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## More GROWTH in the Church of God

*Another local Elder has been ordained! A new local church has  
begun on the other side of the earth!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

**P**RAY ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Mat. 9:38).

Have YOU been praying that God would provide more ministers and elders for His Church? The need was *never greater!*

After reporting in an accompanying article the ordinations of Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Frank McCrady as local elders, it is a real privilege and blessing to be able to tell you brethren at the same time of *another* ordination. God is beginning to raise up more local elders in the various local congregations—and many more are *very much needed*.

### New Local Elder in Portland

God's church in Portland, Oregon, is one of our largest and fastest growing. The attendance there is about 220 persons each Sabbath. Yet it has not had a resident minister for some time.

Mr. David Antion, Ambassador College graduate and Associate Pastor of the Portland church, reports that this church has great potential for growth if there were a full-time pastor and more local elders to help in visiting prospective members. Although Mr. Basil Wolverton has served as a local elder in this church for years, his time is now very largely taken up doing the writing and art work

for "The Bible Story" appearing serially in "The PLAIN TRUTH."

And now, at last, Mr. Raymond Cole, Pastor of all three churches in Oregon and supervisor over all the ministers in the field, has been able to send us this happy announcement: "On January 30, 1960, Mr. Les McColm was ordained as a local elder of the Portland Church of God. This service proved to be far more than expected. Not only did it add much needed help, but was a very great spark of encouragement and enthusiasm for the entire membership of the Portland church. Many tears of joy were wept by those who love and respect highly the wisdom, judgment and willingness of Mr. McColm. In all, let us not forget to mention the admirable assistance rendered by Mrs. McColm in these endeavors. She is a warm, affable, loving and hospitable member—inspiring both men and women alike."

Let us *rejoice*, brethren, that God has provided this much-needed help in Portland. And let us PRAY for Mr. McColm, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McCrady and all of the new elders and ministers in God's Church that God will give them the extra wisdom, understanding, love and spiritual *power* that they need in this high office.

Mr. Raymond Cole also reports that on Sabbath, February 6, he ordained Mr.

Arne Larsen as a deacon of the Eugene Church of God. Mr. Larsen has been in the Eugene church for seven or eight years, and has been an inspiring example of spiritual growth and service to everyone. God speed, Mr. Larsen, in your new charge in God's service!

May God grant that the example set by these men and others will inspire *more* of you brethren to GROW in real spiritual understanding, maturity and dedication so that more elders and deacons may be ordained in many of our local churches. They are *very much needed!*

### New Church in Sydney, Australia

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, minister in charge of God's work in Australia, reports that the first full-fledged church services there were held in Sydney on the Sabbath, January 30. There were exactly 30 people in attendance—19 adults and 11 children. This is more than we had in the London church for some time in its beginning stages, and Mr. Waterhouse is very encouraged by this start in Australia and looks for tremendous growth in the future.

So now the Philadelphia era of God's Church has a local congregation *on the other side of the earth!* Let us give God THANKS and PRAISE for working through the few of us to accomplish such a *great*

work around this earth! And let us PRAY for this new church in Sydney—and for Mr. Waterhouse and for Mr. Frank Longuskie in their efforts in God's service in the Australian continent.

For any of you who may know Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Longuskie personally, we would like to encourage you to *write them* a friendly letter at Box 345, P.O., North Sydney, Australia. Let them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them! Australia is a *long way* from home.

However, Mr. Waterhouse reports that he has been kept extremely busy in the work of God there and that he is much encouraged by the progress so far. Mr. Charles Hefner has arrived there safely and is thrilled with the opportunity to serve in the Australian office and in "dubbing" the transcription tapes for the Australian broadcast.

God has certainly blessed these three men—and His work—in Australia with a *very fine* office location. Our offices in Australia are located in the "MLC" Building overlooking famous old Sydney Bridge and Sydney Bay. The Radio Church of God offices are located on the sixth floor and our men have a beautiful panoramic view of Sydney Bay. We have three offices and a small reception room—including an executive office for Mr. Waterhouse, a large mailing office for mailing out the magazines and other literature, and a transcription room where Mr. Hefner will transcribe our broadcasts from one tape onto several other tapes to send them to the Australian stations. (This, incidentally, is saving us *thousands* of dollars!)

The accompanying photos will give you an idea of how God has blessed His work from its inception in Australia and has opened up these fine offices for our use. The work of God is starting later in that continent than in other areas of Israel, but it is starting with a "bang," so to speak!

Now that we're on an entire chain of Australian stations six nights a week, the mail is pouring in in increasing amounts. And—as you brethren should know—we're also in the Australian edition of the "Reader's Digest." The first issue containing our printed message was just recently out on the newsstands there, and from early reports our Sydney office has probably received *several hundred* requests for literature already as a result of this first "ad" or printed message in "Reader's Digest!" In his reports to us, Mr. Waterhouse is already talking of needing *additional help* for God's work and office in Australia!

We should *THANK* God that He has *blessed* and *empowered* His work in such a marvelous way in its beginning stages

on the Australian continent! Only through HIS power are so few of us able to accomplish such a globe-girdling mission! This is not just "pretty talk" but a *FACT*, brethren.

There is probably no other activity on earth where so few people with so little money are able to accomplish so much. Although not usually thought of in the miraculous category, this is a *real* MIRACLE, nevertheless, when you really *understand* and *comprehend* the magnitude of what God Almighty, the great Ruler of the universe, is doing through the few of us—His humble servants on earth!

#### News From the Local Churches

Mr. Jon Hill, pastor of the churches in Gladewater and Minden while Mr. Ken Swisher is in Pasadena for the Ambassador College Graduate School Session, reports that these churches are coming along fine—and that they were encouraged by an unusual procedure during our recent ministerial conference in January. During the conference, some of our deacons—as an emergency measure—were called on to bring the messages in these two churches.

Mr. Roy Hammer gave a message dealing with the growth of the work and news from the headquarters' church where he had recently been visiting. Mr. Buck Hammer devoted a full message in both Minden and Gladewater on the topic: "Rejoice in God's Sabbath!" Mr. Wid Boyce, another deacon in the Gladewater church, gave a sermonette in both Minden and Gladewater on the topic: "What Clothes Will You Wear in the Kingdom of God?" using an analogy of the physical to explain the spiritual.

All of these messages, it is reported, were very well received by the brethren. And it was encouraging to them to realize that many dedicated men are coming along in God's Church who may be called on to speak and serve at various occasions in the future.

A wonderful recent healing was also reported by Mr. Jon Hill: "Mrs. Niel Palmer of Cullen, La., was healed miraculously of the Asian flu complicated with a serious side effect which had brought her near death. I arrived Friday midnight to anoint her. She improved a little, then got worse. Her husband called early Saturday evening saying it looked very bad and wanted to know what to do. I advised him to pray for God to strengthen him and then to read aloud some of the Psalms to her . . . immediately she fell asleep and **WOKE UP WELL THE NEXT MORNING**. He called me about 9:00 A.M. to tell me. This strengthened him and me—perhaps it will others."

Let us be *THANKFUL*, brethren, for these blessings and healings God continues to grant us—even though He does often try our faith in many of these instances. Instead of letting these trials overcome us, let us *rejoice* in what God is doing—and look forward in faith for what we know He will do for us according to His many blessed promises.

Mr. Wayne Cole reports the happy news of another ordination of a deacon—this time in God's church in Pittsburgh, Pa. On the Sabbath, January 30, 1960, Mr. Kenneth Iiams was ordained as the first deacon of God's church in Pittsburgh. Mr. Cole reports that he has known Mr. Iiams since June of 1956 when he was attending the church in Portland, Oregon, before moving east. He has long been a zealous and faithful member of God's church—and now his ordination into the office of deacon will give Mr. Iiams even greater responsibility in the direct service of Christ.

#### Healings and Blessings in the New York Church

From New York City—America's "Babylon the Great!"—Mr. Carlton Smith reports: "The people in the New York church are still showing a great deal of enthusiasm, and many have expressed to me with much joy and happiness how much they have profited from learning and applying God's truth in their lives. Many have been beset with emotional problems as a result of being brought up in this great metropolis, and have been amazed (and thankful) as to how God has been able to straighten out their messed-up lives, how He has freed them from fears, worries and tensions, and replaced them with joy and peace of mind.

"There has been one outstanding healing here recently. Mrs. Lora Bruner, an elderly woman in her eighties, had been suffering from a severe case of arthritis for the past eight years. She had been taking medicines for her condition, but had not been made better. Instead she grew worse year by year until the drugs had no effect in killing the pain. On the 8th of January, I went to her home in Peekskill, New York, and anointed her.

She had requested me to come and had already thrown away her medicines when I arrived. And prior to that time she said she could not sit through the Sabbath services without almost unbearable pain and misery. For the past two sabbaths she has sat through the two hours without any pain. *God has certainly healed her!* She is one of our very zealous, humble members who attends services every Sabbath—and did even while she was ridden with pain."

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# The EVIDENCE of a Christian— *Hard Work!*

by Garner Ted Armstrong

**A**RE YOU denying Christ? "Certainly not!" you hasten to answer. But wait!

Jesus Christ came to this earth to set us an *example* that we should follow in His steps. He lived an active, vigorous life—a life filled with *ZEAL*, with *robust health*, and real live *vitality*! It may come as a *shock* to realize that perhaps YOU have been denying your very Saviour!

First and foremost, Jesus Christ came teaching *OBEDIENCE* to God the Father. His message was concerned with a *WAY* of life! That *way* of life was not only *taught* by Jesus—it was *LIVED* by Him—perfectly! The ten great commandments, which are living, irrevocable *LAWS*—express the very *root and foundation* of that *WAY* of obedience. Christ said "If you love me, *KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS*" (John 14:15). One of those commandments is a sign of identification between God and His true people. And yet—it seems that some have *OVERLOOKED* a part of this great *LAW*. Piercing the very core of all human disregard and laziness comes the reverberating *THUNDER* in the voice of the *GREAT CREATOR* of this universe! "SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR, and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:9).

**DARE** we disobey this direct *COMMAND*?

## A Message About *WORK*

The most well-balanced man *who ever lived* was Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Had you ever realized that fact? Jesus said He was sent to this earth to "*work the works* of the Father," who had sent Him! (John 9:4) His *message* was concerned with *ZEALOUS WORK*!

Read again an example Christ used to illustrate His message in Matthew 21:28-31. Notice, ". . . a certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go *work* today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, *I go, sir: and went not.*"

Christ's next question was "Which of the two did the will of the father?" *Read* the answer in your own Bible! The *first*, of course! Even though he had first refused—he repented, and then *DID* something about it. But the other son—

though *professing* to obey—*DID NOT work!*

Some of *you* may be in danger of showing God *BY YOUR WORKS* that *you* belong in the *SAME* status as the second son!

Perhaps you have *seen* the truth! Being able to *SEE* the difference between the pagan doctrines of demons and the very precious *TRUTH* of God, you nod your head—you're willing to "go along" with it. Many have been able to *SEE* the truth of God by the *REASONING* of their minds—but, in actual *practice*—they deny the very truth which they profess—*BECAUSE THEY REFUSE TO WORK* at the business of being a Christian, to *SHOW God they really mean it!* (Titus 1:16.)

## Paul's Admonition

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians, exhorted them to either *WORK*—or not eat! "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, *working not at all*, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we *COMMAND* and *EXHORT* by our Lord Jesus Christ that with *quietness* they *WORK*, and eat their *own bread* . . . and if any man obey not our word by this epistle, *note* that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed" (II Thes. 3:11-14).

Of course, many brethren leave their jobs because they have found they must keep God's weekly and annual Sabbaths. That is unfortunate—but absolutely *RIGHT* in God's sight. However, after being *without* a job for some time, they get into *wrong habits*. They begin to relax, to "take it easy." Discouragement comes with the lack of work, and human nature begins to play its old tricks once more. With the time being wasted as it drifts by, they begin to *FIND FAULT* with others. This is *invariably* the result of idleness!

The life of idleness and ease leads to *GOSSIP* and roots of bitterness! (I Tim. 5:13.) Some of *YOU BRETHREN* have been living in *idleness*! Can you take correction? Can you receive chastisement? (Heb. 12:1-11.)

God commands us to be *QUIET*—to *quit criticizing others*—to do our own business, and to *WORK WITH OUR HANDS* that we may *have*, in order to give! (I Thess. 4:11-12.) Every single minute you *refuse* to *WORK* for your daily needs, to busily engage yourself in whatever

job you can obtain—no matter what obstacle—you *are denying your very Saviour!*

The life of a Christian is not easy! Christ did not *SAY* it would be *EASY*. He said we are to "count the cost" of living in the only way which can bring real happiness (Luke 14:28). God has promised to supply *every need* of those who put their faith in Him. But that faith *cannot be a DEAD faith!* Read again the second chapter of James. It was the *WORKS* together with Abraham's faith that really counted!

## How to Solve Your Work Problems

If you have left your former job because of the Sabbath—God expects you to find another! Perhaps you must take a lower salary at first. The question is: *DO YOU BELIEVE GOD?* He says He'll supply all your needs—but He demands *PROOF* of your intent. God wants to see some *WORKS* along with that faith! He *will* supply every physical need, *BUT ONLY AS YOU REALLY DESERVE THEM!*

Take for example the man who was forced to quit work in a factory which manufactured implements of war. After quitting his job, he realized he must find another. He chose farming, since he felt he could best put his talents to work in that field. A drought came—he lost everything. With winter approaching, the situation was desperate. But—he didn't gripe! *He didn't begin to criticize others*—but he set his jaw and said, "I WILL MAKE IT—SOMEHOW!"

Perhaps you've heard it said before that *any* old dead fish can float downstream. But it takes a very *lively* fish to swim *upstream*, fighting the many cataracts and falls in its path! Yes—it's *easy* to go along the line of least resistance—lazily *ALLOWING OTHERS* to keep pushing us along. But the man who will look coldly at his problem—analyze it, and *DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT*, is the man God will bless abundantly!

There may be instances when obtaining a job will be quite difficult. Perhaps a man is forced to occupy himself in some manner of work which is out of his particular line. But, in throwing himself *completely* into the task at hand, in determining to *MAKE IT—SOMEHOW*, he will find the opportunities opening before him, and blessings he had never dreamed were possible! *WHATSOEVER*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Message Spreading

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I can tell by the radio log that this message of the Kingdom of God is truly spreading. Six years ago I could only hear the broadcast over one station in this area. Now I can hear seven programs in an 18 hour period. All this without loss of time from my regular work."

Man from Mena, Arkansas

### Blessed by Anointed Cloth

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I received your letter and cloth some time ago. I carried everything out as you said and I am more than grateful to say I haven't had one pain in my stomach since then. I thank God for giving you and your family the power and faith to intercede for us."

Woman, Seneca, S.C.

### Total Change

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I wish to thank you, and above all, God, for the light brought to me through the medium of your radio talks from Lourenco Marques, and The PLAIN TRUTH. I hope to give you shortly a full account of the total change that came into my life."

Resident of Pretoria, South Africa

# "I Just Didn't Think"

*Here is an intriguing insight into human nature and what YOU can do about it, by the Dean of Students at Ambassador College.*

by Jack R. Elliott

**C**HILDREN seem such lovable creatures, but have you ever noticed the selfishness in their little hearts?

When a dessert dish is passed around the table, they usually take the most appetizing piece without giving a thought about what is left for the next fellow. Or when Johnnie arrives home from school and enters the pantry, he will take an abundance of fruit, not thinking whether there will be enough left for Dad, Mom, and Sis.

When you show him his selfishness, he will defend himself by saying, "Oh, I'm not selfish! I just didn't think."

I JUST DIDN'T THINK—that is the best definition of selfishness I know.

What he means to say is "I just didn't think of them. I was only concerned about MYSELF."

### How Selfishness Acts

The carnal mind which is in everyone of us has a deep rooted concern for "self." Certain privileges and courtesies are extended to others, certainly; but there is no serious concern for their welfare.

Take the typical example of a man late for work—speeding at 45 mph in a 25 mph zone. Here are some of the thoughts that whirl through his mind: "If my wife were a little more efficient, and had prepared my breakfast earlier, I wouldn't have been late . . . Why can't wives be more efficient? . . . That old lady driving the car up ahead, she is just poking along. I wonder how she got a driver's license anyway. The community would be better off if she and her old rattle trap were not allowed on the road (blows horn loud and long). . . . Ah, at last! I made it around her . . . What time is it? Oh my! Fifteen minutes late already . . . Now look! A red light. Why in the world do these city officials put a red light out here in the middle of nowhere!"

Had a child run across the street and been hit by this driver, while he was speeding along with his mind fastened on HIMSELF, he would have declared sadly that it was an "unavoidable accident." He would have resented it if anyone would dare term it carelessness. Yet that is what it would be—selfish

carelessness, which is another way of saying lack of proper consideration for others brought on by over consideration for "self."

Never would such a man look back over the morning's activities and see that by arising a little earlier and leaving home at a more appropriate hour he could have had enough time to take out for the other fellow *as well as* himself. Even though he was late for work, that was no excuse for him to be so inconsiderate of the others' welfare.

### Love Means Consideration

Most of us have only a vague idea of what true love is. Love is not some sentimental feeling veiled in sanctimonious action.

True love is the deep down, mature, logical concern for those around us. It is lived actively by endeavoring to discipline ourselves so that our actions are guided by the desires and welfare of others *as well as* our own.

The human way, on the other hand, is not like God's love. People who "just don't think" often times don't realize how much suffering they cause others as a result of their selfishness. Aunt Jennie may have said nothing the day you sat with dirty clothes in her prize lounge chair, or the time you walked across her clean floor with mud on your shoes. Nevertheless it hurt her. Just because she said nothing does not mean that she will not long remember it.

### Natural Mind Doesn't Agree with God

Viewed through the natural human carnal eye, God is a conceited monarch who wants us to give up all happiness and a "carefree" life in order to perform acts that are not to our best interest just to appease His vanity. They view God as a God of hate, not love. They reason that if He were love, He would let them have their own way and be selfish.

The only consolation they have is that God appears to be so weak and the devil is giving Him so much trouble that He seldom gets a chance to punish people when they fail to appease him! Yet, they believe that it does not pay to spite Him too much because He may

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# Recent Ministerial Conference *a Big Success*

*Vital new truths were brought to light and important decisions were made in this year's conference of God's ministers!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

FROM all parts of the United States, and from overseas, came the true ministers of Jesus Christ. They came to *God's Headquarters* at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

They came so that the dynamic, vital "Philadelphia" era of God's Church (see Rev. 3:7-13) might continue to be the POWERFUL instrument God intends in carrying His Message to all the world. They came so that the "unity of the Spirit"—the *oneness* of mind and attitude which has typified this Church—might always continue.

These ministers of the Most High God ranged in age from 24 to 67. Yet they were *all* wise beyond their years, for they were imbued with the *eternal* wisdom of God. Most of these men were in their thirties, as were the original apostles of Christ during the early years of the New Testament Church.

This group showed the *energy, initiative* and *alertness* of dedicated young men. But it had also the ripe *experience, wisdom* and *judgment* that comes with age. This group reflected *ability* and *capability*—but also the rare *understanding* that even their combined efforts could accomplish NOTHING spiritually apart from the *guidance* and *power* of God, and complete *submission* to His will.

Weak as we are, personally and humanly, God's Spirit was present and was directing the recent conference of His ministers at Pasadena. It is in that POWER of His Spirit that this Church shall go forward to even greater accomplishment in the coming year!

## New Knowledge and New Plans

The annual ministerial conferences give God's ministers an opportunity to discuss and go through various points of scripture and to come to new understanding on various topics each year. This year, Mr. Armstrong led the conference in a discussion on various points of prophecy and on the subjects of divine healing, vows and Sabbath-keeping.

Now, God's ministers have a better understanding and knowledge of certain vital truths brought out in the minor prophets. Many of you local church members should be getting some interesting sermons on these subjects! And, as soon as possible, we will write up this infor-

mation in future articles in The GOOD NEWS. The article on vows already appeared in the previous issue.

On the subject of healing, we came to a better understanding and a realization of the nature of divine healing. But we also know that all of us—*certainly including everyone of you members*—need to pray more *earnestly* that we will have even more love and living FAITH so that this blessing may be manifested in even greater power in the years to come. The indication of the Bible and prophecy is that God's church will be given greater POWER in these miraculous gifts toward the end of the age. But we must be *willing* instruments, and do our part with *zeal* and *humility*!

Many plans were made for the future expansion of God's work—for more local churches, for more schools, for the work and college in Britain. Again this year, we are planning to send out *four* full summer's baptizing tours from coast to coast and up into Canada!

Detailed information on these future plans will be given later on because some changes will probably have to be made before summer. But all of you brethren should be *praying* that God will make possible the raising up of as many churches as He deems wise at this time, and that everyone who is sincerely interested may be contacted by one of our baptizing tours this summer.

## Social Events Limited

This year, because Mr. Armstrong felt it was not advisable for our ministers to leave their churches for more than one Sabbath, and because of the expense involved in transporting entire families to Pasadena, the ministers were not able to bring their wives and families to attend the recent conference. However, there were some social events planned for God's ministers—because nearly all of them have come through Ambassador College and look on this as a second "home." And we all *should* have that feeling of being one "family" and enjoy our fellowship and social events with each other in God's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Hoeh both had luncheons for the ministers in their homes—resulting in much good fellowship as well as the

eating of delicious food! The Ambassador Woman's Club entertained with a tea for the ministers' wives who live here locally, and for one or two who were able to come in.

Perhaps the social highlight of the conference was a buffet dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong for all of the ministers and their wives. It was an evening of wonderful fellowship.

## Two New Local Elders

Attending their first ministerial conference this January were two new local elders in God's Church. They are Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Frank McCrady. Both of them had been very zealous members of their own local churches and natural leaders before being ordained to full-time work in Christ's ministry.

There is special cause for *rejoicing* in the case of Mr. Harold Jackson, as he is the first Negro ever to be ordained as an elder in the Philadelphia era of God's church! Mr. Jackson was a very helpful and leading member of the San Diego church from its inception over seven years ago. He and his wife were a constant source of inspiration and help to other church members—and gave a specially important help to their fellow Negro brethren in that church. Also, through the counsel of the ministers, Mr. Jackson has kept in touch with many of our Negro brethren throughout the United States and has been a great help to them.

So it was an occasion of great rejoicing when, on November 7, 1959, Mr. Jackson was ordained in God's headquarters church in Pasadena, California. A few dozen of the San Diego brethren were up to witness the occasion and it was made even more memorable by an earnest and powerful sermon by Mr. Gerald Waterhouse on the subject of prayer.

Mr. Jackson has now been sent to our large church in Chicago, Illinois. Attendance there is now approaching four hundred—including many scores of Negro members. So Mr. Jackson is now working in that area in order to minister more effectively to his own people. As many of you know, Chicago is a center  
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Can we really *feel* a surge of gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts and minds when we read of such wonderful blessings for our brothers and sisters in Christ? We should draw even closer, brethren, as one "body" so that—as God's begotten children—we may *share with each other* our trials, and our hopes and dreams and blessings as well.

### Houston Church Picnic

Mr. Richard Prince and Mr. Cecil Battles, our minister and associate minister respectively in the churches in Dallas and Houston, report the following about a wonderful get-together recently held by the Houston church: "Houston, having suffered from drought in the not too distant past has had to settle down to an expected drenching every day—rain, rain and more rain. But this almost overpowering deterrent to a good old fashioned outdoor church social was not to stop the Houston Church of God from bringing to pass its anxiously planned picnic for Sunday, January 31.

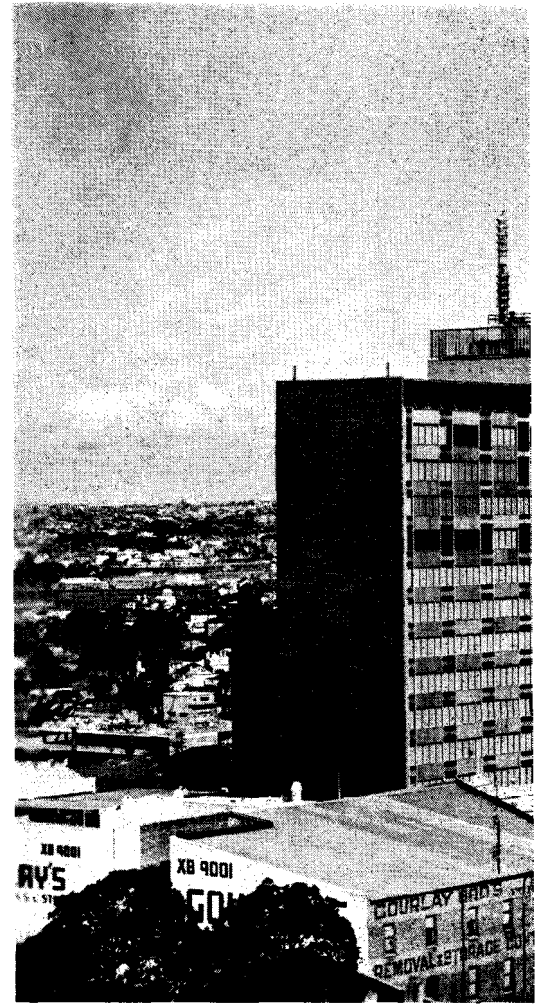
"Two weeks in advance, the Spokesman Club was exhorted to pray to God that He would reward us with plenty of sunshine—and several dozen partially

red faces surely proved that God does care!

"About 10:30 that morning a steady flow of picnic goers had begun to populate the back pasture of Mr. Treybig's country acre. On the scene was Mr. Carouthers bending over a giant wrought iron pot, the type made a century ago for making soap and sorghum, watching a delectable brew of chili bubble while discharging an aroma that would tickle anyone's nose. Off a few paces was a volley ball court set up on the grass. There could be heard the sound of steel against steel as two pegs were being driven into the ground for horseshoes. At another spot in the volley ball court, one could see strange little holes about ten feet apart—several of these little courts were for Texas style, 'washer-pitching.'

"Soon the hustle and bustle of people was activating the scene. Horseshoes clanged, two inch washers jingled and frequent shouts came from the volley ball court. Joy and happiness permeated the air about this special group of people—these were *God's children* at play.

"With great ease and plenty for all, the big pots satisfied the hunger of fam-



Mr. Longuskie in the spacious general mailing room soon to bustle with activity. While he is kept very busy with correspondence, and mailing out shipments of literature arriving from the United States, much of the office machinery has yet to arrive in Australia.





The ultra-modern "MLC" building, left, with famous old Sydney bridge in the background. Directly across the street from the building in which our new offices are located, and in the right center of the picture, is the small branch bank. Facing it, though not visible, is the North Sydney Post Office. The Radio Church of God offices in the "MLC" building look out over the sweeping expanse of beautiful Sydney Bay, and are located on the opposite side of the building.

ily after family. Eating was a delight this day for with each bite came a fellowship long to be remembered. Love and unity was strong and each enjoyed one another's conversation and presence. Seated on the grass, everyone was able to relax and just fellowship one with another and learn more about the bond between those jointly striving to enter into the kingdom of God.

"After about an hour or so of pleasant relaxation, sounds of all sorts of happy people announced that it was time to return to action. Several were challenged to a game of horseshoes, washers began to jingle once again and that afternoon saw lively action in a number of mixed volley ball games. Some having had enough activity chose monopoly. Everyone took part in the games of the day—husbands, wives and children all played together.

"As the afternoon drew toward evening the inevitable parting began to take

place. But all left with gratitude in their hearts for the Spokesman Club's effort in sponsoring the day which was a *joyous SUCCESS!* Thirty-nine adults and twenty-seven children went home with satisfaction in their hearts—oh, yes, and some with *another day's* supply of chili!

"The picnic was over, and in came the clouds and that night and the next day came the rains again."

May God grant many more of these happy occasions to His children in Christian fellowship, love and joyous recreation!

#### Work in Britain Grows

Mr. Raymond McNair, minister in charge of God's churches in Britain, reports that the work there is growing in every way. The new church in Bristol, England, is growing slowly but steadily and now has about 23 in attendance each Sabbath. There have been about 65 in regular attendance at the London church

recently, and there is a good deal of interest in the mid-week Bible Study there with about 33 in regular attendance.

These churches are growing spiritually as well as numerically, and the brethren are very enthusiastic about the messages we are now putting in the British edition of the "Reader's Digest" magazine. It is having a *terrific* effect, and about *ten thousand* people have already written in requesting literature as a result of this new "door" that God has opened for the preaching of His message!

As a result of the increased work in the office, *more help* has been needed in our London office. Mr. McNair has recently hired three more of our British members to work in the office and *directly serve* in the work of God in this capacity.

Also, we are definitely planning *three* separate evangelistic campaigns in England starting in June! This will increase the interest in our work all over Eng-



Mr. Waterhouse (seated), with Mr. Frank Longuskie in the new executive office. The spacious windows overlook Sydney bay and residential districts.

land, will build up and stabilize churches in the three areas, and will give us an opportunity to become personally acquainted with more prospective students for our British branch of Ambassador College.

The first campaign will be held in Bristol, England, followed by a campaign in Birmingham, and concluding with a final campaign in Manchester. Each campaign will last for approximately five weeks—*five nights a week*.

According to present plans, the campaign "team" will consist of your author, Roderick C. Meredith, as principal speaker—with Mr. Ernest Martin as song leader and chief counselor, and Miss Ruth Myrick, pianist and soloist. Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Martin will also be attending regularly and will aid greatly in counseling with the new people—especially, of course, the ladies!

Preliminary plans and hall arrangements are already being made for these campaigns. So we request your *earnest* and *prevailing* PRAYERS, brethren, that

all the plans and their execution in these campaigns will be a *success* and will be to God's honor and glory! No campaign has ever succeeded without the intense *prayers* of God's people behind it! *May we have yours?*

#### Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea Fly to London

Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Benjamin Rea are flying to London on Friday, February 19. They will probably still be in London when you brethren read this article.

They are making this important trip in order to talk to prospective instructors for the British branch of Ambassador College. Also, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea will be making many preliminary plans for the entire organization of the college there, for the curriculum, the classroom facilities and many other things that have to be decided—and *wisely decided*—in the beginning stages of any new institution.

As many of you know, Mr. Benjamin

Rea has been selected to head the staff of Ambassador College, United Kingdom, Ltd. He will be the Dean of our British college—called "Principal" in England. Also, he will be carrying on many of the executive responsibilities normally associated with the President of an American college—although, of course, Mr. Armstrong will retain the title of President and make the overall decisions.

Mr. Rea is working toward his Ph.D. degree which he should receive from a university in Saltillo, Mexico, this summer. This will lend further prestige to his very important office in the college and work in Britain. Be sure to PRAY that God will *direct* and *inspire* Mr. Rea in this tremendously important office he is to assume in God's work and college in Britain!

You brethren will be interested to learn that six students from Ambassador College here in Pasadena are being sent over to help lay the "foundation" and set the atmosphere for the college



to begin next fall in London. Barring later changes, the students slated to attend Ambassador College, U.K., Ltd., are Carn Catherwood, Guy Engelbart, Gerhard Marx, and Robin Jones—himself originally from Britain. The two girls going over will be Miss Ruth Myrick and Miss Karen Kunkel.

Gerhard Marx is being sent to take care of the rapidly increasing quantity of German mail received in response to the German broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. Letters are being received from West and East Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and Yugoslavia, and France, Belgium and Luxembourg—wherever the German language is understood.

These students are all thrilled with this unusual opportunity for education and travel abroad. And we know they will appreciate *your prayers* for their safety and that God will help them set the right spiritual atmosphere and make the most of this *opportunity* and *responsibility* in His college in Britain.

So be sure to PRAY for God's work and college in Great Britain! Pray that the right instructors and students may be selected for the college. Pray for the campaigns beginning next June. And pray for God's divine *protection* and *guidance* for Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea in this most important trip they are now taking to further the work of the Almighty Creator in the British Isles and Europe.

And pray for each other, brethren, and give God great THANKS for the challenging opportunities and blessings that He continually sets before us as His human instruments and potential Sons!

CORRECTION: Please notice the misprint in the January 1960 issue, page 10, column 1, line 17 from bottom. The sentence should have read: "Of course, God does NOT expect . . ." Paul explained this in II Thessalonians 3:10.

## Ministerial Conference

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of growing racial strife and animosity. Therefore, Mr. Jackson very much *needs* the prayers of every one of you for his protection and constant guidance by Almighty God!

Let us be thankful that God has raised up this first Negro brother to be an elder in His church—and pray that in His time our Father will provide many more such servants for our Negro brethren here and throughout the world.



The World Tomorrow now goes to Europe in the German language! God has opened the doors of Radio Luxembourg to us!

God has also given the German Department these four students at Ambassador to assist in proclaiming His Truth to the German people. From left to right are Robert E. Neitsch, from British Columbia, Canada. After attending Vancouver University for three years where he majored in German, he came to Ambassador College. He is now helping translate, teach German and answer German correspondence. Donna L. Fink is the German Department's efficient and devoted secretary. Besides applying herself in the language, she was aided by coming from a German community in Delmont, South Dakota. Erhard Klammer, born in Prussia, has been given a heavy responsibility of broadcasting a 15-minute program each Sunday morning on Radio Luxembourg. He is also teaching German. Gerhard O. Marx is another Ambassador student born in Germany. Besides aiding in teaching German, he fulfills other jobs under the direction of Mr. Herman L. Hoeh, who heads the entire German Department. This is wonderful news! Gott sei Dank!

Mr. Frank McCrady was also a most zealous and able member and help in his local congregation, the St. Louis Church of God. He helped the ministers there in visiting and solving problems so much that they asked him—even without his ordination—to move to Chicago, find another job, and help out with the even greater problems in that mushrooming area! This he was most willing and glad to do. On his own time, and largely at his own expense, he helped in visiting many people in the Chicago area. And he constantly grew in grace and knowledge and Christian stature.

And so, about the same time of Mr. Jackson's ordination, he too, was ordained—in this case, in the Chicago church—as a local elder in the Church

of God.

Let us thank God also for Mr. McCrady and his ministry—and continue to pray that God will add *even more* laborers to go forth in His abundant harvest!

### Sadness and Trials

It is not always possible in this column—nor necessary—to give an extensive report of births, deaths, marriages, and other such events transpiring among the families of members in God's church. But we feel in the case of the ministers—because of their office—and in the case of backbone members or outstanding leaders in churches, we will try to do this whenever possible.

One such recent event which has sad-

dened us all was the death of Mrs. Helen Starkey, one of the backbone members of the Philadelphia era of God's church. She was the first paid employee of the Radio Church of God, and worked faithfully and at very low pay in those days in an uncomfortable inner-office in Eugene, Oregon, helping Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. Starkey was known and loved by hundreds in God's church—and her kindness, her encouraging smile and her Christian example will long be remembered.

Helen Starkey had lived a full and abundant life in God's service, had reared her children faithfully and continued to set a good example of love and faith toward God until the time of her death. Our hope is *not* in this life, but in the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:11). And we know that God has instructed us not to sorrow nor despair in the way the world does over those—even in God's church—who die this first death which is only reckoned as a "sleep" (1 Thess. 4:13-14).

Even though we are saddened over the death of one beloved by so many, we must never forget that God has nowhere promised that we will continue in this physical life indefinitely.

#### Ministerial Changes

Following our recent ministerial conference, Mr. George Meeker and Mr. Bob Boraker left by plane for London, England. Mr. Meeker will be replacing Mr. Ernest Martin there as the business and office manager of God's church in Britain and Europe. This is a growing responsibility—especially since the tremendous response we have been receiving from our ads in the British edition of the *Reader's Digest*!

Mr. Boraker is being sent to London to begin a full-fledged Letter Answering Department in the office there. He has been in charge of the Letter Answering Department here at headquarters for the past few years, and is well qualified to lay the foundation for this new and vitally important department for our overseas work.

Also, leaving just after the ministerial conference for far-flung responsibility was Mr. Charles Hefner—a zealous junior student in Ambassador College. Mr. Hefner is being sent to help in the new and growing office of God's Church in Sydney, Australia. He will assist there in the mailing of literature and also carry the important responsibility of "dubbing" The WORLD TOMORROW program on tapes for distribution to the Australian stations. This will save many thousands of dollars in mailing expenses involved in sending many broadcasts by tape all the way to each individual Aus-

tralian station from here.

Other ministerial changes involve Mr. Kenneth Swisher and Mr. Ernest Martin coming here to Pasadena for graduate school work in the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology. Mr. Martin will be getting special training to prepare him for teaching responsibilities in Ambassador College, United Kingdom Ltd., beginning next year. Mr. Swisher was the regularly scheduled minister to come in this semester for graduate work, and will be returning to his pastorates in the Gladewater and Minden churches in June.

Remember, brethren, that all of these ministers are a part of the very *body* of Jesus Christ—the physical *instrument* and *tool* that Christ is using to carry His message to this earth in this last generation. PRAY for these men with all your heart! As you can see, they have to travel thousands of miles by land, sea and air. They are in constant danger both from the elements and from Satan the devil who would like very much to strike at one of the direct instruments of Jesus Christ!

*Your part* is to stand behind them with your faithful and persevering *prayers*, your *tithes* and *offerings*, and your zealous *help* and *cooperation* in every possible way as God gives you understanding, ability and opportunity. In this coming year, let us *press on* with renewed zeal and dedication toward the soon-coming kingdom of our God and Savior!

## EVIDENCE of a Christian— Hard Work!

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you do—whether it's your particular line or *not*—DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT! (Eccl. 9:10.)

### "By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them"

Christ said we are to become shining LIGHTS in the world, that others may see our good *works*, and through our brilliant, purposeful, POSITIVE EXAMPLE they, too, may be turned to the truth of God.

But too often, it seems, such is not the case! Instead of being a *light* to the world—God's people want to be in DARKNESS! The very ones to whom God has revealed His all-important, precious TRUTH want to take it for granted! Instead of becoming entirely DIFFERENT persons than they were—instead of diligently WORKING at their jobs, and SHOWING GOD THEY'RE THANKFUL for

His truth, they want to wipe their feet on every principle of God's word, reject and *deny* Christ by neglecting to really LIVE as He lived (1 John 2:6), by zealously applying themselves to WORK HARDER THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE ON EARTH!

This negligence and lack of concern brings REPROACH and SCORN on the very Work of God—and God's people.

The common philosophy of this present world of "do as little as possible and get as much as you can for it" is a far cry from the dynamic, vigorous life of the God-fearing person who is busily engaged in BEING A CHRISTIAN!

God's people are not called so they can have it EASY! None of YOU were chosen so you could RELAX! Read John 16:33, where the recorded words of *your Saviour* "In the world, you shall have tribulation" show again the MESSAGE which He brought. It wasn't a message concerned with living a life of EASE! But it's well worth the effort! "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). God tells us to WORK out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12).

#### It's Easy to Be Lazy

Some of God's people *are willing* to allow others to take care of them. Some are undaunted at becoming a burden to others, and are so very concerned with SELF *they feel no compunction at living from the labors of others*. Those in God's Church who ALLOW them to so conduct themselves ARE DOING THEM A GREAT INJUSTICE. By PERMITTING them to continue living in this manner, they actually *encourage* their wrong habits!

Those who may be *unwilling* to change—unwilling to really REPENT—may say "I have faith." You have *faith* you say? FAITH that God will take care of you? AND CERTAINLY HE WILL, but unless or until you PROVE to GOD YOU REALLY MEAN BUSINESS BY DOING SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR OWN SITUATION—HE WILL LET YOU STARVE! Abraham's faith, as EVIDENCED BY HIS WORKS, was what really counted! (James 2.)

It's time to WAKE UP, and quit kidding ourselves! It's time to *get busy and stay that way!* Read from the word of the Almighty RULER of this entire UNIVERSE—the One who has the power of life and death over YOU—*these* powerful words! "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, *he hath DENIED the faith* and is worse than an infidel!" (1 Timothy 5:8).

# How YOU Could Commit the UNPARDONABLE Sin!

*Here again is a shocking realization that some may have committed this sin. It impels repetition of this solemn warning!*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**W**E NEED to send you this WARNING again—that some former brethren either may have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit, or may stand this moment in danger of it!

## Test of Experience

Each year one or two church members begin to find fault and accuse the work of God, and in this disgruntled spirit the seeds of discord are sown in other members. Without an exception, where any brother or sister begins to criticize, finds fault with the work of God and then has gone on finally to accuse this work—to deny that it is the very work of God, and to become embittered against it—that person has lost all real spirituality—all contact with God, and has either gone back into the world, or over into false doctrines and beliefs.

It's as if they had committed the unpardonable sin.

## What Is The Unpardonable Sin?

The precise words, "unpardonable sin" are not used in the Bible. Yet there is an unpardonable sin, for Jesus said plainly:

"All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit *shall not be forgiven unto men*" (Mat. 12:31).

What *is* this sin that shall never be forgiven?

Jesus had just cast out a demon. In so doing He was an *instrument* being used in THE WORK OF GOD. God Almighty is working out His PURPOSE here below! The time had come for God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to carry on His work thru the HUMAN BODY of Jesus Christ, His own begotten Son. Jesus was then the human instrument—but the work was GOD'S WORK—and the real power that did the work was THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Let me make this plain. Understand this. Get it straight.

Jesus said He spoke nothing of Himself. The Father that sent Him gave Him commandments what He should say. He spoke only as the Father directed. He said that of Himself—in His

human BODY—He could do nothing. "The Father that dwelleth in me, HE doeth the works" (John 14:10). The Father dwelt in Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

The work of God, at that time, was carried on BY THE HOLY SPIRIT dwelling in, and acting thru, the BODY of Jesus—then a HUMAN BODY. But that BODY was a mere agent or instrument. Of itself it was powerless. The WORK OF GOD was actually being done *by the Holy Spirit* working in that HUMAN BODY.

It was *not* the power of Jesus' human body, but the Holy Spirit, which, working *in* Jesus' human body, performed this WORK OF GOD by casting out the demon.

But the scoffing Pharisees accused Jesus of being a false prophet—they *denied that this was actually* GOD'S WORK—they said Jesus did not cast out demons by any power except that of Beelzebub, or Satan.

Jesus then said He cast out demons by the SPIRIT OF GOD. Then it was that He showed that DENYING THE WORK OF GOD—*accusing the WORK OF GOD of being NOT the work of God*, but that of the only other possible power, the DEVIL—constituted blasphemy against the HOLY SPIRIT!

"And whosoever speaketh," continued Jesus (Mat. 12:32)—NOTICE, just SPEAKING "a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, *neither in the world to come.*"

Notice that! Take HEED! Take WARNING! It's time we wake up to the POWER OF GOD! It's time we TREMBLE before the Word of God! It's time we take these things more seriously! This can mean YOUR ETERNITY!

Any person could be forgiven for speaking against the Son of MAN—that is, the human Jesus. Speaking against a human man can be forgiven. But when they spoke against THE WORK OF GOD being done thru that man, *they were speaking against the HOLY SPIRIT!* The man, Jesus, was merely the instrument. The WORK was the WORK OF GOD, *done by the HOLY SPIRIT!*

## Christ's Body Today

During Jesus' earthly and human lifetime, GOD'S WORK was carried on thru His human body, but BY THE HOLY SPIRIT which dwelt in Him. After Jesus ascended to heaven, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to enter into the COLLECTIVE BODY of begotten children who formed God's Church. Now they were *many members*—many individual *persons*—but the ONE BODY OF CHRIST! Not the body of Jesus, the son of MAN—but the BODY OF CHRIST—of the MESSIAH—the SON OF GOD!

Beginning that memorable day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., GOD'S WORK has been carried on *by the Holy Spirit*, but thru this ONE BODY OF CHRIST, now consisting of the many human members who had become begotten children of God.

To those He had called and trained for positions of leadership in HIS WORK, Jesus had commissioned, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." The WORK OF GOD was carried on by Peter and the apostles and evangelists and pastors and other elders and teachers and helpers under him—by the Apostle Paul, and the evangelists, pastors, other elders, teachers and helpers under him. But they were mere INSTRUMENTS in the process. The POWER that did the WORK of God was the same HOLY SPIRIT!

Apostasy was prophesied. A great falling away. The whole world was to be deceived. The human members of the Body of Christ were to become scattered! They were to be persecuted, and the world dominated by the Great Whore, BABYLON THE GREAT, and her daughter harlots.

Nevertheless, just before the END of this WORLD, Jesus said plainly that HIS very Gospel of the Kingdom of God "shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END (of the world) come" (Mat. 24:14). Jesus said also, in His Message to the Churches (Revelation 2 and 3), that to the "Church in Philadelphia"—OUR VERY CHURCH OF TODAY, of very little power of our own—He would OPEN A DOOR which would empower us

to carry out His commission!

That door was opened! Once again, almost 1900 years later, JESUS' VERY GOSPEL is going out to the whole world! And just as in the days of the human Jesus—just as in the days of the early apostles—we are merely the powerless HUMAN INSTRUMENTS! The real WORK OF GOD is being carried on today thru us, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD!

The real work, then, is not *our* work—it is GOD'S WORK. Not of our human power, but BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD!

In the very next verse, back in Matthew 12 (verse 33), Jesus had continued to say: "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: *for the tree is known by his fruit.*"

The FRUITS of this work are these: For the first time in more than 1850 years the same Gospel Jesus preached, THE KINGDOM OF GOD, is being preached and published into all the world as a witness. It is offending many in this world. The religious leaders of today—the modern Pharisees—attack it as the work of the Devil—they call us false prophets, as they did Jesus. We are persecuted by the world. The world hates us. But many precious lives are being *changed*, converted, begotten of God! God is producing a precious harvest for His Kingdom. New churches are being raised up around the world. New offices are being established. The flock is being fed. Evangelists, pastors, elders, are being trained as God calls them. The sick are being healed, the demons cast out.

The FRUITS of this tree are not corrupt—they are the SAME FRUITS *that* the SAME HOLY SPIRIT produced in the human body of Jesus—in the collective Body of Christ in apostolic days! THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES THE WORK, and the work is exactly the same—the fruits the

same—as in the days of Christ and the apostles!

### BEWARE!

Brethren, we whom God has called and is using are mere human persons. We are men of like passions as you—as Elijah, as David, as Peter and Paul. We make mistakes. We do not do everything exactly as *you* may think you would do if God had called you to our office. But God did not call you to my office, or that of some of our evangelists and elders. God called *us*, knowing better than you know, our every human weakness. Yet he chose us in spite of that, and when you criticize and find fault are you not assuming to yourself the prerogatives of GOD? It is GOD who directs us—uses us as His instruments.

Yet you may speak a word against us, personally, as human men, *and be forgiven*. But mark carefully this! The very fact that you may be *forgiven* means that such speaking IS A SIN!—a sin for which, *if you repent*, God will forgive.

But—and here's where you need to TREMBLE IN FEAR!—if and when you criticize or accuse or condemn THE WORK, *then you are speaking against the Holy Spirit*—and if and when you do that, YOU SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN! You shall not be forgiven now, or in the world to come—THE WORLD TOMORROW—during the millennium or during the Great White Throne JUDGMENT!

This sort of thing always starts out with personal criticism and fault-finding against the one God has chosen and is using in the office of apostle in HIS WORK. But oh, brethren, how we have been grieved to see a few here and there along the way, thru the years, start out by finding fault against the human person of God's servant, and then in that disgruntled and embittered spirit proceed progressively into condemning THE WORK OF GOD, and denying that it *is*

the work of God.

This work has grown too great and powerful to be the work of a human man, apart from either God or the devil. If this is not the very WORK OF GOD, then it must be that of SATAN. And to accuse it—to condemn it—I ask you, brethren, IS IT NOT MORE THAN POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS SPEAKING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT, and therefore is the UNPARDONABLE SIN?

Brethren, in fear and trembling, I warn you, with all the love in my heart, "BEWARE!"

I have always noticed that those whose hearts—and their pocketbooks as well—are really in the work of God are the ones who remain spiritual, close to God, and who are growing spiritually. And, without exception, every single member of God's Church who has ever lost interest in this WORK OF GOD—this work of carrying the Gospel to the world going out now from Pasadena headquarters—begins to fall backward spiritually. Soon such people go off into false doctrines. Their understanding is closed. They begin to believe errors and lies. They become more and more bitter, unhappy, and they either go back into the world or they go into some false offshoot movement which bears no fruit, and fails totally to carry out the Commission of Christ—THE WORK OF GOD!

Your own spirituality—your closeness to GOD—your spiritual growth and development—your hope of eternal salvation in the Kingdom of God, *depends, then, on keeping your heart in the very WORK OF GOD!*

The very PURPOSE of our lives should be, NOT the social enjoyment of local church congregations, but GETTING CHRIST'S GOSPEL TO THE WORLD! That's the *main* purpose of the local churches. That's the MAIN PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE, AND MINE!

## "I Just Didn't Think"

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single them out for a dose of His wrath. They believe He causes all of their accidents to befall them, but they accredit all their good fortunes to "Lady Luck."

God is a God of love. He loves you as He loves all men. He would have us all follow the loving instruction that would make our lives, and the lives of those around us, full, happy, abundant, and just bubbling over with joy.

God will never *force* anyone to live the right way, if one insists, as the world does, that his way is better.

Let us all begin to be concerned

with the way we are living our lives. There is a way of living that will bring us, and those around us abundant joy, so isn't it worth at least a little of our time each day to seek it out and put it into practice?

### Help Brighten Up the World

If we find ourselves prone to say, "I did not think," or "I won't do this because I may get into trouble," or "other people annoy me," or "I saw someone else do it also," and similar expressions of self-love, then it is time we began to overcome and master the human nature within us. Let us begin to listen to God's loving instruction and let Him turn our lives right side up.

You *can* make the little spot in which you live much brighter for everyone, yourself included. Of course there will be moments of sadness especially when you see loved ones, determined to live in their own way, unhappy and miserable.

There will be times also when your happiness is impaired by the sins of others. God could save you from this, but He does not because it is part of your spiritual training. He will let such things happen as often as is necessary to *keep* you conscious of the evils of sin, how sin robs not only ourselves but those around us of happiness. But despite all these little troubles, your life will still be filled with abundance.