

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

## A MESSAGE TO SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

In consideration of the recognized value and lasting influence of child instruction, and the possibility of turning into channels of usefulness some of the pent-up energy of child life, we feel that the children of our Sunday Schools and communities challenge their churches who maintain the unspoiled standards of holiness and truth, to more carefully instruct them, and more thoughtfully use them. As "lambs among wolves," children of the modern age grow up in a world that is bent upon destroying their faith in Jesus Christ as the atoning Savior of man-kind, and it is our challenging opportunity to so instill into their pliable minds the logical theory and practical beauty of His ethics and character, that under the Spirit's guidance we may be instrumental in molding character which will successfully withstand the powerful attacks of unbelief, and retain in their knowledge a simple yet implicit faith in Jesus as both Lord and Christ.

In answer to this soul-inspiring challenge, we have successfully launched a plan of organization of Junior Young People's Groups. These groups consist of children up to the age of twelve years, who belong to our Sunday Schools and communities, under the care of a competent and responsible leader, preferably a member of one of our Senior Young People's Groups.

In order that we may conveniently reach all such groups with what assistance we may lend, we desire that, as nearly as possible, we may have a uniform program for them. To this end we suggest the following:

A name—Junior Crusaders of Church.

An emblem—A button pin bearing a red cross on a white background.

A slogan—"By this sign conquer."

A theme song—"Marching Along."

A saving plan—Money to be given to missions.

Such groups, if organized, should be under the jurisdiction and approval of the pastors. I have endeavored to state the facts of the plan very briefly. If you recognize the need and value of such a group in your church and community, and the plan is approved by your pastor, write for detailed information to

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## I'M GOING THROUGH

A few years ago I heard a young man testify something like this: "When I gave my heart to the Lord I determined that I was going to go through with Him. There have been times when I would have given up except for the fact that I had made up my mind to keep true to God, and that was the only thing that held me. I still have that determination in my heart." I knew somewhat of the battle he had, and admired him for his grit, and made a new resolve myself to be true to God.

This fall I heard one of our brethren testify in words similar to the following: "I thank God tonight that I have not only a determination but also a disposition in my heart to go through with the Lord." That set me to thinking, and I find that there is a vast difference

between the two terms. A determination is an act of the will—a resolution, while a disposition is a tendency or a natural temperament. We need them both, but Thank God, after we have turned our will Godward and have determined to go his way, He comes into our heart and changes it all over, and we find that the natural thing to do is to serve God. We not only live for Him because we decided it was the best for us, but we live in Him and find it our natural element. It is wonderful to be able to sing "I'm determined to go through," but much more blessed to sing, "I feel like travelling on."

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## SUGGESTIVE BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR SOCIETY

## PRAYER (Part I.)

Scripture: Luke 11:13; 18:10-14

**Introduction:** Prayer is first hand communication between man and God. God makes known His will in many ways, but the only means by which man may talk with God is prayer. Prayer is two-sided. God's promises make absolutely certain the perfect accomplishment of his part of the communication, for He never changes and never fails. When prayer fails, or when we are disappointed with the results, the reason for it lies with us. God always hears and answers the perfect prayer. Hence the need of learning more perfectly how to pray. The more we learn about and practice the art of prayer, the nearer will we come to having all our prayers answered. The aim of this study is to consider our part in prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray."

**Reasons for praying—**

1. God commands it.—Matt. 7:7. 26-41. He tells us to ask for the things that we need; to ask that we may receive.

2. In order to get forgiveness. Luke 18:13, 38. God does not grant forgiveness to any one who will not ask for it.

3. In order to keep in victory. I. Cor. 7:5. There is no more certain means of defeating the enemy of our souls, yea, there is no other means within our reach, than through prayer.

4. Because of affiliations. James 5:13. There is rest from all earth's trials: In the secret place of prayer.

5. We should pray for each other. Romans 1:9; 15:30. Not only pray for others but feel free to ask others to pray for you. Such a bond is not easily broken.

6. We should pray for the unsaved. Matt. 9:38. We are God's instruments by which He will save the world.

**Essentials to Successful Praying—**

1. Humility Luke 18:11-14. See also James 4:6. I. Peter 5:5. Psalm 9:12.

2. Reverence. Proverbs 5:2. Exodus 3:5. Without recognizing the Holiness and Almightiness of God, it is impossible to receive anything from Him.

3. Submission to His will. John 9:31. We cannot hope to bend God to our wishes; nor can we have desires and ambitions aside from what is His will for us, and pray successfully.

4. Abiding in Him. John 15:7. The only prayer of an unsaved person that will be answered is a prayer for forgiveness.

5. Praying in Jesus' name. John 14:13. All prayer is answered because Jesus paid the great price for man's redemption on Calvary.

On no other grounds but the merits of His shed blood will God hear and answer prayer.

6. Fervency. James 5:16. Unless there is a passion in the heart cry; unless the prayers have burdens in them, they will not avail very much.

7. Praying in the Spirit. Ephesians 6:18. The Spirit must direct our petitions lest we pray for that which is not God's will.

8. Faith. Mark 9:23; 11:24. Matt. 9:29. God honors faith. Faith can command God. Faith can move the earth and heavens. Faith alone can surmount time and lay hold on eternity.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT

It seems that it would be the proper thing for me, at the beginning of 1935, to greet you all through the columns of the Young People's Page with a God Bless You, and a wish that this will be a Happy and a Prosperous New Year. I trust that at the close of this year we all, both young and old, will be able to say that this has been the best year in our Christian life and experience.

To all of our young people I would say that some things are needful if this is to be true. First, we must have a vision of our need—the need of a personal and definite experience, of being born again, born of the Spirit, born from above, made new creatures in Christ Jesus; of having the Spirit of God witness to our spirits that we are children of His. Romans 8:16. Then never rest until you know by personal experience, that the Holy Spirit has come the second time to sanctify your soul and fill you with Himself. This is really beginning to live for Christ.

Second, we must partake of nourishment to sustain this spiritual life. Jesus declared "That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Too many are over-feeding their bodies and starving their souls. "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him." Study the word of God; it will nourish your soul.

Third, we must pray. One might as well try to live without air as to live a spiritual life without prayer. Secret prayer is the strong tower to the soul. "Pray to thy Father in secret and thy Father seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:6. The way to get things from God is through the medium of prayer.

Fourth, faith is a requisite. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6. Faith in God! Faith that the things we pray for are according to His will, and for His glory. "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." I. John 5:14.

Fifth, obedience must be a key in the life that tells for God. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Israel 1:19. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams." I. Samuel 15:22. Oh, the wrecks along the shores of time through disobedience. Happy are the young people who are obedient to the call and will of God. The Bible abounds in cases that illustrate this point.

Last, but not least, a sacrificial spirit must be yours. Selfishness is rampant these days.