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Measuring Up



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There is no mystery to the fact that a line is only as straight as the ruler used. If the ruler is cracked, splintered, and rough, then the line will also have irregularities. Many times when we draw a line, we like to approximate an inch or two instead of being exact in all respects.

The Lord set a standard while on earth that as of yet has not been attained. It was a standard of humility, leadership, holiness, and deep consecration. Many times when we are faced with a decision, we rely upon our own interpretations and shortcomings to fill the gap. If we are going to live exacting lives, however, we must use the true standard--God enrobed in flesh.

"If I then, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15. Can you imagine our Lord and Savior bent over a basin washing the feet of one of His disciples? Does it cause you doubt or amazement? The crux of this example is that the Lord commands us to do likewise. Is it beyond our sophistication and personality to be humble?

"The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him." John 13:16.

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Jesus set a standard. He did what He wanted the apostles to do. Perhaps, we could find room for improvement in our walk, in our talk, and in our attitudes if we followed the true standard.

Today the world looks at youth. People worry about them, yet refuse to do the thing which is necessary. Since a ruler is needed to draw a reasonably straight line, a standard is also needed if young people are going to develop into a strong God-fearing generation. The trouble with today's world is a lack in the knowledge of God, goodness, and gratefulness. Who is to account for this lack? Whose responsibility is it to see that these things are taught and instilled in the youth of today? It can be found in only one place and that is the preceding generation. The leaders of the world ought to do more introspecting and less circumspecting. The Lord is our example and how can we be misled or misguided with the whole Bible to draw from?

For three hundred years, Israel lived under the period known as the Judges. Each time that a judge came to power and required the people to live for God, they obeyed, but as soon as he was dead or they had been delivered, they went right back to their sin and idolatry. All they needed was a standard, but who was there to be the standard? The judge could not live forever and they had God to guide them if they would only heed His commandments. Today we have a much greater power, the Holy Ghost which can instruct us if we but take time to listen and obey.

We need standard bearers just as Israel did, but it takes a price. Who is willing to pay it? There is always sacrifice in leadership and in devotion, but what better investment can we make. Too many people boast standards instead of living them. God, give us and make us "living epistles" of Christian example as You have commanded.

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lordfainteth not, neither is weary? THERE IS NO SEARCHING OF HIS UNDERSTANDING. He giveth power to the faint....But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40: 28, 29, 31.

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how UNSEARCHABLE are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" FOR WHO HATH KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? or WHO HATH BEEN HIS COUNSELLOR?" Romans 11: 33, 34.

"Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand - But I know who holds tomorrow And I know who holds my hand."

The true Christian must be able to trust in God for tomorrow and for all the tomorrows in his life. The lessons necessary to the learning of trust are sometimes difficult. The Lord does not try to elevate Himself so high to make us feel inferior to His omnipotence. That is not what the Lord tries to accomplish. He is so great, so marvelous, higher than the heavens above the earth and we are mortals. We must put our trust in God!

I think that the most miserable life that a Christian could live would be one of lack of trust and one of constant pleading of God's will. What a miserable Christian existence to ever be whining, "Please reveal your will, God. Every detail of Your will for my future, Lord, I must know. Tell me, Lord; show me!"

There is no way to know exactly what God has for tomorrow. We can be absolutely miserable in trying to insist upon knowing the future. Sooner or later the Christian will find that our great God cannot be caged in or "put on a track." "How unsearchable are His judgments" and how "past finding out"



Tomorrow

S.G. Norris, President

are His complete plans! "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God...fainteth not, neither is weary?" There is no need to worry about His not being able to perform what is best in any life.

"Even the youths shall faint" in demanding to know God's ways for their tomorrows. If the youth mentioned in Isaiah 40:29, with all his power, strength, initiative and vitality cannot find out God's entire will without waiting on God, how can others? 'Perhaps we are all guilty of commanding of God the future by saying, "Oh, God what about tomorrow? Speak to me, Lord! Do something!" However, our great God is too big for that and so He patiently insists that we learn to trust Him.

Even a little child trusts his parents and never questions their judgment by demanding to know even a day's program for their lives. Even so the child of God must learn to trust his heavenly Father. He should be able to say, "How unsearchable are Your plans, Lord! I do not know all of Your plans for me, but one thing is sure - You are a good God and all of Your plans for me are wonderful!"

All through the Bible, circumstances appear that seem impossible for the moment. However, the Lord, sensing submission to trust in Him causes deliverance to come in such impossible situations because the lesson of

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“I Missed the Christian College”

by C. Hoyt Watson, President Emeritus
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Perhaps the greatest mistake of my life was not attending a Christian college. There may have been some advantages in a secular university, but the losses were so great that I shall always regret my failure to identify myself with a Christian student group. This is one of the main reasons I have given more than thirty years of my life to Christian higher education.

What were some of the losses which I suffered - and still suffer?

FIRST

My most conscious loss is that of so few lasting friendships formed while I was in college. As a matter of fact, there was so little of mutual interest between me and my schoolmates in things pertaining to God's Word, spiritual matters, and preparation for Christian service and I formed no lasting friendships with other members of my class. I have lost all connections with them. At the present time I have not been in touch in more than twenty years with even one other member of my graduating class. Perhaps the fault is partly mine.

When I talk with those who chose a Christian rather than a secular college. I am almost envious of them in their continued interest and contact with former fellow students. I feel the same way as I observe the wonderful friendships being formed each year on my own college campus. What these young people experience is simply marvelous.

To live together in a dormitory, to sing together in a quartet, choir, or chorus, to pray together, to be members of a gospel team, to share burdens with one another, to be members of a Christian athletic team - these produce bonds of friendship which

far outweigh the friendships formed in secular institutions.

SECOND

Another loss I sustained in not attending a Christian college was my failure to have sympathetic help, on the part of teachers, in relating the study and findings of sociology, psychology, philosophy, science, and other areas of learning to life value and to my own spiritual development.

Mine was a long, arduous, painful task to build a reasonable foundation for my faith. Except for help outside the school, I was in a battle all alone. I knew I had met God. I knew my life had been changed. I knew I was a born-again Christian. This was an incontrovertible fact which gain-saying teachers could not reason away. At the same time, I was not given assistance in building a rational foundation for my faith. This has long since been done. But it was in spite of my teachers in the secular college. Had I attended an evangelical Christian college, I would have had sympathetic, yet scholarly, help in relating my academic study to my faith and experience.

THIRD

A further serious loss sustained in my college days, which has been a veritable handicap throughout the years, was the absence of Bible study. My experience was quite typical. I was a country and small-town boy. I attended Sunday school throughout my childhood and youth. For a time I even identified myself with a teacher training program in the local church. The fact still remained that my understanding of the Bible was limited, and my knowledge of the proper way to study the Bible was negligible. Such understanding and such knowledge could have been gained at a Christian college.

But I went to a secular college! Those

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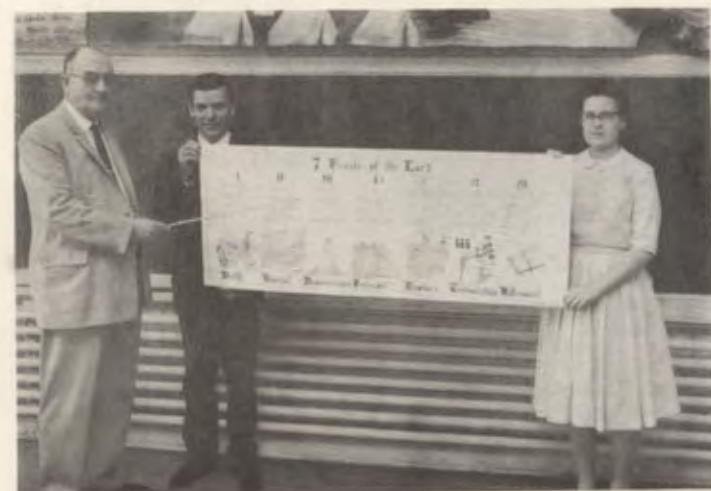
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Micaiah

Pat Smith
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"Guard! Guard! Send for the prophets immediately." The flickering torch cast a ghostly look on Ahab's face as he blurted out the order. His piercing eyes sent chills up the guard's spine.

"Yes, my lord," he shakily answered. "The middle of the night--he must be worrying again. Well, maybe King Ahab will let me have a goblet of wine for this."

The messenger carried out the order, the prophets came and were gone.

"Ahab, you are so childish," Jezebel sneered at the whimpering king as she smoothed back her shining black hair. "You heard the four hundred prophets tell you go up to Ramoth-gilead. Each one said that the Lord will deliver the land into your hand. And what do you do? You sit there and worry over what one man said. Micaiah is in prison. That prophet doesn't know what's going to happen to you. Forget it and win the battle."

The sun peeked in early the next day and danced upon Ahab's window. Jehoshaphat stood before Ahab. Ahab clapped his hands with glee. "That's fine. You look just like me. It's a marvelous idea even if I thought of it myself. My horsemen will take you in my chariot. Be regal, for you are going to stand in for the king of Israel."

Jezebel came to the door and began to laugh uncontrollably at her husband. "Look at the king! Those shabby clothes and that rusty spear. If only the Syrians could see brave King Ahab now."

Ahab stomped out of the palace. What a contrast! The king in shepherd's cloth walking out of his ivory palace, where the walls were inlaid with ivory and thousands of ornaments decorated the royal structure.

The ram's horn blew and all the men of war marched rigidly. The chariots rolled and the horses caused a cloud of dust to drift lazily in the rising sun.

The Syrians approached and the fight began. Swords clashed as determined men lunged at their enemies.

The Syrians scanned the Israelites for Ahab. One horseman spied him. He sped like lightning to have a closer look. Just as he approached, Jehoshaphat screamed at the top of his voice. The horseman turned around puzzled because it was not King Ahab.

The sun rose higher and the arrows zipped across the bright sky. Ahab smiled everytime an arrow missed him. Everything was working out so smoothly for him when like a bolt of lightning an arrow sunk deeply into his flesh. The pain was great. The blood gushed out uncontrollably. King Ahab died.

God has men like Micaiah today. Men who will tell the truth no matter what it costs. There are still men like Ahab today. No matter where they go, the Lord will find them - in the midst of a battle like Ahab or in the belly of a whale like Jonah.



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Bogues, Missionaries, Visit Here

written by Pauline Ramseyer

About a year after I began to preach, my wife and I felt led to go into the interior of Australia to start a work among the aborigines. The first visit to the area ended fruitlessly - almost. We went to a small village composed of little shacks which were made from sapling frameworks covered by flattened tin cans.

Those shacks house large families, but on that day we saw no one anywhere. However, just as we were about to drive away saddened, we saw an elderly lady come out of one of the tin shacks. We stopped. She came toward the car and we were astounded at her witch-like appearance. Her hair looked as if it had never been combed. Not knowing what to expect, we waited for her to make the first overture. She approached the car and, as is the custom with the aborigines, spoke softly and confidentially as if she was telling me a secret. She pushed her tousled head right in the window toward me. "Are you a preacher?" she whispered.

"Yes, Ma'am, I am."

"Are you a Pentecostal preacher?"

"Yes, I'm a Pentecostal preacher."

"Come on in."

So I went in. There in the little dwelling which she called home, her story was made known to me. That was Sister Robinson.

Many years before in a nearby town, a tent revival had been held by a Rev. Booth-Clibborn. This socially-unacceptable lady had stood outside the tent with her neighbors and clambered just as near as she could. When Brother Booth-Clibborn asked the people to raise their hands and praise the Lord, she raised her hands, also. Somehow God's message came to her puzzled heart that there was a special gift for her. Feeling that, something began to bubble right there in her heart and she received the Holy Ghost

and spoke in another language. She went back to her home, never to hear the message of Pentecost for many years.

Then her heart was filled with a strong desire for a Bible, for was it not God's Word? Oh, how she wanted a Bible! She searched every possible place for a Bible-trash heaps, old deserted homes, everywhere, for she had no money. After long months of searching, Sister Robinson found a small blackened Bible. She hugged it to her bosom - that Bible which at one time had been white and had evidently belonged to a little child - and hurried home to tell that she had a Bible-God's Word!

At home she turned the pages of the wonderful Book, page after page after page. God's Word! God's Word! All of these pages blessed her soul for they told about God. Great love for this one small bit of physical evidence of her Lord was apparent in her eyes as she showed us that well-used, second-hand Bible. However, a startling realization dawned upon us as we watched her handle the Bible - Sister Robinson could not read! But how she loved and caressed her Bible!

She continued her story.... "One day my grandson began to attend school and he learned to read. One day I said, 'Son, here is my Bible, God's Word. Will you look through it and find the word 'Jesus'? That's the name of my Lord and I want to see it!'"

Her grandson started with Genesis and looked through every page, but finally when he leafed through the New Testament, he pointed out to her the name of *Jesus*. She looked at that wonderful name and exclaimed, "That's what His name looks like." How happy she was! Then she sat right down and looked through page after page, saying, "There it is! *Jesus!* There is His name again! I've found *Jesus* again!" Day after day she sat there "reading" her Bible, finding the Name of *Jesus*.

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trust has been learned. God wants us to trust in Him. We can be miserable, otherwise.

Job's miserable comforters tried to use Job as an example of transgression of a so-called "program." They had Job's life outlined as they thought, but they did not understand God's plan for Job's life. "How unsearchable are his judgments" concerning His children! As a result, Job, who retained his trust in God, was victorious.

Peter tried to "bottle up" God's program for another disciple when he saw John following Jesus so closely. He said, "Lord, what shall this man do?" Jesus' answer, "If I will that he tarry until I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." was not a rebuke. He said that to try to loose Peter from demanding to know the future. That's what God is trying to do for you and me - to loose us from this lack of trust in Him.

One of the prophets broke through this wondering about tomorrow and God said, "Write it in the Book!" Micah (6:8) wrote, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

In Job (28:7) we read of the futility of seeking out our future way. "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen." What

is the Lord talking about? The will of God for a life. We know that a fowl or a vulture can see much farther than any human. Even if we could swing up and up and then look down upon our lives, we still could not see our paths. We still would have to put our trust in God!

God knows how to take all sorts of confusion in our lives and make something out of it, if we will but trust in Him. The first and second chapters of Acts show the contrast between confusion and the miraculous. The disciples certainly did not know the will of God for the early church. When Jesus prophesied their getting the Holy Ghost, they asked of Him, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" They thought surely that Rome would be conquered and that the kingdom of Israel would be set up. What confusion! They chose Matthias, who was never heard of again, to take Judas' place. Jesus had to command them to remain in Jerusalem that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Yet, because they loved God and believed in Him and trusted Him with all their might, they were, in Acts 2:1, "in one accord in one place!"

We might as well relax and put our trust in the Lord. By no means are we to take the lazy man's attitude but we are to be sincere, loving God, souls and the church with all our might. In our relaxing we are also to exert toward an active trust. All will be well!

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Once when I saw her leaf through Isaiah, I considered how wonderful it would be if she could read about her Jesus right there in Isaiah! I also thought of showing her the New Testament where she could find His name more easily. Then I realized that she loved to look through the Bible and find His Name for herself. How happy she became when she found that Name! I would not have taken that blessing away from her for anything.

We continued ministering to the aborigines for eighteen months, sleeping in our car and ministering to those people. My trade is brick-laying which pays only
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about \$35.00 a week in Australia. Finances for making the long trip each weekend plus the high living expenses in Australia gave us much opportunity to trust our God and He never failed!

When we return to Australia it is our desire to work for the Lord among the headhunting aborigines for we feel an urge to minister to them.

Brother Bogue is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Glen Bogue, missionaries to Australia. We trust that you will have opportunity to hear his refreshing messages concerning mission work while he is in this country. **MAY GOD BLESS THE BOGUES!**

Classroom Views

Those who oppose the belief that tongues are the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost quote, "Do all speak with tongues?" (1 Corinthians 12:30), to excuse their own lack of experience. This Scripture is found in an epistle, which was written to saints who had already spoken with tongues. This is not a salvation Scripture. It refers to the nine gifts of the Spirit. In effect it is saying, "Not all have the gift of tongues," just as the remainder of the verse says that not all have the gift of healing or the gift of interpretation.

Ruth Hufford

In three weeks Paul established a church in Thessalonica among "devout Greeks and chief women." The church was like a mushroom in rapidity of growth and like a deeply rooted palm tree in strength and stability. The Thessalonian saints "trumpeted out" their new found faith not only to Macedonia but also to Achaia. They became taproot Christians who were grounded deeply in the Word of God.

Fern Dean

Wisdom heads the list of the gifts of the Spirit. One who has the gift of wisdom understands what the pastor tries to accomplish. No book will bring you wisdom. Wisdom comes from God!

Sharon Bjorklund

Pentecostals support the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4:11 which includes: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We are built upon the "foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20. There are no apostles or prophets today. If there were, they could add to the Bible and this act violate Deuteronomy 4:2. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you."

Lester Lear

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years which could have meant so much in living in and with God's Word went by with little progress in Bible training beyond the experience of high school days.

Through private study and other methods, I have tried to remedy the situation. The fact remains, however, that students in Christian colleges, through required Bible study obtain within their four-year college course proficiency in the study and use of God's Word which far exceeds my progress in more than twenty years of self-directed effort.

FOURTH

The last loss or handicap sustained because I went to a secular rather than a Christian college is even more personal.

My post college days have included much interest and effort in the promotion of church work, as it relates to individual and home religion. This has meant winning people to Christ and helping them to be effective Christians. Admittedly, the prime requisite for such work is a personal witness. I had such a witness "in my heart." But I did not get the training and experience necessary to witness properly to others. My college years, had they been spent in a Christian college, would have provided such training and experience.

As you plan for your college years, let nothing keep you from attending a Christian college. You will find academic training in high order. But of much greater importance will be your gains in lasting friendships, in forming Christian philosophy of life, in developing a personal faith and experience based upon God's Word, and in the effectiveness of your Christian testimony.

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