

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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A CHALLENGE TO CANADIAN YOUTH

In this brief article, we are presenting a challenge to young Canadians. Not a challenge to enlist in the Canadian army for overseas service; not a challenge to launch into a life of adventure in the unexplored regions of the earth; not even a challenge to give up your life plans and ambitions, and submit to the leadership of some man of world importance; but a challenge to surrender body, soul and spirit to the Lord Jesus Christ for life service. To become a Christian, not only in name but also in nature, not only in word, but in deed and in truth, giving your talents, strength, and influence to Him who created, and daily loads your life with blessings.

O Canadian youth, upon us depends the future of this great Dominion of ours! We are the individuals that, in the to-morrows, will fill the places of leadership and responsibility. If we accept the challenge of Christ, and enlist in the army of the Lord, we can lift the standards of righteousness in our communities and country. We fear that the youth of other countries are going down the broad road very rapidly, and unless we arise and obey God's laws and commandments, living up to the standards of the Bible, we will follow in their train and the future of our country will be black. If we indulge in the cigarette habit and dull our minds, if we "follow after strong drink" and ruin our bodies, if we are loose and careless in our moral living and allow Satan to work destruction in our lives, we not only degenerate our own generation, but we leave the next with a ruinous heritage.

Let us accept Christ's challenge, live clean, honest, upright lives, and lend our energies and influence to battle against those indulgences that are a reproach to any nation.

But, some will say, the price of Christian living is too great. There is too much sacrifice involved. It is true that there is a price to pay. Repentance, humility and death to self are necessary if you take up your cross and follow Christ, but there are also rewards that we enjoy as a result of our decision. Forgiveness of our past sins and a heart free from condemnation, victory over evil and inward peace; and the glorious hope of eternal life. These are some of the benefits of salvation, a few of the blessings we inherit as a result of rejecting the pleasures of the world.

Anyone can choose to live in sin, reject God and drift with the tide of evil, but real manhood is required to live for Christ, renounce the world, and "go through" when opposed and scorned by a friendless world. Some young people may say, "We don't believe in God; we do not accept the Bible as His inspired Word. Are not many countries of the world forsaking the church and refusing to believe in Jesus Christ?" That is true, but what of the results? Abounding evil! Sin in every form working destruction within the nations that have turned away from God. It is the godly influence of the Christian people of the world that holds a restraining hand on sinful men, and the only hope of the salvation of our

country is that this present generation may rally to the standard of Christ.

Young people, we face the challenge. What shall we do? Will we respond to the appeal of the Master and give our lives to Him or shall we go with the crowd in the way of evil? May He help us to answer rightly this important question. N. W. CHURCHILL

CONTINUATION OF BIBLE STUDY

From the personal comments made to your Editor, and letters received from readers of our Y. P. Page, it is evident that the studies in the Gospel of Matthew, prepared by Rev. F. A. Dunlop, and appearing in the issues of the spring season, were followed by a great number who thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the lessons and discussions.

We are very grateful for the many kind comments regarding these studies, as these expressions assure us of the desire of our young people that we continue in the study of the Gospels. Rev. H. C. Mullen has kindly consented to prepare the lessons in the Gospel of Mark, and we expect that the first article will appear in the Sept. 15th issue of the Y. P. Page. Now we feel, from reports, that the idea of the plan was not clearly understood by all our readers during the study of the Gospel of Matthew, so before we proceed to the second record of the life and activities of our Lord, may we again suggest the plan, as we feel will be most beneficial to all joining with us in the study.

First, wherever possible, the studies should be followed by a group who meet together to discuss the lesson in the Highway and also points in the particular section of the Gospel on which the lesson bears. While it may be impossible for group study in some sections, we are sure that greater benefit will be derived from the articles and the perusal of the Gospel as a whole, if a number meet together and search the Word, as well as discuss the difficult passages.

Second, if good helps are available, such as Adam Clarke's Commentary, Notes on the New Testament by some reliable author whom your pastor can recommend, etc., these should be searched diligently as they throw much light on the truth of the book as a whole. Also, a book on the Life of Christ will be helpful. Third, the studies will be safer and more beneficial, if followed under the leadership of the pastor. No one in the church devotes more time and thought to the study of the Word than he who ministers to you in holy things, and therefore, he will be of great help in "rightly dividing the Word of truth."

We shall welcome letters of inquiry and comment relating to the study. If an individual or a group feel inclined to write us, and if there is some question regarding the study which anyone desires to have answered, (as well as questions on the study itself which we are sure the one preparing the same will be glad to answer) we invite your correspondence.

We pray that studies during this year will be as gratefully received as those of the past, and trust that our searching of the Word shall deepen our appreciation of the redempt-

ive plan, as well as enlightening us concerning those things which "God hath prepared for them that love Him."

SELF-DENIAL FUND

Some of the questions that might be asked about the Self-denial Fund are, "What is it?" "What is it for?"

Most of our people who attended Beulah Camp this year, and were at the Young People's Annual Convention, will understand the Fund. To those who do not, I will try briefly to explain it.

This fund has been organized whereby, after having given our tenth to the Lord's cause, we might by self-denial further support the work of God's Kingdom. We have fixed an amount of ten cents a week to be put aside as self-denial money. If any person desires to give more, they are free to do so. The total amount is to be forwarded to the Self-denial treasurer some time during, or at the close of the year, June 30th, 1939.

For the coming year we have undertaken the support of Sister Grace Sanders in Africa, which will require an amount of \$350.00. This may seem a large amount from an individual standpoint, but by working together, we are well able to raise it.

Christ said in Matt. 6:20: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." We are now preparing our eternal home and it is being built from the material we are sending up. How much material are we sending up by our giving?

When people build earthly homes, oft times they have to sacrifice to do so. Surely we should be willing to deny ourselves in order to build well for eternity.

Many are our opportunities to spread the Gospel in Africa. The Master said "the fields are white unto harvest" and "the labourers are few." There are labourers ready to go but we are in need of finances to send them. These are only forthcoming when each one of us is ready to deny himself and give unto God that which he has given to us. When I think that by our self-denial many souls could be brought into Christ's fold, it startles me to see so little of it done. We are withholding the "spiritual bread" from those who are in need. May each one of us take this matter before God in prayer. If we do so, doubtless the Lord will put the spirit of self-denial on our hearts and we will receive greater blessings from Him.

Let us start IMMEDIATELY on this plan and lay aside regularly that we may share in the good work the Y. P. Association have undertaken, and may receive the blessings which God has in store for us.

Praying for your whole-hearted response to this great plan. RONALD T. SABINE,

RE SOCIETY LETTERS

One of the features of our Y. P. Page that is of common interest to all our young people, and serves to get us better acquainted with each other, as well as assisting in our group work, are letters from the different societies.

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