

Editorial Page

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

—(Luke 2:11)

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'Tis the Season

Christmas is the time of the year when we all like to remember those persons we have been close to during the year, with Christmas presents. It is, as it should be, a time of giving and of receiving presents. It is also a time of joy and fellowship.

No one can really trace the origin of gift giving at Christmas, or the Santa Claus spirit, to its true beginning. The most common belief about the origin of Santa comes from the tales about a certain Saint Nicholas. It seems that once a year, around Christmas, he would take candy and food around to the poor.

As the story goes, St. Nick was a very shy man, and because of this he waited 'til nighttime to make his rounds of giving. As he continued to do this the poor people began to expect it and soon the children would place their shoes outside the door for St. Nick to fill.

No matter how it started, the wonderful thing is that every year at the wonderful time of Christmas, we give presents and be merry. A giving of ourselves to each other.

Let us always remember though, the first Christmas when the largest gift that has ever been given, came to us. The gift of Jesus Christ.

This true Christmas beginning can be traced to its original point. Certainly the words of the J. S. Bach cantata "For Us a Child Is Born" tells us this story: "For us a Child is born. A Son to us is given, a Son to us is given . . . Immanuel! O give to me in Thy great mercy that which my faith and spirit fain would have; How can I tell Thee all of my poor heart's emotion: Which this Thy birthday wakes within me; O let my voice be raised so that I may sing Thy praises."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

—A. Thomas Foster

Honesty

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines honesty as "fairness and straightforwardness of conduct; integrity; adherence to the facts; sincerity." Chowan College students certainly should believe in this definition. Here at Chowan we find a living example of what the word's definite meaning is.

But at Chowan we also have something else, a new modern definition for "honesty." Certainly no Chowan student would think of cheating on an exam or test, now isn't this a good definition for "honesty." Cheating and its friends—corruptness and trustless—should never be allowed to appear on this campus at Murfreesboro.

Our modern Chowan students have also placed into the definition of "honesty" the words, "the ability not to steal." No Chowan student should allow him or herself to think about committing a crime. No matter whether it is a small thing, like stealing a pencil from the person in the room next door; or a large offense like the theft of an electric shaver from a boy's room. As Chowanians we all live the Commandment—"Thou shalt not steal," and take it to heart.

Chowan students certainly believe in the principles of honesty. At this noble campus we have a system that has been set up for all students. To protect students against that ever present few that have the urge to steal and be generally dishonest is the aim of the Men's and Women's Councils.

These two "Councils" have the hard job of keeping the rules and laws that were set up to protect us all. Since the number of students on these councils is small indeed, the councils were set up with the concept that all of the students would help these few council members to get the job done.

It is the responsibility of all students to help the Men's and Women's Councils do their jobs, and we shall help.

—A. Thomas Foster



Just For Today

I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that most people are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be. Happiness is from within, it is not a matter of externals.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desire. I will take my family, my business and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, I will care for it, and not abuse it, nor neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my soul.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I will strengthen my mind, or try to. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that will require effort and thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will study. I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. If anyone knows of it, it won't count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do, as William James suggests, just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt today. They may be hurt, but just for today, I'm not going to show it.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I'm going to be agreeable. I'll look as well as I can. I will dress as becomingly as possible. I will talk low. I will act courteously. I'll be liberal with flattery. I'll criticize not one bit, nor find fault with anything, and not try to regulate, nor improve anyone.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I'll have a program. I'll write down just what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I'll have it. It will save

me from the two pests—hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I'll have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. In this half hour I'll think of God, so as to get a little more perspective to my life.

JUST FOR TODAY . . .

I will be unafraid, especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

All these things I will do just for today.
—Chatham, Va., Star-Tribune

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