

rid of it so that you have no feeling of possessing anything, there will come a great sense of freedom and liberty into your life.

Now don't think that you must sell all you have and give it to charity. No. God will let you have your car and your business, your practice and your position (whatever it may be) provided you understand that it is not yours at all but His, and all you are doing is just working for Him. You can be restful about it then, because we never need to worry about losing anything that belongs to someone else. If it is yours, you're always looking in your hand to see if it's still there. If it's God's you no longer need to worry about it.

Let me point out some things you will have to turn over to God. Property is one thing. Some of the dear Lord's children are being held back because there's a ball and chain on their legs. If it's a man, it's his big car and fine home. If it's a woman, it's her china, and her Louis XIV furniture, and all the rest. Take that vase, for instance. There it stands, and if anybody knocked it off and broke it, the poor owner would probably lose five years from her life!

Never Defend Yourself

We're all born with a desire to defend ourselves. If you insist upon defending yourself, God will let you do it. But if you turn the defense of yourself over to God, He will defend you. He told Moses in Exodus 23:22: "I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries."

A long-time ago the Lord and I went through the twenty-third chapter of Exodus together and He gave it to me. For thirty years now it has been a source of untold blessings to my life. I don't have to fight. The Lord does the fighting for me. And He'll do the same for you. He will be an enemy to your enemy and an adversary to your adversary, and you'll never need to defend yourself.

What do we defend? Well, we defend our talents, we defend our reputation. Your reputation is what people think you are, and if a story gets out about you, the

big temptation is to try to run it down. But you know, running down the source of a story is a hopeless task—absolutely hopeless! It's like trying to find the bird after you've found the feather on your lawn. You can't do it. But if you'll turn yourself wholly over to the Lord, He will defend you completely and see to it that no one will harm you. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper," God says, and "every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn" (Isa. 54:17)

Never Pass Anything On About Anybody Else That Will Hurt Him

"Love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8). The talebearer has no place in God's favor. If you know something that would hinder or hurt the reputation of one of God's children, bury it forever. Find a little garden out back—a little spot somewhere—and when somebody comes around with an evil story, take it out and bury it and say, "Here lies in peace the story about my brother." God will take care of it. "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged."

If you want God to be good to you, you are going to have to be good to His children. You say, "That's not grace." Well, grace gets you into the kingdom of God. That is unmerited favor. But after you are seated at the Father's table, He expects to teach you table manners. And He won't let you eat unless you obey the etiquette of the table. And what is that? The etiquette of the table is that you don't tell stories about the brother who is sitting at the table with you—no matter what his denomination, or nationality, or background.

Never Accept Any Glory

God is jealous of His glory, and He will not give His glory to another. He will not even share His glory with another. It is quite natural, I should say, for people to hope that maybe their Christian service will give them a chance to display their talents. True, they want to serve the Lord. But they also want other people to know they are serving the Lord. They want to have a reputation among the saints. That

is very dangerous ground—seeking a reputation among the saints. It's bad enough to seek a reputation in the world, but it is worse to seek a reputation among the people of God. Our Lord gave up His reputation, and so must we.

If you're serving the Lord and yet slyly, perhaps scarcely known to you, you're hoping to get just a little five percent commission, then look out! It will chill the power of God in your spirit. You must determine that you will never take any glory but see that God gets it all.

Now the easiest possible thing is to give a message like this on "Five Vows for Spiritual Power." The hard thing to do is to make it work in one's own life. Remember that these five vows are not something you write in the back of your Bible and forget. They've got to be written in your own blood. They have to be made final, irrevocable. If it only comes off the surface, it's no good. Much of our consecration is just that way—it comes off the surface. Many of our promises come off the surface. No, no. Let it come out of the depths of your heart, the deep depths of your spirit.

These vows cut against the old human nature. They introduce the cross into your life, and you must never walk back from carrying His cross. No, never. When you take His cross, you have already said goodbye. You have pulled the roll top shut on your desk and said farewell to all others. You're not coming back. When you make these vows, remember this: they strike at the heart of your self-life, and there is never a place to go back to. I say, "Woe to the triflers!"

Now if you are one of those on whom God has laid His hand for a deeper life, then I wonder if you are willing to pray this prayer: "O, God, glorify Thyself at my expense. Send me the bill—anything, Lord. I set no price. I will not dicker or bargain. Glorify Thyself. I'll take the consequences."

This kind of praying is simple, but it is deep and wonderful and powerful. I believe if you can pray a prayer like that, it will be the ramp from which you can take off into higher heights and bluer skies in the things of the Spirit.—in Dayspring

BUDGETS BECOME BLESSINGS AT BETHANY

Be sure to read "A Life Changed at Bethany"

A LIFE CHANGED AT BETHANY

In 1963 Bill Forbes * was living in Millidgeville and attending Saint John High School. Making sports his life to a great extent, he was failing in school and in life itself. In his community he was earning the name of a mischief maker and a delinquent. Occasionally he went to church with some intention of finding a better way. His church, however did not reveal this way to him.

At this junction in life Bill met a youth from a Reformed Baptist family who told him about Bethany. Bill decided to give Bethany a try, even though his friend didn't expect him to stay long at the school. Fortunately, however, a spirit of determination and a desire for reality are part of Bill's make-up. He did not make any hasty decision to accept Christ; he sat through many services and appeals, but all the time he was listening and observing. Six months along in the school year Bill was apprehended by Christ in a Chapel service and a new life was begun. Bill soon showed himself to be an earnest and sincere Christian, ready to witness and anxious to win others.

When he was graduated from the high school department in 1965, he was enter-

taining the question as to whether God wanted him in the ministry. For a year Bill worked at a responsible position with the N.B.E.P.C., seeking God's will all the time and saving money for any eventuality. While Bill was conscientious about his job, he says that his desire to help people—especially in a spiritual way—was his greater concern. God was revealing to him in full-time Christian service.

Last Fall Bill returned to Bethany after a year's absence and took up the three-year ministerial course. The learning experiences and the serving experiences of these recent months have confirmed his call both to him and to us. Today after school Bill was one of a dozen Bethany students who went out in teams of two to conduct home-centred Bible Clubs among children.

Here is just one of many similar stories: a boy saved from sin and a wasted life, brought to Christ, won for the service of the church and for the ministry, and trained at our school.

Supporting Bethany makes such stories possible. Yes, budgets become blessings at Bethany.

*Only the names of the student and city are fictitious.

AT BETHANY

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REV. STAFFORD HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL

Mrs. Lottie Hutchinson of River Glade, New Brunswick, recently gave three hundred dollars (\$300.) to Bethany Bible College in memory of her husband, the late Rev. Stafford Hutchinson. The college plans to use the money in connection with the purchase of books for the library with acknowledgement in individual volumes. Brother Hutchinson had a keen interest in Christian education and was an avid reader and student.

FADER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. J. N. Fader of Truro, Nova Scotia, has established an annual scholarship of one hundred dollars (\$100.) in memory of his father, the late Charles Fader. This scholarship is to be awarded to a graduate of the Bible College who pursues further studies in preparation for the ministry or missionary service. Mr. Fader was a devoted Christian layman.

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Budgets are good: special offerings are better