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### Devotional Thoughts

The most important characteristic in the personality of a Christian is that a man be Found Faithful. Since many of us attend a few services of the church, we seem to be faithful Christians in the sight of men. But just being found faithful in the sight of men is not enough. To portray this characteristic, Found Faithful, we must be found faithful in the sight of Almighty God. For you see, man does not know the secrets of your life, but God knows your every thought and deed. Therefore, it is imperative that every professing Christian be found faithful in the sight of God. "For man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart."

To be found faithful in His sight, we must be faithful in Giving. The first thing that we think about is our money, but this is not the first essential thing. Throughout the life of Christ we observe one fact: No man will ever be found faithful in giving until he surrenders his life to Jesus. Have you yielded your life to Christ??

Jesus said to every person: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Put Christ first in your life. Give Him your best. Let the world and all material things become secondary in your life.

He wants you to serve Him just as you are. He wants us to develop the possibilities within our own lives and then use them for His glory. Will you surrender your life to Christ and be found faithful in His sight??

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## Costly Rivalry

IT'S YOUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—

By Robert L. Johnson

If you have followed the weird doings of our national government, as disclosed by the bipartisan Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, you must by this time have built up a resistance to shock. You may think, that after that nothing can surprise you.

But I venture to say that you will be astonished by the \$52 billion contest that is going on between the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the building of dams and other public works with practically no check or hindrance by any authority, and sometimes in defiance of the wishes of the President of the United States. And unless Congress, when the Reorganization bills on Natural Resources come before it this session, does something about this situation, the American people will actually pay, in all, \$52 billions for water development.

These two agencies, assisted by powerful lobbies, have reached a point where they can by-pass the President and go directly to Congress for appropriations and authority to construct vastly expensive projects, some of which are opposed by the experts and people of the areas concerned. They are intensely jealous of each other and often compete in their work to the detriment of the project. Such a competition occurred in the Missouri Basin development. Here the Engineers were dredging a channel, of doubtful value to navigation, in the bed of the river. Meanwhile, upstream, Reclamation was building a dam for irrigation purposes which would hold back needed water for the ship channel.

Public clamor over this situation forced these two agencies together, for once, and they are now cooperating on this project, known as the "Pick-Sloan Plan." It may eventually cost the nation \$6 billions and the Hoover Commission says that it still will not serve the valley adequately because it is a patchwork, non-integrated program.

The Bureau of Reclamation of the Interior Department began an ambitious project to drill 13 miles through the Rocky Mountains and to supply farmers on the eastern slope with water pumped from the Colorado River on the west. It made contracts with farmers for this supply. The Bureau estimated the cost at \$44 millions. So far \$68 millions has been spent and the Bureau has fixed a new probable cost of \$144,581,000. But now, with the work in progress, the Bureau has discovered that the Colorado will not supply enough water to carry out the contracts with the farmers. It is now hunting for new sources of water and we shall be lucky to get off with a \$200,000,000 expense.

This underestimation of costs is typical. Figures supplied by the Izaak Walton League of America, which made a study, show that in 16 Reclamation Bureau projects the cost was underestimated by more than \$443 millions.

President Truman, keenly aware of these matters, announced in his budget message in early January, the appointment of a Water Resource Policy Commission to study the whole problem and make recommendations in view of the pending legislation. "On the basis of these recommendations," the President said, "I think it will be possible to propose up-to-date and effective policies."

There may be a fight over the Natural Resources bills when they reach Congress. Not only have both agencies powerful lobbies, but because of the great amounts of money which their projects bring into the Western states, there is likely to be strong bipartisan opposition from Western Senators and Representatives.

The bills, growing out of the Hoover Report, will recommend that the Corps of Engineers be stripped of its civil, river-development functions and that a new consolidated water development service be established to take them over. It would also assume the work of the Bureau of Reclamation and all other river-developing and power-marketing agencies except the T.V.A.

They also recommend the abolition of the Department of the Interior and the creation of a new Department of Natural Resources and of a Board of Coordination and Review, within the President's office, to pass on every major water-development project from the time it is proposed in order to do away with all duplicating activities.

This is a time when tensions in Congress will be severe and Congressmen will want advice and support from their constituents. Why not write your Senators and Congressmen and tell them how you feel about it?



Penny Esther Sellers, four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Phillip Sellers grinned for the photographer to take her picture. Her mother is the former Miss Margaret Guy of the Weaving Department.

### Weddings

Miss Christine Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Parker of Easonburg and Homer W. Caison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caison of Rocky Mount were united in marriage March 25, 1950. Mrs. Caison's mother is Mrs. Mavis Parker (first shift Finishing).

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas L. Lindsey (Dyehouse) announce the birth of a son, Rudy Leon Lindsey, born March 26, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis announce the birth of a daughter, Phyllis Ann, born March 8, 1950.

### Sympathy Notes

Mr. S. Hawkins, father of Mrs. Katherine Riley and father-in-law of Mrs. Lynette Hawkins (both of Wilson Division) died in April.

Mrs. Claudie Doughtie's sister, Mrs. Rosa Collins passed away on March 27. Mrs. Collins was the mother of George Collins (former employee of the Dyehouse).

Mrs. Emma Lee Parker, wife of John Joseph Parker (Dyehouse) died April 8 after a short illness. Pallbearers for the funeral were Caromount employees: from the Dyehouse, Mark L. Dickens, James C. Bone, Johnnie Cockrell, Garland Lee Joyner, and Kearney Hawkins; Herman T. Simmons (Engineering).

Mrs. Louise Crawley Shearin, mother of Woodrow Shearin (second shift Finishing) died April 3.

Mrs. Ethel Wallace lost her father, Mr. Barnes, April 17, 1950.