

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

I Timothy 4:12

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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Have you ever dodged your responsibility by vociferating . . .

### "I Can't"

By Edwin B. Wallace

I tell you, I can't . . . I just can't do it! There are so many others who are more talented. Why, I can't sing. I can't make a speech. I can't lead the young people's service. I'm too shy. I'm afraid. I just can't. And besides, I'm not going to make a fool of myself. Get somebody else. Count me out, for I can't . . . I just can't!"

Have you ever heard anyone talk like that? Or, to be very blunt, have you ever been guilty of similar expressions of defeat?

If so, I have something to say to you. Before you gasp your final, "I can't" and topple into the grave of uselessness, take a look at the man Paul, reckoned the greatest apostle of all time.

According to II Corinthians 10:10, Paul was "weak" and possessed a poor voice. (Read the entire chapter, it will do you good). Then turn to I Corinthians 4:11-12 and you will discover that he looked undernourished and his clothing was shabby. His hands were seamed and grimy and calloused with hard labor. You will recall that he had to soften skins and sew them into tents in order to eke out a living (Acts 18:3).

He was a pilgrim and a stranger with no permanent home. He was mistreated and misrepresented. He was made a fool for Christ's sake, and counted as "the offscouring of all things" (I Cor. 4:9-13).

For the cause of the Gospel, he bore excruciating scourgings, underwent severe deprivations, and endured terrible sufferings. If you would catch a glimpse of Paul's sufferings, read II Corinthians 11:23-28.

Can this slightly-built, shabbily-dressed, squeaky-voiced man be the incomparable Paul. Yes, it is Paul. But you have seen only his outward appearance.

Step closer and look into his eyes. See there the gleam of the eagle. Glimpse the indomitable spirit, the holy determination, the far-reaching gaze of the man of vision. Thrill to the force of his Spirit-empowered personality. Marvel at the depths of his unanswerable logic. This is indeed Paul!

Say, young fellow, young lady, you, too, can be a power for God in your own church . . . in your W. Y. P. S. Blot from your vocabulary that disgusting word, "can't". Don't utter it! Don't think it! Crucify the spirit of defeatism! God has a work for you, and can use you. and needs you. Abandon yourself to the will of God. Murray once said, "Absolute surrender . . . God claims it; works it; accepts it and maintains it . . . when I bring it!"

And remember this: God's "strength is made perfect in weakness." Your little self, coupled with the presence of the all-conquering Christ can make you a veritable dynamo of spiritual power. Of course, prayer is the contact line to power. Where prayer focuses, power produces! So to your knees, faint heart.

From this day forward let your motto be: "With Christ, I can!"

"One has no more religion than is acted out in his life."

### Hey, There, Hi-Schoolers

By Dorothea S. Pfautz

It Could Be:

Some of the kids at school don't like you because of your touchy disposition—not because you are a Christian.

It Could Be:

Someone made fun of your clothes, because you never learned the simple art of color coordination—not because you occasionally wear "hand-me-downs."

It Could Be:

The church services seem dry and boring because of your low state of Grace—not because Pastor Jones preaches long, dull sermons.

It Could Be:

Your father won't let you go on "dates," because you haven't grown up yet—not because he's just an old-time fogey.

It Could Be:

Your mother doesn't dress better, because you are constantly demanding a new dress—not because she's getting old and lost all desire to appear attractive.

It Could Be:

Someone poked fun at your hair because of loose dandruff—not because you aren't allowed to bob it like the other girls.

It Could Be:

The coach wouldn't let you pitch, because you are a poor sport—not because he's a poor judge of good pitchers.

It Could Be:

You aren't very popular, because you are constantly criticizing—not because you live on "the wrong side of the tracks."

It Could Be:

The other young people in the church do not appreciate you because of your self-importance—not because they are jealous of your piano playing.

It Could Be:

You didn't get to be class reporter, because you have never learned to be dependable—not because the teachers, who appointed the reporter, had it in for you.

It Could Be:

You have difficulty keeping a Saved Experience, because you have never really been Sanctified—not because of unideal home conditions.

It Could Be:

We parents expect too much from you, but please, always remember it is because we love you—not because we merely like to harp.

### A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER

Lord send us a vision of souls in need,  
Regardless of color, or race, or creed,  
Or whether the surface be polished or rough,  
If outside Thy kingdom, that is enough.  
Enough for Thy servant, whose duty is plain,  
To bring them to Christ and His kingdom  
again.

It matters but little how sunken they be,  
Their lives are transfigured when Jesus they  
see.

So send us the vision and give us the grace  
To bring in the lost to the light of Thy face.

—Selected

### If You Would Win Take the Offensive

"A good offense in battle is the best defense" is a sound military rule. It is also a sound rule to follow when facing temptation. He who looks for a sheltered place where he, without opposition, can practice his religious convictions will spend his life in wistful wishing.

There is neither peace nor honor for the one who is not ready to forget that he has a head to be battered and a name to be bespattered in his fight for right and truth. He who stands for honesty and purity in pagan areas will find that he is identified with an unpopular minority and will be the object of scorn, hate and slander.

Speak up! Speak out! Speak your convictions in plain and positive terms. Tell all who will listen of the contentment and inner satisfaction which comes from a life wholly committed to Christ.

Exalt the Christ, not self. Live a life Christ-centered, occupied with deeds of helpful service for others, and consider that you are but a steward of all material wealth which comes into your possession—and generations will rise up and call you blessed.

Strive for the distinguished service cross—"Well done," which the Supreme Commander will give at the end of life's campaign.—O. G. Wilson.

### MONCTON REPORTS

Hello, Young People Everywhere:

Of course we're glad we won the Banner!

The keen competition shown reminded me of Paul's admonition to "fight the good fight of faith, having on the whole armour of God."

Aren't you glad that we have such a God who can supply us for the good fight so that we can come out "more than conquerors"?

We here in Moncton realize our responsibility in fighting the good fight. As we look toward the next year we want our group to grow spiritually, our standard of holiness to be raised high and on to victory.

The motto our Camp Evangelist, Mrs. Gordon Wishart, recommended "Better Acquainted with God," is the best remedy I know of for victory.

Let's, as a group for the church of tomorrow, push forward in advance lines "more than conquerors."

Let's make our Saviour proud of us.

Yours for souls,

Marion MacCallum, reporter

### YOUTH RALLY

A Youth Rally is to be held at Old Town, Me., with Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, speaker, and DeVerne Mullen, song leader and singer. Services, 10.30 a. m., 2.30 and 7.00 p. m.

For date write Rev. H. McGeorge, Old Town, Me.

"This is the primary purpose for which the Spirit is given: That we may bear witness to Christ. We must not expect the Gift while we ignore the purpose."

The King's Highway