

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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VICTORY

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude and interruption—that is victory.

When you can bear with any discord and annoyance, any irregularity, unpunctuality (of which you are not the cause)—that is victory.

When you can stand face to face with folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, contradiction of sinners, persecutions, and endure it all as Jesus endures it—that is victory.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, nor to record your good works, nor to seek after commendation, when you can truly "love to be unknown"—that is victory.

—Selected

TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

In the Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany, is this striking inscription:

"Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord, to us:

"Ye call me Master, and obey Me not.

"Ye call Me Light, and seek Me not.

"Ye call Me Way, and walk Me not.

"Ye call Me Life, and desire Me not.

"Ye call Me Wise, and follow Me not.

"Ye call Me Fair, and love Me not.

"Ye call Me Rich, and ask Me not.

"Ye call Me Eternal, and seek Me not.

"Ye call me Gracious, and trust Me not.

"Ye call Me Noble, and serve Me not.

"Ye call Me Mighty and honor Me not.

"Ye call Me Just, and fear Me not.

"If I condemn you, blame Me not."

—Selected

CHILDLIKENESS

"And become as little children."—Matt. 18:3

Jesus saw elements in child life and nature that are necessary for the Christian life.

1. The child is unaffected—guileless. Man finds his true self in God.

2. Has absolute faith in the parent. No ill can befall while in the parent's care. The parent is his ideal. Strives to be like him.

3. The healthful child is growing—becoming stronger every way.

4. He is never idle. Will attempt anything for the parent. Inactivity bespeaks disease.

5. He is loving and sympathetic. Tries to soothe another's sorrow.

6. He has a tender conscience. Wrong must be righted before he is happy.—Christian Workers Magazine.

"Disappointments should be taken as a stimulant, and never viewed as a discouragement."—C. B. Newcomb.

I know of no blessing so small as to be reasonably expected without prayer, nor any so great but may be attained by it.—South.

THE BEST DRESSED LADY

An Irish preacher named Thady Conellan was asked one day by a magnificent duchess: "Pray, do you know Lady Norton?" He quickly answered, "Yes, madam, I do; and she is the best dressed lady in Ireland." "How very odd! Best dressed lady in Ireland! What a strange man! Pray, how is she dressed?" But her grace's surprise was converted to satisfaction when Thady rejoined, "Yes, madam, Lady Norton is the best dressed lady in Ireland or in England either, for she is clothed in Humility."—Selected.

PRAYER

Moses prayed and the "thunders and hail ceased" (Ex. 9:33).

David prayed for forgiveness and it was granted (Ps. 31:22).

Hezekiah prayed and the army of Sennacherib was destroyed (2 Kings 19).

Nehemiah prayed for prosperity in his journey. He obtained the desire of his heart (Neh. 1).

Jonah prayed in time of trouble and the Lord heard him (Jonah 2).

The one hundred twenty prayed effectually for the Holy Ghost in the upper room (Acts 2.)

The church prayed for the deliverance of Peter from prison and he was delivered (Acts 12:5).

Peter prayed upon the housetop and the Lord sent him a vision (Acts 10).

The church prayed upon sending Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey and the Lord blessed that mission (Acts 13).

But today one of the greatest lacks in the church of God is a lack of prayer. We talk about prayer and we have the form of prayer—but we do not make the use of prayer that we might to obtain things from God.—Free Methodist.

THINGS TO WATCH

1. **Watch self.** This is very important, and you will have all you can well attend to if you would keep self in subjection.

2. **Watch your eyes** so that they will look upon the beautiful and see the wants of the needy.

3. **Watch your nose** so that it will keep in the right direction and not go prying around where you have no business to go.

4. **Watch your mouth** that nothing unclean enters, or that nothing vicious comes out.

5. **Watch your tongue** that it speaks no guile or unkind words, but is used to praise and honor God, and to teach the Gospel.

6. **Watch your hands** that they steal not nor be idle, but use them industrially.

7. **Watch your feet** that they do not lead you into saloons, nor into any other evil places, but that they walk in the pathway of duty and the highway of holiness.

8. **Watch your mind** that it may be like-minded with Christ. In fact watch self at all times and in all places, and ask God to help you to gain the victory so that you may be a dutiful child, a true citizen and a noble Christian in the full sense of the word.—Sel.

INSIDE OUT

By Randolph Nicholson

"What is wrong with you anyway?" Belinda Steel blazed defiantly at the splash of femininity that accosted her from the little haven behind the cracked mirror. For a moment brown eyes glared into their own depths, with flashing darts of suspicion, while the occasional clouds that drifted across her vision revealed the fear of such a fiery introspection.

From the open appraisals of her own family, to the more veiled compliments of friends, and, no less from the overheard exclamations and whispers of strangers, Belinda had never ceased to tingle with the thought that she was beautiful above ordinary. But somehow since she had come to the "Pines" there had been a terrible let down in the usual bestowments, and as far as Lloyd Slater was concerned it had been completely nil. "Surely at the age of eighteen she was not losing her one great possession?"

To reassure herself, she tipped the cracked mirror forward and began a hypercritical check up in her appearance. She had scarcely given her expensively clothed figure the first general examination and had returned to the orderly array of auburn curls when the full lips pursed, and the plucked eyebrows contracted with annoyance.

"May I come in, Miss Steel?" A feminine voice followed immediately the tap on her door.

Belinda was about to ejaculate an abrupt "NO" when a sudden recognition of the girl's voice caused her to catch the escaping word and stare in puzzled surprise at the heavy door that separated her from the person in the hallway.

With quick nervous movements she wriggled her body a fraction of an inch nearer the neckline of her blue dress, leaving the snug fitting garment a wrinkless accentuation of her graceful figure. Crimson spots were beginning to burn in her cheeks and her spike heels clicked out her annoyance as she swept toward the door. Even while turning the door-knob, she was conscious of something not being quite in order, although she never for a moment connected these feelings with her previous thought of the girl who was now seeking entrance.

(To be continued)

RESIGNATION

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

—Annie Johnson Flint