

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

## I WANT TO

Thomas Carlyle is responsible for the saying, "Nothing is done without enthusiasm." Now he did not mean a wild reckless impulse, but a desire, an interest, that is larger than all obstacles, because nothing of any lasting value is ever accomplished without overcoming some difficulties with something that is bigger and stronger.

A man buys a car, and we try to find the reason. He says that he needed it; but we learn that he needed several pieces of furniture, besides many other things, but did not buy them. There must have been another reason. He says he bought it because it was such a beautiful car; but the world is full of beautiful things that he never thought of buying. That could not have been the reason. He says that it was cheap—the cheapest car on the market and the most economical to operate. But a horse and buggy is cheaper than any car, so that could not be the reason. He says he bought it because it was so fast; but an aeroplane is easily twice as fast as any car on the road, so there must have been another reason somewhere or he would have bought an aeroplane. As we question him further, we find that although the price of the car, its beauty, its speed, and his apparent need all entered in, he really bought the car because he wanted it. If he had not wanted it he would have got along in some way without it. As President Gardner says, "It doesn't take money to buy a car; it only takes the fever."

The same kind of reasoning in almost anything will bring us to the same conclusion—that we do things because we want to. Of course we are often persuaded by an outside influence, or we do something to please someone else, but all these make us want to. A "want to" is the greatest single influence in a person's life to impel him to do things. Nothing so conquers opposition, surmounts obstacles, and batters down difficulties, as the "want to." People do everything they want to do badly enough.

A real "want to" means self-denial and sacrifice many times, but these are the measure of one's devotion to a cause. No cause is defeated solely because of the forces arrayed against it, but because of the lack of interest, vision, and initiative on its side. Young people, here is a challenge for you. How badly do you want to see God's work prosper? How much are you willing to put into it? Do you really want to see your young people's work succeed? Do you want to make some real positive gains during the coming year? You can do whatever needs to be done if you "want to" badly enough.

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## JOE HAS TO STAY HOME

Dear Tom:

Do you know it has taken me these whole three days since I knew the Camp Meeting had started to feel just right over having to stay home when I had planned so much to go. Something kept telling me that the only way God has of making strong Christians is by feeding them on hardships and disappointments. And let me tell you, Tom, it

doesn't give a fellow a very happy feeling. I had almost decided that it wasn't worth all it cost. But last night was Prayer Meeting night, and we joined it and the Young People's Meeting because so many are away to Camp. Our pastor had asked me to have charge, and I started to read that 4th Chapter of I. Timothy, intending to say a few words about that wonderful testimony of Saint Paul's. But when I got to that second verse I stopped. Those words, "be instant in season, out of season," seemed to say new things to me. I dare say that most people would say that I had missed the proper explanation, but it seemed to fit then. I confessed to the people how I had been feeling, and then said that those words seemed to me to say that the Lord wants us to serve Him just as heartily and willingly when He changes our plans for us, as when He blesses our plans. He knows best even when it seems to us more reasonable or more profitable to be serving Him somewhere else at that time. God didn't have to leave us to go to Camp Meeting. Well, I guess some more people must have been feeling like I had, for they seemed to catch what I meant, and we had the best season of prayer afterward. Every one seemed to get blessed. I just couldn't keep the tears back—you know I always cry when I get blessed in meeting. The Lord seemed to make up a lot to us for having to miss Camp Meeting.

O, my, the noon hour is most gone, so I must hurry back to work. I hope you are having a great time. I'm praying for the Camp.

Your friend,

JOE

## SUGGESTIVE BIBLE STUDY CHRISTIAN FRUIT

Read for a Scripture lesson, John 15:1-16. In this chapter, Christ speaks of a cleansing or purging process which is necessary to fruit bearing. In Gal. 5:22-23, where Paul lists the fruit for us, we find that it is the fruit of the Spirit—the direct result of the indwelling Holy Spirit. From the parable of the sower in Matt. 13 we notice that not every Christian will produce the same amount of fruit, but it will be the same in kind and quality. Christ also told us that there are no fruitless Christians; or in other words, that they who ceased to bear fruit would be cast off to be burned. The fruit follow in order.

1. **Love.** A Christian without love is like daytime without light. The one is meaningless without the other.

2. **Joy.** Not because there are no hardships, but in spite of them all. It comes from the well of the heart.

3. **Peace.** The ship that rides life's storms on an even keel.

4. **Longsuffering.** Till seven times? Yes, unto seventy times seven.

5. **Gentleness.** In the midst of longsuffering. The Christian takes affliction and persecution gracefully. He "suffereth long and is kind."

6. **Goodness.** Not greatness but goodness is required of a Christian—genuine goodness that the world must take notice of.

7. **Faith.** A faith which capitalizes on all

of God's promises. Faith as a grain of mustard seed. Faith that lives and works. Faith that makes one faithful.

8. **Meekness.** Not lack of principle and backbone. True meekness takes personal abuse in silent endurance, but stands up for a brother, the truth and Christian principle, like Moses before Pharaoh.

9. **Temperance.** This, the balance wheel, keeps all the others functioning, in their proper order, proper place, and relationship.

There is no law in the universe against any of these, but Christ said, "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

## LET GO AND TRUST

From "Mile-stone Papers," by Dr. Daniel Steele, as read at the Convention in Woodstock.

It is an inspiring thought, that we are addressing those who would know more of Christ. A languid desire is not sufficient. You must desire Jesus with an intensity which will make your soul a glowing furnace. You must reach the point where you will be willing to sell all, or hold all else cheap in comparison with the fulness of love to Christ. **There are but two steps down into the pool which makes whole—consecration and trust.** Difficulties attend both steps. Some are in doubt whether they surrender all to the disposal of Christ. To such we say, **Consecrate all you know, and then all you do not know.** This includes all your assets. God asks no more than this. At this point many fail, through fear that they are to become paupers, when God means to endow them with untold wealth. What, let Christ become my Lord indeed! Is it safe to give him complete control over my heart, to be the sovereign of my will, the owner of my property, while I sink down to a mere stewardship under Him? Will He not take some cruel advantage of me? Will He not command me to some hard service? Will not reproaches be heaped upon me, if I avow before men and angels that I am wholly Christ's? Very likely He will honor you by intrusting to you some difficult labor. If you go into partnership with Him, you must share all the reproach that comes upon the firm. You are advised beforehand that Jesus is an unpopular character in what is called the best society.

"If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more so shall they call them of his household?" "The world will hate you, because it hateth me; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Hence there can be no perfect consecration without an accompanying perfect trust.

Just here let us whisper in your ear that **perfect reliance on Christ is impossible so long as you are cherishing your good name as a treasure more precious than His glory.** He has said, "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" This is not a jealous care of our moral standing, but for a weak truckling to a public opinion.