

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## A BATTLE SONG FOR YOUTH

The ranks of age are falling,  
But youth is closing in,  
The odds may be appalling,  
But we shall victory win.  
Our ranks cannot be broken;  
Our Captain cannot fail.  
We have a sign and token  
That Jesus shall prevail.

Wher-e'er it be He needs us,  
Or what-e'er He bids us do,  
We follow where He leads us  
With loyal hearts and true.

—Sung by Central College Quartet.  
—Free Methodist.

## ANOTHER "IF"

With Apologies to Kipling

If you can keep yourself above the fashion  
That like a flood has overflowed the world;  
If you can make your clothes and wear them  
decent,  
And hold your honor dear, tho' scorn is hurled.

If you can see in style no admiration  
But rather than it's decency's worst foe;  
If you can keep your arctics on and buckled,  
Some self-control and modesty you'll show.

If you can let the men wear all the trousers,  
And never crowd them from the barber's chair;  
If you won't try to look so artificial,  
Nor use a curling iron to spoil your hair.

If you can let the merchant keep his powder,  
And let the house and barn have all the paint,  
Then you won't have the people talkin' 'bout you,  
Nor have them thinkin' you are what you  
ain't!

—Ira Hamilton—Holiness Herald.

## TOLERANCE

I wholly disapprove of what you say, but will  
defend to the death your right to say it.—S. C.  
Tallentyre.

## QUESTIONS TO ANSWER BEFORE COUPLES GET MARRIED

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### Security

1. Do you know what your total income will be?
2. Do you expect it to continue as it is, increase, or diminish?
3. How much of this income will be spent in starting housekeeping, your wedding, or paying off debts?
4. Have you budgeted your income so that you know how much you will need for rent, food, fuel, clothing, doctors, recreation, "good-will" (that is, hospitality, gifts, donations, club dues, etc.), and savings?
5. How much can you afford to put aside for sickness, for increasing overhead expenses, for children, for education?
6. Have you any relatives who are, or might become, wholly or temporarily dependent on you? Does the other realize this?

### Interests

7. What interests have you in common? Have you considered how you might develop them?
8. What separate interests, hobbies, or obligations have you which might take time (evenings and holidays) or money from what you might otherwise spend together? Have you considered together the continuation of these activities?

### Parents and In-Laws

9. Are either of you overdependent on your parents or inconsiderate of them or of your in-laws?
10. Is there any feeling of tension with parents or in-laws which could be cleared up at this time with a friendly, frank talk?
11. Does either of you feel restrained by the other one in carrying out what you feel are your rightful and loving obligations to your own family?
12. Are there any particular circumstances of sickness, loneliness, or isolation that will necessitate either of you being with your parents a great deal? If so, does the other realize this?
13. Are conditions such that at any time you might have to live with relatives or they with you? If so, do you both understand this?

### Religion

14. Have you ever talked together of your ideas of God?
15. Are you a Christian? What does it mean to be a Christian?
16. Do you find reality in prayer?
17. Will you start, with your marriage, an adventure in prayer beginning with prayer together the night that you are married and learning more of it continually together?
18. Are you members of the same church?
19. Does the church meet your spiritual need?
20. What part will the Holy Communion and the worship of the church play in your lives?
21. If you are not members of the same church, have you seriously studied each other's religion to find out if you might unite on one church? Or, have you counted the cost of a divided loyalty and intelligently faced it?

### Personal

22. Is there anything in the life of either of you which you have concealed, or intended to conceal, from the other?
23. Is there anything in marriage which you fear—yourself, the finality of marriage, fear of each other, fear of having children, or of any of the physical aspects of marriage?
24. Is there any information which you do not possess, and feel you should have before you are married?
25. Have you, to your own knowledge, any disease, or likelihood of disease, which might affect your future? Have you seen a reliable doctor in regard to this?

### The Service

26. Have you read the service, so that you know what you are to promise?
27. Have you planned your wedding as you, yourselves, wish it, so that you will always cherish the memory of it?
28. Have you considered others, particularly your parents and relatives, in deciding who will be present at it?—Religious Digest.

## THE TWO JOHNS; OR, WASTING OR SAVING

By the Author of "Worse Than Wasted"

John Thirsty and John Thrifty were good mechanics and earned fair wages. They had learned their trades with the same master, and became journeymen at twenty-one, within a few weeks of each other.

John Thirsty, the elder, began life by joining a club of young men who indulged in alcoholic liquors, while his fellow-workman, Thrifty, at twenty-one became a member of a total-abstinence society.

After the lapse of ten years, trade becoming bad, their employer had to stop his works for a short time, and both were thrown out of employment.

On the picture you can see John Thirsty looking at a pile of empty beer-barrels. During the past ten years he had daily drank 4 glasses of beer, costing 20 cents, or \$60 a month; besides taking a spree occasionally, and not only spent his money, but he lost time and wages. He is now reflecting on what the drink had cost, and finds he had spent for his daily beer alone, \$72 a year, and in ten years, \$720; and had drank 30 barrels of beer, 30 gallons each. He is saying to himself: "Those empty barrels are all that I have for the wages I have spent in beer during ten years; and they even belong to the brewer."

On the other picture you see John Thrifty, who stands admiring his beautiful cottage, for which he has just received the deed. John Thrifty, instead of spending 20 cents a day for beer like his fellow-workman, Thirsty, took six shares in a building association, which in ten years accumulated to \$1,200, with which he bought the cottage he so much admires, and says to himself: "I can now live rent-free the remainder of my life; and the money I have been paying for rent, I can now invest as a reserve fund, in case of sickness, accident, hard times, or old age."

Let the moderate-drinking workingmen reflect, whether they do not spend as much money daily for beer, etc., as John Thirsty; and if it will not pay them better, give more enjoyment and happiness, to follow the example of John Thrifty?

Most workingmen, who have drank only moderately for ten or fifteen years, have spent or "worse than wasted" money enough to buy and furnish handsome homes for themselves. "Waste not, want not."

## THE COUNTRY CHURCH

Ruts of thinking are deep and narrow. For years members of rural churches have sighed and have begun with one consent to make excuse—"But our church is in the country." After all, in these days of automobiles, the country church is sometimes more accessible than the city church.

If we could lift ourselves, or if someone would lift us, out of the rut of our thinking, instead of presupposing that all modern missionary methods are made for city churches only, we might find them very adaptable for rural churches as well. —Selected.

A sermon's length is not its strength. It may be very much its weakness. In this case brevity is a virtue. It is a pity to weary the head when we should win the heart. Some ministers are long in their sermons because they are short on their study.—Spurgeon.