

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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GOD WILL HELP

The Christian youth of a Christ rejecting, ungodly generation are often harassed by the tempter and made to wonder whether or not there is any use of putting up a fight against the iniquity of the day. Doubtless the spiritual drought of some periods is more appalling than at other times but without hesitancy or fear of contradiction we can safely say that Satan is trying in every way possible to undermine and discourage our youth of today. Should we be persuaded to give up? Are the odds against us? Have we a chance of leading other young people from darkness to light or have we been born in an unfortunate day?

The devil may have you down, young person, but before he wins the final round of the fray turn to the word of God and seek Divine aid. There are many passages to which we might direct our attention but my mind goes to Joshua 1 Verse 9 where God in calling Joshua to a noble task of leadership, says: "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." What a strength giving promise to the weak, discouraged heart! It should fire us with a new zeal and enthusiasm every time we think that He has promised to be with us wherever we go and in whatever we do within His holy will.

With the promises of God there usually goes a condition or an admonition and if we expect to receive the promise that God has for us it behooves us to heed his bidding. This case is no exception. In this passage He has told His workman that he should be strong, courageous and have faith if he is to be a success. You know, young people, if we possess these characteristics we too can be assured of leading souls from darkness to light. Why? Because it is natural for youth to look to those who will dare to take their stand and do things, and to the ones who are not dismayed but stick with the task in faith to the very end. Youth is attracted by challenge.

We can develop these characteristics of strength, courage and faith and have the promise of God's presence which will make us successful labourers in His service. To do it, however, we must keep in vital contact with Him and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Yes, it pays to be all out for God rather than half-heartedly working at the cause. When we go all out for Him, He will go all out with us and make us a success in some small corner of His great vineyard.

STRIVE

- S. **Steadfast** in duty.
- T. **True** in every department of life.
- R. **Righteous** toward God and man.
- I. **Industrious** in your calling.
- V. **Valiant** for the Truth.
- E. **Eminent** in faith, love, piety.

—Selected

THE 23RD PSALM

An Indian Brave's Version

The great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again and draws me into a good road. His name is Wonderful.

Some time, it may be very soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a place between mountains. It is dark there, but I'll draw back not. I'll be afraid not, for it is in there between these mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes He makes the love-rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hands upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell you is true, I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life, and afterwards I will go to live in the "Big Tepee" and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

CAN GOD?

"Can God?" the subtle Tempter breathes within,

When all seems lost, excepting sure defeat, "Can God roll back the raging seas of sin?"

"Can God?" the fainting heart doth quick repeat.

"God can!" in trumpet tones rings faith's glad cry,

And, David-like, it fears no giant foe, For faith dwells in the Mount, serene, and high,

While unbelief's dark clouds roll far below.

"God can!" His Saints of old did ever give Their fullest confirmation o'er and o'er, And He Who made the long-dead bones live, E'en now can bring the dead to life once more.

"God can!" Then let us fear not but arise! Our motto be this word that He doth give, If we have faith, before our wondering eyes A mighty army shall arise and live!

"Beauty is God made manifest."—Locke.

THIS ISSUE'S QUOTATION

Submitted by Thelma Rose

"Men may misjudge thy aim, Think they have cause to blame, Say, thou art wrong: Keep on thy quiet way, Christ is the Judge, not they, Fear not, be strong."

—Sel.

DEFINITE PRAYER

Some years ago a clergyman of a prominent church held prayer service every Friday night. In order to restrain the more emotional, he laid the strict injunction upon those present to not interrupt another prayer by any ejaculation whatever. Quiet order was to be the rule.

Among those who prayed was a man who came regularly to the meetings and who always seemed burdened with the same old sense of guilt. He would ask forgiveness for certain things, and would profess to be happy in the sense of forgiveness after he had prayed.

One evening he came as usual and offered his prayer. He told the Lord what a sinner he had been and how sorry he was that he had yielded to the evil one. He said: "O Lord, the great spider, sin, has been weaving his webs of temptation, his snares. O Lord, brush away the cobwebs." An old lady in the meeting who had heard the same prayer many times before could restrain herself no longer; forgetting the minister's injunction, she burst forth in shrill penetrating voice, "O Lord, kill the spider. Kill the spider, Lord."

Yes, the old lady had found the point of true definiteness for the man's need.

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ARMOR PLATED YOUTH?

Someone has well said that it is more of an asset to a country to have armor plated youth than warships.

Youth needs to be iron clad on their:

Lips—against the first tastes.

Ears—against impure words.

Hands—that they handle not.

Forehead—against an impure kiss.

Heart—against irreverence and doubt.

Feet—against keeping dangerous company. Eyes—against dangerous books and pictures.

Pocket—against covetousness.

Tongue—against cowardly sentiment.

—Selected

YOUTH CAMP NEWS

Expenses: Expenses for Youth Camp are extremely low, due to the generosity of our Alliance. For only \$6.00 a young person can attend Youth Camp for the full period and enjoy all the privileges of the Camp. Room, board, class instruction, recreational activities, etc., all are provided for on the payment of this fee. Of course all will realize that this small amount is only about half the amount necessary for the bare expenses of our Youth Camp, but our Alliance has kindly allowed this low fee so that all the young people who wish to attend the Camp may do so. The Denomination has expended hundreds of dollars to balance Youth Camp accounts, and all our young people are grateful for this provision. Young people, it's the greatest bargain of the calendar year, Youth Camp of 1948 for only \$6.00! Next news item: Youth Camp Programme.

Plan!

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Pray!