

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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"CLAIMING OUR INHERITANCE"

A Message from Our President

God makes ample and unlimited provision for the spiritual inheritance of His children.

It is quite as true of our earthly inheritance. Men have attained to great achievements. Columbus sailed the ocean; Watts invented the steam engine; Franklin discovered electricity. But someone has said: "The ocean waited ages for Columbus to cross it. Steam waited many years for Watts to harness it. The sky was full of electricity hundreds of years waiting for Franklin's kite." And so it might be noted that all the great achievements of history were as the result of the efforts of those who made discovery.

So it is young people, in the spiritual realm. God provides for us and expects endless growth and achievement, but if we are successful we must put forth some effort.

In the Old Testament we read that the Israelites had as their possessions whatever ground they set their feet upon as conquerors. That which they dared to attempt, they did. Whatever they undertook, they accomplished. But we discover that they never obtained all the land that God designed they should have, because they failed to put forth effort, and also disobeyed God in sparing the Philistines. The outcome was that Israel became adulterous and went down to defeat as a nation.

In gaining our inheritance or possessions, there are conditions to be met, and remember, they are the requirements of God and not of man. If we fail to meet them we will go down to defeat as the Israelites did.

Here are the requirements:

First: Regeneration.

That experience that takes us out of the sin business.

Second: Sanctification.

The removing of the sin principle out of our hearts. There are some young people of today who are satisfied with the experience of regeneration, but He who declares, "Ye must be born again," also declares, "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

Third: Faith.

That confidence in God that "laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It shall be done.'" In Heb. 10:38 we read: "The just shall live by faith," and again in Heb. 11:6: "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Fourth: Obedience to God.

In Isaiah 30:21 it is written: "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

Let us obey and trust Him as never before, and use as a theme song for the New Year:

Much land ahead to be possessed,
I'm going on, I'm going on:
And all is mine my feet have pressed,
Bless God! I'm going on.

REV. G. A. DeLONG
ONE STEP

I see not a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future his mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

—Mary G. Brainard

BLESS THOU THIS YEAR

Oh, tender Christ, bless thou this year!
Bless thou its dawn, and bless
Its noontide and its evening, Lord;
And let each heart confess,
As days and weeks and months go by
To help the year grow old,
That of Thy glory, King of Kings,
The half not yet is told.

THE NEW START

"Go, sin no more!" These are the Saviour's words.

The past is past. True life is here and now.
With seal of God's forgiveness on thy brow
Greet life's new morning, happy as the birds
That lift their songs when sunshine fills the air;

For God is love, and love is everywhere!

A CALL TO PRAYER

It is becoming increasingly evident that Satan is employing every conceivable method, is putting forth every effort, to allure God's people away from the secret place of prayer. A decline of spirituality, a fearful harvest being reaped by modernism, satanic inroads being made on the Christian church of today that cause us to question as to where the trouble lies. What is the under-lying reason for this appalling condition? What the source of our trouble? And speedily the answer comes back, as a death-knell to Christianity, "They have failed in their prayer life. The secret closet is vacant and the fervent effectual prayer is not uttered. The power-house is forsaken, the line between God and man is severed."

Through our Young People's Prayer League we issue a call to prayer. A plea for young people who will throw themselves into the gap, who will give themselves unreservedly and determinedly to prayer (and fasting if the Lord so leads the individual) that the fearful tide of indifference and ungodliness that is sweeping the world may be stemmed.

As loyal, consecrated young people who desire to make a worthy contribution to our denomination and the Church of Christ as a whole, we must face this need immediately, and take our stand for God and righteousness, or in spite of all our good intentions and desires, we will fail God in this wonderful and momentous opportunity that He has so trustingly placed within our grasp. Education, oratory, organization, church-going, etc., cannot take the place of closet communion, and unless we come back to prayer life, even our best efforts will result in defeat.

How many Christian young people who have not already united with the Prayer League, will join with us in the service of intercession, pledging, with those who already belong to this group, to be young people of prayer during the church-year of 1936-37? Send your name to the leader, join with us around the throne of God's grace in pleading for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost that will revive the church and save the world.

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BOOKS TO READ

Under the above heading we would like to open a new series of short and suggestive insertions in our Young People's Page, that will each month give space to the consideration of our reading. We plan to suggest in each issue, some book that would be beneficial to the reader, and especially those that might be most helpful to young people.

To open this column or corner, it seems altogether appropriate that our first suggestion of a book you should have in your collection and should read, is the Book of books. There is no substitute for the Word. Even the best books and commentaries about the Bible cannot, by any means, take the place of the Word itself. Written out of Divine inspiration by "holy men of old," to the sincere and spiritually-enlightened reader, it becomes a veritable treasure-house of life-giving truth. It gives us a deeper appreciation of God and His great salvation, adds strength and marrow to the spiritual body, and equips us for every testing and each battle of life. Read it prayerfully; read it systematically; read it—and then apply it to life. With all the other good books you may obtain, and there are as many as you desire, keep first in your literature God's masterpiece of written revelation.

Begin the New Year by reading at least a chapter a day until you have completed the New Testament. Let us make one New Year's resolution that we shall keep, that of reading the Word of God.

AT THE GATE

We are standing at the beautiful gate of the year. It is a door of opportunity. The shortness of life is to many a spur to intelligent and enthusiastic effort. To others it is the excuse for dilatoriness and procrastination. During the war a soldier was offered by the librarian of the camp, a book and urged to read it. He replied that he expected to be killed anyhow, and "didn't want nothing on his mind." This was an exceptional fellow, for most all the men wanted to be at their best, even when making a sacrifice for liberty. We may well pray, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The divine tutorship through the year is needed. Christ conserved His hours and finished His work.

He is our example. Let us think of the dawning next year as a door of opportunity—another chance. This is one of our Father's season messages. The New Year is another chance.

OPENING DAYS

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love and prayer and praise.
Some little things to do for thee,
For thou hast done great things for me.

I want some other soul to bring
To thee my Savior and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
Though can'st all my wants supply

In Jesus' name our prayer we raise,
Whose guiding hand has blessed our days.
And may we Lord, in Godly fear
Serve thee through this coming year.

—Selected.