

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."

I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

Whether You Go or Whether You Stay, **YOU CAN HELP**

Maybe you are "on the outside looking in." That is, maybe you don't attend Bethany Bible College. Even so you should not be indifferent to the value of the School nor the needs of the School. In fact, the young people on the "outside" can render a service to Bethany which the ones on the "inside" cannot.

At this point I hope that you are asking, "What can we do?" because I wish to tell you.

As an individual you can help pay the school budget; you can pray for Bethany; you can publicize the School by telling other young people about it; you can send to the School the name and address of any prospective student whom you know; you can give to the young people's self-denial fund, which in turn contributes to Bethany.

As a society you can undertake a special project for Bethany. An amount of twenty-five dollars (more or less) could provide some convenience for the School which is sorely needed. Certain gifts could even bear your society's name as donor. If you write to the officers of the School for information, I am sure that you will suggest a project for your society.

Something else: your young people's society could plan a Bethany program for your services occasionally. In such a program make Bethany your prayer target. Pray for faculty and students, for the spiritual success and the financial support of the School. Have a quizz on Bethany: Who can name Bethany's presidents? Who can tell where the School started and what its name was? What was the size of the first student body? the size of the present student body? How many former Bethany students are in pastorates? on the mission field? and so on. Have a short message on Bethany; if possible use a Bethany student, a former student, or a parent of either.

Whether you go to Bethany or not, you can help Bethany. Be a Bethany booster and you will be a bigger blessing.

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MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS

Does my life please God?

Am I reading my Bible daily?

Have I ever won a soul to Christ?

Am I in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

How much time daily do I spend in prayer?

Am I enjoying and abounding in my Christian life?

Is there anything I feel I cannot give up for Christ?

How does my life and example look to those who are not Christians?

Am I doing anything which I would condemn in others?

If Christ should appear in the air, am I ready to meet Him in peace?—Sel.

"He Must Increase

but

I Must Decrease."

THE SNAKE AND THE BIRD

They tell a fable about a snake and a bird. Once a prairie fire swept over the land burning all the small animals with its fury. A snake was trapped and knew that he too was doomed to die like the rest, when he saw a bird flying in the air. He called to the bird to rescue him. "How can I rescue you? I have no hands to hold you and you are too large to hold in my claws or my beak," called the bird. But the snake said, "If you will come down I will curl around your body and we can go away in safety." So the bird dropped down to the ground; the snake quickly entwined himself around her body and they flew away to the safety of a tree. When they arrived, the bird said, "We are safely here now; you may let me loose." "But I am so hungry," replied the snake; "you saved my life from the fire, you can now save my life from starvation." With those words the snake devoured the bird.

The Word of God warns us continually that if we love and serve sin, one day it will destroy us too. See Proverbs 11:3.—Selected.

"Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."—James 1:15.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE

By Kirby Page

Take time to live! Put first things first and leave lesser things undone. Budget your time and constantly examine your use of it. An emphatic No is essential to a resolute Yes in using time. What you leave undone determines what you can accomplish. Remember that while man requires bread for survival, he does not live by bread alone, but by the things of the spirit.

Do not exhaust yourself in surviving. Take time to live. It does not profit a man to gain wealth and fame and then find himself a physical wreck, a mental hulk, a spiritual derelict. Work with moderation.

Choose recreation which really re-creates. Many forms of entertainment and amusement are numbing. Take plenty of nourishment from Mother Nature. Expose your soul to the glories of night, dawn, sunset. Go often to beautiful and hallowed places. Listen with rapture to exalted music. Let imagination take flight with the poets. Discipline your mind by absorbing the wisdom of great books. Keep saturated with the stories of noble lives. Know your Bible, especially the teachings of Jesus.

Be at home in the invisible world of the spirit. Learn to see the unseen and hear the inaudible. Be alert to the presence of the living Christ. Watch God at work in nature, in creatures, in persons. Recognize every individual as a sacred shrine of the Eternal. See to it that your friendships are kept in good repair. Participate in the fellowship of an intimate group. Take the church seriously and give yourself to it. Absorb its beauty and harmony, its truth and holiness. Spend much time in silent solitude, thinking and praying. In fervent intercession, hold up individuals before God.

Do not exhaust yourself in fruitless activities. Take plenty of time to live!—Gospel Banner.

CAN A TEACHER SERVE CHRIST?

Doug MacCallum*

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers." I Cor. 12:28.

Much is said in the Word about teachers and teaching, good and bad. Of course one must take his example from Jesus, whose methods cannot be excelled. Christ taught in a language and terms that almost everyone could understand if he were willing. He gave to many hearing ears and understanding hearts. Like any good teacher, Christ prepared his lessons. Of course a school teacher may not prepare his or her work in the same manner Christ did, as He spent much time in prayer. So must a teacher prepare himself for his work.

Our title says, "Can a Teacher Serve Christ?" We may turn from this and ask, Can a business man, mechanic, manager, clerk, or others serve Christ? Without a doubt our answer would be in the affirmative. Probably a teacher is able to serve Christ in a different manner from that of others, as a teacher mingles and works with the youth of today and the men and women of tomorrow.

During a pupil's time at school a teacher is able to outline the whole plan of salvation, through daily Bible reading and by certain parts of his subjects. A teacher can read Bible stories or scriptures such as John 3, and these cast light across the pupil's pathway. Further explanation of redemption, justification, etc., may be made through the study of history, for example, The Protestant Reformation. During this section one studies about men such as Knox, Calvin and Luther. We have Luther's great statement, "Justification by Faith." A good lengthy sermon could be preached from this. I know one teacher who was teaching this section and after finishing the period said, "Come back tomorrow and we'll have another sermon."

Literature is another subject where one finds much of the scripture. Many selections are taken directly from the Bible and one is able to witness through the explanation of these.

A teacher's personality, character, habits, and mannerisms will be manifested to the pupils. It has been said that a teacher is a person with a dual personality, one used in the classroom and the other outside the school. This may take place for a time, but the real teacher with his good and bad qualities is discovered by the pupil.

If a Christian teacher serves Christ, then the life of Christ will be seen by the pupils, but if not, then the opposite will evolve. Christ wants us teachers to live for Him and serve Him and thus pupils will see Him, the author and finisher of our faith.

Finally, over a period of time, Christ-like characteristics and attitudes will be found seeping in and flowing out of the lives of pupils.

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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works."—Matt. 5:16.

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