

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

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### EDITORIAL

#### AM I OF ANY WORTH?

To all of us at one time or another has come the above cited question. There are two reasons why we have asked ourselves the question. One of them is because it seems we are neglected in the work of the church, the other, we have looked within and discovered we have no aptitude for the things of the Kingdom. To the would-be child of God this question must be answered in the affirmative. We must be of worth. It is imperative that we make ourselves of some value to the cause which we represent.

So many people labour under the delusion that they are useless. I have heard many times the expression, "I can't do anything." To me this is a sign of failure. If a person is a Christian he can do anything. St. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ that Strengtheneth me." Paul found the way to do anything for Christ. Our election to hold an office in the church is not the sign to begin to shew our worth. Office or no office our place is to do our best. We are worth as much to God as an ordinary member of the church as we might be with a high office. Our attendance at the means of Grace is vital to our worth. To be at church when there is a service on is of tremendous value.

For instance, sinful people see us going to church. Immediately we are shewing our worth. We love the Lord we are going to worship Him. They become convinced there must be something in it.

Again, when we arrive at church we meet with others of like faith and the presence of the children of God brings the presence of the Father. We are of worth to each other.

Then our worth to the Pastor. He is looking for us. He has prayed and prepared to speak to us. We are of unaccountable worth to him. He sees us and is thankful for our presence.

We say we have no talents therefore are of no value. This statement is basically wrong. We have a talent and therefore must be of value. We are saved to serve. There is a place for us that none other can fill. We too often underestimate our value. We are made a little lower than the Angels. Our talents then can be used and magnified so that we be the means of pointing souls to God, the one who made us. Ours is a mighty task. We need to say to ourselves, "I am of worth, help me Father to bring to the forefront all my usefulness and consecrate it to thy service."

Am I of any Worth??? Yes as much worth as I make myself.

#### ROMANS 12:1

By Charles Finney

There are many who profess to be followers of Christ who are willing to do almost any thing in religion that does not require self-denial. But when they are called to do any thing that requires them to deny themselves, Oh! that is too much. They think they are doing a great deal for God, and doing about as much as He ought to ask in reason, if they are only doing what they can do about as well as not; but they are not willing to deny themselves any comfort or convenience what-

ever for the sake of serving the Lord.

They will not willingly suffer reproach for the name of Christ. Nor will they deny themselves the luxuries of life, to save a world from hell. So far are they from remembering that self-denial is a condition of discipleship, that they do not know what self-denial is! They never have really denied themselves a meal or a night's sleep for Christ, and for the Gospel.

Some are giving of their abundance, and are giving much, and are ready to complain that others do not give more; when, in truth, they do not give any thing that they need, anything that they could enjoy, if they kept it. They only give of their surplus wealth; and perhaps that poor woman who puts in twelve cents at the monthly meeting has exercised more self-denial than they have in giving thousands.

#### THINK ON THESE THINGS

By Evangelist F. Lincicome

Many sincere souls are kept in constant bondage because they cannot discern between things that differ, because they never have been taught to discriminate between "evil thoughts" and thoughts about evil. So long as we are in the world, and so long as we have five senses coming in contact with a world abounding with evil, Satan will be sure to use these as avenues of temptation.

The devil has met many people at the threshold of their sanctified experiences and driven them back into the wilderness because after they were sanctified they had thoughts about evil. They had supposed now that they had a pure heart they never would have any more thoughts about evil. But not so! If we could not have any thoughts about evil, then we never could have any temptations; for temptation, in its first stage, comes through our thought life. If you never thought wrong, you never would do wrong. Evil thinking always precedes evil practicing.

Sanctification does cleanse the mind; but after it has been cleansed, it becomes your task to keep your thoughts within certain bounds. Your mind will still go out on excursions after you have been sanctified. You will still have wandering thoughts. There will be times when the devil will take you down into the cellar and basement of your nature and put your thoughts on something that is not nice—but you don't have to leave it there! You have a will, and now your mind is under the control of a sanctified will; so, at once, by the use of your will, you can take your mind off the bad thought and transfer it to something sweet and clean. And, by the way, that is the way we fight temptation. We don't fight temptation by direct fight; we fight it by flight.

We must learn to discern the difference between evil thoughts and thoughts about evil. An evil thought springs from evil existing in the heart, but a thought about evil is a suggestion flashed upon the mind by what we see or hear, or by the law of association, or by the enemy of our souls. Those who have been made pure in heart have no evil within, consequently no "evil thoughts" will be registered.

"Temptation, in its first stage, is presented

to the intellect; thence it is transmitted to the sensibilities, in which region it operates upon the sense, appetites, passions or emotions." A critical stage of temptation is now reached. In the case of those whose hearts have been made pure there is no inward sympathy for that bad thought. If you find something in the heart that cherishes that impure thought, something in you that feeds on it and wants to entertain it, then you had better hurry to Pentecost and have it burned out. If you do not, sooner or later, it will push your will into action and cause you to do the thing that will disgrace you and bring reproach upon the One you love.

One of the best evidences that you have a pure heart is that when "thoughts of evil" come to you, you have something in you that will repulse them. You have a sign up over the door of your pure heart, "No admittance." You can say, "I could not hinder you from coming to the door of my heart, but I can keep you from coming in." There is nothing inside of you that desires or cherishes such thoughts.

So guard your thoughts, for every holy person who falls from grace starts with his thinking. We think ourselves away from God. It was by the operation of the natural laws of the mind that angels fell. It was by the operation of the natural laws of the mind that Adam and Eve fell; they did not have any carnality to cause their fall. So guard your thinking, for it is much easier to let a wrong thought get into your heart than it is to get it out, once it is there.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

This Young People's Page belongs to you. Reports of your Societies and their activities are welcome. Why not determine right now to sit down and pen a few words to the editor. Let us encourage one another by this means.

THERE WOULD BE MORE POWER  
IN OUR PRAYING IF THERE WERE  
MORE CHEER IN OUR GIVING.

Young People REMEMBER TO PRAY  
FOR THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE.

#### THE UNFAILING RULE

"Whatsoever ye do, do it all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31).

If any child of God will adopt this verse as his rule of conduct, he will be amazed at what it will accomplish in his life.

It will sweeten all his service. It will turn drudgery into delight. It will be a safeguard against pride.

It is the only ground on which he can pray with confidence. The sieve, "Is it for the glory of God?" will screen out a lot of worthless praying.

It will keep us from being earthbound. It will settle every question of conduct. It will settle every question of standard. Worldliness, greed, jealousy, unholy tempers and ambitions will be seen in their right light when measured by this Scripture.—Wesleyan Missionary.