



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

WATCH — PRAY

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is, for the son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." (Mk. 13: 3-37).

Consider the thought expressed in verse 33, "Take ye heed, watch and pray." It is obvious from this reading that these words refer to the coming of Jesus Christ to receive his own. The fact of his coming has been announced. The announcement lays down the human requirements to prepare one for that visible return of our Lord. There are two duties mentioned here. "One directs our eyes earthward and the other directs our hearts heavenward." These two duties of man are to **watch and pray**.

The first duty which directs our eyes earthward is to **watch**. There is a sense in which this has specific reference to the activities of the eyes. More generally it refers to all of our senses which would direct us to God and guide us through the perilous world of sin. We must watch our senses lest evil entice us and we become a slave to sin.

Hanging on the wall of a Naval Exhibition in London, England, in the introduction of the midshipman's primer, is part of the rules of the road. It reads, "Both in safety and in doubt, always keep a good lookout." This is a good motto for Christians to hang on the wall of their room. It is a good motto to live by. There are too many souls driven on the rocks of shame and bewilderment because of carelessness. Jesus says for us to watch if we would avoid sin and maintain our spirituality which is essential to be prepared for his coming.

One starry night a steamer went on the rocks off Portland Harbour. The captain failed to post a watch because he felt safe. His sense of security was false. Many gallant voyagers on the sea of life have gone down because they have had a false sense of security and failed to post a watch. Jesus said, "Watch for ye know not when the son of man cometh."

A famous general encamped with his army for the night after a great victory. The general ordered sentinels to be posted as usual. One soldier complained, "Why not let us have a night off?" But he went to his place of duty, stood guard for a while and then slept for five minutes. Presently he was startled by a dream that someone had placed a lantern in his face. The moon was shining through the trees. The next moment an arrow whizzed by his ear and the whole field before him seemed to be filled with soldiers who sprang from the ground and rushed toward him. Fortunately the arrow missed him and he was able to sound the alarm and the army was saved. This soldier testified to his experience and said, "I shall never forget that when one is at war one must watch." We are engaged in a warfare, unless we keep our watch posted, the enemy of the soul will come and rob us of our privilege of being ready when Jesus comes.

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YOUTH FOR HOME MISSIONS

At Beulah Camp last year, the Young People attending the annual business meeting of the Y.P. Association, enthusiastically supported the idea of sponsoring a Home Mission project.

Amherst, N. S., is to be the site of this year's project. On March 23 and 24, Young People from many local societies will move in on Amherst on Saturday. Gospel literature and information regarding the local Reformed Baptist church and pastor will be distributed to every home and business establishment. Along with the literature, an invitation will be given to attend a special week-end of meetings in the Reformed Baptist church. Rev. H. R. Ingersoll will be guest speaker. The Moncton Men's Quintet will provide the special music.

To our knowledge, this is the first project of its kind ever sponsored by a department of our church. The possible results of such a venture thrill and challenge us. May God grant that this new type of evangelism, will be accompanied by a real sense of Divine presence.

Our Young People throughout our denomination are requested to pray for Amherst. A special offering in each local society will be taken during the week of March 10-16, 1963.

Any Christian Young People who wish to participate, please contact the writer at 58 Mount Royal Blvd., Moncton, N. B.

Merle Smith.

YOUTH RALLY - 1963

Plans are in the making for this year's Spring Youth Rally. The dates are May 17-19, 1963. The location and speaker will be announced later.

Tentative plans are to charge a registration fee of \$3.00. This will include a Saturday night banquet. All Young People in attendance will be required to pay this fee. We are also requesting that Young People who are under the age of 13 not attend the rally. This is being done in the best interest of everyone.

If our plans materialize, this rally promises to be the best rally we have experienced.

Merle Smith.

THE DAY'S FINGERS

Dorothy E. Adams

The day's long fingers close
And gather me within;
I lie there, cradled in the palm
Of this, God's universal hand.

I rest awhile and breathe a prayer
That when the fingers open
I may stand forth, refreshed and strong,
To meet anew the day's demand.

—Our Young People

There is no petition too little, any more than too great, for God to grant, if it is in harmony with His will.

—J. Hudson Taylor

PLAN FOR BETHANY SUNDAY-FEB. 17