

Christian's Hardships

By DONALD LOVE

There is a certain amount of rebellion and resentment in everybody. Most of us will take so much and no more. None of us possess the same amount; some can, will, and do take more than others. This is not done all of the time by means of fear.

I am quite sure many of you have heard friends of yours say: "There has been times when I would not have taken what was said or done, I would have done this or that and the person or persons would have said or done what they did knowing me as they do."

There are friends you once knew required kid glove treatment. You see them later in life all together different. Question marks mout over you due to this change. You question yourself first to see if you can come up with a satisfied answer or answers. Your final decision, a change has come into his or her life.

As many of you grew up as a child, members of your family and playmates would take the advantage of the goodness of you by shifting wrong things said or done on you. Your timidity and submissiveness would not let you fight the issue too much. You depended on the truth to bring you through and in many instances, it did.

People are prone to take the advantage of others; especially those who would like to share in this kind of living. They feel they have not the art that is or they think is necessary for this kind of underhand living.

In homes between husband and wife, this is found to be very much a fact. All homes are not guilty but is so in many of them. The husband is a Christian and so is the wife. They either belong to the same church or they belong to separate churches, that doesn't matter. What does matter, both are Christians. For selfish reasons, one or the other expects and demands more than they are willing to give in return. They seem to forget that they are Christians also and God expects as much from me as He does from my mate. The living is a one-sided one, one is doing all of the giving and sharing and the other is demanding and getting all the giving.

When God gave the Israelites the statutes, they lived by them. This is what they were accustomed to when Christ came. Now some changes are in order. They then

as we are now, not willing and ready for changes but they had to come. They fought to the bitter end trying to hang on to what they were familiar with. Nor did Christ give up either, He pushed this effort on to the bitter end and the end is not yet.

Exodus, 21:1-36. In Chapters before and after this chapter, gives more laws. In Exodus, 20, you will find the Commandments, the first 18 verses. So all through the Old Testament, the laws kept them until the coming of Christ. Now Christ has come and those running things are not accepting any changes from no one, even Christ.

In St. Matthew, 5th Chapter, the sermon on the mount preached by Christ. This title, "Sermon In the Mount" include three Chapters, the 5th, 6th, and the 7th. Christ is introducing the new and comparing the new against the laws. In verse 21, Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, "Thou shalt not kill;" and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement: 22, but I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: But whosoever shall say, thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

These are just a few of the much changes Christ introduced and expects all of us to live thereby.

Our sinful brothers and sisters take the advantage of those of you who strive to do the things that Christ said His father wanted from the beginning. If you are asked to go one block, go two. If you are slapped on one side of the face, God requires of you, turn the other side. Those of us professing Christ, these kinds of actions are necessary because you have been classified as a peculiar people. You are to do the things sinners will not and can not do. You are to love instead of hating, do good and not evil, give and not take and smile and not frown. You are a light mounted high on a hill causing some one some where find their way.

Roman legends hold that the second king of Rome and successor of its legendary founder, Romulus, was Numa Pompilius. He is believed to have founded the order of Vestal Virgins, appointed the city's first priests and started many of its religious and civic institutions.

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CONGREGATION AND CHURCH

ST. Paul To Hold Dedication October 29.

On Sunday, October 1, The Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, located at 1102 Juniper Street in Durham, opened its doors of a new additional auditorium to the public once again.

This church, pastored by Dr. W. T. Bigelow, is now in its second spacious as well as beautiful auditorium. The old church was completed in February of 1966 and the mortgage on the auditorium was burned

within 20 months.

Due to the vast increase in the membership, which is still rapidly increasing, it became imperative to construct another auditorium to serve the people that come to worship at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church. The church was filled to its capacity for the Morning Worship and the Baptism & Candlelight Communion which was held that night.

The pastor, officers and members extends a warm invitation to you to the worship services held at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church. They also invite you to attend the Dedicational Services which will be held on Sunday, October 29, The speaker for the services will be Dr. E.A. Freeman, President of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.



LEFT TO RIGHT—Nezzie V. Carter, Coordinator Women's Day activities at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Linda N. Gunn, former member of Ebenezer—Student Programs Specialist with Health Manpower Corporation, Washington, D.C.,

William E. Daye, pastor, Mrs. Barbara W. Jones, holder of last year's crown for report-

ing the largest amount of money for the new Baptistry.

Before you act on that impulse, talk it over with someone, lest you do permanent harm to yourself or to others.

Call 286-2233, CONTACT, to talk it through with another concerned person. 286-2233, a Bridge Over Troubled Waters.

First Calvary Church Lady Ushers Meet

The lady ushers of First Calvary Church met recently at the home of Mrs. Daisy Green of Ridgeway Street. Mrs. Belch Green, Chairman of the group presided over the business sessions.

At the conclusion of the business sessions, a delicious repast was served to all the ladies present. It was highly enjoyed by all. Members enjoying the sessions were Miss Mary Johnson, Mesdames Belvin Mitchell, Mary Melver, Lena Edwards, Rebecca Haskins, Effie Royster, Rosa Grafton, Helen McClain and Anna Hogan. The hostess received many thanks from Mrs. Helen McClain for the group.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Effie Royster, Carol Street on November 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Gospel Amateur Extravaganza At East End

The Helping Hands Blue of the Trueway Holiness Church (Gillette Ave.) will present the following program on Monday night, October 16.

A big Gospel Amateurs Extravaganza at 8:00 p.m. at the East End Elementary School on Dowd Street, Durham. They will be celebrating the 21st anniversary of the North Carolina State Singing Convention.

Special guest will include: The Mighty Golden Bells, of Raleigh, N.C., the Jackson Brothers of Danville, Virginia, Big John and the Golden Echoes of Franklinton, N.C., the Famous Jordonaires of Durham.

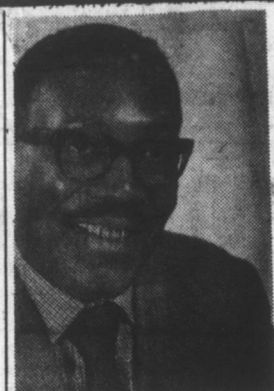
The public is cordially invited to attend.

Homecoming Observe At St. John Church

The St. John Baptist Church, 917 Onslow Street, will observe its annual Homecoming during its 11:00 a.m. service, Oct. 15. Rev. James Stewart will be the guest speaker. Special music will be rendered by the Markham Chapel Baptist Church Choir. Lunch will be served. The public is invited by pastor, Rev. L. M. Gooch.

I LOOKED AND I SAW

"Being Steadfast" By REV. STONE



Rev. C. R. Stone, D.D.

When one plans a trip from place to place, there are many loose ends he must try and put together. How well the trip is planned from the outset, for the most part will determine the end results. Choosing the right direction is very essential if one expects a smooth sail. Very often one finds himself caught up between listening to many interesting opinions. Some expressions come from those who have no previous experiences of their own — their tool works come from superficial-thinkings that have no depth.

God, our Father expects us to think individually for ourselves and in the final analysis of things, we should make decisions that will reflect to those in our midst that our will is within the will of our master who is God.

The word "steadfast" means that one has decided to fix himself within a given stream and he remains there according to the rules and concepts that govern that stream of thought. Other concepts may attempt to be forceful and appealing to the believer, but the true believer should be able to discern between rights and wrongs, thus, holding to his own convictions.

Sometimes, one is steadfast, yet he is wrong because the total aspects of the rule are not applied. With this in mind, one may be steadfast, but the mark is reached according to the rule. In I Corinthians 15:54-58 the Scriptures read, "So when this

corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and when this mortality shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Paul, a servant of God wanted to give God's people at Corinth the right instructions that would lead them to victory through Christ our Redeemer. He wanted them to know that Christ died that the truth might be revealed and the followers of Him might be set freed.

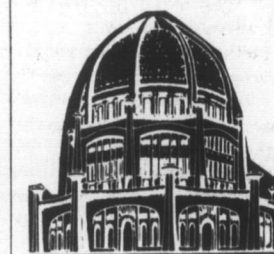
He who hath ears to hear—let him hear.

Next NCCU Exhibit Black Experience in Prints

Mrs. Nancy Gillespie, director of the North Carolina Central University Art Museum, has announced that the museum's next exhibit, open October 24, will be "The Black Experience in Prints."

The 30 original prints include works in a variety of styles and techniques and deal with the contemporary black experience. The first showing of the exhibit was in the fall of 1971.

The current exhibit, "Ah Voodoo," will remain on display through October 16. Museum hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays, from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



"WORDS FOR THE WORLD GOD'S GREATEST GIFT to man is that of intellect, or understanding . . . How grievous it is to see how man has used his God-given gift to frame instruments of war, for breaking the commandment of God "Thou shalt not kill" and for defying Christ's injunction to "Love one another." —BAHA'I WRITINGS

"Something Extra" For A Shopper — Products Give Billions in Premiums

Did you get your \$3.08 worth of free gifts this week?

If you have an average family of four, that's what you should receive from American businessmen in the form of premiums offered to promote their products — an average of \$160 a year.

Looking at it another way, business firms will spend about \$4 billion this year for premiums — or "incentives," as they're often called. And, because these advertisers buy huge quantities, they get them at the lowest wholesale cost — up to 50% off usual prices — so their \$4 billion means the American consumer gets gifts worth as much as \$8 billion at retail value!

Is this some new kind of philanthropy? No, indeed, say the sellers who run this massive give-away. It's one of today's top techniques of sales promotion — a way to induce you to buy and try their products . . . and to give you a direct, tangible benefit from much of the promotion money they spend. So says the National Premium Sales Executives, a professional association of 300 experts in such promotion.

Pell W. Foster, the president of NPSE, points out that some families receive far more than their "average" share — while others, of course, get less. Who you are or how you shop may decide. You'll get much more than an equal share if you fit any of six groups:

- 1) If you consistently buy products that give you premium coupons on each package, and you redeem them for gifts from the sponsor's catalog.
- 2) If you watch for newspaper and magazine ads with "special offers" of merchandise at reduced prices (usually about wholesale cost) with boxtops or labels from grocery, drug or toiletry products.
- 3) If the man in the family is a salesman who earns merchandise or travel awards from his company for outstanding sales performance.
- 4) If you shop regularly where you're given trading stamps, and save and redeem them.
- 5) If you're a store-owner who receives premiums in re-

turn for putting special displays of a product in your store.

6) If you make a habit of buying products which have small gifts attached to the outside of, or packed inside, the containers.

All these six kinds of premium will increase your share of the total take, of course. But people who go to the store offering a gift with a demonstration . . . open an account when a bank offers a special premium . . . enter a contest or sweepstakes . . . or buy gas at a station that gives a glass or a dish with the purchase — all these are in on the \$8-billion premium bonanza too.

Something for nothing? The experts shudder at the thought. "Nobody gets anything for nothing," NPSE President Foster declares, "and we wouldn't ask an intelligent consumer to accept that idea. The premium is 'something instead of nothing.' It's part of the cost of doing business — of sales promotion — but it's the part that's given back to the consumer in appreciation of his patronage. It's something extra that the shopper wouldn't otherwise receive."

All of this, by the way, isn't some new-fangled idea that somebody thought up yesterday. Merchants have been giving customers little gifts for hundreds of years, and this is just an extension of it.

The big growth in premiums began to shape up well over a century ago — in 1851 — when a soap manufacturer came up with the then-new idea of wrapping hand-sized bars of soap in paper. Housewives didn't appreciate the convenience of it — until he put an extra value on the wrapper, by offering lithographed pictures to consumers who would save 25 and send them to him.

That plan was a big success, and a lot of other people in the grocery business began putting coupons on their products in the 1880's and '90's. Today, with rising costs of everything, NPSE says the premium idea is more appropriate than ever — helping customers get a little more for their money — and millions of American consumers seem to agree.

Last Rites Held Sun. Oct 8 For Mrs. Brunson

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Smith Brunson were held Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.

Mrs. Brunson, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith, was born in Randolph County, N.C. on October 14, 1900. She departed this life on Thursday, October 5, 1972 at 10:30 a.m. at Watts Hospital.

She was married to the late Fred L. Brunson, Sr. and of this union three children were born.

She moved to Durham at an early age and became a member of St. Mark's A.M.E. Zion Church where she remained a faithful and active member until her death.

Church and community organizations in which she was a active were the Leaders' Board, Excelsior's Club, Atwater Bible Class, the Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary and the Senior Citizen's Club.

Survivors are one son, Fred L. Brunson, Jr. two daughters, Mrs. Mary B. Hayes and Mrs. Edna B. Smith; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Annie W. Brunson; seven grandchildren, Edwino Smith, Ruth Smith, Brenda C. Smith, Fred L. Brunson, III, Ronald A. Brunson, Sandra, H. Brunson, Rebecca L. Hayes; and one great granddaughter, Felicia R. Brunson.

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