

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."  
—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### CONSECRATION OF THE WILL

"Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God." Included among those things which go to make a complete consecration is that peculiar possession of mankind called the will. That the will is the central citadel of the human soul, the crowning faculty in man, is a fact recognized by the race. Since this is the case it is of supreme importance that the will should be handed right over wholly to the Lord. God's will is one thing and our will is another, and as long as these wills are not in harmony there will be friction and chafing. A great deal of what we call our Christian conflict is not from without but is simply a secret rebellion of our will against the will of God for us.

If one was to take two harps, tune them exactly to the same key and place them alongside each other he would find that the moment one was struck the other would produce the same sound even though no fingers had touched it. However, if one of the harps was tuned one-half a tone lower than the other and struck as before there would be no response from the other by its side.

Without a doubt this is one of the chief reasons why God is unable to get any music out of our lives and testimony; our will is not tuned exactly to the key of His will. Oh that we might get in tune that the countless souls on their way to a hopeless eternity would be attracted by the sweet music of our daily living. If your life is producing discord will you not look heavenward and with a sincere heart pray, "Take my will and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee."

### THE TONGUE

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, Can crush and kill," declares the Greek. "The tongue destroys a greater hoard," The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

A Persian proverb wisely saith, "A lengthy tongue—and early death;" Or sometimes takes this form instead, "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed;" The Chinese say, "outstrips the steed;" While Arab sages this impart, "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit this maxim sprung, "Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue." The sacred writer crowns the whole, "Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul!"

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile. 1 Pet. 3:10.

### REPUTATION and CHARACTER

Reputation is what men say you are; character is what God knows you are.

Reputation is seeming; character is being.

Reputation is your photograph; character is your face.

Reputation is manufactured; character is grown.

Reputation is what comes over you from without; character is what rises up from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come to town; character is what you have when you go away.

Reputation makes you rich or poor; character makes you miserable or happy.

Reputation is what you need to get a job; character is what you need to keep one.

Reputation is what is chiseled on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God.

—Christian Workers Magazine.

### WASTING ENERGY

An artist was watching his pupil sketching a sunset. He noticed that the young man was lingering on his sketching of a barn in the foreground while the sun was hastening to its setting. He said to him, "Young man, if you lose more time sketching the shingles on that barn roof you will not catch the sunset at all." This is just what many people do. They give all their time to common-place things, to fences, barns and sheds and miss the glorious sunsets. They toil for money, honor and fame and never see God or get acquainted with Him. Many people pay heed to second or third rate things, while they miss altogether the great things of life. The best possibilities of life are all transient.

### GO AFTER THEM

"Young man, young woman, make the most of your life. Go after souls. Go after them the best way you know, but go after them. Do not listen to those who warn you that you will offend and drive away by your persistence. Go after souls. Go after them by public and private testimony. Go after them by service and by prayer. But go after them. Go after them with love and a burdened heart. Go after them by kind deeds. Go after them by song and praise. Go after them when they are bereaved and in sorrow. Go after them when they are especially favored of God and men. But go after them. This soul-winning life is your life—make the most of it.

—J. B. CHAPMAN.

### PRAY WITHOUT FAINTING

We are not only to pray without ceasing but also to pray without fainting. "And He spake a parable unto them, that men ought always to pray and not to faint." The first is a warning against fitfulness in prayer, the second, against the lack of perseverance therein. For this, like that, ensnares many. No temptation in the life of intercession is more common than this of failure to persevere. We begin to pray for a certain thing; we put up our petitions for a day, a week, a month, and then, receiving as yet no definite answer, straightway we faint, and cease altogether from prayer concerning it. This is a deadly fault. It is simply the snare of many beginnings with no completions. It is ruinous in all spheres of life. The man who forms the habit of beginning without finishing has simply formed the habit of failure. The man who begins to pray about a thing and does not pray it through to a successful issue of answer has formed the same habit in prayer. As in everything else so it is in prayer; to faint is to fail. Then defeat begets disheartenment, and unfaith in the reality of prayer, which is fatal to all success. It were better to put up

fewer prayers and get more answers than to have on hand a host of unfinished petitions, with all the spiritual demoralization that flows therefrom.

—J. H. McCONKEY.

### LET US REMEMBER—

To pray.

To give thanks.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Sabbath Day.

Calvary and Pentecost.

The tithe is the Lord's.

After Death, the Judgment.

### IT WORKS

A mechanic was called in to repair the mechanism of a giant telescope. During the noon hour the chief astronomer came upon the man reading the Bible. "What good do you expect from that?" he asked. "The Bible is out of date. Why, you don't even know who wrote it."

The mechanic puzzled a moment, then he looked up, "Don't you make considerable use of the multiplication table in your calculations?"

"Yes, of course," returned the other.

"Do you know who wrote it?"

"Why, no I guess I don't."

"Then," said the mechanic, "how can you trust the multiplication table?"

"We trust it because, \* \* \* well, because it works," the astronomer finished testily.

"Well, I trust the Bible for the same reason—it just works."—Selected.

### EXPERT TESTIMONY

A judge of the Domestic Relations Court, Nashville, Tennessee, recently said, "The Juvenile court over which I preside has jurisdiction over children under seventeen years of age who have violated the law. Since June 1, 1939, I have tried approximately 4,800 cases. Of this number, only twenty-nine have a regular Sunday-school or church record. So far I have not had a child in juvenile court whose father or mother attended either Sunday School or church regularly."—Selected.

### THE OLD REFRAIN

"They won't miss me!" said the mother as she repeatedly left the children for rounds of of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" the children either.

"They won't miss me!" said the policeman as he skipped around on his patrol for a game of poker. But that night the store was robbed.

"They won't miss me!" said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But that airplane crashed and killed his brother—for lack of a single nut.

"They won't miss me!" said the sentry as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me!" said the Christian worker as he shed his responsibilities in a day of crisis, and then he wondered why his country gave away to softness and demoralization.—Sel.

That which is often asked of God is not so much His will and way, as His approval of our way.