

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).



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A MOTHER IS AN IMPORTANT PERSON: THAT IS WHY GOD INSTITUTED THE FAMILY

My precious ones, I am endeavoring this morning to keep fresh in your minds the things that God ordained that should be a blessing to you. Each individual has to be blessed through another; you can't bless yourself, but you can bless another. The moment that you become selfish and try to bless yourself you become a failure. But God has so created man by placing within him a mind which causes him to be very happy when he does something for someone else and they appreciate it. There's nothing in the world which will rejoice anyone's heart more than to get praise for something which he or she has done for someone, somewhere, who couldn't do it for himself. Now if you should go ahead and help someone not in such circumstances for the purpose of gaining favor from them, as some people do in many instances, it doesn't bring you a blessing from heaven because you're not pure and honest in your purpose for doing it. You would be trying to win their favor by doing something for someone who could do more than you could for them. When you've done something for someone who couldn't do for themselves and it is appreciated by them, they begin to tell everybody about it. They will say, "Oh, he's a wonderful man or she's a wonderful woman." Then wherever you go you'll meet someone who will say, "Don't you know I met Mr. Jones the other day and he was telling me what a wonderful man you are. He said that when he was in trouble and couldn't help himself, you did him a favor. He said it was wonderful. His brothers and sisters also had forgotten him, but you did that for him. He was so happy." That report was worth more to that individual than all the pay you could have given him, for the substance which men gain from their efforts is to the end that they may bless themselves. But when you bless someone else, God blesses you. What a wonderful program!

In all sincerity, I want to say to you that the relationship between a mother and her son or daughter is great. You may wonder why Adam sinned, but God created him and did you know that Adam never had a mother to take him upon her knee? He never knew the love of an earthly mother because he was created the son of God. He had a spiritual mother, the Holy Spirit, but without knowing the human touch as well as the spiritual touch, you'll follow in ignorance. At times your natural propensities will separate you from the spiritual gifts of God so you'll have to know the human touch before you can be a blessing.

God knew that in the beginning of creation, but to clear up your minds, I want you to know that Adam was the son of God. In St Luke, the third chapter, reading the 38th verse, it reads like this: "**Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.**" Now Enos was the son of Seth; Seth was the son of Adam and Adam was the son of God. That's who Adam was --- the son of God --- the first created human being was the son of God, but he never had a mother.

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Angels are not your example because they fell, but Christ who never sinned is.

To believe in God gives you a strong mind and a forceful character.

I love everyone; but I love God best.

Nobody can curse him whom God blesses.

No matter when you were born, you must be born again.

What I like about God is that He sticketh closer than a brother.

There is only one thing that stands sure: that is the Word of God.

The devil works on the flesh--- God works on the mind.

What the world needs more than an industrial revival is a spiritual awakening.

Don't worry about anything but to please God.

If your walk is not in accord with talk, you are not praising God--- you are mocking Him.

If nobody walks with you, walk alone with the Holy Spirit.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

A MOTHER IS AN IMPORTANT PERSON: THAT IS WHY GOD INSTITUTED THE FAMILY

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A mother is an important person; that's why God instituted the family. It was all planned in the fullness of time all men should be born of a woman. Though Adam didn't have a mother, God gave him a woman, for it wasn't good for man to be alone. No matter who you are mister, if you're going to make any progress in this world, you must have help, help first from God and next from a woman. God created woman as a help meet for man and she's the only one who will help him because God created the male and female in one. The Bible says that Adam was created male and female. After God created Adam, He made a woman. The Scriptures tell us how it was done in Genesis 2, verses 21 to 23, inclusive: **"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."** That's the story from God's Word. Then the Lord blessed them and commanded that they multiply and fill the earth, since they were of one flesh. The beginning of the families started just that way. Adam alienated himself from God because he didn't know the human touch --- God knew it, but God had a plan for man. The word 'Adam' means 'man'. Now the second Adam, the only begotten son of God, was given a mother because God wanted Him to have the human touch. And brother, you don't know the human touch until you have a mother, for she's the one who teaches you what love is.

In St. Luke 1, reading the 35th verse, you will find that Jesus, the Son of God was born of a woman. It reads thus: **"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."** The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto Mary with the message concerning the fact that she would become the mother of the Son of God. He told her **"that holy thing"** which would be born of her would be **"called the Son of God."** God sent the message that He would be called the Son of God. Now Adam was the son of God created by God without a mother and Jesus was the Son of God created in the womb of Mary and was brought forth the Son of God because no man ever touched her. The angel Gabriel was a stranger to Mary; she had never seen him before; his message was strange to her. Reading St. Luke 1, beginning with the 26th verse, you'll find these words: **"And in the sixth month the angel**



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder

Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Among all the women, Mary was the one chosen by God to give His Son the human touch. **"And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be."** Mary was troubled about what he had said. **"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS."** The Word tells you that Jesus was the name given to the second Adam. The 34th verse tells you what Mary said to the angel Gabriel: **"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"** She wanted to know how it could be since she had not known a man. Gabriel answered her in the words of that next verse which were read to you a little while ago. Now that's the story of how God was going to do what He had planned.

Now listen my good friends, don't argue with me about it, for I'm just preaching the Word of God; I'm just preaching what is recorded. I believe the Word of God. I believe that He, who created this world can do anything; that's all there is to it. I believe that He, who has this beautiful sun shining this morning with no electric wires attached for man to push 'on' and 'off' is all right! And I believe that He did whatever the Bible says He did. I preach it and whatever I've experienced in my life by believing and obeying what the Book says, is sufficient to convince me that God is not a liar --- that His Word is true! I believe that the first Adam was created out of the dust of the earth and

God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. I believe that the second Adam, Jesus, was conceived in the womb of Mary and brought forth without the aid of a man and He became a quickening Spirit --- He did not beget one child because that was not His purpose for coming into the world. He came to beget children after the Spirit of God, that you and I might be born of God, as He was by the Holy Ghost, and be called sons and daughters of God. What a program!

The Word tells you that if you believe that Jesus died and rose again, having followed His instructions, you become a Saint; you become holy. Then the Word of God says, **"BEHOLD, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:"** (1 John 3:1). You have two births --- one of the flesh, of earthly parents, and the other is the birth of the Spirit of your Heavenly Parent --- God. Therefore, Jesus was divine as well as human; He was begotten by the Holy Ghost which made Him divine and He was conceived by a woman after the flesh which caused Him to know the touch and love of a mother. But God brought Him into the world, as I've said, to beget spiritual children. The Word of God says that He was cut off from among the living without a child and He was asked, **"Who shall declare his generation;?"** (Isaiah 53:8). Who shall declare his offspring? The answer is those who are born of the Spirit of God.

I wish to say to those of you who are mothers, expectant mothers or to those couples who are expecting to marry, that children are a gift from God. Every child who is born into the world is planned by God and God has its name on the Book of Life before it's born. What a God! It is a gift from God when it is born. Psalm 127, reading the third verse says, **"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."** A heritage is an inheritance, and children are an inheritance from God, and the fruit of the womb is His reward. When God wants to reward or bless you for some good deed, He blesses you with a child. After you've been given a diamond, and you don't value it enough to take care of it, you just leave it around --- it will get lost. You can't blame the giver; you must blame yourself. So it is with a child. A child is a diamond and a blessing to the human family. Don't you know my precious ones, that our President Kennedy was once a little baby, given by God to his mother? Our late President Roosevelt and all the other great men of the earth were once babies running around, given by God to their parents and they have been blessings to the whole nation and the world. A child is everything; don't forget that! One day God gave me to my parents and I'm standing here today trying to make you

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a

- concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
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2. Titus	3	2	16	_____
3. Nehemiah	5	13	35	_____
4. Acts	13	43	3	_____
5. Psalm	1	5	14	_____
6. Jude	1	10	5	_____
7. Micah	2	5	14	_____
8. Ezra	10	1	37	_____
9. Proverbs	21	16	6	_____
10. Isaiah	1	24	13	_____
11. Ecclesiastes	3	7	5	_____
12. Romans	3	5	13	_____
13. Revelation	13	15	8	_____
14. Deuteronomy	23	8	7	_____
15. Genesis	3	1	29	_____
16. Hosea	7	12	3	_____
17. Jeremiah	30	20	5	_____
18. Daniel	9	16	25	_____
19. Obadiah	1	18	22	_____
20. Zephaniah	1	2	1	_____
21. Proverbs	1	29	10	_____
22. Psalm	23	1	2	_____
23. Joshua	24	19	27	_____
24. Philippians	2	11	16	_____
25. Habakkuk	2	1	31	_____
26. Revelation	6	10	13	_____

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Answers to last Month's Puzzle

"My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust" (Isaiah 51:5).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

THEME: UNITY

Ephesians 4:3 **Endeavoring to
keep the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.**

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~ In Memory ~

The day is approaching
 When sorrows shall cease
 Heaven will open,
 And all will be peace.

So to honor the saints
 Who have gone on before us
 I pause to recite,
 A familiar, short, chorus.

“Some golden daybreak Jesus will come
 Some golden daybreak, battles all won
 He’ll shout the victory, break through the blue,
 Some golden daybreak, for me, for you.”

As sister Michaux, would lead this song
 The voice of the choir would follow along
 And Elder, full of the Spirit would follow in prayer,
 Petitioning God, to draw us all near.

He called for unbelievers to come, take a stand
 Giving Christ your heart and him your hand
 Then to fellowship all, on one accord,
 Living our lives, for Christ, our Lord.

He admonished us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering
 For He is faithful that promised
 Considering one another towards love and good works,
 Not forsaking, as the manner of some is.

For the manner of some is like the sower
 Whose seed, by the wayside fell
 And was trodden down; becoming food for fowls,
 Not serving that sower well.

For the manner of some is like the sower
 Whose seed fell on the rocks in the clay
 And after springing up quickly -- it withers,
 Not having moisture to get through the day.

For the manner of some is like the sower
 Whose seed fell among prickly, thorn
 Which sprang up, entangles and chokes it,
 Not enduring, no fruit could be borne.

I’m so thankful that God sent a Savior
 To save from sin, in a life so commanding
 And graced us with a pastor after His own heart,
 To feed us with both, knowledge and understanding.

For in order to bring fruit to perfection
 We are led by the Spirit, profound
 Understanding the Word of which we partake,
 Bears fruit when sown in good ground.

Knowing this Elder, preached, built and planted
 Asking God for provision and favor
 He ministered faithfully, leading God’s sheep,
 His hands, ever diligent in labor.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering
 For He is faithful that promised
 Provoking one another toward love and good works,
 Trusting God’s Holy Spirit to guide us.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together
 As the manner of some (sin encroaching)
 But exhorting one another: and so much the more,
 As ye see the day approaching.

*Written by Rachel Edwards
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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

A Tribute To The Late Mrs. Mary E. Michaux -- Founder Of The Purity Club In The Seven Churches of God In America

THE PURITY CLUB

Mrs. Mary E. Michaux responded to the call of God in her youth. "God Is Calling, Calling For What? You, to prepare to meet Him. While the enemy of my soul was trying to persuade me to believe that I could not serve God while I was young, that I would have to enjoy the pleasures of the world, and after I was old, I could lay down the world and serve the Lord. Immediately God spoke to me, and there came to me a reason that followed me both day and night. It was like this: Do not put off today, for tomorrow may be too late." It was as a result of this calling from God that Mrs. Michaux repented of her sins and gave her heart to God in her youth. Her first tract "A Call To Our Young People" was printed to inspire other young people to heed the call of God in their youth.

Her first convert, after God blessed her with salvation, was her husband, Lightfoot Solomon Michaux. While he was still a very young man and prosperous in the business world, God called him to the ministry. Together as a team, God gave them 150 souls; thus was the beginning of the seven Churches of God in America in the year 1919.

The Purity Club was established by Mrs. Michaux in the church to teach the fine point of holiness: A PURE LIFE. This club is unique and probably the only one of its kind in America. Its purpose is to teach PURITY. It was implemented in each of the seven churches: Newport News and Hampton, VA.; Baltimore, MD, Edenborn, PA.; Washington, DC.; Philadelphia, PA.; New York City. Leaders were appointed in each church to conduct the club which is held one night each week.

Mrs. Michaux loved people and her greatest joy was in working with the youth. She could be found each Wednesday night in the Church at Washington, D.C. teaching the Purity Club of mostly young people, giving them Bible lessons with drawings to illustrate the subject matter. In addition to the Bible lessons, the children were taught how to find the Scriptures in a contest - Drawing of Swords to see who could find the book, chapter and verse in a number of seconds. Whenever Mrs. Michaux was out of town in camp meetings with the Elder to harvest souls, she left her assistants in charge to carry on this important work to develop and inspire the youth of the Church in purity. Though afflictions and advanced age slowed her pace, she was faithful until God called her from labor to reward on October 20, 1967. The Motto which she gave to the church stands as a living monument given to her by the Holy Spirit to perfect the Church in Holiness.

THE MOTTO OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

OBEDIENCE, LOVE, REVERENCE AND RESPECT: We have seen these words each time we come to church because they are posted in each church as a motto to remind us continually what God requires of us. How many of us consider these as mere words -- without any significant meaning? How many of us consider these four attributes as meaningful to the



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

salvation of our souls? Let us analyze each one respectively:

OBEDIENCE--Compliance with that which is required by authority. Compliance signifies to yield. If we yield our mind to do that which is required by authority, and in this instance, the authority is the Word Of God, then we will obey. We are instructed to **"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"** (Philippians 2:5): He didn't make of himself any reputation, but humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. God requires this same obedience of us who claim we are His children.

LOVE--Manifestation of desire for, and earnest effort to promote the welfare of a person, especially as seen in God's solicitude (sincere interest) of man and in man due gratitude and reverence to God. This latter phrase is only applied to men who love God in truth and righteousness. This meaning is very clear and concise because it describes God's love perfectly. **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"** (St. John 3:16). God is truly love.

REVERENCE--Adore; honor or respect because of position or relationship. Reverence is a very strong word because its implication carries great depth and height. We should adore or worship God and His Son only. God is our Creator. For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and in earth. We are to honor all men, and the elders that rule well are counted worthy of double honor. **"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him"**(Psalm 89:7).

RESPECT--To consider worthy of esteem. Esteem denotes a high estimation of value. Whatever we appreciate the worth of, we value. **"At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel"**(Isaiah 17:7). As it was in that day when the prophet Isaiah made that statement, so it is today. Although most of the nations were worshipping idol Gods, a remnant looked to the God of all the earth. We, as part of that remnant (called to be

Saints by God and our late Pastor, Elder Michaux) in these last days, are looking to our Maker for deliverance.

NOW WE SEE PURITY:--How are OBEDIENCE, LOVE, REVERENCE and RESPECT interrelated to Purity? Purity means freedom from guilt or the defilement of sin. So, if we have obedience, love, reverence and respect, we are pure. Our love is manifested by our obedience. We are void of love if we do not obey all that is commanded by the Word of God. **"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God"** (St. Matthew 5:8).

We thank God for giving Sister Michaux (our deceased leader's wife) those four attributes to place in each of the seven Churches and its branches to govern His people. Now that Elder and Sister Michaux are gone on to be with the Lord, may we not repeat these words in vain, but make them a reality in our lives.

To Know Her Was To Love Her

Mrs. Sarah T. Edwards (Deceased)
New York, N.Y.

July 4th to Americans is the birthday of their country, known as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." The word freedom to any people is like magic. It does something to you emotionally, physically, materially and spiritually. Freedom is a word we all love to hear.

July 4th to those who knew Mrs. Mary E. Michaux had a dual meaning; it was the day we celebrated her birthday. Mrs. Michaux was a great believer in freedom--freedom of the soul--free from sin. She loved people and tried in every way she knew to bring souls to Christ. Although her love for people reached far and wide, she had a special love for young people. Working with the young people is where she devoted much of her time. To reach the young people more effectively, she established a Young People's Purity Club in all the Churches of God. This was a special time when young people were taught how to serve God in true holiness.

I count it a great privilege to have been one of her students. Her teachings cannot be surpassed by anyone. Aware of the pitfalls and snares of the world, she always warned the young people to beware of the "wolf in sheep's clothing." Respect yourself, and others will have respect for you. Dress always as becoming holiness. "Be a peach out of reach" is what she told us; "your virtue is far above the price of rubies and diamonds." A high moral standard is what she held before us. Obedience, love, reverence and respect is what we were taught to have for God. We were always encouraged to find joy in the Lord.

It wasn't her teachings alone that drew people to God, it was also the life she lived. Mrs. Michaux lived the life she talked about: admonishing us all to look to Christ and be blessed. She walked hand in hand with her husband, Elder L.S. Michaux, showing us the way that leads to eternal life. Watching for us, caring for our spiritual needs and loving us, she left an imprint upon my life. To all of us she left a rich religious heritage. To know her was indeed to love her.



George Franklin Brown
March 6, 1947 - April 14, 2018
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**“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write,
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and
their works do follow them” (Revelation 14:13).**



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Calling All Youth

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



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MEMORY VERSES

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (I John 5:14,15).

On May 3, 2018, the United States will observe the 67th annual National Day of Prayer. This special Day invites Christians to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

The main purpose of this event is to enable believers to unite, repent, intercede, and seek God's wisdom through prayer. Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image.

This year's theme of the National Day of Prayer is Pray for America – Unity, based on Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize public prayer for America and states the following: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We are also reminded of Romans 12:18 which states: If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near (Isaiah 55: 6):

Children's Prayers

Lord,
I pray for the country and that everyone will always be okay. I pray that those in Puerto Rico are able to rebuild quickly and safely and that they are also safe.



Jasmine, Age 15
Landover

Lord,
Please protect and guide my mom, my sister, my brother, my whole family and me. I pray for a nice house and for others.



Makari, Age 9
Washington, D.C.

Lord,
Please keep my school safe so that there is no violence there.



Malachi, Age 13
Landover

Dear Lord,
I would like to pray for my family; for the health of my mom's mother; the safety of my grandparents and siblings. I pray for less tickets and car damage for my parents. I pray for long and happy lives for them all.



Chani, Age 13
Centerville

Dear Heavenly Father,
I would like to thank you for blessing me, my family, and my friends. Lately school safety is a problem. Attacks in school are a real problem. Safety laws need to be in place. Thank you for letting people stop the violence. Don't let anyone else be shot in school. Guns do not belong in school.



Micah, Age 12
Upper Marlboro

Dear Heavenly Father,
I come to you today thanking you for allowing me to live in a nation that is free. You and You alone, however, can guide and protect our country. Please help the leader of this great country. I pray that You will help him to exemplify love, meekness, and kindness. Thank you for all that you have done, will do, and are doing.

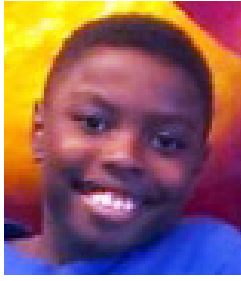


Rachael, Age 15
Upper Marlboro

Dear Heavenly Father,
I pray for the safety and protection of our nation. I pray that no harm comes toward us and that we will be able to live a life without anything bad happening. I pray that the President will guide us in a way that will allow us to succeed and prosper. I pray that the President guides us in a positive direction to grow and to be shaped for the better. I pray for the President's safekeeping and for his mental and spiritual health as he leads our Nation towards a brighter future. I pray that all of our President's decisions will be the right ones whether it be for the prison system, the school system, or the average day-to-day decisions that affect the lives of civilians. I pray that YOU, God, will protect us as we face challenges of each day. I pray that YOU will enable us to face those challenges and

conquer whatever they are. I pray that we can live great and wonderful lives without encountering things meant to harm us.

Phillip, Age 13
Upper Marlboro



Lord,
I pray for my family and my step family. I pray for the homeless people. I pray for my church, other churches, and for other people.

Malayah, Age 7
Washington, D.C.



Oh Lord,
I ask that you please protect all of the children in the schools and that you keep them safe from trouble. I ask that you provide food for children all over the world. I pray that evil is taken away from the world. I pray that you protect my family and heal my grandma because she is sick.

Nathaniel, Age 10
Lanham, MD



Dear Lord,
Thank you so much for all that you have done for us on a day-to-day basis. I thank you for protection, food on our table, and clothes on our backs. Thank you for the love we have and for the love that we show to others. I ask that you please bless this earth. I ask that you supply the needs of all those who are in need of food, clothes, and houses. Please protect all of the children in the world and enable them to enjoy love, peace and shelter.

Nya
Lanham, MD



Dear Lord,
Thank you for all that you do for my family and me. Thank you for your strength and protection. Thank you for your love and guidance. I thank you, O Lord, for my family, friends, and for those who I come into contact with on a day-to-day basis. Please protect all the children in the world because they are not able to protect themselves. Please be with the leaders of the world and the police so that we can have peace and love in the world.

N'Kyron, Age 14
Lanham, MD



Dear Lord,
Thank you for what you have done for my family and me. I love you so-o-o much! My prayer is for the President. Please help him to talk right, think right, and act right. Please help him inside. Please guide him throughout his term. Amen.

Chloe, Age 9
Upper Marlboro



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

ANSWER TO APRIL HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How did God speak to His people in the past?
(God spoke through His prophets in the past - **Hebrews 1:1**).
- How does that differ from how He speaks now?
(God now speaks through His Son - **Hebrews 1:2a**).
- Whom did God appoint as heir to all things and what did He create through Him?
(He appointed Jesus Christ and the "worlds" were created through Him - **Hebrews 1:2b**).

- Who is the "brightness" of God's glory? What New Testament Scripture is similar to this statement?
(Jesus Christ - **Hebrews 1:3; II Corinthians 4:4, 6**).
- What did God say of Christ's throne? What Old Testament Scripture is similar to this verse?
(His Son's throne is eternal - **Hebrews 1:8; Psalm 45:6**).
- What did Christ love and hate?
(He loved righteousness and hated iniquity - **Hebrews 1:9**).
- The earth and the heavens will perish, but what is said of the Creator?
(He will remain - **Hebrews 1:11**).

ANSWERS TO APRIL FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, **glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders (Exodus 15:11)**?
- Sing** unto the LORD, O ye **saints** of his, and **give thanks** at the **remembrance** of his **holiness (Psalm 30:4)**.
- God **reigneth** over the **heathen**: God **sitteth** upon the **throne** of his **holiness (Psalm 47:8)**.
- Exalt** ye the **LORD** our God, and **worship** at his **footstool**; for he is **holy (Psalm 99:5)**.
- There is **none holy** as the LORD: for there is **none** beside **thee**: neither is there **any rock** like our **God (I Samuel 2:2)**.
- Give** unto the LORD the **glory** due unto his **name**: **bring** an **offering**, and come before him: **worship** the LORD in the **beauty** of **holiness (I Chronicles 16:29)**.
- In that day shall there be **upon** the **bells** of the **horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD**, and the **pots** in the **LORD's house** shall be like the **bowls** before the **altar (Zechariah 14:20)**.

MAY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Who begins by bringing up occasions on which prayer is needed?
- What should be done when we are "afflicted" (suffering hardships)?
- What kind of prayer is appropriate when we are cheerful?
- What is a great two verse Psalm of praise and thanksgiving?
- What is the purpose for confession of sin and prayer?
- What qualification is necessary for one's prayer to accomplish much good?
- On what occasions did God honor Elijah's prayer?

MAY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- He shall _____ thee with his _____, and _____ his _____ shalt thou _____: his _____ shall be thy _____ and _____.
- For thou, LORD, wilt _____ the _____; with _____ wilt thou _____ him as with a _____.
- But thou, O LORD, art a _____ for me; my _____, and the _____ up of mine _____.
- Take hold of _____ and _____, and _____ up for mine _____.
- Thou hast also given me the _____ of thy _____: and thy right _____ hath _____ me _____, and thy _____ hath made me _____.
- Every _____ of God is _____: he is a _____ unto them that _____ their _____ in _____.
- Above all, taking the _____ of _____, wherewith ye shall be able to _____ all the _____ of the _____.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of May

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Dr. Anthony Hurst. He is currently an associate minister in the Philadelphia Church of God. He has taught Sunday School and is currently teaching Bible at two local Christian universities.



LESSON 18: May 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Giving From A Generous Heart

GOLDEN TEXT: “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” (II Corinthians 9:6).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Exodus 35:20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD’s offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers’ skins, brought them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD’s offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats’ hair.

27 And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

II Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

LESSON DISCUSSION

This is a wonderful lesson on giving, something which is not talked about much. We want God to give to us, but we seem to hold back on giving to support the work of the church, other ministries, and people in need. In today’s lesson, the people of Israel rose to meet a need. They were not that far removed from leaving their bondage in Egypt, and before they left, they “spoiled” the Egyptians (See Exodus 3:21-22; 12:36).

Prior to this passage, God has instructed Moses to take an offering from the people to build the tabernacle that He commanded Moses to build (See Exodus 25:1 to 28:43). This offering was to be brought by those who were willing. God does not want anything brought to Him from someone who doesn’t want to give it. It is interesting to note that everyone did their part, and gave as they had been prospered and used their giftedness to make the tabernacle a place of beauty. The men and women brought precious stones and metals and other building materials. The women spun various cloths and linen. They even brought spices and oil that would be needed to light the tabernacle and to make the anointing oil that could only be used in God’s service.

The key, however, is that whatever offering they brought, whether it was material goods or service, all was given from a willing heart. That is the key to giving. The size of the gift or the amount of the service doesn’t matter nearly as much as the attitude of the giver.

Isn’t that just like God, Who willingly and freely put His Son to death for us and the Son willingly sacrificed Himself? We give out of love for the God who gave His all for us!

LESSON 19: May 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Bringing Firstfruits

GOLDEN TEXT: “Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest” (Leviticus 23:10).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Leviticus 2:14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.

23:9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Three points are immediately clear from this lesson. God wants the Firstfruits; God wants an unblemished offering, and God wants us to care for the poor.

First, God created everything for His glory, so it stands to reason that the first of all of His creation should be given back to Him as an offering. The offering is to be the best, not the leftovers or something that the person making the offering would not want themselves. This follows through to our day and time. The offerings we bring to the church should not be from what we have left over, but before we pay for or buy anything else. It is God who gives us the strength and the ability to acquire wealth, so out of a grateful heart we should return a portion back to Him. Remember, a tenth isn’t the only thing that belongs to the Lord: all of it does!

Second, God’s offering is to be unblemished. This really goes a little deeper than just *what* is brought to God, because God accepts or rejects the person *before* He even looks at the offering. Genesis 4:4-5 shows that God accepted Able *before* He accepted his offering, and He rejected Cain *before* he rejected Cain’s offering. An unblemished and grateful heart will bring an unblemished offering.

Third, God expects us to take care of the poor among us. It is not the government’s job to care for the poor, it is for God’s people! We are to care for the poor out of the abundance that God has given us.

LESSON 20: May 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Remembering With Joy

GOLDEN TEXT: “And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family” (Leviticus 25:10).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Leviticus 25:1-12 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee.

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

12 For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

LESSON DISCUSSION

This lesson gives us another aspect of the Sabbath that God prepared for man. None of us can be as productive as we could be if we work seven days a week. Now we also see that God has purposed the land should have a period of rest as well. This period of rest has a two-fold purpose: so that the land could rest and so the people could see that God, who was providing for them all along, would also provide for them during the year of the Sabbath when there was to be no plowing or planting.

In addition, Israel was instructed to count out seven sabbaths of years, for a total of 49 years, and the 50th year was to be declared the year of jubilee when all the captives would be set free. The land that was mortgaged to pay a debt was to be returned to the original owner. Persons who indentured themselves to pay a debt were to be returned to their families. These events were cause for great rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Lord. Just as observing a Sabbath, where we take at least one day a week to rest, so giving the land a Sabbath has the potential of causing the land to produce so much more than it already does.

LESSON 21: May 27, 2018 SUBJECT: Rejoicing in Restoration

GOLDEN TEXT: "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psalm 34:8).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Psalm 34:8 Hebrews 2:1 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

LESSON DISCUSSION

David calls us to join him in praising God for deliverance from trouble. This Psalm was written when David felt his life was in danger when he was before King Abimelech, who he tried to serve while he was hiding from King Saul. David acted like a mad man in order to escape, and this psalm is dedicated to God for bringing him through that ordeal. David teaches us here to praise God at all times, regardless of the situation or circumstance. He recognizes that God is the one who protects us and provides for our every need.

The writer of Hebrews makes us to understand that our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, took on humanity in order to relate to our situation. In this state, He brought deliverance through the blood of His cross. He has also endured being tempted, and because of that background, He is able to help us whenever we face our tests and trials as well. Both the psalmist and the writer of Hebrews encourage us to praise God for reconciling us to Himself through Jesus Christ.

A MOTHER IS AN IMPORTANT PERSON: THAT IS WHY GOD INSTITUTED THE FAMILY

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see and understand that those who are blessed of God are given children. So don't handle them carelessly, for the Bible tells you this in Proverbs 22:6: "**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**" God's Word tells you to do that.

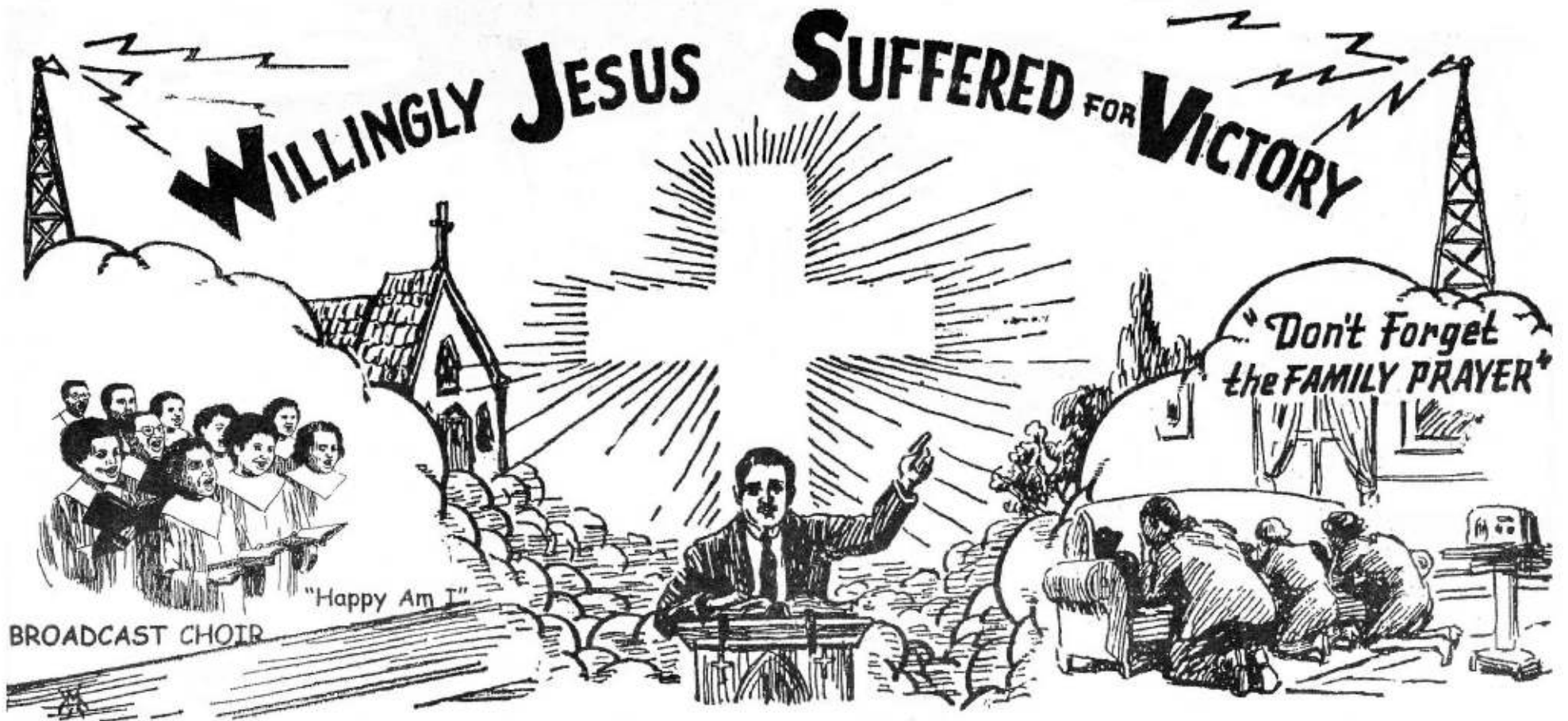
I'm going to ask you to train another one sister; I'm saying this according to the Scriptures, too. When you first get married and have a husband who says he is crazy about you and loves you, train him while you have him in that condition --- while he is young in married life --- train him to love you. You know how to handle him for there's not a woman in the world who doesn't know how to handle a man through love. If you show love toward him, you can make him obey you. Don't try to boss him or force him to do anything, but just kiss him and tell him what you want him to do. If he loves you, he'll go crazy and do it. Just kiss him, that's all. Say to him, "Honey, Sugar, go downstairs and bring me that bucket of water, dear! Let me pay you before you go." (Step over to him and kiss him.) He'll smile and those kisses will run down to his toes and he'll start moving. The next thing you know he'll be coming up the steps with the water. But --- if you just say, "go down there and get me some water --- you're sitting 'round here and you know I want water. Get me some water!" You watch that 'rooster' puff up; he'll start 'crowing' some himself. He'll let you know right away that you aren't anything but a 'hen'. But you can be a 'hen' that will rule the rooster if you train him with love. You can train a lion, don't you know that?

I read in the paper one day that a man had a lion which he had raised from a cub. He gave him milk from a bottle and slept in bed with him. Now he sleeps with the lion each night. You talking about Daniel --- that lion is raised with love! Now I don't want to get too far off my subject, but I'm talking about love. It is a wonderful thing.

So children are gifts from God and when you have them, just train them in the way you'd have them go, for they are jewels. And as I said, you'll train your husband while he's young (when you first get married) he won't leave you; he'll be right there when you and he get old. You may ask, "How do you know Elder?" I've been with my wife fifty-seven years and she trained me how to love her. Brother, I'm trained; you'd better not talk to me about leaving there. No one will ever leave where there's love, real love. Remember, the fruit of the womb is God's reward.

God gives instructions to parents as to what they should teach their children. You'll find these instructions in the third chapter of Proverbs. I'm going to ask all parents to read the chapter and teach your children to the end that the Word will be planted in their hearts. Beginning with verse 1, listen! "**MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:**" It says, "my son, don't forget my law; but lay up in your heart the things I'm going to teach you because God has given them to me to teach to you. Do what I tell you." "**For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they**

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add to thee." If you do what I tell you, long life and peace shall be added to you. **"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:"** Don't ever let mercy and truth be forsaken by you; be merciful and kind, but don't lie. Tell the truth! Tell everybody the truth and then help them! Jesus came and He was filled with grace and truth. He told everybody the truth and said, "When you're in trouble, don't get mad; I'm ready to help you and I can." **"bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:"** You must bind truth and mercy about your neck and write them upon your heart. **"So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."** You will find favor and good understanding as you walk with God and in the sight of man. **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't be so smart that no one can tell you anything. **"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."** First, acknowledge God in all the things you do and He'll direct your path. **"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."** Don't get so smart in your own eyes, just fear God and leave off the evil thoughts and things. **"It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones."** Marrow is very essential to the bones and these instructions are very essential in rearing your children. Just read that chapter and start while your children are small and when they grow up, they'll be a credit to God and you.

May God bless you and may you understand that the words which I have spoken to you are not mine; they are the words of God taken from the Holy Scriptures that you might know what to do in your time of trouble. They are predicated upon what God's Word has laid as a foundation and they are not for entertainment, but for understanding. The Word says that of all your getting, you should get an understanding. We try to make you know that your child is everything and God lays the burden upon somebody's heart to do what you don't have the time to do or you don't take the time to do --- to teach it the right way to go. In the schools now, they are trying to get rid of God. They're talking about not having prayer or the Scriptures read. But you've got to honor God. I don't blame them for not having any doctrines taught, but there is only one doctrine and that's the doctrine of Jesus Christ and that's plain enough to read. Just let the Word stand for itself: it can! Children need to know about God. Amen.

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