

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## TWO PATHS

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There are two ways of life, the broad way, the straight and narrow way. How wonderful it is to enter this straight and narrow path when we are young. As we grow physically and mentally we grow spiritually as well. We go on with God, learning His ways, the ways that are best, seeing Him in our surroundings, and realising that they are His handiwork. Our ambitions change from selfish ones to a broader view, that of helping others. We have the desire, in our very small way, to make the world better. How wonderful is the effect on us, of an hour's meditation over His word. We forget for a time our surroundings, and feast on the wonders of God! "O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" Rom. 11:33. Even though we cannot grasp the meaning of many things in His word, our efforts to try, pull our thoughts Heavenward. How ashamed we are of ourselves, of ever being discouraged, after such an hour of meditation and prayer. It is the enemy's business to keep us from stealing away, "in the secret place."

We become different persons as we go on in this path. How true it is that we are "Born Again." Our every day life is being fashioned after "the Great Pattern." If we traced the broad way, every day occurrences will come into our lives to bend us further toward Hell.

As we grow older we become more neglectful of our soul's welfare. It is also the enemy's business to make us believe there is plenty of time, but there is not. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." 2nd Cor. 6:2: Let us have this thought more forcibly to us by two illustrations. Can we picture in our mind's eye an old man, at the age of seventy, his allotted time has come and, although he doesn't seem to realize it, his number of years to live are now, just as God sees fit. He has lived selfishly all his life, has acquired sufficient worldly gain to give him physical comfort, but he has left God out of the plan of his life. While in his youth and middle age he thought, "There is plenty of time for me to serve God, when I am old." Now, he is old, and he feels ashamed to give his wasted life to Christ. He is now, in need of the comfort that Jesus alone can bring. A sad picture indeed, but, let us look at another man. A Godly man! How uplifting are the very words. A wise man, one who has entered the straight and narrow path early in his life. God has led him into the deep, rich, lasting things of this Holy Way. "Out into the deep, where there are waters to swim in: "Ezekiel 47:5. He is the happy man, who whistles and sings at his every day tasks, whose thoughts are far above the tasks of his hands. They are reaching Heavenward, and many secrets are given him by God, while at his work. What a vast contrast in the two men. One trod the broad road and one trod the straight and narrow. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Josh. 24:15.

We often hear the expression, "bound by the chains of sin." What a sad picture, "humanity bound." Some of the first chains to bind one, is being afraid to stand up for right.

Very early our conscience reveals to us right and wrong, and there is always the tendency to do the easier thing, that most always is not the best. There are countless links that make up the chain that binds mankind, but thank God there has been a full and free salvation provided for those who are bound by the chains of sin. Jesus shed His life's blood on Calvary, that our sins might be washed away, "as far as the east is from the west." Psalm 103-12. What a wonderful salvation it is! Marred vessels of clay can be "mellowed in humble penitence before Christ, (Repentance) and be molded anew by Him, and made fit for His Holy Spirit to dwell in." (Holiness).

Let us, who have chosen this straight and narrow path, take courage, and continue to go deeper with Christ and, when we reach the end of this path, we will hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Under what conditions did the sun go backward ten degrees.
  2. Who prayed for a thunderstorm to show the people their wickedness in asking for a king?
  3. Who was as light on foot as a wild roe.
  4. What became of the brazen sea that Solomon built in his temple?
  5. Who prayed for the sun to stand still until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies?
  6. What city was called the city of palm trees?
  7. On what occasion do we read of people first shouting "God save the king?"
  8. What became of the brazen serpent? Why?
  9. Who crossed the Jordan in a ferry boat?
  10. What building was erected without the sound of hammer, axe, or tool of iron?
  11. Who, beside the Israelites, crossed Jordan on dry land?
  12. When did the Lord cast great hail stones from heaven upon the enemies of Israel?
- (Note.—These questions were sent in by Mrs. D. F. Alexander, Woodstock, N. B. Answers will appear in next issue).

## THE CALL

I met the Christ as I stopped one day,  
Neath an old green tree where I knelt to pray.  
He said, "Where goest thou, child of mine?"  
And His eyes were alight with love divine.

I said, "I go to a country lane,  
Where the wild flowers nod after summer rain.

The green trees shield from the noonday heat,  
And the air with the songs of birds is sweet."

He said, "Come, child, into the crowded streets  
Where the wild flowers nod after summer  
Where there is crime, and the blackening  
breath  
Of sin and sickness and trouble and death."

I said, "But the fields with flowers are fair."  
He said, "But the souls of men bloom there."  
I said, "But the daisies dot the sod."  
He said, "Hear their pleadings arise to God."  
I shrank in fear, "I am weak," I cried;  
But gently He drew me close to His side.

"I will hold your hand," He said to me,  
"And wherever you are I too will be."

"Together we'll walk the city streets  
Where there's plague and crime and the hot  
sun beats."

And then I saw that the flowers that grew  
Were lovelier than the flowers I knew.

For beauty sprang where'er His feet  
On errands of love trod the city's street.  
Lilies of peace in the hearts of men."  
Bloomed fragrant and sweet and pure again.

## BREAKING OUR "JINX"

If our people would save all the cash  
They are spending for LIQUOR and trash,  
And would come to their senses,  
We'd be meeting expenses,  
And have plenty for clothing and "hash."

If the effort that's turned into smoke,  
Could be saved, we'd never be broke;  
Our onerous "beefers"  
And our poorest relief-ers,  
Would find all their troubles a joke.

All our substance will surely be lost,  
If for liquor it's carelessly tossed;  
For the habit of drinking  
Is the cause of our sinking, —  
And our youth has been paying the cost!

All we need for our smokes and our drinks  
Would pay all our debtors, methinks;  
Not a soul would begrudge it,  
For 'twould balance our budget,—  
It's the sure way of breaking our "jinx."  
—Harriet A. Waldman, in Ex.

## EVIDENCES OF HOLINESS

Mr. Wesley was once asked, "By what fruit of the Spirit may we know that we are of God, even in the highest sense?" His answer was, "By love, by joy, and peace abiding; by long-suffering, patience, resignation; by gentleness triumphing over all provocation; by goodness, mildness, sweetness, tenderness of spirit; by fidelity, simplicity, godly sincerity, meekness, calmness, evenness of spirit; by temperance, not only in food and sleep but in all things, natural and spiritual.

"This involves further total resignation to the will of God without any mixture of self-will; gentleness without any touch of anger, even the moment we are provoked; love to God without the least love to the creature but in and for God, excluding all pride and all envy, all jealousy and rash judging; meekness, keeping the whole soul inviolably calm, and temperance in all things."—Selected.

## THE LAST WORD

A German hospital patient was about to be operated upon for cancer of the tongue, at the University clinic at Bonn. Just before the operation which was to remove the tongue altogether, the professor said to him: "You have now for the last time an opportunity to speak. Have you anything special to say?" The peasant turned to the whole assembly of professors and students who had come to see the operation, and cried out, "Praise be to Jesus Christ throughout eternity. Amen!"—Selected.