at least as prominent as the ones of WISDOM, & many times more so!

THUS, she allures those who would not seek her out!

3-"To call"--calls those who go on their daily path of duty without voluntarily submitting themselves to her temptations.

C.-Her Appeal (9:16-17):

1-"Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither"

--imitates wisdom's address (9:4)

--counterfeit joy is offered.

--Satan imitates with "religion"

--Satan transforms himself as "an angel of light"

--Folly attracts those undecided characters who are in the right track, but have not ROOTS & CONSTANCY to persevere in that right track, so in time of temptation, fall away.

2-Appeal is to those whose understanding is

--lacking (9:16)

--or darkened (2 Cor. 4:3-4)

3-"Stolen waters, secret indulgences & forbidden pleasures are the bait. This was successful bait in Paradise. And who has not felt, that restraint which provokes the dormant power of sin; as children will do that which is forbidden, BECAUSE it is forbidden." Bridges

D.-The Awful Truth (9:18):

1-End of this path isn't yet visible to those on it

2-But it is to the place of death; the depths of hell that it inexorably leads.

3-To enter FOLLY'S house is to quit the land of the living & enter the dark abode of the shades of HELL.

Conclusion:

"The wisdom of God, & the great deceiver of man stand before you. Both are wooing our hearts; the one for life and the other for death. Both are intensely anx-

ious for success. Wisdom crieth. The foolish woman is clamorous. Both take their station in the high places of the city. Both spread out a feast for the simple & ignorant.

But how opposite the purpose of each. The one ready to make the simple wise unto eternal life. The other bearing away her willing captive into unutterable misery. Which is the voice that arrests

YOUR EAR TONIGHT???? Which is the allurements to your heart???

Which is the feast that excites your appetite? Whose guest are YOU????

Oh, remember that listening to the enticement cheats you of your present--no less than of your eternal happiness & will banish you forever from the paradise of God's presence re-opened as your home.

The Lord preserve us from the tempters snares, by keeping us all walking closely with Himself.

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Which is the least that excites your appetite? Those guests are
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WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Prov. 11:30/1

- 95% of Xns have never won a soul to X
 - Prov. 11:30
 - Prov. 14:25
 - Dan. 12:3
 - Ps. 126:5-6
- Jesus Christ is a PERSON, not just DOCTRINE
- A person must MEET Christ in order to RECEIVE Him so, soul-winning is "introducing people to Jesus"
 - Difference between knowledge about Christ and an actual introduction
 - The issue is not HOW MUCH THEY KNOW, but an INTRODUCTION
- Need a **PLAN** to witness:
 - * Gives Confidence + boldness
 - * Pre-conditions you about responses + reactions
 - * Frees your mind from "planning your next move"
 - * Enables you to CONTROL the conversation
 - * Allows you to stay on target toward a salvation decision + not get side-tracked
 - * Gets you started without "having all the answers"

- "Well, he goes to church and prays, ... and lives by the Golden Rule, etc"
- Yes, that's true. A Christian wants to DO all those things, but just what IS he?

He is DIFFERENT from all others for he has something that no one else has —

..... CAN YOU THINK WHAT THAT MIGHT BE?

- Repeat until "prospect" seriously realizes that HE DOES NOT KNOW what a christian really IS!

C.- Note — Occasionally you'll get a valid answer

- "A Xn. is someone who has accepted X"
- May be "PARROTING"
- Simply ask him: "HAVE YOU DONE THAT?"
- "YES"
- Then say, "Please tell me about it"

FOR — "A Xn. is someone who believes in Christ"

- Ask WHEN he made this decision.
- Determine if he knows Christ or merely ABOUT HIM

D.- Capitulation — "I guess I don't know — Just what is a Christian?"

— THEN TELL HIM

SEEKING DECISIONS:

Intro

A. - Review Of 3 Questions:

- ① "Are you interested in spiritual matters?"
- ② Have You Ever thought of BECOMING A Christian?
- ③ Suppose someone were to ask you 'WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN', what would you say?"

B. - Helpful Reminders:

- 1- Stay on target
- 2- Pass up opportunity to show off all you know
- 3- Disregard criticisms of the Bible
- 4- Don't defend the Word — JUST USE IT!
- 5- Distinguish between RESISTANCE and RESENTMENT
- 6- Get your prospect ALONE if at all possible — or ignore the presence of all others

C. - Needed Tools:

- 1- Pocket New Testament
- 2- 2 blank 3x5 cards in your N.T.
- 3- Tract — "Safety, Certainty + Enjoyment"
→ B-Ration

I. - THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST:

Intro: Reaching for N.T., say, "If it's all right with you, I'd like to read for you 4 verses of Scripture and explain them to you _____
Then YOU WILL KNOW what a CHRISTIAN IS
That would be OKAY, wouldn't it?"

A. - Turn To Rom. 3:23 quickly! & show him

1- God says we're all in the same boat

— we're all sinners

— we both know this is true

— For instance, have you EVER TOLD A LIE?

2- Reply — "Sure, who hasn't?"

3- We all haven't we? Well then how
many lies does it take to make a liar?

(HINT — Hold up 1 finger)

4- "Just one, I guess"

5- "Besides that, if the Lord Jesus Christ were standing alongside you right now would you say you were as righteous
and pure and faithful as HE?"

6 NO, OF COURSE NOT!

7- Why not?

8- Well, I'm just not.

9- That's right, & that's just what God has said in His Word — Rom 3:23

10- AS SOON AS HE SENSES SINNERHOOD... Move on!

Br-Turn To Rom. 6:23

- 1- Now we're sinners BY OUR OWN ADMISSION
- 2- Sin has earned us something
 - we have "something coming"
 - Because we are sinners
 - Rom 6:23
 - God says DEATH is our WAGES
 - (Death = "separation")
- 3- Work + you have WAGES COMING
 - Law of Land
 - Law of God
 - WAGES of Sin DEATH!
- 4- WE will receive these wages OR someone else must receive them for us
- 5- THAT IS WHAT CHRIST DID ON THE CROSS 2000 years ago.
- 6- Notice the rest of the verse:
 - "But the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord"
 - No longer DEATH
 - But the very opposite → LIFE, eternal life.
- 7- A GIFT - Can't earn a gift
 - Don't pay for a gift
 - ALL you can do is accept it
 - OR reject it
 - Not by church or baptism
 - But as a FREE GIFT!

— "No, I wouldn't"

— You see the key word is

RECEIVE

I.-Areas Of Human LifeA.--Man:

- 1-Body--^hphysical needs & comforts
- 2-Soul--mental & social adjustments
- 3-Spirit--The relationship with God

B.--Man's Nature By Creation:

- 1-Man made a "LIVING SOUL" = a person with free will and a responsibility toward God
- 2-Purposes of Man's existence--Fellowship with God
- Service toward God

II.-IMPORTANCE OF THESE AREAS OF HUMAN LIFE:

A.--Bodily needs-----helpful, but not determinative even in life

B.--Soulish needs-----enjoyable, but only temporal

C.--Spiritual needs--of greatest import
--of lasting value

--of foundational character; without these spiritual needs being met, no matter what else is done, it is doomed to failure

This is the kernel that is to be preserved.

↳ To be "shes" like the hull of a nut

III.-DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL VALUES:A.--Scriptural Basis Of Spiritual Values:

- 1-Read Prov. 9:9-12a
- 2-Wisdom is founded upon the "FEAR OF THE LORD"*****define
- 3-Exhibit our wisdom by:
 - reaction to instruction
 - increase of learning
 - Knowledge of the HOLY ONE
 - no education, wisdom, joy, peace, or security otherwise
- 4-Our country was founded for the freedom OF religion, not freedom FROM religion as today.

No such thing as SALV. BY. EDUCATION!

B.--How Are Spiritual Values Developed?:

- 1-Not best in time of need
- 2-But better, before the need arises
- 3-ILLUS--U.S. armaments in World War II
- 4-Nonetheless, even then they can be developed
 - thru death
 - thru sickness
 - thru births
- 5-BUT BETTER---as a child--Prov. 22:6
 - more than just teaching
 - children must be led, not driven
 - values must be "practiced in"

C.-Content Of Spiritual Values:

1-Authority for guidance

2-A PERSON to lean on

3-Provided adequately only in Christianity

4--AUTHORITY IS THE WORD--2 Tim. 3:16-17

--2 Peter 1:19-21

--Heb. 4:12

--John 6:63

5-PERSON IS JESUS CHRIST--John 1:14

--John 7:40-46

--John 6:39-40

--John 14:1-6

--Acts 4:12

--John 1:12

6-ONLY WAY is--ACCEPTING AN INFALLIBLE BIBLE

---ACCEPTING THE SAVIOR-GOD, Jesus Christ as

your own personal savior from sin & only hope of heaven.

---all else, no matter how good, is doomed to fail

when inevitable times of stress come when REAL

NEED comes

---without the fear of the Lord, there is no joy and confidence in life, either now or toward the life to come of which our present existence is th precursor & determiner

— Therefore — Mt. 6:33

INTRO:

A.-Preliminary Question:

- 1- "How many of you were raised in an atmosphere relatively free of irritability in which you knew that you were LOVED and in which you knew that your parents had the desire of DEVELOPING YOU to be a satisfying, fulfilled person in life?"
- 2- This is an important question
 - 1- Because it effects your present life
 - 2- Because we are in the child-rearing business & what we've been exposed to will influence our own homes
- 3- Answers some give:
 - a- Dad was too busy for me; NO TIME
 - b- I was not important to my parents; OTHER PRIORITIES
 - c- NOT UNDERSTOOD; They never tried to know me
 - d- I had everything materially---EXCEPT the things that really count and that would make me into a woman of God
 - e- NOT EVEN WANTED, and so I was emotionally frozen out

B.-Principle: You cannot love someone you do not know:

- 1- Applies to partner, neighbor, God---and YOUR CHILD
- 2- Knowing precedes loving
- 3- Possible to bear, raise & launch a child without knowing him, and he'll be programmed for failure

C.-Passage--Prov. 22:6---Most common of Proverbs:

- 1- Common interpretation---COME BACK TO GOD WHEN OLD
- 2- That's not much of a promise
 - ** Don't want a promise that will tell me what my children will be like at age 88
 - ** Rather, I need to know what they'll do when they leave the nest at 18 or 21
- 3- FURTHER, the common interpretation is NOT TRUE, for there are some who've been inoculated with truth as a child, but who NEVER COME BACK
- 4- NOT ACCURATE in the light of the meaning of this text
- 5- Goals in preaching--
 - a) Is it accurate?
 - b) Is it clear?
 - c) Is it practical?

I.-THE TRAINING:

A.-Content Oriented:

- 1- By instruction
- 2- By example
- 3- By discipline
- 4- By love
- 5- IT IS A PROCESS
- 6- Def. of "Train up"--"Bring about an experience that results in submission."
- 7- TWO ILLUSTRATIONS:
 - ** Wild horse with a rope in its mouth & so brought

- under control of the rider
- ** Midwife massaging the gums of a newborn child & so conditioning the palate with grape juice or date juice, so as to create an appetite.

8-RESULT--Create a thirst so as to bring into submission as a result of training

B.-Child Oriented:

1-Uses of the term "child" used here:

- 1 Sam. 4 of a newborn infant
- Ex. 2 of Moses when he was 3 months old
- 1 Sam. 4 of Samuel when he was weaned
- Gen. 37 of Joseph when he was a teenager
- Gen. 34 of a person of marriagable age

2-TIMELESS term indicating that we are to train our children ALL THE YEARS they are in our home

3-Bridges--"We may begin our work too late, but we can scarcely begin it too soon." (P. 340)

--"The more early the TRAINING the more easy the work, and the more encouraging the results. It is a matter of experience, that what is early learnt, is most tenaciously retained." (P. 339)

C.-Consistency Oriented:

1-Must be PRACTICAL to the child

2-Must be PRACTICED by parents in front of him

3-Children are influenced more by eye than by ear!

HEARS godliness

SEES wickedness

heaven

hell

bread

poison

4-Undisciplined youths evidence neglect and/or indulgence of their parents

5-Kelly--"Early training, whatever the exceptions, has its good result."

II.-THE UNDERSTANDING:

A.-Usual Concept of "in the way he should go"

1-PATH of life's pattern

2-PRINCIPLES of education--Physical

--Intellectual

--Moral

--Spiritual

3-These are TRUE for all our children

B.-Linguistic Alternative:

1-"In his ways", meaning his abilities, his needs, his bents, his personality

2-Usage in Prov. 30:18-19

** 4 times in the verse

** "Manner" or "Characteristics" instead of "PATH"

3-Amplified Bible--"in keeping with his individual gifts

4-THUS

--An adaptation to each particular person.

C.-Personalization:

- 1-Children, like plants, are DIFFERENT from each other and they require DIFFERENT CARE
- 2-Each child in a family
 - Distinct & unique person
 - Unique character
 - Individual capacities
 - Personal course to be followed
- 3-Parents can only help them when we KNOW THEM
- 4-No two alike
 - ILLUS ** Cain & Abel
 - ** Jacob & Esau
 - ** Same parents; Same womb; Same time; Same home environment
 - ** YET DIFFERENT !!
 - ** Esau was a hunter; hairy; father's favorite; loved the open field
 - ** Jacob was a SISSIE; Momma's boy; found him in the kitchen
 - ** HOW DIFFERENT
 - ** Look at your children & see that they also are different
- 5-Confirmation of this conception of Prov. 22:6

D.-Adaptation:

- 1-Common errors committed by parents
- 2-NO. 1 Using an identical approach with different Children in the family
 - One pliable; One solid granite
 - One sensitive; One rebellious
 - One quiet; One boisterous
 - One arty; One athletic
 - One musical; One scientific
 - One introverted; One extroverted
 - One studious; One carefree
 - Treating them alike will BACKFIRE !!
 - ILLUS ** Boy constantly told "You were a mistake, but God is teaching us a lot of things thru you."
 - ** Son wanted to reply: "NAME A FEW; I'd like to know what you've learned at all."
- 3-NO.2 Comparison of children:
 - "Why don't you get A's like Joan does, Sam?"
 - "Suzie, why don't you like to work in the kitchen with Mother like Sally does?"
 - Why don't you, John, enjoy hunting with me the way Jim's boy does?"
 - W H Y N O T ??
 - ** Because I'm me, not anybody else!!
 - ** Not talking back
 - ** Just telling the truth
 - Comparisons are D U M B !!
- 4-This means I must:
 - a) Come to KNOW each child as God made him unique and different from all others

- b) Create a THIRST in each child for the best God has ahead for him
- c) Conquer the will without breaking the spirit.
- d) Contribute STANDARDS & LIFE PATTERNS to them from your life & home

5-HOW can I know my children???

- Prov. 20:11
- "KNOWN"=="distinguished"; "set apart"
- Doings or deeds will show his insides
- How will I discern what goes on inside my child??
 - ** 20:12
 - ** The hearing ear
 - ** The seeing eye
 - ** God-given tools for parents
- 20:13--DON'T GO TO SLEEP on this job of child-rearing

6-How can I manage the needed "TRAINING UP" ??

- Prov. 29:15
- BALANCE of the rod & the instruction
- Neglect of either brings S H A M E
- Father is responsible before God
- Mother feels failure most intensely
- Father likely to over-discipline
- Mother likely to over-coddle
- Need BALANCE !!

III.-THE INDIVIDUALIZING:

A.-What "Bents" Or "Ways" Does My Child Have?:

1-A good bent

- Set of characteristics from God
- Ps. 139:12-16
- From conception & fetal development
- Made as God wants him to be (John 9:3)
- Certain abilities to be developed
- C O O P E R A T I O N with this "good bent"

2-A depraved bent

- Godless & depraved from the womb
- Some pretty & some ugly; ALL SINFUL
- Precious to the parents
- LOST before God--- Ps. 58:3-5
- Minnesota Crime Commission: "Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish & self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it---his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. Deny him these and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness which would be murderous if he were not so helpless. He is dirty. He has no morals---no knowledge--no skills. This means that all children, not just certain children---YOUR CHILDREN---are born delinquent. If permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy giving free reign to his un-

pulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal, a killer or a rapist."

- That's YOUR child and MINE !! Capable of the depths of depravity
- C O U N T E R A C T these depraved ways

3-A specific evil bent

- Unique to your child
- Evil of the family visited unto 3rd & 4th generations
- Passed on genetically
- Picked up around our homes
- Practiced behind our backs
- NO ONE ELSE exactly like you... ..or your child
- KNOW him in order to C U R B these bents

B.-What Helps To Prepare For "When he is old":

- 1-Know them-----as individuals
- 2-Train them-----creating a thirst for godliness
- 3-Example them-----Be their PATTERN of life
- 4-Guide them----- BOTH by the rod and by instruction in BALANCE
- 5-Lead them to the Savior
- 6-Enlist all the help you can get--Sunday School
 - Youth groups
 - Bible Church
 - Childrens Classes
 - Christian Camping
 - Christian day schools
- 7-But remember:
YOU PARENTS are still the most important factor determining how your children will turn out.

Prov. 22:6--"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

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relative to the child and the child's future.
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INTRO:

A.-What Mean These Stones:

- 1-Land not divided by survey in ancient (or modern) Israel
- 2-But by fences of stones--
 - establishing boundaries
 - perpetuating demarcations
- 3-Regarding these--Prov. 22:28--"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set"
- 4-Stones had meaning--to all
 - not to be moved
 - otherwise confusion, tension & loss

B.-Stones We Need:

EARTHLY

- 1-Citizens of the realm--by birth OR
 - by naturalization
- 2-Citizens of heaven--Also by birth +
 - by deliverance
 - Col. 1:13--"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, & hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
- 3-Responsible--to laws of nation
 - to laws of God
 - Maintain integrity at all costs
- 4-Let's look at THREE LANDMARKS to be maintained
 - (1) Supremacy of Individual over the State
 - (2) Separation of Church & State
 - (3) Spiritual Verities

I.-SUPREMACY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OVER THE STATE:

A.-General Points:

- 1-President Abraham Lincoln defined ours as a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people"
- 2-Government is the creation & servant of the citizens
- 3-Government is not the MASTER
 - as in Hitler's Germany
 - as in Stalin's U.S.S.R., and still so today
 - as in Hirohito's Japan
 - as in ~~China~~ China of East Germany
- 4-Declaration of Independence states:
 - "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."
 - Note--Unalienable rights, not rights granted to us by government
 - Derived from Almighty God
 - Government by consent of the governed

- ↑ Heritage of free men
- ↓ Not to be denied by Government

B.-Five Great Principles: (Written into State & Federal Constitutions)

1-POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY:

- ↓ Supremacy of the citizen
- ↓ Establishing, protecting & maintaining government
- ↓ Choosing (Electing) those who represent him
- ↓ 1 vote for 1 man or woman
- ↓ No "Aristocracy" to run things
- ↓ No permanent "PARTY OF POWER"

2-SUPREMACY OF LAW:

- ↓ A government of LAWS, not of MEN
- ↓ No "Divine right" of kings.....or politicians
- ↓ No dictatorships, as in Central & S. America
- ↓ No disruption, even in the event of a Presidential assassination
- ↓ Public officials are SERVANTS, not MASTERS of the populace
- ↓ EQUALITY of every person
 - **Before the law
 - **In opportunity
 - **Not in position or possessions, but in RIGHTS
- ↓ Impartiality with ONE LAW for all
- ↓ There is room for every effort by the citizens to get laws amended and grievances redressed, but no permission given a Christian in Scripture to rise in rebellion with a view to achieving a temporal good
- * Prov. 24:21--"My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:"

3-DIVISION OF POWERS:

- ↓ Authority divided
 - **National
 - **State
 - **Local jurisdictions
- ↓ Yet Union in a Federal system
- ↓ Constitutional limitations of Federal power
- * All other powers reserved to the States
- ↓ Each level of government is important & is to be guarded jealously
- ↓ Centralization in Washington D. C. is destructive, not constructive, of the rights & responsibilities of the citizens
- * Undermining of this division of power leads to Socialism & Totalitarianism

4-SEPARATION OF POWERS:

- ↓ 3 separate branches of government
 - ** Administrative
 - ** Legislative
 - ** Judicial
- ↓ Each branch INDEPENDENT
- ↓ Yet, each branch INTER-DEPENDENT

- ↑ Each branch exercising
 - ** Its own functions
 - ** Without usurping another branch's functions
 - ** Without delegating its functions
- This provides a "Checks & Balances" safeguard
- Violations have occurred
 - ** Court Packing in 1930's
 - ** War declaring in 1950
 - ** Law demanding in 1964
 - ** Court legislation on Prayer & Bible reading
 - ** These constitute a removal of ANCIENT LANDMARKS

5- LIMITED GOVERNMENT:

- Government doing for its citizens what they cannot rightly and better do for themselves
- Government doing what it is specifically charged to do in the Constitution
- Recognition of citizens:
 - 1- Suffrage rights
 - 1- Property rights
 - 1- Personal rights (in Bill of Rights)
- All residual powers reserved
- Many areas which are not properly the province of government, without a STRETCHING of the Constitution away out of shape.
- Limited government was the pattern back in the days BEFORE the phrase "GOING TO HIS ETERNAL REST" meant getting a job with the government.

II. SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE:

A.-Old World Principle:

- 1- One Church was "recognized"--The STATE CHURCH
 - R.C. Ch. in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal
 - Greek Orthodox in Greece, Yugoslavia, etc.
 - Russian Orthodox in Russia
 - Lutheran in Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark
 - Anglican Church in England
 - Presbyterian Church in Scotland
- * 2- Tax-supported by levies on everyone, whether a Christian or not
- 3- Heritage from Romanism of Medieval times
- 4- Made the church a "political tool"
- 5- Not taught by Christ
- 6- Not taught by Scripture

B.-Origin Of Old World Principle:

- 1- Not among early Christians who made no effort to capture or control government, and who did not consider social action to be their "task", but WORLD EVANGELISM
- 2- Not found while the Church maintained its purity
- 3- Usurpation of secular power by the Bishop of Rome was a "HISTORICAL ACCIDENT"
 - Succeeded in a "power vacuum"
 - Roman Empire defeated by Northern Barbarians
 - Pope Boniface (1302) asserted that in the Church are TWO SWORDS, and that "both are in the power of

↑ the church, the spiritual and the material."
- "But the material is to be used FOR the church, and the spiritual BY her; the spiritual by the priests and the material by kings and captains, but at the will and at the permission of the priest. The one sword, then, should be under the other, the temporal authorities subject to the spiritual."

*4- TOTALLY UNSCRIPTURAL and un-Christian

5- See Luke 20:20-26

Read

C.-New World Development:

1- Importance of religion to basic human welfare held in America from the very first

2- Early colonists brought old-world view

- Anglican Church in Virginia

- Congregational Church in Massachusetts

- Roman Catholic Church in Georgia

3- ALSO, many dissenters came to America for freedom to worship according to the WORD of God

4- JOHN LIDURNE of England wrote:

"All religion in men is founded upon the inward consent of their understandings and hearts to the truth revealed...therefore, no man can compel another to be religious, or by force or terror constrain the people to be of the true religion."

Furthermore, he declared that "the only means to promote the true religion under any government is to endeavor rightly to inform the people's consciences, by whose dictates God commands them to be guided; and therefore Christ ordained the preaching of the Gospel as the outward means for converting souls. Faith coming by hearing..."

5- The stormy firebrand of New England, ROGER WILLIAMS asserted-----

"God requireth not an uniformity of religion to be enacted and enforced in any civil state; which enforced uniformity (sooner or later) is the greatest occasion of civil war, ravishing of conscience, persecution of Christ Jesus in His servants, and of the hypocrisy and destruction of millions of souls."

*6- Roger Williams taught with Scriptural exactness that all men are to be granted freedom of conscience, and that the only sword is that of "God's Spirit, the Word of God."

7- With the passing of time all the colonies DISESTABLISHED whatever Church had been the "RECOGNIZED CHURCH"

8- By 1787 when our first Federal Constitution was adopted the principle of SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE was established and recognized as basic to our way of life & to our freedom.

9- The FIRST AMENDMENT to the Constitution spelled this out:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, & to petition the Government for a redress

- of grievances."
- THUS-- a "wall of separation" between Church and State came to be a part of our national heritage of freedom
 - That wall is a landmark not to be removed
 - Government encroachment on this is dangerous...TODAY

SPIRITUAL VERITIES:

(Landmarks of the Faith)

A.-The Revelation From God:

- 1-By wisdom we do not know God
 - The finite does not find out the Infinite
 - The ephemeral does not fathom the Eternal
 - The imperfect does not approach the Perfect
 - The sinner does not enter in to Just & Holy God
- 2-Only as the Most High God makes Himself known do we know His-----
 - Personality
 - Attributes
 - Eternal Purpose
- 3-Read of His POWER in Nature
- *4-Need the Bible to Know His PERSON
- 5-The Bible is a landmark to be preserved

B.-The Redemption By God:

- 1-Man's need--He's a sinner
 - Isa. 53:6
 - Rom. 3:23
- 2-God's Provision--The Lord Jesus Christ
 - The Jewel of heaven came to earth FOR US
 - Mark 10:45--"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
 - Jn. 10:11--"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."
 - Eph. 1:7--"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."
 - 2 Cor. 5:21--"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."
- 3-Believing reception--PERSONAL ACT of faith
 - Jn. 1:12
 - Jn. 3:36--"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: & he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."
 - 2 Cor. 5:17

C.-The Living Savior:

- 1-Second member, or Person, of the Trinity
- 2-Creator of the universe
- 3-Virgin Birth-----True God & True Man
- 4-Sinless life
- 5-Ministry & miracles
- 6-Substitutionary & Sacrificial death
- 7-Bodily Resurrection
- 8-Ascension to glory
- 9-Present ministry--
 - High Priest
 - Advocate
 - Intercessor
 - Sender of the Spirit
 - Indwelling**Col. 1:27

**Gal. 2:20--"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

** Rom. 8:37--"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us"

- 10 Coming Again--~~FOR~~ the Church to reward her
- WITH the Church to judge & rule

D.-Many Others Also

- 1-Church
- 2-Priesthood of Believers
- 3-Security of Believers
- 4-Ministry of the Spirit

CONCLUSION:

A.-Landmarks That Dare Not Be Removed:

- ①-Supremacy of Individual over State
 - Popular sovereignty
 - Supremacy of Law
 - Division of Powers
 - Separation of Powers
 - Limited Government
- ②-Separation of Church and State
 - Old-World view
 - New-World view
- ③-Spiritual Verities--Revelation is authoritative
 - Redemption is essential & PERSONAL
 - Jesus Christ is SUFFICIENT

4-~~ILLUS~~ Gladstone, the great English statesman, & Dr. Talmage were talking over great international questions. Gladstone said to Talmage, "There is only one thing that will settle this question and settle it right, & that is Christianity in the home." Gladstone was right. Christianity in the home would settle many of our grave international problems.

The KEY to Christianity in the HOME is Christianity in the HEART of individuals

5-Arnold Toynbee, the historian, says that of 21 notable civilizations, 19 perished not from external conquest, but from the evaporation of belief from within.

6-It is perfectly possible that America's churches

are full, but that the people are empty.

B.-The Fight To Retain The Landmarks:

- 1-When Ben Franklin was told that the war for independence was over, he said, "Say rather the war of the revolution is over --the war for independence has yet to be fought."
- 2-And today, it is still to be fought, day..by..day
- 3-We--each one of us--must join in a war to preserve these
"LANDMARKS OF THE HERITAGE OF FREEDOM"
- 4-As Theodore Roosevelt told us:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight * that knows no victory or defeat."

5-OR, in the words of Winston Churchill:

"Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can win easily without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be even a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."

6-Let us remember--1 Pet. 2:17--"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King"

--To stand for the Old LANDMARKS

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INTRO:

A.-Past Two Messages:

- 1-"Your Pastor--The MAN"
- 2-"Your Pastor--His MESSAGE & His MINISTRIES"
- 3-Intentions--Information for those needing it
 - Not self-glorification
 - Not sympathy development
 - But PREPARATION for the future of Westbrae
- 4-Not the "NORM" of our ministry
 - Decidedly "different" from the usual
 - Ministry-oriented view for the congregation
 - TWO messages like this out of SIX years
 - Not the pattern for the future

B.-This Message:

- 1-Pastor's Philosophy in the ministry
- 2-Pastor and Elder's Projections for the future
- 3-PROP:--For mutual sharing of knowledge
 - For mutual sharing of a burden
 - For mutual involvement in the "ACTION" of our future course of development
 - So YOU ARE A VITAL PART of the ongoing & expanding ministry of your church

I.-YOUR PASTOR'S PHILOSOPHY:

A.-Our Perspectives:

- 1-What is the Church for????
 - Evangelistic center (S.B.C.)
 - Social center for community
 - Social action headquarters
 - Worship, Instruction & Fellowship center
- 2-Every church makes a choice of one of these
- 3-OURS is determined--By the WORD
 - Mt. 28:18-20
 - Elders & Pastor as leaders in this local assembly
- 4-LOCAL CHURCH is GOD'S AGENCY for this age

B.-Our Programs:

- 1-Foundation stones--Christ as Savior
 - Bible as authority
 - Spirit is the agent
- 2-TWO CENTERS in christian life advancement
 - The HOME--Ordained in Eden
 - The CHURCH--Ordained in heaven & instituted on Day of Pentecost
 - Not in COMPETITION
 - But in COMPLEMENTATION of each other
- 3-Five services for spiritual balance
 - Sunday School with lay teachers
 - Morning Service--Corporate worship
 - Training Hour---Preparation for leadership
 - Evening Service--Participation & instruction

5-QUESTION : --If a full-time Assistant Pastor is called, can Pastor Reiter "Keep busy" then?

--Answer-----YES !!!

--More than enough to do

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation:

1-Pastor's Philosophy--Perspective--Church is God's agency

--Program ** BALANCED ministry

** People-centered

--Methods--every person involved

--Pastor, Wife, People

--Product ** Saved

Trained

Sent

Reproducing

2-Pastor & Elders Projections:

--"A Vision without action is just a DREAM"

--# 1--Branch Churches begun

--# 2--Missions commitment enlarged

--# 3--Buildings and Facilities as needed

--# 4--Assistant Pastor-----FULL-TIME soon

B.-Comment:

1-One Pastor said the "LIFE VERSE" of some churches is the first 4 words of Phs. 2:3--"Let nothing be done"

2-We believe--MUCH to be done

--Done gradually

--Done piece by piece

--Done as approved by the Congregation

--Pr. 16:33--"The lot is cast into the lap:

but the whole disposing thereof

is of the LORD"

3-Let us really--Pray

--Plan

--Provide a framework for future blessing

which God can pour out UPON us and THROUGH

us to many others

INTRO

A.-PORTRAIT VS SNAPSHOT:

- 1- Home of the wealthy + find FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT of the lady of the home
 - In an entry hall
 - Or in a Drawing Room
 - **ELEGANT/DISTINGUISHED/DETAILED**
- 2- **SNAP-SHOTS** in our wallets of spouse + children + grand children
- 3- Today we see few full length portraits
 - * Don't sit still that long
 - * More "candid" approach
- 4- Full length word portrait of Mrs. F. A. Rubies,
HOME'S QUEEN

B.-RARITY OF SUCH A WOMAN:

- 1- Abraham sent servant to a far country to get a bride for Isaac - Gen. 24
- 2- Jacob traveled to Haran to find a wife + found Rachel there - Gen. 28
- 3- RARITY is communicated by "who can find a virtuous woman?"
- 4- **ACROSTIC: WHO CAN FIND A**

Vigorous
Industrious
Reliable
Trustworthy
Unselfish
Organized
Useful
Satisfied Woman?

- 5- "A woman may be cherished on her wedding day because she seems as fragile as chiffon. Later she will be best loved if she is as durable as Civil War cotton!"

C.-VALUE OF SUCH A WOMAN:

- 1- Rarity only increases her worth
- 2- **ILLUS** Recently I read of an antique French doll which sold for \$45,000! What made

- this doll so valuable? RARITY! It is "one of a kind". There is no other in the world like it.
- 3- Similarly the woman whom God values as Mrs. F. A. Rubies (2)

D. This Message:

PROP We want to see the kind of woman who is approved of God.

I. EXCELLENCE AS TO HER HUSBAND:

A. SHE IS TRUSTWORTHY: (31:11)

- 1- Worthy of confidence - SAFE
- Lives above reproach!
- 2- Capable in her sphere; QUEEN of the HOME
- 3- Provides no temptation to unjust gain
- No need to go to war for spoils
- She is contented - 1 Tim. 6:6-10
- 4- Happy marriage - Wife can do much to cultivate this.

B. SHE IS SEEKING HIS BEST INTERESTS: (31:12)

- 1- "Do him good!"
- 2- Not self-centered - "I want; I'm going to have"
- 3- No wrong engaged in, no matter what the excuse
- 4- Real encouragement; HELPMATE - Gen. 2:18, 21-24
life-long commitment
- 5- Husband can also be contented - "all the days of her life"

C. SHE SEEKS THAT HE IS KNOWN: (31:23)

- 1- Her glory is in HER MAN!
- Not seeking prominence for herself
- Aids his prominence
- He is her pride + joy
- 2- She is not a millstone to his progress
- 3- She is not a stumbling stone to his usefulness
- 4- She aids in his prosperity by her labors in the home (31:24)
- 5- Behind every useful + successful man is a "far-above rubies" wife

II. - EXCELLENCES AS TO HER HOUSEHOLD:

(3)

A. - SHE WORKS WITH HER HANDS! (31:13, 19)

- 1 - She's a MARY in spiritual things (31:30)
- 2 - She's a MARTHA in service also
 - She works willingly
 - Sewing + mending
 - Activity is with HANDS, not her MOUTH
- 3 - Realm of her activities is the home
 - 1 Thess. 4:11-12 Love's Verbes
 - An artist in the labor of home-making
- 4 - ATTITUDE - (31:13) - "willingly" "diligently") BOTH are needed.

B. - SHE SHOPS WISELY: (31:14, 16)

- 1 - Comparison shopper
 - Various stores for various goods.
 - BARGAIN HUNTER
 - QUALITY goods
 - Seeks to be THRIFTY in the price she pays
- 2 - Knows values as well as prices
 - "considereth"; "Buyeth"
- 3 - Purchases become productive investments

C. - SHE FEEDS HER FAMILY WELL! (31:15)

- 1 - Rises early
- 2 - Manages the work by DELEGATING some to daughters - Prepares them for their lives
- 3 - A wise planner + manager
 - Not all out of cans
 - Vegetables from garden or fresh
 - Not an emphasis on READY-MIX!
 - Smell of home-made BREAD
 - Sufficient QUANTITY and QUALITY
- 4 - Teacher in school asked James' arithmetic class - "Suppose your mother made a fresh peach pie. There are 8 of you for dinner - two parents, two grandparents and four children. HOW MUCH of the pie would you get, James?"
"One seventh, Ma'am," James replied
"No, No, James. Now pay attention! There were 8

of you. Don't you know your fractions?" (4)
"Yes, ma'am," James replied. I know my Mother and my fractions. My Mom would say she didn't want any pie, so I'd get $\frac{1}{7}$ th of the pie.

- 5- "A portion" — Work of the day for her — self + for daughters
— Husband training the sons,
— Follows 1 Tim. 5: 14
— "MANAGE", not "RULE" as RSV
— Titus 2: 4-5 role in lives of younger women
- 6- Rears her own children

7- Illus - Jochabed in EX. 2: 9 — God does give WAGES for a mother for care of her own children — and she'll always have those wages!

D. - SHE CLOTHES HER FAMILY WELL: (31:21)

- 1- Cold weather is no fear
2- Adequate protection has been prepared
3- QUALITY — Top-notch wearability
— "Scarlet" — APPEARANCE

III. - EXCELLENCES AS TOWARD THE HELPLESS:

A. SHE IS CHARITABLE: (31:20)

- 1- Compassionate toward others
— Caring
— Sensitive
— Reaches out needy ones
- 2- Charity begins at home BUT charity does not end at home
- 3- Illus — Ruth Hickok's mother had 9 children, 5 girls + 4 boys. All came to be married to saved partners. ALL ARE SAVED
— Several have served in Christian ministries. All active in local churches.
— All through the CHARITY of prayer beginning at home.
- 4- Charity does not fail to aid the NEARBY in the homeland also. — Gal. 6: 10

B.- SHE IS MISSIONARY-MINDED:

(5)

1- "Reacheth forth"

(31:20)

- Aid to those in spiritual need
- At hand — Around the world
- PRIORITY that missions should have in her life

2- Sets an EXAMPLE before her family

- Encourages family giving
- Not a detraction to spiritual priorities

3- "When material acquisitions are great + benevolent efforts small, the moral health can not be maintained. When much flows in + none is permitted to flow out, wealth becomes a stagnant pool, endangering life of those who live on its brim — AS — The Dead Sea — all input and

no output.

4- NOT SO Mrs. F. A. Rubien

IV.- EXCELLENCES AS TOWARD HERSELF:

A.- HER OUTWARD APPEARANCE: (31:22)

- 1- Well dressed — In good taste
 - with modesty
 - Feminine + Attractive
- 2- Quality is good
 - Tapestry
 - Silk + Purple
- 3- Quantity is sufficient
 - But not so as to deprive others
 - But not so as to disrupt budget
 - But not so as to be unseemly
 - But not so as to prohibit giving to others

GODLINESS in her dress

B.- HER INWARD SPIRITUAL LIFE: (31:30)

1- Called "VIRTUOUS" — 31:10

2- "A woman that feareth the LORD"

3- STANDARD in God's Word

4- Regularity in spiritual strength (31:17) (6)
LEADS TO physical strength, beauty + endurance

5- Illus - Billy Sunday tells of a minister who was making house calls. He came to a certain home + asked for the mother, but the child opening the door answered, "YOU CANNOT SEE MOTHER NOW, FOR SHE PRAYS FROM 9 TO 10 EACH MORNING."

He waited 40 minutes to see that mother, + when she came out of her prayer closet the light of glory was upon her face. — AND he knew why 3 of her older offspring were serving as pastors + missionaries.
"ALL HELL CANNOT TEAR A BOY OR GIRL AWAY FROM A PRAYING MOTHER."

6- "Inner man" fed + cared for - (31:25)

7- THEREFORE + No fear of the future
+ Only rejoicing

8- Two Mothers

- + One moral + upright
- + The other dissipated
- + No mention of either one needing or belonging to the SAVIOR
- + Christ is the Dynamic to Mrs. F. A. Rubies

C.-HER OTHERSWARD TESTIMONY:

1- Words of wisdom + graciousness (31:26)
- Tongue is kind "The Law of Kindness"
- Not a gossip

2- Case of her household (31:27)

3- TESTIMONY of + Good case of all
Godliness + Good + Idleness is not her meat.
Works - 1 Tim 2:10

V.-EXCELLENCES AS TO THE HEREAFTER:

A.- HER OLD AGE: (31:25)

- 1- Sweeter as the years go by
- 2- Rejoices as she faces "time to come"
- 3- Illus Kathy telling Lou — "Laura and I have decided we will only ever argue over one thing — WHICH ONE OF US WILL GET TO TAKE CARE OF OUR

JULIA
FEKETE

B: HER PHYSICAL BEAUTY: (31:30)

- 1- [N.B.] - External details of appearance form no part of this full length PORTRAIT of her
- 2- All that is described is **SOLID EXCELLENCE!**

- Favor is deceitful
- Favor + grace are but covers to what is INSIDE her
- Beauty is a vanishing thing as the years progress
- But this woman is REAL!

C: HER PRAISES DUE HER: (31:28, 31:29)

- 1- Children call her "BLESSED"
- 2- [Illus] Once years ago J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day and one of Nebraska's two famous sons in STATUARY HALL, drove out to the cemetery to visit his wife's grave. With him he took his 3 motherless sons.

He asked the boys to read the inscription on the newly erected tombstone which consisted of her name, that she was the wife of J. Sterling Morton, and the mother of the 3 boys whose names were chiseled in full.

Then the father told the boys that if any of them ever disgraced his mother, he had arranged with a stone cutter to CHISEL OFF HIS NAME.

Often the sons, who all rose to places of eminence, recalled with admiration the warning of their father, but they attributed the real preventive against disgracing their mother to the CHRISTIAN TRAINING + EXAMPLE she had given them. The names have all remained — but LOVE, not FEAR kept them there, for BLESSED was their mother.

- 3- Husband praises her
* WE need to do it OFTEN!
31:28
+ Abraham Lincoln - "No man is poor who has a godly mother"

4- WORKS praise her (31:31)

5- GOD also praises her

- 31:29
- It is HIS VERDICT!
- Relationship to Him above all else
- Spiritual qualities are seen even above all these other qualities of Mrs. F. A. Rubies

CONCLUSION:

A.- EXCELLENCIES OF MRS. F. A. RUBIES:

- 1- The Kind of woman APPROVED of God
- Toward husband
 - Toward household
 - Toward helpless
 - Toward herself
 - Toward hereafter

2- If this picture be viewed as an exhibition of Godliness, we observe that religion does not slacken attention to temporal duties. It rather renders a woman scrupulously exact in all her household obligations + everything within her province.

3- NEITHER does it show that temporal duties were a deterrent or an excuse for spiritual laxity.

B.- EXHORTATION TO MEN:

- 1- Follow virtue + godliness in women
- For your wife
 - For young men seeking a wife
 - For young women wanting to become a wife,

2- Not sacrifice SOLID QUALITIES for the "silver plating" of worldly appearances

C-EXPLANATION TO ALL:

(9)

1- The way to have this "STATURE" as a godly woman is to begin by meeting Jesus Christ as your Savior

[A] Acknowledge your need as a lost sinner

[B] Believe that God loves you and Christ died to provide forgiveness of your sins

[C] Confess that Christ as Savior is your only hope

[D] Decide today by making your DECISION
DO IT NOW!

2- "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." Col. 2:6

"God Of Our Fathers"
"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
"Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind"
"Faith Of Our Mothers" - Invitation

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or
"ARE YOU A GOOD MOTHER?"

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INTRO: A.-Contact With This Message:

- 1-Just over a month ago I was doing that "last minute" task of filling out my IRS Form 1040, and the attached schedules
- 2-Top right hand corner there's a space for WIFE'S OCCUPATION
- 3-Some would write:
 - Teacher
 - Clerk
 - Stenographer
 - Nurse
 - Printer
 - Bookkeeper, etc.
- 4-Many wrote: HOUSEWIFE, but I wrote HOMEMAKER
 - I object to "housewife"
 - My wife didn't marry a HOUSE!
 - She married me!:
 - She's become a HOMEMAKER....and I think that's a "JOB FOR A QUEEN"
- 5-The Spanish proverb is right:
"An ounce of Mother is worth a pound of Clergy"

B.-Content Of This Message:

- 1-Not to open up OUR HOME to your view
- 2-Not to extoll MY WIFE to you
- 3-But to share a few things and thoughts from God's Word and from my experience as a Pastor
- 4-Message:
 - I.-THE MINISTRY SIDE OF THE JOB FOR A QUEEN:
 - II.-THE MARRIAGE SIDE OF THE JOB FOR A QUEEN:
 - III.-THE MISTAKES SIDE OF THE JOB FOR A QUEEN:
- 5-Prop: -Not to discourage you because you aren't yet perfectly fulfilling all this
 - Nor to shame you for your failures
 - But to set before you A MODEL of this:
"Job For A Queen: *from God's Word*"
 - And to encourage you to adopt Paul's attitude in this-----Phs. 3:12-14

I.-THE MINISTRY SIDE OF THE "JOB FOR A QUEEN":

A.-A Clean House:

- 1-That's A JOB that is unending...but necessary
- 2-Not like a "Better Homes & Gardens" picture, but PRESENTABLE
- 3-Clean house makes you "feel better"
- 4-ILLUS--Story that Dorothy C. Haskin tells of her neighbor, Jane. Jane learned the hard way how important it was to do her housework quickly & deftly. She had married young, & was only 17 when Susie was born. By the time she was 22, she had children & had had her fill of washing diapers & dishes. She

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neglected her housework, **talked by the hour** to her friends over the telephone, **bemoaned** her fate & **fussed** at her children. She felt she couldn't endure a lifetime of sour milk and soap chips.

THEN came the time to start **5-year old** Susie in kindergarten, & Jane had to take her there. After her husband left for work that morning, Jane hurriedly made the **beds**, ran the **washing machine** while she did the **dishes** & **tidied up** the living room. Then she dressed the 3 children & took Susie to school.

WHEN JANE RETURNED home & walked into the living room, the house was **neat**. Suddenly it seemed a **pleasant place** to live in! She **felt so good** that she turned on the radio & **pitched into her ironing**. For the first time in months the 2 younger ones didn't get on her nerves. When **she didn't fuss** at them, **they were quieter**.

LESSON: That day Jane **learned a lesson** some homemakers never learn. She realized that **if she got her basic house-work done** (dishes, beds, tidying) **first thing in the morning**, she could stand later interruptions & distractions much easier.

- 6-A clean house is **ALWAYS READY TO BE OPEN** - To kids
- To neighbors
- To friends
- To business contacts
- To Pastor, too

7-Expressed in Prov. 31:27--"She looketh well to the ways of her household, & eateth not the bread of idleness."

B. -And Good Meals:

- 1-Nutritious & wholesome
- 2-Full of variety & womanly touches
- 3-Blend of the **OLD** favorites & the **NEW** experiments
- 4-Something many **brides have to LEARN**
 - Should be taught them by their mothers
 - But **must** be learned to add "spice" to the daily routine of life
- 5-Remember---
 - YOU** were reared on certain foods
 - YOUR HUSBAND** was reared on certain other foods
 - Major on **HIS PREFERENCES**, & not just when you're wanting a new dress
- 6-Practice the art of **enticing, good meals**---even if a lot of them have to be built around **HAMBURGER**
- 7-Expressed in Prov. 31:14-15b--"She is like the merchants ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, & giveth meat to her household..."
- 8-And in Titus 2:4-5

C. -And Presentable Clothes:

- 1-Not to look like a **FASHION PLATE**
- 2-**But** Clean
 - Pressed
 - Mended
 - In their **proper drawer** or closet *where they belong.*
 - Variety**, so that a choice can be made
- 3-Perhaps not as many clothes as you'd like, but **THEIR APPEARANCE is your job**
- 4-**YOU** will be the one whose **image suffers** if your children or your husband look sloppy.

- 5-ALSO--Don't forget your own appearance now that you have already "snagged" a husband
--He doubtless sees or works around women & you want to keep him GLAD TO COME HOME TO YOU
- 6-Expressed in Scripture--Prov. 31:19, 21-23

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D. A House Into A Home:

- 1-Some houses are not homes
- 2-ILLUS--Lawrence family in Santa Barbara--They had lived in the house 4 or 5 years when we visited them, but had NEVER HAD A FIRE in the fireplace----because she thought it was "too messy"
- 3-A house--Is to be lived in *
 - Needs to be warm & comfortable
 - Personal touches of decoration
 - DO-IT-YOURSELF improvements ** Pictures
 - ** Dried arrangement
 - ** Antiqued furnit.
 - ** Paint the bathr.
 - Make it liveable so your husband & kids & friends feel AT EASE in it!
- 4-ILLUS--Mildred Duncan said that it "HAD BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS"--busy with housework, cleaning & caring for the children---just like yesterday & just like tomorrow. BUT it had been an exciting day for her 5 year old son. A group of youngsters from their church had been taken to visit some SHUT INS, & John came home bubbling with talk of the trip & the sick ladies.

When Mildred put Johnny to bed a little later that evening she shared in his prayer time with him, and this evening it was "different" as he prayed:

"And please, Lord, help those ladies to get well so they can hangout clothes, & wash dishes, & keep a nice house like Mommie does."

Mildred stood there in the darkened room, looking down at John's head upon the pillow. It was a moment of quiet insight---AND SHE FELT QUITE HUMBLLED---that the best thing Johnny could pray for someone else was a life like hers. Suddenly the morning's dirty dishes & the beds to be made became things for which to give thanks.

- 5-Expressed in Prov. 31:31

E. And A Developing Person:

- 1-Care for THINGS can easily overshadow your day & your OUTLOOK--Most women are homemakers
 - Not all are happy with their lot
 - WHY NOT ??
 - * Perhaps they don't realize the importance of their tasks to their families
 - Spend time FEELING SORRY for themselves
 - Fail to realize that life's best dimensions are determined by OUR ATTITUDES
- 2-"Cooped-up" feeling?
 - Then GROW OUT !!
 - Reading serious books

THINK
DO
FEEL

- **Hobbies** that are useful
- **Involvement** in the lives of **OTHERS**
- **Devotional life**
 - ** Bible Study time
 - ** Prayer involvement
 - ** Personal witness
 - ** Sphere of service

- Prov. 31:17, 25, 30

3- **BE AN EXAMPLE** to the whole family

4- **Biblical ILLUS** - 2 Tim. 1:5-- "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; & I am persuaded that in thee also."

- Unfortunately **all mothers** are **not** really worthy of honor

- Salvation is not a process of heredity, nor can it be transmitted surely

- We have **TO BE** what we desire our children **TO BECOME**

- Example of **Eunice & Lois** before Timothy from his childhood was that of **CONSISTENCY**

- **Faith "dwelt"** ("=found a home") in Timothy's heart because of the **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** of Lois & Eunice

II. - THE MARRIAGE SIDE OF THE "JOB FOR A QUEEN":

A. - Having A Happy Husband:

1- **HELP** Him - God's first word on woman's role

- Gen. 2:18-- "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him"

- Seen in **fulness** of description in Prov. 31

- **GOAL** of the godly woman who would have a happy husband is to **HELP HIM**

- Prov. 31:23

2- **LOVE** Him - That's what a woman is "programmed for"

- But it is still necessary **TO LEARN** about it

- Tit. 2:4-- "That they (the aged women) may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,"

- **YOU EXPRESS IT** ----- **SHOW** him that you love him

** Kiss goodbye in the morning

** Attractive appearance in the evening

** House, meals, etc.

- And **don't be too expectant** as to his reaction

- **ILLUS** - Woman called to her husband who was reading the evening paper: **"DO YOU LOVE ME?"** ?

- And his reaction was **a grunt**.

- But remember he has spent all day proving his love, and that **CONTENTED GRUNT** speaks eloquently---it is too "right" to need explanation

- Prov. 30:1-12

3- **ENCOURAGE** Him - **Share** the expectation levels you have in him

- Advancement in learning or on the job

- Be willing to sacrifice for it (time, money, etc)

- Let him know that you're proud of his achievements
- AND don't berate him when he fails---he feels badly enough about it already
- Strengthen him for his daily battles
- He needs your encouragement !!
- He's already well aware of his shortcomings, & doesn't need to be reminded

4-SUBMIT to him

- One of the nicest ways you can show your love
- Eph. 5:22--"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."
- Acquiescence results in a peaceful home
- To oppose a man, especially if he is convinced he is right, only causes bitterness
- Prov. 11:29a--"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind."
- It is a rare issue that is worth the risk of an unhappy home---AND the more a woman knows she is right, the easier it is to submit, for she knows in time she'll be vindicated.
- The very fact that SHE IS RIGHT, makes permitting the husband to have his own way a gracious act on her part
- Prov. 11:16a--"A gracious woman retaineth honor..."
- While the BATTLE OF THE SEXES goes on to determine supremacy, the husband will assert himself to prove his position---often in petty ways
- Once you submit, he'll KNOW he's the HEAD, and will want to please you & concede to you
- SEEM DIFFICULT ???
- Then remember--Eph. 5:22-24
- 1 Pet. 3:4--"a meek & a quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price."

B. Having Healthy In-Law Relations:

- 1-WORK at it !!!
- 2-They can't be "ALL BAD" if that "dream-man" of yours is their son
- 3-What to do??--Reach out to them
 - Be warm & thoughtful
 - Care well for their son
 - Prov. 31:26
 - Be willing to SHARE your "Prince Charming" with those who've loved him longer than you have.

4-Remember - You married a CLAN, not just a spouse.

C. Having A Wholesome Family:

- 1-Most marriages include children
 - "Children are the COUPONS attached to the BOND of matrimony"
 - WAIT for awhile so marital adjustments are well underway before having a family
- 2-Ability to bear children does not insure being a good mother
 - Lord Byron's mother was often unkind to him because he was born with a deformed foot. She made him so conscious of it that he developed a cynical streak which colored his

thinking for life.

- **Nero's mother poisoned** her husband so that her son might have the throne of Rome and, influenced by her, **Nero** became a **profligate ruler**. Eventually he even had his own **mother murdered**.

- **YOU** can multiply the examples

3- **Teach & Train** the children

- **Mother of George Washington** became a widow when **George was only 11** & the eldest of 5 children. Besides caring for a large household & managing large estates she educated all of her children & guided them into principles, conducts and habits with success.
- **The Wesleys** were peculiarly linked to their parents by natural piety **thru the mother**, who influenced their minds and developed their characters. She was their teacher & cheerful companion, and it was through her that their early spiritual instruction came.
- What a **child** will eventually **become** **mainly depends** upon the training & example of **his mother**. She is to him **A MODEL** ** Of speech
** Of attitude
** Of gesture
** Of character
** Because of her constant companionship is his constant example
- **Teaching by precept** will be **no more than hypocrisy** if it is not matched & joined to a **CONSISTENT LIFE**
- Prov. 22:6
- Tit. 2:4-5

4- **Discipline them** as well!!

- **Mothers** too often use their **love** for their children as an **excuse** not to discipline them
- Sowing a wind only to reap a WHIRLWIND
- **JOIN WITH HUSBAND** in consistent application
** Prov. 10:13; 13:1, 24; 19:18
** Prov. 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:17
- "A switch in time saves crime"
- If anyone **hurts the most** over a wayward child, it will be **YOU, MOTHER!!**
- **Spare yourself** by being a consistent discipliner

- 5- **Enjoy them** also-
- As babies
 - As children
 - As teenagers
 - As Adults & your equals

III. THE MISTAKES SIDE OF THE 'JOB FOR A QUEEN':

A. Choosing The Wrong Man:

- 1- You're not responsible, ladies, for your forebearers
- 2- But you **do choose** who'll be your **children's father**
- 3- Nothing you ever do for them will be so **IMPORTANT** !!
- 4- **Sad stories** I could tell of **WRONG choices**
 - Heartache & heartbrake
 - Abuse & agony
- 5- **ONLY avoid this**- By seeking Divine Guidance
- By obeying God's Word

6- Still make it turn out by being God's kind of woman.

B. Beginning Too Late:

- 1-A noted authority on child-rearing once said that the answer to almost every problem connected with children is **BEGIN EARLIER!**
- 2-**ILLUS**-A young mother came up to a speaker & asked him **how soon** she should begin the spiritual training of her child.
 - "**How old** is the child now?" he asked.
 - "**FIVE**"
 - "Oh, lady," the speaker replied with evident distress, **GO HOME WITH HASTE!** You've **already lost** the best five years!"
- 3-Not suggesting you **push** too hard
 - Early exposure
 - Early teaching
 - Early encouragement
 - Simplified levels
 - Gradual development
- 4-Cultivation of the qualities you desire will take a **LONG TIME!!**

but, let them be children awhile.

C. Overemphasis On The Physical:

- 1-Thinking **more of the BODY** than of the **SOUL**
 - Go to the Doctor with sniffles or measles
 - **But not** "go as needed" to S.S. and Church
- ILLUS**-Story of the young girl who received a gorgeous 3-carat diamond ring from her fiancé. The ring came in a beautiful little satin-covered **box**. She was so entranced by the **BOX** that she scarcely noticed its contents.
- 2-Thousands of well-meaning mothers are **making the same MISTAKE**
- 3-God has given them **a treasure** wrapped in the body of a child
 - Health, clothes & food are important
 - But the **true treasure** is the invisible **soul**
- 4-Mother's job is to prepare that child for Christ

D. Failure As An Example:

- 1-Being a mother would **be simpler**
 - If children grew up **to do what you SAY**
 - Instead of **copying what you DO !!**
 - **95%** of a child's actions & attitudes are an **imitation of MOTHER**
- 2-"An ounce of **walk** is worth a pound of **talk**"
- 3-**TEACHING**-Truthfulness by telling the truth **- ALWAYS!**
 - Trust in the Lord by trusting
 - Punctuality by being on time
 - Spiritual values by your own standards
- 4-Perhaps the **richest inheritance** a child can have is the memory of a **GODLY MOTHER !!**

**† SALVATION
† GROWTH in grace**

E. Failure To Pray:

- 1-Tennyson: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"
 - Affirmed by the Bible
 - Confirmed by our experience/

- 2- DO MORE for your children this way than any other
- Before their birth
 - While you are rearing them
 - After they've left home
 - Eph. 3:20

3- Prayer items to consider--Health

- Early conversion
- Dedicated heart
- Christian life
- Used of God
- Schooling
- Mate

4- Are you TOO BUSY for that??

Then you're TOO BUSY !!

F. Something Else Is More Important:

1- We live in an age of misplaced priorities for women:

- Social butterflies
- Women's Lib
- P.T.A.
- United Fund
- Job for a second income
- Even work in the Church

2- Temptation to neglect our own

- Busy helping others
- Danger to Pastors & wives
- Danger to missionaries & wives
- YOU'RE NOT IMMUNE either

3- Remember 1 Tim. 5:8-- "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

- This applies to the husband
- AND it also applies to the wife

CONCLUSION:

A. Recapitulation:-- 'JOB FOR A QUEEN'

- 1- The Ministry side-- A clean house
 - And good meals
 - And respectable clothes
 - A house into a HOME
 - A developing person yourself.
- 2- The Marriage Side-- Happy husband
 - Healthy In-law relations
 - Wholesome family
- 3- The Mistakes Side--
 - Wrong man
 - Beginning too late
 - Overemphasis on the physical
 - Failure as an example
 - Failure to pray
 - Misplaced priorities

B. Secrets Of Success In 'JOB FOR A QUEEN':

- 1- Born again
- 2- Yielded to Jesus Christ as YOUR Lord
- 3- Quiet time -- Daily
- 4- Life of priorities ————— What is really important ?

5-Learn to live happily, though some things do remain

UNDONE

6-BIG JOB

BLESSED JOB !!

"Job For A Queen"

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#22 "All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

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INTRO:

A. Preface:

- 1-"ROMANCE" may seem a far-fetched, or at least a whimsical term in the title
- 2-Down-to-earth----or---down-to-dirt jobs of the home
- 3-PROPER PERSPECTIVE shows--Joys & Pleasures
--Rewards & Romance
- 4-It is the wondrous Springtime of home life when the joy of sowing precious seed in the good soil of a little child's heart is something we remember rather than the irksomeness of the "DAILY GRIND"
- 5-No mother, however, can IMPART spiritual life or depth of Christian faith which she does not herself POSSESS
- 6-MOTHERHOOD--A high calling
--A God-given privilege
--A great ministry
--Arthur Guiterman:

"Men make a camp: A swarm of bees a comb;
Birds make a nest, A woman makes a home."

B. Perspective:

- 1-Raise them as a "Child of the KING"
- 2-Their future is at stake
 - S A V E D and serving God thru His Church
 - or .
 - L O S T and leading others astray
 - No middle ground; Influence is either for God or for ungodliness
 - Never seem content to go to HELL ALONE
- 3-ILLUS--"What are you doing?" a man asked two stonemasons
ONE replied: "I am chiselling stones," but the other answered: "I am building a CATHEDRAL."
BOTH told the truth, but one had a higher perspective

C.-Prescription:

- 1-1 Jn. 2:7--"Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the WORD which ye heard from the beginning.
- 2-Nothing NEW under the sun
- 3-Prescription is--From God
 - For mankind
 - To be TAKEN according to directions
 - Just like a Doctor's prescription
 - ** Pharmacist fills it
 - ** Patient takes it
- 4-John Greenleaf Whittier's poem:
"We search the world for truth, We cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul."

(OVER)

And weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the BOOK our mothers read."

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I-REITERATION OF THE WORD OF GOD:

*the wise man builds
his house upon the
ROCK*

A.-Proper Foundation:

- 1-Adequate foundation is **ESSENTIAL** for a **safe building**
- 2-EQUALLY **ESSENTIAL** for a **life** that is **"safe"** for time and eternity
- 3-ILLUS--Mrs. W. E. Hawkins told a story of how, coming

home from a service in Dallas many years ago, her mind rather pre-occupied with the things she had just heard, and her driving somewhat automatic consequently. Just a moment after turning off Edgefield onto 10th St., she heard a car honk behind her & she turned aside to make room for the driver to pass

As a matter of fact, however, he did not want to pass. He was a **POLICEMAN** in a big blue coat with formidable brass buttons, and he was motioning her to the curb....**WHAT** had she **done??** Her mind refused to think; her heart was beating wildly as he got out of his car, pulled a ticket-book out of his pocket and began to write.

Finally she pulled herself together sufficiently to ask what was the matter. **"YOU RAN THROUGH A BOULEVARD STOP SIGN"** was the reply, and he handed her the pad, pointing out that she was to sign her name on the dotted line at the bottom of the page

By this time her eyes were pretty well blurred with tears, but she managed to make out that she was supposed to appear in court in 5 days to answer the charge of **LAW VIOLATION** and pay her fine. In a dazed sort of way she signed it. The big policeman got back into his car & drove away...and Mrs. Hawkins went on...

When she arrived home, she found someone there who loved her. Very humbly she handed him the paper that she had signed, and made **HER CONFESSION** about what she had done.

"Never mind," he said, when he saw how flustered she was. "You don't have to worry about it any more. **JUST TURN IT ALL OVER TO ME,** and I'll take care of it for you."

So it happened that 5 days later when she was supposed to appear in court before the Judge to answer the charge, **ANOTHER WAS THERE IN HER STEAD.** When her name was called, she was not present. But someone who loved her stood in answer to her name...

"Are you **representing** Mrs. Hawkins?" asked the Judge. **"I AM, YOUR HONOR,"** he replied. **"Is she guilty?"** was the next question the Judge asked. **"SHE IS"** answered Mr. Hawkins. "Then she is fined **\$43.00**".....**"I WILL PAY IT FOR HER,"** said her **SUBSTITUTE**...and he pulled **43** one dollar bills from his pocket, and laid them on the table.

Within an hour he had placed in Mrs. Hawkins' hand her **PARDON PAPER** signed and sealed. She was **FREE** from the claims of the law, though she had done not one thing to gain her freedom. This is just an old-fashioned love-story, isn't it??

4-SO...is Gal. 3:13--"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." (3)

5-Christ became OUR SUBSTITUTE

- Love expressed in sacrificial giving--Jn. 3:16
- Price paid--1 Pet. 1:18-19--"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver & gold, from your vain conversation received from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish & w/o spot."
- CHOICE for US.....John 1:12-13

B. Prayer Of Dedication:

1-Prayer BEFORE birth--1 Sam. 1:10-11

2-Prayer FOLLOWING birth--1 Sam. 1:26-28

3-NO PLACE FOR INFANT BAPTISM

- Scripturally there is no warrant
- Baptism confesses what no infant can confess
 - ** FAITH in the Savior
 - ** UNION with Christ's family of redeemed ones

4-Much place for DEDICATION

- Of the Infant or child
- BY the parents

5-PARENTAL FAITH--Heb. 11:23 (READ)

6-Led to the child, Moses having PERSONAL FAITH--Heb. 11:29 24-

7-Very well to dedicate our children...AND OURSELVES to the Lord as they join our families

C. Preservation Thru Childbirth:

1-Origin of pain for women

- In the Garden of Eden
- After the Fall; Result of SIN entering
- Gen. 3:16--"Unto the woman he (God) said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and (of) thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

2-Transformed life--Available & EXPECTED for a Xn. woman

- This is GOD'S N O R M !!
- 2 Cor. 5:17

BUT, this doesn't abrogate the matter of pain for the woman in motherhood

3-New dimension:

- Additional promise to Christian women
- 1 Tim. 2:15--"Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith & charity & holiness with sobriety."
- Conclusion to a CONTEXT that says that a woman's role is not in dominance, not in leadership, but in the HOME and with her role of MOTHERHOOD
- Promise of PRESERVATION through the pains and agonies and risks of childbirth...
- OR.....of immediate PROMOTION into the presence of her Lord
- EITHER is a wonderful fulfillment of the provision & promise of God to women of God

--SO...we see, God does graciously & lovingly deal with godly women

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--CARE for them in every way through their experience of childbearing + ~~no~~ spare them from spiritual uselessness, since church leadership cannot be theirs,

D. - Proposition For Wages:

1-Ex. 2:1-10 (Moses, Miriam & Jockabed with Pharoah's daughter)

2-PUNCH LINE in Ex. 2:9--"And Pharoah's daughter said unto her 'Take this child away, and nurse it for me, & I will give thee thy wages.' And the woman took the child and nursed it."

3-BEST REWARDS--Wages that cannot be spent or lost...BUT KEPT !!

--Day by day JOY

--Written in a Mother's own "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"

--Retrospective analysis in later years--JOY !!

--Seeing your own children "out and out" for the Lord

** ILLUS--Mrs. W. E. Hawkins with sons Bob, Neill & Radar all on foreign missionary fields of service.

4-H O W ??--Proverbs 29:15-17

--Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am and all that I hope to be, I owe to my darling mother."

--WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN????--That's the test of a mother !!

E. - Prescription For Development:

1-Two Key Scriptures--Eph. 6:4--"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord."

--Deut. 6:4-9 (READ)

--NOTICE...This is a FAMILY responsibility, not just a MOTHER'S job. FATHER has a big, yeah, a leading role in this also

2-Total obedience is sought--100%

--Thru LOVE--Deut. 6:5

--Thru FEAR--Deut. 6:13--DUAL MOTIVES

--Develop BOTH !!

3-Truth is to be "IN THE HEART"

4-H O W ??--Daily, consistent teaching

--Eye-gate

--Ear-gate

--Heart-gate

--In every season & situation

--Arnold J. Toynbee--"Homes are the building blocks of civilization."

--Thru praying these truths IN together

--Thru confessing our own failures & asking the forgiveness of our children & of our mates when we make our mistakes--INSTRUCTION BY OUR EXAMPLE !!

5-Areas-Pray with your child over friends, neighbors, needs & problems when they are SMALL children

--THEN..when they are older, the groundwork has been laid for similar action to continue

--TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER--TOGETHER !!
--This "prescription" can be a real cure

F. Parental Example:

1-Abraham is a classic example

--Gen. 18:17-19

--Difference between "**COMMAND**" and "**DEMAND**"

• --Trained in living in a tent and observing a family altar

2-Lois & Eunice Mother & grandmother of Timothy

--2 Tim. 1:5--"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; & I am persuaded that in thee also."

• --**FRUIT** in Timothy's life, in spite of the lack of a Father's influence for godliness

--2 Tim. 3:15--"...that from a child thou hast known..."

--Ella Frances Lynch: "If you train your children carefully until they are Seven years old they are already three quarters educated." (Benson--An-Intro. To Child Study, P. 91)

3-Paul's words in the SPIRITUAL FAMILY

--1 Tim. 4:14-16

--Vitaly important

--Let us TAKE HEED !!

4-Without such PARENTAL EXAMPLE, there is no mooring & no security for our children.

5-The very soul of youth is calling--yea, CRYING, out for the VOICE OF AUTHORITY, which authority God has vested in the parents, rather than in the youth

Today's young anarchists are the products of PERMISSIVE HOMES

It is a strong, firm voice which carries with it assurance & confidence. How sad to see so many occasions where the parents are "cowed into submission" by their teen-age youngsters, or even younger children.

If a child or youth has no respect for parental authority, it is because HE HAS CHALLENGED that authority, and found that it vanished when tested, like mist before the sun

6-ILLUS--A farmer drove his mare to market hitched to a light wagon. Attached to her halter by a rope long enough to allow freedom of movement & short enough to keep him from contact with the wheels, was a colt. He trotted by her side barely able to travel. Some one accosted the farmer: Why don't you leave the colt at home?" he said, "his mother could travel faster without him."

"Maybe so," drawled the farmer, but after a while I'd have a tough time breakin' that colt. This way his mother does it for me. When I'm ready to work him alone, he'll go along without makin' any trouble."

Truly the "sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light" (Lk. 16:8). They know how to train specifically--KEEPING THE GOAL IN SIGHT, TO BEGIN EARLY, and who is best fitted at that stage to do it. That colt was trained (by) his mother to the point

the farmer could take over & use him to the fullest without difficulty... So should it be with children---spending their earliest years with MOTHER!!!... Learning from HER EXAMPLE!!

G. - Promise Of God:

1-Prov. 22:6--"Train up a child in the way he should go; & when he is old, he will not depart from it."

2-Notice God says "T R A I N"

--Not "telling" or demanding

--"Teaching" is instruction, but instruction is not enough

--"Showing" is example, but example is not enough

--"Performing" by themselves is experience, but experience is not enough

--ALL OF THESE TOGETHER... and practiced in are

TRAINING!!

--Training brings an "automatic response!"

3-Someone has well said that "A BABY IS A TAPE RECORDER WITH EYES". A child in your home from birth on is getting attitudes as well as facts from his parents

4-ILLUS--A child Moses was in his parents' care for just those very early years; probably not beyond the age of 8. Yet, those years in that godly Hebrew home were such that he was so "STEEPED" in the truths of God's Word, & so impressed by their GODLY EXAMPLE, and so conditioned by parental training that his life-long obedience was a testimonial to the faithful teaching---YEAH, TRAINING---of his parents, & also of the faithfulness of God, so that he did not depart from it in youth in the palace, in middle years in the desert, or in later years in leadership.

5-Some say "LET THEM CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES"

--Discounts eternal truths for them, because YOU are discounting them in your life

--Not a consistently applied principle in any home

--Baths, carrots, spinach, school attendance, ETC.

--Let's be consistent!!... FOR God

--"Mothers who raise a child by the book, Can, if sufficiently vexed.

Hasten results by applying the book,

As well as the text."

6-TRAINING is like taking a nimble sapling & bending it into the form God desires & seeing it grow rigidly into that form

7-Poem: "My Mother's love brings home to me

The greater love of Calvary.

Her gentlehand upon my brow,

Is leading me to Jesus now.

8-Let us claim the PROMISES OF GOD on the terms which He has given them to us.

II. APPLICATION OF THE WORD OF GOD:

A. - First To YOURSELF, Mother:

1-Proper foundation-----thru faith in the SUBSTITUTE

2-Prayer of dedication--Self & Child

- 3-Preserved thru childbirth
- 4-**Proposition** for wages
- 5-Prescription for development
 - Deut. 6:4-9 & Eph. 6:4
 - Parents--Home--The Word
- 6-Parental **example**--If it was **good**, **EMBRACE** it
 - If it was **poor**, **IMPROVE** upon it
- 7-Promise of God--**C L A I M I T** (Prov. 22:6)
- 8-In writing in Kings & Chronicles great stress is laid upon the **characters** of **MOTHERS** of men in power.

What this seems to indicate is that if you would **sway the world**, sway the world for good, you must **BEGIN WITH MOTHERS**

B. -Then Apply This Word To YOUR CHILDREN, In Your Home:

- 1-Salvation
 - 2-Dedication
 - 3-Example of your person
 - 4-**"ATMOSPHERE"** of your home
 - 5-Training in response to God's promises
 - 6-**ILLUS--WHEN TO BEGIN**
- A woman asked a prominent religious educator, "How early can I begin the religious training of my child?"
- "My dear, **when will your child be born?**" was his counter-question.
- "**BORN**," she gasped, "why he's **already five** years old."
- "My goodness, woman," he shouted, "don't stand here talking to me!! **HURRY HOME**, already you've **lost the best five** years."

C. -The "HOW" OF This:

- 1-Daily---one day at a time
- 2-**Diligently**---one problem at a time
- 3-Devotedly---**YOUR HEART OPEN**
 - ** before your partner in marriage
 - ** and before God
- 4-Therefore--Josh. 23:14--"Ye know in all your souls & in all year hearts that not one good thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; ALL are come to pass unto you, & not one thing hath failed thereof."

CONCLUSION:

A. -The Poem:

"We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul."

And weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said,
Is written in THE BOOK our mothers read."

B. - The Personalization:

1-Will **YOU** call upon the Lord and claim these **OLD**
promises of the Lord?

- For yourself
- For your children
- For your family

2= **WHY NOT** DO IT **NOW??** **TODAY**....

Begin this
ROMANCE OF
MOTHERHOOD !!

Westbrae--5/9/65 & 5/10/70--#9--The Name Of Jesus

O.K.B.C. - 5/12/85

#409--My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Berean Bible Fellowship - 5/13/90 #324--Faith Of Our MOTHERS (diff. words)

INTRO: A.-Mother's Day:

- 1-First observed in Norfolk, Va. in 1908
- 2-S.S. Supt. asked Miss Anna Jarvis to arrange a Memorial service honoring her mother's faithful service as a S.S. teacher.
- 3-By 1910 it had gained widespread recognition
- 4-May 10, 1913 a resolution was passed by both houses of congress commending the observance of the day by Congress & the Executive branch of government
- 5-In 1914 Congress authorized the President of the U.S.A. to designate by annual proclamation the 2nd Sunday in May as MOTHER'S DAY
- 6-The first national proclamation was made by President Woodrow Wilson on May 9, 1914

B.-Mothers In The Bible:

- 1-Classic pen-portrait in Prov. 31
- 2-Over 100 mothers described in O. T.
- 3-18 mothers described in N. T.
- 4-"Spiritual motherhood" of the unnamed mother of Rufus in Rom. 16:13 who took Paul "under her wing"
- 5-In Judah there were 15 Kings linked with their mother
 - 7 did "good or right in the sight of the Lord"
 - 8 did "evil in the sight of the Lord"
 - Greater stress is laid upon the character of mothers of men in power in Kings & Chronicles than in any other part of the Bible. Was the writer trying to stress that a nation's rise or fall may be determined by its mothers?
 - If we will sway the world and the Church for good, we must begin with mothers.

C.-One Case-Grandmother Lois & Daughter Eunice:

- 1-TALMUD-"The home is the temple of the woman, the education of children her divine service, and the family her congregation."

2-Read 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15

3-GRANDMOTHERLY RELIGION

MOTHERLY +

- Their Mistakes
- Their Influence
- Their Product
- Their Formula

PROP

- 4 Let us learn of the influence of godly women on their offspring - and let them influence us also

1.-THEIR MISTAKES:

Mistake

A.-In Allowing Marriage:

- 1-Lois was a God-fearing woman
- 2-Eunice was a dedicated young
- 3-BUT Lois made the mistake of marrying to a man who was still an ABS
- 4-Eunice's lover attended Synag
- 5-Eunice's lover seemed almost elite for her sweet sake

START

- 3-@ Mixed marriage forbidden to ISRAEL
 - Deut. 7:3-4
 - Judges 3:5-8
- ① Mixed marriage forbidden to CHURCH
 - 1 Cor. 7:39
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

- 6-Lois allowed Eunice to convince her to consent to a **MIXED MARRIAGE — Believer to Unbeliever — ABSOLUTELY WRONG!**
- 7-The young Greek lover was not false-hearted or a designing cheat.
- 8-He really, honestly intended after he was married to live a godly husband's life..... **HE SAID SO!**
- 9-Lois & Eunice believed him..... And so do I!
- 10-So, the long-withheld consent was given.
- 11-Eunice became the married wife of this HEATHEN MAN *Because we want to TRUST PEOPLE!*

Mistake B. Of Expecting Conversion Afterward!

- 1-As time went on & his married life became a familiar possession, he went farther away from God and from family religion than he had ever been before — **LESSONS:**
- 2-Peter's beautiful promise
 - 1 Pet. 3:1-2
 - Never came true for Eunice
 - Expected conversion of husband didn't pan out in serving Christ
 - WHY NOT?**
 - ** Failure of Lois as a mother-in-law as she had also conspicuously failed in her role of mother?--- **DON'T KNOW**
 - ** Failure of Eunice to fulfill her part in Peter's promise?--- **DON'T KNOW**
 - ** Obstinacy & pride of heart in the heathen husband?--- **DON'T KNOW**
 - ** We cannot say for sure — *Except that they disobeyed God's Word*
- 3-Nine out of ten women would simply have accepted Eunice's fate, & gradually have sunk down to their unbelieving husband's level.
- 4-But neither Eunice nor Lois were such weak vessels as that
- 5-Birth of TIMOTHY (= "Honoring God")
 - Strengthened their resolve of what was **RIGHT**
 - Far more scriptural, far more prayerful, far more obedient life than ever before. — **Renewal of RESOLVE!**
 - Did not cast up the husband's failings in his face
 - Did not cast up their disappointments to him
 - BUT neither did they hide their deep faith and domestic piety which was the mainstay of their lives & became a "nest" for young Timothy
 - More than ever, they cast themselves upon the Lord for His sustenance
 - Determined** with all their hearts that Timothy would not be drawn down by the great wrong which **ALL THREE** had done him — *Don't fix the blame — Fix the problem!*
- 6-This brought them to really exert their influence....

II. THEIR INFLUENCE:

Influence Of A. Unfeigned Faith:

- 1-When women were saved — **CONJECTURAL** only
 - At Jerusalem in Acts 2
 - At Antioch
 - On Paul's first journey in Lystra (Acts 14:6-7)
- 2-Yet it did occur — **That is CLEAR!**
 - ↓ Heb. 11:1 — "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

↑ Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"Faith is an affirmation, and an act
That bids eternal truth be present fact"

Not of the head, but of the heart
DEF -- "unfeigned" == "unhypocritical" "Sincere" NASB

3-Nurtured in the O. T. Scriptures

4-Centered in the promised Messiah

5-"Dwelt" in Lois & Eunice

= "permanently at home"

Not just in fair weather, but all weather *

-- Initial faith of salvation -- Eph. 2:8-10

-- Continuous faith of their walk -- 2 Cor. 5:7

-- Inheritor of the title "MOTHER IN ISRAEL" which
was applied to Deborah (Jud. 5:7)

6-Grace is not inherited, it is received

7-But remember 1 Cor. 7:14 -- "For the unbelieving husband
is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband;
else were your children unclean; but now
are they holy."

8-Unfeigned faith, as with Lord Shaftesbury:

"He feared man so little,
Because he feared God so much"

So, in lives of
Lois & Eunice

Influence of

B. - Undoubted Fruitfulness:

1-Not a sterile or unproductive religion

↑ Jas. 2:20 -- "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that
faith without works is dead?"

↑ Mt. 7:20 -- "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall
know them"

2-Faith was "CAUGHT" more than "TAUGHT"

3-What they WERE spoke eloquently thru their lives to
young Timothy

* 4-So far as we have record, they never saw a break in
the sin-hardened heart of Eunice's husband

5-But they did see Timothy's soul saved

↑ Timothy's life transformed

↑ Timothy's ministry moulded

6-Others who prepared children from a tender age to
serve God ---- Jockabed with Moses -- Ex. 2:1-10

↑ Hannah with Samuel -- 1 Sam. 1:1-28

↑ Unnamed mother with Jabez

↑ 1 Chron. 4:9-10 (TURN and READ)

III. THEIR PRODUCT:

what did they
PRODUCE?

Details not stated, but FACT is!

Produced
A. - Timothy The Servant:

Every believer has his own
wonderful story to tell.

1-Saved in the home

↑ At family devotions, perhaps

↑ "OVER" his mother's knee in discipline?

2-Challenged to grow & to serve thru Paul while a teen-
ager in Lystra (Acts 14:6-7)

3-Understudy under Paul in the ministry

↑ Only way to get a theological education then
↑ Acts 16:1-3

By
Godly
EXAMPLE

Salvation is not
a process of her-
edity, nor is it
transmissible.
We should seek
to exemplify the
Savior so as to
have our child-
ren want to
emulate us.

NOTES

BOORUM & PETER

- 4-Paul's messenger to several churches — 1 Thes. 3:2; Phil. 2:19
5-Joined Paul in writing Phs., Col., & Philemon; 1 + 2 Thes
6-Pastor at Ephesus — 1 Tim. 1:3
7-Paul's evaluation: — **SPLENDID SERVANT!**

Phs. 2:19-22--"But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel."

8- Only co-worker of Paul's associated w/ Paul in all Pauline letters

B.-Timothy The Sample:

1-Social Conscience:

- Relation of sexes (1 Tim. 2) • Soteriological
- Order of officers (1 Tim. 3) • Christological
- Widow's needs (1 Tim. 5)
- Slave trade & Factory acts
- YMCA & YWCA.....in the past
- Social welfare • Unwed Mother's Homes • Pornography
- Rescue missions • Anti-Abortion Clinics • Drugs

2-Missionary Zeal

- Himself a **participant on missionary journeys**
- Pastor of a **"missionary-centered" church** (Ephesus)
- Heathen **on his heart**
- Concern** for **body & soul**
- Henry Martyn, Wm. Carey, Hudson Taylor, Roland Bingham, Wm. McConnel, etc.
- I do not observe much impetus in this direction from our detractors in the **NCC & WCC**, except to do **social work** and to build an **organization** of stolen sheep -- **NO EVANGELISM** of the **LOST** brethren.

3-Earnest Spirit

NO EVANGELISM of the LOST
- Acts 16:2 - well reported of by the brethren

- 2 Tim. 1:6; 2:1
- Not gloomy & dull
- But viewing life's responsibilities seriously
- Realizing accountability to God — A STEWARD !
- 2 Cor. 5:11
- Not loose or flippant --**with God's law — Kept it
- **with God's day — Honored it
- **with God's things — Observed them
- Forever carrying in the forefront of the mind a motto of "DUTY BECAUSE OF LOVE"

4-Holy living--2 Tim. 2:19-22

- ALL fall far short
- Yet not satisfied on the lowland plains
- Stressed the urgency of a separated, & holy life
- Not to gain merit
- But because of granted favor
- 1 Pet. 1:13-16
- Always growing & seeking a "Deeper Life"

5-Expectant Hope

- 2 Tim. 4:6-8
- Divine urgency
- Rapture in view at all times
- Looking for His coming

Desiring to be found faithful

Desiring to be fruitful

Knowing that the "day is far spent"

MOTHERLY +

6-What we have termed "GRANDMOTHERLY RELIGION" cannot be so unworthy after all, if it has produced such fruits!

In Timothy

In the church thru the generations

In many of you

In spite of some admitted mistakes

IV.-THEIR FORMULA:

A.-Piety In The Home!

PERSONAL

1-Home FIRST "Beginning at Jerusalem" — Lk. 24:47; Acts 1:9
1 Tim. 5:4—"..let them learn first to shew piety at home"

TAUGHT

"The home is the temple of the woman, the education of children her divine service, and the family her congregation."

2-Lois —> Eunice —> Timothy

3-Didn't "fold up" when Eunice's husband refused faith

4-Mk. 5:19—"Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but said unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

5-Jn. 4:39—"And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did"

B.-Teaching In The Home!

PRACTICE

1-2 Tim. 3:14-15—Truth learned from Scriptures

READ — Truth learned from childhood

Rom. 10:17

2-Continual practice BOTH took part — FAITHFULLY.

Didn't make an excuse of Eunice's husbands failures

Didn't pass the buck to someone else to nurture Timothy in Godliness

3-"Knowing OF WHOM thou hast learned them"

—Godly example

—Good teaching

Faith came BY: EXAMPLE

** Full faith in Christ as revealed

** Full wisdom

** Full salvation

** Full assurance

—How YOU OUGHT TO THANK GOD if such is or was your heritage

4-Titus 2:3-5—Aged women ** To BE

** To Teach

READ — Young women ** Place—At home

(Learning from the older) ** Attitude—Love

*** Action—Obedient; In subjection

Women's ** End—Testimony

task is spelled out clearly

5—Mrs. Wright failed in this

—Daughter, Mrs. Abshier never knew from example & did not learn for herself, though now as old as Lou + I are

ILLUS

Some Fail Here

S.S. AWANA B. M. A. CAMP

5:18 Youth Group Local Ch.

Truth Learned

Godly Example

Biblical Principle

--Husband & 3 children; Out into the work-a-day world so as to have **"THINGS"**
 --~~THE~~ **DIVORCED** husband & abandoning husband in order to marry a man 16 years ~~younger~~ younger than herself
 --That did not work out either;
DISASTER!

CONCLUSION:

Motherly And

A. Grandmotherly Religion:

- 1-May have made some serious mistakes
- 2-Yet can have tremendous influence
- 3-Does produce a product fitted for eternity

--Mary Ball Washington, mother of our first President, had a strong moral influence upon her son, who always showed her the greatest respect and affection. Because of her request, George Washington gave up his plan of going to sea. On his mother's monument is the inscription: "Mary, the Mother of Washington"

--Lincoln's stepmother was a kindly Christian woman of refinement who made a forlorn Indiana cabin into a comfortable pioneer home. She taught her children what she knew of the Bible, and left an unforgettable image of herself written upon her famous step-son's heart.

--Across the seas, in England, when John Wesley was thinking of establishing a home of his own, he asked his mother, Susanna Wesley, to write in detail how she brought up and educated her 19 children. Her sons and daughters have made up one of the most remarkable family groups in the history of the world. Their success has been attributed to their early home training

B. The Formula:

- 1-Piety in the home
- 2-Teaching in the home

PERSONAL

By Pr
By E

C. The Reactions:

- 1-Husbands--Prov. 31:11a, 28b--"The doth safely trust in her praiseth her."
- 2-Sons & Daughters--Prov. 31:28a--"and call her bl"
- 3-Friends--Prov. 31:29-31--"Many da

"Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away the relish of spiritual things; in short, whatever increases the strength + authority of your body over your mind — that thing is SIN to you"

Susanna Wesley

virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

- 4-Let it be so with us, that we appreciate our wives, our mothers, our sisters, our grandmothers.

AND tell them so

Westbrae 1966 --#16 - For The Beauty Of The Earth
 OKBC-5/10/87 COVER - "Faith Of Our Mothers"
 --#431- Just When I Need Him Most

INTRO: A.-Mother's Day:

- 1-I'm not much on days, seasons or special events
- 2-ESPECIALLY since this week I was reminded that in the U.S.A. we set apart ONE DAY for Mother, and a WHOLE WEEK for pickles
- 3-To talk about "MOTHER'S ROLE IN LIFE" is a very controversial subject now in these days of WOMEN'S LIBERATION
- 4-But.....I'll take a chance:
- 5-It is always controversial to find GOD'S ROLE for the woman, the man or any of us

B.-Biblical Order:

- 1-Realization that God has made the FATHER the Head of the home, and ultimately responsible
- 2-Mother also has a tremendous OPPORTUNITY AND PRIVILEGE
- 3-Let's examine Mother's Role a bit:
 - I.-Her Standard-----THE BIBLE
 - II.-Her Sphere-----THE HOME
 - III.-HER Service-----UNSEEN & UNSUNG
 - IV.-Her Satisfaction----IN HERS
- 4-PROPOSITION--A message for Women & girls to take to heart
 - A message for Men & boys to listen to carefully, so as to appreciate the really Godly women
 - A message for all of God's Family

I.-HER STANDARD-----THE BIBLE:

A.-Value Of The Book:

- 1-ILLUS--Sunday School Teacher's question to a Junior age class: "WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE--WHO CAN TELL ME ONE THING?"

One child raised her hand: "In our Bible there is a picture of Grampa, a cake recipe, a sample of the material for my new dress, and several paid bills."

- 2-How about the Bible at YOUR HOUSE?

- A filing system in it?
- Or a source of spiritual food?

- 3-God's View of Bible

- Ps. 138:2--"I will worship toward thy holy temple, & praise Thy Name for Thy lovingkindness & for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified THY WORD above Thy Name."
- Isa. 9:6--"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His NAME shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
- Even ABOVE that Name at which every knee shall bow (Phs. 2:9-10), God has placed HIS WORD

- 4-Is the Bible worn at your house?

- At Psalm 23
- And at John 14
- But how much more???????
- Do you turn your children's steps to Christ and to heaven?
- Are spiritual things MAGNIFIED in your life??

B.--Examples From The Book:

1-Godly Women:

- Sarah as an example of a "HOLY WOMAN"
- 1 Pet. 3:5-6--"For in this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: as even Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."
- Eunice in her faithful teaching of Timothy
- 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15--"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also...And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

2-Ungodly Women

- Athaliah, the self-seeking Queen mother, who destroyed the inheritors of the throne in order to become Queen herself
- 2 Chron. 22:10-12; 22:3
- Mother of James & John who sought a prominent place for her sons with an attitude of WORLDLY AMBITION
- Matt. 20:20-21

C.--Salvation Revealed In The Book:

- 1-This is not optional, but essential
 - For the Mother
 - For the Father
 - For the WHOLE FAMILY
- 2-ILLIUS--Perhaps you recall your days "on the farm", as I do when you went out & found a peach on the tree and picked one that looked good. You rubbed off the "fuzz", and broke it open---JUST ABOUT TO TAKE A BITE.....

And then you saw it there----A WORM looking out at you from the inside. How did it get there? There is no hole or blemish from the outside.

Undoubtedly the egg from which the worm developed was laid in the blossom and hatched in the heart of the peach-----FROM THE INSIDE.

- 3-Parallel--Baby crying; an angry child
 - Children are born rebellious, and selfish
 - David's testimony: Ps. 51:5--"Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."
 - WHAT CAN BE DONE????
 - The peach you threw away-----the child you cannot !!!!!

- 4-ONE is needed to get INTO THE HEART, and defeat the works of Satan, and the only One who can do that is our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5-Best place to come to Christ is AT Mother's knee from EXAMPLE, PRECEPT & URGING of "Mom".....
- 6-Or if necessary, OVER Mother's knee !!!!
- 7-ILLUS--John and Charles Wesley were peculiarly linked to their parents by natural piety, though the mother, rather than the father influenced their minds and developed their characters. She was their teacher and cheerful companion, and it was through the bias given by her to her sons' minds in religious matters that they acquired the methodicalness in their lives which was so used of God in---and through their lives.

II.-HER SPHERE-----THE HOME:

A.-With Her Marriage:

- 1-ONENESS with her husband
- 2-Eph. 5:31--"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be ONE FLESH."
- 3-Subjection for the wife
 - 1 Tim. 2:11--"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection"
 - Subjection to the Lord
 - Subjection to her own husband
 - Subjection to her duty as a homemaker and mother
- 4-HUSBAND has his responsibility too
 - Eph. 5:25, 28--"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it... So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife, loveth himself."
 - MORE STRICT requirements on us than on the wives.

B.-With Her Family:

- 1-CLIPPING---"What Is Your Woman Worth? (figured at \$1.65 per hour Minimum wages level)
- 2-Modern emancipation
 - Into the Business World
 - Is it emancipation "UP" or is it "DOWN" ???
 - Some mothers today are seeking to be set free from their "BONDAGE"
- 3-SURVEY made in Los Angeles recently between 4 and 6 PM as phone calls were made to the homes. 30% of the parents did not know where their children were, but 46% of the kids did not know where their mothers were.
- 4-Today's most deadly attack upon our civilization is being made against the HOME
- 5-God has appointed the women as GUARDIANS OF THE HOME
- 6-Titus 2:1-5---Pastors---Aged women---Young women---FAMILY
- 7-Home "fettters"---Are they CALLING?
 - Do you feel BURIED??
- 8-ILLUS--A bulb is not buried, but it is PLANTED so it will bring forth glorious blooms in due season. The bulb is

hidden from view for a time. THE PRICE for a beautiful bloom must be paid, but remember, THE GREAT LOVING GARDNER has not forgotten you where He has "planted" you. He---Who knows your capacities best---has ordained your BEST SPHERE as in the home.

III.-HER SERVICE-----UNSEEN AND UNSUNG:

A.-Protection Of The Family:

- 1-BEGIN EARLY--Lay proper foundations
 - Spend time with the children from infancy
 - Child learns OVER ONE HALF of all he ever knows before the age of five
 - SECURITY of personality is often greatly influenced in these formative, pre-school years

2-Late starts can only cost-----and that MOST HEAVILY

3-Tremendous privilege to be the teacher of your own little ones. HOW SAD when this task is left to the disinterested "Baby-sitter"

4-ILLUS--Mockingbird mother had a nest in a tree. She sounded an S.O.S., and kept calling out in distress. A rattlesnake was hanging in the tree over her nest. Help came---and the snake was killed----and all weree saved-----BUT ONE.

Her calls for help were too late for all to be retrieved, and so it is in human life as well. Many are awakening TOO LATE to the perils of this world that can COST US OUR YOUNG

5-Remember, we have an enemy--1 Pet. 5:8--"Your adversary as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom He may devour."

6-Life is mainly made up in your ATTITUDES.

7-Why not settle in on a Divine Assurance?

8-Jer. 33:3--"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

B.-Values For The Family:

1-MOTTO: "Christ is the Head of this House, the Unseen Guest at every meal, the Silent Listener at every conversation"

2-God has a MOTTO, too, for HIS HOUSE---Rev. 21:27--"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth."

3-May both of these characterize the VALUES we instill

4-Open the door a crack--The world gets IN
--And the children go OUT

5-How is it at your house?

6-Have you, mother, provided the VALUES for your family?

C.-Wages For Your Family:

1-Story of Moses

2-Commission of Exodus 2:9--"And Pharoah's daughter said unto her (Moses' mother), 'Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.'"

3-APPLICATION to motherhood's responsibilities & service.

- 4-The Lord pays the BEST WAGES of all----for time & on out into eternity
- 5-The principles & attitudes taught at the mother's knee are carried by the child throughout his lifetime.

D.-Mother's Service Spheres:

- 1-OPERATE WITH A SET OF PRIORITIES----otherwise you'll be living with frustration constantly !!
- 2-Home and family
- 3-Things of God as they relate to your local church
- 4-Other things in moderation as time & energy will permit
- 5-DON'T let the GOOD rob you of the BEST
- 6-Cecil Terrel--"The blood of the martyrs has always been the seed of the Church, but has been the tears of mothers that has watered it, and mothers' tender hands that has nurtured its growth. More men have heard the Gospel at mother's knee, than from the lips of all the evangelists of all time."

IV.-HER SATISFACTION-----IN HERS:

A.-In Her Savior:

- 1-False to extol her Standards, spheres, Service and her Satisfaction and omit her SAVIOR
- 2-THIS---her relation to God through Jesus Christ--makes the BIG DIFFERENCE for the Good Mother is a Christian Mother
- 3-An "abandonment to God"
- 4-TESTIMONY of Mrs. Barbara Youderian, whose husband was among the 5 martyred in Ecuador in 1956. She wrote:
 "One year ago today the Lord met 5 young men fully consecrated to take the gospel of Christ to those savage creatures of God, the AUCA INDIANS. It pleased God to raise them from the beach and carry them home with Him safely to Heaven. I miss Roger very much: it is also very true that Bethy & Jerry need their Daddy's wise counsel and love...
 "But not for one moment have I wished that Roger had not gone to Palm Beach, for I believe today, MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, that it was the perfect will of God that he do so. Almost every night Bethy prays that the Auca Indians who killed her Daddy might know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior....
 "On seeing the little wrecked plane my first thought was that perhaps one of them might be horribly suffering. Then a friend of mine reminded me of Phil. 1:29--"...TO SUFFER FOR HIM." Yes, there is a command to suffer, whether it be the fellows on the beach, we five wives, or perhaps one of you who are called upon to suffer for Christ in the homeland. We do not know what the Lord has for us, but whatever might come, we can say with Paul, "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENETH ME."
 "I believe the most important thing that the Lord has taught me this year is that of giving. Whether it be of MYSELF, of MY LOVED ONES, or of MY TIME, I cannot outgive God, for when I give, HE GIVES MORE. He has provided for me physically, spiritually and materially. Also, he has sent a very fine companion in Dorothy Walker, with whom I work at Cangaimi. Cangaimi is

situated 10 minutes by plane further into the jungle from our Mac-uma Station. There we have a small airfield where the little MAF plane lands every other week bringing mail, cargo, and fresh food-stuffs. We have a small medical work, meetings each Sunday, and Prayer Meetings each Wednesday morning. As I look to the future, thoughts are expressed in the following poem:

"I cannot, but God can;
Oh, balm for all my care!
The burden that I drop
His hand will lift and bear,
Though eagle pinions tire,
I walk where once I ran,
This is my strength to know
I cannot, but HE CAN."

B.-In Her Husband Serving God:

- 1-Help-meets one to the other
- 2-MAN having the prominence
- 3-Prov. 31:23--"Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the Land."
- 4-ILLUS--Contrasting attitudes of Gerry Abshier and Doris Cole about their husbands involvement in the Lord's service.

C.-In Her Children Serving God:

- 1-Freely given to the Lord from infancy and before birth
- 2-1 Sam. 1:11, 19-20, 25-28
- 3-Nurtured in the Word from childhood
- 4-2 Tim. 3:5
- 5-Often in Scripture God put His approval upon a mother with the words: "She was a woman of good understanding"
- 6-ILLUS--A professor was lecturing to his class against the Christian faith in one of the Secular Universities. When he had finished he asked for the students' reactions. A young man replied, "Your arguments are most convincing UNTIL I go back to my room and LOOK AT MY MOTHER'S PICTURE and remember her godly life. Then your arguments fade into insignificance. HER LIFE IS AN ANSWER to all the skeptics in the world."
- 7-May she lead them in forsaking secondary things
- 8-May they realize from her that our SAFEST PLACE is God's CHOSEN PLACE--In the city or the jungle
 - In business or in missions
 - As a layman or in special service
 - In a restricted area or very active.

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation: "MOTHER'S ROLE IN LIFE"

- 1-Her Standard-----THE WORD OF GOD
- 2-Her Sphere-----THE HOME
- 3-Her Service-----MOTHERHOOD
- 4-Her Satisfaction-----IN HER SAVIOR, HER HUSBAND & HER CHILDREN
 - In that order

B.-Exhortation:

- 1-The QUESTION of Prov. 31:10--"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is FAR ABOVE RUBIES"

2-The ANSWER--Intimation is clear that few daughters of men attain or approach the measure of GOD'S MODEL WOMAN. She is rare, but she is worth seeking after

3-DAD--Make these qualities what you rejoice in in your wife

4-BOYS--Make this kind of person what you look for in your wife-to-be

5-GIRLS--Make the Bible Pattern to be the goal for your own life, and BEGIN TODAY

6-MOTHER----Let your attitude and action day by day be that which matches God's Word to you

7-"Mrs. Far-Above-Rubies"---There is no standard of human measure by which her worth can be compared

C.-Final Words:

1-POEM-----"A Child's Immortal Soul"

"A builder builded a temple
He wrought it with care and skill--
Pillars and groins and arches,
All fashioned to do his will.
And men said as they saw its beauty,
'It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye.'

A mother builded a temple
With infinite loving care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the mother builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

Gone is the builder's temple--
Crumbled into the dust:
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the mother builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple,
Was a child's immortal soul."

2-William Ward Ayer--"The heritage of a godly mother is the most precious thing in the world. The influence that a mother exerts over her children in the tender years of their lives is not soon forgotten. In adult years we praise the Lord for godly mothers by whom we were raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

3-MOTHER--This is the role God intends a mother to have in this life

--IS THIS YOUR INTENTION ??

Ecclesiastes -- The Strangest Book In The Bible

Read - Eccles. 12:1-14 or 1 Kgs 3:5-15

Opening Ser. - Eccles. 12:1-4

INTRO:

A. - The Author --- Solomon:

1-Son of David

- born in his old age
- last born of his sons (1 Chr. 3:5)
- Mother was Bathsheba

2-Name "Solomon" means "Peaceful One" - What an irony?

3-Early life

- walked with God
- sought a wise & understanding heart

4-Rose to power

- Because of Absalom's death +
- At ^{time of} David's death
- According to David's promise to Bathsheba (1 K. 1:13)
+ in preference to Adonijah
- Much pomp
- Much power } 40,000 horses for chariots + 12000 horsemen
- Much military extension
- Largest empire in Israel's history
- Tremendous wealth
- Many tributary lands
- 40 year reign

5-Marriages

- a great many of them
- of convenience
- for connections & alliances
- for prestige
- 700 wives
- 300 concubines } 1 Kgs. 11:3
- "he gave himself to strange women"

1 Kgs. 11:1 - "But King Solomon loved many strange women..."

6-The king soon fell from the loftiest heights of his religious life to the lowest depths

- Rival temples of Moloch, Chemosh & Astaroth
- Idolatry
- Grove worship
- Strange women led to strange gods.

1 Kgs. 3:3 - "And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father; only he sacrificed + burnt incense in high places"

B. - His Writings:

- 1-3 books came from his pen
- 2-Reveal the man in various ages of his life
- 3-SONG OF SOLOMON --- Book of love --- Written in YOUTH (1014 BC)
- 4-PROVERBS --- Book of Wisdom --- Written in MATURITY (1000 B.C)
- 5-ECCLESIASTES --- Book of Vanity --- Written in OLD AGE (977 BC)
- 6-Clarence Didden --- Ecclesiastes is the autobiography of a man who spent much of his life playing the fool & then wrote about his folly to spare us. It is not a white light of revelation, but a red light of warning."

Only book in the Bible written to TEENAGERS

"The Strangest Book In The Bible"

I. - SOLOMON'S TESTIMONY FROM HIS LIFE:

A. - Keys To Understanding This Book:

1-"Under the sun"--29 times in Eccl.

- no allusion to sin or sinfulness of man
- no allusion to redemption or God's love
- CARNAL viewpoint

2-"Vanity and vexation of spirit"

=="a feeding upon the wind"--"emptiness"

--used 37 times in 12 chapters

3-Elolhim- Name of God referring to POWER, not PERSON

--Used 39 times in Eccl1.

--No use of name JEHOVAH,

--Shows Solomon is ^{not} walking with God now.!

--Solomon observes God as a God of POWER, but not as a PERSON with whom he is enjoying fellowship. The reason Solomon sees life as empty & pointless is because HE LEAVES GOD OUT. At the end of life Solomon lived out of touch with God, so Ecclesiastes is the reasoning of a CARNAL MAN. This book shows the end of our reasonings when we desert God's fellowship & thus it serves as a warning to us

B.-Point Of View:

1-1:1-3--Bankruptcy of Philosophy

2-1:4-11--Weary round of life

--Purposelessness of materialism

--All of life is in motion, but nothing comes of it

"SO WHAT"

--No explanation of life is to be found in materialism.

--"Science" has no "explanations"

C.-Solomon's Experiences (1:12--2:26):

1-N.B.---He, and perhaps he alone, was able to FULLY TEST--
to the FULL, each of these things....and he found them to be LACKING in SATISFYING of man's inner cravings.

2-1:12-18--Emptiness of Knowledge or Science → College education + world travel

3-2:1-3----Emptiness of pleasure

4-2:4-11----Emptiness of Luxury — millions

5-2:12-17--Emptiness of Intellectual Pursuits — Newspaper chain

6-2:18-23--Emptiness of Labor — Castle

7-2:24-26--Conclusion of FATALISM!

8-Materialism ends in confusion and emptiness of heart

D.-Solomon's Observations (Chs. 3-10)

1-"Originator" of the scientific method--his deductions are here recorded

2-Outline of Ch. 3-8

--Life is full of immutable ordinances--3:1-22 — 3:1

--Life is full of Social oppression----4:1-16 — 4:1

--Life is full of Unsatisfying religion-5:1-7 — 5:1-2

--Life is full of poverty & prosperity--5:8--6:12 —

--Life offers certain remedies-----7:1-22

--Life offers an endless search for wisdom--7:23-8:13

--CONCLUSION--Materialism ends in confusion--8:14-17

3-Chapters 9 & 10 show the result of living wholly for material things----"MEASURING BY MATERIALISM"---leaves much to be desired! — examined 9:1-11:8

II.-SOLOMON'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO US:

A.-Carnal Man's Philosophy---11:1-8

B.-Carnal Man's Challenge---11:9-10

- 1-REJOICE in living---11:9a
- 2-RECOGNIZE the supremacy of God---11:9b
- 3-REJECT the materialistic view---11:10

4-ILLUS---Dr. John Evans used to tell a story of a young man who gained a Captain's commission in the Civil War. It was fashionable for the men to carry a Bible with them, though few of the men made much use of them or had any serious sense of faith. At length this Captain ordered his men to storm a fort wherein they were exposed the the thickest fire from the enemy. When the battle was over, he found that a musket ball had lodged in his Bible, which was in his pocket over his chest, so that the shot would have been fatal had it not been for the providential placement of that "special armor."

Upon closer examination, it was found that the ball had made its way so far in his Bible as to rest upon an unbroken page on top of ECCLES. 11:9. As this surprising deliverance much affected him, so this verse so very pertinent to his life made a marked & deep impression on his mind; so by the grace of God was marvellously converted & practiced his faith faithfully to an age well advanced, frequently making the remark with pleasure that his Bible had been the salvation both of his body and his soul.

C.-Carnal Man's Reminder---12:1-7:

- 1-"Remember NOW"---12:1 --- READ:

---"Childhood does sometimes pay a second visit to a man---YOUTH, never! How responsible we are for the use of a period so precious in itself, which will soon pass away & never return." Gray & Adams, Com.

---Seek in our YOUTH that which will sustain us in our OLD AGE

---2 Cor. 6:2. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now
is the day of salvation

① Because continuance in sin callouses the heart against God!

② Because of deterioration of Body

2-Fall Of Human Citadel

---12:2-7

---Description of old age---the EVIL Days

---Details (See margin)

---"Time's chariot wheels make their tracks in the fairest of faces." La Rochefoucauld

---H. MELVILLE---"Never does a minister of Christ seem charged with a commission in which success is so doubtful, as when sent to the infam and worn-out sinner, who having given the strength of life to Satan and the world, has at last only the dregs with which to make an offering to God."

D.-Spiritual Man's Conclusion---12:13-14:

- 1-Solomon returns to God at the end of his life
- 2-Solomon comes to see beyond VANITY to the VERITY of God
- 3-Solomon desires to spare you his experience in the depths of sin & sorrow
- 4-That's why he writes this book of Eccles.

5-TWO ways to learn

--by precept

--by experience

--BOTH teach us

--But experience leaves bitter & maiming scars, so let's LISTEN, and be SPARED the sorrows of sin & the loss of joy and fruitfulness!

6-12:13--"Let us"--universal appeal

--"hear"--It is GOD to whom we must pay attention!

--"the conclusion"=="the summation"=="the chief point"

**the distillation of the wisdom of a man who walked with God & then walked with the Devil & wants us to be spared.

**Hear the message of the man who's walked on both sides of the street

--"Fear God"--Have a Godly reverence

**Recognize that HE IS HOLY

**Stop "playing" church with Him

**ILLUS--Annell Froehner

--"AND"--Mental & heart attitude come first

**but that's not all!

**there's more after this "and"

--"Keep His Commandments"

**Christian life effects the LIFE too

**Jn. 14:15--"If ye love me, keep my commandments"

**Jn. 14:23--"If a man love me he will keep my words"

**Jn. 15:14--"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command."

**READ the Book

**KNOW the Book

**OBEY the Book

**"Keep"=="Treasure as you would a family heirloom"

--"For this is the whole duty of man"

**or, == "the duty of every man"

**or, better== omit the word DUTY---"For this is the WHOLE MAN"

**Man is made up of a BODY

SOUL

SPIRIT

**Without the Spirit rightly related to God, man is not WHOLE; he's lopsided, unfinished & unfit

**"Whole Man" is the believer who lives under the sun, but is seated in the heavenlies in Christ J.

7-And remember-----12:14

--God has the prerogative to examine men

--Every work

--Every thought

--Every deed....be it evil or good

--AND, every good thing.

--Your sins are the bloodhounds of hell to track you down and doom you to a Christless eternity

APPEAL:

1-Why waste life?

Baubles + Trinkets

Lasting Values

2-Why insist on experiencing that which Solomon tells us is unsatisfying.....Vanity.....A feeding upon the wind?

3-Why not---"Fear God"

---"Keep His Commandments"

---Become and Be a WHOLE MAN

*Apply this to the
WHOLE of your life*

--Live in the state of continuous revival.

- 2 Tim 2:19-23

- * Known to be saved in God's eyes
- * Exhortation that LIFE be effected
- * Practical areas of life now

- Ps. 139:23-24

Hymns :

"Revive Us Again"

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"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

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"Cleanse Me"

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