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"Preach the Word." (II Timothy 4:2)

"Feed the Flock." (I Peter 5:2)

"AND KEPT BACK PART..."

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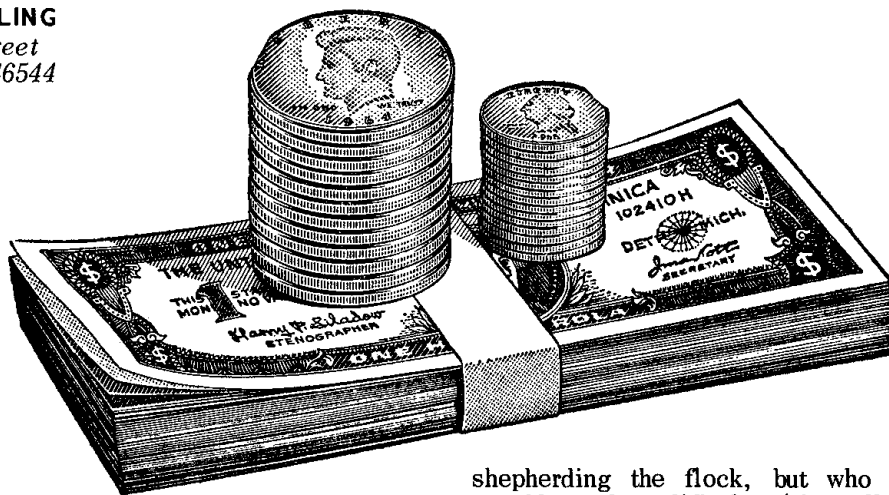
ACTS 5:1-10 gives the record of Ananias and Sapphira, the first Christians who attempted to be disciples on a part time basis. Their intent was to give the impression that they were fully committed to the way of life which they outwardly espoused. At the same time they wished to continue serving self in secret. BUT LISTEN, this attitude has not disappeared or become obsolete in any manner. It is still around today. You might sense it's presence when you hear some of the following cliches: "Well, now, some church is okay;" "giving is good when you've got a little extra;" "Now don't get too serious about religion;" "Me do personal work? You're joking!" These are but a few sayings among many that indicate that the spirit of Ananias and Sapphira has not died out. Notice some Bible examples of ones who kept back part.

I. NAAMAN, THE ONE WHO KEPT BACK HUMBLE OBEDIENCE

Even though leperous, humility was not one of Naaman's prime virtues. In search of healing, he heads toward the land of Canaan with visions of healing and fanfare, publicity, and the giving of expensive gifts to pay (?) the healer. BUT—how different when the person who was to heal him did not even come out to greet him or to provide welcome worthy to one of his stature. How could anyone treat him this way? The simple obedience that God's prophet directed him to did not set well in the attitude that Naaman had. His idea of greatness and of how

the healing would be accomplished were miles apart from what God had planned. His hesitancy to do things in God's way is still seen today. Modern Naamans have ideas why God's plan for a qualified eldership is no longer valid today, and they easily disregard the Scriptural qualifications, substituting popularity elections or other unscriptural methods. The "MUST BE" that Paul directed to both Timothy and Titus does not disturb him at all. The attitude that this modern Naaman has is good soil for the additional unscriptural "church boards," or the "Sunday School Supertintendent," "Evangelizing Associations," "church elections," etc. to grow in. Majority vote, or other churches are doing it to justify the practice of many.

Modern Naaman's spirit expresses itself in the congregation often in the one man preacher/pastor who has no intention of attempting to develop through teaching and encouragement men who not only desire the work of



shepherding the flock, but who are capable and qualified. After all, if his leadership has been so good, why bother with what might be inferior. Perhaps the absence of elders in many congregations is simply the foot-dragging of the preacher who lacks the desire to labor with, and under, a qualified, working eldership with each laboring in their area of God-ordained service.

II. SAUL, THE ONE WHO KEPT BACK TOTAL OBEDIENCE

From a good beginning for God, the history of this man takes a turn for the worse. The turning point seems to be when in Saul's thinking partial obedience seems to be satisfactory. How tragic for him to not realize that God did not share this same satisfaction. When Satan has slipped some watered down convictions into our lives, taking away the true Bible convictions, it becomes easy to look at disobedience as something other than sin. This spirit that refused total obedience

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Proverbs of Today

People who talk about others when they are with you will talk about you when they are with others.

"The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve his."

You can search the world for happiness and never find it—you've got to look elsewhere.

"The journey of a 1000 miles starts with one step."

Church problems are mostly produced by people who produce nothing else.

"Everything that frees our spirit without giving us control of ourselves is ruinous."

If you have the morals of an alley cat, don't be surprised if people treat you like an alley cat.

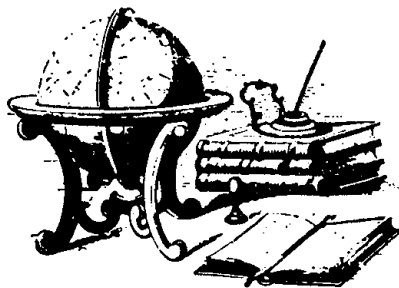
"Kindness is a warm breeze in a frigid climate, a radiant heat that melts the icebergs of fear, distrust, and unhappiness."

If the preaching of God's Word offends you, then you are an offense to God.

"Conceit is a strange disease; it makes everyone sick except the one who has it."

Salvation is not based on your feelings, but how God feels.

"Liquor provides the moisture to sprout wild oats!"



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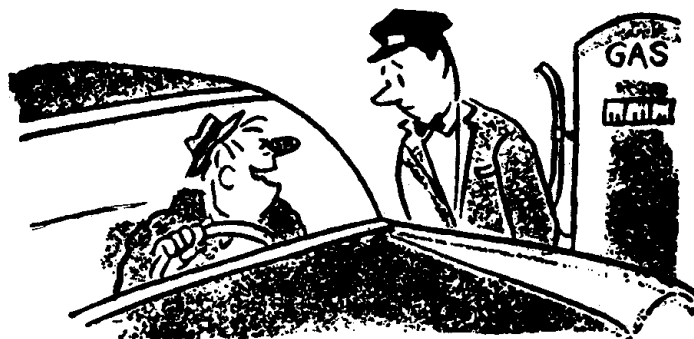
THOUGHTS ON THE BREVITY OF TIME

IT IS WITH an acute awareness of the brevity of time that we come to the end of the year. Days are filled with activity and work, but the need for accomplishment exceeds what little is accomplished. Days turn into weeks and weeks into months, and before you know it twelve months add up to a year that has been spent. A world

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"Fill it up!"



"Fill it up!"



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is heard among those who loudly cry, “Bible conversion will not accept sprinkling, it must be immersion.” “Let us baptize the Bible way.” While this is right, let us remember that Bible conversion includes more than baptism. It must also include faith and repentance, which so often are scarcely mentioned. No surprise when someone tells you that they were “talked into” being baptized. No surprise when the preaching of the Word does not mix with faith (Hebrews 4:2). No surprise when sin is rebuked that you become their enemy (Galatians 4:16). Their conversion had baptism as the biggest or perhaps only element. Surely I Corinthians 3:12-14 and Matthew 7:21 would well apply here. Constantine’s time in history was by far not the only time when unconverted ones caused problems within the church. It is often easy to see why the world has not listed the church of Christ in many areas among the “holiness people.” The spirit of Saul, the keeping back total obedience is so often what has produced the lack of repentance, the love for the world, the lukewarm consecration (?). Many lament, “I can’t convert anyone to Christ.” Our only reply would be, “How true. Your life is in the way.” They may have other problems in trying to teach the gospel to an unsaved person, but if your hypocritical life is among the problems, get this corrected first. If your life is no different than their’s, why should they change? I am not ignoring the righteousness which we receive from Christ, and I am not ignoring the instructions of the Holy Spirit to “cleanse ourselves of all defilement of the flesh and spirit” (II Corinthians 7:1), or to “not continue in sin” (Romans 6:1). Sins of the heart and flesh are to be cast aside as we perfect holiness. We can and are to be overcomers (I John 5:4). Perhaps many love their “big color TV” so dearly, a veil prevents them from seeing God’s desire for total obedience in their lives.

FRIEND, does the spirit of Ananias and Sapphira, the spirit that kept back part, hinder your life? Are you satisfied with only partial surrender? Are you satisfied with lukewarmness? Are you satisfied with doing things your way, instead of God’s way? Are you satisfied with those sins that you refuse to surrender to King Jesus? Jesus is King of all of your life, or HE is not king at all. Would you not surrender your body a “living sacrifice” (Romans 12:2), a sacrifice that you no longer claim or own? Hebrews 12:23 speaks of the church of the first-born ones. The first-born was to be surrendered to God. Friend, can you rightly wear this Bible name for the church? Jesus didn’t keep back part, He gave His ALL, even His life’s blood on our behalf. Why should you give only part? Surrender yourself to a life where others can see your faith by the works that you do; to a life where others can tell that godly sorrow has brought about repentance; to a life where others do not question your confession of Jesus as Lord in your life; to a life where baptism has been the dividing line between the old way you lived and the new life you now are living. FOLLOW Jesus, not those who kept back part. □

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Pilgrims, Or Settlers ?

THE HEBREW WRITER said of Abraham that “he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city

which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:9-10).

Abraham had a concept that many of God’s people today do not have—the concept that he was a *mere pilgrim*, looking for a more permanent place. He *sojourned* upon this earth, which means he was here only as a pilgrim, a stranger. He knew this earth was not his home—even the “land of promise.” He dwelled “in tents” (NASV), which showed the *temporary* nature of this sojourn. In contrast to a “tent,” he looked for a dwelling place “with foundations,” that is, a *permanent* dwelling place. Here is a concept that we would do well to develop—this world is not our permanent home!

It is tragic when we see God’s people who are still looking upon this present world as their home. They lay up treasures for *social security* to such degree that many times they forget *eternal security*. Their affections are on earthly things, and not on heavenly things. This is a direct opposite of what Paul said the case should be (Colossians 3:2). They have not yet learned to provide themselves with “bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not” (Luke 12:33).

We tend to be complacent, satisfied with a life here on this earth. Our minds are often attuned to earthly things, as though we will be here forever. But the man who really knows what life and Christianity is about, wisely uses his time here to prepare for the everlasting future, which will come after our “futures” in this life. He is not satisfied here, because he knows there is a better substance awaiting him that no man can take away (Hebrews 10:34). Indeed, such a man has the *pilgrim concept*.

Let us be far-sighted enough to look beyond this worldly existence to eternal things. When we learn to do this, we will indeed “pass the time of our sojourning here in fear” (I Peter 1:17). —Selected □

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The *fool* hath said in his heart,
“There is no God”

FOUR THINGS IN HELL THAT THE CHURCH NEEDS!

Luke 16:19-31

By JAMES E. GIBBONS

It is not our purpose in this lesson to try to locate hell, nor explore the different terms used to describe the abode of the dead. We do not doubt the reality of such a place of eternal punishment. The fact of a literal hell looms before us, and only too soon will it be realized by sinners, scoffers and unbelievers. Jesus said there was such a place. That is enough for me.

But our theme says, "Four Things in Hell that the Church Needs!" Is this shocking to you? Could there really be things in hell that could be of value to the church! Mind you, we need to be shocked; we need to be disturbed in our complacency! There are at least four things Luke tells us about that definitely are needed in the church today! What do we need?

I. We need Tears!

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he **cried** . . ." (Luke 16:23). It is said, ". . . there shall be **weeping** and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30). Certainly this place of everlasting torment shall be characterized by tears . . . tears of all kinds. Sinners eyes shall gush tears from pain. Doomed souls shall shed endless tears of sorrow, regret, and even repentance, but, sad to say, it will be too late. However, heaven will be just the opposite, "And God shall wipe away all **tears** from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor **crying**, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

O how we need tears in the church of Christ today! I mean tears of concern! Too many times our religion becomes barren and lifeless! It doesn't come deep from the heart. Our feelings are calloused over, and souls speed on into eternity without Christ while we sit idly by entertaining ourselves with foolishness. The worship of the church becomes cold and formal while we mouth empty words of "praise" to God. Sin runs wild and untamed, and we care not about it. O, my brethren, we need tears of concern!

It doesn't mean that we are weaklings if tears come forth. That man of all men, and only begotten Son of God shed tears. The shortest verse in the Bible says that, "Jesus wept." Not only on the occasion of the death of a loved one, but when he preached and spoke to sinners. Listen to Matthew 23:37, 38, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Christ is simply revealing the heart of God. God had patiently dealt with a stiff-necked and rebellious people, the Jews. He had tried to gather them together time after time and they would not. Now Christ could look forward to A. D. 70 When the destruction of Jerusalem was coming, and one stone would not be left upon an-

other of the temple (Matthew 24:2). Countless people would die. The broken-hearted concern of one who could forgive them was not heeded. The apostle Paul likewise shed tears. Notice Acts 20:19-21.

We cannot over-emphasize the concern we should have over a sin-sick world, precious lost souls, a religious world that is divided, and men, who by their human opinions, keep the children of God apart. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that **mourn**: for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). Also, "They that sow in **tears** shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and **weepeth**, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:5, 6).

II. We Need Prayer!

In hell the rich man cried out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24). Talk about prayer, some day there is going to be one of the greatest prayer meetings ever held down in the bottomless pits of a devil's hell! And like the tears they will be too late.

The church of our Lord was born in a prayer meeting, and it has thrived in the atmosphere of prayer. Prayer has been one of the great factors in keeping the church alive. When the church stops praying, you might as well close the doors and go on home, God has. Our Lord always felt the need, although God's Son, of going to the solitary place to spend much time in prayer. Prayer is that necessary ingredient which cements our spiritual life together.

Christians, are we denying ourselves God's blessings that may be in store for us simply by not trusting and

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THE SONG OF THE SELFISH PREACHER

*I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord;
Provided the climate is nice,
So I don't have to bother with things
Like wind or snow or ice.*

*I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
Provided the pay is good,
So I can burn gas in the furnace
And not bother with coal or wood.*

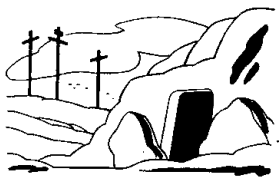
*I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
Provided the opportunity is at hand
To elevate myself in the eyes of men
By taking a lukewarm stand.*

*I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
Provided someone else buys the gas;
I would even go on a plane, if they
Furnish the ticket — first class.*

*I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
And stay as long as you desire,
Provided things are pleasant and sweet
Until I'm ready to retire.*

By K. L. STREVER

Don't Go



to Sleep!



I CORINTHIANS 11:28-30

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IT IS SO EASY to give God only lip service. We find it easy to join the “amen” corner when we are with the church crowd; and just as easy to go along when we are with the worldly crowd. Gradually we learn that we can't live in both worlds at once. Too often we choose to return to the world because it is easier to live in it.

It is easy to start the day intending to be righteous only to look in the mirror at night to see the face of failure. There are many reasons why we fail, but failure is never easy to reconcile.

A hypocrite is someone who deliberately lives a double life: a Christian around a Christian, and a sinner around a sinner. A spiritual failure is someone who desperately wants to do right but fails.

The Lord's Supper offers every Christian with an opportunity to take a spiritual inventory of his life, and to get his heart right with God.

In verse 28 Paul tells us that the Lord's Supper is a time for serious self-evaluation. Aside from God, we are the only ones who are really, and totally, aware of our private thoughts, deeds, and motives. Everyone else may guess, but we know. But Jesus said in Matthew 5:20, “Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

This is not a time to play games. This is not a time to pretend that everything is all right when everything is not all right. It is a time to be completely, and brutally, honest with ourselves because our soul is at stake, and there is no second chance.

Will it be worth it to be “cast...into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 13:42)?

Verse 29 continues and shows that this is a time for toughmindedness. Our review of the thoughts, actions, intentions, and failures of the past week needs to be done in the cold, hard light of what we would feel and think of them if we were standing before the Judgment Seat of God right now!

To take the Lord's Supper without self-examination, and real resolutions to overcome sin is to take the communion in an unworthy manner, and this is a damning act. Verse 27 says, “...whoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily—i. e. in an unworthy manner—shall be guilty of the body and blood of

the Lord.” It is as if we were driving the nails into the hands and feet of Christ again.

This is a time to stop being cute and put away all excuses and make a real determination to be righteous from now on. It may be difficult to carry out this resolution but it is necessary that we do so.

We are told in verse 30 the terrible consequence of just going through the motions of the “ritual,” and not really examining our spiritual lives. When this is not done, there is spiritual sickness and death.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance; and if we let down for just a brief rest we will discover that we are in the chains of slavery again. Those seemingly innocent little surrenders of today become the unbreakable bonds of slavery tomorrow. Samson dallied with the harlot Deliah and lost his eyes, his respect, and his life. It happens today also.

Every assembly has its weak brothers: those who are never able to make the right decisions, who find it too difficult to do the right thing, and who never get rid of their sins. Every assembly has its dead brothers: those who are glib around the Christians. They have no troubles, are confident and self-assured, but away from the brethren they don't live separated lives. Every assembly has these pretenders who are damned and doomed because of their own spiritual neglectfulness.

What about you? Are you going to spend an eternity in Hell because it was easier to drift along with the crowd? Or are you going to take a long, hard look at your life the next time you take communion and repent of every rotten sin that you have and let God take control of your life? It is worth an eternity in Heaven if you do! □

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IF YOU FIND YOURSELF...

- Enjoying any book more than the Bible*
- Loving any person more than the Lord Jesus*
- Seeking the fellowship of men more than the fellowship of God*
- Coveting any pleasure more than your prayer time*
- Enjoying any house more than God's house*
- Longing for any table more than the Lord's Table*
- Delighted with any prospect more than the return of the Lord Jesus*

... THEN TAKE ALARM!

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Strength Under Control

THE TERM “MEEKNESS” in the New Testament is from the Greek word *praus* (meek) or *praotes* (meekness). Jesus said, “Blessed are the meek” (Matthew 5:5). In classical Greek the term was used to denote the median between excessive anger and excessive angerlessness. It meant equanimity or composure. “The man who is *praus* is the man who is always angry at the right time” (Barclay, *NEW TESTAMENT WORDBOOK*, page 104).

The term is used to denote a beast that has been tamed, a horse brought under bridle. There is a gentle strength. Meekness, then, is strength under control. Moses was said to be “the meekest man upon the earth” (Numbers 12:3), yet he was a man of decisive action and at times, blazing anger. But the key to meekness is in the strength which God provides. The human spirit must be brought under the bridle of divine authority. What energy is thus harnessed for ennobling purposes! —SELECTED □

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going to the throne of grace? Do we pray in secret? Are we faithful at "prayer meetings"? Don't underestimate prayer and what God has promised. Some day if we don't make a practice of prayer we may wish that we had. It should be just as natural for a Christian to pray as a child to talk to his parent. In a world such as we live, how we need to spend much time on the bended knee!

III. We Need to Be Concerned About Ourselves!

Developing another thought to a further extent, we need to be concerned about ourselves. The man in the lake of fire of Luke 16 was very much concerned about himself. He wanted to leave that place, he wanted water. Sinners seem so unconcerned about their soul's relationship to God. It seems a bother to them if you mention the Saviour, and they think they are doing a favor for you if they come to church. Indifference and unconcern is an awful plight, but, mind you, one of these days they are going to be concerned! One of these days in screaming horror they will realize what the preacher said was true! He wasn't so foolish and fanatical after all! O, dear sinner friend, there is too much at stake to be unconcerned! Those time-worn excuses will look pitifully silly then!

It is discouraging enough to approach sinners who are not concerned, but how heartrending to have to put up with a bunch of "church members" that way! Their hearts are cold. They have forgotten that they were purged from their dead works. (If they ever were.) They are at one with the world. Woe be unto them! "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation . . ." (Hebrews 2:3). "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Corinthians 13:5). "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16).

IV. We Need to Be Concerned About Others!

"Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (Luke 16:27, 28). Talk about concern, here is concern. This man knew the consequences of sin, and he was willing to do all that he could to keep his brothers from coming there. It is obvious they were not living right. This man had a vision of the world lost in sin, and wanted something done about it. At last he was personally concerned about others!

The apostle Paul was deeply concerned about his lost kinsmen, the Jews. Romans 10:1 — "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Then: "I say the truth in Christ . . . that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites . . ." (Romans 9:1-5). Here is a concern that surpasses the common concern! Paul

says that if it would bring about the salvation of his own people he would gladly go to hell and spend eternity! That is about as far as a person can go!

Where do we stand in the light of such a great concern? Does the lost man in hell put us to shame? "Where there is no vision, the people perish." At that great judgment will some doomed soul say, "You never mentioned him to me!" If our religion is not deep enough to produce concern for others, that means we are selfish, thinking only of our salvation—and selfishness is a terrible sin. Our hearts are not right. If we would go to heaven, we must untiringly try to take someone with us.

YES, even from the confines of the doomed we find many desirable lessons if channeled in the right direction at the right time. May we have a broken heart so that the Lord can use us. May we spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. Let us at least be concerned about ourselves, then reach out with a heart full of compassion and concern for those outside of God's care. These are four things in hell that the church needs. □

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AN ASKING FOR HELP

A LEADER in an African congregation asked the women to please help him bring home his corn from a farm three miles away. More than a hundred women and girls came to help, with baskets of various sizes. Some took large loads, some smaller, and some only a few ears of corn. When all had come in, he called them together and told them they could keep what they had brought. There were shouts of joy, but also some cries of regret at the news. "If only I had taken a large basket," many said. Others came running who had refused before, begging to have their turn. But for them it was too late. And, as the story went out over the African bush, it was often said, "That's how it is in the Jesus way." —The Christian Newsletter □

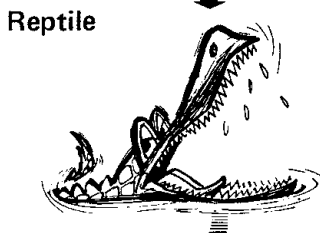
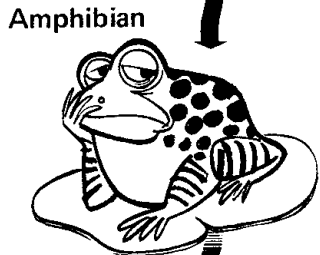
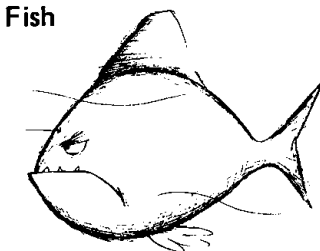
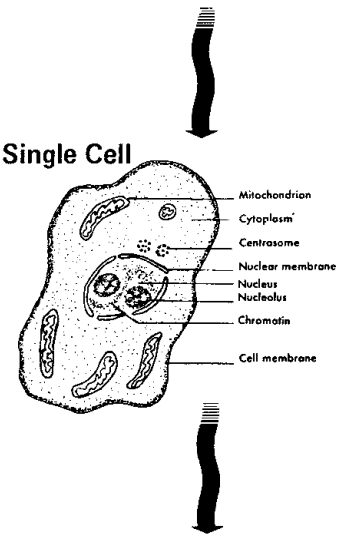
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TEN RULES FOR INFLUENCING OTHERS FOR GOOD:

1. Always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly, and keep them faithfully.
3. Praise good work done, no matter who did it. Criticize sparingly, if at all.
4. Be interested in others. In their pursuits, their family, their welfare. Let everyone you meet know that he is of importance to you.
5. Be cheerful. Everyone has plenty of pain, worry and disappointment.
6. Preserve an open mind for all debatable questions. Discuss, don't argue.
7. Discourage gossip. Keep things sacred in your heart.
8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other's expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you.
10. Don't be too anxious about your "due." Do your work, be patient, and keep yourself pleasant. Forget self, and you will make few enemies. —Selected □

Evolution Theory Fact Sheet for Students!

Evolutionary
Scientists
say
This is
what happened:



THERE ARE only two explanations for how you and all other human beings came into existence. That's right: just two and no more. One of these explanations says that mankind started out thousands of millions of years ago when some kind of accident caused non-living matter to change into a very tiny living animal. This explanation says that this tiny animal then changed gradually over these thousands of years and has become every living thing that has ever lived, including you and all the rest of the humans that have ever lived.

You know the theory. It is called evolution.

You know that this theory also says that every form of plant life came into existence by accident. This means that all the foods you know, all the flowers and trees, all the amazing processes that go on in the plant world such as photosynthesis and pollination, came into existence and continue as they are by complete accident.

You probably believe the theory of evolution is scientific. You hear it presented on TV. You hear it in school. You read it in books and magazines.

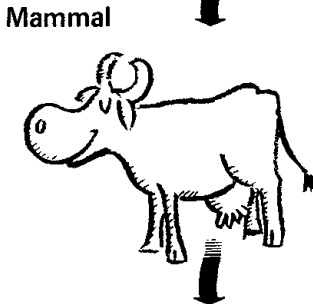
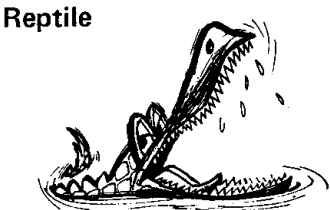
This paper contains certain proof that evolution is *not true*. It contains certain proof that evolution is *impossible*. We challenge any scientist anywhere to step forward and deny these scientific facts.

Below are *ten reasons why evolution is impossible*. (Ask any science teacher if every reason is not 100% true. Then ask that teacher to help you throw this great lie out of the school systems, off TV, and out of books.)

1) The amazing earth; a globe with water, air, gravity, heat, soil, and literally thousands of other unexplainable characteristics, is assumed by pure evolutionists to have just happened by accident before evolution was even supposed to have started. It is unscientific to base a theory on something that is impossible, and it is impossible beyond any rational question to assume that the earth (and all the universe) acquired its balance, intricacy, precision, and volume by accident. Yet, *pure* evolution starts by assuming that this magnificent earth just accidentally came to be like it is. This is an *unscientific* assumption and anybody who says it isn't is giving you an unscientific opinion and nothing more.

2) It is unscientific to say that life comes from nonliving matter. This notion, called spontaneous generation, is simply rejected by scientists. Yet, evolution is based squarely on this rejected idea. At one time there was no life, only dead matter, evolutionists say. Then life came out of this nonliving matter. That is spontaneous generation, an unscientific myth. Do you think it is right to teach lies as the truth on TV, in schools, in books and magazines?

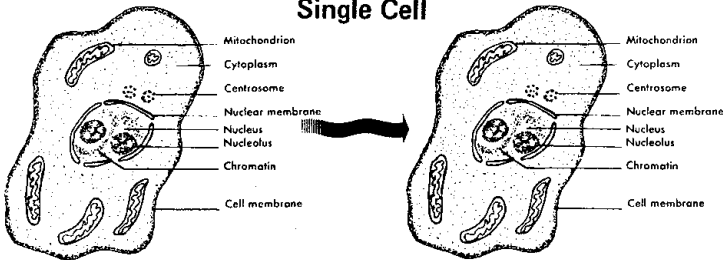
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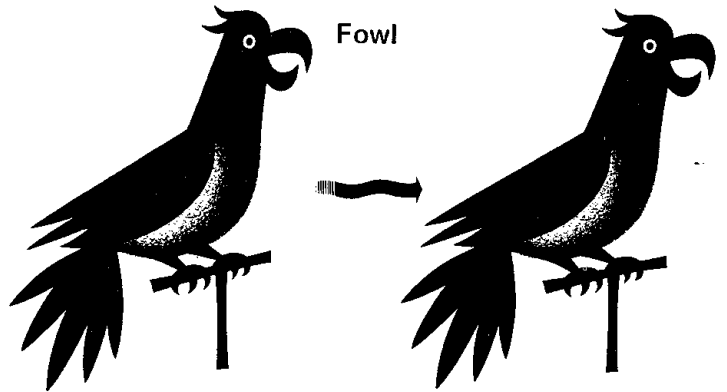
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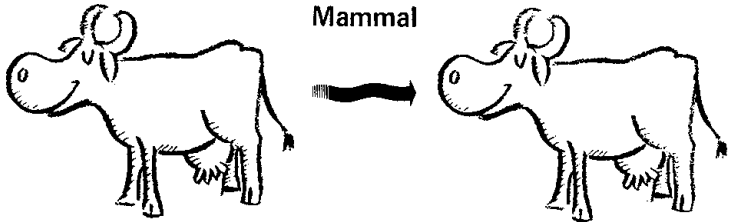
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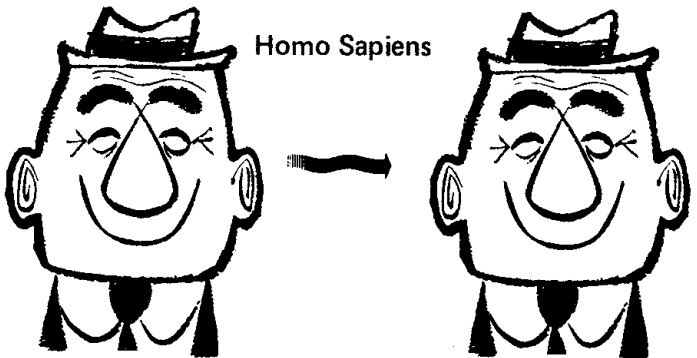
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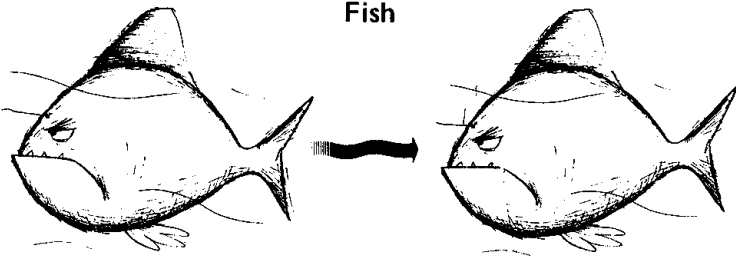
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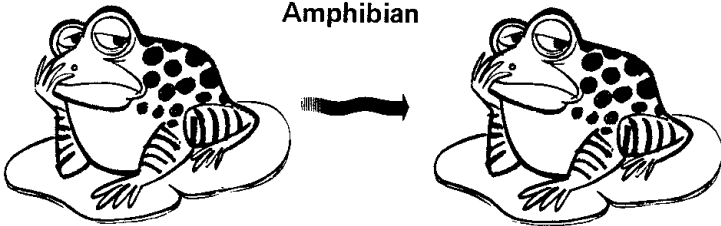
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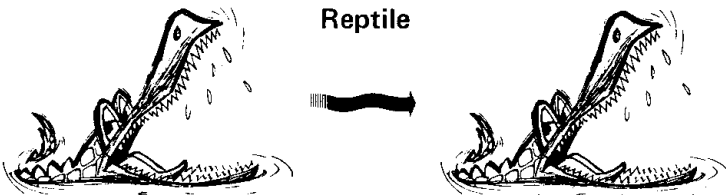
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periods are beyond testing. They are beyond testing because no one knows or can know that decay rates have been the same over the years. These dating methods are therefore unscientific. The theoretical geologic column taught everywhere as fact is, in reality, found nowhere in the world. But, more important, is the fact that there is abundant evidence which shows beyond doubt that conditions on the earth have not remained the same. Indeed this plain evidence shows clearly that the earth has undergone violent change (tropical vegetation in the Polar regions, seashells on high mountains, animals frozen so quickly they still have undigested food in their stomachs, etc.) It is unscientific to ignore facts which prove that dating methods, the geologic column, and evolution are false teachings. Schools in America must stop teaching that evolution is scientific. Evolution is *not* scientific! It is *anti*-intellectual to believe something that can be proven impossible!

4) Natural Selection was Darwin's main idea as to how evolution happened. The fittest survive and the unfit perish. Fine! But where is evolution in this? Because a certain rabbit can run faster or hop higher and therefore may live longer and reproduce more rabbits in no way implies that the rabbit (or its offspring) would be more fit for survival if it were evolving into some other animal. In fact,

the opposite is true. Any alteration in a rabbit's physical or mental characteristics would make it less fit, not more, fit for survival. Natural selection cannot explain evolution. Nothing can explain how evolution happened, because *it never happened!* That is a fact and anybody who says it isn't is being an *unscientific fanatic*.

5) For many years evolutionary scientists have tried to say that mutations explain how evolution happened. All this time it has been known and admitted by all scientists that mutations are harmful and/or deadly. All this time it has been known that mutations harm or kill rather than improve as evolution theory demands. Yet evolutionists insist that we believe that one in a hundred thousand or a million mutations is helpful, and that accident has selected these and turned them into all life that exists. No one has ever seen a positive mutation and no one can even describe one. Yet we are indoctrinated to accept as scientific the idea that mutations explain evolution. Mutations cannot explain evolution and anyone who says they can is not speaking as a scientist.

6) Students, how many times have you seen and heard the idea that scientists have proof for evolution in the fossil record, in the bones? Here is the truth: let any scientist come forward and deny it if he can: There is not one bone in the entire world that shows one animal evolving into another. All the pictures in your books which are there to convince you that man evolved from apelike creatures (Java Man, Neanderthal Man, Nebraska Man) have all been proven to be either apes or men, not apes changing into men. (So-called Nebraska Man was built up on the evidence of one tooth which turned out to be the tooth of an extinct pig!) There are non ape-men because evolution is a great deception. The supposed evolution of the horse, eophippus, which is in your science book, has been proven impossible. Check your science book for other misleading so-called evidences for evolution. Is the peppered moth there? It's still a moth, isn't it? Is Haeckel's embryological chart there? Your book doesn't tell you Haeckel was kicked out of the university for misrepresenting the truth about embryos, does it? Your book doubtless mentions the fruitfly *Drosophila Melanogaster*. But does it tell you that exhaustive experiments prove beyond any question that mutations can never explain evolution? Ask your science teacher to tell you about these great deceptions which cannot be carried on under the name of science. Fossils all show complete specimens. They were not changing into anything. The true scientist *must* look at the vast fossil record and admit it proves one thing beyond question, namely that no fossil has ever been uncovered which shows one animal changing into another.

7) It is an unquestioned scientific fact that diverse kinds of animals do not mate and produce offspring. About as far as this process goes can be seen with the sterile mule and with certain fruit hybrids. Again, evolution demands what has not, and cannot happen even with careful planning—much less by total accident.

8) DNA proves evolution impossible. DNA—a mere speck the size of a period at the end of a sentence when you yourself were first conceived—contains all the information about what you are going to be like when you grow to maturity. (Can such things happen by accident?) Your DNA “knows” what color hair you will have, the color of your eyes, how tall you will be, everything you are and will be. The DNA of a rose bush “knows” what it will be like. Yet, the entire evolution idea is based on

the kind of change that DNA will not permit. Can such an idea be taught and presented as scientific by honest persons any longer?

9) Two basic laws of Physics (the Law of Conservation of Matter/Energy, and the Law of Increasing Entropy) flatly contradict the theory of evolution. Everything science knows tells it that these laws are unbendable. They are scientific laws. They are not hypotheses. They are not theories. Yet, evolution theory demands that these iron laws be broken and laid aside. Energy itself does not produce complex, functioning systems. That takes planning and a Planner. Great periods of time do not cause things to improve (get better, become more complex) as evolution theory demands. On the contrary great periods of time cause decay and degeneration, the very opposite of evolution. The First and Second Law of Thermodynamics prove evolution to be impossible. There is no getting around this truth.

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At the beginning of this paper it was stated that there are only two explanations of how everything came into existence. You have seen that one of these explanations, the accidental (evolution) explanation, is unscientific. Science even though it has definite limitations, can prove that evolution is a great unscientific deception. Science, if it is to serve truth, must join in correcting this great error.

Once evolution is proven to be unscientific, this is what we will know: we will know that life and all else that exists is the result of plan rather than accident. We already know that where there is a plan, there is a planner. Hence, we will know that life and everything else was planned and had a planner. We will not have any opinion on this or a point of view. We will KNOW IT.

You are part of a wondrous plan that has meaning and purpose down to its smallest detail. It is time now to prove this to the whole world.

(NOTE: See boxed words on next page for something you can do involving the theory of evolution.)

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What Was God Doing?

TALK ABOUT troubles. Joseph had more of them than you could shake a stick at. They tramped into his life with such rapid cadence they were almost doing double time. Joseph was victimized by family, friends, and foes. Folks were out to get him. . . and they did a pretty good job of it.

JOSEPH WAS A VICTIM OF ENVY. His brothers knew that he was his daddy's favorite. Envy grew from day to day until they decided to kill him. Only the pleadings of Reuben squelched the scheme. Joseph was thrown into a pit without so much as a drink of water. Meanwhile, his brothers feasted and plotted against him. Finally when a band of Midianites passed by, they decided to sell him as a slave for twenty pieces of silver. Where was God when Joseph needed Him? What was He doing?

JOSEPH WAS A VICTIM OF LYING. Sold into the hands of Potiphar, Joseph performed his services so faithfully he was put in charge of his master's house. But the situation was fraught with danger. Joseph was a handsome young man and Potiphar's wife wanted to have an affair with him. Day after day she tempted him. Joseph resisted her advances. He asked, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" One day this designing woman caught Joseph by the clothes and begged, "Lie with me." Joseph fled. Later that evening when Potiphar returned him his wife told him that Joseph tried to rape her. Poor Joseph. Where was God when he needed Him? What was He doing?

JOSEPH WAS A VICTIM OF INJUSTICE. He was thrust into the prison where the king's prisoners were confined. He was innocent of all charges—but he was in jail. Where was God when Joseph needed Him? What was He doing?

JOSEPH WAS A VICTIM OF INGRATITUDE. Inside the prison Joseph once again rose to the top. He was placed in charge of all the prisoners. Two of the men confined to their cells had dreams—the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt. Joseph interpreted the dreams and told the butler that in three days he would be restored to his position. The butler was delighted. Joseph made only one request: "But remember me, when it is well with you, and do me the kindness, I pray you, to make mention of me to Pharaoh." But such was not to be. "The chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him." Where was God when Joseph needed Him? What was He doing?

You remember the story. Joseph was made ruler of Egypt. And never during his trials did Joseph accuse God of forsaking him. In fact, as he looked back on his trials. Joseph said, "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20).

Do you have troubles? Do you wonder where God is and what He is doing? One word of advice, please. Never underestimate God!—John Gipson □

HOW TO PLEASE EVERYONE

A MAN AND his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor

little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life—two intelligent human beings riding on one poor, defenseless donkey."

Down the road a piece from there our trio met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't try!

Just try to please God. "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). The sooner each man learns he cannot live by the conscience of any other man, the better off he is. —Selected

(Editor's Comment: The moral of the above story is that if we try to please everybody we will make a donkey out of ourselves).

WHEN I GIVE

WHEN I GIVE NOTHING:

*I cast a vote to close the church.
I take a "free ride" on the gifts and services of others.*

WHEN I GIVE LESS THAN LAST YEAR:

*I have experienced a decrease in income, or
I have changed my priorities, or
I question the need for the work the church is doing.*

WHEN I GIVE LESS THAN ONE-TENTH OF MY INCOME:

*I do less than what was required of the poorest
of the Jews.*

WHEN I GIVE GRUDGINGLY:

*I find no joy in giving.
I am a disappointment to the Lord, for God loves
a cheerful giver.*

WHEN I REFUSE TO PURPOSE IN ADVANCE:

*I fail to follow God's plan (II Corinthians 9:7).
I make it difficult for the church to plan its work.*

WHEN I GIVE WEEKLY:

*I help fulfill the planned programs of the church.
I make it much easier for myself by avoiding the accumulation of my stewardship obligation.
I find joy and satisfaction in my giving.
I follow the God-given plan (I Corinthians 16:2).*

WHEN I GIVE PROPORTIONATELY:

*I shall be blessed in my giving and will be enriched
in every way (II Corinthians 9:11).
I shall increase my gifts as my income increases.*

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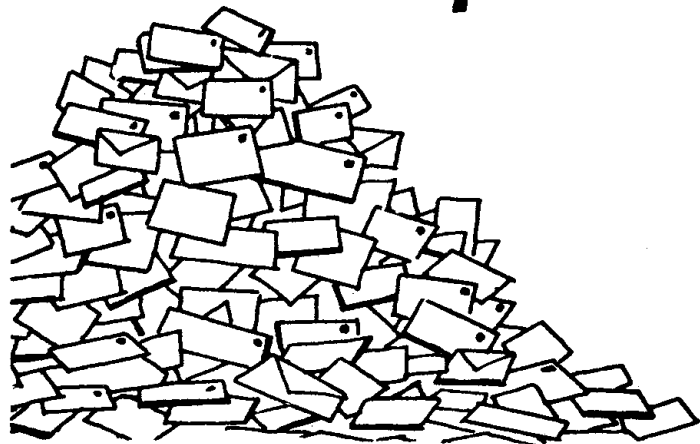
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... Response



ALABAMA:

■ *"In the current issue of THE SWORD AND STAFF there appeared an article under the heading 'Why the Word Immersion is Not in the Bible.' It all depends on what you mean by 'the Bible.' If some particular version or translation such as the KJV or ARV in which the word 'baptism' was not translated, is under consideration, one might say that the word 'immersion' is not in 'YOUR Bible' (If you own one) or in 'MY Bible,' if I own one, but to say that the word 'immersion' is not in 'the Bible' is misleading..."*

(EDITOR'S COMMENT: I thank you for your observations, which obviously are true—but unnecessary. To read the article is to see the King James translation was primarily what was in mind, and to see how the word ("baptism") has been passed on in usage as a technically vague word, allowing several things. In a few private translations you may find "baptize" rendered "immerse," but in more recognized ones prepared by committees the word is not to be found. True?)

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ANSWERED PRAYER FROM EVERYWHERE

ONE OF THE MOST unsettling questions to God's people as they visit with members of cults, sects and

isms is that of answered prayer.

The question looms, "How can God be answering their prayer?" "Does this prove that everyone is right?"

And it is true that claims to answered prayer are nearly universal. Christians rightly lay hold on the claim. In fact, God answers every prayer of faithful saints. Pentecostal folk claim they receive tongues and other gifts in response to prayer. "Faith only" advocates claim a cash flow into their programs based on answered prayer. Mormons are confident that their "flesh and bones" god listens carefully to their requirements. Christian Science people have case after case of "Divine Healing" in answer to prayer following the formula of Mary Baker Glover Patterson Frye Eddy. Spiritualists sing and pray, "Open My Eyes That I May See," and then proceed to contact the world of the occult. The list could be much longer.

Are these SIGNS? It makes a Bible believer wonder. And these two words are the key to understanding the problem. Jesus said of His century: "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great SIGNS and WONDERS, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect."

Again we read in II Thessalonians 2:9 of "one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and SIGNS and false WONDERS, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of THE TRUTH so as to be saved."

Claims to answered prayers are just that: SIGNS and WONDERS. The reader should note that Christians of the early Christian era did not cite God's answer to their prayers as proof of their relationship with God. Our faith must be based on evidence of God's Word and its clear statements rather than any claims to answered prayer.

Remember the Tibetan lamas have been claiming answered prayer for countless centuries. And we're not about to become Buddhists. —The Pattern □

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with billions aboard speeds on through time and space into eternity. The Day of final and eternal Judgment is that much nearer. All acknowledgment that time flies is a somber warning and a sober admonition to get more done for the Lord while we still have time. Psalms 90 (attributed to Moses) long ago, reflecting on the shortness of man's life, said, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." The apostle Paul admonished, "See then that ye walk circumspectively, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15). May these thoughts and resolutions likewise be ours, for they are inspired truths. □

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Behold, also that a preacher went one day into the pulpit to preach. He had expensive equipment, because the Bible is stained with the blood of martyrs. And his guide was good, in fact, the only good man that ever lived: Jesus. His aim was to kill the old man of sin in the lives of some people. About 11 o'clock, lo and behold, a group came to church. The preacher took his text and delivered the shot. He killed the old man of sin in one person, because he repented, but he only winged some others. Yet he spoke to the whole group. He knew he only winged some because he heard them squawking. Had they not been winged they would not have squawked.

Behold, a winged duck will squawk. □

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