The Personal Sermon Notebook
Of
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Champions of Truth!
This is the cover of Dr. John W. McCormick’s sermon notebook. Dr. John W. McCormick made this leather notebook and carved the horse’s head that you see here. He had a great artistic talent as seen in the way he wrote his notes as well. Dr. McCormick carried this notebook with him to meetings all over America. I do not remember him without this notebook through the years I knew him.
Mrs. McCormick, a gracious and joyful lady has given me permission to reproduce this notebook for the enjoyment of those who loved him and to be of help to all who study this fine work.

I have chosen this format to present this work in order to allow you to see the way Dr. McCormick arranged his notes for preaching. He was not labored with using notes. He only used main headings and was filled with his subject. His preaching style was one of deliberate and clear in very interesting detail. His knowledge of the Word of God was unparalleled.

Dr. John W. McCormick went home to be with the Lord, June 3, 1995. We all miss him very much.
Both front and back of the Notebook.
Old Testament Studies
The Lord gave the Word, great was the company of those who published it.

Psalms 68:11

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Joshua: The Man Who Left Nothing Done
**INTRODUCTION:** What the world says about a man after he is gone is usually a lot of sentimental mush. But what God says about a man after he is dead is straight on target!

- **Jehoram (son of Jehoshaphat): 2 Ch 21:20:** "...he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired."

- **Amaziah (son of Joash): 2 Ch 25:2:** "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a Perfect Heart."

Here is God’s “epitaph” on Joshua's tombstone: "He Left Nothing Undone!"

To my knowledge, this has not been said about any other person in the Bible. Furthermore, you may search the pages of history, and you will not find such a tribute to any other person.

As a matter of fact, it could be said of most people: THEY LEFT EVERYTHING UNDONE.

"He slept beneath the moon, He basked beneath the sun; He lived a life of going-to-do,
But, what was the secret of Joshua's fulfilled life?

I. He had the example of a great man: Moses.

1:1: "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2. Moses my servant is dead..."

13:20: "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise..."

- Man is a creature that is led more by patterns than precepts."- Geo. Swinnock

- "He who has only himself as a model to copy seldom improves."

- "I am a part of all I have met." - Ulysses

- Young man... Young woman... Choose your friends carefully!

- Illustration: "He left his mark on everyone he touched!" - Progressive Farmer

- Illustration: Epitaph: "Here lies one..."
whose name is writ in water.”

- No man's name is ever "writ in water"!

II. He had the Encouragement of
- A Gracious God

- Not a "Go to-it-boy. I'm rooting-for-you" kind of encouragement

- Back of that encouragement was the
  Immutable and Unchanging Faithfulness of Jehovah

Deut. 7:9:

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations"

- 1 Kings 9:54: "And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, He arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55. And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56. Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto His
people Israel, according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise which He promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

- Illustration: "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God!"

1 Pet. 4:19: "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

"God did not choose you because you were high, and He will not forsake you because you are low.

- God has in Himself all power to defend you, all wisdom to direct you, all mercy to pardon you, all grace to enrich you, all righteousness to clothe you, all goodness to supply you, and all happiness to crown you.

III He Had The Exhortation & the Enlightenment Of God's Sure Word

Josh. 1:7: Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the
right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Note: Two things the Word of God will do:

1) It Will Inform You.
   Obedience must be based on precept, not on preference. Nor on command, not on convenience.

   The first thing to be considered in any situation is: What does God say?
   Our Maker is our Law.

   Question: Why is there so much confusion in fundamentalism?

   Answer: Matt. 22:29: "Jesus answered, and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures (hence), nor the power of God."
2) It Will Inflame You

Luke 24:32: "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

* If this Bible is not true, then nothing matters; if it is true, then nothing else matters!

* I entered the world's great library doors, I crossed the acres of polished floors; I searched and searched their stacks and nooks,

But I settled at last on the Book of books!"

He Had The Evidence Of A Glorious Helper

Josh 5:13-16

* In times of great testing, God often gives some special token of His enabling protection

Peter - Acts 12:7-

Paul - Acts 18:9-11
HE HAD THE ENLISTMENT OF GOOD MEN
To share the burden...

- Josh 8:3-22

- Thank God for the great company of unnamed heroes who strengthen the hands of the man of God...

- Please Note: sometimes these great soldiers are behind the "front lines"...

  - e.g. 1 Sam. 30:24...

- Isn't it strange that priests and kings, and clowns that caper in saw-dust rings and simple folk, like you and me, are builders for Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools
  A shapeless mass, a book of rules.
  And each must make, e'en life has flown,
  A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.
Ruth: the romance of Redemption
INTRODUCTION—Two O.T. books are named after women: one is the story of a JEWISH GIRL—ESTHER—who married a GENTILE; the other about a GENTILE GIRL—RUTH—who married a JEW...

This book has been called THE ROMANCE of Redemption... if anybody can read the Book of Ruth, and see nothing more than “a beautiful love story,” he had better read it again. 8.

SOME SUGGESTED OUTLINES:

Ch. 1: RETREAT FROM GRACE 1:1-5
- The Family
- The Famine
- The Far Country

RETURN TO GRACE 1:6-22
- The Decision
- The Departure
- The Deliverance

Ch. 2: REVELATION OF GRACE
- The Purpose
- The Pledge
- The Portion
- The Prospect
Ch. 3: Resting in Grace
- The Rest
- The Raiment
- The Reward

Ch. 4: Redemption by Grace
- The Redemption
- The Redeemer
- The Redeemed

Ch. 1: Emigration - By Faith's Choice
- She Enters The Redeemer's Fold

Ch. 2: Education - By Faith's Comfort
- She Enters The Redeemer's Field

Ch. 3: Expectation - By Faith's Courage
- She Comes To The Redeemer's Feet

Ch. 4: Emancipation - By Faith's Conquest
- She Enters The Redeemer's Family

Ch. 1: Four "Pairs" in Ch. 1
* Elimelech & Naomi - two people Departing From God
Mahlon & Chilion - two people disobedient to God

Ruth & Orpha - two people deciding between blessing and wrath

Naomi & Ruth - two pilgrims delighting in God's path

The outstanding thing in Ruth's life was her consecration - 1:16, 17

It resulted in:

- A new path for her feet: "I will go"
- "" place "" home: "Where thou lodgest"
- A new people for her friends: "Thy people shall be my people"
- A new power for her life: "Thy God shall be my God"
- A new prospect for the future: "Where thou diest, I will die"
Elisa: The Problem of Debt
Elisha: The Problem Of Debt
2 Kings 4:1-7

INTRODUCTION - Here is another O.T. story that is rich in meaning, reminding us of Paul's statement in Rom. 15:4:

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning.”

In this passage God has given us an inspired sketch of a woman who came to “wits-end corner,” and how the problem she faced was divinely resolved. She represents a picture and perhaps even a parable of many a believer today.

How to Pay Our Debt to the World
That is the problem facing us today. How shall we discharge our obligation to a world that is morally shipwrecked and spiritually bankrupt?

How shall we fulfill the responsibility laid upon us by our relationship to Christ?

Unless we are able to pay our debt, we stand to lose that which we already have.

I The Death She Fretted Over

— vs. 1 “Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets”
II The Debt She Faced—vs. 1: "... and the creditor is come..."

- Hey Furniture @ all the fixtures had already been sold to meet the demands of her creditor...

- She had come to the end of all her resources!

III The Distress She Feared—vs. 1:
"... and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen."  
This was allowed by the Law of Moses  
Lev. 25: 39-41

IV The Destitution She Felt—vs. 2: "... thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

"Get desparate, and God will bless you!"

A She Admitted It Fervently

B She Admitted It Frankly—No need will ever be met until a person "comes
CLEAN" WITH GOD!

The Directions She Followed

A. The Requirements - vss. 3-4

1. A Provision For Room - v. 3
2. A Putting Aside Of Other Responsibilities - vs. 4a
3. A Pouring Out Of The Resources She Had - vs. 4b

B. The Response - vs.s. 5-6

1. Obeyed Immediately
2. " Implicitly

C. The Results - vs. 7

1. Her Critical Need Met - "...pay thy debt..."
2. Her Constant Needs Supplied - "...live thou and thy sons of the vest"

Poem -

"He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.
His love has no limit; His grace has no measure.
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.
When we have exhausted our store of endurance;
When our strength has failed, ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving has only begun.
Studies in Nehemiah
Studied in Nehemiah

INTRODUCTION: This book one of the greatest in the Bible dealing with personal service for God...
It is a book of
- Building - Blessing
- Battling -
- Believing -
In this book we hear
- The Sorrow of Burdens
- " Sound " Building
- " Tragedy of Battle
- " Song of Blessing

* "Build" - 23 times
* "Walls" - 32 "
* "Great" - 28 "
* "Joy" - 3 "

Two main thrusts:
1. Restoration of God's People
2. Rebuilding " God's Place of Meeting

CH. 1

The Report of Distress
The Response of Dedication
- People Discouraged
- City Defenceless
- God Dishonored
II - THE RESPONSE OF DEDICATION - V. 4

There Was Contemplation - "I sat down"

There Was Compassion - "and wept"

There Was Concern - "and mourned certain days, and fasted..."

There Was Communion - "and prayed"

III - THE REQUEST FOR DELIVERANCE - VSS. 5-11
His Burden & How He Sought It
- He Prayed - chs. 1-2

His Building & How He Wrought It - He Planned - ch. 3

His Battle & How He Fought It - He Prepared chs. 4-6

His Book & How He Taught It - He Practiced Publicized It - ch. 8
1. **The Sheep Gate** - Sacrifice of The Lamb of God & Salvation
2. **Fish Gate** - Sustenance & Supply
3. **Old Gate** - Stability
4. **Valley Gate** - Saintly Humility
5. **Dung Gate** - Sanctification
6. **Fountain Gate** - Spirit-Filled Life
7. **Water Gate** - Scripture-Ordered Life
8. **Horse Gate** - Spiritual Warfare
9. **East Gate** - Secret Rapture?
10. **Miphkad Gate** - Suve Appointment Of Judgment
11. **Ephraim Gate** - Savior's Reign
12. **Prison Gate** - Secure Inheritance
Studies in the Song of Solomon
INTRODUCTION - This is a book of the affections - not a matter of mere sentiment - but of sober & considered judgment.

Yet there is nothing of pre-marriage courtship. Here the King is the devoted, personal lover of his wife.

I. SECTION I: THE TENDERNESS OF LOVE
1:1 - 2:7

This is first love...

A. The Expressions Of Love

"Kiss me" - vs. 2 - AFFECTION
"Draw me" - vs. 4 - ATTRACTION
"Tell me" - vs. 7 - INSTRUCTION

The instruction is obtained -
- "by the footsteps of the flock" - vs. 8
- "beside the shepherds' tents" - vs. 8

B. The Excellence Of His Love

"Vs. 2: "Thy love is better than wine"

"Wine" a symbol of the natural delights of men - of the pleasures and the luxuries of earth. But it is
c. The Experience of His Love

- "Thy Name" - an Ointment "poured forth" - vs. 3

- "His Chambers" - vs. 4 - An Intimacy shared

- "His Table" - vs. 12 - An Identity established (only family members were allowed at the King's Table)...

D. The Adornments of His Love - vss. 8-

- "His Shadow" - 2:3

- "His Fruit" - 2:3

- "His Banqueting House" - 2:4

- "His Banner" - 2:4

- "His Left Hand" - 2:6
"His Right Hand" - 2:6

Section II: The Troubling Of His Love - 2:8-3:5

A. The Visit Of The Beloved - 2:8,9
   "Behold, He cometh..."
   vs. 8..."Behold, He standeth..." vs. 9

B. The Voice Of The Beloved - 2:10-17

C. The Vigil For The Beloved - 3:1-3

D. The Vision Of The Beloved - 3:4

Section III: The Testimonies Of Love - 3:5-5:1

- The Charge To The Daughters Of Jerusalem - 3:5

The Response
Section IV  The Testing Of His Love  
5:2-8

A. Indifference To Her Beloved  
5:2

--- HE IS NO LONGER ---

1. The king sitting at His table - 1:12
2. The lover showing Himself through the lattice - 2:9
3. The lover holding her close - 3:4
4. Or even the Lord delighting in His fragrant and fruitful garden - 4:12

--- HE IS NOW ---

5. The Patient Caller waiting for admission

B. Idolence Of The Betrothed

5:3: "I have put off my coat, how shall I put it on..."
- Fellowship with Him is never a matter of convenience.  

**Section V: The Touchstone Of His Love - 5:9-8:4**

**Section VI: The Triumph Of His Love - 8:5**
THE SONG OF SONGS

FIVE SECTIONS - & the first four ending with a Charge-

- SUBJECT: LOVE
- SECTION 1: THE TENDERNESS OF LOVE - 1:1 - 2:7

SECTION 2: THE TOUCHSTONE OF LOVE - 2:8 - 3:5
Section 3: The Testing Of Love
3:6-5:8

Section 4: The Testimony Of Love
5:9-8:4

Section 5: The Triumph Of Love
8:5-14
I. The Wonder of His Silence

II. The Wonder of His Submission

III. The Wonder of His Suffering
IV The Wonder of His Substitution

V The Wonder of His Smiting
New Testament Studies
NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES
The Unmerciful Servant
INTRODUCTION - Here is a parable recorded only by Matthew. Like all the other parables of Jesus, it is infinitely rich in detail.

The Occasion - Vs. 21 - A question by Simon Peter: "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him, till seven times?"

How Generous He Thought Himself To Be? - He was "stretching" the number even beyond the teaching of the Jewish rabbis. They taught that no man should be forgiven more than three times.

They based this on: Amos 1:3: "Thus saith the Lord; for three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof." Also: Amos 2:6, 9, 11.

Thus Simon Peter not only wanted to show more generosity than the rabbis; he also wanted to "remind"
the Master of what a "good listener" he was:

LUKE 6:37: "judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemning: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; 38. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure (i.e. of forgiveness) that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again."

But, in spite of all of Simon Peter’s "good intentions" there were some fundamental errors in his question:

First: in its "one-sidedness" i.e. he was thinking only of how much forgiveness he wanted to extend to others.

But forgiveness is "a two-way street".

Second: in the unwarranted assumption reflected in his question — Namely, that in extending forgiveness to others he...
Was giving up a "Right".

- But in the parable that followed, Jesus made it clear that when God calls upon a believer to extend forgiveness to others, He is not asking that believer to "give up a right," because the believer has no right to exercise it.

- You see, once you ask for and receive God's forgiveness; you are pledged to extend it to others—without limits.

"Jesus saith unto him, I say unto thee, not until seven times, but unto seventy times seven!"
The Ministry of Christ to His Mother

I. Putting Her in Her Place
   Luke 2

II. Preparing Her for His Ministry
   John 2

III. Providing Her a Home—John 19:25-26

IV. Placing Her in His Body
   Acts 1:
The Supreme Question
The Supreme Question
"What think ye of Christ?..." Matt. 22:42

Intro. "The symbol of this generation is a question mark." That's good unless you go to the wrong place for the answers (Ann Landers... Abigail Van Buren...)

Jesus Christ is "the acid test" of every movement... man... message... motive...

I. What think ye of Me? I think deity?
   - Simon Peter:
   - Demons:
   - Centurion:

II. His humanity?
   - Gabriel
   - Paul:
His Purity?

- Pilate: "...this just person..." Matt 27:24
- Mrs. Pilate: "...that just man..." Matt 27:19
- Pilate: "...no fault..." Luke 23:4

His Profundity?

- Mark

- Roman Soldiers:

His Sovereignty?
Many Infallible Proofs
INTRODUCTION—There has never been a historical event established on better evidence than the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I The Unsealed Sepulchre

Matt. 27:62—

II The Undisturbed Gravelcloth

John 20:1-7
III The Unoccupied S-lab
- Matt. 28:6

IV The Unauthorized
  Why weren’t they arrested?...

V The Unguarded
- Where were the soldiers?...
- Why was there no investigation by the Roman Governor?
When a Christian Sins – What Then?
When a Christian Sins—What Then?
2 Tim. 2:19

- Intro. When a Christian sins, it is in spite of three great divine provisions:
  - The inspired scriptures
    - Psa. 119:11 John 16:7 John 17:17
  - The interceding Saviour
    - Psa. 23:1; Luke 22:32; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25
  - The indwelling Spirit
- The threefold effect of sin (upon a believer)
  - Upon Himself
    - Loss of comprehension (of divine truth) - John 1:6; 2:9,10
    - Loss of comfort - John 1:4
    - Psa. 51:12
    - Loss of communion (with God) - John 1:3,6,7
• Loss Of Consolation - 1 John 3:4-10  Psa. 137

• Loss Of Confidence - 1 John 2:28; 4:17
- Upon Others
• Loss Of Interest In Them
• Loss Of Influence Over Them
- Toward God -
Studies in Philippines
INTRODUCTION - The book of Philippians is one of the most soulful books in the Bible... And mind you now: “joy” is not a secular word—it is a Bible word. "Fun" and "Pleasure" are words for the world... A popular pulpit comedian says "It's fun to be a Christian." But the matter goes deeper than that?

JOY VERSUS FUN

- Fun appeals to the flesh; joy fills the soul...
- Fun is in relationship to people; joy is in relationship to God...
- Fun is related to what we do; joy is conditioned by what we are...
- Fun is usually had in a controlled situation; joy can abide even when a situation is out of control...

Now, why do we say that Philippians is one of the most soulful books in the Bible...
Answer:
"Joy" - 6 times
"Rejoice" - 12 times
"Gladness" - 1 time
"Thanksgiving" - 1 time

And yet, Philippians was written from a prison cell (1:7,13,14). Now, how could a normal man be joyful in such a situation? Was he "just a little quare"? Or did he know something that the world didn't know?

But notice: Paul didn't just "throw in" the word "joy" every few sentences... He systematically discusses:

**Four Common "Joy Robbers":**

1) Circumstances - 1:12-14  
2) People - 2:1-4  
3) Things - 3:7,8  
4) Worry - 4:6

But the Apostle does not leave us to these Four Common Joy Robbers... He tells How To Overcome Them... Each one must be met and overcome by a specific state of mind...
1) The Single Mind - 1:20
2) The Submissive Mind - 2:5-8
3) The Spiritual Mind - 3:13-21
4) The Secure Mind - 4:1, 4, 7, 12

Neh. 8:10:

Chapter I: The Single Mind - Paul
The Suffer - Magnifying Christ
Through Suffering

I. Introduction - 1:1-11
A. General Greetings - vss. 1, 2
1. The senders - vs. 1a
2. The subject - vs. 1b
3. The substance - vs. 2

B. Thankfulness For The Goodness Of The Philippians - vss. 3-8
1. In all remembrance of them - vs. 3
2. In every request for them - vss. 4-8

C. Prayerfulness For The Growth Of The Philippians - vss. 9-11
1. In their love - vs. 9
2. In their life - vss. 10, 11

Note: Paul almost always prayed for the spiritual welfare of others, rather than the physical. For the Eternal rather than the Temporal.
II. The Explanation To The Philippians—vss. 12-18
   A. Enlargement Of His Ministry—vss. 12, 13
   B. Encouragement Of The Brethren—vs. 14
   C.  

III. The Expectation Of The Apostle—vss. 19-26

IV. The Exhortation Of The Apostle—vss. 27-30
PHILIPPIANS Ch. 2

THE SUBMISSIVE MIND—PAUL THE SERVANT—IMITATING CHRIST THROUGH SERVICE

A. The Exhortation To Christians—vss. 1–4

1. The Source
   2. The Submission

B. The Example Of Christ—vss. 5–11

1. His Humiliation—vss. 5–8
   • He Left His Place From the beauties of heaven to the burdens of earth
   • He Left His Position From the Son of God to the Son of man
     From the worship of angels to the curses of men
   • He Left His Possessions From the riches of heaven to the rags of earth

2. His Exaltation—vss. 9–11
THE SON OF GOD BECAME THE SON OF MAN SO THAT THE SONS OF MEN COULD BECOME SONS OF GOD.

- He Went Back To His Place
- He Went Back To His Position
- He Went Back To His Possessions

C. The Entreaty To Conform - vss. 12-18

D. The Exemplary Conduct - vss. 18-30
I. Awareness Of Incompleteness
II. Singleness Of Purpose
III. Forgetfulness Of The Past
IV. Earnestness
V
The Spiritual Mind: Paul
The Sojourner

A. Paul The Accountant - New Values - Vss. 1-11

- Lord, I am nothing; I deserve nothing;
  I can do nothing; I can make good
  use of nothing; therefore if I come
to nothing, nothing will be lost?

B. Paul The Athlete - New Vigor - Vss. 12-16
0. Paul The Alien - New Vision - vss. 17-21
THE SECURE MIND: PAUL THE STUDENT

A. The Sin Of Worry - Vs. 6a.

1. Worry is a Form of Distrust

HEB. 13: 5: "...and be content with such things as ye have..."

1 PET. 5: 7 "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

PROV. 3: 5, 6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

2. Worry is a Form Of Disobedience

- MATT. 6: 25
B. The Solution To Worry

1. Right Praying - Vss. 6, 7
   a. Adoration
   b. Supplication
   c. Appreciation

2. Right Thinking - Vss. 8
   ISA. 26: 3 "keep him in perfect peace."

3. Right Living - Vss. 9

Note: Philippians 4 is the peace chapter - James 4 is the war chapter:

1. Wrong Living - Vss. 1, 2
2. Wrong Praying - Vss. 3
3. Wrong Thinking - Vss. 4-6
Problems of Youth
The Problems of Youth

Introduction - Just as there are four seasons to each year, so there are four seasons in life: childhood... youth... adulthood... & old age...

And each season of life has its own peculiar problems. In youth we learn, in old age we understand. "Ve get too schoon old und too late shnaxt!"

As I see it, the main trouble with today's young generation is: I don't belong to it any more!

I. The Problems of Youth

A. Of Belonging

The desire to be accepted as a genuine member of the human race especially by your own age group.

Perfectly normal. Illustration: Have you ever felt like saying: "Excuse me for living! Stop the world and I'll get off!"... ???
But, the answer is not: "Well, everybody else is doing it!"

Exo.23:7: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." You see, the "rightness" or the "wrongness" of anything is NOT established by how many people are doing it. The majority is NOT always right...

Therefore, a thing may be legally right, but morally wrong...

Prov.1:10: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Prov.13:20: "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

People seldom improve who have no model but themselves to copy after." - Oliver Goldsmith

If you have to compromise the principles of truthfulness, moral decency, or integrity in order to be popular, it would be better to become an outcast.
The three greatest things you can give the world is character, character, character.

Myself & I

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able, as days go by
Always to look myself in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I want to go out with head erect;
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here, in the struggle for fame and self,
I want to be able to like myself;
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I am bluster and bluff, and empty show.

I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I can never fool myself - and so -
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.
-Miss Dick (Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.)

Even the man who leads the orchestra
has to turn his back on the crowd.
in Albuquerque, N.M. who set a certain goal, and reached it at the age of forty. He's been drunk ever since!

Now the only goal that reaches high enough is: to be like Christ.

And, remember: that begins with a salvation experience...

Then surrender yourself wholly to Christ. Nobody ever fol-

lowed Christ and went astray...

C. Of Balance. i.e. of keeping the right focus as to the total needs of your life.

Luke 2:52: And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Four Areas:

1. Mentally—wisdom. Surely you don't want to be a dumb-dumb all your life!
You must devote a reasonable amount of time to study.

A few people drink at "the fountain of knowledge," but most of them just gargle.

Illustration: Fellow who, on the day he was promoted to the 2nd grade was so nervous he couldn't even shave.

Don't ever blame another person for knowing more than you do—because it is not altogether his own fault.

Illustration: No man has a right to ignore what other men have learned before him.

Prov. 4:7: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee."

But wait! What kind
OF "WISDOM" ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?

- We're not talking about **GODLESS INTELLECTUALISM**.

- **1 Cor. 1:18**: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us that are saved it is the power of God."

- **1 Cor. 8:1**: "Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up..."

  **Prov. 1:7**: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

2. **Physically**—"in stature"—as believers, we owe it to God to maintain the **BEST POSSIBLE PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

- **1 Cor. 3:16**: "Know ye not that ye are temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."

3. **Spiritually**—"in favor with God"
Spiritual growth is accomplished the same way as physical growth:

**Proper Food:**

1 Pet.

2:2: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

**Proper Rest:**

Heb. 4:3: "For we which have believed do enter into rest..."

4. Socially - "in favor with... man."

Prov. 18:24: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

• Ecc. 11:9: "Rejoice, O young man in thy youth (up to the age of 13), and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth (from 13 to 20), and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment."

D. Of Belief

i.e. of maintaining a strong grasp on the Word of God...

It is "fashionable" these days to be sceptical and cynical...
"Egg Head" anybody who has been educated beyond their intelligence.

- e.g., Timothy O'Leary, Dr. Spock, Madlyn Murray O'Hare (whose mother evidently dropped on her head when she was a baby).

- Between God and Mrs. O'Hare, a battle royal rages—
  But it really isn't fair
  When you consider the difference in their ages.

Psalm 10:4: "The wicked through the pride of his countenance will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts."

E. Of The Body—There are some temptations that are peculiar to youth:

2 Tim. 2:22: "Flee also youthful lusts..."
II The Patterns For Youth

A. Godly Parents

B. Great Preachers

C. Good People
Seven Reasons Why I Am A Premillennial.
Seven Reasons Why I Am A Premillennialist

II Tim. 4:1

Introduction - All "Evangelical" Christians believe in the Personal, Literal Return of Christ... They base their belief on no less an authority than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

Matt. 24:30: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matt. 25:31: "And the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him..."

John 14:2: "I will come again..."

But, all Evangelical Christians do not agree as to the details of the return of Christ—especially as to the time...

(a) Post-Millennialists
(b) Amillennialists
(c) Premillennialists

The "Pre-Position" interprets the Bible as a complete & connected whole.

-Amillennialists and others argue that the Abrahamic Covenant and
The Davidic Covenant was conditional, that Israel failed to keep her part of the terms of those Covenants, and thereby cancelled the national promises of those Covenants...

Premillennialists assert that both Covenants were unconditional, and thus are still in force, awaiting their fulfillment at the Return of Christ...

- See: Gen. 12:1-3 II Sam. 7:1-16

II The "Pre-Position" Is The Historic Position Of The Early Christians

  "The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age is the prominent chiliasm, or millennialism, that is, the belief in a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment. It was indeed not the doctrine of the Church embodied
in any creed or form of devotion, but a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers."

- James H. Snowden, The Coming of the Lord, p. 17, confirms this: "The early Christians generally expected the return of Christ in their day to establish His kingdom by an exercise of cosmic power. The church fathers, Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus, all in the second century, and Tertullian in the beginning of the third century, held to the millennial coming of Christ in their day."

- Geo. E. Ladd, Crucial Questions about the Kingdom of God, p. 23, who refers to himself as a "historic premillennialist" rather than a dispensationalist, says: "...with the one exception there is no church father before Origen who opposed the millennial interpretation, and there is not one before Augustine whose extant writings offer a different interpretation of Rev. 20.
than that of a future earthly kingdom consonant with the natural interpretation of the language."

-F.W. Farrar, History of Interpretation, p. 196, says: "Origen borrows from heathen Platonists and from Jewish philosophers a method which converts the whole of Scripture... into a series of clumsy, varying, and incredible enigmas. Allegory helped him to get rid of chiliasm and superstitious literalism... but it opened the door for deadly evils."

-Note: Berkhof, Systematic Theology, p. 708, claims that there were as many—if not more—Amillennialists among the Church Fathers of the second and third centuries... but offers not a single quotation from these fathers to support his assertion..."

III The "Pre-Position" Gives Christ the Preeminence

-Post and Amillennialists
give the preeminence to a
PROGRAM!

- We are looking for a SOVEREIGN
PERSON!

- SHIRLEY JACKSON CHASE, THE
CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY,
p. 6, says: "God is working within
history where He has willed that
men should learn to be the efficient
instruments of the divine energy.
Upon their shoulders has been
placed the responsibility for
learning and pursuing God's
designs for bringing His Kingdom
to realization on earth."

- ILLUSTRATION - "M NIGHT" in
Summerville, Ga. 1960: "Georgia
Baptists are bringing in the
Kingdom in Georgia!"

- ILLUSTRATION - A liberal preacher
was reported as saying: "If Christ
were to return according to the
Scriptures, it would spoil every
thing!"

* A SCRIPTURAL APPROACH TO ANY
DOCTRINE IS ALWAYS GOD-CENTERED.
* IF IT IS MAN-CENTERED - BEWARE
e.g. Evangelism... Giving...

The "Pre-Position" is consistent with history.

"Christianity" has not been accepted...

More Muslims than Christians...

No nation has ever been wholly "converted" to Christianity...

Not even a whole city...

Why? Because Christianity has failed?

No! Because man's depravity makes it impossible for him to govern himself!...

His greed and selfishness always gets in the way!

Jer. 10:23: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
- But, contrast Jer. 10:23 with Psa. 37:23: "The steps of a good man (not "good" by nature, but by grace!) are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in His way."

- All of man's feeble attempts to govern himself have ended in chaos, and he is now floundering around in a social and political quicksand of his own making!

- There will never be justice and equality for all until the setting up of the theocratic kingdom of Jesus Christ!

- And only the pre-millennial view allows for this: Isa. 11:1ff...

- Which brings to the fifth reason—

  The pre-program is consistent with the N.T. program—i.e. to evangelize—not "Christianize"!

- Not to save the ship but some of the passengers!
- Not to "reform society" but to win individuals to Christ!

- We are not "bringing in the kingdom" we are waiting for the King!

- And while we are waiting, we are joyfully telling our friends, neighbors, and loved ones of His return!

VI. The Pre-Position accepts the true view of the only true purpose for life

- What is that purpose?

- Not to "patch-up" a ragged world... or to live only for our own interests...

- But, "that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." - Phil. 1:10

- II Cor. 5:14, 15 1 John 3:2, 3

VII. The "Pre-Position" guards against liberalism

No liberals are pre-millennial!
Five Warnings In Hebrews

I Against IDriftIng - 2:1

II Against IDisBelief - 3:12
III. Against Deceitfulness

- 3:13

IV. Against Disinheritance

4:1

V. Against Discouragement

12:3
The Blood of Able and The Blood of Jesus Christ.
THE BLOOD of Abel VS. THE BLOOD of Christ

Gen. 4:1- Gen. 4:10

Introduction: vss. 18-29 present a final contrast between the Dispensation of Law and the Dispensation of Grace.

- Two Mountains: vs. 18 & Vs. 22
- Two Manifestations: vs. 18, 19, 22
- Two Mediators: vs. 21 & Vs. 24

That word “better” is the “key word” of Hebrews.

- 1:4- “better than the angels”
- 7:19- “hope”
- 7:22- “testament”
- 8:6- “covenant...better promises”
- 9:23- “sacrifices”
- 10:34- “and an enduring substance”
- 11:16- “country”
- 11:35- “resurrection”
- 11:40- “thing for us”
- 12:24- “things than that of Abel”

Our text presents the one thing which makes all of the other “betters” possible... It gathers into itself the sum-total of all that is “better” in God’s redemptive purpose as revealed in Christ.

SEVEN POINTS OF SUPERIORITY IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

1. The Place From Which It Emanates:

Abel’s blood “cried” unto God “from the ground” (Gen. 4:10)
The blood of Christ speaks from Heaven.

Heb. 9:24: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

Heb. 9:11: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12. Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us;"

Not only does our high-priest officiate in Heaven, but He is SEATED!

Heb. 1:3: "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His Person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High!"

II. The Plea Which It Expresseth.

- Abel's blood cried for vengeance...
- The blood of Christ sues for mercy...
Heb. 4:14: Seeing then that we have a great high-priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

The only thing you can do to earn mercy is: HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS!

The Person From Whom It Originates

Abel was a "good man"...

Christ was the God-Man

Anyone who can read the N.T. and not see that it teaches the absolute deity of Christ could look at the sky at high-noon on a clear day and not see the sun 800

Christ was God:
- To Know Him was to Know God — John 8:19: "Then said they unto Him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."

- To See Him was to See God — John 12: 45: "He that seeth me seeth Him that sent me."

- To Believe Him was to Believe God — John 12:44: "Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him that sent me."

- To Receive Him was to Receive God — Mark 9:37: "...whosoever shall receive Me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent Me."

- To Hate Him was to Hate God — John 15:23: "He that hateth Me hateth My Father also."

- To Honor Him was to Honor God — John 5:23: "That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him."
• 1 Tim. 3:16: "And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

THE PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH IT OPERATES

• Abel's blood was shed involuntarily... Christ's blood was shed voluntarily...

• Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

• John 10:17: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down My life that I might take it again. 18. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

• The cross did not "take Him by surprise": He was "born crucified"...

• 1 John 3:16: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life..."
for us...”

John 15:13: “Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

I’ve found a friend, O! such a friend!
He loved me e’er I knew Him!
He drew me with the cords of love,
   And thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine,
   Those ties which naught can sever;
   For I am His, and He is mine,
   For ever and for ever?

I’ve found a friend, O! such a friend!
He bled, He died to save me:
And not alone the gift of life,
   But His Own Self He gave me:
   From Him Who loves me so well,
   What power my soul can sever?
Shall life, or death, or earth, or Hell?
   No! I am His— and His for ever!!!

V THE PEOPLE WHOM IT Affected

• Abel’s blood concerned only one man.
   The blood of Christ embraced many.

Matt. 20:28: “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Revel 7:9: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands..."

14. These are they which came out of great tribulation...

VI. The Publicity of Its Offering

- Abel's blood was shed in private...
- The blood of Christ was shed while the universe watched!

A. Angels in Heaven Looked and Wondered

1 Pet. 1:12: "which things the angels desire to look into."

B. Demons in Hell Looked and Waited

John 19:31-36 with Psa. 34:20: "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is lost."

C. Wicked Men on Earth Looked and Winked

Matt. 27:36: "And sitting down, they watched Him there..."
39. And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, 40. And saying, “Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it again in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross! 41. Likewise also, the chief priests, mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42. He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ 44. The thieves also, which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His teeth.”

D. Loved Ones & Friends Looked
& Wept

Matt. 27:55: “And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him: Among which was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s children.”

John 19:25: “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary
Since the day Christ died, God has spared no effort to publicize the death of His Son to every nation on earth!

Radio, T.V., Gospel Tract Societies, Bible Societies, Christian Artists, Song Writers, Musicians, Soloists, Singing Groups, Preachers, Teachers, and Missionaries...

The prophets of old fore-told it...

And we still forth-tell it!

Acts 26:24: "And as he thus spoke for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and sobriety. For the King knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely, for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner!"

VII. The Portion Which It Embraced
The blood of Abel cried from the ground, and brought judgment upon one man.

The blood of Christ speaks calmly and quietly from Heaven and testifies of judgment past for many...
Testings of faith are to be—

I. Embrace joyfully—Vs. 2

II. Endure patiently—Vs. 3-4

III. Experienced prayerfully—Vs. 5

IV. Approached carefully—Vss. 6-

V. Expected frequently—

Acts 4

I. The adversity that accosted them—Vss. 1-4

II. The adversaries who opposed them—Vss. 5-7

III. The authority that attended them—Vss. 8-

IV. The atmosphere that encompassed them—Vs. 13, 14
OVERTENDING Providence
OVERWHELMING PRESENCE
OVERSHADOWING PROTECTION
OVERCOMING POWER
OVERSEEING PURPOSE

THE PROFESSION THAT HOSTED
THEM - VBS 1 - A
IF THE OLD DIES WHO OFFERED
THEM - VBS 8
IF THE AUTHORITY THAT ATTENDED
THEM - VBS 4
THEM - VBS 19
James
Introduction—One of the greatest things about being a born-again Christian is fellowship and communion with God the Father. And that fellowship & communion is a "two-way exchange."

In prayer the believer talks to God, and in the Bible God talks to the believer.

I. The Gift of the Word—vss. 17 & 18

A. The Giver of Benefits

Vs. 17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

God is a great giver...

1. A Statement of His Benefaction

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father..."

Note: Because God is our Father, His gifts are "good" and "perfect." Therefore, His gifts always bless... Not so with Satan.

Prov. 10: 2: "Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteous..."
ness delivereth from death...
22. The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."

2.0 Statement of His Being
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"...the Father of lights..." referring to the sun, moon, stars, and planets... But also speaks of intellectual, moral, and spiritual "light"..."variable-

a. Unchangeable - "...with Whom is no variableness".

b. Unadulterated - "...neither shadow of turning."

- Thank God there is NO PARAL-

LAX with God or His Word...

- Thank God! He is ever the same for all times for all people under all circumstances!

He does not vary in dealing with old or
young, rich or poor, gifted or simple...

B. The Giver Of Birth

1. Natural Birth

- Gen. 33:5: "And he (Esau) lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children: and said, Who are those with thee? And he (Jacob) said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant."
- Gen. 48:8: "And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place."

-Psa. 113:9: "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord."

-Psa. 127:3: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward."

2. The New Birth - 1 Pet. 1:23: "Being...
born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

The Giver of Breeding

Vs. 19

1. Careful Attention—“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

“...swift to hear”—the Word—not gossip!

- Prov. 8:34: “Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.”

- Prov. 15:31: “The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.”

- Jer. 6:10: “To whom shall I speak, and give warning that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the Word of the Lord is unto them a reproach: they have no delight in it.”

- Eze. 12:2: “Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are
5. a rebellious house!

- "slow to speak..."
  Prov. 19:13: "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction."
  Prov. 21:29: "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles."

- "slow to wrath"
  Prov. 14:17: "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly."
  Prov. 16:32: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that yieldeth his spirit than he that taketh a city."
  Ecc. 7:9: "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

2. Due Preparation
Testings of Faith - James 1:2 -

I To Be Embraced Joyfully - v. 2

II To Be Endured Patiently - v. 3-4

III To Be Experienced Prayerfully - v. 5

IV To Be Approached Carefully - vs. 6-8

V. To Be Expected Frequently - 1 Pet. 4:12, 13
Studies In James

I OUR WARFARE - 1:2-16
II God's Word - 1:17-25

Our Works - 2:14-26

Our Words - 3:1-18
Our Wisdom - 3:13-18
Our Worldliness - 4:1-17
Our Wealth - 5:1-6
Our Waiting - 5:7-12

Our W
Notes on 1 John

I. The Penman—The Apostle John... Wrote 5 N.T. books...

Proof? His name does not once appear as the author...

- As a matter of fact, the author deliberately hides his identity...

- But, conservative students agree that the same person wrote all five books...

A. The Use of the Word "Logos"

- This term is applied to our Lord in only three N.T. Books:
  (1) The Gospel of John—1:1, 14
  (2) "Epistle"—1:1; 5:7
  (3) "Revelation"—1:2; 19:13

B. The Use of the Phrase "Have no Sin"—1 John 1:8

- Elsewhere the N.T. speaks of committing sin; thus viewing it as behavior, but in John's writings, the sin principle is viewed as inherent in us—we possess it as to nature—See: John 9:41, 15:22, 24...
- Note: it is also in John 3:5 that we read: "in Him is no sin."

C. The Author's Close Acquaintance with Christ - vss. 1-3

- The author of this Epistle was closely associated with Christ. John fits into this category better than any other disciple:

- Son of Zebedee, and a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee - Mk. 1:19, 20; Luke 5:10...

- Zebedee was a man of considerable wealth:
  - Mk. 1:20: "hired servants."
  - Matt. 27:55, 56: his wife Salome was one of the women who "ministered unto Jesus" of their substance...

- John's mother, Salome was very probably a sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus, thus making John a cousin of Jesus...

- Cf. Matt. 27:55, 56 and Mk. 15:40 with John 19:25...

- Was John (19:25) describing three
OF FOUR WOMEN?

- The evidence seems to be on the side of the twenty (i.e. Four Women)....

- John may have been speaking of four women in two pairs: "His mother and his mother's sister; Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdelene."

CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE:

1. We know that Salome was at the cross - Matt. 27:55, 56...
2. It would be typical of John to mention his mother and at the same time hide her name...
3. It isn't likely that John would fail to mention the presence of his mother at the cross...
4. The Greek sentence construction will certainly allow this...
5. As early as the 2nd century, the Peshito Syriac version adopted this view, inserting "and" after the word "sister"...
6. If John was a first cousin to Jesus, it would throw further light on such passages as: John 19:25-27 and Matt. 20:20-23...
7. It would also help to explain why...
both John and his brother James (along with Simon Peter) was a "member" of an "inner circle of discipleship"... Mk. 5:37; Mt. 17:1; 26:36,37; Luke 22:8...

- John the Apostle undoubtedly wrote this epistle — the "higher critics" notwithstanding!

II. The Period & Place Of Writing

- A.D. 85-90 - later than the Gospel of John...
- Written from Ephesus...
- Irenaeus, an early church father, states that John resided in Ephesus during his latter days...

III. The Problem

- Cerinthianism, a very serious heresy...
- Cerinthus — an Alexandrian Jew, who appeared in Palestine about the year 88, and began teaching his heretical views...
- Irenaeus, on the authority of...
John Polycarp relates that the Apostle John, when at Ephesus went on a certain day to the public bath. Learning that Cerinthus was there, John fled from the building, saying, "Let us even be gone, lest the bath should fall to pieces, Cerinthus, that enemy of the truth, being within!"

- **Cerinthus taught:**
  - The world was not created by God, but by a power inferior to and ignorant of God... denied the Virgin Birth... separated Jesus and Christ... Christ descended upon Jesus at His baptism, and left Him before His crucifixion... The body of Jesus was not real, but only seemed to be...

- **John refuted Cerinthianism:**
  - 1:1-4, 18, 19, 22, 23; 4:1-3, 15; 5:1, 5-9

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**IV The Prominent Words**

- "Know" 35 times (in all its forms)
- "Little children" - 9 times
- "Life" - 13 times
"love" - 24 times

I. The Purposes

A. The General Purpose

- John's Gospel - to convince sinners - John 3:30, 31
- John's Epistles - to confirm saints - "we know"
- The Revelation - to comfort sufferers - 1:9-19

- John's Gospel - looks back to the grandeur of the eternity past...
- John's Epistles - leads us into the grace of the present...
- The Revelation - lights for us the glory of the future...

- John's Gospel - that we might have faith and life
- John's Epistles - that we might have fellowship and love
- The Revelation - that we might have foreknowledge and light...

B. The Specific Purposes

1. To persuade to fellowship - 1:3
2. To promote joy - 1:4
3. To prevent sin - 2:1
4. To proclaim forgiveness - 2:12
5. To perfect knowledge - 2:21-25
6. To protect saints - 2:26
7. To provide assurance - 5:13

V. THE PROPOSITIONS

A. God is light - 1:5

**Question:** Are you walking in the light...

B. God is love - 4:8, 16

**Question:** Do you love...

C. God is life - (implied) - 5:11

**Question:** Do you possess this divine life?

VII. THE PROMINENT THEME - "Fellowship"

- From the Greek koinonia (κοινωνία) a beautiful word, used 20 times in the N.T.
- From Koinos (koinós) "common"

- In later Greek, used as the opposite of πλεονεξία (pleonexia), found 10 times in N.T. - translated "covetousness" 9 times, and "greediness" 1 time...

- The word means "to share, have in common, be in partnership."

- It is always used of the personal inter-relationships of two or more persons...

- See: Acts 2:42; Rom. 15:24, 27; II Cor. 8:4; 9:13; Phil. 1:5; I Cor. 10:16... II Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1

- This fellowship is developed in I John

I. THE PLEASURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP - 1:1-7

A. A Fellowship Of Life - 1:1, 2

1. A life which is eternal - vs. 1

- "Was" (vs. 1) - ἦν - "to exist" (3 pers. sing. imperf. of ἔμνη)
The underlying idea is self-existence.

- See: 1 John 1:1 and 14... "by and evereto..."

2. A life which is historical - v. 2

"Was manifested" - ἐγερέγεντι
"to bring to light, display, declare, reveal, lay bare, appear in true character..."

3. A life which is personal

- Not in "religion" (what man does)
  But in a person (what God has done)...

- John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

- 1 John 5:12: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

B. A Fellowship Of Love - v. 3
C. A Fellowship Of Light - Vss. 5-7

- "light"
- Physically - represents Glory
- Intellectually - "Truth"
- Morally - "Holiness"

II. The Problem Of The Fellowship - 1:8-2:2
I JOHN

Theme: Fellowship

I. The Pleasure of the Fellowship - 1:1-7

II. The Problem... 1:8-2:2

III. The Passion... 2:3-11

IV. The Progress... 2:12-14

V. The Perils... 2:15-29

VI. The Portraits... 3:1-3

VII. The Purity... 3:4-9

VIII. The Practicality... 3:10-18

IX. The Proofs... 3:19-4:6

- 4:1: "try" Sokoloff's ete - a technical term... used of testing metals to see if they ring true, or live up to standards...

- Note: "hereby we know" - 4 times: 3:19, 4:2, 6, 13... Each time, they introduce an "acid-test" of truth...

A. The Test of the True Believer - 3:19-21
B. The Test Of The True Intercessor - 3: 22-24

1. The Statement - v. 22a.
2. The Condition - v. 22b: "because we keep His commandments"
3. The Explanation - v. 23
4. The Atmosphere - v. 24

C. The Test Of The True Spirit - 4: 1-4

- Matt. 22:42

- "Jesus His Humanity
  "Christ His Deity

- Lit: "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus is Christ come in the Flesh..."

D. The Test Of The True Teacher - 4: 5-6

PATTERN FOR

E. The Position Of The Fellowship - 4: 7-21

A. The Subjects Of It - 0 "one another" Vs. 7a.
B. The Source Of It - "For love is of God..." Vs. 7b-8

C. The Seal Of It - Vs. 9

D. The Sacrifice Of It - Vs. 10, 11

E. The Spirituality Of It - Vs. 12-16

F. The Security Of It - 17-
Job: The Believer Under Trial by the Divine Hand of God
Psa: The Believer in Triumph by the Delivering Hand of God
Prov: The Believer in Training by the Disciplining Hand of God
Ecc: The Believer in Travail by the Deliberate Hand of God
Song: The Believer in Touch with the Directing Hand of God
Lam: The Believer in Tears Because of the Devastating Hand of God

Exemplify
- Magnify God's Sustaining Grace
- Identify the Believer in His Oneness with God
Baptists get people out of the gutter.

And then Baptists get

Presbyterians educate them.

Episcopalians introduce them.

And then Baptists get them out of the gutter.
- Compelling Faith
- Cooperative Faith
- Compassionate Faith
- Conquering Faith

- Christ Centered Faith

1. The Law of Moses - Condemnation
2. " " Sin - Corruption
3. " " Conscience - Accusation
   Contamination
4. The Law of The Spirit of Life - Regeneration
The Believer's Seven-Fold Relationship to the World

I. Elijah & The Providence of God - 1 Kings 17

II. Elijah & The Prophets of Baal - 1 Kings 18

III. Elijah & The Power of Discouragement - 1 Kings 19

IV. Elijah & The Prophecy in Malachi - Mal.

No One Expected Me!
Dreamed God came the other night
And Heaven's gates swung wide—
With kindly grace an angel
Welcomed me inside;
And there, to my astonishment,
Stood folks I'd known on earth,
Some I had judged and labeled
As unfit with little worth—
Then angry words rose to my lips,
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise;
No one expected me!
— Marjory Walker
ON COMMON SENSE

Once I was a tadpole small,
Locked in primoral slime;
When evolution's ladder tall,
I began to climb.

I paused awhile as a fish,
But when I itched to fly;
Up from the water's foam I popped,
With wings soared through the sky.

But feathers didn't suit me much,
I wished a change right soon;
Upon a limb I perched one night,
And woke--A BIG BABOON.

"Though monkey's brains are small 'tis true,
"To think:" I said, "I Can;"
So I sat to think, and I thought a thought--
And poof *** I was a man!

I worked right hard and went to school,
And earned a PH.D;
'Twas there I learned from whence I came,
About ancestrial trees.

And then one day beside a pool,
A tadpole swam quite near;
He turned t'ward me and stared awhile,
Then said in voice so clear.

"If you are what I could become,
With intellect so rare
That you believe you came from me:
Your fate I choose not share."

"It takes a fool to think like you,
And not believe in God;
I think I'll be what God has planned,
And just become a frog."

This idea of this poem came from your sermon
last night. 1-9-89 Take it for what its worth
Ebionitism
Arianism

**The Supreme Question**
*Matt 22:42*

"What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?"

I WHAT THINK YE OF HIS DEITY?

II WHAT THINK YE OF HIS HUMANITY?

III WHAT THINK YE OF HIS ETERNITY?

IV WHAT THINK YE OF HIS SUPERIORITY?

V WHAT THINK YE OF HIS PURITY?
We must restate our position
I About the Scriptures
II About the Sovereignty of God
III About the Savior
IV About the Spirit's Work
I About the Second Advent
II About Salvation by Grace
Quips and Quotes
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The codfish lays ten-thousand eggs
The lowly hen but one
But the codfish never makes a sound
To tell us what she's done.

And so the codfish we ignore
While the hen we idolize.
Which only goes to show
It pays toadvertize.

Jesus Christ is:
Coeternal in Being
Coequal in Authority
Coextensive in Existence
With the Father

The best thing to have up your sleeve is your funny bone.

One of the hardest things to teach our children about money matters is that it does.

When the directions say "simple enough for a child to do it" better get a child to do it!

The first piece of luggage out of the chute at the airport never belongs to anybody
You will never be sorry for—
- Thinking before speaking
- Pondering "acting"
- Hearing "judging"
- Being honest in business
- "courteous and kind to all"
- "loyal to good people"
- "faithful to the Lord"
- Forging your enemies
- Standing by your principles
- Stopping your ears to gossip
- Bridling a slanderous tongue
- Harboring only pure thoughts
- Accepting Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior

- Children need models more than they need critics.

- Life lived only to satisfy yourself never satisfies anybody.

- The best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting up people.

- There is no right way to do a wrong thing.
QUIPS & QUOTES

- Belief and faith are not the same thing.
  - Belief is an attitude; faith is an act.
  - J.W.McC.

- "But seek ye first the kingdom of God (His Rule & Control) and His righteousness (His Rectitude & Character).

- Unbeliever: "From where I stand, I see nothing ahead but clouds and darkness."
- Believer: "Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, and from where I stand, the view is better than that."

- Never get so busy in the "work of the Lord" that you don’t have time for the Lord of the work.

- A praying Christian is one who knows he cannot face the adversities of life without it.

- "Not now, but in the coming years, it may be in a better land. We’ll read the meaning of these tears, and bye and bye, we’ll understand."

- If our thoughts were written across our foreheads, most of us would wear a hat—pulled down low. —J.W.McC.

- Many a blunt word has a sharp edge.
- Gossip is like soap: mostly lye?
- Profanity is a public announcement of stupidity.
- Swearing is a lazy man's way of trying to be emphatic.
- A lie is an abomination in the sight of God, and a present help in time of need. — Little boy's definition
- A lie is a coward's way of getting out of trouble.
- Don't byag: it isn't the whistle that pulls the train.
- A person who changes the course of history is probably a student taking an exam.
- One mother claims she suffers from a low-grade infection—every time she sees her son's report card she gets sick.
- Some few people get up bright and early. Most of us just get up early.
Quips & Quotes

- A rude comment is an indictment of the person who makes it, not of the person to whom it is made.

- There's one thing worse than being alone: wishing you were.

- Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

- If a child of God marries a child of the devil, said child of God is sure to have trouble with his father-in-law?

- Where there is marriage without love, there will be love without marriage. - Ben Franklin

- Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures. - Samuel Johnson

- A good marriage is not a contract between two persons, but a sacred covenant between three: the husband, the wife, and God.

- God help the man who won't marry until he finds a perfect woman; and God help him if he finds her.

- One key to contentment is to realize that life is a responsibility not a right.
- The busy person is tempted by but one devil; but the idle person by many.
- When arguing with a fool, make sure he is not doing the same.
- Better single still than wedded ill. - Spurgeon
- Better be one-sided than two-faced. - Spurgeon
- All that God has, and all that God is, is at the disposal of prayer.
- The only way to get others to God is to first get to Him yourself.
- Success has three unfailing foundation stones: preparation, persistence, perspiration.
- Half our troubles come from wanting our own way. The other half comes from getting it.
- Americans of old used to shout: "Give me liberty," Americans of today shout "Give me?"
- Humility is not where I live or what I do, but what I am.
Quips & Quotes

- Some pastoys are little more than "RING-MASTERS" in an Ecclesiastical side-show?

- A person who can read @ won't is no better off than the person who can't read @

- The answer to humanity's longings is belonging - NOT BELONGINGS @

- Truth needs no crutches - if it limps, its a lie @

- Illustration: Pastor to a dying saint: "Are you sinking?" She replied, "How can I sink through a solid rock?"

- "Come the Cross or the Crown,  
The sun-shine, or the thunder;  
I fling my soul and body down  
For God to plow them under @"

- When going through a test of faith, don't ask God "When am I going to get out of this?" But rather ask Him, "What am I going to get out of this?"

- Some preachers spend so much time fussing at do-less church members who won't live right, that they stave the saints to death?"
- It would be as easy for a sinner to go to Heaven as for a saint to go to Hell.

- When you’re running “neck-deep” in alligators, you don’t need a lecture on “How To Drain The Swamp” & you need rescuing.

- “My wife can’t read me like a book.” But that’s not so surprising—because for the last forty years, it’s the one she’s been revising.”

- Jesus is right for whatever is wrong in your life.

- I don’t believe God is dead, heaven has closed up shop, or the angels have gone on strike.” — Dr. Rodney Bell

(The last report I had was: “Business as usual.” — J.W.M.E)

- A right spirit is just as important as a right stand. — Dr. Rodney Bell

- It is to our shame that we organize but do not agonize. — J.W.M.E.
Quips & Quotes

- My spouse and I have been married for 40 years, and it seems like it was only yesterday—and you know what a lousy day yesterday was!

- Marriage is the end of unhappiness—the front end!

- I never knew what happiness was until I was married—and then it was too late!

- Love leads to marriage; marriage is an institution; love is blind; therefore, marriage is an institution for the blind.

- A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

- We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible.

- A whispered truth has more authority than a shouted lie—J.W. Mc

A liberal "theologian" is one who says there is a God but is not sure who He is, where He is, or what He is.
- I'm tired of being stirred without being moved!

God is not preparing you TODAY for TODAY; HE IS PREPARING YOU TODAY for TOMORROW.

- When you're running neck-deep in alligator's you don't need a seminar on "how to drain the swamp" — you need rescuing.

"Jesus is the greatest" (a popular saying)

The truth is: He isn't even in competition!

- Love trumps marriage; marriage trumps initiation; love is blind.

- We have no right to invade another person's life! Therefore we must build bridges... We must earn the right to be heard!" (Life Style Evangelism)

Sounds good — at first!

- When opportunity knocks, some people complain about the noise.

- Ordinary people sometimes find opportunity; special people make opportunity.
Quips & Quotes

I dreamed God came the other night
And Heaven's gates swung wide
With kindly grace an Angel
Welcomed me inside;
And there, to my astonishment
Stood folks I'd known on earth,
Some I had judged and labeled
As unfit with little worth—
Then angry words rose to my lips,
But never were set free.
For every face showed stunned surprise:
No one expected me!

People won't admit faults.
Tho' they have many:
But I surely would—
If I had any. —Edna Eleyser

If the President of the United States
should enter this room, we would
all be on our feet: if the Lord of
Glory should enter this room, we
would all be on our faces.
—J.W. Mc
Liberty is not the "right" to do as you please; it is the freedom to do as you ought.

Jesus Christ did not have to come here to be here because He was already here before He got here?

The safest place you will ever be is in the will of God!

His sweet disposition has gradually changed, His manly physique is wrinkled and bent:
His muscles are flabby
His outlook is cloudy
Because his "git-up-n-go" Has just got up and went!

The core of the Gospel message is: Salvation is in Christ alone. That fact is not negotiable. - J.W.McC.

Millions dying there have never heard;
Millions living here have never cared.

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent. - Eleanor Roosevelt
Quips & Quotes

- Joy and holiness are "Siamese twins"!
- Christ takes no more delight in dwelling in a sad heart than we take in living in a dark house.
- God will mend a broken heart—but only if He has all the pieces.
- Jesus Christ did not have to come here in order to be here because He was already here before he got here!
- God is too good to be doubted; too wise to be questioned; too powerful to be resisted.
- God writes with a pen that never blots; speaks with a tongue that never slips; and works with a hand that never fails.
- The evil of wealth can be a curse. But the evil of poverty can be worse.
- But if I had a choice, believe me honey, I'd quickly choose the evil of money!
- Grief leaves a wound that can be completely healed; but sin makes an ugly scar that will always be visible.
ILLUSTRATION: GLAD & SORRY—One night three men were riding on horseback across a desert. Suddenly a voice ordered them to “HALT!” They obeyed. Then the voice further ordered them: “Dismount, pick up some pebbles, and put them in your pocket?” They did. Then the voice said: “TOMORROW, YOU WILL BE BOTH GLAD AND SORRY.”

The next morning, a miracle had occurred. The pebbles had become rubies, diamonds, sapphires, and pearls. They remembered the words: “YOU WILL BE GLAD AND SORRY!”

They were glad they had picked up some of the pebbles, but sorry they had not picked up more!

“Hey diddle diddle
I’ve a bulge in the middle:
But I expect to whittle it soon.
But eating is so much fun,
That I won’t get it done.
Till my dish runs away with the spoon!”

-When the Cross goes out of preaching, the preacher has too much to say and too little to tell.
In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet
God leads His dear children along
Where the waters' cool flow bathes the weary ones' feet

Isn't it strange that priests and kings,
And clowns who caper in saw-dust rings,
And simple folk like you and me
Are builders for eternity?

To each is given a set of rules,
A shapeless mass and a bag of tools
And each must make e'er life has flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone?

"Give of thy sons to bear
The message glorious
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way.
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

We are not here to pursue happiness
But to pursue those virtues that produce happiness.
The Plus-Plus Crowd: "I can do it; you can do it; come on! Let's do it!"

The Minus-Plus Crowd: "I can't do it; but you can; go to it!"

The Plus-Minus Crowd: "If you can't do it, I can; so get out of my way!"

The Minus-Minus Crowd: "I can't do it; you can't do it; who got us into this mess any way?"

"As you are now, so once was I; but like all men I had to die! As I am now, you soon will be: prepare for death, and follow me!

To follow you I won't consent until I find which way you went!

They do not care about what I know until they know that I care. —Missionary

Some people will not listen to their conscience because they never take advice from a stranger.
DEFINITIONS

ANGER - an inward alarm system revealing personal rights which we have either not given to God, or have "taken back" from Him.

AVERAGE CHRISTIAN - best of the worst, worst of the best. Nauseating to God. (Rev. 3:16).

BOREDOM - Failure to develop and integrate spiritual, psychological, and physical aptitudes, interests, and capacities into our life's purpose. (John 10:10)

COMMUNICATION - guiding important ideas around another person's mental roadblocks. (1 Cor. 11:28)

DISCIPLE - a disciplined one living within the limitations of God's Spirit. (Gal. 5:17)

DISCRETION - knowing precisely how to apply Scriptural principles in a difficult situation. (Prov. 2:11)

WORRY - assuming responsibilities God never intended us to have.

GOSSIP - sharing confidential information about another with one who is not a
part of the problem or the solution.

- **Patience**—Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a "dead-line" as to when to remove it.

- **Temptation**—A Satanic opportunity to satisfy a legitimate need, or to solve a legitimate problem outside the will of God.

- **Test of Faith**—Any situation in which the believer is called upon to trust God where he cannot trace Him.

**A Gossip**—One who has no partition between his imagination and his facts.
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  - June '85
- Studies in The Song of Solomon
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- The Valley of Baca - Psalms 84
"Put that on mine account"  
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Divine Manifestations in 1 John  

"I Case"  

As seen in 1 John  

For the first time,  

I found in  

"I am the bread of life..."  

But...
Faith Bible Church
Williamstown, W.Va. Dec.'84

- Studies in Nehemiah Sept.'86
- Studies in Psalms
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  - Rom 8 (Radio)

- Studies in James Nov.'87
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- The Ministry of Christ to Women Jan.'88
  - To His Own Mother: Relationship Without Fellowship
  - The Woman Taken in Adultery
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  - Martha & Mary Walking in Darkness
Quips and Quotes
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The codfish lays ten-thousand eggs
- The lowly hen but one
  But the codfish never makes a sound
  To tell us what she's done.

- And so the codfish we ignore
  While the hen we idolize.
  Which only goes to show
  IT PAYS TO ADVERTIZE.

JESUS CHRIST IS-
  COETERNAL IN BEING
  COEQUAL IN AUTHORITY
  COEXTENSIVE IN EXISTENCE
  WITH THE FATHER.

- The best thing to have up your sleeve is your funny-bone.

- One of the hardest things to teach our children about money matters is that it does.

- When the directions say "SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR A CHILD TO DO IT" better get a child to do it!

- The first piece of luggage out of the chute at the airport never belongs to anybody
You will never be sorry for:
- Thinking before speaking
- Pondering before acting
- Hearing before judging
- Being honest in business
- Courteous and kind to all
- Loyal to good people
- Faithful to the Lord
- Forgiving your enemies
- Standing by your principles
- Stopping your ears to gossip
- Bridling a slanderous tongue
- Harboring only pure thoughts
- Accepting Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior

Children need models more than they need critics.

Life lived only to satisfy yourself never satisfies anybody.

The best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting up people.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.
- Belief and faith are not the same thing—
  - Belief is an **attitude**; faith is an **act**.
    - J.W.McC.

- "But seek ye first the kingdom of God"
  - (His Rule & Control) "and His righteousness (His Rectitude & Character)

- **Unbeliever**: "From where I stand, I see nothing ahead but clouds and darkness?"
- **Believer**: "Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, and from where I stand, the view is better than that?"

- Never get so busy in the "work of the Lord" that you don't have time for the Lord of the work.

- A praying Christian is one who knows he cannot face the adversities of life without it.

- "Not now, but in the coming years,
  - It may be in a better land:
    - We'll read the meaning of these tears,
    - And bye and bye, we'll understand."

- If our thoughts were written across our foreheads, most of us would wear a hat—
  - pulled down low. —J.W.McC.

- Many a blunt word has a sharp edge.
- Gossip is like soap: mostly lye.
- Profanity is a public announcement of stupidity.
- Swearing is a lazy man's way of trying to be emphatic.
- A lie is an abomination in the sight of God— and a present help in time of need. — Little boy's definition
- A lie is a coward's way of getting out of trouble.
- Don't byag: it isn't the whistle that pulls the train.
- A person who changes the course of history is probably a student taking an exam.
- One mother claims she suffers from a low-grade infection—every time she sees her son's report card, she gets sick.
- Some few people get up bright and early. Most of us just get up early.
Quips & Quotes

- A rude comment is an indictment of the person who makes it, not of the person to whom it is made.

- There's one thing worse than being alone: wishing you were.

- Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

- If a child of God marries a child of the devil, said child of God is sure to have trouble with his father-in-law?

- Where there is marriage without love, there will be love without marriage. - Ben Franklin

- Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures. - Samuel Johnson

- A good marriage is not a contract between two persons, but a sacred covenant between three: the husband, the wife, and God.

- God help the man who won't marry until he finds a perfect woman; and God help him if he finds her.

- One key to contentment is to realize that life is a responsibility not a right.
- The busy person is tempted by but one devil; but the idle person by many.
- When arguing with a fool, make sure he is not doing the same.
- Better single still than wedded ill. *Spurgeon*
- Better be one-sided than two-faced. *Spurgeon*
- All that God has and all that God is, is at the disposal of prayer.
- The only way to get others to God is to first get to Him yourself.
- Success has three unfailing foundation stones: preparation, persistence, perspiration.
- Half our troubles come from wanting our own way. The other half comes from getting it.
- Americans of old used to shout: "Give me liberty!" Americans of today shout: "Give me life!"
- Humdrum is not where I live or what I do, but what I am.
Quips & Quotes

- Some pastors are little more than "ringmasters" in an ecclesiastical sideshow.

- A person who can read and won't is no better off than the person who can't read.

- The answer to humanity's longings is belonging—not belongings.

- Truth needs no crutches—if it limps, it's a lie.

- Illustration: Pastor to a dying saint:
  "Are you sinking?" She replied, "How can I sink through a solid rock?"

  "Come the cross or the crown,
   The sun-shine or the thunder;
   I fling my soul and body down
   For God to plow them under."

- When going through a test of faith, don't ask God "When am I going to get out of this?" But rather ask Him, "What am I going to get out of this?"

- Some preachers spend so much time fussing at do-less church members who won't live right that they starve the saints to death.
- It would be as easy for a sinner to go to Heaven as for a saint to go to Hell.

- When you're running "neck-deep" in alligators, you don't need a lecture on "How To Drain The Swamp" & You Need Rescuing?

- "My wife can read me like a book". But that's not so surprising—Because for the last forty years, It's the one she's been revising?"

- Jesus is right for whatever is wrong in your life.

- I don't believe God is dead, heaven has "closed up shop" or the angels have gone on strike." - Dr. Rodney Bell

(The last report I had was; "Business as usual." - J.W.M.E)

- A right spirit is just as important as a right stand. - Dr. Rodney Bell

- It is to our shame that we organize but do not agonize. - J.W. McC.
Quips & Quotes

- My spouse and I have been married for 40 years, and it seems like it was only yesterday—do you know what a lousy day yesterday was!

- Marriage is the end of unhappiness—the front end!

- I never knew what happiness was until I was married—then it was too late!

- Love leads to marriage; marriage is an institution; love is blind; therefore, marriage is an institution for the blind!

- A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t.

- We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible.

- A whispered truth has more authority than a shouted lie—J.W. McG

A liberal “theologian” (?) is one who says there is a God but is not sure who He is, where He is, or what He is?
- I'm tired of being stirred without being moved!
- God is not preparing you today... He is preparing you today... He is preparing you today... He is preparing you today... Tomorrow.
- When you're running neck-deep in alligator's you don't need a seminar on "How to Drain The Swamp" - you need rescuing.
- "Jesus is the greatest" (A popular saying). The truth is: He isn't even in competition!
- We have no right to invade another person's life! Therefore we must build bridges... We must earn the right to be heard!" (LIFE STYLE EVANGELISM). Sounds good - at first!
- When opportunity knocks, some people complain about the noise.
- Ordinary people sometimes find opportunity; special people make opportunity.
Quips & Quotes

I dreamed God came the other night
And Heaven’s gates swung wide
With kindly grace an angel
Welcome me inside;
And there, to my astonishment
Stood folks I’d known on earth,
Some I had judged as labeled
As unfit with little worth—
Then angry words rose to my lips,
But I never were set free
For every face showed stunned surprise!
No one expected me!

People won’t admit faults,
Tho’ they have many:
But I surely would—
If I had any! —Edna Elbourne

If the President of the United States
should enter this room; we would
all be on our feet; if the Lord of
Glory should enter this room, we
would all be on our faces.
—J.W. Me
Liberty is not the "right" to do as you please; it is the freedom to do as you ought.

Jesus Christ did not have to come here to be here because He was already here before He got here.

The safest place you will ever be is in the will of God.

His sweet disposition has gradually changed.

His manly physique is wrinkled and bent:

His muscles are flabby.
His outlook is crabby,
Because his "git-up' n-go",
Has just got up and went!

The core of the Gospel message is:

Salvation is in Christ alone. That fact is not negotiable. - J.W. McG

Millions dying there have never heard;
Millions living here have never cared.

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.

- Eleanor Roosevelt
Quips & Quotes

- Joy & holiness are "Siamese twins"!
- Christ takes no more delight in dwelling in a sad heart than we take in living in a dark house.
- God will mend a broken heart—but only if He has all the pieces.
- Jesus Christ did not have to come here in order to be here because He was already here before He got here.
- God is too good to be doubted, too wise to be questioned, and too powerful to be resisted.
- God writes with a pen that never bleeds, speaks with a tongue that never slips, and works with a hand that never fails.
- The evil of wealth can be a curse. But the evil of poverty can be worse. But if I had a choice, believe me honey, I'd quickly choose the evil of money.
- Grief leaves a wound that can be completely healed, but sin makes an ugly scar that will always be visible.
ILLUSTRATION: Glad & Sorry. One night three men were riding on horseback across a desert. Suddenly a voice ordered them to "Halt!". They obeyed. Then the voice further ordered them: "Dismount, pick up some pebbles, and put them in your pocket?" They did. Then the voice said: "Tomorrow, you will be both glad and sorry."

The next morning, a miracle had occurred. The pebbles had become rubies, diamonds, sapphires, and pearls. They remembered the words: "You will be glad and sorry."

They were glad they had picked up some of the pebbles, but sorry they had not picked up more!

"Hey diddle diddle, I've a bulge in the middle. But I expect to whittle it soon. But eating's so much fun, That I won't get it done Till my dish runs away with the spoon!

When the cross goes out of preaching, the preacher has too much to say and too little to tell!"
In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet

- God leads His dear children along
- Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary ones' feet

- Isn't it strange that priests are kings,
  And clowns who caper in sawdust rings.
- And simple folk like you and me
  Are builders for eternity?

To each is given a set of rules,
- A shapeless mass and a bag of tools
- And each must make every life he has flown
- A stumbling block or a stepping stone?

“Give of thy sons to bear
- The message glorious

- Give of thy wealth to
  Speed them on their way.
  Pour out thy soul for
- Them in prayer victorious
  And all thou spendest
  Jesus will repay.”

- We are not here to pursue happiness
  But to pursue those virtues that produce happiness.
The Plus-Plus Crowd: "I can do it; you can do it; come on! Let's do it!"
- The Minus-Plus Crowd: "I can't do it; but you can: go to it!"
- The Plus-Minus Crowd: "If you can't do it, I can: so get out of my way!"
- The Minus-Minus Crowd: "I can't do it; you can't do it: who got us into this mess any way?"

"As you are now, so once was I; but like all men I had to die! As I am now, you soon will be: prepare for death, and follow me!

To follow you I won't consent until I find which way you went!

- They do not care about what I know until they know that I care.
  - Missionary

- Some people will not listen to their conscience because they never take advice from a stranger.
DEFINITIONS

ANGER - an inward alarm system revealing personal rights which we have either not given to God, or have "taken back" from Him.

AVERAGE CHRISTIAN - best of the worst, worst of the best. Nauseating to God. (Rev. 3:16).

Boredom - failure to develop and integrate spiritual, psychological, and physical aptitudes, interests, and capacities into our life's purpose. (John 10:10)

Communication - guiding important ideas around another person's mental road blocks. (1 Cor. 11:28)

Disciple - a disciplined one living within the limitations of God's Spirit. (Gal. 5:17)

Discretion - knowing precisely how to apply Scriptural principles in a difficult situation. (Prov. 2:11)

Worry - assuming responsibilities God never intended us to have.

Gossip - sharing confidential information about another with one who is not a
part of the problem or the solution.

- **Patience**—Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a "dead-line" as to when to remove it.

- **Temptation**—a Satanic opportunity to satisfy a legitimate need, or to solve a legitimate problem outside the will of God.

- **Test of Faith**—any situation in which the believer is called upon to trust God where he cannot trace Him.

A **Gossip**—one who has no partition between his imagination and his facts.
On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee moved in the Second Continental Congress: "These United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." Three days later, Congress voted to name a special committee to draft a declaration supporting Lee's resolution.

On June 11, Congress named John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman to the committee. Jefferson was given the task of preparing the draft...

Congress approved the Lee resolution on July 2. On July 4, Congress adopted the final draft in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Fifty men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, and by 1781, six more delegates had signed.

The Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4, 1776, The unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people
to dissolve the political bands which have connected them to another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.