

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### THE HOUR OF FATE

What is the hour of fate in a young man's life? I would say 7 p. m. That hour is the springboard from which most men leap to success or failure.

I am convinced that 7 p. m. is the fork in the roads, one of which leads to character and the other to the lack of it. There are twenty-three other hours in the day, but there is no other hour so potent as this 7 p. m., says "Association Men."

Why? This is the answer: a man's waking hours are divided between industry and leisure. To a majority of mankind, 7 in the evening marks the end of work and the beginning of leisure. It is the hour when a man makes the choice of the kind of leisure he is to have. If he turns to the leisure that means improvement to his mind, his body and his soul, he wins; but if he turns to the pleasure-feeding froivolities, he loses. It is a cold-blooded proposition, but it is true. Genius is about ninety per cent hard work, and the best of leisure is a shift from one kind of work to another kind of work. Ninety-nine out of every hundred men who win in this world use the time, when they are not at work, in activities which look like work to the loafer.

Now, my idea of success in life, mathematically expressed, is this: between a man's fifteenth and twenty-fifth birthdays, are 3,130 week-day 7 p. m.'s. Each of these 3,130 week-day 7 p. m.'s is an hour of decision. A man looks at the clock and out of the window. If he decides that the next three hours are to be spent on winning, he wins. If he decides that the next three hours are to be spent in indulging the physical senses for mere pleasure, he loses.

This does not mean that any man should make all the 3,130 hours moments of decision. Social converse, which is part of any complete life, will take some, the services of friendship will take many, and heart affairs will claim a lot. But, after these claims have been met, a young man should have saved for his own decision a majority of his 7 p. m.'s.

After a man has reached forty perhaps he may take liberties with the right of decision at 7 p. m. But if he is uncertain of it at fifteen, or twenty, or twenty-five, he is dawdling, and he will pay the dawdler's debt in life—the humiliation that comes to age in the self-confession of failure.—The Common People.

### SEPARATION

How much it means to be in the world but not of it. If we walk even as Christ walked,

the world will not know us, because it knew Him not.

The Word says: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—2 Cor. 6:17, 18.

When we are so fully separated from the world as to turn to the Word of God for our rule of life, then we begin to enjoy God perfectly and hear the voice of Jesus above the storm and bustle of this wicked world, saying: "Follow Me."

This separation makes a radical change in the heart, thoughts, words, walk, associations, tastes, pleasures, delights. The Lord says, "Walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you." He does not say a part of His ways, but all. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I. Cor. 10:31.

The truth is, Christians will live before the world in such a way that they will know we are not of it.—Messenger of Grace and Truth.

### IT IS BETTER—

**It is better** to set a good example than to preach the finest sermon.

**It is better** to be noted for living a pure life than to be admired for singing well.

**It is better** to be called a fanatic by the world than to be its friend and a wilful hypocrite at heart.

**It is better** that you should be evil spoken of than to hear everybody speak well of you.

**It is better** to please God than to please your friends.

**It is better** to obey than to backslide.

**It is better** to have a conscience void of offense toward God than to be on good terms with the world.

**It is better** to have a crown in heaven than a palace on the earth.

**It is better** to do one thing well than a partly do several things.

**It is better** to have thirty minutes of private prayer before the meeting than to have thirty minutes of useless conversation.

**It is better** to work for the salvation of souls than to seek to please yourself.

**It is better** to give God all the glory for victory than to take any of it yourself.

**It is better** to lead people to praise God than to flatter you.

**It is better** to be a "born again" man, a child of God going through misunderstanding and persecution than to be an unsaved sinner on the way to Hell.—Sel.

### A WINNING PAIR

"Hitch up Consecration and Perseverance," said an old farmer to his son, "and you have a team that will win. They've never been beaten yet, since the world began!"

True, isn't it? In the face of every obstacle they press on toward the mark," and enable such saints as the apostle Paul to declare, "I know whom I have believed."

It means everything to know the Master. Consecration takes us into His presence; Perseverance keeps us there, and gives us the opportunity of entering into this fellowship. Yes, they make a good team!

### ENTIRELY TOO BUSY

If we are:

Too busy to read a book that promises to widen our horizons;

Too busy to keep friendships in good repair;

Too busy to maintain a consistent devotional life;

Too busy to conserve our health in the interest of efficiency;

Too busy to keep warm and vital loves of our own fireside glowing;

Too busy to cultivate the sense of a personal acquaintanceship with God;

Too busy to spend one hour during the week in worship;

Too busy to give time to the culture of our own souls;

Then we are indeed TOO busy. —Sel.

### THE GOOD LORD'S WORK

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do,

I said, "You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along,

But I felt kind of sneakin' like, knowing I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord myself, needed Him right away,

But He never answered me at all, tho' I could hear Him say—

Down in my accusin' heart—"Nigger, I've got too much to do,

You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."

Now, when the Lord has a job for me, I never tries to shirk,

I drops what I have on hand, and does the good Lord's work;

And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through:

Nobody else can do the job that God's marked out for you.

P. L. DUNBAR

### NOT TOO LATE YET

Yes, there is still time for you to complete your arrangements for attending that great Y. P. Rally. Even if you can't be there for the first service Friday evening, May 23rd, you will want to enjoy as many of the special features that are planned for each day as you possibly can. A recent visit to the Moncton Y. P. Society makes me feel certain that each

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