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German Broadcast Pierces IRON CURTAIN!

Thousands in Communist-dominated Eastern Europe are listening to the World Tomorrow. Here are some of the surprising responses we have received.

by Herman L. Hoch

From All Europe, Too

Because the German language is spoken and understood far beyond the borders of Germany proper, we have even been receiving letters from people listening to the German broadcast in Sweden, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria and England—besides, of course, West and East Germany and Poland and Yugoslavia.

The German-language broadcast of The World Tomorrow has a potential European reservoir of 100 million people to reach! The responses to each broadcast have trebled since commencing the first Sunday in January. Even though we are limited to the early morning hour of 6:00 a.m. Middle European Time—which is 7:00 a.m. behind the Iron Curtain—the mail response is surprising. Most Germans rise early even on Sunday morning. Anyone who has lived in Central Europe will understand why! At that early morning hour church bells begin to clang everywhere and few could continue sleeping if they wanted to!

You ought to read some of the wonderful letters we have received. They will stir up your zeal! One woman from Vienna, who used to be a music teacher, is blind, yet has written us letters in "Blindschrift"—meaning blind writing.

Here are a few translated by our Pasadena staff from the hundreds of German letters we are receiving.

Even If It Comes from London!

"My dear Sir:

"I rejoice greatly that London is also concerned about the German people."

From München, West Germany

"Dear Sir:

"Your explanation of creation and the 'fall' of man are new to me and interest me."

From Bassum, West Germany

"Dear Sir:

"By chance I heard your religious discussion on the radio and it interested me greatly. My work begins at 6 o'clock with the exception of Sunday, and for that reason . . . I can . . . follow the wonderful discussions. I would request that you send me the booklets each week if possible."

Arnsburg, West Germany

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"Twice I have heard you on the Radio. Now I would really like to know who you are. I also love the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart and wherever He is spoken about I am close by. *But it must be the truth, as the Bible*

THE *World Tomorrow* now pierces the Iron Curtain in three languages—English, Russian and German!

Surprising letters are reaching our offices. Here is how the programs are affecting Europe!

Many refugees from Russia are listening to the broadcast on Radio Monte Carlo in English and in Russian. We have received recently an inspiring letter from hundreds of miles east of Moscow—from a community near the Ural Mountains bordering on Asia. There a group is listening to the Russian broadcast each week.

But in the Communist-dominated countries of Eastern Europe, the one non-Slavic language most widely understood is *German*. Hundreds of thousands of German-speaking people—many of them Slavic people who have learned German—are tuned in to the German broadcast of The World Tomorrow beamed across the Iron Curtain. Dozens of letters each month are coming into our London office from Poland and East Germany—not to mention Yugoslavia, which has broken away from Moscow domination.

One thing most Americans are unacquainted with is the fact that German is a "required language" for most Iron Curtain countries. Even Russians have recognized the need of learning German.

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teaches us. If you are definitely a true servant of the Word, then please send me the booklet mentioned in your sermon entitled, "Why must men suffer?"
From Siegburg, West Germany

Many people are becoming interested in WHO we are!

"Dear Sirs:

"I have heard your broadcasts over Radio Luxembourg for some time and always include you in my prayers that God may give His blessing and that His Church would be built."

From Salzgitter-Bad, West Germany

From Former Russian Soldier

And here is perhaps the most surprising letter of all, which we will translate after we first quote it in German for you brethren who understand German:

„Liebe Geschwister im Herrn!

„Jahre lang höre ich jeden Morgen Tag für Tag Radio Luxemburg. Nun hörte ich auch die herrliche Sendung aus London . . . Ich selbst stamme aus Russland, war in der Befreiungs Armee . . ."

And the translation in English:

"Dear Brethren in the Lord,

For years I have daily heard Radio Luxembourg each morning. Now I am hearing for the first time the wonderful message from London. . . . I myself have come from Russia, was in the Liberation Army. . . ."

From a former Russian Soldier in Hannover, West Germany

Isn't this a wonderful response? Communism has not been able to stamp out interest in the truth.

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"I would like to thank you heartily for the explanation of the Word of God on Sunday morning. I always look forward to it.

"May I also request the booklet, "Why must men suffer?"

From Le Hohwald, Bas-Rhin, France

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"Every Sunday I hear you on the radio and we rejoice greatly and are also very thankful that we may hear God's Word by means of radio. If it would be possible for you to send me some religious writings I would gladly receive them. It is impossible to buy religious books here and for that reason we are glad to receive them from some foreign country. Oftentimes *life is difficult* but even in the most difficult hours of our life *we must not become discouraged*. We should put our hope in the Lord, for only He can help us if we ask Him."

From Olsztyn, Poland

Many people behind the Iron Curtain have NOT lost courage!

"Dear Sir:

"With great joy I have written you because your services on the radio do indeed interest me. It is a strength and comfort to me and my family. I have become converted to God through your programmes. I always look forward to the broadcasts and also pray for them."

From Zwonitz, East Germany, DDR

"Dear Staff:

"My joy is great that I also can understand you so well from London. May we thank God that He has such faith-strengthening men who proclaim the gospel with soundness and purity. May God richly bless you and grant you much strength and encouragement."

From Bernsdorf, East Germany, DDR

"Dear Sir:

"I am very thankful for the broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. I was enlightened by how you proclaim the truth from the Bible.

Please send me the booklets and inform me how I can take care of the costs of your work."

From Nürnberg, Germany

"Dear Sir:

"I am a listener to your broadcast and would like to read the announced booklet *Why must men suffer?* for which I will be very grateful."

From Zagreb, Yugoslavia

"Dear Sir:

"I am now hearing your broadcast and it gives me strength for a week. Please send me your announced free booklet for which I will be very grateful."

From Brussels, Belgium

And now for an insight into what most Europeans are thinking.

"Does God Exist?"

This is the most talked-about subject in Europe: "Does God Exist?" Here is a typical letter about it:

"Dear Sir:

"As possessor of a radio I hear the glad tidings over Radio Luxembourg. Your question, *Does God Exist?* interests me greatly. Although I am a believer, I still doubt sometimes and the question comes to me: 'Why does God allow war' and 'Does He really exist?'

"I realize that these are terrible thoughts, which can cause one to become doubtful. Although I pray daily for deliverance, I find no solution, however.

"Please send me your announced booklets that through them I may be strengthened in faith and reliance upon God."

From Weinfelder, Switzerland

Notice the doubts in *prosperous* Switzerland! Compare this with the letters of hope from down-trodden Poland!

One of the most important lessons we have to learn in this life is that man cannot stand prosperity by himself—man needs *God's help* to overcome the temptations of abundance. When circumstances become difficult, then man begins to realize God *does* exist—that there *is* a Divine Plan being worked out here below!

"Dear Sir:

"The reception was very good and it has pleased me greatly. I am anticipating the next program for which I am thankful."

From Opole, East Poland

"Dear Sir:

"I have listened to your program with interest and would ask for your booklets. May the Lord bless your work in this endtime by rewarding you in a time in which humanity faces extinction."

From Pöls, Austria

Here in Austria, too, people realize that man faces extinction—unless God intervenes in human affairs!

Brethren, your prayers, tithes and offerings have made it possible for these people to hear God's Message. Let's take heart and press on—in Bible study, prayer, in tithes and offerings. We have a big work yet to finish!

Worship God—*TOGETHER!*

The basis of any society is the home! We are in God's society—the Church of God! Perhaps many of us do not realize how vitally important our homelife is in determining whether we receive eternal life!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

TIME is growing short! God's work is surging ahead, leaping through newly opened *doors*, taking on new vitality and strength!

That means we are **MUCH CLOSER** to the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than many of us have realized!

Problems in the Church

But—God promises us it is "through *much tribulation* (that we must) enter into the kingdom of God! (Acts. 14:22).

There is not an individual reading this article who does not have major **PROBLEMS** to overcome! We are seemingly *encircled* by worries, frustrations, financial problems, upset conditions in the home, a lack of Bible study and prayer—problems, *problems*, **PROBLEMS!**

It is *not wrong* to have problems—but it is decidedly wrong to **KEEP** them! These problems, however large or small, are *necessary* as a part of our *training*—to prepare us for positions in the kingdom of God! "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through manifold temptations. That the *trial of your faith*, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire (type of severe tribulation) might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:6-7).

Why a Church?

As we have shown in past articles, the Church is the *instrument* in God's hands for the carrying out of His plan! The Church has the great commission which is two-fold: to preach the gospel of the kingdom as a witness to all nations; and to *feed the flock!*

But even *more* than this, the Church teaches us *how* to meet and to solve *problems*—how to be *overcomers*, as a **UNIT**. It teaches us how to meet things *unitedly*, in a *family relationship!*

Notice Jesus illustrated there is a *family relationship* among the brethren! "Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, 'Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall *do the will of my Father* which is in heaven, the same is my

brother, and sister, and mother'" (Matt. 12:48-50).

The apostle Paul concentrated a *great deal* on family relationship among the brethren in the Church! "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a *father*; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as *mothers*; the younger as sisters, with all purity" (1 Tim. 5:1-2).

In this family-like unit, the body of Jesus Christ, God has set a certain chain of command!

Why Ministers?

God answers this question very emphatically!

"But now hath *God* set the members every one of them in the body, *as it hath pleased Him!*" (I Cor. 12:18). In this chapter of First Corinthians, Almighty God explained through the apostle Paul how the Church is *very similar to the physical body*.

Why has God set these members so in the body? "That there should be no *schism* in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another" (vs. 25). To keep *harmony, unity, peace*—and for *united growth!*

God says we *need* this organization—this *chain of command* "for the *perfecting of the saints*, for the *work* of the ministry, for the *edifying* of the body of Christ, **TILL** we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (mature) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12-13).

The *Church* is our training ground—as a large, collective **UNIT**—knit together in ties of deep *family* love and fellowship—so that we may eventually be born into the biggest family that will ever exist—the **FAMILY of God!**

Family Training

Hundreds of the brethren in God's Church, having gone along with the *way of the world*, are now trying to really **CHANGE** their lives, and to fashion them according to God's divinely revealed pattern!

The **FAMILY**—and our relationship as individual family members in our own homes—is the greatest *personal training ground* God has given us for gaining entrance into His kingdom!

Just as God has set offices within His

Church, as a large *family-group*, **SO** He has set offices in our own *private homes!*

It is not the purpose of this article to *explain* those offices—as that has been thoroughly explained in the past. If any of you brethren have not as yet read the article *How to Have a Happy Marriage*, then write in for it immediately!

How often do *your children* disobey? How often do **YOU** have differences with your mate? How many times during the course of a week are there **PROBLEMS** within your own family?

Of course, there are many in God's true Church who have not received the wonderful blessing of God of having their entire family in God's Church. For *these*, many of whom have had to put away a mate to whom they realized they were not truly married, others who have had to be separated because of religious bigotry and antagonism on the part of a carnal minded mate, or others through different circumstances who cannot enjoy this *family relationship*, *these principles still apply!*

For those of us who *do* have families, here is a real **CHALLENGE!**

It has been clearly **PROVED** there ought to be government in the home! It has been clearly set forth as an authoritative command from the voice of Almighty God Himself, that the husband is to be *over* the wife, and the parents together *over* the children, and that there should be loving, kind, considerate **GOVERNMENT** in the home!

But many have not known *how!* Oftentimes, a newly converted husband, suddenly realizing he has let the reins of the leadership of the family slip from his grasp, has tried to take them back by means of harsh, unreasoning, blind, dictatorial rulership! Many have, in their zeal of new-found truth, acted *unwisely*, and brought upon themselves undue religious persecution!

Sometimes parents, realizing they should begin to really *work* at training and teaching their children, have gone to the opposite extreme, and begun to **BEAT** their children—showing them anger, harshness, and "lording it over them" rather than teaching them **FIRMLY**, but patiently, lovingly, and with great understanding and wisdom!

And so—because I know many hundreds of you sincerely **WANT** to grow in

additional grace and knowledge, and to have your families *knit together* in bonds of love, mutual respect and harmony, HERE is what you can do about it!

Family Worship

Recently, in a sermon given here before the local congregation at the Headquarters Church, I outlined a positive step which I recommended the members of the Headquarters Church begin to do *immediately*. I have since heard from many sources that certainly the broad majority, if not all, *have begun doing this!*

That is—to begin a morning *family worship hour*—and to make it a daily HABIT!

As a boy, I remember how my father would sit down with the whole family, open the Bible, and begin to expound and explain certain portions. Usually, the scriptures or the discussion would have to do with certain problems of the week, individual circumstances of the past few days, or a challenge to be met on that particular day. We would then all kneel, and, beginning with my father, and then on down to me, at the "tail end" because I was the youngest, we would all pray for a very few minutes aloud. This did not, I know, in any way *substitute* for the daily prayer of my father and mother!

Rather, it was an ADDITIONAL time of prayer when the *whole family* could get together in harmony, and with the proper kind of government, and draw closer to one another and to God!

I want to *exhort* EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU to begin to have a morning family worship period! Or, some other *set time* of day if that is better. If you are married, but do not have children—*do it anyhow!* If you are not married, do it *by yourself!* If you are separated or divorced, *do it anyhow!*

If God has not provided the great *blessing* of having your whole family in God's Church—then have your OWN morning worship hour, even in private! *We are not to impose God's truth on others unless they first seek it!*

Here's How!

Parents should select certain scriptures—and begin a regular series—so the children will know what to expect. My wife and I have begun in the book of Proverbs, and I have since found that others have also selected this book. From others, I have heard they have begun in Psalms, or one of the gospels, or back in the book of Joshua or Judges. Whatever seems to be best in your particular case for the *whole family*—that is your decision! But the father and mother should select a certain portion of the Bible as a starting point. Then, even if you have to arrange to get up a few minutes

earlier each morning, the whole family should be seated in the living room, or some other place, and the children be taught to sit quietly and attentively while the father opens the Bible and expounds and explains a few passages.

Perhaps you will have time for only *one proverb!* The reason I chose Proverbs is because it is literally FILLED with admonitions about growing in understanding, wisdom, fear of God, and myriad scriptures on the obedience required of children.

The father should read the scripture, then rephrase it, expound it, enlarge upon it, explain it, put it in simple, easy-to-understand terms, give down-to-earth *everyday examples* of these principles *in action*, so your children will be sure to understand. Ask them *questions* about it, have them repeat the principles back to you.

The mother should add her bit now and then, helping the children to understand.

Remember, this should be done in perfect HARMONY! The father should lead, the mother follow second, and the children maintain their place as God has intended!

Then, all should kneel, and the father begin a very brief oral prayer. He should mention the challenges of that particular day, the need of God's work, and especially pray about those things pertaining to his own personal *family!* The mother should then follow his lead, adding whatever points she has thought of. The children, then, should be encouraged to pray—and perhaps their parents will even have to add certain words or remind them of things *during the prayer*—TO TEACH THEM TO PRAY! Jesus *taught* His Disciples to pray!

This does not have to be a literal HOUR in length! Usually, a family will not have this much time! But, depending upon the size of the family, it CERTAINLY should NEVER go less than fifteen minutes! For a family of three to five, about fifteen to thirty minutes would seem to be a good average.

Don't Let Circumstances Intervene!

Every temptation on the face of this earth will come to try to keep you from doing this! The telephone will ring, friends will come, emergencies will arise, you will over-sleep, or *something* will happen! That is Satan's way of trying to lead us off, and trying to get us to "slip up" on such a practice!

I KNOW that if every single person in God's Church begins to DO this, as a DAILY OCCURRENCE, this whole Church will begin to grow—TOGETHER—much more rapidly!

Again, let me restate, I do not mean this should *substitute* for your earnest,

daily prayer! You should do your own personal praying in *private*, just with God and Christ alone! However, for just a few minutes each morning, you should have this daily OKAL prayer as a help to your whole family!

Your family will begin to be happier! The husband and wife will begin to recognize more fully their individual responsibilities! The children will become more attentive, more obedient! All of these things will not happen in two days, or even two months! But THEY WILL HAPPEN—IF YOU WILL DO AS I very strongly exhort!

Your Responsibility to Your Children

Brethren, think for a moment! Our little children, more than any other children on the face of the earth, are going to have to shoulder tremendous responsibilities in the beginning of the millennium!

THEY are going to be the "young adults" who, in the *physical realm*, will have to LEAD THE WORLD! The *kind* of world leadership under the great family of God that is done *then*, will depend largely upon our *training of our children now!*

Their CHARACTER, and, for that matter, WHETHER they will be in the beginning of the millennium, depends on YOU—RIGHT NOW! *They* are your *fruit*—and *you* are *known* by your fruit! *Their* character is in your hands!

Teach your children a sense of *propriety!* Teach them *obedience!* Teach them to do exactly *what* they are told to do—exactly *when* they are told to do it! Teach them to follow detailed, careful instructions! Teach them the meaning of love, of respect for authority, of deference to their elders, *how to learn!*

Any of you families who are blessed enough to have your children in one of our Imperial schools—remember to teach your child, above all else, *how to sit still*, and how to PAY ATTENTION—*how to learn!*

It is amazing how few children at the age of six have ever been taught, in all their lives, how to merely SIT STILL for just a few minutes at a time!

A young child entering the first grade, at age six, who has never had to sit still for even a few minutes—learned to fold his hands and pay attention to his elders—is going to be an unruly, rebellious, difficult-to-manage child in school!

All of a sudden, he will be thrown together with a number of other children his own age, and told to sit still in a chair for *several hours a day!* If he has not been previously TAUGHT to do this, *at home*, he cannot be expected to do it in school!

These are just A FEW of the principles
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Blessings and Healings in God's Church

*Here is more GOOD NEWS of growth in the body of Christ—and
of exciting plans for the future!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly . . . *whatsoever he doeth shall prosper*" (Psalm 1:1-3).

God's Church and His people continue to be wonderfully BLESSED in the things that really count—spiritual contact and loving fellowship with God, deep-down happiness and peace of mind, physical health with the promise of Divine intervention in sickness, a real *purpose* and *goal* in life. These and many other blessings continue to be showered upon us in increasing measure—with *persecutions*, as Jesus promised—but with the absolute PROMISE of eternal life in the joyous "World Tomorrow."

We should pause more often to consider the many different *types* of blessings which we in the true Church enjoy—and to *deeply appreciate* and *thank God* for these priceless benefits! And now, this month, we have more blessings, challenges, and opportunities that lie before us as the "body" of Jesus Christ.

Passover Plans

Take notice, brethren! This spring we plan to hold complete eight-day festivals of preaching and Bible study during the Days of Unleavened Bread in *seven* different places! If you have not already done so, most of you will want to plan to attend either part or all of the festival at one of these locations.

First, of course, the *largest* gathering will be at our own Tabernacle grounds near Gladewater, Texas. Both Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong will be present to direct the services and preaching. Mr. Jon Hill, local minister there will also help in the preaching and counselling—in addition to Mr. Allen Mantefel and Mr. Richard Prince who will drive up for some of the daily services from their respective church areas.

Undoubtedly the next largest full eight-day preaching service will be held in Chicago, Illinois. Your author will be flying back to Chicago to join the local pastor, Mr. Dean Blackwell, in conducting these services. Mrs. Meredith, or "Margie"—as she is known by so many of you—will be coming back with me,

and we are looking forward with great anticipation to seeing the brethren in the Chicago area once again.

Mr. Blackwell and I will be assisted in the preaching services by Mr. Frank McCrady and Mr. Harold Jackson, our two elders in this church area.

New York City is again to have a full eight days of services with Evangelist Raymond C. Cole flying back to join our local pastor, Mr. Carlton Smith, in holding the services there. Many of you brethren in New England should come down to New York and participate in what should be a wonderful spiritual "feast."

Another large and joyous festival of preaching during the Days of Unleavened Bread is scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Benjamin Rea—the voice of the "World Tomorrow" in Spanish, and a powerful preacher in English as well—is scheduled to fly to Portland with his wife, Hazel, to conduct the Passover and the full eight days of preaching services there. He will be ably assisted in the preaching by Mr. J. L. Friddle, pastor of our churches in Seattle and Tacoma, and by Mr. David Antion, acting as associate pastor of the churches in Oregon. In addition, they will be assisted during the Passover service and in counselling by Mr. Basil Wolverton and Mr. Les McColm—our two dedicated elders from the Portland church.

Another full eight-day festival will be held, as usual, in Denver, Colorado. The brethren in that area will have the happy surprise of hearing regularly from Mr. Albert J. Portune—our vivacious song leader at the Feast of Tabernacles, and now rapidly becoming one of our most effective and powerful preachers! Mr. Portune will be driving back with his wife and family to join our local minister, Mr. Burk McNair, in holding the Passover services and in preaching during the Days of Unleavened Bread. They will be ably assisted by our associate pastor in that area, Mr. Roger Foster.

Many of you scattered brethren throughout Colorado, Western Kansas, Wyoming, and the Dakotas should plan to attend this wonderful festival to be held in Denver!

At Pasadena headquarters church will

be Mr. Herman Hoeh, as usual, to conduct the Passover and the preaching services and Bible studies during the Days of Unleavened Bread. He will be ably assisted by Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Ernest Martin, Mr. Kenneth Swisher and Mr. Leroy Neff. It is planned this year that either preaching services or Bible studies will be held *every night* during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

In our overseas headquarters at London, it is also planned to have alternate preaching services or Bible studies during the entire period of the Days of Unleavened Bread. Evangelist Raymond F. McNair will be in charge of these services, ably assisted by our other minister in the British Isles, Mr. George A. Meeker.

In addition to these *seven* eight-day festivals, the regular Passover and Holy Day services will be held in most of the local churches as usual. Exact plans for these services will be announced to the local membership by the local minister in charge. But all of you brethren who can should try to attend one of these *seven* complete festivals of preaching and Bible studies which will be held during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Like the Feast of Tabernacles, this will be a spiritual *rejuvenation* and *uplift* for all of us who can participate!

News from the Seattle-Tacoma Churches

Mr. Jimmy L. Friddle, pastor of our churches in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, has sent us a complete and encouraging report of the wonderful progress of the local churches in that area. Here then, is the report direct from Mr. Friddle about how *our brethren* in the two Washington churches are doing:

"During the Ministerial Conference in January one of the Tacoma church members, Mrs. Hazel Brown, was stricken with a type of paralysis, probably Poliomyelitis. She suffered from excruciating pains in her neck, back and legs. She was unable to sleep for any length of time for over three weeks. Her right hip became misplaced and one leg became shorter than the other. After the three bad weeks had passed she began to improve and could walk with the aid of a

cane. Her hip came back into place, but one of her legs is still a bit shorter than the other and she walks with a limp. But, God certainly did intervene and bless her. She is still unable to properly take care of her baby due to becoming very tired when doing her work. She is slowly improving and is very happy and thankful that she has made such progress by God intervening for her. She said if she had been in a hospital she probably would still be paralyzed. If she had been given drugs to relieve her pain she would not have known the necessity of exercising her legs.

"Mrs. Byrle Weeks of Puyallup had a severe case of Phlebitis. It came on her suddenly. She was anointed shortly after it started and for several weeks was unable to be on her feet. She had to sit with her leg propped up. She and her husband were told that it usually takes at least four years for one to recover from this and sometimes there is no complete recovery. It is unheard of to recover as rapidly as she did. In approximately two months she was completely healed.

"Mrs. Jack Pease of Tacoma had had ulcerated legs for fourteen years due to milk leg after childbirth. She was anointed and the ulcers began to heal slowly. In a matter of a few weeks she was able to remove all bandages and bindings from her legs and she has completely been healed of this long affliction.

"The Spokesman Club is continually growing and is a great inspiration to the men of the church. The wives also are benefiting from it. There are now approximately 35 members in the club. Feb. 28 was 'Ladies Night' and, indeed, the ladies enjoy coming to the club meetings. It must have inspired the men, too, because humor was abundant and this was one of the most outstanding meetings that we have had. The ladies commented that they could see a great amount of growth in the men and always look forward to the night when they are invited to attend.

Growth in Our Two Churches in Washington

"The Bible study is growing with an attendance of 100 or more each meeting. The Tacoma church and Seattle church meet together for Bible Study in Seattle. We are now going through Romans and the people are very interested in this. There have been many comments of how plain Romans is becoming to them now.

"The Sabbath attendance in Seattle now ranges from 130 to 145 each Sabbath. This includes children. The Tacoma attendance ranges from 90 to 125. The churches are both growing spiritually and seem to be coming closer to one another.

"God said to replenish the earth and the churches in this area are doing their share. In the past year there have been seven babies born, one more is due any day, and three others are on the way. The members here are blessed with a natural childbirth clinic which is located just north of Seattle, at Lynnwood, where childbirth is made a relaxed, happy occasion. The ladies who have had babies there all praise the clinic for making delivery easier. There is no strict routine, the father is expected to attend the delivery, and there is no fear of being given drugs.

"Two weddings took place in December and were very happy occasions. Mr. William LaNore, a deacon in the Seattle church, was married to Miss Marie Collings. Mr. Robert Christy took as his wife, JoAnn Cruse. This diminished our bachelor list by two, but there are still several available bachelors in this area!

"The Seattle church had two visitors from Pasadena during the last month. Mrs. Pamela McCall attended the church one Sabbath and Mr. Bob Moody attended two Sabbaths. Mr. Moody sang "By the Waters of Babylon" the last Sabbath he attended and we were delighted to have him sing for us.

"Along the singing line, the Seattle church has as one of its members a young lady who loves to sing and on one occasion has sung "When Israel Out of Egypt Went" as special music for the Sabbath. She is Miss Garnet Ziska. Miss Ziska has a very beautiful voice and we are looking forward to hearing from her many more times. . . .

"Perhaps the best news of all in regard to the church as a whole is the addition of radio station KIRO here in Seattle. This will probably boost our listening audience tremendously in this area. The Church members certainly are rejoicing about this and we all know that this came, as an answer to prayer, from Almighty God who rules and controls this universe."

Thank you, Mr. Friddle, for this most encouraging report!

And let us all give God THANKS, brethren, for what He is doing in the midst of His local churches! We should all be one "body" in Christ—and be sharing our joys and blessings as well as our sorrows with one another in sincere love (1 Cor. 12:26-27).

Report from the Colorado-Kansas Churches

Mr. Burk McNair, pastor of our churches in Denver and Pueblo, Colorado, and Garden City, Kansas, has recently sent us a report of the conditions within those churches.

Mr. McNair is very encouraged by the

effective and zealous ministry of Mr. Roger Foster, Ambassador College graduate and now acting as associate pastor under Mr. McNair in this large three-church area. Mr. Foster is slated to head a nation-wide baptizing tour this coming summer, and after that some of you members in one of our local church areas may be blessed by his ministry once again.

It is vitally important that all of you brethren PRAY for Mr. Foster and for all the other men who are acting as associate pastors in some of our church areas until their full ordination according to God's direction. These men are desperately *needed* in the full ministry of Jesus Christ! But in most cases, just as Jesus set the example, we feel it wise that they be given some months or years of *experience* and *testing* and *proving* in the field ministry before they are granted the full authority of a minister of Jesus Christ.

But, in the meantime, their office is to be *respected* highly by every church member, and certainly your *prayers* and *encouragement* should be with them in every way as they are dedicating themselves completely to the service of Jesus Christ.

Mr. McNair has also given us the happy news that Mr. Bill Quillen, of the Pueblo church, was ordained as a *deacon* on February 13.

Mr. McNair reports: "His (Mr. Quillen's) work in the Pueblo church has been very helpful to the church and also he has helped me a great deal. He is very eager to aid the church in any way possible. Mrs. Quillen is a very good example to the women of the church. They have two well-mannered children which are under school age. I certainly feel they are outstanding examples of the church and that he is well qualified to fill this position."

Godspeed, Mr. Quillen, as you continue to grow in grace and in knowledge and effectively *serve* in the work Jesus Christ has given us all to do! And congratulations to you for your recent ordination!

Many HEALINGS have recently taken place in the Colorado churches. Mr. Burk McNair sent reports of three or four outstanding healings with which the churches in this area have recently been blessed. We would like to report one of them in detail to you by way of a letter from one of *our brethren*, Mrs. Mary Wendzel, of Erie, Colorado.

Mrs. Wendzel had requested an anointed cloth for her son from Mr. McNair and also one for her own illness. Here is what she wrote him a short time later: "We are all doing fine here and there isn't anything urgent about this

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"Around Ambassador"

Here is more surprising news from the campus at Pasadena.

by A. J. Portune

THE SMALL group of young disciples—gathered about Jesus Christ on a mount in Galilee—were suddenly sobered by the import of the words He spoke to them: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matt. 28:19-20).

Another small group of Christ's disciples were also sobered by similar words here at Ambassador College last week when Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Rodrick Meredith announced the coming baptismal tours and assignments for the summer.

The realization that you're going on a nation-wide baptizing tour is like suddenly being thrust back in time to that mount in Galilee with Christ's words ringing in your ears. The years of classes at Ambassador seem too few. You seem unprepared, unsure—then the rest of Christ's words come to you—"And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth," and somehow you know everything will be all right.

Growing Responsibilities

God is laying a heavier responsibility on His church to feed and nourish the flock. That flock is growing more rapidly with each passing year. Requests for baptism are pouring into the office here at headquarters every day. At least *two thousand* persons will be waiting to be visited by our teams by the first of June. This means even longer tours with many more stops and a much closer schedule.

These tours are *hard work!* Many of the men lose ten to fifteen pounds during the long sleepless hours—missing meals—rushing to keep on schedule. Few of us realize the strain and pressure of a baptizing tour and the tremendous responsibility these men face far away from Ambassador College—out on a lonely highway in the midst of a hostile world that hates their mission and the God that sent them.

The realization that the *prayers* of God's people are with them every day—every hour—is one of the big factors that *keep these men going*. This is OUR PART in these tours, to pour our hearts out to God every day for them, that God will protect and guide them and give them wisdom and courage.

Four full nation-wide tours are planned and perhaps other local tours

will be necessary to handle the growing needs.

Four Full Tours

Mr. Roger Foster, who has been assisting Mr. Burk McNair in the Denver Area, will head the first tour. With him will be Mr. Carn Catherwood, a Junior and one of our Canadian students.

Mr. Bill McDowell—a graduating Senior—will head the second tour. Accompanying him will be Mr. James Wells—our first English Student—who is now a Junior. Mr. Wells will be the first English Student to ever go on a baptizing tour in America. This will be the third tour for Mr. McDowell, who will assume the responsibilities of the Churches in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas when the tour is complete.

The third tour will be headed by Mr. Ron Kelly, another graduating Senior who has had previous tours behind him. Accompanying Mr. Kelly will be Mr. Carl McNair, a Junior who has had considerable field experience under Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Prince. Mr. McNair is the brother of two of our ordained ministers, Mr. Burk McNair, pastor of the Denver, Colo., Pueblo, Colo., and Garden City, Kansas Churches, and Mr. Raymond McNair, Evangelist in charge of the work in England.

The fourth tour will be conducted by Mr. Ken Mowatt and Mr. Richard Pinelli. Both of these men were on tours last year, and will be sharing the heavy responsibility of leading the tour this year. Mr. Mowatt is a graduating Senior and another of our Canadian Students. Mr. Pinelli is a Junior this year.

These will comprise the four main tours in the United States this year. Be sure and *SAVE* this article, then later—when these tours begin—you can get it out and *pray* for each team and man individually. This will be a tremendous help if all you brethren will do this. God will *hear* your prayers!! And above all, our men will have that extra confidence that God will guide and protect them—if they *know* your prayers are behind them.

Foreign Assignment

In three short months the work "down under," in Australia has leaped ahead. The Church in North Sydney has been established with over twenty attending. Requests for literature from the nationwide network broadcasts and from the monthly Reader's Digest articles are

swamping the new office. Many must be visited by the baptizing tour now being conducted by Mr. Waterhouse.

More help must be sent to reinforce the three man team already there. An assistant Pastor and a full time secretary **ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.**

Last week it was announced that Mr. Tony Hammer and his wife Natalie will be sent to fill these vital positions. Mr. Tony Hammer, who is the son of Mr. Roy Hammer, Deacon in charge of the huge Tabernacle grounds in Gladewater, will be graduating this summer. He has been serving the local Churches in Southern California on the visiting program and in preaching on the Sabbath. Natalie Hammer formerly worked in the Letter Answering Department and is presently serving as an administrative secretary.

Tony and his wife will make an ideal *team* to bring the staff in Australia up to full strength for the present.

It is a blessing that our Ambassador College girls can serve God in these important phases of the work. Truly Ambassador College is a God-given blessing to those girls He is calling—to qualify as top typists, competent office workers and especially efficient and dedicated wives.

Let's all be rejoicing that God is preparing and qualifying more consecrated servants to take into their hands part of the overwhelming end-time work God is giving His Church to do. Let's all get behind them with our earnest, fervent prayers.

Blessings in God's Church

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letter, but only wanted to let you know the results of the prayer cloth. That night I applied it to my chest after reading James 5:14,15 and other passages and asking in prayer for God to take away the congestion and heal it. That was Sunday night. I woke from a sound sleep with the question, 'Has God left a blessing?' The first thing I noticed was that I could breathe deeply, more so than I had been able to for a long time! It is as if I have new lungs, and the dullness in my head was gone, and the aching cheekbones. Some phlegm is still clearing out and I expect the weary feeling or weakness spells to quit soon. God does

hear and answer prayer and remove the sicknesses and diseases! And I didn't forget to thank Him!

"The prayer cloth we had for Danny before you went to the conference brought him right out of bed the next morning feeling fine and ready to go to school, all sign of sickness having left him. What a blessing!"

Let us deeply APPRECIATE these blessings and healings, brethren!

News from Our Other Local Churches

The churches of God in Pittsburgh and Akron are pastored by Mr. Wayne Cole. They are two of our newer but more rapidly growing churches. Mr. Cole reports their condition as follows: "We have experienced some very good spiritual growth in both the Akron and Pittsburgh churches in the past few weeks. I have been continually stirring up the churches with exhortation and instruction in showing a great deal more love and concern for one another. Also I have been exhorting to a lot more regular prayer and Bible study . . . the fruits that are being born show a definite increase in both prayer and study . . ."

From the churches in the Illinois-Wisconsin area, Mr. Dean Blackwell reports increased growth and blessings! He mentioned that the labors of Mr. Harold Jackson, our first Negro elder, have resulted in a great improvement in spiritual character in the churches in that area, especially among the colored brethren. Mr. Jackson, having been tempted in every point exactly like our other colored brethren, can certainly be touched with the feeling of their infirmities in a special way and is helping them greatly through God's guidance and power.

Mr. Blackwell reports that eight more were recently baptized in Chicago, on the Sabbath, February 2, including another member from the Skinner family from Michigan, now numbering eight baptized!

The Chicago church has been privileged to buy their own movie projector and begin once-a-month educational movies for the members. The first one was shown recently, which carried the audience back into the depression days of "The Grapes of Wrath." The next educational movie was based upon the period of the protestant reformation and the time of Martin Luther.

The Church of God at El Paso, Illinois, was founded in August 1958, with only *twelve* members. Now, Mr. Blackwell reports, there are approximately *eighty* members just a year and a half later in February, 1960! On the Sabbath of January 2, the largest baptismal service ever conducted in the El Paso church

took place with *eleven* persons being baptized! This is wonderful growth and shows God's blessing on what *used to be* one of our smallest churches.

Healings in New York

From New York City, Mr. Carlton Smith reports that God's church there is still progressing spiritually and the members, for the most part, are still manifesting an unusual *hunger* for God's word.

Mr. Smith reports: "God is still intervening here on behalf of the sick. Nathan, five years old, and one of the younger children of Mrs. Marjorie Hunter, had epilepsy. He had been under a doctor's care, and, of course, taking various kinds of medicines. Mrs. Hunter, a new member, decided to trust the child's recovery into God's care. Sunday, February 21, I anointed him and two days later Mrs. Hunter called and said that God had *completely healed* her son!

"God has also intervened and healed a number of others here this past month. The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaefer of Redbank, New Jersey, was definitely healed of pneumonia after having had it several days without any improvement. Within an hour after calling me for anointing, she was well on her way to recovery and is now *completely well*.

"There are a number of others who have what could be considered minor ailments that God certainly healed. So, we can see that God is definitely working with His people here as elsewhere."

Brethren, let us *rejoice* in this good news and continue praying for Mr. Carlton Smith and one of our newest, yet largest, churches—the Church of God in New York City.

News from Other Churches Across the Nation

From Houston and Dallas, Mr. Richard Prince reports that the churches there are growing spiritually, although many of the members are having spiritual tests and problems to cause them to overcome and grow even more. The *average* attendance for the Houston Church of God in February was 131. And the *average* for the month of February in the Dallas church was 154 persons—including many children.

Mr. Jon Hill, temporarily pastor of the churches in Gladewater and Minden, reports that these churches are doing well in every way at the moment. He sent us notice of the birth of *another* son to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Nelson, teacher at Gladewater Imperial Grade and High School. It was their third son, but the first to be born "naturally."

Mother and son are doing very well.

Mr. Nelson said: "I wish all evolutionists and atheists could see the birth of a baby the *right way*!"

Mr. Bryce Clark reports from the churches in Springfield and St. Louis, Missouri, that they are continuing to grow—but that the members are continuing to experience the problems and trials which every true Christian must learn to hurdle in this life. Mr. Clark has recently instituted a weekly Bible Study in the Springfield church to aid in the spiritual growth of the members. A room was rented for the study in the city library at first. However, there were more coming than had been expected—and they were literally "bursting at the seams." So they will probably have to find a larger hall!

The attendance for the first three Bible studies averaged about 55 people. Mr. Clark is going through the book of Romans slowly and thoroughly, and he reports that the members have been asking excellent questions and that the interest is very good. He also reports that there have been two or three births recently to members where both parents had the "RH" blood factor. With God's blessing, both babies were born without difficulty!

And Mr. Clark also reported another, very outstanding case of God's intervention:

"On the 16th of this month, a member fell into a chain saw, seriously injuring himself. The saw cut his nose almost off as well as cutting through the bone of his face. He lost quite a bit of blood and surgery was required to sew him up. I went to the hospital the evening of the accident and anointed him while the nurse had gone out for ice. This past Sabbath he was in church with no bandages and was healed! Only slight evidence of the scar tissue remains. Truly this was a miracle and many of the friends of the family are astounded."

Brethren, let us continue to give God great THANKS for these blessings which we can have—and for the deep-down *satisfaction* and *peace of mind* that goes with serving the living and the true God.

Let us continue *praying* for one another, for the work of God's church, and for men everywhere whom Almighty God is calling.

Each of us must do his part in carrying out the great commission that Christ has given to us as His church—His body. In our own hearts and minds, each of us must echo Jesus' words: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: *The night cometh, when no man can work*" (John 9:4).

Help the Underdog!

It is natural to sympathize with the underdog—the fellow who is persecuted or “picked-on.” Let US understand again how this applies in God’s Church.

by Roderick C. Meredith

HAVE you ever had what is known as a “suffering hero” complex? Chances are, you probably have. Most of us have it once in a great while, but quickly solve our problem and get over it.

But with some people, this complex becomes a *fixed mental habit*. When these people are denied what they want—even though they don’t deserve it—they begin to feel sorry for themselves and to place the blame on others. They usually set out immediately to win sympathy for their “cause.” They often lead a great many others into an attitude of bitterness toward those who are supposed to be persecuting them—the “underdogs.”

Psychologists are quite familiar with this complex. Every organization or business of any size has its share of “suffering heroes.” Every political party and religious group has its share. And, in nearly every case, one factor seems to be constant with these “underdogs.” *They place the blame for their troubles and lack of success upon their leaders, whose position and success they secretly envy. But they are unwilling or unable to pay the price to produce the results which would entitle them to similar position and success.*

Christian “Martyrs”

Even after conversion, you have the same human nature to contend with that you always did. Only you then have the help of God’s Spirit in overcoming it. *But* the fact remains that even brethren in God’s church are subject to all the temptations and deceits of *human nature*—one of which is the tendency of some to regard themselves as persecuted “martyrs” or “suffering heroes,” if they are unable to have their *own way* in church matters or problems with their brethren. These people get their “feelings” hurt and feel persecuted if they are not allowed to do as *they please*.

Jesus Christ was *never* inclined to get his feelings hurt when He wasn’t allowed to have his *own way*. Just before He had to give His *life* in an agonizing death on the cross, Jesus prayed, “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless *not my will, but thine be done*” (Luke 22:42). Jesus was still flesh and blood, and He dreaded what was coming. But He surrendered His

own will, that God’s will might be done. Jesus wasn’t too concerned about His “feelings” or having His *own way* that night before the crucifixion. If He had been, *we would be without a Savior!*

In spite of Jesus’ example, some who call themselves Christians are continually getting their feelings hurt, either by imagining that they are being persecuted, or by sympathizing with someone else whom they mistakenly believe is an “underdog.”

A good example of this might be a case in which a couple who have come into association with God’s church in the past, are later found to be living in adultery. One of them may have a living husband or wife. Upon realizing this situation, God’s ministers should immediately take it up with the couple—find out if the previous marriage was binding according to God’s laws—and if so, try to give the couple any advice or help possible to aid them in *breaking up* their *adulterous* union. This is only to *help* them keep God’s laws, and to keep God’s church *clean* and *pure* from sin.

But it is only *human nature* for such a couple to start feeling sorry for themselves. They will feel that they are being singled out for “persecution,” and will often accuse God’s ministers of trying to *hurt* them. They will resort to every device of *human reason* to try to show others why their living in *ADULTERY* is all right. By making others feel that it is a *personal* disagreement, and that they are the “underdog,” they win sympathy.

Why?

How it Starts

Because nearly everyone tends to sympathize with an “underdog,” and because too few people realize that in *GOD’S CHURCH* such disagreements are not between the people and a human “preacher,” but actually against *God Himself* and the *way* of God! In plain language, anyone who sympathizes with such people is sympathizing with Satan the Devil!

Naturally, when we speak of “sympathizing” with evil, we mean the attitude of *condoning* and *agreeing with* the wrong *principle* involved. We *should* have compassion on sinners, just as Christ did.

But herein lies the trouble.

Most people confuse the *love* we

should have for those who err with an *active sympathy* for their *WRONG* way of life.

God *loves* those of us who are His children. Yet, we read in Hebrews 12:6 that, “whom the Lord *loveth*, he *CHASTENETH*, and *SCOURGETH* every son whom he receiveth.” God’s chastening isn’t something that we enjoy. But He does it, nevertheless, for our ultimate *good*.

In like manner, the true ministers of Jesus Christ have the *responsibility* of correcting and rebuking the church (Titus 2:15). As we have fully explained in previous articles, Jesus gave his ministers the *authority*, under God, to make binding decisions in their function of teaching and directing the church (Mat. 16:19; 18:18). In matters involving the governing and directing of the church, Christians are commanded to *obey* those whom Christ has used in *faithfully* preaching the *Word* to them and in bringing them to the truth (Heb. 13:7, 17). Such *true ministers* are responsible to Christ for ruling His church, and He will guide them through the Holy Spirit.

So, like Jesus, a true minister should—and with God’s help always *will*—use his authority in *love* and for the *upbuilding* of the church.

But God’s ministers have to make a great many decisions in directing the work of the gospel which may be misconstrued if all the facts are not known, or if *human reason* is used to *pervert* the facts.

That is *WHY* some misunderstandings may develop even in God’s church from time to time, and *why* some person who thinks he is “wronged” will often seek the sympathy of others who are prone to help an “underdog.” These things *can* happen in God’s own church because He has decreed that we still have our *human nature*, vanity, and selfish desires to overcome. God wants us to build *character* by overcoming this nature, and solving the problems it causes.

A Common Error

Problems arise because brethren often misunderstand the difficulties that God’s servants face in carrying on a worldwide ministry. They often do not realize the *authority* vested in ministers by Christ to preserve *order* and *government* in carrying out this mission, and in di-

recting His church.

Some who, unknown to themselves, are not qualified and who lack understanding want to take it upon themselves to enter the ministry, or to *force themselves* into an active place in God's work. These people usually mean business and their "feelings" are hurt if they are not placed in whatever position *they* think they should have. They overlook the fact that *God* chooses whom He will.

Here again, if God's ministers do not satisfy *their human desires*, then they often turn sour, feel "persecuted," and go around to other brethren seeking sympathy as an "underdog" who is being "picked on."

You might be surprised at the number of "self-called" individuals who think they should take over one of *God's* churches and make it *their own* church, or take over some other position in the Church of *God*.

All such individuals—and all of you brethren—should realize that *God* RULES *His church!* He always has, and He always will. The Father has appointed Jesus Christ as the living Head of His church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18). The true church is the *body* of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 12:27). It is the organism

through which He carries on His work.

No one should try to "appoint" *himself* as a minister, an elder, a teacher, or to any other position in God's church. The apostle Paul tells us, "And *God* hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (I Cor. 12:28).

Here we find that it is *GOD* who "sets" those in positions of authority in His church.

How do we know when *God* has done the appointing? Do we find scriptural examples of how God directs His work?

God's Direction

In Luke 6:12-16, we find the account of how Jesus prayed all night to God for guidance before "he *chose* twelve, whom he also named apostles."

Not one of these men appointed himself. Jesus *chose* each one. Later, He told them, "Ye have not chosen me, *but I have chosen you*" (John 15:16).

After Jesus ascended to heaven and the church began to grow, the apostles found that too much of their time was being taken up with physical service which could be performed by others. So

they asked the brethren, "Look ye out among you seven men of *honest report*, full of the *Holy Ghost* and *wisdom*, whom *WE* may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3).

Notice that these men were *appointed* by the apostles, who had already been specially *called* and *chosen* by Jesus. They did NOT appoint themselves.

Later, a man named Saul was feverishly engaged in persecuting and destroying the church when he was struck down and blinded by Christ, and brought to repentance. One of the disciples, Ananias, was told in a vision: "He (Paul) is a *chosen* vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

The apostle Paul was specially chosen by God, but this was revealed to one who was *already* in God's church.

Later, God revealed to the prophets and teachers at Antioch that He wanted Paul and Barnabas separated for a special work. Notice that *in every case* God revealed any "calling" to those who were *already* in authority in His church—either the apostles themselves, or the prophets, or the elders and teachers whom they had appointed through *God's*



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direction.

God's church was governed and supervised from the top down. When calling or choosing someone for an office in the church, God always worked through those He had already set in authority. That way there would be no division or confusion in His church. That is God's way—the revealed Bible way. Let us follow it!

Training Necessary

Another fundamental fact which few realize is that God always used men who were trained and prepared for the work to which He called them.

Moses was reared in the Pharaoh's palace where he would be trained and schooled in the knowledge of the Egyptians—one of the most cultured peoples of that time (Exodus 2).

Daniel was instructed in all the wisdom and learning of the Chaldeans—the greatest nation of that era. (Dan. 1:4).

The apostles were first called "disciples" or students. They were trained and schooled for more than three years by Jesus Christ himself.

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was prepared for his mission by studying at the feet of Gamaliel—recognized as probably the greatest Jewish teacher of that time.

In our day, Herbert W. Armstrong was prepared for his world-wide ministry by being led to enter the advertising and publishing field—where he received the special kind of training necessary to prepare him for conducting the international gospel crusade by radio, TV and the printing press.

Then God miraculously opened the way for Ambassador College—where Mr. Armstrong could train young men to help him just as Jesus did, and as Paul did with the evangelists Timothy, Titus, Silas, and others. And now God has opened the way for a branch of Ambassador to be established in England.

It is GOD'S revealed WILL—not human reason—which has led Mr. Armstrong to see the necessity of thoroughly training those who are to be actively used in God's work. This principle holds true in regard to almost any office in God's church.

In I Timothy 3:1-13, Paul instructs Timothy in the qualities which a man must have before he can be ordained as a local elder or deacon. Even of the deacons, Paul wrote, "And let these first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless" (verse 10). A deacon must be "proved" or "tested" in his ability and willingness to exercise his office in a "blameless" manner before being ordained. The evangelists were instructed

to be sure that any elder or deacon would submit to God's government before being ordained.

Yes, God's ministers must be very careful whom they appoint to aid in the spiritual ministry of Jesus Christ. They must be called of God, thoroughly trained and prepared, and able to prove their reliability and complete willingness to obey God's government in His church.

As has been thoroughly explained in previous articles in The GOOD NEWS, Christ has promised to be with, and specially guide, his called servants in matters of church government and discipline (Mat. 18:15-20). That is the way that Christ rules the true church.

The example of how a supposedly converted couple found living in adul-

tery should be helped is only one example of the serious decisions and responsibilities which God's ministers must shoulder. There will be problems of people wanting a job in the work, of people seeking after offices in the church to which God has not called them, of false prophets or disgruntled elders trying to lead off the flock after themselves.

All these problems will not be solved to the complete satisfaction of everyone. This is because very few people keep close enough to God to know His will in directing the church. And when personal desires and ambitions enter into the picture, it is easy even for a converted person to let self-will get in the way of God's will.

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These factors will give opportunity for those who *continue* in self-will to cry out that they are being treated unfairly, that they are "martyrs" or "underdogs." You need to realize this, and ask God to help you get *all* sides of the case before feeling very sorry for the "underdog."

Jesus Guides His Church!

Although Jesus specially promised to guide His ministers in exercising their authority to "bind" or "loose" in applying *God's law* to a particular case, He did *not* promise that they would never make a mistake in appointing some to offices in the church. Paul told the Ephesian elders whom he ordained: "Of *your own selves* shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).

So even though they diligently seek God's direction, God's ministers today may make a few human errors in the appointments of elders, deacons, or others to offices in the church. *But that is for CHRIST to judge!* God's ministers are *responsible* to HIM.

If God's ministers seem a little slow in appointing someone to an office in the church, or if they appear to have made a mistake in such an appointment—or in any other decision they may have to make, the truly *Christian* thing for you to do is not to criticize and condemn, nor to bitterly think that we are persecuting a so-called "underdog," but to get down on your knees before God and ask *Him* to show us *His* will, to *rebuke* and *chasten* us if necessary, and to *guide* us in directing *His* church as He has promised to do.

And while you are at it, you had better ask God also to show you if *YOU* are the one who is wrong! The Bible reveals that when individuals disagreed with God's called servants, *they* were nearly always the ones who were wrong.

So *mistakes will be made*. But God's Word shows that those who *criticize* or *accuse* God's servants of being unfair will probably be the ones in the wrong.

In the past, Jesus has *always* directed His church and His true servants so that they were far more fair and just in directing the church than others would have been. Jesus is "the same yesterday, and TODAY, and *for ever*" (Heb. 13:8). Think it over.

Help the Underdog

Knowing that the true Church of God is a spiritual organism which *Christ* rules and directs through His ministers, you should be very careful not to let

Satan the Devil put a spirit of antagonism in you against them. Once God has shown you where *He* is working in carrying the true gospel to the world, and *whom* He is using in this ministry, you should obey them in matters of church government and direction (Heb. 13:8). In matters of *faith*, you should follow them *as they follow Christ* (I Cor. 11:1). This way leads to unity, peace, and love as God intends. It avoids *strife* and *confusion* which is of the Devil.

If occasions arise where other brethren become disgruntled over a supposed injustice, you had better remind yourself that *Christ* has promised to guide His church into all truth—and ask Him to do it. If someone in the church feels that he is an "underdog," that he has been wronged or discriminated against by God's servants, and if he comes around to you for sympathy—you should *help* him.

Yes, *you should help the "underdog"!*

Here is how. If you are careful to find the real *cause* of his grievance, you will probably find that the individual is in some manner going contrary to the *government of God*. He may be trying to disobey some point of God's law. He may be holding a feeling of bitterness toward one of God's ministers because he was unwilling to be corrected on some point; or he may feel "persecuted" because he has not been allowed to *appoint himself* to some office or function in God's work *for which he is not qualified or prepared*.

Whatever may be the reason, you will not help him by actively sympathizing with his supposed "cause." This will only make him feel more secure in his error, and seem to substantiate his feeling of bitterness.

If possible, you should try to point out *his own* mistake, help him get his

mind off his own selfish desires, and *warn* him in a loving way that *such an attitude among God's people is one which Satan the Devil is working day and night to bring about* (I Peter 5:8).

If you are members of a local congregation, you should discuss it with the minister and let him know the real situation so that he may help work out a solution before anything serious arises. If you are one of the many scattered brethren and such a problem should arise, write to us at God's "headquarters church" in Pasadena, and we will try to work out a solution, and will pray with you about it.

Whatever you do, don't become this kind of "underdog" yourself, or let one make you embittered to the extent that you *reject* God's truth and thereby *forfeit* your right to eternal life. The "underdog" and his sympathizers may well be in danger of the *lake of fire*. It seems that if people allow themselves to become embittered and reject a minister, *they also reject Christ's message!* It just doesn't pay to fight God's true servants. When the men of Israel became angry because of Samuel's sons and wanted to reject Samuel, God said, "They have not rejected thee, but *they have rejected ME, that I should not reign over them*" (I Sam. 8:7).

The "underdog" problem will always be solved if the complete *truth* of the particular case is made plain to everyone, if brethren are willing to obey *God's will* in directing the church through His called and chosen ministers, and if all of us *pray earnestly* that God will protect His church and keep it free from all strife and division. Christ's *body*, the true church, is *not* to be divided (I Cor. 1:13). Only by working *together* with *love* and *zeal* can we carry out the world-wide mission that Christ has given to all of us in His church.

Worship God—TOGETHER!

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to be considered! But they are important ones!

Don't Put It Off!

Finally, DON'T just lay this article down, or read another article, or roll over and go to sleep—and then arise in the morning having *forgotten all about it!* To *put off* this morning worship hour, or to become side-tracked, and to drop it off after you have once begun, will be one of the biggest mistakes of your life!

Decide—*right now*—that you are going to *DO* this yet *today*—or, *at the very latest, TOMORROW MORNING!* Set your *will*—ask God's help!

As the apostle Paul exhorted Timothy, *so I exhort you:* "Follow after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, *lay hold on eternal life*, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I *give thee charge* in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou *KEEP* this *commandment* without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ!" (I Tim. 6:11-14). Do it *right away*—you'll always be glad you did!