



News and Notes for Young People

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AT THE FEET OF OUR YOUTH

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"At a young man's feet whose name was Saul" (Acts 7:58)

1. The Spirit of Sacrifice

Stephen was dead. His spirit was to live on in Saul—the spirit of sacrifice. After receiving the Heavenly vision on the Damascus Road, Saul presented himself to his new-found Savior as a living sacrifice.

Bold! Fearless! Aggressive! Zealous! Paul, full of the Holy Ghost, exclaimed, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13).

Young in the faith, Paul waited for no invitations to witness and preach Christ. There was nothing that hindered him from proclaiming the Gospel where Christ was not known. He made opportunities if there were none. On the streets, in the synagogues, wherever he found lost souls. He preached Christ, Him crucified, that He was alive and possessed the power to save. It did not matter if people resented him or not. He knew there were those who had their religion, who worshipped their false and unknown Gods. They termed him a babbler. Mobbed, stoned, beaten, yet he burned with the spirit of sacrifice. He forsook pleasure, ease, and comfort. Health, food, the opinions of others did not hinder his purpose and mission. He, Paul, was the sacrifice. He counted his life not dear unto himself! All things were counted but loss. He looked upon them, considering them but dung so only that he may win Christ Jesus, his Lord (Phil. 3:8).

The advice to Paul, by many disciples today, would be, "Now, don't go overboard about this thing. Take it easy. Don't overdo yourself."

2. Spiritual Madness

Recorded in Acts 21:12, they besought Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. He replied, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." "Read the account of the riot at Ephesus. The whole city was filled with confusion. The mob became mad because Paul persuaded much people and told them there are no gods which are made with hands. And when his companions in travel rushed with one accord into the theatre, Paul would have entered in unto the people, but the disciples suffered him not. Oh what a spirit possessed him! What a passion and love for Jesus was burning in his soul! Christian young people know little, if anything, about this spiritual madness. Paul felt it was a privilege to spend and be spent for His master, and for others. But note what Paul said, "The more abundantly I love, the less I be loved" (II Cor. 12:15).

Deserted, persecuted, and oppressed, he suffered great things for God. But his prayer always was, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection,"—and even if it means to share the fellowship of His sufferings!

3. Going Beyond Self

The Apostle Paul allowed injury to himself in doing that which he did not like for the sake of advancing the Gospel. Are we Christians today only to do those things for Christ that please us? That are pleasant tasks? Are ministers only to visit and fellowship with friends? To preach only in our churches to willing hearers? Are we never to preach on the streets to those who will not come

to church? Are our youth only to sit and be entertained in church? Mere spectators? The love of Christ must constrain, force, and compel us to go beyond the pleasing things, to do that which is necessary, even if unpleasant to self. Surely this is the "crucified life", the "selfless life", the "life of sacrifice."

Jesus said to His disciples "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24).

Young Sauls! Young Christians! Young Preachers! The Stephens have led the way. Pick up the sacrificial spirit of Paul, of our Savior. It lies at our feet. A tremendous responsibility. A glorious privilege.

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DISTRICT RALLY

Dear Young People:

The Young People of Districts No. 1-5 met with the Presque Isle church for their annual District Rally during the week-end of October 25-27, with Rev. N. E. Trafton pastor of the Barker's Point church as evangelist.

Our first service was held Friday evening after which delegates from the various Districts were billeted to different homes, where they were entertained during the rally.

On Saturday morning we had as one of the highlights a conducted tour of the Presque Isle Air Force Base. This was a most interesting experience and was enjoyed by all. Since there was no planned activities for the afternoon many of us were glad for the opportunity to do a bit of shopping.

After a very delicious supper prepared by the people of the church, held in the Presque Isle Legion Hall, the Young People held their business meeting. The officers for the coming year were appointed with Sheila Graham, President and Gaynell Orser, Vice President.

On Saturday evening a skit was presented by the Presque Isle church followed by a panel discussion including the President of our Districts, John Ripley, and other visiting Young People. An important feature of this service was the awarding of the Banner to the society having the most points. The Fredericton Young People's Society was successful in winning this Banner.

The messages, centered on the Holy Spirit, were very helpful and a real source of blessing to all who attended.

Because of this rally we feel that our Young People were strengthened spiritually. We are looking forward with anticipation to meeting again in the near future.

Yours in Him,
Genavieve Lloyd,
(Secretary-Treasurer)

Learn to think for yourself; don't be a mere echo of other men's thoughts.

The man who has to be watched will never be set to watch others.

Good nature is the oil that makes the day's work go without squeaking.