

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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I AM YOUR BIBLE

A Message to Young People

I am Your Bible.

I am a book for young people.

Youth marches across my pages. Young blood surges in my words. Only the hopes of youth could keep in step with the limitless reach of my dreams.

My heroic characters were young—Adam and Eve in the garden; Moses, lifting his hand in angered enthusiasm for his people; David, springing from his shepherd's task to the throne; Jesus, my central figure, maturing his life purpose at twelve and carrying it to its supreme climax at only thirty—these were the age of you.

The vast movements portrayed in my pages are akin with the spirit of youth—migrations of whole peoples in search of a better life and a purer religion; prophetic and sacrificial campaigns for purging a nation's life; the launching of a new religion by a group of a dozen men still young, under a leader younger than most of them; the dream of a new Jerusalem where sorrow and crying are to be no more—these are the enterprises that young people dream and dare.

Thus I am your book.

And so upon you I stake my best chance for changing the life of your world.

I am Your Bible.

—Onward.

Sussex, N. B.

Dear Young People of our Association:

We wish to remind you that the time has come when we must be thinking about our Self-Denial pledges. As we look back over the year that has so quickly passed since we gathered at Beulah Camp and consider what great things God has done for us we ought to ask ourselves the question, "What have we done for Him?" Have we made any sacrifices or denied ourselves of anything for Him who has helped us through the little tests that have come our way and who has kept us from the snares of the enemy?

Let us put forth every effort to pay our pledges and in this way showing that we appreciate His love and mercy toward us, God will bless us accordingly. Please send the money to me at Sussex, Box 28, as soon as possible.

Yours in His service,

JENNIE HENRY

Will the pastors please urge the secretaries of the Young People's Societies to send their reports to the Corresponding Secretary as soon as possible, at least before the last of June. The blanks have been sent out, and if all the items cannot be filled in, please fill in the number of members and amount raised, at least.

FLORA M. O. BROWN,

Corresponding Secretary.

Woodstock, N. B.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

The Young People's Convention of District No. 2 convened with the church at Killam's Mills on May 24, 1937.

The business session, held in the morning, opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Harold Mitton from Moncton. Miss Luella Hayes, vice-president, had charge of the meeting and, in the

absence of the secretary, Miss Grace Lawlor was elected secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last convention were read and approved. A vote of thanks was extended to the church at Killam's Mills for its entertainment of the Convention. The officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Miss Luella Hayes; vice-president, Bro. Walter Steeves; secretary, Miss Grace Lawlor. Roll call found the following delegates present: Rev. J. A. Owens, Westchester; Miss Lyta Ryder, Salem; Miss Grace Lawlor, Saint John; Bro. Jack Henry, Killam's Mills; Bro. Percy Duffy, Moncton; Bro. Francis Dubee, Amherst. Encouraging verbal reports were given from each society. On motion business session adjourned. Master Paul Mullen, of Saint John, then sang a solo, "Dusky Hands", after which Bro. Francis Dubee brought the message of the morning.

The afternoon service opened with a good song service and prayer was offered by Bro. Donald Mitton from Moncton. Brother and Sister Walter Steeves sang a duet and little Miss Barbara Alchorn, four-year-old of Moncton, recited the books of the Bible. Verbal reports were given from the Junior Crusaders work, after which Rev. J. A. Owens gave a talk on helping the children and brought a very inspiring message.

Prayer service was held at 6.30 and was led by Miss Wyonetta Sargeson from Moncton. A wonderful testimony meeting was enjoyed.

The closing meeting opened with singing and prayer was offered by Brother Walter Steeves and Leslie Hayes. Special selections were rendered by Sister Annie Henry and Brother and Sister W. Steeves. Rev. P. W. Briggs brought the message and again hearts sought and found the Lord, some in His saving power and others in His sanctifying power. Another praise service ended the day. Everyone reported it was a day well spent in His service. All together there were ten souls who found victory at the altar during the day.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE K. LAWLOR,

Secretary.

THE EVIL OF SELF-PITY

Most of us are tempted to pity ourselves when things seem to be going against us; those who are carnal will usually yield to the temptation. There is a difference between being tempted and yielding to temptation. There are a number of reasons why one should fight against the sin of self-pity.

1. Self-pity is very childish. I remember as a child that other children had toys I was not able to enjoy, and went to places I could not go. When these conditions would arise I would often sit around and sulk. I did not try to hide my injury from others, but rather, I wanted them to see it. I wanted others to pity me. Everyone that pities himself wants everyone else to pity him. What right has a professing Christian to sit around like a baby and pity himself? Do we testify to being rich in grace, though poor in worldly goods? Why, then, should we descend to pity ourselves as do children? If we do such, we are yet babes in Christ, and are carnal.

2. Self-pity is disgusting. There is nothing manly about a man who pities himself. Christians are supposed to be real men and women; but there is something disgusting about a person

BOOKS TO READ

"Imitation of Christ"

The "Imitation of Christ," authorship of which is popularly ascribed to Thomas A. Kempis, has been published in some six thousand editions and in fifty languages, yielding place in order of popularity to no other book save the Bible in the Christian world. This book is perhaps the richest religious classic that has ever been presented to the Christian world by man, and its substance impresses the reader to believe that it was born in an atmosphere of deep piety. "A serious mind," wrote John Wesley in his preface to the edition he prepared, "will never be sated with it, though it were read a thousand times over; for those general principles are the seeds of meditation, the stores they contain are never exhausted. And herein it greatly resembles the Holy Scriptures, that under the plainest words, there is divine hidden virtue, continually flowing into the soul of a pious reader, and by the blessing of God transforming it into His image." If you are seeking to cultivate a spirit of deep spirituality within your soul, this priceless gem of literature will greatly assist you to that sacred end.

who pities himself. One would rather not be near a person of that sort. I remember a young man who attended the same mission I did. He was continually getting saved and backsliding, and I discovered that self-pity was the cause of his repeated backsliding. He would keep company with various young ladies, and would fall in love with each of them, but could not keep them very long. This of course wounded him, and as a result he would give over to self-pity, grow very melancholy, and backsliding was the next item on his program. You who pity yourself and sulk, are very disgusting to those around you.

3. Self-pity is very characteristic of folk who have been spoiled by their parents. They have been over-indulged, and when not treated the same by those outside the family (and of course they won't be), they pout about it. It is tragedy that young people are spoiled. If their parents only realized how disgusting they are to the outside world! Spoiled people have it inculcated in their brain that the world revolves about them, because their parents treated them so, and when they are not so treated by outsiders, it hurts them very much. It is always hard to get a spoiled child established in the grace of God.

4. Self-pitying people will excuse their breaking of God's commands. "The Lord is too good to punish me for doing a little thing like that," says one. "The Lord does not expect me to pay the tithe when I have so many other obligations to meet," says another. "The Lord will not condemn me for using tobacco. I have used it so long now I can't get along without it," says a self-pitying tobacco user. These and other excuses are made by those who pity and pet themselves in excuses they make for their sins.

5. Self-pitying is carnal, and if carnal, it is enmity against God. Therefore it is unchristian. So why harbor this enemy of God in your breast? As long as it is us, then there is something in us that belongs to the devil. Confess it to God, and forsake it like any other sin; let us resist the temptation to pity ourselves as we would resist the devil, for it makes us childish.