

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

With the opening of the New Year most of us are reminiscing the past and resolving for the future. It is good that we should do so. We will be solemnized and moved when we recall the numberless lost opportunities and visualize the tremendous amount of work yet unaccomplished. On the other hand we should be encouraged to note the progress that has been made since January 1, 1948.

But once we have located our position let us set our goal for 1949 and like Paul, forget those things which are behind and reach forth to those things which are before. There is yet much land to be possessed. Time is precious. To redeem past or future time is impossible. We must redeem the time that we have now—today. Don't waste this moment. Make this the rule for your individual life this year.

So much for individuals but what about an objective for our society.

In Prof. H. E. Enty's address in the 1948 "Torch," he asked this question: "Why not our Young People of the Reformed Baptist Church win the whole Maritimes to the Lord?" Well, why not? Is this not a worthy goal on which to set our sight? The Roman Catholic Church purposes to push the Protestant faith into the Bay of Fundy. This should cause us to rally and unfurl the banners of holiness. We, as holiness young people, have the greatest thing in the world. Let us take up this challenge and not let up until it is accomplished, whether in one year or ten. This is not too high a goal to reach. With co-operation, faith and a passion for the lost it can be accomplished.

Yours in the hands of Christ,
WILLIAM MORGAN, President

EXAMPLE

It is easy enough to be steady and cool
When another must suffer the blow;
It is easy enough to establish the rule
By which other people should go;
But the test of the man, and the proof of his creed,
Is not the advice that he gives,
Nor the wisdom he utters to others in need,
But solely the way that he lives.

The cheat often warns the young boy to be true,

A HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW
YEAR

to all our
READERS

There are sinners who preach against sin,
There are strong men who talk of the right thing to do,

Yet they'll trample down honor to win.
There are thousands who know what is noblest and best,

Yet they fall in the heat of the strife,
Forgetting when standing face front to the test,

That the best sort of preaching is Life.

The finest sermons are those that men live,
The greatest lessons are learned
From the sterling examples of truth that men give

And the unworthy joys they have spurned.
For vain are the words of your counselling fair,

And lost are your messages true,
Unless day by day, in your dealings they square

Four ways to the things that you do.

You must live as you say you want others to live,

You must set an example of truth,
You must back with your deeds the advice that you give,

For keen are the bright eyes of youth;
And they see what Age fancies at times is unseen,

They know what Age thinks is unknown;
The one way to win them to lives that are clean

Is to live a clean life of your own.

—Selected

A DAY AT A TIME

"I can't understand why you always send my allowance in such small amounts," wrote a college youth to his father. "I don't like to have to ask so often for money. I am sure you could send all I need for a month or two just as easily."

"What you say is quite true," wrote the father in reply, "but I am thinking of you rather than myself. I want you to keep me in your mind and thoughts these busy college days. When you write often, as you do under this plan, you tell us about your pleasures and experiences, your plans and purposes, and that's a good thing for a boy to do. Perhaps if you didn't need me so often, I shouldn't know as much about you as I do."

Possibly a question that troubles many Christians will find its answer in the father's letter. Our heavenly Father might give us all we need at one time; but He does not want us to forget Him. He wants us to talk to Him often. Prayer is a great privilege which we as His children enjoy; but the consciousness of a daily need is often a strong reminder of that privilege.

—Forward.

TRY IT THIS YEAR

Begin at once; before you venture away from this quiet moment, ask your King to take you wholly into His service, and place all the hours of this day quite simply at His disposal, and ask Him to make and keep you ready to do just exactly what He appoints. Never mind about tomorrow; one day at a time is enough.

Try it today, and see if it is not a day of strange, almost curious peace so sweet that you will be only too thankful when tomorrow comes to ask Him to take it also—till it will become a blessed habit to hold yourself simply and "wholly at Thy commandment for any manner of service." . . . "Ready" implies something of preparation,—not being taken by surprise. Let us ask Him to prepare us for all that He is preparing for us.

—F. R. Havergal.

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