

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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### LIVE CHRIST

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Live Christ!—and though thy way may be  
In this world's sight adversity,  
He who doth heed thy every need  
Shall give thy soul prosperity.

Live Christ!—and though thy path may be  
The narrow street of poverty,  
He had not where to lay His head,  
Yet lived in largest liberty.

Live Christ!—and though thy road may be  
The strait way of humility,  
He who first trod that way of God  
Will clothe thee with His dignity.

Live Christ!—and all thy life shall be  
In much a valedictory,  
The heavy cross brings seeming loss,  
But wins the crown of victory.

Live Christ!—and all thy live shall be  
A Highway of Delivery,  
A royal Road of goodly deeds,  
Gold-paved with sweetest charity.

Live Christ!—and all thy life shall be  
A sweet, uplifting ministry,  
A sowing of the fair white seeds  
That fruit through all eternity.

### THE POWER OF PURPOSE

Some thirty years ago, on a farm out west, lived a family—parents with two boys. One day the oldest son became very ill. The younger one later wrote how he watched his father, horseback, galloping for a doctor who lived twenty miles away. In due time the doctor arrived.

Meanwhile, the small boy hid himself behind some furniture to learn all about his sick brother, fearful of being asked to leave the room if seen. He says that he watched every move of the doctor and saw depicted on his parents' faces sadness and sorrow. After administering some medicine and waiting a while, the doctor smiled and said, "He is ill, very ill, but in a couple of weeks we shall have him all right again."

From behind the furniture the small brother saw the lines that were on the faces of his father and mother disappear. Their faces became wreathed in smiles and they looked happy again. That small boy that moment said to himself, "When I grow up I am going to be able to do that. I am going to be able to make boys and girls better when they are ill, and make their mothers and fathers happy." He stuck to his purpose against terrific odds. That boy is today Doctor Rosenow at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

The registering of a noble purpose has been the turning point in many a life. It is the dividing line between mediocrity and excellence, between uselessness and fruitful service, between heaven and hell.—Religious Telescope.

Faith is reckoning on the faithfulness of God.

### IN ROME

The magazine, *The Lookout*, points out that in his book, "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," Gibbons gives five reasons for the collapse of that world power:

"First, the rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.

"Second, higher and higher taxes and the spending of public moneys for bread and circuses.

"Third, the mad craze for pleasure; sport becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

"Fourth, the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, in the decadence of the people.

"Fifth, the decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it."—Sel.

### WHAT LANGUAGE!

Evangelist C. M. Ward relates the following incident which occurred during the last war.

Suppressed chuckles greeted the first appearance of the new chaplain—a mild-mannered, pint-sized chap who gave the impression that a barking cocker spaniel would scare the daylight out of him. And when excited he s-s-stammered.

But the heart of a hero beat beneath that unimpressive exterior, and it was revealed during the first important dinner he attended at officers' mess. The colonel presided as usual, and as customary expressed his annoyance over some minor matter in language that fairly turned the air blue. Nobody took any notice; they knew the colonel.

Immediately the chaplain was on his feet, stammering violently and turning alternately red and white. Addressing the colonel, he said, "Pardon me . . . s-s-sir, b-b-but you are a s-s-soldier and you w-w-would expect a m-m-man to do his duty, and it's my d-d-duty to tell you that your l-l-language is an offense to both God and man."

There was an awful silence. Then the colonel said, "The man's right! Absolutely right! Bring me a Red Cross box at once."

When the orderly had brought the Red Cross box the colonel put it on the table and said, "Two bits a swear!"

Thereafter, in the mess, a man was penalized when he swore.

We shall not take time to analyze the causes of profanity. The big question is: How to get rid of it! The colonel's idea was a good one, but we know of a better. We present a testimony of an ex-cusser. "Before I was converted I used to be very profane. Indeed, I could hardly express myself without pouring forth a string of swear words. I want to tell you that since that time I have never had the least desire to swear. It seems that God has taken that out of my life. You may imagine how happy my family is also."

We honor the flag of our country. Let us honor also the name of our God and remember the commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."—Service Bulletin.

### THE CHARACTER TEST

A boy in Pennsylvania was struggling to get an education. He studied and toiled and taught and figured in every way, and finally got through. Hearing of a vacancy in a Chicago bank, he decided to try for it. His mother objected, and friends laughed at him; but he felt he must try the great world. He met the bank president in his office, who touched a button; the bank's detective stepped in, looked at the boy, and went out. The official said, "Come back in a week."

He came back. The president said: "There are forty-six applicants for this place; all have been watched for a week; only two have passed the character test which touches particularly on points of extravagance, vice, where evenings are spent, and the Sabbath day. All this is strictly business, not an inquisition into private character. This bank must take account of these things for its own sake. Of the two, you have the best qualifications, and the place is yours."—Ex.

### MEMORY VERSES—REVIEW

1. Give the first Messianic promise.
2. Give at least two verses referring to the inspiration of the Scriptures.
3. What verse indicates that Jesus is the only way of salvation.
4. Write or recite the Beatitudes.
5. What is the Golden Rule, and where is it found?
6. We are not saved by our own righteousness, give a reference which supports this truth.
7. Give a verse which explains true worship.
8. Does the Bible promise that all our temporal needs will be met if we seek to glorify God? Give reference.
9. What is the foundation of our hope of salvation?
10. I. Tim. 1:15, Romans 10:9, I. Cor. 1:30, and I. John 3:1, are great salvation verses. Memorize all of them.

NOTE: The above questions are not a final test of our memory verse contest. We print them as a guide for reviewing the study month by month. Please notice that we shall ask for some of the verses not by mere reference, but by some question to which that particular verse has an important relationship, as in verses 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. We must be able to give the reference and recite or write the verse.

### A MOST EXTRAORDINARY WELL

I heard of a well that was said to be very good, except that it had two faults: it would freeze up in the winter, and it would dry up in the summer.

A most extraordinary well, but I am afraid there are many wells like it. There are many good people who are good at certain times. As someone has expressed it, they seem to be good "in spots." What we want is to be red-hot all the time. People talk about striking while the iron is hot. Cromwell said that he would rather strike the iron and make it hot.—Selected.