

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."
I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

My Prayer For A New Leader

At the recent Alliance meetings at Beulah Camp Rev. Norman E. Trafton was elected superintendent of the Reformed Baptist Alliance.

Taking over the leadership of a people demands so much of a man that he needs divine assurance of help. Our new leader may be assured of divine assistance—"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Therefore, with a God-inspired confidence he can "be strong and of good courage." God's man always has God's assurance.

As we might expect divine assurance often precedes human assurance. God knows men without proving them; we have to prove men to know them. Doubtlessly when Joshua took over the leadership of Israel he did not enjoy as great a measure of the confidence of the people as Moses had enjoyed. He had not proved himself to them in his new role. There came a day, however, when God honoured His servant. "On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared (or revered) him, as they feared Moses."

My prayer is that God will do for our new leader what he did for Joshua. "Let all the people say, Amen."
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THE DEVILFISH OF SIN

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The most powerful illustration of sin is the devil fish. The devil fish is a great monster of the sea. On each side of its round body are four ribbon-like tentacles which grow in length in proportion to the size of the human victim's body. When the devil fish travels it keeps its tentacles closed, but as soon as a victim is sighted it grasps the victim so quickly escape is almost impossible.

The first contact is a gentle brushing of the delicate ends; then the arm goes about the victim and escape is impossible. It then sucks the blood of its victim and an attempt to escape only causes the monster to cling with more determined force.

Sin is like the devil fish. It begins with the innocent, harmless touch, we think. It won't

be any harm to do this once, to go to that place once or say this just once. But this thought is only the devil deceiving us. At its first clutch the devil makes sin seem so harmless, so innocent but in I John 3:4 we read, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law." Let us remember when we sin we are transgressing God's law whether the sin be small or great.

Young people, it is the devil's business to deceive us and make sin appear harmless and innocent, but if we listen to the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ and follow in the way he would have us to go the devil will be defeated.

After sin begins with the harmless, innocent touch, then comes the vise-like coils of habit and finally utter ruin. As the devil fish enfolds the human victim so escape is almost impossible, so sin enfolds the ones who are deceived by it and follow in its path, going deeper and deeper into sin until the devil carries them farther and farther away from God.

Though escape is impossible for the victim of the devil fish, thank God escape is possible for the victims of sin, for in Isaiah 50:1 we read: "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save. Neither is his ear heavy that it cannot hear."

Christ is the cure for sin, the great liberator. He alone can break the tentacles of sin that would fasten themselves on our souls. In Romans 8:2 we read: "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." Therefore, we can sing with the hymn writer, "Jesus breaks every fetter and he sets me free."

Jesus was the only one that could die for our sins, because he himself never sinned. What wondrous love he had to die for us who spurned his love and would not heed his voice. Oh, come to Christ today. In John 1:9 we read: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. There is hope for you if you will trust in God."

It breaks our hearts these days to see young people so entangled in sin they no longer have any desire to serve God. Habits, pleasures, and desires for only the things of the world bind them to the extent they forget God. You who might once have had the peace of God in your heart, or some who have never known it, do not let the devil lead you deeper into sin. The devil made sin look so harmless at first, but now you realize you have been deceived and bound by fetters of sin. You who are saved take warning: do not let the devil deceive you. Follow Christ closely and trust Him for His grace. If you follow Christ you won't be led astray, but if you get your eyes off Christ and on the world you will soon lose the victory.

Christ is a wonderful Master. He saves us if we accept Him and walks along life's road with us to help us through trials and tests. Meditating on His word and communion with Christ through prayer is a wonderful privilege.

In contrast if we follow the devil he leads us out to the very depth of sin, binds us by strong fetters and leaves us to die. Oh young people choose this precious Christ as your leader.

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MARYSVILLE REPORTS

I believe a report from the Marysville young people is long overdue.

Our Young People's services have been very interesting and helpful during the past year. Bud Pond has proved to be an enthusiastic and capable president.

We always have testimonies in our services as well as one of our young people or a visitor presenting a paper or giving a talk. Our attendance is usually about 40, quite a few of whom are between the ages of 10 and 15. We are praying that the Lord will undertake and that we shall be able to reach and win the unsaved young people who are attending our Sunday School.

We thank the Lord for such a fine group of young people and we are praying and trusting God for greater things in the future.

Betty Symonds,
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