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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

The Temptation Of Christ—Part 9

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Strange Fire

Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, who ministered in the holy office of priesthood, partook freely of wine, and, as was their usual custom, went in to minister before the Lord. The priests who burned incense before the Lord were required to use the fire of God's kindling, which burned day and night, and was never extinguished. God gave explicit directions how every part of his service should be conducted, that all connected with his sacred worship might be in accordance with his holy character. And any deviation from the express directions of God in connection with his holy service was punishable with death. No sacrifice would be acceptable to God which was not salted nor seasoned with divine fire, which represented the communication between God and man that was opened through Jesus Christ alone. The holy fire which was to be put upon the censer was kept burning perpetually. And while the people of God were without, earnestly praying, the incense kindled by the holy fire was to arise before God, mingled with their prayers. This incense was an emblem of the mediation of Christ.

Aaron's sons took the common fire which God did not accept, and they offered insult to the infinite God by presenting this strange fire before him. God consumed them by fire for their positive disregard of his express directions. All their works were as the offering of Cain. There was no divine Saviour represented. Had these sons of Aaron been in full command of their reasoning faculties they would have discerned the difference between the common and sacred fire. The gratification of appetite debased their faculties and so beclouded their intellect that their power of discernment was gone. They fully understood the holy character of the typical service, and the awful solemnity and responsibility assumed of presenting themselves before God to minister in sacred service.

Some may inquire, How could the sons of Aaron have been accountable when their intellects were so far paralyzed by intoxication that they were not able to discern the difference between sacred and common fire? It was when they put the cup to their lips that they made themselves responsible for all their acts committed while under the influence of wine. The indulgence of appetite cost those priests their lives.

1. Lev. 10:8-11

God expressly forbade the use of wine that would have an influence to becloud the intellect.

“And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations; and that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.”¹

The special injunction of God to the Hebrews in reference to the use of intoxicating liquors should be regarded in this dispensation. But many who are holding the highest responsibilities in our country are, in too many cases, liquor-and-tobacco slaves.

Jurors in our courts, by whose verdict the innocence or guilt of their fellow-men is decided, are many of them liquor-drinkers and tobacco-inebriates. And, while under the influence of these, which becloud the intellect and debase the soul, judgment is given upon the liberty and life of their fellow-men.

Perverved judgment in many cases clears from all punishment the greatest criminals, when the safety of society demands they should receive the full penalty of the law which they have violated.

The men who are legislating and those who are executing the laws of our government, while they are violating the laws of their being in debasing appetites, which stupefy and paralyze the intellect, are not fitted to decide the destiny of their fellow-men. Those only who feel the necessity of keeping soul, body, and spirit, in conformity to natural law, to the end that they may preserve the right balance of their mental powers, are fitted to decide important questions in reference to the execution of the law of our land. This was the mind of God by decrees to the Hebrews that wine should not be used by those who ministered in holy office.

Here we have the most plain directions of God, and his reasons for prohibiting the use of wine; that their power of discrimination and discernment might be clear, and in no way confused; that their judgment might be correct, and they be ever able to discern between the clean and unclean. Another reason of weighty importance why they should abstain from anything which would intoxicate, is also given. It would require the full use of unclouded reason to present to the children of Israel all the statutes which God had spoken to them.

Anything in eating and drinking which disqualifies

the mental powers for healthful and active exercise is an aggravating sin in the sight of God. Especially is this the case with those who minister in holy things, who should at all times be examples to the people, and be in a condition to properly instruct them.

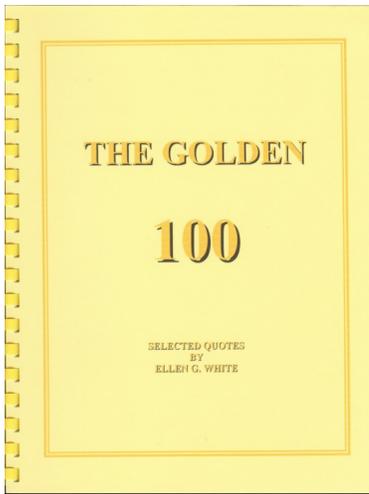
Notwithstanding they have this striking example before them, some professed Christians will desecrate the house of God with breaths polluted with the fumes of liquor and tobacco. And the spittoons are sometimes filled with the ejected spittle and quids of tobacco. The effluvia is constantly arising from these receptacles, polluting the atmosphere. Men professing to be Christians bow to worship God, and dare to pray to him with their lips stained by tobacco, while their half-paralyzed nerves tremble from the exhausting use of this powerful narcotic. And this is the devotion they offer to a holy, and sin-hating God. Ministers in the sacred desk, with mouth and lips defiled, dare to take the sacred word of God in their polluted lips. They think God does not notice their sinful indulgence. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."² God will no more receive a sacrifice from the hands of those who thus pollute themselves, and offer with their service the incense of tobacco and liquor, than he would receive the offering of the sons of Aaron, who offered incense with strange fire.

2. Ecc. 8:11

God has not changed. He is as particular and exact in his requirements now as he was in the days of Moses. But in the sanctuaries of worship in our day, with the songs of praise, the prayers, and the teaching from the pulpit, there is not merely strange fire, but positive defilement. Instead of truth's being preached with holy unction from God, it is sometimes spoken under the influence of tobacco and brandy. Strange fire indeed! Bible truth and Bible holiness are presented to the people, and prayers are offered to God, mingled with the stench of tobacco! Such incense is most acceptable to Satan! A terrible deception is this! What an offense in the sight of God! What an insult to him who is holy, dwelling in light unapproachable!

If the faculties of the mind were in healthful vigor, professed Christians would discern the inconsistency of such worship. Like Nadab and Abihu, their sensibilities are so blunted that they make no difference between the sacred and common. Holy and sacred things are brought down upon a level with their tobaccoed breaths, benumbed brains, and their polluted souls, defiled through indulgence of appetite and passion. Professed Christians eat and drink, smoke and chew tobacco, and become gluttons and drunkards, to gratify appetite, and still talk of overcoming as Christ overcame!!

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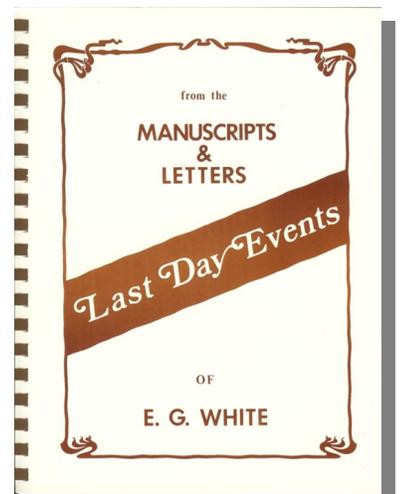


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Editorial—What is “Ensample”

Of the many old English words used in the Bible, that are now obsolete in our everyday language, “ensample” is one of the easiest to learn. It has the same meaning and nearly the same sound as “example.” It is used 7 times in the Bible, yet the Bible is filled with many, many more lessons and examples from the past that we can still learn from today.

We can each make our own list of favorite stories from the Bible, of people whose lives were recorded so we could benefit from their example. As children in Sabbath School, we learned about David and Goliath, about Moses and his many stories, about Joseph and his brothers and how he still loved and helped them even after they sold him into slavery. We learned things they did right and things they did wrong, and the blessings and consequences of those actions. As we grew and studied more of the Bible

for ourselves, we learned of countless more people, stories and events that added to our knowledge and wealth of examples for how to best live our own lives to God’s glory.

If we have suffered losses or are going through trying and difficult times in our life, Job’s life is an excellent example of waiting and trusting in God no matter the circumstances. We may recall the story of Esther, or of Ruth, or the many ordeals and triumphs of Daniel and his friends in Babylon. We may take encouragement from the accounts of those men in the New Testament who were put into prison and who, instead of falling into despair or resentment at their unfair treatment, sang hymns, prayed and witnessed to their jailers, and some were even led out of prison by their guardian angel. What an experience that must have been! Won’t it be wonderful to meet those men in heaven and hear those

stories firsthand and get to know them as our friends?

The Lord has been so kind in giving us all this amazing information and help in learning about His character and what He expects of each of us. He promises to be there with us always, and we read time again where He has been faithful to His word. We are living in a time when all these examples will help us through our experiences in the end of the world. We will face trials such as we have never before endured, but all those examples of victories won and trials overcome in the Bible are there for us to remember and to help us keep our eyes on Jesus so that we may stay faithful to the end and be ready to meet Him in the air. Our reward in heaven is far greater and more wonderful than anything we can imagine, and will be worth every effort.

Story—A Persimmon Picnic

Willie and his little sister Fannie wished very much to go to the woods for some persimmons. When they asked their mother if they might go, she said, “Yes, if you can get Cousin Robert to go with you and take care of you.”

Cousin Robert was quite willing to go with them; and as he was several years older than they, he made the walk very pleasant by telling them about the different trees, flowers, and animals they came across as they searched the woods for a persimmon tree.

At last Cousin Robert called the attention of Willie and Fannie to a tree having a very rough bark on three sides, and entirely stripped of bark on the fourth side.

“This,” said he, “is a good persimmon tree, because, you see, the squirrels have scraped all the bark off from one side running up and down it.”

The children were very glad to see this tree, and stationed themselves beneath it, so that they might be all ready to pick up the persimmons when Cousin Robert shook the tree. Pretty soon the persimmons began rattling about their ears, and the excited children began to pick up, as fast as they could, the soft pink balls.

“Take care, youngsters; wait until I come down. Be sure not to eat any except those that are very soft and juicy!”

But the warning came too late; for just then Fannie could not help laughing to see Willie jump up and down, snapping his fingers.

Those of my readers who have never visited the South, and have never seen persimmons, will not understand Willie’s discomfort unless I explain the reason. Persimmons are something like plums, only they are pink; and they contain five seeds the shape and size of pumpkin seeds. When fully ripe, and fit to eat, they are so soft that the slightest touch will crush them to a jelly, but if eaten before they have reached this state which the children call “mushy” they pucker the lips, tongue, and throat so badly that the unfortunate person does not care to taste persimmons again, for that day at least.

Poor little Willie! His fun was spoiled for a while, because he was in too great a hurry. Cousin Robert gave him a piece of candy, which consoled him a little, but he did not take much interest in the persimmons that afternoon.

When they returned home, and Fannie had related the incidents of their pleasure trip, their mother told the children that a good lesson had been taught them that afternoon.

“You will find all through life, my dear children, that it is not wise to be in too great a hurry to taste its pleasures. Many seeming

joys prove as disagreeable as the unripe persimmon was to Willie’s mouth.”

“I don’t quite understand,” said Fannie.

“I will try to explain more fully then.

When Willie saw that large plump persimmon lying at his feet, he thought, Oh, how nice that will taste, and put it in his mouth, only to find out that it tasted very bad, and puckered his mouth sadly. So when a boy sees a glass of wine or whiskey, and thinks it will taste so good, he finds out before a great while that such drinks leave a dreadful taste in the mouth and a terrible mark upon the soul.

“There are many vices which at first sight seem quite harmless, many sinful pleasures which appear very attractive. Be careful, pray constantly to God, asking him to watch over you and keep you from falling into sin. Never have anything to do with pleasures that are doubtful, that you are not quite sure are right. Let all such alone; there are plenty about which there can be no question. Never do anything that you are not quite sure is right, no matter how pleasant it may seem to you. Sooner or later the disagreeable part will come, making you so unhappy that you will wish you had let the questionable thing alone. Be sure your persimmon is fully ripe.”

—Youth’s Instructor April 4, 1883

Health Nugget—What Are Bananas Good For?

Banana-Rama

Botanical name: *Musa acuminata colla*

Banana Nutrition Facts

There are many reasons why bananas are one of the most popular foods in the world. They offer the perfect portion size, come in their own handy, natural protective wrap, and are extremely economical. Fresh and creamy, bananas mix well with other fruits and are a favorite lunchtime addition or for noshing (snacking) on the go.

One of the most cultivated tropical fruits, bananas are a close relative to the plantain, which is larger and darker. Over centuries, bananas have been used to settle upset stomachs (including morning sickness), reduce stress, ease heartburn pain, relieve constipation, soothe PMS symptoms, cure warts, and stimulate brain power. There might be something to those medicinal uses...

Health Benefits of Bananas

Bananas contain all kinds of good things—health-promoting flavonoids and polyphenolics, such as lutein, zeaxanthin, beta and alpha carotenes, acting as free radical-gobbling antioxidants. That's also an advantage in the high vitamin C content, most known for its infection-fighting properties.

Just one banana contains 467 mg of potassium, which is important for controlling your heart rate and blood pressure. This is interesting, since the same amount of banana has just one milligram of sodium. The vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) in bananas provides around 28% of what is needed daily to help prevent anemia and coronary artery disease.

And that's just part of it. Fiber in abundance helps keep your digestive system regulated. Magnesium helps strengthen your bones and protects your heart. Manganese is needed to activate antioxidant enzyme. One banana supplies an adequate amount of copper to keep up the production of red blood cells.

Note: You can freeze bananas, but if you refrigerate them, they'll turn black.

Banana Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 3.5 ounces (100 grams), raw

| | Amt. Per Serving | % Daily Value* |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Calorie | 89 | |
| Calories from Fat | 3 | |

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|---------------------|---------|-----|
| Total Fat | 0.33 g | 1% |
| Saturated | 0.112 g | 1% |
| Trans Fat | | |
| Cholesterol | 0 mg | 0% |
| Sodium | 1 mg | 0% |
| Total Carbohydrates | 22.84 g | 8% |
| Dietary Fiber | 2.6 g | 10% |
| Sugar | 22.23 g | |
| Protein | 1.09 g | |
| Vitamin A | 3 mcg | 1% |
| Vitamin C | 1.7 mg | 15% |
| Calcium | 5 mg | 1% |
| Iron | .26 mg | 1% |

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Studies Done on Bananas

Research showed that among fruits and vegetables proven to be associated with cutting your risk of renal cell carcinoma, bananas were the highest.¹ Another study showed that bananas, which are rich in vitamin A and carotenoids, have the potential to protect you against chronic diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other types of cancer.²

More positive proof of banana's singular health benefits emerged in a study showing an important link between foods containing high levels of potassium, magnesium, calcium and fiber—like bananas, for instance—and a reduction in the risk of stroke in men.³

Banana Fun Facts

Bananas probably originated in Malaysia; transported by early explorers to India, where they were first referenced in sixth century BCE Buddhist writings. Alexander the Great tried his first banana while on campaign in India and is said to have brought the fruit to the Western world.

Summary

The "why they're so healthy" list is a long one—good thing bananas are so easy to eat! Potassium, vitamins A, C, and B6, fiber, flavonoids, and antioxidants—it's all there, wrapped in a convenient, protective package.

This tropical fruit that was up to a century ago practically unknown throughout North America, Europe, and even China's mainland is now a common food staple. You can even dehydrate them to enjoy alone or add to trail mix.

However thin you slice bananas, rest assured they're good and good for you. However, eat bananas in moderation because

they contain fructose, which is harmful to your health when consumed in excessive amounts.

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—Mercola

-Recipe- Banana Muffins

1/4 cup Warm Water
 1 tsp. Sugar
 1 Tbs. Yeast
 1 cup mashed ripe Banana
 1 tsp. Salt
 1/3 cup Honey
 2 tsp. Vanilla
 3/4 cup chopped Walnuts
 2 1/2 cup whole wheat Flour

Dissolve first three ingredients together and let stand 5-10 minutes.

Mix in remaining ingredients. Beat. Fill greased muffin tin 2/3 full. Let rise 20 minutes.

Bake 35 minutes at 350°
 Yield: One dozen muffins.

From: Country Kitchen Collection
 Cookbook
 By-Phil & Eileen Brewer

Study of A Proper Noun

PROPER NOUN

The definition of a noun is “a word (other than a pronoun) used to identify any of a class of people, places, or things” also called a *common noun*. A *proper noun* is to name a noun. For example, I have a dog. The word “dog” is a common noun. His name is Benny. The word “Benny” is a proper noun.

In English a proper noun always starts with a capital letter, “B” for Benny. In German all nouns start with a capital letter. Other languages have other rules. Now, I am not a linguist but I can count to 4 in 4 languages, English, German, French, and Spanish. I can also ask “What time is it?” in French because I wanted to know how soon the class would be over! I also learned a couple of words in Russian and Vietnamese.

I live in California. We have a city here called San Jose. The word “city” is a common noun, The word “San Jose” is a proper noun. When I first saw that city’s name I pronounced it using a soft “g” sound for the “J” in Jose. That’s the way you would use the English rules to pronounce it. My name is Jim and it is pronounced with a soft “g” for the “J.” In fact, the word “gym” sounds exactly the same. I later learned that the right way to say “San Jose” was to use the “h” sound for the “J” in Jose. Spanish used to be the official language in California and this is a rule in the Spanish language, to use the “h” sound for the letter “J.”

Another proper noun is “Chiang Kai Shek.” Before the twentieth century his name was unknown. In fact that was not his real name because it was originally written in Chinese, this was his name written in Latin letters (English uses Latin letters as well as German, French and Spanish). These letters were chosen so that when pronounced in languages using Latin letters it would sound most nearly like the Chinese would say it. Prior to his notoriety his name did not appear in English dictionaries. Now his name is a part of our vocabulary and in English dictionaries. The proper noun was not a problem in the original language but not a part of the destination language and had to be added to it.

There are exceptions. My given name is James. The Spanish equivalent is Diego. “...Diego can be translated to English as James, it can also be seen as the equivalent of Jacob, Jake and Jim. And in reverse, James can be translated to Spanish not only as Diego, but also as Iago, Jacobo and Santiago...”
<https://www.thoughtco.com/james-and->

diego-common-origin-3079192. However, when I visit Mexico I do not give out my name, nor am I introduced, as Diego but as James or Jim. When a Mexican immigrates to the United States he seldom changes his name from Diego to James. We have another city in California called San Diego. Literally translated it would be Saint James but no one ever calls it that.

This understanding that the pronunciation of a proper noun does not change when spoken in another language is very important. Also the attempt to pronounce the proper noun using the rules of the second language that is different from the original language where the proper noun came from in reading it can very likely lead to mispronunciation.

The proper noun “Jehovah” comes from the Hebrew word “JHVH” (those are the Latin letters replacing the equivalent Hebrew letters). Hebrew did not have letters for vowels, they used different marks (called diacriticals) above and below the consonants to denote which vowel sound to use, much like the umlaut in German or the enyay (eñe) in Spanish, which marks were only above the letters.

You will notice that some use these 4 letters as “YHVH” or “YHWH” because there is a popular movement to replace the name of God, “Jehovah,” with the name “Yahweh.” Which is it? Can we find out?.

Doing research on the internet on any topic can give you arguments both ways and can be very difficult at times to determine the truth. This is the case here.

I am not a linguist. I don’t know Hebrew, Greek, or Latin. I do have a few skills in logic as I received a BA degree in mathematics and as of next month I will have spent 43 years programming computers. I would like to share with you what makes the most sense to me.

Where did the Hebrew language come from? Our first written record of it is what Moses wrote. I think he had a hand in creating the Hebrew alphabet but that the language existed before that. All the various other languages started out with the confusion at the Tower of Babel. We have no record of the lineage of Abraham being a part of the Tower of Babel confusion and his line should have kept the same language that Noah used even though the Tower of Babel was located between the mountains of Ararat and Ur of the Chaldees.

In Genesis 2:4 Moses gave us the first use of “JHVH,” “These [are] the generations

of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.” (In the King James Bible [KJV] whenever the word LORD is spelled with all capital letters it means that it was translated from the Hebrew “JHVH.”) Then in Exodus 6:3, Moses tells us it is the name God is known by, “And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by [the name of] God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.” There are 4 texts in the KJV that JHVH is translated Jehovah: Exodus 6:3, Psalms 83:18, Isaiah 12:2, and Isaiah 26:4. It is translated LORD the rest of the time. The American Standard Version (1901) uses “Jehovah” in 6,823 places in the Old Testament.

How do we tell how they pronounced “JHVH”? We don’t have a recording. We don’t have any phonetic spelling. We do have what others think. With all the hits on the internet we find there are lots of opinions. That’s just what they are, opinions. Today we have a whole denomination that uses “Jehovah” in it’s name. Even here it is an opinion.

It appears that the major differences are with the “J” (or “Y”) and the “V” (or “W”). We can ignore the “H” because no one seems to have a problem with it. The other difference is the number of syllables as Jehovah has 3 and Yahweh has 2.

Let’s look at the first letter, “J” (or “Y”). The English letter “J” is pronounced in English as a soft “g” sound, in Spanish as an “h” sound, and in German as a “y” sound. So, the disagreement as to the “J” being pronounced as a “g” sound or as a “y” sound would be between the English and German pronunciations. How did ancient Hebrews pronounce it? I could not find a substantial argument to persuade me one way or the other. Since none of the direct arguments worked, is there an indirect one?

Once I took a class on surveying. In field work you use a magnetic compass. Sometimes there are areas that have a strong magnetic field that distorts the compass reading and you can’t determine the true heading. The rule is to look for an object in the direction you want to know the heading of, move away from the magnetic field, determine the distance you had to move and take a new reading, record the reading and the distance and when you get back to the office, figure out what the true heading should be using trigonometry.

That’s the kind of indirect method I

searched for. Here's what I came up with when I found a web site that would give me a pronunciation of a word in that language. I stayed away from Hebrew because of the distortion possible by those that are convinced one way or another. I have to have a word that is common to Hebrew and the other language and that is a proper noun and that has a least one consonant that is either a "J" (or "Y") or a "V" (or "W"). For "J"

I chose Jericho. This is an ancient city whose name starts with the same Hebrew letter as Jehovah and should have the same sound. Also, it is not a disputable pronunciation as Jerusalem is. For the language I chose Latin because it has been a dead language for many years but has been continuously used by the Roman Catholic Church for centuries. I found the web site where Latin is pronounced:

<https://www.definitions.net/translate/jericho/la>

Guess what? The "J" in Jericho is pronounced with a soft "g" sound! It can't be "Yahweh," it must be "Jehovah" or "Jahweh."

There are now two more things we can look at, a "v" sound instead of a "w" sound and do we have two syllables instead of three.

—*to be continued*

—*Jim Snipes*

God's people have a great work to do. Seeds must be planted which will produce the right kind of harvest. The world must see in the church of God true order, true discipline, true organization. Paul wrote, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded; and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ.)"
Kress Collection p.76.2

Letters— Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Benin

Tanzania

03-07-19

Dear brothers and sisters,

Just wanted to thank you for your prayers and booklet donations. We will be having another meeting this month and have communicated with brother I__ to attend because of the demand (people want to hear from him every time.) I want you to join us in prayer so that we can deliver this holy word to many, as we prepare to do outreach to evangelize, please pray for us to get what we can have to help us in missionary work. We need some finances for book printings and some necessary work. Our plan is that every month, we should be doing evangelism in different towns and villages so that the message should be heard by many before our Lord Jesus Christ returns to take us home. Help us to spread the word to anyone who can help to do so. God will reward a cheerful giver. Through your help of book donation I received two families again from Islamic who want to know more about Christianity.

Please, just continue to help us in prayer for this work. More prayer needed at this time. God's people are very thirsty to hear His words. Brothers and sisters, am still requesting that if any of you can have a spare Laptop please help us with it. God be with you all. Hope for the best.

Sent my love greetings to fellow believers there, we love you so much.

—Bro. M 03-24-19

Dear fellow servants,

Good news that I landed well in T__ last Wednesday and joined brethren and sisters on a 4 day effort ended on Sabbath. Today, Sunday we visited some families in a village in K__. Tomorrow we will move to another distance village to meet some of God's children.

Now the sad news is that, brethren here organized another one week crusade at another village, hoping sister L__ and other could support it, unfortunately she is sick and was admitted to the Hospital. Brother M__ also told me that he did communicate to you hoping you could help with some finance to help in this situation but haven't received any communication from your side. The worst part of it is that people in that village have known it as per what am getting from the ground, and they are eagerly waiting to hear the message of God.

03-27-19

Dear brethren and Sisters,

Thank you so much for your support and praying for us. We finished our first effort as we planned here in T__ today, Sabbath evening, which was started on Wednesday and ended today. I just want to inform you that the meeting was very very successful and we really see the hand of God. I want also to thank our brother I__ for his help and the sermons we got from him. People were so really blessed.

There are three different places that our brethren needs his attentions, and they are a little far from where we are and one open field crusade. We are lacking financial supports to help us complete our target, if possible before brother I__ is back to K__.

Please, we are appealing to anyone who might be in good position to help us to raise

\$413.00. That will help us on transportation, food, and hiring public address system. Also the demands of Golden 100, and Caught Unprepared booklets continue to grow and we are also appealing for that. Please dear brethren and sisters, kindly assist us. God bless every one of you.

—Bro. M

Kenya

03-09-19

Dear brother J,

How are you doing? Am doing well. I just wanted to inform you that I will be traveling to T__ on 03/21/2019 as they have requested me to do. There are two more Muslims who want to be baptized and more places which need visitations, also the demand for Caught Unprepared and Golden 100 booklets are of high demand all over. We need to pray more, so that God of all things open the way so that we get more funds for printing monthly to lessen the demands. I have a lot of demand on my desk from T__ and here in K__ requesting for books. Let's just pray and notify any who might be willing to help in this mission.

My wife, children and total orphans send you greetings. God be with you all.

In God I Trust.

—Bro. I

Brethren, by the grace of God, am kindly requesting any of you who might be in good position to chip in and help the situation. It wasn't planned well, but kindly help because for God's sake. God will reward you and continue to bless you and your families.

May I hear from you if we can get any help/assistance at this time or not, so that if not, I can start planning coming back home to K__. If God can give you anything to support this mission work, kindly ally with brother J__ so that it can be sent direct to my account. It will be easy for me to withdraw it without many obligations.

One week planned crusade is near to M__ border to K__ and T__. God bless you all.

In God I Trust.

—Brother I

Uganda

03-03-19

Dear ones,

Heb. 6:10-11

I have been so much exercised by the many travels to different places in a bid to accomplish a number of tasks building the subject of 'Unity' so imperfectly presented and practiced. I greatly desire that we shall understand all things clearly. I have had many important matters on my mind, which required first attention and I fear mishandling of that which I feel to make plain. The Lord designs that the revelation of truth and the doctrine of grace shall be gradually unfolded to the comprehension of man in all ages.

I have made sure that we do show up in most of the meetings in our region to encourage brethren by standing on firm foundation making an urgent appeal for unity which is not ecumenical, neither hierarchical, but as per gospel order endorsed as in John 17 and safely sought after. A number of meetings have been conducted with influence of brethren in Kenya and Uganda resulting into a big band of ministers now pressing forward. *"In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these disciples, differing so widely in natural characteristics, in training, and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ's object to secure."* CC pg 288

We have thought to strengthen our position in the region by organizing quarterly or yearly uniting meetings to share challenges in the missionary field and concerns which need to be attended to as we progress. This has led me to make many travels as sign of expressing interest to be united.

On 19th April 2019, we have planned for a regional conference for eight days and

brethren as far as S. Africa have confirmed attending and the whole E. African region will be ministering & sharing testimonies over how the Lord has led us to the present standing. I am overwhelmed by arguments of those who love to come and minister during the stay in U__ and even planning to come early before the meeting starts on through the Easter Holiday. J__ of M__ near M__ is ready to come with his team to handle the children's class early before the date of meeting. R__ S__ from S. Africa will be flying early before the meeting. We have a huge budget and we pray for the support of this conference; by his grace I believe all will be done.

I have closely monitored the bill for registering churches in U__ with the intention of tendering in our documents to be a fully registered church within the laws of our nation but as the Minister of Ethics and Integrity Fr. S__ L__ tried to bring it up among the faith organization; it got a set back because it included academic credentials for one to head or lead any mushrooming church institution must have a bachelor's degree. This was received with less appreciation from the majority of faith organizations. Probably he was copying from R__ where it works. I am still monitoring the progress of this bill and as soon as the bill is passed I will do great mobilization among the Remnant families/churches/institutions so that we all tender in our documents for registration. At the moment, we shall try to exploit the existing simple environment until...

However, we did send bury our dear brethren in E__ & M__ in K__. It has been a sad encouraging moment for the church and families to replace such individuals as we read: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13 O__, E__, N__ and many others stood with us in the last respect of our dear ministers in which the families cast their hopes in the Lord and as church members had to stand up for guidance & support of material needs to clear up funeral expenses.

I am now much busier than before organizing for our conference soon and preparing materials to prints out; we pray that you all stand with us for the success. I applaud our dear brethren B__, J__, J__, R__, C__, D__ and E__..... for standing with us by His grace when we want things done beyond our efforts. I believe our cause is no longer an individual missionary effort but now a wide movement which has to draw each ones attention in a simple organization of Sabbath Remnant Alliance (SRA)

God bless you,
—Brother N J

04-15-19

Dear Brothers.

The Lord hath been gracious to us as a people and we believe His goodness will surpass every difficulties and His Face will shine over us unto generations upon generations, as long as we are faithful. Thanks for support and earnest prayers may Lord reward you.

I'm to host the camp meeting which I have greatly awaited, save we have run short of funds for there are yet lots of things that need to be done. I have booked places of accommodation the owners will need their balances, Food, transport and other utilities are still wanting. It is our prayer that you come in to our rescue.

—Brother H K I

Benin

03-29-19

Dear Brother J,

Shalom and greetings to you.

I pray it shall be well with you and yours. The new congregation we established in in the South East Benin is doing well, soon we shall organize baptism for the new converts.

We continued to appreciate God for all your efforts and supports all these years. Angels will always rejoice for the great work you are doing in saving souls for the Kingdom through your giving and supports.

The saints pray for you regularly. We love you and pray you have sound health and breakthrough in all you do.

Shalom as I look forth for my salary soon.

—Brother M

**Now all these things
happened unto
them
for ensamples:
and they are written
for our admonition,
upon whom the
ends
of the world
are come.
1Corinthians 10:11**

Christian Service—Chapter 10 Continued

Methods, House-to-House

On this first tour the disciples were to go only where Jesus had been before them, and had made friends. Their preparation for the journey was to be of the simplest kind. Nothing must be allowed to divert their minds from their great work, or in any way excite opposition and close the door for further labor. They were not to adopt the dress of the religious teachers, nor use any guise in apparel to distinguish them from the humble peasants. They were not to enter into the synagogues and call the people together for public service; their efforts were to be put forth in house-to-house labor. They were not to waste time in needless salutations, or in going from house to house for entertainment. But in every place they were to accept the hospitality of those who were worthy, those who would welcome them heartily as if entertaining Christ Himself. They were to enter the dwelling with the beautiful salutation, "Peace be to this house." That home would be blessed by their prayers, their songs of praise, and the opening of the Scriptures in the family circle.—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 351, 352.

Visit your neighbors in a friendly way, and become acquainted with them. . . . Those who do not take up this work, those who act with the indifference that some have manifested, will soon lose their first love, and will begin to censure, criticize, and condemn their own brethren.—*Review and Herald*, May 13, 1902.

The apostle's efforts were not confined to public speaking; there were many who could not have been reached in that way. He spent much time in house-to-house labor, thus availing himself of the familiar intercourse of the home circle. He visited the sick and the sorrowing, comforted the afflicted, and lifted up the oppressed. And in all that he said and did, he magnified the name of Jesus. Thus he labored, "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." He trembled lest his teaching should reveal the impress of the human rather than the divine.—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 250.

Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray with them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds. Keep watching, as he who must render an account for the souls of men, and make the

most of the privileges that God gives you of laboring with Him in His moral vineyard. Do not neglect speaking to your neighbors, and doing them all the kindness in your power, that you "by all means may save some." We need to seek for the spirit that constrained the apostle Paul to go from house to house pleading with tears, and teaching "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888.

The Lord has presented before me the work that is to be done in our cities. The believers in these cities are to work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to labor quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven.—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 128.

The One-Soul Audience

The work of Christ was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience. From that one soul the intelligence received was carried to thousands.—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 115.

He was faint and weary; yet He did not neglect the opportunity of speaking to one woman, though she was a stranger, an alien from Israel, and living in open sin.—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 194.

The Saviour did not wait for congregations to assemble. Often He began His lessons with only a few gathered about but one by one the passers-by paused to listen, until a multitude heard with wonder and awe the words of God through the heaven-sent Teacher. The worker for Christ should not feel that he cannot speak with the same earnestness to a few hearers as to a large company. There may be only one to hear the message; but who can tell how far-reaching will be its influence? It seemed a small matter, even to His disciples, for the Saviour to spend His time upon a woman of Samaria. But He reasoned more earnestly and eloquently with her than with kings, councilors, or high priests. The lessons He gave to that woman have been repeated to the earth's remotest bounds.—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 194.

Close Personal Touch

There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were

spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen.—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143.

The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul. To a great degree this must be accomplished by personal labor. This was Christ's method.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 229.

Those who have been most successful in soul-winning were men and women who did not pride themselves on their ability, but who in humility and faith sought to help those about them. Jesus did this very work. He came close to those whom He desired to reach.—*Gospel Workers*, p. 194.

In Christlike sympathy we should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life. Their hearts may be as hard as the beaten highway, and apparently it may be a useless effort to present the Saviour to them; but while logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 57.

By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings -118- of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls.—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p.41

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Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereof], not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over [God's] heritage, but being ensamples to the flock
1Peter 5:2-3