

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

I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU

Editorial

1955: An Open Door

"I have set before thee an open door." (Rev. 3:8).

The new year is an open door, swinging in and bidding us enter. As we have never entered this door before, new experiences await us—new opportunities in the areas of service and self improvement—and new problems, too.

Personally I am not worried about the problems, for I can say with the hymn writer: "Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home." Praise Him whose angels have charge over me.

I am more interested in opportunities. Thus I have chosen a text which is suggestive of opportunity. One commentator says of this open door that it is "for evangelization; a door of spiritual usefulness."

There are many open doors calling us, young people.

There is an open door in your high school: a chance to show your classmates that Christian young people are different—they play the game fairly, they lose nobly, they defend the good, and they live for the best. Daniels, who will not bow down to sinful practices and influences, are needed in our high schools. Here is an open door for consecrated and courageous young people.

There is an open door in your office and your shop: an opportunity to practice business ideals which are Christian, an opportunity "to salt" the conversation, an opportunity to show Christ-like attitudes.

There is an open door in your church: to be an example, to be an inspiration, and to be a servant and supporter.

There is an open door in your home and in your community: to be a soul winner and a helper.

There is another open door. It is the door of full-time Christian service. It opens on a whitened harvest field. Few have the conviction, consecration, and courage to enter this door. Yet it is the door of greatest adventure, opportunity, and blessing.

This door opens on Korea, "the most completely devastated country in the world's history since the sack of Carthage, 145 B. C."

. . . on Colombia, where the Roman Catholic Church is endeavouring to accomplish its purpose "by blood and fire."

. . . on Honduras, of which a missionary society remarks: "Never have we known such open doors for evangelism in Honduras."

. . . on Japan, where 50,000,000 people in villages and small towns have no churches nor evangelizing agencies.

. . . on India, where the door has closed to American missionaries and opened wider to Canadians.

. . . on Africa, where millions still "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

. . . and on other countries comprising most of the world.

It opens, too, on the Maritimes and Maine, where holiness churches are still a rarity in some

The President Admonishes: "Profess, Possess, Progress" In 1955

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"Walk before me and be thou perfect (upright) and I will give thee and to thy seed after thee, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God" (Genesis 17:8).

We are now entering upon a new year, and what lies before us no one knows. As we look back into 1954 we wonder what really has been accomplished for Christ. Probably some lessons have been learned, and if they have been learned properly we will, as young people, hold to the promises of Christ and acquire our everlasting possession. Some professors of Christ look back over their lives and see that 1954 has not been a good year for them. It has been a year of famine. Their souls are lean and lank. No doubt some have been living on the meagre necessities of a spiritual life. There is no need to live as a poor man when you can have bread without scarceness, milk, grapes, olives, honey, and pomegranates, resulting in the soul delighting itself in fatness.

In the material world professors of "isms" and cults hold in their possession millions of souls who have never heard of Jesus and the everlasting possession. We young people have a great responsibility, as Christ said, "Go ye into all the world." Much of the world is hidden behind iron and bamboo curtains and gradually more countries are being closed. China is closed; India is open to Canadian missionaries only. Time is fleeting; moments are passing; opportunities are decreasing.

Let us not make so-called "New Year Resolutions," but let us call on God asking Him to re-establish us so that in 1955 we may profess, possess, and progress. There will be temptations—and hard times, but "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation," and "My grace is sufficient for thee."

God promised Abraham an inheritance and He promises us an inheritance. Let us claim it so that 1955 may be a year of profession, possession and progression.

Scriptures on Success

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5.

"Whatsoever he (the godly man) doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:3.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:25.

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."—Matthew 19:29.

parts and evangelism is still a neglect.

God has set before us an open door. Let us put our hand in the Hand of God and go in.

—C. E. S.

STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN

Nina Smith Haywood

Missionary Nurse

This is a sign that we should have put before us as Christian young people.

Just STOP and think what you owe to God. Have you paid your debt for all He has done for you?

STOP and think where you might have been had you been born in a heathen land. The chances are you would have been born without much knowledge of Jesus and the way of salvation. There are very few second and third generations of real born-again Christians. You would have been steeped in heathenism, the bonds of which are hard to break. The girls in most lands are not as privileged as those born in a so-called Christian country. The girls in some countries are sold in marriage for a few head of cattle, or pigs, or given as child-brides to old men. The parents do the choosing and the girls have to do as they are told.

STOP—and ask yourself, "What can I do to pay the debt I owe to God and those less privileged?"

STOP—don't take the wrong step into marriage,—or your life's work. Receive God's plan first and follow that plan; you cannot fail.

Just LOOK around you and count your many blessings and realize what God has done for you and given you.

LOOK around you and see what has happened to others when they failed to do the will of the Lord.

LOOK up and God will supply your needs and give you grace for your task.

Just LISTEN with an open heart to the Voice that is speaking to you, and answer, "I'll do your will, Lord, no matter the cost."

Don't LISTEN to friends, but LISTEN to God. I recently read about a man who received three invitations into different phases of the Lord's work, and each said he thought it was the will of the Lord! Now they couldn't have all been the will of the Lord! There must have been a mistake somewhere. This man took the Lord's way for him, which led to the mission field.

Christ calls and the answer must be in the negative or affirmative.

There is only one life to live and that one life lived for Christ is the best one, the safe one, the right one, and the happiest one. We are all human and want to go our way. We make our plans and don't want them changed. God may have made plans for us, and we have forgotten to consider what He would have us do.

Let us STOP and pray, LOOK up and LISTEN for God's voice before we make our life's plans. God needs young men and women in His harvest fields to-day, whether at home or across the sea. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

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THE NEW YEAR
WITH
THE UNCHANGING CHRIST

The King's Highway