Prophet's Column "The Effectual Call"

By J. M. Little

Our subject at this time is The Effectual Call. In Romans 8:30 we find these words; "Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also Called: and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." The effectual call is a call from on high, it comes from the courts of heaven to an elect soul.

I was riding in the car just this morning and heard a preacher on the radio preaching on the effectual call. The effectual call is one of my favorite doctrines in the Word of God. A message on this subject always blesses my heart.

Throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity I'll never forget when God gave me the effectual call. This call is a personal call, a distinguishing call. When the Holy Spirit called me, He showed me I was lost, a lost sinner. When I received the call, I was never the same again. I had lived a very religious life, a leader among the young folks but I was not saved.

A lot of you young folks today are very religious but you are not saved. This call to my heart let me see for the first time what my trouble was, I was lost and had never been saved. For a long time I had been struggling and want-ing to know what my trouble was. There I was seeing I was lost, a lost sinner.

No soul is ever saved apart from the effectual call to his heart. When the Holy Spirit gives you the effectual call, He shows you your far distance from a holy God, and you begin to weep and cry because you are so far from the Lord.

You come to feel the gulf between you and God. Once you thought you were so close to God, now you see you did not know the God of the Bible. The god I knew, or thought I knew before was not the God of the Bible but a god of my imagination. What an awakening it was in my heart and life to see that I didn't know the Lord.

The great multitudes practically one hundred percent of all our religious folks have never received the effectual call. Therefore, you are just wallowing in religion while you are lost and on the road to Hell. A subscript for the zy for saying that practically everyone is lost, but when you come to press a dying pillow and are being driven out into eternity by demons, you will see your lost condition but it will be too late.

For you wno miss the effectual call of God, it can be said of you as it was of Judas Iscariot; it were better for that man that he had never

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When the Lord gave me that

call, I saw the judgement all around me. Not only was I lost

and under the judgement of a sin avenging God, but I saw

the whole world lost. You see,

when the Holy Spirit begins to

awaken you, and teach you,

He shows you eternal things,

things you never dreamed of.

He gives you knowledge. So, if

you have ever been taught by

the Spirit of God you know I'm

telling the truth. I'll stake my

hope of heaven on the truth

I'm laying down in these

messages. I know how God

awakened me and brought me

down in repentence and

Like I told that postmaster,

revealed Christ to my heart.

I don't care whether I live or

die, I know where I'm going, I

know whose I am and Whom I

serve. You can kill me if you

want to, I'll go be with Christ

and you'll go to Hell. Hell is

the only place you can go as a

been born. Most of you have already been added to the number that will spend eternity in Hell. You can't go on like you are going, if you do you are going to bust Hell wide

The greatest thing that can happen to you as a sinner is for the Lord to give you this irrestible call. The effectual call is an irrestible call. It comes from the throne of God. You can't resist it no matter how hard you try. And as my old late pastor L.R. Shelton used to say; shall come will bring you. That's right, shall come, brought this sinner to Christ.

Some of you are very angry with me and have said that you will never listen to me again. If God gives you the effectual call you'll listen to me. And if He never gives you the effectual call you are going to Hell just as straight as a martin to his gourd. You may not believe that but one day you are going to know it

and feel it

Listen again; "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after

Christ rejector.



BASKETBALL, ANYONE? If you are a basketball fan nut with an urging Johnson, Pete Woodard, Julius Coperson,

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the flesh, not many mighty.

But God hath chosen the

foolish things of the world to

confound the wise; and God

hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the

things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised,

hath God chosen, yea, and

things which are not, to bring

to nought things are: That no

flesh should glory in His pre-

sence. But of Him are ye in

Christ Jesus, who of God is

made unto us wisdom, and

righteousness, and sanctifica-

tion, and redemption: That,

according as it is written, He

that glorieth, let him glory in

There you have it, God takes

the nothings and despised of

the world, like me, and saves

them and my glorying is in the

Lord Jesus Christ. The great-

est thing in all this world is

just to know Christ. I'd rather

have Christ than tenthousand

Do you know Christ? Do you

want to know Christ? Some of

you say you want to know

Christ. Why aren't you saved?

If you truly want to know

God only gives His Son to the

sinner who wants Him above

One day I was brought by

the Holy Spirit to want Christ

above everything under the

sun, and you will too if you are

ever to be saved. If you do

want Christ, then the Holy

Spirit is dealing with you in mercy, don't spurn the mercy

of God. For your own soul's

sake don't trifle with the con-

victions He has given you.

turn you.

Turn to the Lord, ask Him to

My prayer is that you will be

brought to know Christ as your

Lord and your Saviour, Whom

to know aright is life eternal.

Don't turn back but follow on

everything and everybody.

Do you want Him?

Christ you can know Him.

worlds of gold and silver.

the Lord.(I Cor. 1:26-31)

not many noble, are Called:

Continue from Page 1. percent of adjusted income. A year ago the family was burned out of their slum house. "I had put a lot of money into it because the landlord wouldn't fix it. I have five kids. After the fire we had to sleep on floors and back porches of friends," said the Cherry resident.

In February she went back to the Housing Authority, but this time they couldn't find her file. "I waited and waited. It was a terrible experience. Finally I just took my name off the list," said the woman. Federal guidelines for public housing state that "no quotas or other devices." except as necessitated by rent-range allocations, are to

be established to limit the number of families on public assistance. However, the rent-range system itself seems to institute a quota against the poor.

According to guidelines adopted by the Charlotte Housing Authority in July. 1977, a tenant with a \$1200 adjusted annual income would pay no rent. A person with a \$10,000 adjusted income would pay 25 percent, or \$208 a month gross rent, which includes basic utilities.

Federal guidelines state that rent ranges are "to insure the financial solvency and stability of the program and to maintain a socio-economic cross section.

In what sense then is public housing "public?" While it does not return a profit to the owner, as private housing does, public housing is not paid for by local taxes

is not available to the poorest section of the population is not subsidized (except minimally) by the federal government

is not built by the government (it is built by private contractors at a profit).

So who pays for public housing? Not the rich, not the middle-class homeowner, but the low income residents themselves. In the wake of Proposition 13 in California and other tax revolts, it is time to get the facts about public housing rather than rely on commonly accepted myths. Too often the poor are blamed for high taxes, when in reality they are the ones shouldering the burden.

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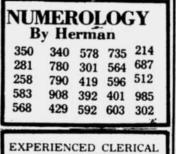
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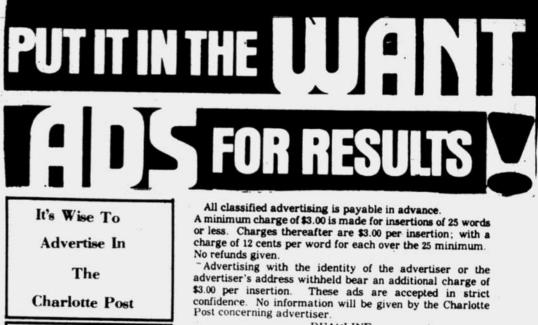
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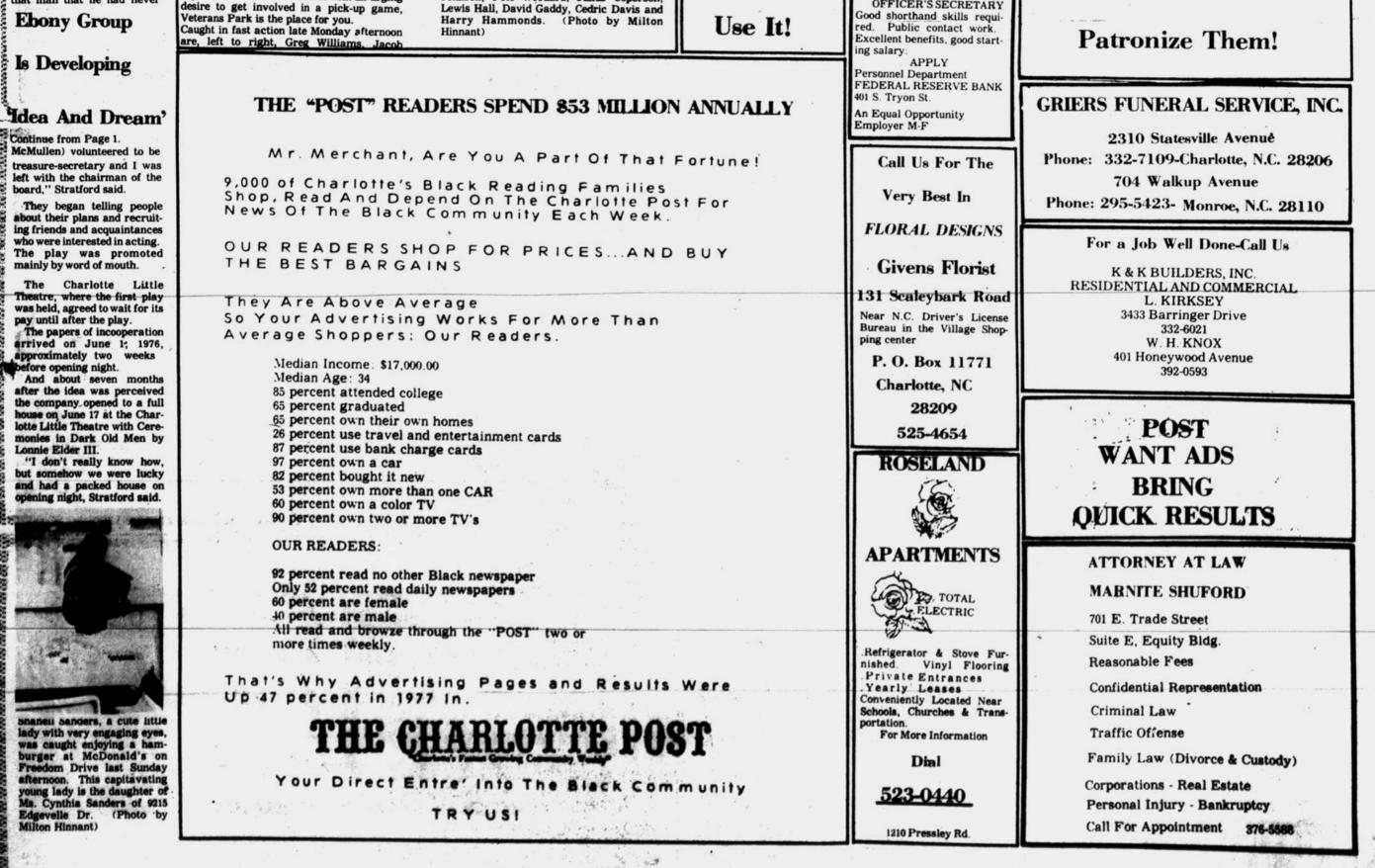
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