

**TODAY'S meditation**



**The Upper Room**  
THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

When she hath found it (a piece of silver), she calleth her friends and her neighbours together. Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. (Luke 15:9.) Read John 10:1-10.

In London a few years ago I lost my passport two days before time to sail home. I went immediately to the embassy. The gentleman in charge was kind. He gave me this advice: "Go back to the places you visited yesterday. Call at the nearest police station. You will probably find your passport." I did as he advised. I found the passport.

We sometimes lose our spiritual passports. We get out of touch with God and His fold. We then need to go back to the places where we were once sure of our Christian experience. Through prayer, through the study of the Bible, and through fellowship the church offers, we can find anew the visions to the living of our lives.

Jacob went to Bethel. Isaiah to the temple, the prodigal son to his father, Thomas to the upper

room. Everyone found what he had lost. All of us have need from time to time to lay claim to that which we can lose through carelessness or neglect. Has not the Lord said to the house of Israel, "Seek ye me, and ye shall live?"

**PRAYER**  
Many times, O God, we have displeased Thee. We have failed to do those things we ought to have done. We have committed those acts we ought not to have done. We pray Thee to renew our life in Thee, through Christ, who teaches us to say when we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven... Amen."

Thought For The Day  
Today I will seek God, that I may have life abundant.  
—J. C. Lawson (Nebraska)

**State College Answers Timely Farm Questions**

**QUESTION:** Is the legume Birdfoot Trefoil recommended for planting in North Carolina?  
**ANSWER:** No. And if you try it do so only on a small scale. Quite often stands of this legume look good for a short time, then in a very few days can be almost wiped out by a disease which is common to North Carolina—chizoma. Research is still being conducted in the sandier areas and the bluegrass pastures in the Upper Piedmont. Your chances of success with this legume in North Carolina are slim.

**QUESTION:** Can I use carpet grass for my lawn in Winston-Salem? Can it be planted for forage?  
**ANSWER:** About the only place carpet grass is suitable for lawns is in the Eastern part of the state. Farmers have pretty well gotten away from it as a forage plant in North Carolina because other plants such as orchard grass and tall fescue respond to fertilization and produce a lot more forage under average conditions than does carpet grass.

**QUESTION:** Have you any tips for selecting a site for the home garden?  
**ANSWER:** These five suggestions should be of help: 1. Select an area with good soil if possible; 2. If space is available, plan to rotate your garden to prevent disease build-up, especially nematodes; 3. Keep garden near house. If possible, locate garden where it can be irrigated; 4. Sites near

top of hill will escape early and late frosts; 5. Full sun is best. Stay away from trees and large shrubs.

**QUESTION:** As a sweet potato grower, should I change from Porto Rico to the Goldrush variety?  
**ANSWER:** Not entirely. Until the market acceptability for the Goldrush variety is more firmly established, your best bet would be to plant only part of your crop in this variety. In tests Goldrush variety sweet potatoes have out-yielded the Porto Rico for three years. While the yield of Goldrush has been favorable, under certain conditions it tends to vein slightly. Also, it is quite susceptible to internal cork, but has a high degree of resistance to stem rot, or wilt.

Wage rates paid by North Carolina farmers were slightly higher on January 1, 1954 than a year earlier.

**GARDEN TIME**

During the past few weeks I have received a number of calls asking when pecan trees, fruit trees, and shrubs should be fertilized and how the fertilizer should be applied—also what to use.  
For most trees and shrubs the best time to apply fertilizer is at the time the buds begin to swell, or in other words, when spring is just around the corner. At this time the plants are beginning active root growth and leaf development and are able to make use of the soluble salts in the fertilizers. Sometimes, as in the case of azaleas and many fruit plants, part of the fertilizer is applied when the buds begin to swell and part of it in June when rapid growth is taking place.  
Although there is some variation in the requirements of different shrubs, it is usually safe to apply three to four pounds of

a 6-8-6 or similar mixed fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space or from one fourth pound to 1 pound around each shrub where planted separately, depending on the size of the shrub. A 6-8-6 fertilizer means that it contains 6 per cent available nitrogen, 8 per cent available phosphoric acid and 6 per cent available potash. A pint of fertilizer weighs approximately one pound. The fertilizer should be thoroughly raked into the soil under the shrubs and watered in if the soil is dry. In the case of azaleas the fertilizer may be applied on top of the mulch. For these and other acid loving plants there are special acid-reacting fertilizers available.  
Shade, fruit and pecan trees require a little different treatment than shrub. The feed roots of trees are not close to the trunk but extend out to a zone under and just beyond the tips of the branches. Therefore, the fertilizer

should be applied in this zone and not near the trunk. Apply one to two pounds of a 6-8-6 mixture the first year and about four pounds per inch of diameter of the trunk of the tree each year thereafter. If the land is cultivated the fertilizer may be raked or cultivated in; otherwise, it should be applied in holes made with a crow bar or post hole digger.  
For grape vines, apply one-half pound of a 6-8-6 mixture the first year, one pound each the second and third year and two to three pounds per vine each year thereafter.  
Stable and poultry manure is an excellent fertilizer for trees, shrubs, and vines and should be used along with chemical fertilizers whenever available.

Alfalfa weevils, found first in Maryland a few years ago, caused heavy losses of alfalfa in several counties of Maryland last year and slightly extended its range.

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7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship  
every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

**PITMAN GROVE BAPTIST**  
Rev. Taylor, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Worship service  
each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

**RAEFORD METHODIST**  
Rev. J. Herbert Miller, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Church School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
6:15 P. M.—Senior Fellowship  
6:15 P. M.—Intermediate Fellowship  
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Children's Choir Practice  
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Junior Choir Practice  
6:45 P. M.—Wednesday, Young People's Choir Practice  
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Mid-Week Service  
8:00 P. M.—Wednesday, Senior Choir Practice

**SANDY GROVE METHODIST**  
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School  
Each third Sunday preaching at 11:00 A. M.  
Each first Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M.

**PEOPLE'S METHODIST**  
Luther Wesley, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
6:30 P. M.—Young People's Service  
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship  
7:30 P. M.—Friday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

**COMMUNITY METHODIST**  
Rev. James Hamilton  
Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Mrs. H. W. Ellis, Superintendent.  
Preaching services each 2nd and fourth Sunday afternoons at 3:00 o'clock.  
6:30 P. M.—Sunday, Methodist Youth Fellowship

**PARKER'S METHODIST**  
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
C. O. Carter, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
6:30 P. M.—Y. P. E.  
7:30 P. M.—Evangelistic Service

**EPHESUS BAPTIST**  
Rev. E. C. Taylor, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school  
Worship every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Every 2nd and 4th at 11:00 a. m.  
B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Service Sunday Night at 7:30.

**RAEFORD BAPTIST**  
James E. Baker, Pastor  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
6:30 P. M.—Training Union  
7:30 P. M.—Worship Service  
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Prayer Services

**ROCKFISH TABERNACLE BAPTIST**  
Scott Turner, Jr., Pastor  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
6:45 P. M.—B. T. U.  
8:00 P. M.—Evening Worship  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M. Wednesday  
Choir Practice 8:30 P. M. Wed.

**ASHLEY HEIGHTS BAPTIST**  
W. Ray Gosnell, Pastor  
Worship Services  
Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.  
First, third and fifth Sunday at 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Thad Lowder, Supt.  
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

**RAEFORD PRESBYTERIAN**  
W. B. Heyward, Pastor  
9:45 A. M.—Church School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
5:00 P. M.—Pioneer Vesper  
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Adult Choir Practice

**ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN**  
Rev. Gower Crosswell  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school,  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

**SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN**  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship,  
every first and third Sunday.

**LUMBER BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN**  
C. M. Bowling, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship,  
1st and 3rd Sundays.

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN**  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Every second and fourth Sunday, Morning Worship

**DUNDARRACH PRESBYTERIAN**  
Rev. Gower Crosswell  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
Worship services every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

**PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN**  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
7:30 P. M.—Prayer Meeting  
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Pioneer Fellowship

**GALATIA PRESBYTERIAN**  
B. O. Shannon, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Church School,  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.  
Every Sunday except the 8th Sunday.  
Choir Practice 7:30 P. M., Wednesday

**THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
Floyd B. Haywood, Pastor  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship



Youngsters are always "cute" —whether they're the woolly type or the romper variety.

Youngsters are appealing because they are fascinating miniatures of the adult of the species. So tiny... yet they look, and soon begin to act, like smaller editions of the grown-ups. That fact should make human parents deeply conscious of their responsibility. Their own example and influence, and their provision for the child's spiritual needs can make or mar a youngster's character.

Churches are the chief allies of conscientious parents. They provide consecrated Christian teachers, interesting graded lessons and the inspiring worshipful setting for a child's moral and spiritual training.

Will you help some church in this vital phase of its work? Will you attend and support the Church? Will you encourage parents you know to give their children the advantage of the Church's teaching ministry?

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor in each for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Psalm	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Isaiah	100	1-5
Tuesday	Matthew	23	1-12
Wednesday	Matthew	7	15-23
Thursday	Luke	12	9-14
Friday	John	10	1-18
Saturday	Revelation	7	9-17

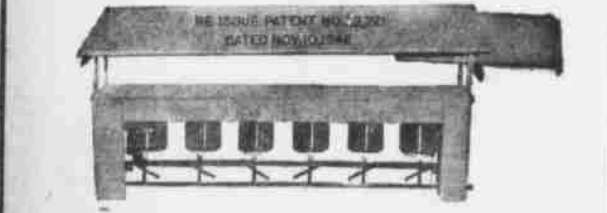
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