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THE HERITAGE OF HOLINESS

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"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea I have a goodly heritage."
This Psalm is both prophetic and personal. Much of it is the Saviour's rejoicing over His
bloodwashed church, that innumerable multitude of Saints, partakers of the Divine Nature, who
shall dwell with Him in the Heaven of Heavens through all eternity.

To all of this David adds his personal testimony. Despite his sufferings at the hand of Saul,
having to flee for his life and dwell among idolaters in a strange land, yet, his lot in Israel's
Canaan-land inheritance was well situated and his heritage an occasion for rejoicing.

As David reflects upon sacred history, he is persuaded that God always has and always
will have His true witnesses to Holiness. Abel sought this experience until he obtained the witness
that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts. And though his life was cruelly cut short at the
hands of his carnal brother, his influence still lives on. As someone said, "Holiness seed never
rots." Enoch, picked up the golden thread and carried it across three hundred years of unbroken
fellowship with God. And the Lord was so pleased with his life that He made him a type of the
Rapture. He was translated that he should not see death. Noah was so faithful in preaching
righteousness, that he saved his household, condemned the world, and was chosen to close up one
dispensation and open up another. Abraham received his call to go out and gave only ONE reason
for doing so--he was looking for a City which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.
He was so sure he was doing the right thing that he "went out" even though he didn't know where
he was going. The only way he could make it was to obey. Isaac followed in his dad's footsteps
and took the way of Holiness. He reopened the wells that his father dug which had been stopped up
by the enemy and then walked off and left his rightful property rather than have a fuss. His spirit
was so genuine that God blessed him with an artesian well. He was so sacrificial to see the cause

go, he dwelt in tents. Likewise Jacob. He was accused of being deceitful and a thief. But he wrestled with God until he received the blessing and got his name changed. He should have retired in his old age and taken it easy, but he worshipped leaning upon the top of his staff. He crossed his hands when blessing Joseph's sons and refused to change them because he saw that the blessing of God would be upon one more than the other. And Joseph joined up with the holiness crowd so wholeheartedly that he made them promise to take his bones along when they left the country to start a new movement. So deep were his roots in the Wells of salvation that he became a fruitful bough whose branches ran over the wall. And then God raised up Moses to lead this new movement. And when he led them as far as he could, Joshua was God's man to lead them on. And they became a great nation that produced some spiritual giants -- prophets, priests and kings -- among whom was David, Israel's greatest king.

Now David not only saw this lineage up to his day but by faith he saw this goodly heritage continue on into the future until final victory would be complete. He prophesied, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth." Ps. 110:1, 3. He saw the Saviour suffer the death on the cross that he might sanctify the people with His own blood. He had an inheritance among them that were sanctified on the day of Pentecost. Despite the sufferings and persecutions even unto death, this Holy movement marched on. The Apostle Paul had to leave the established church of his day and join up With this holy band a little late, as one born out of due season, but he became one of its mightiest exponents. His vision reached from Asia Minor over into Macedonia and kept going Westward until it stirred up the Waldenses, Moravians, Huguenots and the Pilgrims and a host of others. Then came John and Charles Wesley with their hot hearts and Charles' songs and John's sermons stirred up the great Holiness Revival. This holy fire raged for half a century, and then God had to raise up other groups to preserve this heritage. And now in these Laodicean days of lukewarmness and compromise, God is moving again to gather a people for His name. I praise God that He let me be numbered among this holy remnant. I truly feel as David did about this goodly heritage. Moreover, my heart rejoices in anticipation of that great day when the redeemed of all ages shall be gathered together in the New Jerusalem to go no more out. Thank God, this inheritance among them that are sanctified is "incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet. 1:4, 5. "God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Editor's Note: Glory!

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF HOLINESS

"I beseech you there/ore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)
"But first gave their own selves to the Lord." (II Cor. 8:5)

To the holy man stewardship is as natural as breathing. It is his reasonable service to hold all of life as a sacred trust to be invested in the kingdom of God. One enters the blessed experience of holiness by death to self and a sacrifice of his all. Holiness of heart is maintained by a living

sacrifice. When the principle of sacrifice ceases then one has withdrawn from the altar that sanctifies the gift.

We sing and speak so glibly of sacrifice when we hardly know its meaning. In the Old Testament when a sacrifice was made something had to bleed and die. No man really makes any sacrifice until he gives until it hurts. We have operated the work of the church so long out of our surplus that we actually think we suffer when we double or triple tithe. The facts are we have indulged so much in luxuries and loaded ourselves with so many monthly payments that we think we cannot pledge and pay for any expansion in the work of the Kingdom. But the truth remains that we only give to God that which we could get along without.

The practice of real sacrifice would save us from the spiritual death that comes from idleness and abundance. The Bible says that the sin of Sodom was, "pride and fullness of bread and abundance of idleness."

"Millions would count it happiness to revel in abundance and have nothing to do. Thus far in the world's history the highest rank in human society has been conceded to those who have the greatest revenues secured to them without effort on their part, and who never touch the common burdens of humanity with one of their fingers. And we all know how naturally pride enthrones itself as the master-passion in the heart, when once all fear of want and all necessity to work are taken away." The sin of Sodom, however gross in reputation and in reality, was the Offspring of wealth and leisure the two things which the worldly heart most desires, and of which, when possessed, the worldly heart is most proud. If men could have all that they desire of both, how hard it would be for them to think or care at all for the life to come! Many are ashamed of work all are afraid of want. And yet it is work which makes worth in men, and the deepest sense of want is the beginning of immortal life in the soul." In the story of the widow who gave the two mites (Mark 12:41-44) Jesus teaches us that God does not judge our sacrifice by what we give but by what we have left. She gave more than them all because she gave all her living. When we fancy that we are suffering for the cause of God it would be well for us to remember the voluntary privations and poverty of Jesus, "Who had not where to lay his head."

The stewardship of holiness means that One lives and gives because of principle rather than policy. The holy man has a basic conviction that God has first claim on him and whatever he has. Multitudes of professed holiness people are trying to live without any principles in their lives, they lack basic convictions that give dignity to their existence and control over their conduct. They live by policy rather than principle. Whatever particular policy will temporarily help them in any given situation seems best to them irrespective of principles which may be compromised.

The holy man gives as a matter of principle. It matters not to him if the bank account is low or the future looks dark, he gives anyway. He does not wait until he is flush, he gives systematically and is not afraid to pledge and trust the omnipotent God to help him pay. A poor man can be just as systematic in his principles of giving as a rich man. God is not impressed with the amount but by the sacrificial spirit of devotion.

The sainted J. G. Morrison wrote: "It is quite possible that this age will have examples of so-called holiness people who will be among the list labeled at the judgment, 'Damned by a

rocking,, chair!' or 'Trundled to hell in limousine' or 'ruined by beautiful pictures and soft rugs!' or 'Out of commission through surfeiting and drunkenness!' Downright laziness is a real vice among the folk who call themselves God's people, these days. Too lazy to pray much. Too indolent to fast. Too weary of doing their own work, to work much for souls."

When handsome salaries and lavish expense accounts must be paid to officials at the cost of curtailing the work of foreign missions then the stewardship of holiness is off balance. Writing of the early days of his work, P. F. Bresee said, "We were convinced that houses of worship should be plain and cheap, to save from financial burdens, and that everything should say welcome to the poor. We went feeling that food and clothing and shelter were the open doors to the hearts of the unsaved poor, and that through these doors we could bear to them the life of God. We went in poverty, to give ourselves -- and what God might give us -- determined to forego provision for the future and old age, in order to see the salvation of God while we were yet here. God has not disappointed us. We do not give merely a tenth -- our all is on the altar." (Prince in Israel, pages 161-162) "One house, one day's food, and one suit of raiment," says the Arabic proverb, "are sufficient for thee: and if thou die before noon, thou hast one-half too much."

There is something sadly lacking when holiness people can squander their money for custom made furniture and must have the very best of everything while the cause of missions and evangelism languishes before their eyes.

God's liberty and blessing will not long remain upon any people who are selfish enough to think that because they earned wealth it is theirs to possess. Let such a people remember Who it is that giveth them power to get gain, lest He take away their stewardship: John Wesley said, "If I die with as much as ten pounds (approximately fifty dollars) count me a robber and a thief." The attitude of every sanctified person toward his possessions is: "It is not mine to do with as I please. It is His for me to employ as shall please Him."

The holy man knows that time is lent to him by God as well as talent and possessions. He not only observes the Sabbath but his whole life is devoted. Through his many earthly duties he prays without ceasing. Man needs to pray just because he is man, having the nature, necessities and privileges that belong to a man in this world. If any man thinks he has not time to pray let him ask, Who gives what time he has, and whether in fact he has time for anything else as long as prayer is neglected. "Let him take time to pray lest God shall give him time to fail in business, to be sick, to suffer and die, and not give him the choice to use the time." Then whose shall those things be that he has been so busy seeking as not to have time for God? Time spent alone with God is the best spent time. Martin Luther said, "I have held many things in my hands and lost them all; but whatsoever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

"Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving is o'er.

"Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look.

Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took."

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SUBMISSION

From vintages of sorrow
Are deepest joys distilled;
And the cup outstretched for healing
Is oft at Marah filled.
God leads to joy through weeping,
To quietness through strife;
Through yielding into conquest;
Through death to endless life.
Be still, He hath enrolled thee,
For the kingdom and the crown.
Be silent, let Him mold thee,
Who calleth thee His own."

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A VOICE FROM THE PAST THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

"For three hundred years the eyes of men have been looking upon this excellent version of the Bible known as King James Version. How many eyes now closed in death have carefully scanned its pages! How many hearts have thrilled with unutterable rapture as they have laid hold of the marvelous truth, and the light of God has come streaming through the Word to their souls! How many weary, worn pilgrims have tarried by the wayside to drink from this fountain of living waters, to be refreshed and strengthened for rugged climbing! How many burdened hearts have gazed into its promise until they have seen Him whose brow is marred more than the sons of men, and at the sight their burdens have rolled off, like that of Bunyan's Pilgrim at the sight of Him who hung on the cross! How many as they have come into the valley, and it seemed as if they might be overshadowed, have marked the lights along the way hung out by this Word; and as the waters have been about their feet, and the spray on their brow, have heard God speak through the words of this Book and have been comforted and strengthened into triumph! How our language has been purified, and human utterance uplifted, and social life made luminous, by the clear, tender, lofty tone of this great Book of sacred history, poetry, and salvation! How the English speaking nations have drunk in its ideals of liberty and brotherhood and jurisprudence! It has passed through almost every conceivable crucible, and has come forth as gold tried in the fire. Every test has added to its luster. It has gone forth conquering its way, and still goes on to conquest. No book has been so assaulted; none has been so vindicated. No book has been so widely read; none held in such sacred confidence and love. No wicked human hate has been able

to destroy or even mar it. It is still a lamp shining into the dark places, guiding the feet of men into the way where there is full-orbed day. Men still find that in the way of these testimonies is great delight and through them is transformation and hope. Many still whisper with sacred awe, 'I will not forget thy word.' " -- P. F. Bresee (Nazarene Messenger, April 13, 1911.)

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WHY DOUBT GOD'S WORD?

It is strange we trust each other,
And only doubt our Lord.
We take the word of mortals
And yet distrust His word;
But oh, what light and glory
Would shine o'er all our days,
If we always would remember
God means just what He says.

-- Rev. A. B. Simpson

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FALSE PROPHETS

H. T. Davis

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false PROPHETS, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect."

The purest saints or the vilest sinners can see we are in the days of great apostasy. Past ages were content to destroy the blood of the saints. This age is only content in destroying the blood of Jesus. The past was content in destroying holy men. This age is making their fight against God. Once the world cried out against impure literature, but today it is popularized, and the world is only content in destroying the Bible. Once men were content in killing the body of men. now they thirst for the soul to destroy and send to hell.

Once the fight of the church was external, now it is internal. Once it was outside the pulpit, now it is inside with a false gospel. Once the fight was outside the CHURCH SCHOOL, now it is inside. Once the fight was largely outside the heart but now people see differently and the fight is a heart battle against God.

The spirit of the age is to undermine the foundation of faith, murder spiritual life, make Christ an impostor, and the blood of no avail. One professed holiness preacher told me the blood of Jesus had no more power to save than a two year old heifer. The desire of many churches is to foster all kinds of worldliness, see how close they can get to the world and survive instead of seeing how close they can get the lost to God. One preacher said Davis can get so close to God he can't win men. The Bible has warnings at every CROSS ROAD for every age and for every

individual in that age. Adam and Eve against fruit -- Cain and Abel in their offering Antidiluvian world in the flood -- our age against rejection of the shed blood, and "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Jesus warns us of this age and of the dangers of now. He tells us "FALSE Christs shall arise, false prophets shall arise and if possible shall deceive the very elect." God has thrown out the danger signal, BEWARE. And the individual that leagues with false standards, worldly churches, schools or colleges and preachers will find their foundation is destroyed, faith wrecked and soul lost.

Luke gives us a picture of those we are warning against. Beware of the scribes which desire to walk in long robes, love greetings in the markets, and the highest seat in the synagogues, and the chief room at the feasts" Luke 20:46-47. Those who clamor for that which they are unworthy. This is a perfect picture of the so-called higher critic -- the holiness fighter -- standard destroyer and God rejecter.

God has not only raised up a standard against sin, but against sinful men, sinful churches, schools, colleges and press. And to deliberately cross that line is suicide to all involved, and murder to our children. Better a thousand times stay out of church than be poisoned by a false preacher -- better never study for the ministry, then to go where the standard is lower than the Bible requirement.

Paul throws out the RED LIGHT, "Beware of dogs," mad dogs, roaring lions (to scare), they bite, devour, sneak behind. Beware lest any spoil you through philosophy, vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and NOT AFTER CHRIST." This word spoil means to make a prey of. And that is where the youth of this country are just now. They are in the hands of ECCLESIASTICAL, EDUCATED ROBBERS -- a compromised, Christless leadership.

The battle today is not to prove the Bible Divinely inspired, but scientists through philosophical speculation are robbing the believer of faith in God and the Bible and filling the mind with heresies. It is just as possible to keep an experience under pool hall, movie and 'hellelevision' environment as present day college or school environment unless it be distinctly and positively a holiness school that lives what they profess. What our children must have, and we as well is, "Thus saith the Lord," and one anywhere that gives them less, whether teacher, preacher or prophet is a blind leader that would lead us all over the abyss to eternal" destruction.

Those born in a holiness church can't appreciate the position of those born among those who would destroy their faith in God and their soul at last. In a great gathering of 3,000 delegates of one denomination, when the battle was on for the spiritual state of the church, I don't think there was more than 25 solid for second blessing holiness and I was a member of that conference.

In another warning Paul says, "In the last days men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, unholy, false accusers, traitors (to men and God), high minded (a head experience instead of heart salvation), lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," -- recreation more than regeneration, social service more than heart salvation. Having a (professed) form of Godliness but denying the POWER THEREOF -- Denying God's power to save, sanctify and keep, denying God's power to save from sin and keep from sinning.

They are men of corrupt minds. God's word says this is "the will of God even your sanctification" and He called us not unto uncleanness but unto holiness, but they are as a cage of unclean birds, or beasts -- reprobate concerning the faith -- have faith of devils and not of God men who resist the truth, fighting the truth of God more than sin, ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." What shall we do with that crowd? Paul answers for us, "From such turn away." God looked down the ages, saw today and warned us to flee from such men; they will deceive the very elect.

But whither shall we flee? Whither shall we house, protect, and educate our children? Outside of holiness schools, churches and pulpits, these are the kind of folks that you and your children must listen to. These are the shepherds (false) of a poor hungry lost world. These are the men who are dictating to the womanhood, manhood, and student body of America. If our children go through this mill, this is the mill from which we will get our preachers, evangelists, and singers. Did you know? Yes, you know! Like produces like. So where will the Bible Mission, cry Church send their children to school?

And in 2 Peter, second chapter, Peter warns us against this same class of men. "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying where is the promise of his coming? There shall be false teachers among you who shall bring in damnable heresies, yes, do it privately, secretly. And you will find those as a rule that deny holiness also deny the second coming of Christ and justification from all sin.

Then Peter says, "Even denying the Lord that bought them." Isn't that true in this day? What does the so-called New Standard Bible teach, and what better the folks that indorse it? And then Peter says, "And many shall follow their pernicious ways." Yes, they can follow the fair, rodeo, stampede, 'Hellelevision,' gangsterism, lust and nudeness, Sabbath day desecration, public debauch, cigarettes and drunkenness and still be Christians (so-called) and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you, whose judgment lingereth not and their damnation slumbereth not."

These are the courteous, the sleek attired, highly polished, superior gentlemen of the day -those with the pious look, in high ecclesiastical positions. Those who win admiration and applause, who flatter to rob, compromise to crucify, deceive and betray. They stampede the crowds by their eloquence to seduce, and blight.

These are the ones that Jude says, "are ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord into lasciviousness. Those who would make Mary a harlot, yes, Christ an illegitimate child. These are the ones that reject the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, deny salvation by the blood of the Christ. They have eliminated regeneration, for social recreation. They have substituted festivities, festivals, fairs, fun and stews for old time salvation and faith in God, substituted card signing for conversion, suppression for eradication of the carnal nature, water baptism for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, power for service for purity of the heart, scholarship for spirituality, college degrees for enthroned Deity and drives and programs for Divine qualification for service.

These are the products of the university and the church college mill that rejects holiness, the second blessing and the second coming of Christ. Yes, Jude had it right. They deny the only Lord God and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They bring Christ to the level of man, make his ancestors apes and monkeys, and make monkeydom equal to God preachers without salvation, blind leaders of the blind. "They are clouds without water," professors without a witness. They give no refreshing rain. They are spiritually dried up to be gathered as tares, trees without fruit for hungry souls, an empty vine with sour grapes, wandering stars in a fog of mist and doubt, wandering without an anchor, without light, for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever and wandering to the judgment to answer for all the souls they have misled.

What hope then is there for those of our day without holiness churches, preachers and schools? None whatever! Better they had never-been born, You can get a holiness preacher out of hell as easily as to get one out of a holiness fighting school or a professed holiness school that does not live it.

Where then will we send our boys and girls to school? If you send them to an independent school or an interdenominational school they will be that when they graduate. If you send them to a denominational school, no matter what one, they will be that when they come home. The field narrows down. Don't be deceived, like will still produce like and God will require it if we fail them.

Thousands are hungering for the Gospel, thousands need to be warned and need to wake up. Seemingly millions do not know the pit falls. Shall the saints of God, the holiness people of the Bible Missionary Church turn their children over to any group, church or state that has wolves in sheep's clothing as teachers or preachers? Shall highly respected sinners be the teachers of our children, shall the deniers of the shed blood and haters of holiness or any other teachers of false doctrine lay their foul hands upon our children? They are sunken rocks over which the old gospel ship is being wrecked and broken. Shall we drift on these rocks? Shall we turn our children into hot beds of infidelity, atheism and higher criticism?

No! A thousand times no! Not if every dollar be earned over the wash tub. Not if we toil till fingers bleed, backs bend with toil or health breaks. No -we'd better go hungry, wear old faded patched clothes. While God gives us breath we will declare for holiness. While life lasts we must support our school at Rock Island. This is a must case, and we must support our missions, churches and preachers.

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WHY OUR STAND AGAINST MAKE-UP

By L. S. Boardman

Someone asked if the Bible condemned the use of make-up or if the firm stand we take is merely a conviction which the holiness people have voluntarily, and by common consent, adopted across the years. I answered by stating definitely that our objection to the use of make-up was based squarely upon the plain emphasis of the Word of God as found in the Bible.

The Bible, we will admit, does not come out in forthright commandment against painting the face, perhaps because during Bible days, even clean-living women of the world, to say nothing of godly women, made no such practice. Hence it was not a problem which the scripture writers had to face. History reveals that the practice of painting one's face in ancient times was the sole indulgence of harlots, particularly among the heathen. It was the advertisement of their illicit pursuit. Actually the painting of the face and lips and eyes was the "shingle" they hung out for the attraction of strangers passing. For these advertising purposes lewd women would paint and deck themselves and sit in front of windows or on balconies in clear view of travelers. The heathen women were the ones to originate these evil practices. The rank and file of American women never made a practice of painting the face or lips until the base characters of Hollywood's sex-crazy "fallen stars" made the practice popular and the cosmetic concerns commercialized on it for profit. The use of make-up has largely developed into common use in the past twenty-five or thirty years.

In view of the fact that the use of make-up has for centuries been a wicked and shameful mark of a fallen woman and at the present time can be considered nothing better than a worldly practice, the spawn of Hollywood's wanton women, such scriptures as I John 2:15-16 cry out in no uncertain tones against its being practiced by women who name the name of Jesus. John says, "Love not the world, **NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD.** If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, **THE LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE,** (these all can well apply to the use of makeup) is not of the Father, but is of the world. Therefore, make-up at its worst is a mark of lust and at its best is a mark of worldly pride." Lust, pride and worldliness, both in habit and appearance, always fall under the stern reprimand of God,

The use of make-up as a means of attracting men is further confirmed by the words of one of the early church fathers, namely Clement of Alexandria. He wrote, "So those women who wear gold, occupy themselves curling at their locks, and engaging in anointing their cheeks, and painting their eyes and dyeing their hair and practicing the other pernicious arts of luxury, decking and covering of flesh -- in truth imitate the Egyptians, **IN ORDER TO ATTRACT THEIR INFATUATED LOVERS.**"

No better advice along this line can be found than that advanced by the apostle Peter in the third chapter of his first epistle, verses three and four, where he states, "Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

In Jeremiah 4:32 the prophet lists some of the things the harlot of his day did for the purpose of soliciting the overtures of men, "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life."

Paul, in Cor. 10:31 told us, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." In the light of this passage, and in view of what we know about the infamous

history of make-up, neither a godly woman nor any other woman could wear such trappings of the world (the mark of the harlot) to the glory of God.

It is an accepted fact that as a rule women who wear make-up love it passionately. The very love they have for make-up condemns its use with the strong language of St. Paul in Col. 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, SET YOUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS OF THE EARTH."

The excellent advice of another early church father, Cyprian, should be echoed and reechoed by all ministers today, for he admonished all, "Be such as God the creator made you; be such as the hand of your father ordained you. Let your countenance remain in you uncorrupt, your neck unadorned, your figure simple; let not wounds be made in your ears, nor let the precious chain or bracelet or necklace circle your arms or your neck; let your feet be free from golden bands, your hair stained with no dye, your eyes worthy of beholding God."

In Isa. 3:9 we read, "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them: and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul!" The countenance obviously is the most wide open window to the true condition of the individual heart, whether it contains pride or humility; whether it be the seat of worldliness or true holiness. A sharp contrast in appearance should ever be kept established between the Second Blessing Holiness, prayer-meeting-people and the worldly, theater-loving crowd. When one cannot pick a holiness woman out of a crowd of worldlings, especially when one knows one is among them, it is hard to believe there is any essential difference between them or that the so-called holiness lady has ever "come out from among them" and become "separate" as the Bible admonishes in II Cor. 6:17. It is no less hard to believe that those who cannot be distinguished from the world are among God's "peculiar people" (Titus 2:14).

It is sad indeed when we see holiness people who one time drew the lines against all of these worldly practices, going back and indulging again in the things they once despised for Paul warns us in Gal, 2:18 that "If I build again "the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor."

Surely no godly woman would want to be associated with Jezebel, the only woman mentioned in the Bible who painted her face and she did it for an evil purpose (II Kings 9:30). She was a heathen and worshipped heathen gods and induced Israel to do the same (I Kings 16:31). She murdered the prophets of God (I Kings 18:13), and with a vow threatened the life of Elijah, one of God's greatest prophets (I Kings 19:1-2). She stirred up her husband Ahab until he became one of the most wicked men of Bible days (I Kings 21: 25). She was a harlot and practiced witchcraft which was forbidden of God (II Kings 9:22). Her name went down as a by-word and synonym for sexual uncleanness as God forbid all forms of "Jezebelism" in the New Testament Church (Rev. 2:20-22).

The holiness people of the old stamp have always held that a painted face or lips is nothing less than an index to a carnal, worldly heart.

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FOURTEEN WAYS TO SPOIL YOUR CHILD

John F. Dorsey

1. Discuss the problems of your church and other Christians in his presence. Especially any wrong that has been done you. This will almost certainly destroy his confidence in other Christians.

2. Try to scare him into obedience by using Jesus or the preacher as a policeman who will "get him" if he disobeys. This will surely warp his emotional attitudes toward Christ and His ministers.

3. Try to correct him by making rash threats that you have no intention of carrying out. He quickly understands you are lying and your words are just so much noise.

4. Be too busy with other children's problems or with trying to get ahead financially to take time to read him bed-time stories, enter occasionally into his play or listen to his tales of woe.

5. Leave all discipline to the other parent. This is a subtle and selfish play to be more popular with him than your mate.

6. Be sure to intervene to stop the other parent when he or she starts to administer needed discipline. Nothing is more certain to produce an undisciplined brat, especially hearing you quarrel about it.

7. When presents have been purchased for special occasions, allow the child to discover that continuous whining and pouting will produce them ahead of time.

8. Fall in with the unscriptural theory that no tendency is to be inhibited or repressed. You will no doubt have a very interesting little demon on your hands very shortly.

9. Do everything you can to discourage any idea of his giving himself to full-time gospel work. Almost anything else pays better money.

10. Pay no attention to the type of books or pictures he enjoys. Never dream of censoring his reading material. This is a free country isn't it?

11. Never consider conquering his will. Let him be boss of the house. Nothing can make it more unlikely that he will ever submit to God.

12. Never force him to taste healthful foods. Give him all the money he wants for candy or soft drinks. They may rot his teeth, ruin his appetite, lower his resistance to childhood diseases and make him more irritable and uncooperative. If you need someone to constantly try your patience he will fill the bill perfectly.

13. Always take your child's part in spats with playmates. Be partial to him in arguments with his brothers and sisters. It is perfectly amazing to watch a Child who knows he is a privileged character.

14. If the teacher disciplines your child, never try to find out why. Just blindly and angrily take the child's part and bawl the teacher out in front of the whole class.

This is not a complete list, but if you do this much faithfully, other ways will be suggested, Use your emotions instead of your intelligence. Never be consistent. Be sure to profess more religion than you live. It is then easy to make him believe that everyone else is a hypocrite also, and "will considerably decrease the likelihood that he will ever take the way of repentance, discipline, self-denial and holiness. -- From The Revival Herald

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GOD CONSCIOUS

By Dr. C. E. Hardy

The United States of America is known by all as a Christian nation. Someone has said that it was born in prayer, that the early settlers had prayer before they ever selected a place to live, or build their homes. It is a historical record that our founders put God first, which was evidenced by their loyalty to worship, and that God was first in all their social life, in business and governmental affairs. The revolutionary war was fought by depending upon God, and not altogether on a well trained, and a well equipped army. Its Commander-in-chief after seeing the bloody foot prints of his tattered, torn and underfed soldiers, in the snow and ice, was seen alone in prayer and in substance prayed, "Oh, God if I am right, help me win, if I am wrong, let me lose." No doubt the answer was manifested in his glorious victory. When the Continental Congress met to perfect the union of the colonies, the vexing problems were so discouraging, until the members were about to disband, then Benjamin Franklin reminded them that there was one thing they had not done and that was to pray. After the prayer, the Constitution, the greatest of all political documents, was immediately adopted. They believed that it was a child of providence. Today the loyal and patriotic citizens of this United States believe the same. Believing that the principals embodied in this document have made this the greatest of all human government, and has carried us through many a dark period victoriously, and accepting the Constitution as our hope for the future we require our President when he is taking the Oath of Office to lay his hand on the Bible and affirm that he will uphold and defend it. So anxious were our founding fathers when shaping and forming this government, that the United States placed its trust in God and recognized the Deity of Jesus Christ, that our currency has on it this inscription, "IN GOD WE TRUST," and that in all of our transactions we must recognize the date of the birth of our Lord.

With these briefly stated historical facts, these alone should be enough to convince fair-minded thinking people that our government was founded on the principals of the Bible with emphasis on the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our founders believed that God was a sovereign God. They believed that the "winds and waves" on the troubled bosom of the unknown seas would have to obey Him. The hazards and perils of the unexplored lands to which they were going did not phase them, though they walked through the valley of the shadow of death, His rod and staff

comforted them. God as a sovereign God may control nations and determine their destinies. He is not a God of war but may allow them and has done so in the past. He has used war to carry out His plan and thereby destroy those who hindered Him, and thereby protect His chosen people. The Psalmist tells us that he makes "wars to cease," "He scatters people who delight in war." When He ushers in universal peace, the nations shall, "beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks neither shall they learn war any more."

Our political, military leaders and scientists are telling us of some dark possibilities, which may lead to not only the destruction of cities, nations and may be the complete destruction of the entire human race. We are told by our leaders that we are facing the darkest period in our history. Our Lord in Luke 21:25 gives us the condition of nations just before He comes, "men's hearts failing them -- distress of nations with perplexity." These things are on us, every nation is distressed and perplexed. At this time we need to be God conscious. We need to recognize His presence. We need to know that "the hand of our God is upon them for good that seek Him, and that His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him." There are several organizations and movements and some take the name Christian and as far as I know, I can bid them God speed and ask His blessings on them, it seems however that their objective is to arouse the citizen of America to the sense of danger in Communism, and to let them see what it is. They seem to hope to defeat it by arousing our patriotism, and thereby bring pressure to bear on our leaders and we will defeat it in that way. Why not spend as much or more time in getting the people to be God conscious, for "the battle is the Lord's"; He saves not by "sword and spear." I must confess I am not of those who believe we should not spend anything on preparedness, but if a small fraction of the amount which is being spent on preparedness was spent to get the people to be God conscious, this no doubt would produce a better morale and patriotism than anything we could do. Anything which will make us God conscious, that is that "the battle is God's," "that it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." That He is our God and has not forsaken His own, will arouse in all true and God fearing citizens as great, or a greater degree of loyalty, and true patriotism as our founders had, or as that which the underfed, poorly equipped, and untrained revolutionary soldiers had.

God has not left us in darkness as to the outcome of present conditions. There are plenty of scriptures which will give us an insight to the future, but the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel give God's plan to defeat and destroy atheistic nations which are the leaders in the present disturbance. God here speaking by the prophet said, "He is against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief Prince of Meshech, and Tubal," who had started in one direction, but God puts a hook in his jaw and turns him in another. Gog means a prince of the country which at the present time is occupied by Russia. The countries which are named with Gog, occupied the same as the present allies of Russia. They evidently had started East, but are turned back westward to the mountains, and unwalled, but secure cities above Jerusalem, that once desolate country only occupied by a nomad race of people, which are now considered because of their oil, the wealthiest nations in the world. An evil thought comes to Gog, and they go here for a prey, a spoil, no doubt for the oil. Here God defeats them, not by implements of war, but by performing the miracles of nature, not a gun was fired, or bomb exploded. In the 39th chapter they go back in the same direction, but go further south this time in the land of Palestine. Again God defeats and destroys them, and we repeat, not by implements of war or the help of nations. God destroys Gog and his great host and they are buried in the land of Israel, Ezekiel 39: 11. He defeats them in the eyes of many nations that they may

know "that I am the Lord," and that He is the "Lord of Israel." It must be understood by the reader that these things have never come to pass, that they are yet in the future, they are to come to pass in "the latter years," Ezekiel 38:8.

The present leader of the communistic nations was quoted by the press as saying he would, or Communism would bury America. Let those who do not know where he will be buried read Ezekiel 39:11. There they will see where the prince, who ever he may be at that time, and his multitude will be buried. We see in these two chapters the last stand of Russia. As we see it the public is unduly excited over the probability of the complete destruction of cities, nations and the human race. No doubt "men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:26 They are spending millions of dollars building fall out shelters and other things to protect them from the things coming upon the earth. If we were God conscious we would remember the promise He made to Noah, Gen. 8:21. The judgment of nations in Matt. 25: 31-46 assures us that only the nations on the Judge's left will be destroyed and the nations on his right will receive the kingdom which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world. No, there is no Bible proof that the God fearing and serving nations will ever be destroyed. "For I believe God," Acts 27,:25. God fearing nations are always ready to work for true peace and liberty. They are liberty loving and peaceful nations.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

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BURT'S SLOW GROWING PLANT

"Mother! Father!" Jack said excitedly as he burst into the kitchen. "Aunt Tilda has another new boy at her house. May Carla and I go over to play?"

"Please, Mother!" begged the slender girl Carla. "He's fine looking, Mother. Not at all like Dick was when Aunt Tilda first took him," began the lanky boy Jack.

"No! You can't go!" Mrs. Worth said sourly. "Now, nor ever!" father emphatically said.

"But, but, Father, Mother! "Why?" Jack began again. "Dick really turned out fine. Why, he's, he's a preacher and a truly good man today."

"Makes no difference," the Mother said sternly. "He was a bad boy once and that's what he'll always be so far as your father and I are concerned!"

"But that's not fair nor . . . right, Mother," Carla said softly, "for he found the Lord Jesus Christ in saving grace, and he certainly did change, and is a really respected citizen today; and then Marilyn, too, got saved and is all changed since old Tilda got her. Why, she's the best nurse at City Hospital. You read what the newspaper said about her."

"Sometimes I don't know what to think of that old woman," said father. "She's forever taking in delinquents and waifs since her husband died. Now this again!" and he sighed a big, heavy sigh.

"She told us only last Sunday in our class that we should do unto others as we wanted them to do to us," Jack said quietly, "and I guess she's just practicing what she preaches. Since her Johnny died she feels she owes it to others to help them out of their troubles and heartaches."

"Well, just don't you get it into your head that you're going to make friends with anybody she takes in. Do you hear? Both of you!" commanded the stern father and mother.

A hurt sigh issued forth from Carla and she walked thoughtfully out to the porch swing and her waiting book, with Jack just behind her.

The two sat down on the big swing in bitter thought. Finally Jack broke the silence with:

"Sometimes I wish I were one of those boys or girls who live over at Matilda Goodheart's house! They're happy! She's kind and good and . . . and . . . patient with them. She makes saints out of them!"

"No, not she!" came Carla's quick reply. "As she so often says 'It's Jesus, boys and girls! Jesus makes a saint out of a sinner!' She only helps the Lord Jesus to make them good."

"I almost hate this place," Jack said thoughtfully "Why, Betty and John are allowed to play with the boys and girls 'Tilda takes in.'"

"Yes, I know that," Carla began. "Both Betty and John's Mother and Father are Christians and they watch closely as the children play."

"But they're not getting scolded, jumped on and hollered at all the time," again Jack said bitterly. "I'm tired of this and some day I'm going to run away from home" And he stomped off the porch to find a shady spot and pout as Carla became deeply absorbed in her book.

"Hi there!" trilled a soft, melodic voice. Carla looked up in time to see Betty and John Start looking in through the palings of the picket fence.

"Hi!" she called cheerily "Where are you going?"

"Oh, we're going over to help cheer Burt up. Old Matilda's got her another boy since two weeks ago, and Betty and I always try to help Aunt 'Tilda revo . . . revo . . ." John stuttered.

"Revolutionize," Betty slowly pronounced.

"That's it," John said brightly "We try to help by being kind and loving. Burt's mother and father are both drunkards and just allowed the children to do anything they wanted to do, and one night Burt got into trouble and was put in a home for bad boys, so when old 'Tilda heard about him,

she prayed and asked the Lord's guidance. She said she felt like she should try to raise Burt right. So he's there now. Want to go over and meet him? Betty and I've been going over every day since he came. We take our Bible story book along and Betty reads to us for a long, long time," and a pleased boyish grin played across his face as he said it.

"I can't go," Carla began sadly. "I really do want to go, but Mother and Father say he's a very bad boy and Jack and I must never go near him. Oh, Betty, I wish you and John would pray for Father and Mother They're so cross and . . . and . . . hard," she almost whispered it.

"Why, of course we will," said the blue-eyed, radiant Betty "Maybe they're under conviction like you were one time too. But now we must be going or Burr will feel we've forgotten him, and Aunt Tilda said we must help plant confidence in him. No one seems to have believed in him and he has no confidence in himself now."

"Good-bye, Carla," John called as they rounded the small bend in the lane.

"Maybe some other time you may go," Betty called.

Burt was sitting beneath the apple tree in the yard waiting for Betty and John As they entered the seclusion of the blossoming branches Burt whispered softly:

"Sit down and be real quiet! Hear them?" he asked after the two were settled on the soft, cool grass near the trunk of the big tree.

"Hear what?" asked John. "The bees," Betty said softly. "Just listen to them! There must be hundreds of them up in the tree gathering the sweet apple blossom nectar for their honey."

For a long time the trio sat silently -- listening to the soft hum . . . m . . . hum . . . m and buzz., buzz., buzz of the bees. A playful summer breeze skipped lightly by, carelessly ruffling Betty's long brown hair and causing a shower of pink and white satiny petals to flutter gently to, the earth below, spreading a carpet of velvet all around them. Lovingly Betty gathered a handful and placed their satiny cool petals to her face and lips as she inhaled deeply of the perfume. It was Burr who broke the silence and the spell.

"Know somethin?" he asked. "I really like it here! Aunt Matilda's wonderful and I... I'm beginning to feel that life is really worthwhile. This morning in family devotions I prayed clear through! I got saved, John and Betty[I've never known a joy and peace such as I now have and I don't ever, ever want to leave 'Aunt Matilda," and he looked fondly to the old rocker in the big front porch where 'Aunt Matilda' sat crocheting.

"Why, Burt," Betty began as tears flowed freely down her face. "That's wonderful! The angels in Heaven have been rejoicing all day over your being born again or saved! Praise the Lord!" she added reverently.

"I knew you'd find Jesus soon!"

After John and Betty had gone home, Burt sat by Aunt Matilda on the porch. Very thoughtfully and slowly he said:

"Aunt 'Tilda, I was just thinking -- wondering I guess you'd say. For days I've tried to make friends with Carla and Jack but they just won't let me be friends. Why? Why, Aunt 'Tilda? Do you know?"

"Burt," and the be-spectacled elderly lady looked toward the garden as she continued softly and kindly, "you remember the garden you've planted for me?"

"Why yes, I do," he answered. "You remember the onions, radishes, and carrots you've sown and the tomatoes and beans you planted?"

"Yes."

"Well, some plants grow faster than others and some seeds germinate quicker than others too. You planted a garden some years ago. You didn't mean to plant bad seeds but you did; and those dirty bad seeds made you grow filthy weeds and bad plants -- in your life, that is -- as a result, people remember you for those bad things. Oh, I know you're different now and will be different from here on out since you found Jesus, but people will have to see your good plants or good fruits being produced before they'll have confidence in you, Burr. Confidence is a slow, s-l-o-w growing plant, but it's beautiful when grown. Now it's up to you to produce that beautiful plant by proving to Carla and Jack that you have been transformed and changed. Soon they will believe in you. Already you have been producing good fruits on this plant. Never forget, dear boy, reputation is what people think we are, but character is what we know we are."

"Oh, Aunt Matilda!" said the boy excitedly, "I see it all so plainly now. I must live a good, clean, consistent, Holy life like you and Betty and John have been living, then people who are watching me will see it and build up confidence in me."

"That's right," said the lady, starry-eyed. "Matthew 5:16 says, 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven!'"

"I'll do just that by being good and kind and loving like Jesus. Aunt 'Tilda, may I please make some lemonade and take some of your cookies to Jack and Carla and tell them what Jesus did for my soul, and that [love them."

"You certainly may, Burt," she said motherly, then prayerfully added, "and may God be with you, and help you, and make you a great blessing for Him!"

She heard him say softly to himself, "Confidence plant! You grow slowly, but you're going to grow deeply and firmly."

A soft whistle came floating through the house; Aunt Matilda prayerfully folded her wrinkled old hands and bowed her head as tears of gratitude and joy flooded her happy heart. Another prodigal had come back to Father's house and was safely sheltered in the fold.

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TELEVISION

"On a single Saturday recently no fewer than 39 shows with varying degrees of violence (from 30 minutes to two hours in length) were shown on independent and net work stations in the New York area alone and the bloody procession continued on all channels throughout the following week."

"A recent survey in Los Angeles covering TV fare for one week, up to the hour of 9 p.m. (when the smaller children presumably go to bed), logged 161 murders (500 per cent more than five years ago), 60 "justifiable" homicides, 192 attempted murders, 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 24 conspiracies to commit murder, 21 jail breaks, 7 attempted lynchings, 6 dynamitings, 11 extortions, 2 cases of arson, and 2 instances of torture, not to mention uncountable numbers of prolonged and brutal fights, threats to kill, sluggings and maulings and innumerable unspecified indignities inflicted indiscriminately on men, women, and children." --Marvin Barrett in Newsweek, October 13, 1958.

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