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Washington's Prayer Life

What were the habits of Washington in relation to prayer? His uniform practice from youth to hoary age, furnished, it would seem, a consistent exemplification of this duty in its double aspect of public and private prayer. The first decisive indication of his principles on this subject, with which we are acquainted, appeared during the encampment at the Great Meadows, in the year 1754. While occupying Fort Necessity, it was his practice to have the troops assemble for public worship.

After this period, he was engaged in the French and Indian War for some years. Of his habits, during the vicissitudes of that contest one of his aides has been often heard to say that, frequently on the Sabbath, he has known Colonel Washington to perform divine service with his regiment, reading the Scriptures and praying with them, when no chaplain could be had.

The Rev. Lee Massey was the rector of the parish at the time referred to. In regard to the deportment of his distinguished friend, especially in the house of God, he has often been heard to express himself in the following strain: "I never knew so constant an attendant at church as Washington, and his behavior in the house of God was ever so deeply reverential, that it produced the happiest effect on my congregation; and greatly assisted me in my pulpit labors. No company ever withheld him from church. For instead of staying at home, out of false complaisance to them, he used constantly to invite them to accompany him."

In the year 1774, Washington went to Williamsburg as a member of the House of Burgesses. The horizon of our country was then becoming dark with clouds, portraying the approach of war. The mem-

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"THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES"

By H. E. Dyer, Newark, Ohio

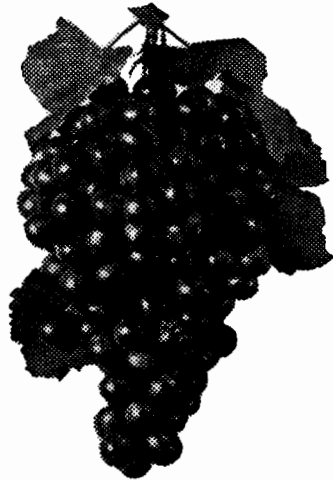
These are some of the last words of encouragement that our Lord left with the disciples and us. He says in essence, "I leave you with the great and grave task of accomplishing in the world all that I have made possible by my life and death. Although I go away I do not really leave you. Abide in Me."

Jesus intended to reproduce His life in the lives of His disciples, "as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself." Jesus was saying, "It is through you that I will live in this world after I personally pass into Heaven." He expected His disciples to continue what He had started, and finish the work.

Salvation was first spoken of by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him. Jesus said I am the Vine, the life giving stem from which you shall be sustained while you work. "You in Me and I in you." Little wonder that Paul would say "Our sufficiency is of God." What a wonderful unity it is, a unity of life. The Vine and the branches are one. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, but must abide in the vine. So neither can ye, except ye abide in Me.

There is no common life in a ball of twine which only makes it useful as a whole. Cut a yard of string off the ball and it can be useful by itself. Not so with the vine and the branches, because it is unity of life. Jesus said, "Separated from Me ye can do nothing." Our ability to produce the fruit of the spirit is due to the fact that We have been made one with Him.

The Gentiles were grafted into the vine when the incision was



made at Calvary. After Christ arose from the dead He said, "teach all nations." (Jews and Gentiles alike) Grafting is a very delicate business, and a new one takes a lot of care on the part of the husbandman, but after a certain length of time the branch is so firmly set to the vine that they become a part, one of the other.

Early in the history of the New Testament church the place of the Gentiles in the vine was a delicate subject, but by divine revelation to the Apostle Peter and the passing of time, their place in the vine became indisputable. "The Gentiles by my mouth should hear the gospel and believe," said Peter. Because of this we must be satisfied to be branches, (and be happy for it).

We must not try to stand apart and grow from a private root. In our walk with God we must remember that we are a part of the whole. Once cut from the vine selfishness is an impossibility, and every branch withers. Successful selfishness is an impossibility, and a branch cut from a tree is a picture of a selfish man; stranded and

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THE TRUTH ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

By Eleanor Doan

What does your mind conjure up when you hear the words, "He's a Junior High?"

Some people think of him as juvenile; others call him "that adolescent." Neighbors have said of him, "Only his mother could love him, his father just endures him." Many church folk call him an "intermediate," or "inbetweenner." Still others just shrug their shoulders and avoid him as much as possible.

What is a Junior High really?

A Junior High Is A Person

Yes, a Junior High is a person, a very real person. He is 12, 13, or 14 years of age and usually is in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grade in public school. He seems especially different from persons of every other age—and he is different! He is even different from those his own age. No two Junior Highs are alike. Why is this? The answer is simple: each youth has his own growth rate, no two hitting the same step at the same time. Then too, the intellectual, social and psychological influence of our modern culture affects the Junior High's mental growth, behavior and personality in a very real way. The changes which take place in the human being during the Junior High age make it the most critical period of life. It is the time when all the energies of life are at flood tide, when all the vital forces usually acquire the direction they will keep during the rest of life.

A Junior High is a paradox; an adult one moment, a child the next; intelligent and capable, but unde-



pendable; enthusiastic, then lethargic; trusting one day, cynical the next. He defies authority to attract attention and conforms to the group to be accepted. He would rather be dead than be different. To most adults he appears to be all "uns", undisciplined, unpredictable, undignified, unmanageable, unstable, etc. Of this adolescent Richard Armour wrote:

A mind? Yes he

Has one of those.

It comes, however,

And it goes.

And if, when it

Is called upon,

It mostly happens

To be gone,

Don't fret, don't shout,

Don't curse the lack;

Just wait a while—

It will be back!

A Junior High is a person with a problem, not necessarily a problem person as so many people characterize him. He is caught up in a cycle of many changes which sometimes sets up a chain reaction. For instance, during adolescence the basic concepts of a Junior High are changing, thus there may be problems of unbelief. His concept of God, prayer, right and wrong have been given him by others; now he is seeking his own philosophy. In the earnest pursuit of getting an ed-

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ucation, he may be disturbed or confused by the study of science in school. If his inquiring mind has not had his questions answered with satisfaction, doubts are produced at a time when this teenager needs the security of a strong faith.

The Junior High Is Important

This adolescent is a most important person. Let us consider some challenging facts concerning this great teenage population which will help us, the church, and of course the Junior High, himself.

Junior Highs are important to the nations and to society. They are the future tax-payers, voters, law-makers, soldiers, homemakers. Of today's seventeen million teenage populations the Junior Highs number approximately seven million. And in another five years they will claim about ten million. Numbers alone make them very important in consideration of tomorrow's world, so provision to prepare them for life is made through public school education. Community programs are planned and conducted just for them. Guidance centers are maintained for their benefit by many law enforcement agencies.

Junior Highs are important to the business world. Because of their tremendous influence in purchasing habits, business men look at them with dollar signs in their eyes. According to one researcher the teenage population controls a purchasing power of nine-and-one half billion dollars a year. Products are planned just for them, clothing manufacturers cater to them, advertising is geared to their tastes, the record and music industries continually consult them.

Junior Highs are important to the home. They are a constant chal-

lenge to parents of their responsibility, guidance, and understanding. Junior Highs are loved and endured, prayed over and wept over. Their membership in the family is reflected in every area of activity, sometimes so dominantly that parents remark, "What did I do to deserve this?"

Junior Highs are important to the church and to the Sunday school. In many respects, Junior Highs are the most important persons to the Sunday school. "Perishable property" should be printed above every Junior High class room door, for we are faced with the grim facts that many churches lose between seventy to eighty-five per cent of their Junior High youth. Since ninety per cent of the church members come from the Sunday school, the future size of the church will be in proportion to the present size of the Junior High department.

Junior Highs are important to God. A life was given to save them (John 3:16). Nothing conditions the desire of the Lord Jesus Christ to draw these young people to Himself. He longs for their love and devotion and service. If a Junior High is won to Christ by the time he is fifteen years of age, he has a potential of forty-five years of Christian service. However, unless he is won during his early teens, chances are 5,000 to 1 he will not be won during his young adult years.

The Junior High Is A Challenge

The Bible says, "Behold (NOTICE!) I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land" (Deuteronomy 1:8). How much Junior High land there is! Joshua 13:1 tells us that "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

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LADIES

Dear Ohio District Ladies and Pastors,

Greetings in Jesus Name. Just a note of thanks and appreciation for your good contributions to the Burton Family, our adopted missionaries. We asked the Lord and you for \$500.00 for their Christmas gift and you will see the results below. Thanks again, May God bless you for your wonderful cooperation.

Section No. 1 — Bro. Kinzie, Presbyter	\$150.00
Section No. 2 — Bro. Carter, Presbyter	60.00
Section No. 3 — Bro. Cook, Presbyter	127.40
Section No. 4 — Bro. Ragon, Presbyter	121.00
Section No. 5 — Bro. York, Presbyter	50.00
Total \$508.40	
Sis. Kinzie	

Dear Sister Kinzie
And Ladies Of The
Ohio District Auxiliary;

Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

What a thrill and a surprise it was to go to the mail box before Christmas, because almost every day for five days I received a letter from each of the five sections of the Ohio District. I do not believe I received two in the same day, which made each one a surprise. When we arrived in Venezuela it was like starting house-keeping all over again, we had to start from scratch as we brought no furniture. The Missionary Department was so very gracious, and asked us to write our needs. As we began to look around we found wood so very high. Any furniture made of wood was out of reach. When we told the Missionary Dept. what we needed we did not include any chest of drawers or dressers. We felt we could manage out of suit-cases until we saved enough money and we would buy as were able to do so. As you know it is much easier to say and write the word "save" than it is actually to

do it. But your offerings solved the problem and we were able to buy a chest of drawers and a vanity for Sister Burton. We added many other little extra necessities that we wouldn't have been able to do had it not been for you. It was our first Christmas away from home and you certainly had a part in making it a pleasant one. May God richly bless each of you for your sacrifice, we know he will. We can only show our appreciation by saying a BIG THANKS, and working very hard here in Venezuela. We feel a heavy obligation upon us especially, with such confidence you have shown in us.

When we arrived in Maraciabe on June 7th of 1962, we knew we were facing a new people with different customs than we. But we knew also, that these people needed the gospel. Brother and Sister Martinez came to the boat and took us to the Maraciabo Church. It was very hot and with pride they showed us the bath house and told us we would probably feel better if we took a shower. Now, to you that means entering the bath room, turning on the shower, and enjoy-

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ing a cool shower. Not so here. I entered the bath house that was intended for the natives, they are very short people, but as you know I am six foot one inch. As I turned around I was shocked to see that the top of the door was at least two feet from the roof top. This was no problem to the natives as they could stand on a box and still not see over the top. But my head touched the roof. For me it was a shock because I could see everybody and they could see me. I looked up to see where the shower nozzle was, but saw none. Then I looked down on the floor, there was a bucket of water with an empty coffee can. I found out the idea was to pour the water over your body. Although a new experience it was a valuable one, because when we go to the country places it is a marvelous way to bathe, in fact it is the only way.

Now go with us to the "El Mercado Libre" (The Free Market). We are more fortunate in San Cristobal, because it is cool and damp (high in the Andes Mountains) and there aren't quite as many flies as in the tropical cities (these located in the valleys). As you enter the market you smell a combination of fish, pork, beef and all kinds of vegetables. You look at the meat hanging up (no refrigeration). You wave your hand in front of you and the flies leave and you can get a better look at the meat. Then after making your selection it is ready to be wrapped. At home we have our meat wrapped so very nice. But here they wrap it in banana leaves. In fact banana leaves are used to wrap almost everything in the market. Using this kind of meat in the market we thank God for our pressure cooker.

God is certainly blessing in the works here in Venezuela. We see a steady growth and that is healthy. When we arrived there was no church in San Antonie, a border town (Columbia and Venezuela) about a two hour drive from here. The pastor here in San Cristobal felt led to go to this town. In about a months time he had passed out approximately three thousand tracts. I became concerned and went along with him several times. He goes on Thursdays. God began to bless and now we have a nice group of believers there. They are still worshipping in homes but now we are looking for a place to worship in. I went last Thursday and had my little speech wrote out (I must do this because of the language being new to me) I didn't want to make mistakes and too, I was afraid I wouldn't remember the correct words to use. The Spirit of God came down and the Spanish flowed so smooth and I forgot I had written anything down. In fact, what I said had nothing to do with what was on the paper. It was a blessed service.

To return to San Cristobal from there is quite a problem. They have few buses (I don't believe there are any to San Antonio) and individuals use their automobiles for the purpose of taking people back and forth between cities. This is their living. Sometimes one must stay all night as the cars have quite running. The highway back to San Cristobal is very dangerous, winding curves through the mountains and not only that, but cows are all over the highway. As you round a curve it isn't anything unusual to find a cow lying in the road. Then too, at that hour of the

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GOD OR GORILLA

(PART II FROM STANDARD OF TRUTH)

By BRO. STANLEY HERRON, Northern Ireland

Grunts And Growls

Man is supposed to have evolved from the ape, and from grunts and growls to modern speech. But is this so? "Science Illustrated," July 1948 says, "Man appears not to have begun with a simple speech, and gradually made it more complex, but rather to have gotten hold of a tremendously knotty speech and gradually simplified it into modern forms."

Professor John Arthur says, "Modern research is leading us away from the picture of primitive man as having been brutish, dull, and bellicose."

A Deal With The Devil

The Roman Catholic Encyclopedia says, "Evolution is in perfect harmony with the Christian conception of the universe." And so the Church of Rome has done a deal with the Evolutionist and has admitted one more Pagan Relic into her collection. This is not surprising in view of the statement of Pope Pius XI who said, "He would do a deal with the Devil for the salvation of a soul," 'salvation' he of course meant conversion to Roman Catholicism. Little did he realize that in making a deal with Evolution he was making a deal with the Devil, who was "a liar from the beginning." Evolution depends on lies—bold, big, and oft-repeated lies are its stock-in-trade.

Tell Our Youth The Truth

From tender years our children are being crammed with this discredited, outdated, long exploded ignorant Bible criticism. They are being systematically poisoned with rank unbelief, with unscientific speculations about this theory of Evolution, which went out 50 years ago on the ebb-tide of German Bible criticism, and which only remain today, where there is sufficient ignorance or dishonesty to support it. Christian parent, you owe it to your child to tell him, or her, the truth. You need never fear the absolute reliability of your Bible. It stands today the impregnable rock, as all honest authorities are prepared to admit. Let me quote for you a few of these honest men.

Henry Drummond, one of the first men to introduce this theory into Christian circles, later came to realize the terrible mistake he had made, and in a letter to Mr. Dawson wrote; "am going back to the Bible to believe it... as I did at first. I can no longer live on uncertainties. I am going back to the faith of the Word of God."

Charles Darwin also came to realize the unprovable nature of his theories, and speaking of Lady Hope, he said, "Is not Christ and His Salvation the best theme of all?"

Professor Beale of King's College, a distinguished physiologist said,

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"In spite of all the conjectures concerning man's origin, there is not at this time a shadow of scientific evidence."

Professor Virchow, a naturalist of worldwide repute says, "The attempt to find the transition from animal to man has ended in failure."

Sir William Dawson, the eminent geologist says, "The record of the rocks is against the Evolutionists... nothing is known about the origin of man except what we are told in Scripture."

No Evolution In 500,000 Years

In the great Cambrian rock stratum estimated to be half a million years old, there are countless fossils of creatures which once inhabited our earth but Professor Smith says, "If we examine them, and those of the living creatures of today, we are not able to detect the smallest difference." If there has been no evolution in all this time who is to say there ever was any?

The Sudden Appearance Of Life

The Bible clearly teaches sudden appearance by Creation, and so also does the rock formation. Dr. Austin Clarke says, "when life first appears it is in all its major forms—no intermediate forms have ever been found." In no case do we find life crossing the barriers of species, or family groups—in the language of Genesis it has always been "after its kind."

Doctored Diagrams And Faked Fossils

Unable to produce any proof for their monkey tales, they have resorted to monkey tricks of deliberate fraud and forgery, and time after time alleged proofs have had to go into the biological bin. Ernest Haeckel, charged with fraud, admitted it, and more, he admitted that others were guilty too. He said, "I admit that a number of my diagrams are really forgeries, but hundreds of Zoologists lie under the same charge—the great majority of their diagrams are not true to nature, but are doctored and reconstructed."

Yes, teach your children the truth and they will one day bless you for it. You will make it easy for them to find Him who is The Way, the truth and the life—the Lord Jesus Christ.

—o—

"...Thy word is truth."

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... And God said, Let there be... and there was... And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

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"The man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument."

THE POWER OF PRAISE

By Nathaniel A. Urshan

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people... Remember his marvelous works that he hath done..." (Psalms 105:1, 5)

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine". (Proverbs 3:9, 10)

If we could scan the whole experience of man from time immemorial and investigate the life history of every individual, I wonder what we could learn about the spirit of praise. For instance, if a man had a spirit of praise and thanksgiving, what would result from his attitude? Or in the opposite direction, what would be the outcome of the cold, cynical, thankless person who never expressed appreciation for anything?

Have you ever noticed how a little word of thanks can change an atmosphere? Courtesy is catching. Or how harsh and unwieldy is the surly, unthankful disposition of some. The poet declare, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth is an unthankful child."

David the psalmist, a man of varied experiences, used praise and thanksgiving to God to carry him over the mountain peaks of prosperity and to stabilize him in the woeful valley of discouragement. The Psalms are beautiful expressions of praise from a devoted life to God. Even the dark stain of defeat in David's life is somewhat covered by the heart of the man in his praise-filled adoration to God. To be thankful is to be positive and victorious. To be unthankful is to be selfish and prone to defeat.

Notice the man named Job. The story of this patriarch is the inspiration of millions. There are key verses in the book of Job which,

I believe, hold the secret to his stamina in trial and his eventual victory over adversity. "And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually" (Job 1:4, 5). Here is demonstrated a great contrast between father and children. The children of Job were probably living a life of hilarity with no thoughts of God, no evidence of praise, no concern about the elements that brought them their lofty opportunities. They feasted and drank without a show of thanksgiving. But Job, though he was unusually wealthy, unmistakably prosperous, knew that all this was the particular favor of the Lord upon his life and upon the lives of his family. So humbly he sacrificed, interceded and praised God in behalf of his children.

I do believe that this facility of praise and thanksgiving was the key used in changing Job's nightmare of sorrow to a successful, glorious ending. Job fulfilled the

advice of the wise man: "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Job's children did not care.

I wonder how many of my readers are like Job's children, accepting blessings and prosperity with no thought of how they came your way. If you're well, healthy and strong, do you realize that "the God in whose hand your breath is" has permitted your health? You should lift a voice of praise to Him for His goodness to you and thus prolong your opportunity of health.

If your deep freeze is full and you're kept warm by good clothes and you have a roof over your head and a job to go to, you ought to thank God out loud for these special blessings.

If you are appreciative of free speech, an opportunity to speak your mind; freedom of worship, a land and country where you can worship God according to the dictates of your heart, praise God for these blessings not just once a year but every day. Remember, two-thirds of the world are dominated by several forms of totalitarian rule. Men under such government cannot do as they please. When did you last praise God for your freedom and pray and say, "God bless America"?

Perhaps you're a "fire-escape" worshipper, using the Lord for a convenience. When you're sitting at the top of the heap you forget your obligations to the Lord, but when adversity strikes your howls for mercy are louder than a stricken dog.

Are you like Job, a cautious and devout person, or are you like his children, careless, hilarious and unconcerned? When did you last go

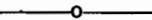
to God's house and there worship Him? You see, friend, there are things important to life other than pursuits of duty, care for the body, and concerns for carnality; there is your eternal soul to think about. You have cared for your physical needs and wants, but are you starving spiritually?

Life is not truly blessed and happy without worship to God. Your spiritual man needs food. Your body needs the rest and relaxation that comes from meditating, praying and singing in the Lord's house. Your mind needs the stimulus of the rarefied atmosphere brought by lofty thoughts and adoring worship.

Paul wrote in his epistle to the Ephesians, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks... speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:4, 19-20).

You are burdened and saddled by the commonplace so much of your time that you need to get away from it and into the presence of God. You will in His presence find power in praise and glory in thanksgiving.

Reprint from
"The Voice"



PSALM 117

**O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
praise him, all ye people.**

**For his merciful kindness is great
toward us: and the truth of the
Lord endureth for ever, Praise ye
the Lord.**

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER LIFE

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bers of the House passed an order that the first day of June should be set apart by them as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. On that day the following brief entry is found in his diary kept by Washington: "June 1, Wednesday — Went to church, and fasted all day." He went to church in conformity with the order passed by the House of Burgesses, but not only so—he did that also which, perhaps was not known to any mortal; which was known only to God — he fasted all day.

The day after he became Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, an order was issued in which we find the following injunction: "The General requires and expects from all officers and soldiers, not engaged in actual duty, punctual attendance on divine service, to implore the blessings of heaven upon the means used for our safety and defense."

In the exalted office as President of the United States his conduct continued to be distinguished by the same uniform and punctual observance of religious duties which had marked his life. After his retirement from the Chair of State, he still continued the same in spirit and practice. It may be added, simply as evidence of his devotional habits, that he always said grace at the table. On one occasion, from force of habit, he performed this duty himself when a clergyman was present — an instance in indecorum very unusual with him. Being told, after the clergyman departed, of the incivility he expressed his regret at the oversight, but added, "The reverend gentleman will at least be

assured, that we are not entirely graceless at Mount Vernon."

Some may think that this outward attention to religion had no higher source than patriotism — than a regard for the prevalence of morality and good order in society.

That these motives alone did not originate his devotional habits, we are assured. There is enough testimony to satisfy every mind that he was not less punctual and unremitting in his attention to the duties of his closet, than to those of the public sanctuary. At what period of life his observance of this sacred duty commenced it is impossible for mortals to know, but the following instances of secret prayer are submitted with the most perfect assurance of the certainty of their occurrences. We have quoted the testimony of one of his aides in the French and Indian War, to his habit of reading the Scriptures and praying on Sundays, in the absence of the chaplain. This same individual has often been heard to say in connection with the above, that on sudden and unexpected visits into his (Washington's) marquee, he has more than once, found him on his knees in devotions.

Extract of a letter from a Baptist minister to the Editor of the (Boston) Christian Watchman, occurred at a subsequent period of his life, January 13, 1832: "The meeting house belonging to the church just alluded to, is in sight of the spot on which the American Army, under the command of General Washington, was encamped during his most severe winter. This, we know, was then called Valley Forge. It is affecting to hear the old people relating the sufferings of the Army, when the soldiers were frequently tracked by the blood from their sore and bare feet, lacerated

by the rough and frozen roads over which they were obligated to pass.

"You will recollect that a most interesting incident, in relation to the life of the great American Commander-in-Chief, has been related as follows: that while stationed here with the Army, he was frequently-observed to visit a secluded grove. This excited the curiosity of a Mr. Potts, who watched his movements at one of these seasons of retirement, until he observed that he was on his knees and engaged in prayer. Mr. Potts then returned, and said to his family, "Our cause is lost," (he was with the Tories), assigning his reasons for his opinion."

It may be added that besides the individual named by the above writer as having witnessed the private devotions of General Washington at Valley Forge, it is known that General Knox also was an accidental witness of the same, and was fully apprized that prayer was the object of the Commander's frequent visits to the grove.

During his residence in Philadelphia, as President of the United States, it was the habit of Washington, winter and summer, to retire to his study at a certain hour every night. He usually did so at nine o'clock — always having a lighted candle in his hand, and closing the door carefully after him. A youthful member of his household whose room was near the study, observing this constant practice of Washington, had his thoughts excited in reference to the cause of so uniform a custom. Accordingly, on one occasion in the indulgence of juvenile curiosity, he looked into the room some time after the President had gone in; and to his surprise, saw him on his knees at a small table, with a candle and open Bible thereon.

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DO YOU KNOW?

Compiled By Rev. E. D. Howell

...that the reason a lot of people cannot find opportunity is that it goes around disguised as hard work.

* * * *

...that your brain should be always in gear before putting your mouth in motion.

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...that if you have decided that you are not too smart, just keep your mouth shut and you can fool a lot of people.

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...that it's funny how you can like a lot of people when you first meet them — until they talk you out of it.

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...that our conscience gets a lot of credit that really belongs to cold feet.

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...that no matter how much you nurse a grudge, it won't get better.

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...that there's no doubt that T.V. is educational — there are few children who can't ambush a posse, hold up a stagecoach, or rustle some cattle.

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...that you should never slide down the ladder of success; you might come across a splinter.

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...that defeat is nothing — but the first step to something better.

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...that we hate to have some people give us advice when we know how badly they need it themselves.

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...that if you live the Christian life carefully, others will care to live it too.

LETTER FROM . . .**Bro. and Sis. Burton**

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night the driver is drunk and very sure of himself since he has traveled over the road for years. The last time we returned from San Antonio, I leaned back and shut my eyes and prayed telling the Lord of the promise he had given me in Psalms 121:8 "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and ever for evermore." This Psalm was precious to me that night as I felt the rocks going over the side of the mountains where we almost slide over. When we arrived in San Cristobal it was certainly a relief, the driver couldn't even open the trunk of the automobile he was so intoxicated. Sister Burton and Sister Martinez, went over alone for service some time ago and it was the mercies of God that brought them home safe as the driver was so drunk. We are praising God for the funds sent to us only yesterday for an automobile. Now we can drive over without fear of not arriving home safely. We tell you all these things that you might pray for us as we laborer on the Mission Field.

I must close. Again we thank you so much for helping us to have a nice Christmas. If at any time I can be of service to you or your church in promoting missions write us. We love to receive mail.

Your Servants In Christ

Bro. and Sis. Burton

**THE VINE AND
THE BRANCHES**

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dying in cold isolation, while other men move ahead with success. We are not here to promote any private good for ourselves. No tree bears fruit for itself but for others.

Fruit is for the purpose of nourishing men. Men build monuments to themselves and the memory of their names live for years, while fruit is eaten and disappears and passes into human life that goes on forever. Men labor for themselves and want to be conspicuous and will do anything to have it so, even turn away from friends and principle.

He who is content to be a branch will not seek the admiration of men, (at this point we should ask ourselves, Why is this one and that one my friend. Is it because of love, or is it to promote my self?), but will seek to perfect the Church of God even though in order to do so he must remain obscure and his labours go on without notice or recognition.

In these days of self seeking and promotion let us remember that all the branch needs to be fruitful is the Vine. "For me to live is Christ." We are complete in Him.

Every once in awhile we need to examine our aims in our Christian life and see if they correspond with those of the Christ. Ask ourselves, what is the true purpose of our human existence? Is it to do what we do, say what we say to promote ourselves, or is it a true case of the branch attached to the vine bearing fruit for others to enjoy?

THE TRUTH ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

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Truly there are millions of parcels of teenage land yet unclaimed. Face the truth concerning Junior High Youth. Doesn't it challenge you to know that every contact with a Junior High is an opportunity to reach him for Christ—to possess the land?

Perhaps you may wonder how to begin, and what to do. First, you can love the Junior High. Love him for what he really is—a person for whom Christ died. You may not like all his habits or ideas or actions, but you can love him. In fact, you must love him to be understanding of him. You must be understanding of him to know him. And you must know him to win him to Christ.

Besides his need for love, a Junior High has three other basic needs: to feel secure, to achieve and to have spiritual guidance.

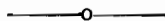
One of the surest ways to help a Junior High feel secure is to assure him of Christ's love and to help him to find a satisfying place among other Christian people. Make him feel welcome and wanted; give him something to do. Remember the old truism: "Use him or you'll lose him." Examine the effort your church makes concerning the Junior High. Is there a special department just for him? Is there a class just his age? Are there activities planned which will interest him? Does he have responsibilities which will challenge him? Does the church plan visitation with him in mind? Does it make a special effort to win him to Christ?

Encourage the Junior High's effort at achievement. He wants recognition as a person and longs to be believed in. As a rule, Junior

Highs have greater capabilities than we realize. They possess far more data about their environment than any previous generation; they are smarter, have access to more information through the media of television, newspapers, periodicals, etc. They are more alert, better trained, and their experiences make them more mature so that they have greater confidence in their undertakings. Show genuine interest in his efforts, praise him generously and criticize him without malice.

Junior Highs have a sincere desire for spiritual guidance. They are serious in their search for faith and have a wholesome appreciation of adult guidance. Encourage him when he feels that his own salvation experience does not compare with the experiences of other Christians he has heard about or known. Teach him with confidence and through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Help him to learn the great truths from God's Word for himself.

This experience with the Junior High will help you to really know the truth about Junior High Youth; that he is a real person, that he is important, that he is a challenge of land to be possessed for Christ.



WASHINGTON'S PRAYER LIFE

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Here was in a great measure the secret of his greatness, and of the wonderful successes which ever attended him. It was the blessing of God on him, as His chosen and dutiful servant, that so fully equipped him for every service, and conducted him to the highest usefulness and the greatest honor.

From the Religious Opinions
And Character of Washington
By E. C. M'Guire

Home Missionary Report — December, 1962

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chillicothe	Ernest Heskett	\$1.95
Akron	R. E. Carter	13.26
West Jefferson	C. E. Pennington	5.23
New Straitsville	Harold Kellenbarger	5.00
Cincinnati	F. E. Curts	20.00
Middleport	B. L. Barrett	12.26
Elyria	Paul Kearney	5.19
Portsmouth	L. J. Roshon	7.75
Hamilton	Albert Friend	42.32
Northfield Center	Karl Schnabel	8.76
Coshocton	Charles Davidson	10.00
Columbus	G. C. Chambers	84.90
Mansfield	Robert A. Meyer	4.20
London	C. C. Cummins	10.00
Junction City	Chant Dunlap	10.00
Columbus	M. J. Whalen	6.06
Toledo	Fred Kinzie	16.74
Newark	H. E. Dyer	20.00
Lancaster	R. G. Cook	5.50
Cleveland	J. E. Ronk	17.00
Athens	Paul Alden	9.34

Total ... \$315.46

George C. Chambers
Home Missionary Secretary

IRONTON OHIO

The Lord certainly has blessed the Apostolic Gospel Church here in Ironton, Ohio, during the year 1962. We had two revivals and several families were baptized and most of them received the Holy Ghost. About five families moved away which caused our Sunday School to drop but the Lord is sending new ones in, "Praise His Name."

We also want to announce that our pastor, Bro. York, has three radio programs on the following stations: Tuesday, 9:00 p.m. — KAYE — Puyallup, Washington; Saturday,

12:30 p.m. — WCHO — Washington Court House, Ohio; Monday thru Friday, 9:45 a.m. and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. — WTCR — Ashland, Kentucky.

If anyone has relatives living in any of these areas tell them about the programs. Also if any of your relatives live around Ironton, we give them a cordial invitation to visit our church services. On Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday also 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 6th and Spruce Streets.

Bro. R. York, Pastor
Sis. Betty Cox, Reporter