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More About Our Cover...

A dying world admits that the only solution to its chaotic problems is world government—A dying UN is an admitted last-chance failure. The most important meetings in the world just convened at Pasadena, on Ambassador campus—the annual Ministerial Conference. Read about it, beginning page 4.

Wide World Photo

What our READERS SAY...

"I really digested the article, 'Should You Move to Headquarters?' in *The Good News* of November, 1964. I, for one, had to learn this lesson firsthand and to every sentence written, I can utter a loud, amen.

"After living in Los Angeles area for three years with all its crime, filth and abominable things that only an overcrowded Los Angeles could produce, I find Pennsylvania a real paradise!

"In Pennsylvania, a milk cow only costs about \$125.00 and that's a good cow! There's plenty of wood for those evenings in front of the fireplace, plenty of pure water to drink, water which is being used for the first time, not the second or third time. Instead of lying in bed listening to the clamor and roar of automobiles, I am blessed with the music of crickets, night birds and silence. My shattered city nerves can, at long last, unwind. I sleep in peace, a deep undisturbed sleep.

"I can take a walk down a small city street here and not be looked upon as odd and arouse the suspicion of the local police. I'll bet I was stopped at least three times in California for no other reason than that I was walking! I can walk through fields, woods and peek over the banks of a creek for trout. I can hunt to my heart's content. I see deer almost every day. I enjoy the four seasons and God's Plan of salvation seems easier to understand as each season rolls around.

"There are many other advantages, but if I gave them all, it would take reams of paper, believe me! Besides,

everyone at Pasadena would want to come here—then what?"

Member, Pennsylvania

• *Lessons can be learned the hard way! If you haven't read the article, "Should You Move to Headquarters?" make sure that you read it soon! The advice given on moving applies to ALL AREAS and especially includes BIG SANDY, TEXAS, and BRICKET WOOD, ENGLAND!!*

Canadian Comment

"Just a note to tell you how happy I am that we now have a church in Edmonton to attend. Mr. Pinelli is a wonderful minister, so we are truly blessed. Also, my husband Steve told his boss that he is taking off each Saturday to attend Sabbath services, and believe it or not, the same day he received a \$50 raise. God truly has been answering my prayers in opening Steve's heart to want to take his family to Sabbath services."

Lady from Alberta, Canada

Interesting

"In the booklet, *A True History of the True Church*, the author stated that the present era of the Church is the prophesied Church of Philadelphia. I do not understand this because the present Work of God is not taking place in Philadelphia, but in Pasadena and St. Albans."

Boy from Nigeria

• *An explanation was sent.*

Radio London

"Just received your airmailed special letter dated December 14 and I am so

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happy to hear that *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast is at last going to go out in power over the present home of Ephraim. I came home from England to Canada in 1958 and most of my relatives are still back there, so I'm hoping that God will call as many of them and all others as He will."

Man from Ontario, Canada

Encouragement From Africa—

"I hope this letter gives you the encouragement that your article on the anti-Christ gave me.

"I have sometimes thought of the nebulousness of being a spirit being, and of my duties. It has not inspired me. I begged God for more vision after a sermon by Mr. Williams on this subject. I wanted God's Kingdom to be more *real*.

"Your description of the need of the crazed people for convincing teachers just after our change, has opened my eyes far wider. Now I can see the *reason* that we have to be taught how to be CONVINCING speakers. The Spokesman's Club has a new meaning to me, now that I realize that I will be physically manifested a great deal of the time after Christ's return. Now I will really sink my teeth into the Club.

"I just thought it would give you joy to know of the change produced by the article in just *one* person down here in South Africa.

"Thank you sincerely, sir, for your part in this endtime work of the Living Almighty Creator; a part which helps to bring deceived people out of their deception, and teaches us *how* to become responsible, capable rulers under Christ.

"We South Africans NEED you men who are willing to give your lives for *our* good. May Christ continue to use you to greater and greater degree.

"May God help us to follow the example of you few Manassites who carry all the burden of God's Work, and may God reward you."

Member from Johannesburg,
Republic of South Africa

Appreciates GOOD NEWS

"I really do like *The GOOD NEWS* in color. It is improving all the time. After reading the article in *The GOOD*

NEWS, 'Will You Be Deceived by the Antichrist?' I got to thinking about sin. I don't say the color red itself is sin, but it is always associated with sin. It is associated with the 17th chapter of Revelation. All make-up that portrays women as Jezebel is red; fingernail polish is red, and all places of sin are called 'red light districts.' Santa Claus is red, and most everything connected with Christmas is red."

Marjorie S., Mississippi

• *We don't plan to print The Good News in red—but we may use it sparingly from time to time, like God does in nature!*

Thankful for Church

"I can't begin to tell you how happy I am to have a local church at Jackson, Mississippi. Though I am a widow, and have to drive a pickup 60 miles one way, I have not missed a single service. I am 62 years old, but I work in the office at school so I can have a little more for God's Work. My prayers are also offered daily with yours."

Mrs. L. V. O., Mississippi

Building Fund

"I just recently returned from a visit in California. While there I was privileged to go on a tour of the campus of Ambassador College. One thing that impressed me was the need for more space. The great and growing Work of God needs more room. Enclosed find an extra offering for the Building Fund."

Mrs. Ethel D., Kansas

• *We wish you could all come to the campus to see the need for yourself—but DO SEE THE NEED—AND HELP FILL IT!*

Feast Blessings

"Talk about blessings received for keeping God's Feasts! We had been trying to get our daughter in school since August 28, but the school officials wouldn't accept her because she had not had vaccinations. Just before the Feast Mr. Arvidson asked the congregation to pray for God's intervention. Upon returning home from the Feast, our lawyer called and said, 'Your daughter can go to school.' There hasn't been any more mention of vaccinations. The other concerns my hus-

band's job. He had been working for this company for 17 years. He asked for time off in order to attend the Feast, but his boss wouldn't let him off. So he quit the job. When we returned he went to the plant to pay for the newspaper. He didn't even ask for a job. His boss came to the gate and rehired him and told him he could have all the time off he wanted, as long as he let him know a week in advance so he could put someone else in his place while he was absent. While he was gone it took three men to do his job."

Mrs. William H. E.,
North Carolina

Buffalo Church

"Today has been one of the greatest joys to befall my family and myself. Being in such high spirits I could not resist personally thanking you for what has happened. Today I had the honor of attending the first Sabbath service held in the Church of God in Buffalo. I had the privilege of talking to Mr. Antion, the minister of the church. He is not only well versed in the Scripture, but is a very likable person. Thanking you again for putting such highly educated men in our midst."

Henry M., New York

Bar None

"I learned about your radio program Tuesday, November 17. Wednesday the 18th I tuned in and liked it very much. If Raymond Dobbs has anything to do with it, all Milwaukee will be tuning in your program. He tells everybody that comes in his bar."

Edwin C. K., Wisconsin

Change for Good

"Please find enclosed \$2.05. My husband said any change in his pants pockets is mine to do with as I please. Although it isn't much, I send it with the prayer that God will increase it in your Work."

Mary M. A., Indiana

New Members

"We are happy to tell you that we are no more Co-Workers but members of the Toronto Church of God. We were baptized last Sunday, November 1, my husband and I, and fifteen more."

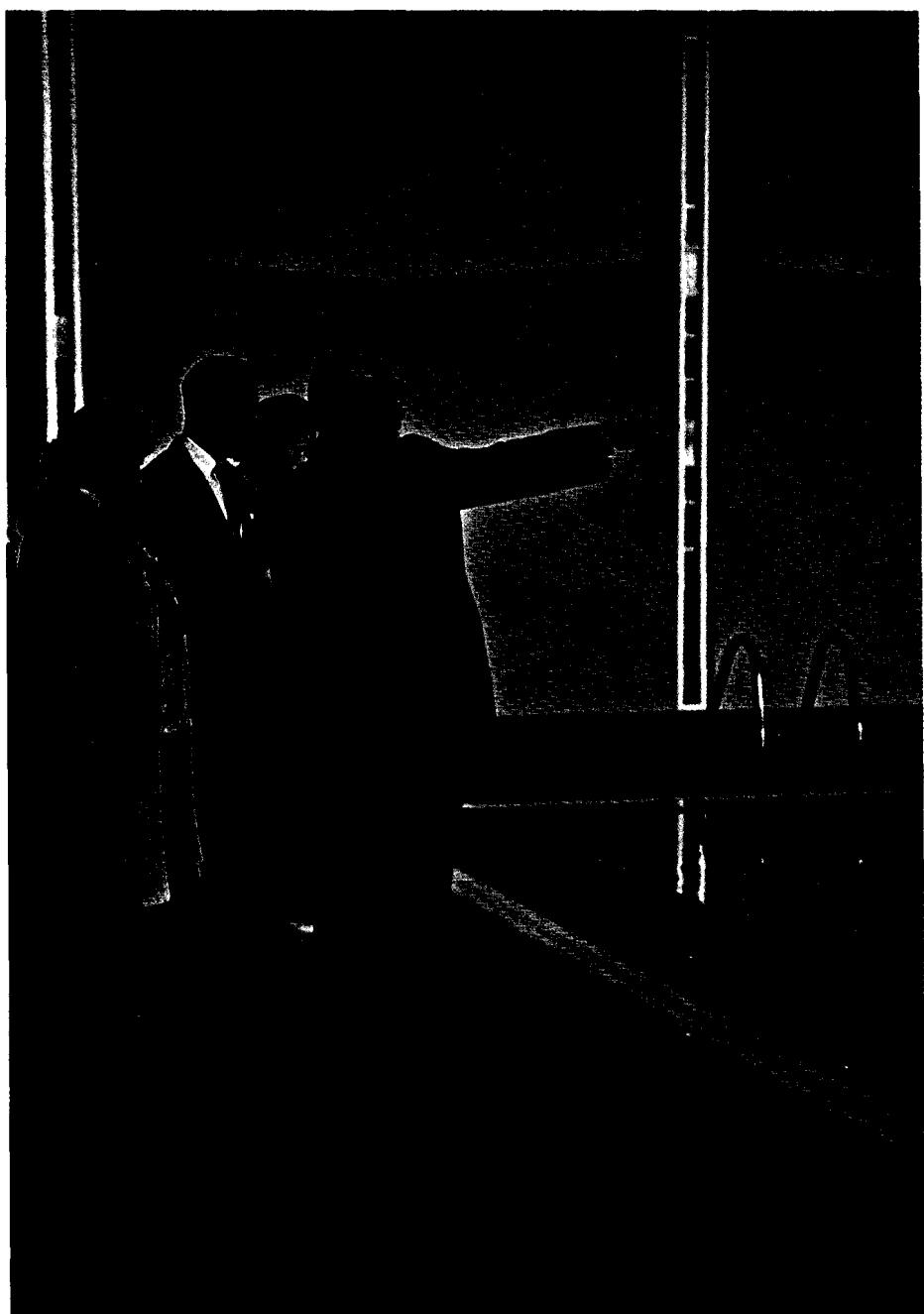
Mrs. Dan De G., Ontario, Canada

God's UNITY Seen In Ministerial Conference

*And TWELVE new ordinations were approved—plus plans for
SEVEN new churches to be established!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

"WELL, greetings, Mr. and Mrs. Swisher! It's *wonderful* to see you again. Have you seen our beautiful new gymnasium yet?"



This greeting is typical of that received by dozens of God's top ministers from all over the world. The one extending this warm and exuberant welcome was, of course, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

After years of struggle and hardship in *building* Ambassador College and this whole Work of God, Mr. Armstrong was especially delighted, this year, with the beautiful new Ambassador College Physical Education Facility here at Headquarters. He took special pleasure in giving each visiting minister attending this year's Conference a personal guided tour of the new gym.

In addition, there were many other signs of progress to be noted on the "Sixty-four Dollar Tour" of the campus. High on the list among these attractions was our huge, million-dollar Ambassador Press Building—containing equipment capable of printing *The PLAIN TRUTH*, now coming out with a brilliant *full-color cover* for February.

Appreciate Spiritual UNITY

From the sincere warmth and affection of this first personal greeting until the last good-bys were spoken, this year's Ministerial Conference—more than ever—exemplified the spirit of warmth, co-operation, teamwork, mutual respect, and God's kind of UNITY.

Let's APPRECIATE this blessing, brethren!

Many, who have come out of the fighting, bickering denominations of this world need to realize and appreciate the *difference* in God's Church. Those who have "grown out" of the dead Sardis church described in Revela-

tion 3:1-6 can perhaps best appreciate the great BLESSING of having properly trained and educated ministers—and ministers' wives—who have lived, worked, studied and played together, and who, of all things, *really LOVE each other!*

This spirit of true spiritual unity and love pervaded all of the discussions of the Conference this year. Wonderful progress was made in many areas to promote the organizational efficiency, development and spiritual growth of God's Work around the world.

Social Highlights

One of the social highlights of the Conference this year was the Ambassador Chorale recital presented in honor of the visiting ministers and their wives. On the Sunday night during the Conference, in our beautiful new gymnasium, they put on a very fine and balanced program. It featured an entire "production" based on "Ambassador as We Remember It" with songs showing the expectant mood of students as they arrive, and other songs showing their attitudes of joy, happiness, trials, triumphs, tears, and weddings and leave-takings through the college years.

It was certainly an inspiring and moving evening for everyone. Our new Chorale Director, Mr. Gary Prather, did a very fine job indeed, as did the entire Chorale, and it was much appreciated by *all* of God's ministers.

Another recreational—if not social—highlight of the Conference was a miniature basketball tournament in which teams from the Big Sandy College faculty and Student Body and teams from the lower and upper classes and faculty at Ambassador in Pasadena all played one another. It finally ended with the upperclassmen (seniors and juniors combined) of the Pasadena college coming out as the champions. But, as Mr. Armstrong said: "Ambassador College *won!*"

Significantly, except for the meetings themselves, *all* of these activities were held in our beautiful new gymnasium! So the visiting ministers undoubtedly came to "feel at home," and the building was put to very fine use during this



year's Conference, as it is during almost every single day of the entire school year as well.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Meredith intently discussing the agenda for the Conference.

Preaching and Ordination Services

On the Sabbath before the Conference began, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mr. Charles Hunting each gave a split sermon showing different phases of how Christ is directing His Work here and around the world. Then, during the all-day meetings held on the Sabbath during the Conference, we were able to hear six split sermons from the visiting ministers! It was certainly a "spiritual feast" for all of us, and was undoubtedly the spiritual highlight of this year's Ministerial Conference.

A number of ordinations were discussed during the Conference, but because Mr. Armstrong contracted a mild case of the flu which lasted for a few days, some of the planned ordinations had to be postponed. Eventually, an ordination service was conducted in Mr. Armstrong's own living room—with only the Evangelists and Pastors present. However, there were certainly plenty of them in attendance and it was a most inspiring occasion! The way it finally turned out—and let me sincerely em-

phasize that *no one* planned it this way or even thought about it until the decisions were all made—Mr. Armstrong and the Evangelists finally approved a total of exactly *twelve* ordinations!

Some of the men approved for ordination were in other parts of the country or overseas. But six of these ordinations were conducted right there in Mr. Armstrong's home, and a seventh was conducted a few days later that same week up in Sacramento, California.

Those ordained by Mr. Armstrong and the Evangelists at Pasadena include: Messrs. Jimmy Young, Reg Platt, Al Carrozzo and Paul Royer as full *Preaching Elders*; and Messrs. David Bierer and Don Waterhouse as *Local Elders*.

On the Sabbath of that same week, Mr. David Jon Hill—on a flying visit—with Mr. Dennis Luker, area pastor, ordained Mr. George Kemnitz as a full *Preaching Elder* at Sacramento.

Also, Mr. Raymond Cole has informed us that he has already ordained



The Ambassador College Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Gary Prather, sang an inspiring series of songs reminiscent of College Days for the visiting ministers.

one of the other men approved—Mr. Walter Sharp—as a full *Preaching Elder* in services at New York City on the Sabbath of January 23.

In addition, Mr. Glen White of the Kansas City-Omaha area, and Mr. Ernest Williams of our church and office staff in Johannesburg, South Africa, were approved for ordination as full *Preaching Elders*. And Mr. W. C. Cowan of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Guy Ames—now our Office Manager in the Philippines—were both approved for ordination as *Local Elders*.

By the time you read this article, some of these approved ordinations may already have been carried out, besides those mentioned, but those in the Philippines and South Africa await the arrival of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse.

At any rate, congratulations, fellow ministers of Jesus Christ! The prayers of all of us in God's Church will be with you, and we are most thankful indeed that God continues to "send forth more laborers into the harvest"!

Seven New Churches and Many New Bible Studies

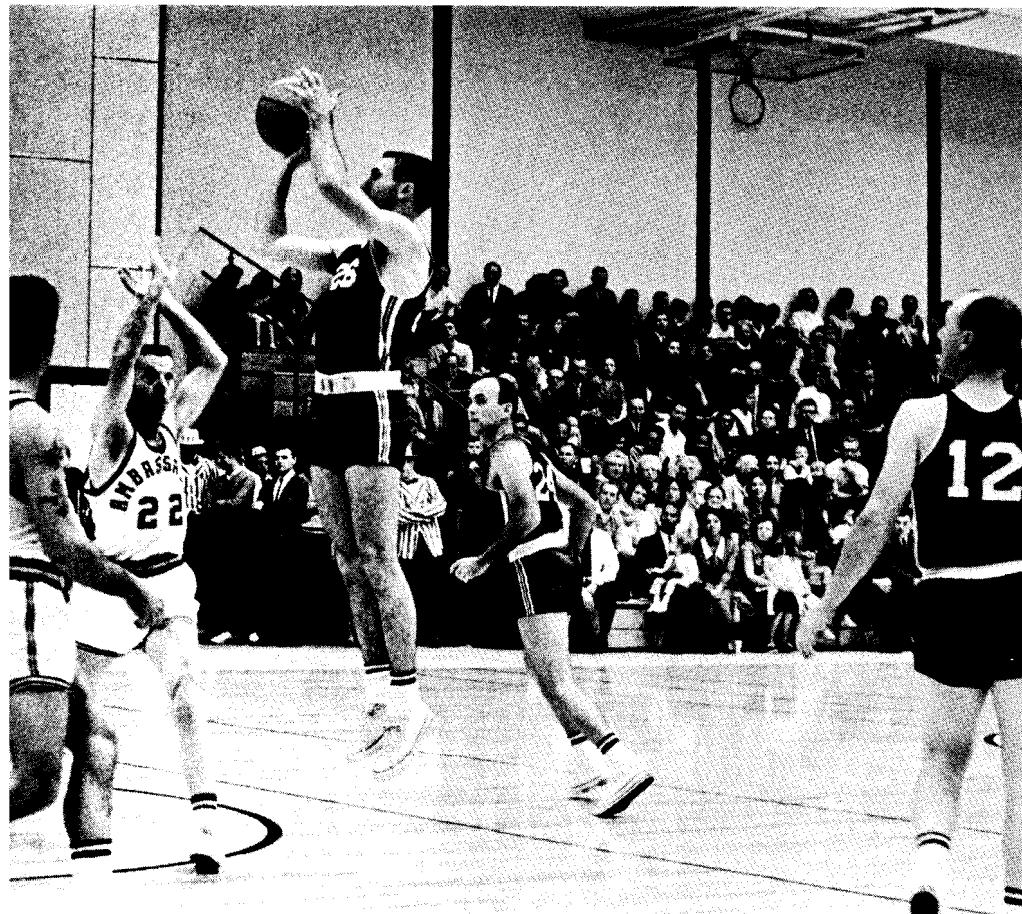
During the Conference, many hours were spent in personal talks with God's ministers from around the United States and throughout the world. There was much detailed discussion of new church and Bible study plans, problems in local church areas, prospects for growth, ideas for the foreign offices and for the three Ambassador Colleges. The over-all results and recommendations of these talks were presented to Mr. Armstrong, and we are very happy to announce that he has approved the beginning of exactly SEVEN new churches within the very next few months! These new churches will not all start at the same time, but will probably all have been established by the Passover or very soon thereafter.

A new church will soon be established in Des Moines, Iowa, with Mr. Glen White raising it up—under Mr.





ABOVE: Some joint sessions were held for ministers and their wives. BELOW: Packed stands in the new gym watch a Big Sandy-Pasadena Faculty game.



Bryce Clark's over-all direction—and pastoring it with Omaha. In Richland Center, Wisconsin, Mr. George Meeker will begin holding church services and pastoring this new church along with his present congregation in Milwaukee.

Mr. Jimmy Young—transfer minister from England—will assist Mr. Carn Catherwood in raising up a new church in Dayton, Ohio, and co-pastor it with Mr. Catherwood, who continues as senior minister in the area.

The Oakland, California, Church will "enlarge" to give birth to a new congregation in San Jose. Mr. Dennis Luker, area pastor, will take charge of this new San Jose congregation along with Oakland, and continue as senior minister in the Central California area. This will, however, leave Mr. George Kemnitz—recently ordained Preaching Elder—in charge of the churches in Sacramento and Reno.

Working under the direction of Mr. Jimmy Friddle, Mr. Roy Holladay will assist in raising up a new church at Wheeling, West Virginia, and perhaps co-pastor this congregation with Mr. Friddle, who continues as pastor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Under Mr. Raymond Cole's direction as Area Superintendent, Mr. Guy Engelbart will become pastor of the new congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, and continue also to pastor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This will leave the congregations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Newark, New Jersey, under the immediate direction of Mr. Walter Sharp. Then, Mr. Raymond Cole will be free to raise up another "enlargement" of the New York Church by expanding to include a new congregation in Brooklyn, New York, perhaps by Pass-over time.

These seven new churches certainly constitute a tremendous BLESSING for hundreds of God's people! I am sure you will all rejoice with us in these opportunities God is giving increasing hundreds of His people to meet together. Also, I'm sure all of you can readily see how the new ordinations tie in with and make possible many of the above new churches. So we can certainly give God *thanks* for providing



Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Raymond McNair counsel with Mr. Armstrong at a break in the conference sessions.

these additional laborers for His harvest continually.

New Bible Studies Listed

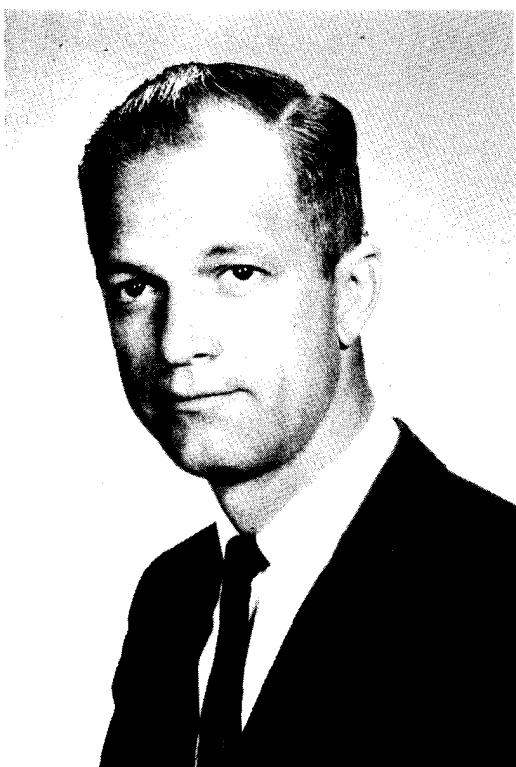
In addition to the above new churches, it has been approved to begin monthly Bible studies in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Mr. Keith Thomas of Phoenix and Mr. Dave Albert of Odessa sharing and perhaps alternating in conducting this study. A monthly

study is also planned for Abilene, Texas, to be conducted by Mr. Albert.

Another monthly Bible study is to be established at Knoxville, Tennessee, to be conducted by Mr. Carn Catherwood and Mr. Jimmy Young. A monthly study is to begin very soon at Columbia, South Carolina, under the direction of Mr. Richard Plache and Mr. Gary Arvidson. Another monthly study for this southeastern area has been approved to

Mr. Paul Royer, handling the many knotty Feast problems, is now a full Preaching Elder.

Mr. Al Carrozzo, serving under Mr. Meredith in the Los Angeles Church, elevated to Preaching Elder.



Mr. James J. Young, from Edinburgh, Scotland, now a Preaching Elder.

begin soon in Jacksonville, Florida, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Swisher, District Superintendent of this entire area.

A monthly Bible study has also been approved to begin soon in Waterloo, Iowa, to be conducted by Mr. Glen White. And a twice-monthly Bible study is approved to begin in Paducah, Kentucky, under the direction of Mr. Bob Steep.

Also, in Central California, new monthly Bible studies are slated to begin soon in Santa Rosa under the direction of Mr. Dennis Luker, and in Chico and Modesto under the direction of Mr. George Kemnitz.

With these new churches and Bible studies, brethren, it becomes evident that we are almost blanketing the entire United States with opportunities for God's people here to meet together regularly! Are we truly thankful and GRATEFUL for these blessings for which many have waited so many years?

But at the same time let us not fail to remember in earnest prayer the needs of our fellow Israelitish brethren in the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries who have yet to be reached with anywhere near the same kind of effectiveness with which God's Church has thus far reached the United States and Canada! REMEMBER—in

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Don't HINDER God's Work!

A CRITICAL need exists for MORE QUALIFIED ELDERS AND MINISTERS! But GOD must do the calling, CHRIST must decide to place them in His own Body. Read what YOU can do to help your brethren!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

YOU MAY be shocked to learn the desperate need for more trained help in God's True Church.

Only one year ago, our Mail Receiving Department reported new "prospective" members were requesting visits at the rate of about 250 per month.

But just the other day, they reported requests are being received at the QUADRUPLED rate of 250 EACH WEEK!

Think of it, brethren! Every week, two-hundred-and-fifty new requests are being received from listeners and Co-Workers wanting to know where they can attend church. They want counseling about personal problems, about baptism, about how to worship with others who know the Truth.

That means ONE THOUSAND EVERY MONTH—and each month will keep increasing—so that probably between TWELVE AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND such requests will have been received by the end of 1965.

But that means letters, not people. Many letters represent OTHER interested ones, brothers, sisters, family—even whole households!

Christ said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

Everywhere people are beginning to recognize the Truth, and turn to God in repentance as a result of this Work! Even ministers are writing in, requesting *The PLAIN TRUTH* and the Correspondence Course—from which they are teaching their congregations. Many letters have been received from all over the United States, from the Philippines, from Hawaii and other areas, written from whole groups of people who are meeting together—crying out for a

MINISTER, a teacher, to come and help them!

Critical Need

We need to recognize the desire of human beings to fellowship with others. The primary commission to the Church is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—the Good News of the World Tomorrow—to this whole world as a witness! But the secondary commission is also vitally important!

That commission of feeding the flock is being performed as well as we are presently able to perform it—but we may be falling far short of what WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH! Most people can hear the broadcast at least once daily. All can receive *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The Good News* magazines, in addition to the other booklets. All can take the Bible Correspondence Course, which is a full-time study almost in itself. These are all media by which the Church can "feed" the flock!

But it is not enough!

For those who are stronger in the faith—perhaps attendance at the Festivals and the study helps already mentioned, in addition to their own diligent Bible study and prayer, are sufficient to keep them secure in the faith of Christ, and safe from the wiles of Satan. But for the "babes" in Christ, who are just beginning to learn of new truth—and who, even though they are really hungering and thirsting for knowledge, are still unaware of the many pitfalls Satan will set for them, it is not enough!

For example, word came some years ago that about forty persons who had come to learn of the true Sabbath day through the radio broadcast, joined

Adventist churches in a western city! Think of it! As mere beginners in the faith, sincerely seeking Truth, they were led by their desire for fellowship to "join" a denomination of this world, following the fallacies of a self-styled "prophetess" whose own writings demonstrate that she twisted and wrested God's Word.

How many times this may happen when we do not hear word of it we have no way of knowing.

This is our responsibility. God works through human instruments. He is saving and including in His Kingdom those whom we can be responsible for guiding in the right paths. Many will not be in the first resurrection because WE ARE NOT REAPING ADEQUATELY THE HARVEST GOD IS SUPPLYING!

You probably already know that God lays it on every child of His to "PRAY YE therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Are you really diligent in your prayers?

A False Assumption

I want to dispel and quench once and for all a false assumption many of you have had. Many have believed there is only ONE WAY for a layman to qualify for the ministry at this time. That is to come to Ambassador College—as a regular student—and, if qualified upon graduation and perhaps four full years here, be ordained into the ministry.

There is not one single scripture in the entire Bible that says any such thing!

We have received applications to enter college from men who have been successful in business—men with

homes, a family, furniture, a good job, who want to *uproot* themselves—sell most of their earthly goods, and come with their families and personal possessions to Pasadena so they can enter college! They aspire to *help* in the *Work*. And because they have falsely ASSUMED the ONLY way to "help in the Work" is to somehow GET OUT TO PASADENA, they foolishly decide to leave their successful business, and subject themselves to financial disaster, after which they no longer even have tithes to support the Work.

NEVER have those of us in the ministry said you *must* go to Ambassador College before you can be ordained! NOWHERE in the BIBLE can even the barest principle be construed as to say such a thing!

It may be God is calling you for a specific duty to perform NOW! "But I'LL NEVER LEARN TO PREACH," some begin to reason, "if I can't get to Ambassador College to take the speech courses and the Bible courses!" And therein lies the big MISTAKE many have been making! Let's see what it is!

The Function of God's Ministers

God calls His ministry, and in every case He calls them for a specific function! The *offices*, or the *ranks* within the ministry only denote the particular KIND OF SERVICE the man has been chosen, of GOD, to perform! And so Peter and Paul were ordained as APOSTLES! It is NOT a "high and exalted" office to simply DECORATE and adorn the man!

But notice the *function* of an Apostle! They were the spiritual leaders of the Church under Christ, who is its HEAD! Christ had directly trained the original disciples (Matthias had been among the 120 from the beginning, and was selected to take the place of Judas Iscariot) and revealed THEY were to be the very beginning, the *foundation* of the Church.

Paul was inspired of God to write, "And [you] are built upon the foundation of the APOSTLES and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:20).

We know the Apostles were always

PREACHERS! Peter *preached* to the people on the Day of Pentecost in A. D. 31, and his sermon is recorded in Acts 2. Other public messages of Peter are recorded in Acts as well.

Paul was a preacher. He said, "... I have *preached* to you the gospel of God ..." (II Cor. 11:7). He told Timothy that he had been "APPOINTED a PREACHER, and an *apostle*, and a teacher of the Gentiles" (II Tim. 1:11). In the first letter to Timothy, Paul had said, "Whereunto I am *ordained* a *preacher*, and an *apostle*" (I Tim. 2:7).

There are many statements about Paul's preaching recorded in his own writings, as well as those recorded by Luke in the book of Acts.

Notice, however, that in every case those who were PREACHERS had either a *special gift* (and remember, God gives spiritual gifts according to our natural several abilities) for public speaking, or else they had a good deal of TRAINING to do so!

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and, after having been with Christ almost day and night for three and one-half years, was amply qualified to PREACH! Paul had been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, one of the greatest rabbinical teachers of that day (Acts 22:3). Paul had been studying for years towards becoming a rabbi. Could it have been this mark of distinction that caused the Jews in the many synagogues to ask Paul to speak to them whenever he walked in?

In addition to his wide background—having associated with some of the leading orators of his period, Paul got personal, individual TRAINING, first from Christ Himself (Gal. 1:12, 16-18 with I Cor. 9:1 and 15:8) and later, after conversion, he was "... with them [the Apostles] coming in and going out at Jerusalem" (Acts 9:28).

Paul's ordination, together with the circumstances surrounding it, was thoroughly explained in a previous article, *Are You Sure We Are God's Ministers?*

Evangelists

It is also a part of God's Plan to place men who are gifted in public

speaking in the office of *Evangelist*. "And he [God] gave...some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

These men, after being *taught* and *instructed* in the Way of God, went about PREACHING to believers as well as unbelievers.

Philip and Stephen were both among the original seven Deacons chosen in Jerusalem. Yet both of them, because of their natural gifts as well as their strong MOTIVATION and SPIRITUAL ZEAL, qualified for the office of *Evangelist*!

Stephen's career as an inspired speaker of God's Word was cut short by his murder at the hands of the Jews. But Philip went to Samaria, where he "preached Christ unto them" (Acts 8:5), and is distinctly named as an *Evangelist* later—even though he had originally been appointed as a Deacon (Acts 21:8).

Later, the Apostle Paul began to take young men with him to TRAIN in the ministry. We find Paul traveling with a "company" of men (Acts 13:13; 21:8) during his various journeys in God's Work.

Paul's Three-Point Plan

The Apostle Paul had real ZEAL in wanting to accomplish the Work God had given him to do. He tirelessly, through much tribulation and many trials from enemies, preached the Gospel all over the northern Mediterranean regions.

"... I strived to preach the gospel ..." he said to the Romans (Rom. 15:20). He told the Corinthians that Christ had sent him to "preach the gospel!" (I Cor. 1:17). In this he "laboured more abundantly than they all" (I Cor. 15:10). Paul felt the real mission of preaching the Truth of God. "Yea, woe is unto me, if I preach NOT the gospel!" he said to the Church at Corinth (I Cor. 9:16).

But Paul did not do all the *preaching by himself*!

Paul had a plan.

The first part of Paul's plan was his own personal evangelism to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God!

The second part of the plan was vitally important, too!

When Paul and Silas went through the area of southern Galatia, to the cities of Lystra and Derbe, he found a certain disciple, named Timothy.

After training under Paul, Timothy became an Evangelist! (II Tim. 4:5.) Timothy was able to PREACH! "I charge thee therefore before God," said Paul to Timothy, "...PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:1-2).

But Timothy was not the *only* young man to be called into the Work of God as an Evangelist! Titus, who was a Greek, was an Evangelist in charge of the Churches on Crete, a Greek colony. God always works in this manner.

Now notice an amazing pattern evident in Paul's work!

In Acts the 20th chapter, we see Paul has been in Ephesus, where the great uproar was caused by the pagan worshipers of Diana of the Ephesians. Then, Paul went to Macedonia to the Churches already established in Philippi and Thessalonica—and then into Greece proper (Acts 20:1-2).

He stayed there about three months, and decided to return to Asia (to the Churches of Asia, principally the large congregation at Ephesus). But, instead of taking the immediate *sea route* from Greece, he decided to return through Macedonia.

And so we see Paul in Greece (probably at Corinth) starting to swing NORTH, through Macedonia, and so down into Asia from Philippi.

"And there accompanied him into Asia *Sopater of Berea*; and of the *Thessalonians*, *Aristarchus* and *Secundus*; and *Gaius of Derbe*, and *TIMOTHEUS*; and of *Asia*, *Tychicus* and *Trophimus*" (Acts 20:4).

What an assembly!

Here were men from BEREIA, where Paul had raised up a Church (Acts 17:12), from THESSALONICA, where a Church was established (Acts 17:4), from DERBE, where a local congregation also existed (Acts 14:6, 7, 23), and from ASIA, where all seven Churches John addressed in Revelation were located!

Do you see the importance of this? TIMOTHY was an EVANGELIST! He

was taken *with* Paul in his travels for a time of *training*—being *personally* with Paul almost day and night for YEARS on his perilous journeys! And Timothy is mentioned FIFTH in this line-up of men whom Paul had with him during these important trips to the Churches!

Who Were These Men?

Why did Paul have so many men from various local Church areas *with* him? What did they do? Let's see!

Sopater was a man of Berea. Some believe he may be the same as the Sosipater named in Romans 16:21, but whether this is true or not, he was at least a Christian who was intimately associated with Paul in his travels.

Aristarchus and Gaius are called "men of Macedonia [they came from Thessalonica], Paul's companions in travel" (Acts 19:29), and are specifically mentioned as having come to Ephesus—across the sea, on a different continent—with Paul. Aristarchus was with Paul later in ROME, and was called a fellow prisoner of Paul at the time of the writing of Colossians (Col. 4:10). Secundus, also from Thessalonica, is mentioned but once, as traveling with Paul toward Asia.

Gaius, who came from Derbe, is mentioned as being with Paul in Corinth at the writing of the book of Romans (Rom. 16:23). Timothy was from Asia—as has already been mentioned—and was Paul's closest and most dependable helper (Phil. 2:19-20). Tychicus and Trophimus are both mentioned several times in Paul's Epistles. Tychicus was used as a messenger to deliver the Epistles of Colossians (Col. 4:7, 8) and of Ephesians (Eph. 6:21, 22) from Rome, and may have been the scribe who wrote the letters at Paul's dictation.

And so the second part of Paul's plan is clearly evident. He took with him certain *qualified men* for personal, intimate, individual *training* in the ministry. These men undoubtedly had spiritual gifts added according to their natural abilities, as is evident in Timothy's case—and Paul could use them in a vitally important part of the Work of God.

Notice! These men would go from PAUL to the local Churches, sometimes delivering letters, and exhorting, establishing and *strengthening* the Churches.

For example, Trophimus is pictured as being at Miletum, afflicted with sickness, just after Paul's second apprehension and imprisonment at Rome (II Tim. 4:20). Miletum is a small city about 50 miles south of Ephesus. Trophimus was from *Asia*. Paul had previously been two whole years at Ephesus, at the school of Tyranus, teaching (Acts 19:9-10). And yet, a good distance south of Ephesus, here is Trophimus ill. What was he doing there? He was an *Ephesian!* (Acts 21:29.) Undoubtedly, he was traveling about in that area of Asia, working with the brethren, when taken sick. Paul had to leave him behind prior to being apprehended and thrown into prison again in Rome.

These young men evidently were Evangelists! There are many more who are mentioned, such as Apollos, who was a naturally gifted speaker, called "an ELOQUENT man" (Acts 18:24). But Apollos was also "*mighty in the scriptures!*"

Everywhere, you see these men PREACHING the Word of God, delivering Epistles, strengthening the brethren, establishing Churches (I Thes. 3:2), ordaining Elders (I Tim. 3:1-7 with Tit. 1:5), doing the work of evangelism!

The Third Point Of Paul's Plan

God used Paul to supply *most* of the details concerning Church government. Jesus Christ showed the authority given His ministers in "binding and loosing," but it remained for God to inspire Paul to reveal the various offices and their functions in carrying out God's Work.

Already, we see Paul was carrying on extensive personal evangelism. Also, he was following Christ's example of training young men as future ministers by giving them *personal*, intensive experience in the ministry, then ordaining them and sending them out.

But the third part of Paul's pattern of work is also vitally important!

Paul and Barnabas were chased out

of Iconium, and fled to Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14:1-6). At Lystra the people had to be prevented from worshiping the two Apostles as a result of a miraculous healing. After going to Derbe, they immediately returned to the area from which they were driven out—for a very important purpose!

"They returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. And when they had ORDAINED THEM ELDERS IN EVERY CHURCH, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed" (Acts 14:21-23).

This was just prior to the Jerusalem Conference. Paul had to leave the area of southern Galatia for a time—and it was not good to leave without first establishing government in the Church—ordaining able men as ELDERS to watch over the flocks.

Make no mistake!

Paul did not impulsively ordain men who had not been TRIED and TESTED! He wrote to Timothy that he must not lay hands on a "novice" or one newly come to the faith! (I Tim. 3:6; 5:22). Don't forget that many Jews, who had been given qualities of leadership, had been converted long before, in Jerusalem (see Acts 2).

There were Jewish men from Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, all areas where Paul was very active in raising up Churches. Undoubtedly there were many converted Christians in these areas even before Paul arrived. In this way, God had sown the seeds of His Church even years before.

Since it was never permissible to ordain a man who had not been AMPLY QUALIFIED, who had not been sound in the faith—tried and tested—we know Paul could not have ordained Elders within only a few weeks after their conversion.

Elders in Every Church

Acts the 17th chapter gives the account of Paul's preaching at Thessalonica. It was here that Aristarchus and Secundus were probably converted.

Again, it is very likely that some had been converted about 19 years earlier, and had been living as Christians since that time. Paul reasoned with the Jews and many of the Greeks three Sabbath days (Acts 17:2), and as a result "some of THEM"—some of the Jews—"believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a GREAT MULTITUDE" (Verse 4).

Paul left by night, going to Berea, then to Athens and later to Corinth. Only a very few months had passed when Paul wrote to the Church that had been raised up at Thessalonica, the first of his letters to be included in Scripture.

He had sent Timothy back to Thessalonica from Athens (I Thes. 3:2)—Timothy the Evangelist already an ordained minister of God—to "ESTABLISH" this Church!

In the letter itself Paul gives commands that are to be carried out by some who were in authority.

In closing the letter, Paul said, "And we beseech you, brethren, to KNOW THEM which labour among you [not Paul, and others who were far away most of the time—but those "among" the Thessalonians—who were right there], and are OVER YOU IN THE LORD [a spiritual office], and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake!" (I Thes. 5:12-13.)

Those who were addressed more particularly in the letter were given charge that the Epistle be read to "all the holy brethren" (I Thes. 5:27).

How plain! Here must have been local ELDERS—either ordained by Paul or by Timothy, who was sent back to Thessalonica to establish the Church—Elders who could utilize the instructions from God's Apostle and Evangelists in exhorting the flock, praying for the sick, comforting the weak, explaining and expounding the intent of the Scriptures.

This was the vital THIRD PART of Paul's plan!

He could not have trusted just "anyone" to take over these newly begotten "babes" in Christ! He needed thoroughly consecrated spiritual Elders to place as overseers of the flock.

Were Mistakes Made?

Paul, a few years later, called a brief Ministerial Meeting at Miletus, south of Ephesus, when he was on his way to Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost, in the spring of 56 A.D. Paul was later captured, left in prison at Caesarea for two years, and then taken to Rome in the fall of 58 A.D.

Apparently, his haste in wanting to be in Jerusalem prohibited a short overland journey from Miletus to Ephesus, so he called the ELDERS of the Ephesus area to him.

These men were trained under Paul's personal direction during his three-year stay in the region of Ephesus (Acts 20:31). They had been ordained as Elders in God's Church. They had qualified. God had revealed through Paul the ironclad regulations that must be adhered to in choosing spiritual leaders of the flock. But notice what Paul predicted of them!

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves," he said, after reminding them of his past efforts in diligently preaching the Gospel, "and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this," admitted Paul, "that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK."

"Also of YOUR OWN SELVES shall men arise [some of these very ordained ELDERS], speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:28-30).

It happened!

Many years later, Christ's Message to the Ephesus Church through John was this: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen" (Rev. 2:5).

Yes, Paul knew even as he ordained some, that they might yield to human vanity and greed, and ultimately turn sour.

Mr. Armstrong has also had some similar experiences. Years ago, he realized the need of ordaining Elders, in some instances, to help oversee the flocks that were being gathered together in Oregon. According to the needs of the Work—according to all

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A Balanced BUDGET— From the Bible

Does your budget work? Do you even have one? Read in this article how to budget your finances responsibly.

by John Edward Portune

MOST PEOPLE, it seems, get very uncomfortable when anyone mentions this touchy subject. Most are either convinced that they make too little money to budget or that they have no head for figures and can't make one work. So for most couples, money matters continue year by year to be a frightfully painful part of their married experience.

But did you know that such pain is not necessary? Even for you? Did you realize that in the pages of the Bible is a plan for the simplest budget in the world, one which can work even for people who have failed for years? And what's more, it might surprise you to know that you are *already applying it* in principle to part of your family's income.

So let's look at the principles of budget revealed in the Bible and discover how to become one of the few who have forgotten money troubles.

Four Key Principles

But before revealing the actual plan of this budget, you will need to learn a few external keys of family financing. They are absolutely essential before any budget can be put into operation.

The first of these points is to face the fact that family finances are a MAN'S JOB. Paul wrote, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church" (Eph. 5:23). This does not mean that women are not capable of doing the job, but simply that God has designed it to be done by the man.

So many women will say, however, that their husbands just *will not* do the job and that they have *no choice* but to do it.

THIS IS NO EXCUSE!!!

Any woman who has the strength to hold a family together financially needs to exercise the strength of FAITH to take her hands off the job until her husband is forced to take over. It will work, women, if you will just exercise faith. Hundreds in God's Church have proved this fact.

This does not mean, however, that the wife should not have *any* part in family money matters. Quite the contrary. Peter said that the husband and wife are, "*heirs together* of the grace of life" (I Pet. 3:7). By all means consult your wife on how the family income is spent. She should never have the *final word* on these matters, but her opinion *should count heavily*. Friction, trouble and disunity can and *will* arise unless the woman's views are fully considered.

One point to keep in mind, however, about women sharing in family money handling is the job of *record keeping*. In a large corporation, few of the actual bills or records are handled by the ones who make the financial decisions. Usually secretaries or clerks, who have nothing to say in how the money is spent, do the actual work of handling the money.

Husbands need not feel that they are shirking their job if they let their wives mail the checks, or even write a few. They may be able to devote more time to keeping records and doing the secretarial work than you. They may even be, as is the case with many women who have taken secretarial training in school, better able to do the *mechanical* part of the job.

Now of course, you do not have to work your financial affairs this way

unless you prefer. If the man has time, he probably ought to do most of even the secretarial side of the budget. But by letting the wife do this part, she often feels more aware of what is happening and will feel a lot more confident. Also, she will, through her knowledge of the family income, be better able to render a wise opinion if and when her husband needs advice.

Always Buy Quality

A second vital principle to learn in spending money, is that *the cheapest is not always the best*. In John 19:23 we read that Christ, though He had few material possessions, had the **BEST**. His robe was the *highest* quality obtainable in those days.

So very often, those who *always* choose the cheapest develop a personality which reflects this point of their character. Anyone knows that we all tend to act differently when using something expensive. We would tend to have considerably more respect for a fine limousine than we might have for our old family jalopy. And over a period of time, the person who always buys the cheapest develops an unpleasant, sloppy, careless attitude and loses his ability to enjoy quality items.

So, when making purchases, realize that many "bargains" are not always what they seem to be. Be wise shoppers. But in doing so learn to evaluate an item by more than price *alone*. So often, especially in the way it will affect us psychologically, an item of slightly higher price will be a far better bargain. Anyone who has ever visited Ambassador College will have seen this point demonstrated in the quality surroundings of Ambassador's campus.

The small extras that students have are well worth the price in the development of character and personality.

So commonly families feel unable to buy better quality items because they have, so they think, only enough money for the cheapest. Usually, though, this is a case of *poor judgment* rather than too little money. Buying quality is a LAW, not a matter of choice.

If more women in particular would carefully analyze just how many unnecessary foods, for example, they buy simply because their family is fond of them, they would have the extra money needed to buy higher quality items. The money spent even by families in financial difficulties on pastries, candy, snacks and specialty foods would usually take care of the price of the higher quality foods. In other words, buy good food first, then the "goodies." Otherwise, you will continue to be a slave with too little money.

Have a Savings

One of the biggest sources of misery in family money matters is the habit of living without a savings.

But before I proceed with this *third* point, I would like to say that I am fully aware of the fact that you are probably convinced that a savings is out of the question for you. I would not, however, be using the space to write this point were I not completely aware of the average person's closed-minded attitude on this point. So, regardless of your situation, this point also stands as a LAW of financing. In fact most people would not be in the trouble they are in, had they only learned to practice this principle earlier.

Proverbs 6:6-8 tells us to go to the ant who, "provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." In other words, she has a savings of food to tide her over the rough spots and the winter.

Even if you are in financial difficulties, you NEED to begin a savings. It need not be large at first, just enough to develop the habit in you. Later, when you have gotten out of trouble, you will have established the pattern in your life. Besides, it will surprise you to see just how quickly a few cents

or shillings accumulate over the weeks.

Too many people live so close to the edge that just one extra bill virtually pushes them over the edge into financial oblivion. How good it would be to have even enough of a savings to pay that one bill you did not anticipate. It is easy to have it if you will just start putting a small amount away with each of your future pay checks.

Avoid Credit Buying

This fourth principle is vital!

Just as with the matter of having a savings, I am aware that the average family is completely convinced that they could not get along without charge accounts or "hire purchases" as they are called here in Great Britain. The fact of the matter is that you must get along without them or you will never enjoy financial happiness.

Despite how much you are presently tied to the "revolving interest payments" and the 30-day nightmares, you need to start getting away from them. It may take quite some time to break their stranglehold, but it will be worth it to your peace of mind. Solomon wisely wrote that, "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). Start today to have the strength of CHARACTER to wait until you can save the cash.

Actually, when you stop and consider the matter of credit buying, you ought to see that it puts you in bondage to time, as well as money. Buying on credit and buying with cash are exactly the same—EXCEPT that one is done a few months earlier but with many dollars added expense! It costs much more to pay the interest on borrowed money than it would to save the money ahead of time. But once you get caught in the credit trap you are just doing the same thing as saving the money—EXCEPT that some credit bureau is eating up part of it before you spend it. Why should you pay their living simply because of your own lack of will power?

The blessings and curses for the keeping or breaking of God's laws are listed in Deuteronomy 28. This was God's national promise to Israel, but

it applies to us in principle. The keeping of God's laws leads to every good blessing—and one of those blessings is, "...to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow" (Deut. 28:12—see also the opposite in Verses 43, 44).

Almost every charge account is set up on a minimum monthly charge of 1½ percent—that's 18 percent a year! And many charge more! Yet when you have cash, you not only save the carrying charges, but can often buy at a discount—sometimes as much as 30-40 percent. This would mean the total cost of an item which you purchase on time could run DOUBLE what it would if you paid cash!

However, in certain cases today credit buying has become almost a necessity. The principle to follow, however, is NECESSITIES ONLY—such as a car or home. Sometimes even these would be better delayed until the cash becomes available. NEVER should you buy LUXURIES on credit. Television sets, sporting goods, hobby supplies, etc., are items which should be bought on a cash basis. Yet it is usually these things which give most people their trouble in credit buying. It just seems so easy to buy the extras now and delay the payment until later. But don't do it!

The Perfect Budget

So now that we have learned the four key principles of family finances: letting the man handle the money; always buying quality; having a savings; and avoiding credit buying, we are now ready to see the actual mechanics of the perfect budget.

If you will turn to the 14th chapter of the book of Deuteronomy you will find the principle given. It is, surprisingly, the principle of second tithe. All of God's people should know the tremendous blessing there is in our second tithe. It somehow seems altogether different from the rest of our income.

Why?

The reason is given in the 12th chapter of the same book. In the 17th verse of Chapter 12 you read that,

"Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn. . . ."

Each year, when we spend our second tithe to keep the annual Festivals, this money has a *special thrill* about it. The first time I was privileged to save second tithe I was overwhelmed that, for the *first time in my life*, I had money which I was *commanded* to spend on enjoyable things for myself and my family. Always before I had never even been able to spend money this way, simply because there were always greater needs elsewhere. Each month there were the perpetual charge accounts plus the ordinary matters of utilities, food and clothing. But this money, the second tithe, could not be spent for these things and was therefore especially enjoyable.

Surprisingly enough, this very same blessing can apply to *all* your money, and not just to tithes alone. If you will stop and consider your second tithe for a moment, you should see how. In other words, *the WAY you manage your tithe is the WAY you ought to manage the rest of your income!*

Check by Check

The reason the second tithe works so well is that it is handled *check by check* and *not need by need*. Somehow, though, most people never seem to be able to apply this principle to the rest of their income.

The way the average person handles his bills is to pay each one separately with whatever money is available at the time. But if you will think, you will see that the second tithe is not handled this way. Instead of taking what you need to attend the Feast from your income in one lump sum just before the Feast, you save it as a small part of each check. In this way God insures that you will have what you need when the need arises. And to have financial success it is necessary to do this with your whole income, not just your tithes.

In brief, you need to *pay every bill—even unexpected ones—with every check*. Rather than paying all of one bill from just one particular check, you will need to begin, just as you do with your tithes, taking a *fixed percentage*

RECORDS FOR YOUR BUDGET

MONEY SPENT BY CHECK (PER PAY PERIOD)	
BILLS DUE	MONTHLY
TITHES	20%
RENT	80.00
CAR PAYMENT	40.00
SAVINGS	10.00
INSURANCE	5.00

ALLOTMENT FROM EACH PAY PERIOD	
	40.00
	20.00
	5.00
	2.50

MONEY SPENT BY CASH (PER PAY PERIOD)	
BILLS DUE	MONTHLY
HOUSEHOLD	100.00
BUS FARE	11.00
ENTERTAINMENT	20.00
CLOTHES	12.00

ALLOTMENT FROM EACH PAY PERIOD	
	50.00
	5.50
	10.00
	6.00

RECORD BOOK

ENTERTAINMENT
CLOTHES
BUS FARE
HOUSEHOLD
\$ 50.00 PER PAY PERIOD

ENVELOPES

NOTE: AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE EXAMPLES ONLY - NOT RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW MUCH YOU SHOULD ALLOT. ALSO NOT ALL ITEMS ARE SHOWN.

ahead of time from each check for **ALL** future bills. In other words, if you pay the electricity once a month, yet are paid every two weeks, you need to take half of the electricity bill out of each check, beginning one month ahead of time. NEVER pay the electricity bill from one check, the rent from the next and the gas and water from the next. This individual way of doing things brings headaches.

How to Set It Up

First of all, sit down and make a very *comprehensive list* of **ALL** debts and expenses you ordinarily have over a period of time. Include overdue, current and future obligations—*everything* it will take to run your family for some time to come. If the longest period you go between bills is a year, such

as insurance or taxes, then your list will have to cover a year. If, however, the longest time between any bills is three months, then your list need only cover three months. Whatever the time, put down **ALL** expenses, regular or irregular, that you *know* you will have during this period. This *must* even include money spent on recreation, odds and ends, and the continuing expenses of rent, food and utilities.

The next step is to *adjust each and every bill to the length of time between your paychecks*. If for example you are paid twice a month, then monthly bills will have to be divided in half and weekly bills doubled. A yearly bill should be divided into 24 parts. All other bills will have to be similarly adjusted.

Now that you have done this, make

a new list of these adjusted parts (i.e. one-half monthly car payment, two weekly food bills, one-twentyfourth property tax, etc.). This list is very important; it is the **KEY** of the budget. If you have included every expense (some can be combined) it will tell you exactly how to spend EACH CHECK; *every one will be done the same way.* In other words, each time you get a check now, this list will tell you *exactly* how much to put away for each future expense, so that you will have precisely what you will need to pay the bills as they arrive.

By saving up for bills by a standard amount from each check, as with your tithes, the *worry* of budgeting disappears. No longer do you have to worry and wonder how to spend each check. Your list of standard amounts *automatically* tells you how to do the job. And once properly set up, this budget only needs occasional thought as contrasted with the constant headache of fitting each individual bill into the money on hand. What's more, with this budget you can have the blessing of knowing that you are not forgetting any items or wasting any money.

Not only this, the greatest blessing is the freedom it gives when you spend the money. If you have carefully and faithfully set aside the money from each check to pay each bill, you will be able to spend it with the complete knowledge that it was *intended* for that purpose. You will know that it might not have been better spent elsewhere. And where this becomes a rare joy is in money spent on luxuries.

So often families actually make enough money to be able to enjoy a certain amount of extras. But without such a budget few of them ever enjoy what they have. They may spend the money on these specialties but almost always *feel guilty* in doing so. Had they only wisely divided their income into standard segments, and included an amount from each check for special extras, they would be able to have these with a clear conscience.

So learn the lesson. Learn to divide your income into definite sections so that *every check* is spent automatically on part of every bill. The blessings are beyond your belief.

There are two specific ways to handle the dividing of your income. One is to keep it in *cash* in ENVELOPES, the other is by a RECORD BOOK. Either is good.

Keeping Accounts

For some bills, especially those paid by check or mail, it is best to keep all the money together in a *bank account*, but listed separately in a *BOOK* you keep at home. In it you should have a section for each bill or expense. For example you might have a page for *utilities*, one for *household*, another for *clothing*, one for the repayment of a *past debt*, and so on. As each check comes in, you add the standard amount to each section and then deposit the total needed to cover the amounts in your bank account.

Otherwise, you can convert your checks into *cash* and divide into *envelopes* the predetermined amount for each category. This system works best for those items you normally pay for with cash, especially money the wife spends for food and household items. Entertainment and pocket money would also fit into this category. No record in a book need be made for money kept in cash. The cash in the separate envelopes serves the same function as the entries in the book. Extreme care should be used in keeping this cash in a confidential place, away from children and neighbors.

Most families will be best suited by using both these methods. Some of each check is turned into cash to go into the envelopes and some of it is deposited into the bank account covering the account entered each time in the book.

Altogether or separately, this system is amazingly simple once you get used to it. It is in reality the only way to financial freedom. In my own case it worked so well that it seemed like I had suddenly received a 20 percent raise. This explained to me why so many people are blessed by tithing even though their income has not risen. *It is because of their tithes that they had begun to use this basic budgeting principle.* So do not miss the blessings—they are so easy to have.

Your list of expenses must be complete. But most of us need to become aware of certain things to include

which are ordinarily overlooked. This is especially true if your income is low or you are deeply in debt.

What to Include

In particular there are a few items which **MUST** be included in **ALL** budgets. These are: *clothing, entertainment, offerings* and *pocket money*. Some of these have been briefly mentioned already.

Clothing, for example, is often a very sore spot for some families. They always seem to manage to get what they need, but often in a painful way. Being a long-term need some seem to forget that they will need money to buy clothes. And when the time comes to buy them, it becomes a painful matter of squeezing out the money here and there. Why not just include it in each check? You do not need to spend it immediately, but when you need it, it will be there.

Entertainment, too, is often an item many families feel they cannot afford. To them it is a luxury. The truth of the matter is that you *cannot afford to do without it*. Entertainment is a necessity to a happy family. Almost all of us would be overwhelmed with the happiness that can come simply by setting a *small amount* away each check for entertainment. Actually, it is this point which first demonstrated to me the tremendous blessing there can be in a check-by-check budget. Just try it for yourself and you will see. Today I seldom have to concern myself with being able to meet recreation expenses. The money is always there. Besides, it is exciting to see it build up. There is no better feeling than to know that you can meet your financial obligations *on time*.

Offerings for the Holy Days are also quite a problem to many brethren. Each and every time they come to these occasions they seem to experience anything but joy. Either they know that they cannot afford to do so or they *feel guilty about not giving enough*. But if you work out in your budget an amount you know is right, you will have a far better feeling about giving. This is one of the only ways of being able to go to God and *honestly determine*

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Are YOU Concerned?

The measure of your conversion is your interest and part in God's mushrooming, worldwide Work. How deeply do you FEEL the mounting problems? This article will open your eyes to more of your responsibility.

by Selmer L. Hegvold

THE MOST tremendous CRUSADE the world has even seen is under way in God's Work.

Gigantic strides in every direction in ever-increasing acceleration have been the keynote of just these past, fleeting months.

Knowledge has increased.

Millions of watts of radio time have been added.

A million-dollar press is pouring out the written Word.

Another college, another grade school have been launched.

Dozens of churches and Bible studies have been established.

More ordinations in ever-increasing numbers have been made possible by the living Head of this church, Jesus Christ.

The tempo is terrific and is increasing as this world hurtles to its grinding, tearing end.

Where in all of this great whirl of endtime activity do *you* stand? Where is *your* interest centered? What are *you* doing to keep pace with the greatest commission ever given to any people on earth?

YOU Still Have Human Nature!

Paul's revelation of the nature of the average called-out child of God is in his letter to the Corinthians. Read it! This is the way it is—but not the way it should REMAIN! Read I Corinthians, the first chapter, beginning with Verse 26. It is *not very flattering*. Paul is talking here of you—of all of us in God's Church—when God called us out of the world and began to work with us.

But, ask yourself—"Has He been able to work with me? Has He been able to change me? Am I still as weak, foolish, unwise in all my ways as when God first called me? *Am I really concerned?*"

If you can enthusiastically exclaim, "He *has* made great changes in me—I am gaining more and more strength and wisdom every day that passes!"—if you truly radiate love and joy, experience peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, tolerance and self-control (Gal. 5:22), then *your treasure is truly in God's Work* and these are the fruits reaped in your life.

There apparently are few who truly show these fruits. Are you in the category of those who do not? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mat. 6:21).

Too many are *too concerned* about paychecks, good homes, good furniture, good clothes, good entertainment, and their own tight little circle of friends and social life to be truly concerned about keeping the vast Work of God moving faster and faster. Lethargy is a growing cancer that *must be rooted out!*

Why Lethargy?

Our Living Creator, Jesus Christ, spoke of a lethargic group that would arise in our midst, that would later become the final end-age Church of God. It will have a Work, yet *you do not want to be a part of THAT particular Work*. God has called all of you—wants all of you to be a part of *this present church era—the Philadelphia era*. This is the driving, dynamic church God promises will become pillars in His very temple for all the ages to come.

The Laodicean Church of God's

membership, lamentably, is being built up in our midst. They are lethargic, having *no sense of urgency*. They want to stand still on the laurels already piled up.

Read of Christ's warning to this group of individuals in Revelation 3:14-22. Do you want a part in their terrible trials that lie ahead? Or will you stir up yourself now—stir up the gift of God—the power to change and to become a living dynamo of resourcefulness for God's Work? This is the way to becoming a pillar in the temple of God later on, and a tremendous powerhouse of activity for God's vital Work now!

Certainly, God called you—one having little ability, weak and ignoble—but He saw potential in you or He would not have called you now! He gave you His Spirit, not to wrap up in a napkin and hold fast till He comes—but to USE! (Luke 19:20-27).

You can whip lethargy! God says so in His Word. But you need to think on God's vast Work; meditate on what has been done already, and the enormity of what remains to be done in just a very few short years. *You need to be concerned.*

Where Are We Today?

Governments have changed heads. Every major nation has, in just one short year, come under a new leader. Have you been watching and praying about this (Luke 21:36)?

How concerned are *you* over these vital developments that can and *will affect* God's endtime commission (Mat. 28:18-20)?

Prophecy marches on!

The major religions of the world are

merging closer and closer together in an all-out drive for unity *under* their mother church. The great False Prophet that will soon ride the Beast is taking gigantic strides forward.

The devil is hard at work and only we in God's Church are *aware* of his great activity. Note this excerpt written in a humorous vein (and yet so true) in TIME, Sept. 18, 1964—"The first two sessions of the Vatican (Ecumenical) Council proceeded as if the bishops had a leisurely century to do the job. The third (this present one) . . . may act as if the devil were dogging the bishops' footsteps; it promises to be the most productive in accomplishment."

The devil is stirred up. He knows he has but a short time. The big question is, "Are you also stirred up and concerned?"

It is later than you think, and we have, even with this momentous year of great accomplishment, only commenced to start to initiate the very beginning of what Christ has in store for warning this sick and dying world.

Concern for Christ's Servants

Are you also fervently praying for God's servants—fanning out into every community where the sound of Mr. Armstrong's voice is heard—around this world?

Are you aware of the mounting dangers that they are encountering—even in the United States of America? Have you noted the appalling rise of senseless violence, of gang assaults, of unconcern for the safety and welfare of others—even where assistance could have easily been rendered?

Your newspapers, radio broadcasts and television sets blare out with accounts of atrocities after horrifying atrocities—often committed in broad daylight, in public places in the presence of dozens and even scores of unconcerned witnesses.

God's ministers, His visiting personnel and baptizing teams are more active than ever before. And they are right in the midst of this crazy, sick, demented society. They are visiting in more and more communities, driving

thousands of miles daily, encouraging, expounding in the midst of a generation of people gone mad which hates them with a deadly hatred (John 15:18-20).

Are you aware of *where these servants of God, your brethren, are working* while you are safely in your home or in your place of work? Are you remembering *every one* of them, *schooling yourself* on the state of affairs in their particular area of God's Work? You ought to be! Have you seriously thought of what this world wants to do to them physically? [Coming with the February Good News will be the revised map, showing the location of each of God's ministers—Editor.]

The Old Testament Record

Remember the depraved society God's Prophets, patriarchs, and even His special messengers (the angels) confronted? Read some of them in your Bible. (See Dan. 10:10-21.) It should stir you up, brethren, because we are living in much worse times, and these acts of violence can occur where you live today.

Read Genesis, the nineteenth chapter, the first eleven verses. "And there came two angels to Sodom at even . . . and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them . . . and he said . . . turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night . . . but before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said . . . Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know [rape, commit sodomy with] them." Note Lot's futile appeal and their immediate violent attack on his home. Only the miraculous intervention of God's angels, themselves, saved Lot and his family.

Is it the same today where you live? You know it is.

Our baptizing teams have been assaulted in peaceful American rural communities. In far-flung areas, God's ministers are daily taking their lives into their hands in contacting zealously earnest seekers for God's eternal truths.

In South Africa, our people are constantly in jeopardy in that dictatorial regime that can restrict any individual to house arrest and worse.

Yet, in most Israelitish areas—metropolitan areas and rural alike—gangs of hoodlums glower at any stranger passing through. To them, God's servants are strangers and fair game for the violence that plays about in their minds.

Teams from God's Headquarters in Pasadena and from area churches have had rough hands laid on them, chairs brought down over their heads! They have stared down the barrels of loaded guns in the hands of enraged men!

To date, no serious injury has resulted. But here is the point—are God's servants safe today because of the tremendous power made available through your earnest prayers? Think about that in a strictly personal vein. If God's Work depended upon your prayers ALONE, would God heed and leap to answer your prayer?

Think what a horrifying sense of terrible guilt would be yours to bear the rest of this age if God just did not choose to spare one of His most zealous servants. It could happen—it has happened!

It ought to stir in you a real desire to examine closely your concepts and make sure they are based on the sure Word of God. It should stir up real, loving concern in a way that drives you to your knees in prayer every time the thought of God's Work enters your mind.

Are you able to mentally follow the tours of baptizing teams? Do you visualize the hazards encountered by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong each time they are required to leave one area and facet of God's Work and fly to another part of the globe? Do you intercede personally—and fervently—with God for their safety?

Read, listen to and view the events that are taking place in South Vietnam, Cuba, Canada, the American hot spots (in North, Central, and South America) and in the Congo! You have never read in your Bible some of the literal acts of hatred and violence such as have made headlines today!

Visualize the mayor of Leopoldville, Congo, helplessly bound and held while others sliced into his vitals, drew out his living liver and ate it before his eyes—before he died in excruciating agony! Another, a person tied in a village square while savages gashed his body at will—enough to draw blood which they drank—carefully making sure none of the incisions were serious enough to cause death. This continued for two weeks before the victim mercifully died.

This occurred not two or three thousand years ago, nor in the "dark ages" a few hundred years ago, but in your day—while you went about your work of making a living. This, in the so-called modern, Christian civilization. The Congo was thought by most of the world to have been civilized and Christianized a few years ago!

Prophesied

Jesus Christ never said world conditions would get "better and better, in every way." He said just the opposite. Reread 1975 in Prophecy, Who Is the Beast? and The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last! if you are not up on what was forecast for today. These dangers are closing in rapidly upon this Work and your loved ones.

Christ said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Mat. 10:34). He warned that many would bury their heads in the sand—pretend the world is not as bad as it is, ignore the glaring fruits of a degenerate civilization crumbling before their dulled eyes—"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be!" (Mat. 24:38, 39). Don't you view all this with dulled eyes!

The atrocities making headlines today, shocking the world with utter, senseless brutalities are just the beginning of an era of anarchy—the like of which the world has never seen. Christ forewarned in the past, and is today forewarning: He said never has there

been such a time in all human experience such as is yet to come. We have seen only the very beginning. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Mat. 24:20, 21).

Remember the Warning

The violence is growing in intensity. It will rub off on you or some of the members of your own family. It has already. Only you can determine how much it will affect you in the future.

God has said it is coming. More than that—it is even now at the door. The warning is out. The big question is—what are you doing about it? Are you building on sand? Or on the sound foundation rock of God's Work?

How much you are concerned—how well you know what and where, and through whom God is working on earth today—determines where, what, and how you will be growing in the next months and years of your training for God's Kingdom.

The Life You Save May Be Your Own

Perhaps you cannot see the turbulence of violence, hate, and crime in your community. Perhaps your senses are dulled—you may actually be blind! News sources print only a fraction of the actual occurrences. Ministers of the Living God, teams of men sent by Jesus Christ into this great endtime harvest (John 4:35; Mat. 9:37, 38) are in the areas that are currently making headlines. They have a Work to do.

So do you brethren—and most have not been doing that Work. Can you serve in PRAYER? I know that you CAN—but are you?

How many of the churches can you name from memory? How many can you name—together with the pastors of each? Just this much information firmly fixed in mind will spark your prayer-life. How can you, reading headlines of hurricanes sweeping Florida, fail to remember Mr. Kenneth Swisher's demanding work there, and the brethren riding out the storm's fury?

How can you sit idly and silently before God's Throne, day after day, while noting Africa's violence where Mr. Ernest Williams and Mr. John Sanderson are driving out from God's Headquarters in South Africa to counsel, encourage and strengthen your brethren in surrounding areas?

Your prayers are heard in heaven, if you are DEEPLY CONCERNED! If you find you are not concerned, there is much you need to do—immediately. Your life is in grave jeopardy, and what you do about it now may mean the difference between life and death—your life and your death—ETERNALLY!

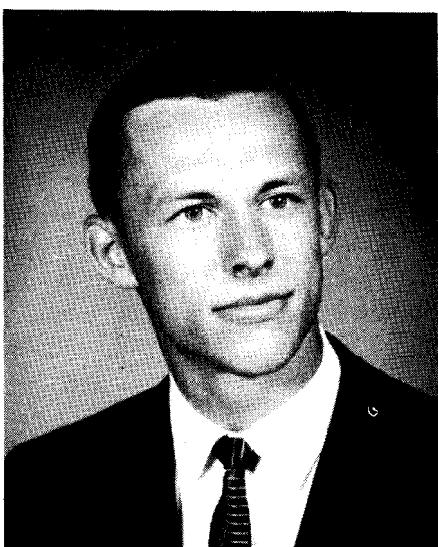
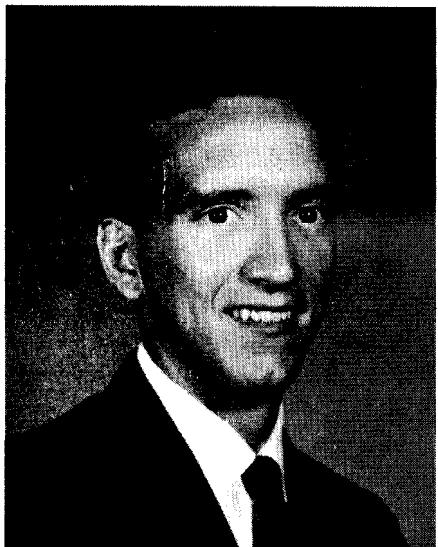
What You Need to Do

Here are seven points which, if carefully and diligently applied in your life as of now, are guaranteed to arouse in you real, living concern!

The very first point is to (right now, as you finish reading to the end of this article) get to a private place of prayer, fall to your knees and ask your Living Head, Jesus Christ, to correct any wrong habits and concepts you have. Ask Him to help you have a deeply concerned attitude for every facet of His Work here below. Then He will help you to see the needs and the urgency of such needs for His commission to be completely and marvelously fulfilled. He will begin to immediately open your mind to surprising, critical problems you never before saw.

Next, go to a private place of study with several of the latest issues of The GOOD NEWS magazines you have already received and read. Reread or scan the articles as time permits. Do this reading with one purpose in mind—write down the incidents, problems, churches, and people the writer explicitly requested you to pray about. You will be shocked to discover how few of them ever got to your prayer list at all! As you do this, take mental notes of the circumstances surrounding the request. This second point will launch you headlong into a new and happy experience that will grow dynamically in the weeks ahead. It will

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Ministerial Conference

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fervent prayer and service—the Work yet to be done!

Alaskan Bible Study

At this point, I would like to relay to you a recent report regarding one of our "far-flung" Bible studies. Mr. Carlton Smith recently returned from conducting the second bimonthly Bible study in Alaska. He stated that his trip was a very gratifying one—especially considering the fact that so few had been able to attend the first study.

Let me share with you his own description of the conditions of his trip and the "atmosphere" of the Alaska Bible study: "I boarded a Pacific Northern plane at 5:40 a.m. Sunday and arrived in Anchorage about 8:30

which was about thirty minutes before sunrise. We were still surrounded by a clear moonlit night at the time of arrival. [Remember? Alaska is the "Land of the Midnight Sun" in the summer with exceptionally long nights in the winter!] Upon departing from the plane, I was greeted by a blast of fresh, invigorating, 'shirt-sleeve' weather (for an Eskimo, that is)—a cool seventeen below zero.

"But in spite of the cold weather, most of the Alaskan brethren who were able to be there at all did put forth the effort to attend. Some traveled distances up to two hundred miles over icy roads and temperatures as low as thirty-five below zero. With children wrapped in blankets and in sleeping

Mr. Sharp, serving in New York; Mr. White, in Des Moines; Mr. Platt, serving in the New York area also; Mr. Kemnitz, in the Sacramento-Reno area—all now Preaching Elders.

bags, they braved the unbearable elements to drink in of the Word of God.

"Of course, the brethren here in the Land of the Midnight Sun are relatively new in the Truth, and are 'babes' who are hungering for the Word. As I suspected, there was considerable vocal competition from the *literal* babes, but my few years of speaking practice made me the master of the situation!

"There's nothing especially dignified about the group here with their big, clumsy parkas, coats and boots (no room for female vanity to express itself, for even some of the women wore trousers), but I feel there is good potential since the attitudes of all seem to be *very good*.

"So, all in all, the results of the second Alaska Bible study were definitely satisfactory. There were five other adults who live about one hundred miles away who would have been there, but did not have transportation, so I feel that we can expect the number we had this time and even more in future Bible studies. I also know that it will grow both spiritually and physically."

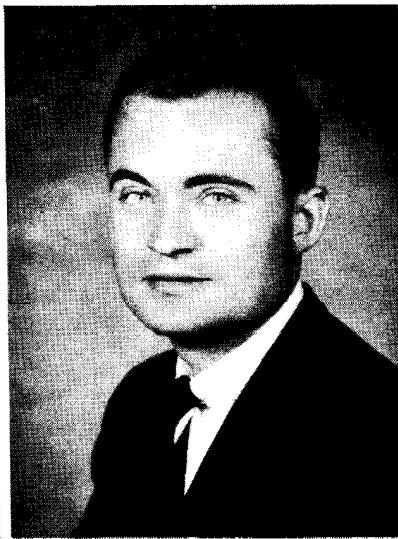
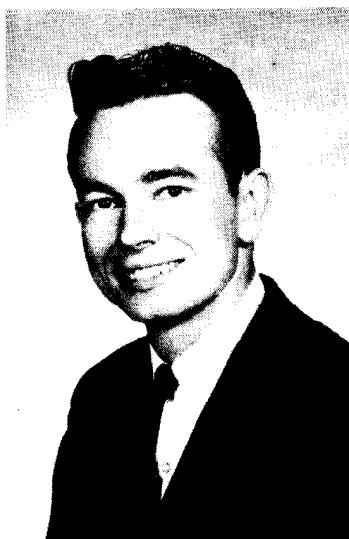
Don't Lose Your First Love

What a report!

Honestly, now, how many of YOU,

Mr. Ernest Williams in far-off South Africa will have to await Mr. Waterhouse's return for his ordination to the rank of Preaching Elder.





From left to right, Messrs. Ames, Waterhouse, Bierer and Cowan—all ordained as Local Elders in God's Church.

brethren, would brave thirty-five degrees below zero weather and travel two hundred miles over icy roads in order to attend a Bible study conducted by one of God's ministers? When taking into consideration the above factors, you know that when Mr. Smith says the Alaskan brethren are "hungering for the Word" that he is speaking the TRUTH!

In the midst of the growth of churches and Bible studies and other blessings God has given us, let us never take for granted the opportunity to meet together and drink in of God's Word. Remember Jesus' warning to the Ephesian Church in Revelation 2:4: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Although we discussed continually the blessings, the growth and the spiritual progress of God's Church and His Work, if there was any one *spiritual* theme underlining this year's Ministerial Conference, it was the warning NOT to lose our first love—as the Ephesian era of God's Church—and NOT to think we are "rich and

The brethren from the Alaska Bible study send a warm greeting from their cold country!



increased with goods"—as the Laodicean Church.

Both in *effectiveness* and *power* in God's Work, and in personal spiritual *growth* and *maturity*, we all have a LONG WAY TO GO!

So, while we give God sincere *thanks* for what *has been accomplished*, let us put our shoulder to the wheel and "*press forward*" toward the tremendous GOAL. With even greater effectiveness and zeal, let us each do our part in reaching this *entire earth* as a witness. And let us become far more like Christ in every phase and facet of our own personal lives!

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cost you time. It takes real effort and concentration, but it pays off in huge dividends. Try it today!

The *third point*? Make sure you know how to pray fervently, effectively. This is extremely important. Don't neglect to reap the benefits of real earnest prayer in spiritual growth. Read, digest, and apply every one of the important keys to prayer as expounded in Mr. Roderick C. Meredith's article in the November, 1964, issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, "Vital Keys to Success in Prayer."

As much as you are able, mingle with and fellowship with others in the church. In taking part in all church-sponsored activities, in doing your part to make them a success, you will be applying this *FOURTH*—very important—point in becoming more concerned with God's Work.

A *fifth important point* is: know God's servants as personally as it is possible to know them. (Read I Thes. 5:12-13.) The broadcast helps you to know the mind and personality of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. Through articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The GOOD NEWS*, you rub shoulders with the wise in God's great Work (Prov. 13:20; 17:24).

But, many miss a vital tool that is available to all. How is it that so many seem to know so much about younger men (and women) who become vital

cogs in God's Work? They own and study *The ENVOY* where descriptive material concerning future servants for the church are displayed for all who want to see. You, too, can own an *ENVOY* of your own from which you can gather vital information for fervent *concern* in God's field of labor. These are the potential laborers of the future who will broaden the scope of your concern as they go into action afield.

Point six: with this background, it is imperative that you become familiar with the areas of the world to which God has called His laborers. A knowledge of the geography, culture and nature of the people in the portion of the world where these are thrust, will increase interest and deep concern.

A *final point*—last but not least—is to step up *financial support* for the mighty final push toward the cataclysmic close of this age in the Work of your fellow servants. At this point, many carnal minds clamp shut. Yet your concern envelopes every stage of development: broadcast (worldwide and increasing), publishing (a growing million-dollar plant with shifts working around the clock), baptizing tours, Ambassador Colleges, new churches, and new Bible studies. This tremendous global activity consumes undreamed-of sums of money. God supplies as the need grows. The point is, God works through human agencies. God has *called* you to support, to the best of your ability, this vast Work as a *Co-Worker with Christ*. You NEED this relationship!

In the face of racing, fulfilled prophecy, Ezekiel reminds you, "They [those who treasure up wealth] shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord . . . it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity!" (Ezek. 7:19). Note that God loves a *cheerful* giver (II Cor. 9:7).

The way to real fervent *concern* for all that points toward God's soon-coming Kingdom, the way out of lethargy, is the way of your treasures. Christ said, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where

thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart [your deepest *concern*] be also!" (Mat. 6:20, 21.)

These seven points are seven solid prods that you need to stir up concern.

Here we are, just barely commencing the greatest CRUSADE—the *crusade* of those *concerned* with the future of all mankind. We have witnessed miraculous growth on every front, showing us without a doubt that the end is nearer even than we have thought!

You know this is God's great Work! No man could have conceived it, designed it, and brought it about. So the big question that remains, in the face of God's tremendous invitation to you, is whether you will ". . . grow in grace and in the knowledge. . . ."

Here are the keys—the rest is up to you. Do these things, and do them now!

Balanced Budget

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what is RIGHT. You will know that you have done what you are able to do and may even be pleased to find that you can give more than you ordinarily do.

Then, too, you can always draw on your savings and still give that little *extra* you might like to. This one aspect of the second tithe-type budget has given me a great deal of joy. I now am SURE that I am giving according to my blessings. The whole budget would be worth it here alone to me.

Pocket money is another category you need to have in your budget. It seems minor, but it can give a lot more trouble to a budget than you might ordinarily expect. You probably would be surprised if you knew how much money you spend on totally *incidental* items—hair oil, toothpaste, haircuts, newspapers, to mention just a few. This division of the budget may not need to be large, but if you do not include it, both for you, and your wife and children, this one point of itself can wreck all your efforts.

These seemingly unimportant items

are actually quite necessary to our lives. They never amount to very much at one time, but without just a little money in your pocket to buy them—when you need them—a person can *feel like a pauper* even though his bank account or envelopes are full.

So be sure to put these four items into your budget: clothing, entertainment, offerings and pocket money. They *all* are VITAL.

How to Begin Now

Only one last point needs to be mentioned. It is a little advice on *how to get STARTED*.

Admittedly, anyone who has read this article so far with any interest at all will be the very person who is probably so far behind in his family finances that he will not believe that he could ever *begin* on such a budget. It is for just such a person that this article has been especially written—and of course for *all* who read it. Taking myself once more as an example, the very reason I started on the budget was to overcome the very problem you may now think is stopping you from beginning.

I knew from the start that such a budget could *not work immediately* for anyone who was near the financial cliff. And quite frankly, it took me several months—the better part of a year, now that I think about it—to *get fully on the scheme*. The more months that pass, however, the closer I come to being where I would like to be. And, brethren, the *character* developed in this process cannot be valued monetarily.

So the thing for you to do is to *begin NOW*. Even if you have to run all your accounts in the red for months, you need to set up the plan *immediately*. If you cannot do what you write on your list you will at least be able to develop the *habit* of learning *what* you should be doing. Frankly, though, if you will set up your ideal budget right away *despite your troubles*, realistically including all current bills, repayments of loans and mortgages, future expenses and all the other needs—you will be surprised just how often you actually *can* begin to fulfil the amounts you have planned to put aside

from each check. Even though you can only set aside half of one bill the first month, you will be half a month's bill ahead for the next month. And eventually you will find yourself enjoying the blessings of *financial security*.

Budgeting need not be a distasteful scourge, an agonizing plague upon your life. All it takes is the determination and the faith in the Word of God to get free from money worries for the rest of your life.

BUDGETING IS A BLESSING!

Don't Hinder God's Work

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the evidences in the lives of the men concerned, the "fruits" of their sincerity and faithfulness—Mr. Armstrong was led, like Paul, to ordain Elders! Later, when tests came, some of these very men turned their backs on God's Work—and became more interested in their own selfish pursuits! Some God struck down—others were scattered, until today none remain faithful.

MISTAKES WERE MADE! BUT WHO MADE THE MISTAKES?

PAUL, FOR ORDAINING ELDERS AS GOD HAD COMMANDED?—MR. ARMSTRONG, FOR ORDAINING ELDERS AS GOD DIRECTED? OR THE ONES WHO HAD BEEN ORDAINED, AND GIVEN THE SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF OVERSEEING GOD'S OWN CHOSEN PEOPLE, AND WHO THEN TURNED AWAY FROM GOD?

Once Elders were ordained, the responsibility was *THEIRS*! NO HUMAN BEING CAN FORESEE THE END FROM THE BEGINNING! Even God does not foreordain WHETHER or not *YOU* will "turn sour"! Yes, mistakes were made—not by God's Apostles—but by those unfaithful ones who TURNED AWAY, following their own lusts and selfish interests!

Desperate Need Today

God's Church is growing by leaps and bounds! But it is seriously lacking the qualified ELDERS it needs to ably care for the flock! Many of the ministers are "spread out" over an area hundreds of miles across, and are having

to almost "live" behind the wheel of a car.

During the recent Conference, the ministers were given reports of our accident rate, as compared with large companies driving a comparable number of miles, in similar terrain.

Our rates were **VERY HIGH**! We have had *several accidents every year*, and, as older members well remember, one in which my brother, Richard D. Armstrong was fatally injured, in 1958.

Our ministers must pastor two, or even **THREE** Churches. They conduct probably two *other* Bible studies on a once-a-month or twice monthly basis. They must conduct Spokesman Club meetings, arrange Church social activities, keep up with their required reports to Headquarters, besides their constant calls for anointings and visiting.

At the close of the Conference, we had to send one of our graduate students to act as the full-time DRIVER for one of our Pastor-rank ministers, Mr. Bryce Clark. Mr. Clark has vision in only one eye, and Mr. Armstrong felt even *this* handicap was serious enough to warrant "grounding" Mr. Clark except for short, in-town or emergency trips.

Do you see the serious NEED, brethren? These ministers *need help!* Actually, it would be *far* more beneficial if *each* minister could devote his *full* time to just *one* Church congregation. As it is, each one must be laboring with *several*.

It is GOD'S INTENTION that some *QUALIFY* as local ELDERS to help share this tremendous LOAD! If this pattern were followed, the college-trained, ordained ministers who have had *personal, individual* training from Mr. Armstrong, and who have been gifted to PREACH, could much more effectively minister to the needs of the people—being assisted by able Elders who could labor among the brethren in their own local area. Instead of driving 50 to 100 miles at night to anoint a sick person—the sick one could call his own *local* Elder who would live close by.

Consider an Amazing Fact

Did you ever read a single scripture

in the Bible that tells us we must have a preaching service every Sabbath?

Can you find ONE SINGLE SCRIPTURE laying down rules for having a HYMN, then a SERMON from one who is qualified to PREACH? And yet—because many of the brethren have not seen their own responsibility—some have begun to ASSUME they are excluded from being a direct help in TEACHING the flock because they're not qualified to PREACH!

God's ministers have never said we must have a *preaching service* each Sabbath! Some of the smaller groups are still conducted as *Bible studies*, as question-and-answer sessions, instead of regular "Church services."

It is vital for your Christian growth that you hear PREACHING! Make no mistake about that! But it is not possible for many in the Church to hear personal preaching each Sabbath!

Do YOU Qualify?

God reveals it is a GOOD THING for a man to earnestly desire to be of service in His Church. "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop [Elder], he desireth a good work.

"A bishop [Elder] then must be BLAMELESS, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, APT [able] TO TEACH; not given to wine, no striker [or quarrelsome person], not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth WELL his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity" (I Tim. 3:1-4).

Read these qualifications again!

Amazing though it may seem to you—*there is not one single scriptural qualification in the entire Bible that says a local ELDER must PREACH!*

He must be ABLE TO TEACH the Scriptures—able to TEACH others how to live a godly and Christian life—able to HELP others by being hospitable, being patient with their problems, being willing to anoint and pray for the sick—but he is not obligated to PREACH!

NOWHERE, in all the examples of Church gatherings, of qualifications set down in Scripture for local Elders,

is there the slightest indication that local Elders had to stand and *preach* each Sabbath—or that they ever did!

The Elders were ordained as spiritual overseers of the flock. They were to "take care" of the Church of God!

Many of you men who probably COULD HAVE BEEN QUALIFYING have not been doing so—because you were laboring under the false assumption that you could never be used in God's Work unless you first spent a full four years at Ambassador College! This is not necessarily so at all!

Now *read the other qualifications* for Elders, in the remaining two verses (6 and 7) of I Timothy 3 and in Titus, the 1st chapter! An Elder must hold fast the faithful Word—and be able by SOUND DOCTRINE to exhort and convict the gainsayers!

He must be able to STAND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHRIST—to GIVE AN ANSWER FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN HIM—to explain and expound thoroughly the basic doctrines, the meaning of prophecy and the times in which we live, the great PLAN of God and what it means! He must be a man of FAITH—able to *pray* in absolute ASSURANCE for the sick, anointing them with oil and KNOWING they will be healed!

He must be an UNSELFISH man! His time will totally belong to God! He will be willing to ADDICT himself to the ministry—laboring night and day among the saints—giving of himself in humility and patience that others can receive help.

How Not to Qualify

The quickest way to DISQUALIFY yourself for ever being of service to your brethren is to do the following:

Decide an "Elder" is a pretty "high" office—and one that will get you a lot of "respect." Let everyone KNOW of your intentions to "get" this office for yourself! Be outspoken and vociferous—express "your opinions" loudly every chance you get. Jump in and be quick to answer a matter with your mouth so you can display "leadership." Have all the answers—never be willing to say, "I don't know!" Don't receive correction—let everyone know how self-justified and righteous you are. Display your superior "spirituality" by a lot of

spiritual-sounding words. Always "talk it up" BIG—impress people!

Is that enough?

This is the EXACT OPPOSITE WAY FROM THE BIBLE! And yet, it is the HUMAN way!

Men tend to believe it is OTHER MEN they must impress and please!

LISTEN!

If you begin to try to impress Mr. Armstrong, or your local Pastor, you are starting down the sure and quick road to a box canyon of uselessness! There is no quicker way to insure YOU'LL NEVER QUALIFY than to begin to *exalt yourself*.

GOD Will Choose

This is GOD'S CHURCH!

God will select and ordain, through His Apostles and Evangelists, the Elders when they are qualified to serve in that capacity. Do your qualifying on your knees! Do your work toward becoming of service to your brethren by HUMBLING yourself. Be willing to be the LEAST of men. ABASE the self—DEFLATE the ego—GIVE your life to Christ!

Don't be the least bit concerned about whether or not anyone "notices" you—and your deeds! Do whatever you do heartily, AS UNTO THE LORD, and not as before men!

God works through His human instruments in His Church. He will reveal to them the need—and the individuals who will fill that need.

Brethren, this is a great NECESSITY for God's Work!

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? Can you be STIRRED TO ACTION? Are you going to begin to abase yourselves—studying with renewed ZEAL so you KNOW the Truth of God and can EXPLAIN it to others?

May God help some—who have the potential, to WAKE UP TO THE CALL OF CHRIST—the Head of this Church—so that the Work of God is not HINDERED any more!

Study that article on *God's Ministers* from the December, 1964, GOOD NEWS. If you need a copy, we still have some extras left. And PRAY about it. PRAY that God will WAKE UP some who are drowsy, sleepy—spiritually lethargic!

God's Work waits on YOU!