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INTRODUCTION

Anyone of 24 letters is used more often than Q is. The diameter of Betelgeuses wells and shrinks as much as a hundred million miles. Each of these facts may interest some specialist, but most of us couldn't care less. They make no difference to our living today nor tomorrow.

Paul's letter to the Romans is famous for its profound doctrine. But so what? Does it mean anything in our daily living? Indeed it does. Paul is as practical as he is profound. He is quite specific about it.

LESSON BACKGROUND

Chapter 12 of Romans begins with a therefore. In his infinite wisdom God has had mercy on us and provided for our salvation. On account of that mercy Paul urges us to sacrifice ourselves, not killed at the altar like some ancient sheep, but a living sacrifice devoted to God's service, (Romans 12:1-2).

How shall we serve? In different ways, as many different ways as different people. Each one should serve in the way his gifts make him capable, (Romans 12:3-8).

All in the family: All of us who have faith in Christ are united in one household, one family. In Romans 12 the idea appears in another figure of speech: We are one body (V. 5). As a body or as a family, we have duties toward each other, and the happiness of all of us depends on our doing our duty with all goodwill.

In the household of faith we really love one another; we don't just pretend. But, suppose I don't really love one of the family, shall I be honest and open about my dislike? No, in this case I must learn to love. Christian love is not an automatic thing beyond my control. With strong self-discipline and the Lord's help, I can have a genuine and generous goodwill even to those who are disagreeable. "Love your enemies," said Jesus, (Matthew 5:44). How much more we should love our brother! This is a good to which we should cleave. To be without love for a brother is an evil we should abhor.

To abhor suggests that we want to stay away from evil as far as we can—but it does not mean we refuse to speak to one who does this evil. Jesus was called a friend of sinners, (Matt. 11:19), but no one could abhor evil more than He did.

Verses 9 and 10 describe the Christian's attitude toward other members of his family, the household of faith. Verses 11 and 12 describe his attitude in a general way rather than his attitude toward anyone in particular. First he is eager and active. Business here does not mean buying and selling goods or services. It means busy-ness, keeping busy. Fervent in spirit warns us against a phony show of enthusiasm. Our zeal is to be genuine, and is to be used in serving the Lord, not just in selfish activities.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself," (V. 3).

Of course, no person is really nothing. The meaning is that one may think he is something that he is not. In that case he is fooling other people, but he is not fooling God. This verse may point in two directions. First, the man who is at fault may imagine he is a good Christian, especially if his fellow Christians apparently accept his fault in silence. If this is so, he is fooling himself. Second, the rest of us may think we are good Christians even while we shun our duty toward the wrongdoer. But in ignoring that duty, we too are doing wrong. If we do not see our own fault, we are fooling ourselves.

Paul says, "Let's quit fooling ourselves." Let each person prove, test, examine what he himself does. If it is in line with the teaching of God's word, then he can rejoice in doing right and in the hope of glory. But if I do not examine my own living and keep it straight, there are various ways of rejoicing in another. (1) If I am careless about my own living I may be overtaken in a fault and need to be restored by someone. Then I may rejoice in the One who restored me, but my joy may be tinged with sorrow because I made a brother take on my unpleasant task of correcting me. (2) Careless of my own way of living, I may say, "I'm not what I ought to be but I'm not as bad as What's His Name." My rejoicing then is not in myself, but in the one who is worse than I am. (3) If my own work doesn't pass examination in a way in which I can rejoice, I may join the party of some admirable leader and take pride in what he does or what the party does. This is especially tempting when there is some division and conflict. So, I may forget my own faults and rejoice in the good work of any leader, my political party, my club, my committee, or my church. This is not bad, but it does not take the place of personal life that gives joy and satisfaction.

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," (Romans 12:1). This is the daily living that Paul writes about, daily living in the household of faith.

The harvest of eternal life would be forever beyond us if it depended on our planting alone. It is the gift of God. It has been bought for us with the blood of His Son. We cannot take pride in our goodness, but we can take delight in His promise.

George Reynolds Uses His Career Path To Assist Minority Youth

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There is a large, lucrative field of opportunity that, according to statistics, minorities have either been ignoring or avoiding. The fact is, the field of technology and engineering is creating job opportunities at a faster rate than in any other economic sector. Yet, only 4.2 percent of the engineers who graduated from universities in 1981 were minorities.

According to Westinghouse Electric Corp., there is currently a shortage of engineers in this country. They also cite the high rate of unemployment among minorities. Westinghouse is concerned about both of these problems—stating, "This critical issue is addressed in a timely and effective manner by educating and encouraging the largely untapped reserve of minority talent to pursue these opportunities. For a variety of reasons, including lack of visible role models, many of these qualified students are choosing careers without giving engineering any consideration whatsoever."

Therefore, Westinghouse instituted the Westinghouse Minority Spokesperson Program in 1980. Its purpose is to make minority young adults and their parents aware of the careers available to them.

George Reynolds is a volunteer with this program. An Engineering Section Manager at the Westinghouse Defense Center in Baltimore, MD., Reynolds was recently in Charlotte. His mission here was to use his own career path as an example to assist minority youth to realize their full potential and at the same time to help alleviate the need for more American engineers.

"As a volunteer in this program I'm not trying to sell Westinghouse, necessarily," says Reynolds. "My goal is to make minorities aware of



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the overlooked opportunities in engineering," he stressed.

The leading problem, observes Reynolds, is essentially the scarcity of role models for minority youths.

"Even on television, you'll see doctors, nurses, lawyers, etc., but not engineers. Engineers should command the same respect as doctors and lawyers, and young people, when surveying careers, should consider engineering with the same high priority they give other major professions," he urges.

Knowledge of the benefits associated with the engineering field is merit enough to place this occupation among the priority careers. "Ninety-five percent of engineering graduates are committed as of graduation to employment, graduate school or other career plans," notes the Educational Affairs Council of the American Association of Engineering Societies. Also included in their study, "there are excellent

chances for advancement as persons with technical backgrounds and skills continue to be in demand since they have the know-how to tackle the complex problems of today's world," Reynolds interjects. "The starting salary for engineers without exception is around \$26,000."

The major jobs in engineering are the engineers, engineering technologists and engineering technicians. Each position has different requirements as far as aptitude and education but all components work as part of a team sharing responsibility for a particular project, all working to help people. "Engineers create, design, experiment and build almost everything that's around," informs Reynolds.

Reynolds received a BSME from Howard University and an MS in Administration from George Washington University. For a career in engineering, he advises young people to prepare before college. "Take as many science and mathematics courses as possible," he relates. "Also students should talk to their counselors. There are a number of grants and scholarships available to blacks pursuing engineering degrees."

"Engineering can be difficult," admits Reynolds. "It can be hard but it's not impossible. Nothing worthwhile comes easy."

But the bottom line is, according to Reynolds, "Companies need engineers and most do not care what color you are. Ideas have no color barriers. If a person can come up with selling ideas, the company will want that person."

For more information on careers in engineering there is a toll free number to call, 800-245-4474. Or you may write the National Executive Committee for Guidance c-o ABET, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.

First Union Establishes Scholarship Program

First Union Corporation has established a premier scholarship program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

First Union made a substantial monetary gift to UNCC to set up this program to be called the C.C. Cameron Scholars in honor of one of Charlotte's financial leaders and chairman of the board of First Union Corporation.

UNCC Chancellor E. K. Fretwell Jr. called the gift a milestone in developing academic scholarships for the university. "This type of scholarship will bring outstanding students to UNCC and will enhance the development of future business leaders," he said.

"We are grateful to First Union for its generosity in making this one of UNCC's elite academic scholarships," said Chancellor Fretwell.

Cameron has been a long-time supporter of UNCC, serving as a trustee since 1972, including several years as chairman. He has served on the board of directors of the UNCC Foundation since 1967, and he recently co-chaired the University's Campaign for Excellence, a fund raising drive which exceeded \$6 million.

"I hope this program will enhance the educational and professional development of our future business leaders," said Cameron. "I believe this program will identify North Carolina young achievers with the innate ability to manage their own careers and lead others to great personal and organizational achievement."

More information about the scholarships is available from Curtis Whalen, in care of C.C. Cameron Scholars Selection Committee, 117 King Building, UNCC, Charlotte, N.C. 28223 (704-597-2461 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) or from Ann D. Thomas at First Union National Bank in Charlotte (704-374-6649).

Local Students Can Participate In Cultural Exchange Programs

Local teenagers can do something interesting and important with their lives this summer. They can spend four weeks experiencing life in another country as part of an international friendship and cultural exchange.

Students going to France, or Scotland, for the summer will spend four weeks living with a French or Scottish host family. It is an opportunity to experience life in another culture, not as a tourist, but as a part of a local family. It is a growing, learning and sharing experience for everyone involved.

There is also a program for students wishing to study and live in France for one semester of high school. Students applying for the summer or semester program to France will need two years of French and a letter of recommendation from their French teachers. They must be 15 to 18 years of age. There is no foreign language requirement for the program to Scotland.

The friendship and cultural exchange is a joint effort of Bendall International, in the United States; The Scottish National Committee of the English Speaking Union, in Scotland; and American Welcome, Club Des 4 Vents and the French Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, in France.

These homestays are always interesting and educational and are often the beginning of lasting friendships.

Students are selected for the program because of their genuine interest in living and experiencing life in another culture, their level of maturity, their ability to adapt to new and/or unusual situations, their ability to make friends and to live harmoniously with a host family with different values and attitudes. The four week summer in London

is for students ages 15 through 21. There are no foreign language requirements.

Participating students will spend the summer exploring London, getting to know the city and its people, and developing friendships with other students from the United States, England, and around the world.

They will stay at International House in cities where there are dozens of activities in which they may choose to participate. The patron of International House is the Queen Mother of England.

Students participating in the program to France, Scotland, or London should be good representatives of their school, community and country. Many of the people of France, Scotland, and England will judge all Americans by their impressions of students on this friendship exchange. They should be goodwill and friendship ambassadors of the United States.

Anyone interested in applying for participation in any of the programs should contact Bendall International at 11650 River Moss Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44136. Or phone (216) 238-3711. This cross cultural adventure could make this a very special summer in your life and the beginning of new and lasting friendships.

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