

"IN OUR TIME"

by Rev. R.M. White



I TIMOTHY 1:18, 19: "THIS CHARGE I COMMIT UNTO THEE* MY CHILD TIMOTHY, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECIES WHICH LED THE WAY TO THEE* THAT BY THEM THOU MAYEST WAR THE GOOD WARFARE, HOLDING FAITH AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE."

The exhortation to Timothy had specific reference to the conflict going on between the gospel of God and all the powers of unbelief and evil in the world --The combined powers of "the world", "the flesh", and "the devil". However, at the same time, I am persuaded that there is a deeper interpretation of the passage. There is a warfare which is incident to every human being with pain and suffering, doubt and questioning of God as to his providential dealings, and death which comes alike to all men. There is warfare with all the evil forces involved in the conflict between God and the devil, righteousness and wickedness.

The formula for personal living is not only a proclamation of God to the world, telling of his grace to penitent sinners, but of his purpose and determination to so make manifest through his followers the true plan of "how to succeed by really trying".

The way of righteousness is not effortless. We are required to strive toward the "high goal". The purpose of succeeding is to epitomize the true concepts of "God's purpose for man's existence" through our daily lives.

How is this best done? By living for others as well as ourselves. The greatest burden that man can have on his hands, is self. With all attention focused on self, we soon forget that beauty is never constant; but variable, inconsistent, of many colors, and often invisible. Be self-pronounced, but not self-possessed!

The point of striving must always be some distance beyond ourselves. And, if that be the case, striving must include others. I emphasize "others" for the purpose of reminding us that living is a coalition of God and man. God smiles upon those who love their fellowman. Do not fear becoming involved with the world in which we live simply because you do not understand all of the workings of that world. To avoid it is to remain unchallenged. Therefore, unchallenged, you will never had the privilege of proving yourself.

I am an optimist in the best sense of the word. I believe in the ultimate triumph of God and righteousness; and that when all of our struggling is over, the creation, now suffering from our sins "shall be glad and the wilderness shall blossom as the rose, and the whole earth shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God".

Do not lose your individuality (or identity as a person) simply because you profess christianity. Let us not be deceived by the sophistry of materialists on the one hand and of the soft sentimentalists on the other. Our God is truly a "god of Peace", but he is not a "pacifist" God. Therefore, the people of God must fight with the word of God and the sword of God--which is truth.

Let us repeat I TIMOTHY 1:18: "THIS CHARGE I COMMIT UNTO THEE, MY CHILD TIMOTHY, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECIES WHICH LED THE WAY TO THEE, THAT BY THEM THOU MAYEST WAR THE GOOD WARFARE* HOLDING FAITH AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE."

As christians, the preceding verse from Timothy tells us of two of the great attributes of christianity --Faith and A Good Conscience.

Should you like my views on certain religious questions or should you like to share your christian experiences with our readers, simply write: "In Our Time" c/o THE TRIBUNAL AID, P.O. Box 921, High Point, N.C. 27261.

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To The Point

by Ronald Mock

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paper-bag brown, they have always stood up against unyielding odds, the accusations and stereotypes, the petty differences and misunderstandings -- knowing this is what they had to do to maintain their womanhood.

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On this, the eve of Valentine's Day, we pay special tribute to you, Black Woman, for your unselfish contributions to our people. You are more precious than diamonds, silver or gold. Happy Valentine's Day to Black Women all over the world!



HIGH POINT -The B.S.M. Gospel Choir Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church, 701 E. Washington Drive. The public is invited to share this great gospel feast.



Rev. and Mrs. F.L. Andrews Honored

HIGH POINT -The Seventh Anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. F.L. Andrews at the First Baptist Church, 701 E. Washington Drive, was observed on January 26.

Appearing on the program were Rev. and Mrs. Belvin Jessup, Mrs. Ethel Ballenger, Mrs. Georgianna Matthews, Mrs. Ethel Delaine, Mrs. Minnie Gilmore

and Thomas Delaine. Mrs. Dorothy Jefferies was Mistress of Ceremonies and the presentation to Rev. Andrews was made by Mr. Frederick Jones.

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DEATHS

[HIGH POINT]

MRS. DOROTHY GARVIN COLE

Mrs. Dorothy Garvin Cole, formerly a resident of High Point, died in Philadelphia, Pa. Funeral services were conducted at the United House of Prayer by the Elder T.D. Freeman. Burial was in Guilford Memorial Park. HOOVER'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

MR. LACY COLESON, SR.

Mr. Lacy Coleson, Sr., 53, of 511 Cross Street, died in High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted in the chapel of Haizlip's Funeral Home by the Rev. D.D. Mason. Burial was in Carolina Biblical Gardens. HAZILIP'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

Durham, N.C. Funeral services were conducted at the Faith Temple Church of God and Christ by Elder Ernest McCants. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

MR. RANDOLPH THOMAS

Mr. Randolph Thomas of 711 Kroll Lane, died in the High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at the New Zion Baptist Church, Clio, S.C. Burial followed in the church cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

MRS. JESSIE COLE WILLIAMS

Mrs. Jessie Cole Williams of Route 1, Florence Community, died in High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at Turner's Chapel A.M.E. Church by the Rev. W.N. White and the Rev. W.A. Fuller. Burial was in the church cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

MRS. LOUISE JOYNER LOVE

Mrs. Louise Joyner Love, of 608 Grimes Street died in High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at Hoover's Funeral Home by the Rev. F.O. Bass, Jr. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery. HOOVER'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

MR. ROBERT EUGENE TAYLOR

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