

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. Barnhardt

Text: "That they may adorn the doctrine of God."—Titus 2:10;

As between Fundamentalist and Modernist be neither one. Don't let anybody rope you and brand you.

Jesus Christ can save the meanest man in the county. The reason He has not done so is that the man does not take the medicine.

As between the Social Gospel and the Gospel of individual salvation—choose both.

Our business is to raise moral standards in the community and spiritual atmosphere in the churches. Love-ly characters are not made in community hogpens and the products of grace are not the products of an icehouse.

The bigger a man is the harder it is to tell what denomination he belongs to. I do not belong to any denomination—they belong to me. Instead of letting them ram their ideas into my head I take them into my heart.

English setters have been bred for upland-bird hunting for more than 400 years. They draw their name from the fact that early in their history, the dogs were trained to "set" or crouch when contacting game while hunters threw nets over both the dogs and the birds they pointed.—SPORTS AFIELD.

Mortuary Forum

By E. N. (Pete) Manning

Question — What's the difference between a funeral director and an embalmer?

Answer — A funeral director is one who serves the public in most all aspects of the funeral service; an embalmer is one who by virtue of his education and training is licensed to prepare human remains for the purpose of a funeral and burial. Approximately 75% of all persons licensed in funeral service hold both a funeral director's and embalmer's license or a combination thereof. Ex. from NFDA booklet "Funeral Service".

Question — What are the items which make up the cost of a funeral?

Answer — In a brochure published in the public interest by the National Funeral Directors Association entitled "What About Funeral Costs?" will be found the following information: "Four separate and distinct categories of charges make up the cost of a funeral — (1) Those charges which specifically involve the

funeral director including his professional services and those of this staff, the use of the facilities and equipment he has available, and the casket and the vault selected; (2) Those charges dealing with the disposition of the body. If earth interred, there is the cost of the grave (if no cemetery lot is previously owned) and the charge for opening and closing same. If cremated, there is the charge for the actual cremation plus the cost of an urn in which to place the cremated remains (if one is desired); (3) Those charges for memorialization, such as a monument or marker for the grave or a niche for the urn of cremated remains; and (4) Those miscellaneous expenses paid by the family directly or through the funeral director. These include such items as: flowers, burial clothing, out of town transportation, etc.

Editor's Note: Questions for answer in this column will be welcomed from readers. All questions should be sent to: Mortuary Forum, Box 207, Edenton, N. C. 27932.

Postmaster Bond Advises On Christmas Mailings

Postmaster James M. Bond today listed six tips on how residents of Edenton can help meet tight Christmas budgets this year by careful mailing of cards and parcels.

For the most efficient mailing, Bond suggested the following steps:

1. For servicemen overseas — "SAM" (Space Available Mail) Christmas parcels can be sent until November 20 for only the small domestic parcel post charge involved from Edenton to East or West Coast points of embarkation for military mail. Parcels up to five pounds and 60 inches

in combined length and girth are accepted at this low rate.

2. Larger parcels (up to 30 pounds with the same length and girth limitations) can be sent as "PAL" (Parcel Airmail) mail, provided they are mailed by November 27. The charge is only \$1 per parcel, plus the regular domestic parcel post postage—much less than charges that would apply later if straight airmail service must be provided.

3. For all packaging, invest in good quality sturdy wrapping materials. This small investment can help insure undamaged delivery of valuable gifts and prevent delays which might result if rewrapping were required in transit.

4. Insure parcels realistically to cover full value but do not over-insure. A \$10 gift, for example, can bring only \$10 compensation, if lost, even if "insured" for \$100.

5. Get plenty of stamps on your first trip to the post office to avoid the time and expense of additional trips.

6. Use ZIP Code as a tool for economy in mailing. When it is used consistently on parcels and cards, ZIP Code helps prevent errors in delivery and expedites handling. If only a few Christmas cards go astray, an investment of several dollars may be lost, for example.

"The key to efficient Christmas mailing," Bond commented, "is to mail early and carefully. Clear addressing with the ZIP Codes, proper packaging and early depositing can prevent most problems and provide the greatest value for money spent for postage."

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MY RELATION TO OTHER CHRISTIANS

International Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 1

Memory Selection: "Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God."—Ephesians 2:19.

Lesson Text: Acts 2:44-47; Galatians 6:1-10; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 3:12-17; I John 1.

The pertinent point of our lesson today is the Christian relationship between other Christians, and (more importantly) between those who are not of the faith. For it will be remembered that Christ and His disciples did not confine themselves to the circle of confirmed believers—they were in constant contact with non-believers, diligently converting and baptizing.

In the light of their actions, it behooves every one of us to stop and examine our effectiveness as Christians. Are we restricting our acts of fellowship to a small and select band of our peers?—our personal acquaintances and friends—our own Church? If so, we are lazy Christians; we are not the witnesses Christ intended us to be; we are not good stewards of His offices. Singularly confines and restricts are mature growth in our spiritual life. It denies us a sense of personal enrichment.

The essentials for an ever-growing Christian fellowship are many and varied. It must embody the "positives" of encouragement, of consolidation, of counseling. These, in turn, are translated into learning and active service. How much we have to gain! How much we have to give!

An apt example is the fact that, in the early days of Christianity, it was considered primarily, to be for the Jewish nation—God's chosen people. However, as its concepts became known abroad, the Gentiles came willingly into the fold. Nations other than Israel were no longer "strangers," but active participants in this wonderful opportunity. The Church became ONE BODY IN CHRIST. Idealistically, it remains so today.

Early Christians were ardent Christians; they shared what they had with their less fortunate brothers. They willingly sold their personal possessions and gave to the poor. They held frequent meetings (from which sprang the Church as we know it today) and these meetings were often held in secret, under the threat of persecution, and even death. They were zealous.

The doctrine of Christianity impel such sharing of riches and knowledge, and the understanding and compassion exhibited by Christ in His dealings with His fellow men. He bore the burden of mankind's collective sinning, and He gave up His life on the cross that mankind might be redeemed from those sins.

Dare we, in the light of this supreme sacrifice, do less than gladly offer love and concern to our contemporaries today?

We are constrained to follow Christ's example; we have the responsibility of shouldering our own burdens bravely—but we have also the added responsibility of shouldering those of our weaker brethren, in His name.

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The world never looked so empty — gray and overcast, and no one to talk to. Depressed, I stepped to the window sightlessly taking in the familiar view.

Off to the left, unremembered, was the church steeple. It thrust up out of the green trees like a white exclamation point in my mind.

Suddenly, I wanted to laugh out loud. How foolish of me to think of myself as alone! We are never alone; God has promised us that.

I thanked Him for the steeple, the visible reminder of His love, and for the whole Church which draws men together against the emptiness of the world.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians 4:17-24	Colossians 3:1-19	Genesis 5:21-24	Psalms 16:1-11	Psalms 23:1-6	John 15:1-8	Romans 6:1-14



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