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What Price Salvation?

Here's how you could lose your salvation if you neglect to keep the Feast of Tabernacles

by L. E. Torrance

THIS past Feast of Tabernacles God reached down deep—through His ministers—into our hearts and said to each of us: "I want you to share My life, My happiness, My job of being God. I have a great reward waiting for each of you. Come! Receive of My Holy Spirit so you can have My character and I can trust you with eternal life, with real responsibility, with My very own creative power."

Yet, with this goal, some of you are planning to disobey God this fall!

Remember—God's Festivals are not man-made. They are Holy Convocations—DIVINELY COMMANDED ASSEMBLIES (Lev. 23:7, 21, 35). The Almighty Creator ORDERS His people to attend!

Are You About to Sell Your Birthright?

Notice what happened to Esau when he set his eyes on physical pleasures instead of the goal ahead. God allowed Esau to get into a real test. He came in from the field and was hungry (Gen. 25:29). He was too hungry to wait. Noticing that Jacob had a dish of lentils (verse 34), Esau traded his birthright for this pot of porridge—so he could quickly satisfy the desires of the moment. Esau did not appreciate the great value of his birthright!

Would you sell your birthright today for a dish of soup?

You say, "Of course not!"

Don't be too sure! *Some of you have already done just that!*

Brethren, some few of you who, as

far as we know, are not planning to come back to God's Feast, were overheard to make remarks similar to this, "I'm not coming back any more, 'they' gave me a cold cup of coffee."

Whether you realize it or not, what you were saying is, "I'm like Esau, I'll sell my birthright—the right to be among the first-born in the Kingdom of God—for a hot cup of coffee." You may as well have said, "If I have to drink a cold cup of coffee, eternal life is not worth it."

Brethren, this is SERIOUS! Your eternal life is at stake with such attitudes. Your life is either *given to God*—or you are on mighty *dangerous* ground!

You need to remember, though, that God promises, "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die (Ezek. 18:21). Why die when you can repent and live?"

The Right Attitude

God's ministers were elated to hear that most of you brethren were thrilled at the Feast of Tabernacles last autumn. Many, many of you mentioned that the Gospel of Christ was pictured more forcefully, more powerfully—and yet more compassionately than ever before. You mentioned how these sermons left you fiercely determined to put forth an all-out effort to follow step-by-step the WAY that leads to eternal life.

Many of you mentioned that the sermons jerked you right out of your lethargy—right out of the WAY of destruction down which you were headed. Yes, you mentioned how thankful you were.

You realized that it was as if the compassionate Almighty Creator was telling each and every one of us, "I want you in My Kingdom. There is a work for you to do."

Then it was as if God went on to say, "But listen carefully, here are some sins you have to overcome before I can trust you with eternal life." And even more important, God revealed through His ministers, "Here is *how* you can overcome these sins that are keeping you from receiving My character, My power, My Holy Spirit."

The Wrong Attitude

Instead of being overwhelmed with gratitude, some others chose to become offended.

Were *you* the one who said, "I came here to hear Mr. Armstrong preach prophecy. All I have heard since I've been here is a bunch of young fellows harping on overcoming." Don't you know that God has said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me on My throne" (Rev. 3:21).

One man said after an especially powerful sermon which revealed what we need to be overcoming, "If I didn't have something else to think about during some of these sermons, I think I'd have to get up and go outside."

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Letters to the Editor

Immediate Increase

"Within a week after our first tithe, my husband received a \$30 raise in pay which was not anticipated. Our tithe will be forthcoming from now on as we are certainly living more abundantly."

Co-Worker from Honolulu, Hawaii

Weather Plagues Farmers

"Our weather forecaster just announced this morning that last month was the driest June on record. He also reported a rainfall deficit for the first 6 months of this year over 7½ inches. While we are not seriously harmed thus far, we will soon suffer some bad effects. Our corn crop looks like an almost complete failure. Pastures are all dried up. Farmers have to either feed green chop daily or start on the already limited hay supply. The hay matured very rapidly this spring, limiting growth and causing loss in nutritive value. Oats are very short and wheat light, both maturing too rapidly. Flies are about as bad on the cattle now as they usually get in late August. Insects are attacking the wheat. Also, price of milk was lowest last month that it has been in about a year. Prophecy marches on."

Listener from Wadsworth, Ohio

- Low prices for farm produce can force land out of production just as effectively as adverse weather conditions.

Frenchman Objects to Prophecy

"It would be preferable if, in the future, you don't make any mention of the Third World War. This greatly displeases your listeners and several people have told me that if you continue to allude to it, they will stop listening to the programme."

Man from Ars-sur-Moselle, France

- For centuries France has either had her own wars or been involved by geography in the disputes of Germany and England. This comment reflects the attitude of the French people and the lengths to which they would go to avoid another war on their soil—even that they would ally themselves with Germany, an old traditional enemy.

Proved Message True

"I appreciate very much the wonderful work you are doing—especially having the courage to launch out in faith, proclaiming God's Word from the Bible regardless of the already-established doc-

trine of men. I tried for a long time to believe you were just another false prophet because it is not easy to give up denominational doctrine, but I cannot find from my study of the Bible where you are in error."

Florida

"Allergic"

"Would you please send me some of your books. My husband is allergic to preachers in general. He seems embarrassed when you name a preacher. I woke up one night around midnight and do you know who he was listening to? You! He loves the radio. I have noticed when he hears your voice, he won't stop until he gets you. Thank you for the wonderful messages."

Lady from Tennessee

Enjoys "Bible Story"

"Thank you for my wonderful book—'The Bible Story.' I started and concluded it in one day. It was so interesting that I merely couldn't find a stopping point."

Woman from Ethel, Missouri

From the Spanish Broadcast

"I am including the test sheet of Exam 1 for grading. I want to tell you with all frankness that, concerning these studies, since the day when I began to study the very first lesson to this moment, I have grown to have a much fuller knowledge of the word of God.

"I used to be very credulous toward whatever the many preachers said about the Bible, but now I see that the Bible explains itself! I have been made to think very seriously about the things which are going to happen soon. As the prophet said, God is not going to send destruction without first warning His people.

"I am studying as you have told me; dividing my time in three parts: prayer, study, and meditation. I will pray for you, also, that God will give you more wisdom in the knowledge of His Word."

Lima, Peru

"I am going to be sincere with you: at times I am very confused by your booklets; at times I think that you are of God, and at times I think that you are of Satan. Sometimes I believe that God is doing His work through you, and sometimes I believe that Satan is using you to make me fall.

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Church, Children and CONFUSION!

Some have not trained their children properly. Is the presence of your children an affront to God Himself in Sabbath services? Do you fathom what's expected of every Christian parent?

by Clint C. Zimmerman

GOD THUNDERED out of the surging smoke and lashing fire of Sinai, "Remember the Sabbath day to *keep* it HOLY!"

ALL Israel trembled (Ex. 19:16).

They realized—they KNEW—they were in the *very, actual* PRESENCE of God! The ONE GOD who had *power* over their lives. The ONE GOD who could literally *consume* them (Deut. 5:25).

God IS Present Each Sabbath

Do you comprehend the **FACT** that you and your family are in the *literal* PRESENCE of that *same* God when you attend His convocations?

We pray for God's presence in our assemblies. Those prayers, made in the faith of Jesus Christ, are heard and answered! Our prayers are NOT some meaningless ritual just to get us off to a "good religious start." Our prayers are NOT just a sanctimonious way to open the WORSHIP services. Our "amens" should never hold the meaning of, "Yes, yes, but let's get on with keeping the Sabbath so I can get home early and live *my* life."

Some apparently do not appreciate the FAITH in which we pray. They do not *really* BELIEVE God hears our prayers. They do not COMPREHEND the full importance of the Sabbath. They do not absolutely KNOW God responds to our petition.

We must be AWARE that God's *presence* makes the Sabbath Holy—He *is* PRESENT in the Sabbath! The Sabbaths are HIS holy convocations. He *is* PRESENT in His convocations! REALLY! Not in some indefinable, wishy-washy, meaningless, powerless, "spiritualized" way. He *is actually* there IN SPIRIT!

Leviticus 23 positively states that ALL of the Sabbaths—weekly and annual—are "*Feasts of the ETERNAL.*" That doesn't mean He thought them up, told Israel to observe them, and then retired disinterestedly to His throne in heaven. Deuteronomy 14:23 tells us to eat BEFORE Him and Deuteronomy

16:11 says we are to rejoice BEFORE Him. When we keep the Sabbaths we are BEFORE God. He is there! We are there *before* Him in order that we can learn to FEAR Him.

GOD—the Creator of this Church—is not an ethereal void. He is IN the Church; He is IN its meetings; He is TRULY PRESENT at His convocations. He has *not* gone 'way off to leave us to our own devices, our own way of living, our own way of rearing our families and controlling our children.

Immediately after the dazzlingly dreadful experience of God's presence at Sinai, the Israelites were commanded to *diligently teach* the laws of life to their children (Deut. 6:7). Among other things those laws revealed exactly HOW they and their children were to *keep* the Sabbath HOLY. Those same laws and instructions—now *greatly magnified* by all of the Scripture which has since been written—apply to us today.

We are to *keep* the Sabbath HOLY.

We are to instruct our children in how to *keep* the Sabbath HOLY.

In I Timothy 3:15 the Apostle Paul told Timothy that the instruction he had given earlier in the chapter was so "that thou mayest know HOW thou oughtest to BEHAVE THYSELF IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, which is the CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD ...!" In verse 4 he had just said, "*children (are to be) in subjection with all gravity;*" while in verse 12 he reiterates, "*ruling their children... WELL!*"

In I Timothy 4:11 he told Timothy, and thus all of God's ministers, "These things **COMMAND** and **TEACH!**" This article therefore comes with authority.

Disdain for God and Church?

Some parents in God's Church allow their children to bellow, squall and scream in the PRESENCE of *God*. Such abject negligence and chaos is DE-TESTABLE in God's sight and a STENCH in His nostrils! It shows *rank disregard* for and *insolence* toward the Creator. It demonstrates *impudent un-*

concern for the other members of the congregation. If you are one who cannot master your children, you may just as well stand up and loudly shout that you do not know how to teach them—that you DO NOT KNOW HOW TO BE A PARENT!

If your children unrestrictedly clamor in Church—or anywhere else, for that matter—they are, IN FACT, making it known to all within earshot that YOU ARE A POOR, INCOMPETENT PARENT! *You are known by your fruit!* GOD SAYS SO! Your children are your fruit—the fruit of your instruction—the fruit of your way of life. That fruit should be good!

Ask Yourself:

How holy did you and your children keep last Sabbath?

How holy will you and your children keep next Sabbath?

How holy will you and your children keep the annual Festivals this year?

Your Home Work Cut Out For You

Each parent in God's Church can improve in training his children. Of this there is no doubt. Some of you are to be commended in the progress you are making. On the other hand, SOME OF YOU ARE DOING A MISERABLE JOB OF REARING YOUR CHILDREN.

Get this straight! You will NEVER teach your children how to behave in Church on the Sabbath if you wait until the Sabbath to train them. God tells us to work during the six work days of the week. TRAINING CHILDREN is part of that work. IF you train your children DURING THE WEEK you will not need to be *working* at it on the Sabbath. IF you accomplish all you should during the week, your children will be in subjection on the Sabbath. They will not need continual correction and attention. They will be able to sit at REST on the SABBATH. They will allow you to REST on the SABBATH. You certainly can take care of emergen-

cies on the Sabbath—God's law permits it—but you should need to be involved only in *emergency* corrections with your children on the Sabbath.

Proper preparation for the Sabbath means having your children in complete readiness. Your responsibility does NOT end with providing clean and pressed clothes, prepared meals, and a little Bible instruction. Their minds, *attitudes, emotions* and *WHOLE BEHAVIOR PATTERN* must be made ready. To forget or forsake this *complete* preparation of your child is abysmal folly.

God commands our presence in His convocations! We cannot forsake meeting with the local Church or on the annual Sabbaths. Some, recognizing the distraction of their ill-mannered children, attempt to solve the problem of improper preparation by being *at* the meeting without being a real *part* of it. Their attention is *split* between the sermon and restive children.

Men Shirk Job!

Too many HUSBANDS SHIRK their *duty!* A man's God-given ability to master and lead should be exploited. His wife should expect his willing assistance in disciplining their children—*without having to ask for it!* He is the one who is in charge. He should be the example, give the instruction, and, by setting family policy, lead the way all through the week AND on the Sabbath!

Too often, when trouble is brewing, the husband only grits his teeth, closes his ears, stares straight ahead, scowls uncomfortably and finally, in exasperation, glares at wife and child as he indistinctly mumbles, "Do *something!*" Then the mother, martyr of womanhood, dismally, grimly or dispiritedly begins to trudge, distractingly, in and out of the meeting place as she attempts to appease and assuage the slightest whim or outburst of the fretful child.

Such women spend the Sabbath *fighting their children!* Too many finally just *give up!* Too weak in character to gain dominance over a few pounds of spiteful flesh they sink down into inactivity. And so it is not unusual to find the ladies' lounge area of a Church cluttered with bedraggled, frustrated mothers and their squirming, restless, misbehaving offspring. *How shameful!*

You who do this only FOOL YOURSELVES if you think you are getting all you should from the services. You cannot *keep* the Sabbath HOLY while you walk up and down the aisle. The women in God's Church must stop such meaningless, useless foolishness!

This trend can be stopped. Every husband of such a wife is directly responsible—he may even be forcing his wife to behave in such an irrational way. HOW? By not assuming his full responsibility during the week AND on the Sabbath. Every husband and wife must work together as a team. Each should provide his or her full contribution toward the solution of this problem.

Plan of Action

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong spent *years* gaining the information which you should have easily available in your file of back issues of The PLAIN TRUTH. He spent *weeks* putting hard-won knowledge into plain, simple, understandable words so we could all comprehend it. Certainly there is no reason for me to attempt to repeat it in this short article, but you NEED TO KNOW WHAT HE WROTE!

Here is what you should do! Get out your file of PLAIN TRUTHS! *Blow the dust from it!* The CHILD TRAINING SERIES began with the November 1960 issue. The first few articles are not so greatly concerned with the problem at hand, but they furnish necessary background. Perhaps you will only need to skim through them IF you thoroughly studied and digested them previously. But when you come to the August 1961 issue there is more to do.

GO TO YOUR CLOSET (with your wife or husband if she or he is converted or interested) AND BESEECH GOD FOR UNDERSTANDING. ASK HIM FOR ASSISTANCE! THEN STUDY—not just read—the series from August 1961 through March 1962. STUDY AS IF YOUR LIFE AND YOUR CHILD'S depended upon it—FOR, IN FACT, IT DOES!

As you pore over this absorbing series you will come to KNOW exactly "How Your CHILD Learns!" You will UNDERSTAND "The TRUTH about Corporal Punishment!" Apply the truth you find and you will soon learn how "YOU CAN Punish YOUR Children—IN LOVE!" Study this entire series carefully so you will be sure to FIND OUT "How to GET RESULTS" and learn "How to Teach Your Children Right Habits!"—to quote the titles of some of the articles in the series.

YOU ARE NOT TO SKIM THESE ARTICLES! YOU ARE TO THOROUGHLY DIGEST THEM! YOU ARE TO INSTITUTE THEM INTO YOUR WAY OF LIFE! YOU ARE TO APPLY THEM!!! YOU ARE TO BEGIN TO USE THIS INFORMATION IN REARING YOUR CHILD TODAY!

YOU ARE GOING TO PROVE YOUR CONVERSION — YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE FROM THE WAY THAT HAS SEEMED RIGHT — BY THE WAY YOUR CHILDREN ACT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND THE REMAINDER OF THEIR LIVES.

Begin NOW!

You will need to *immediately* start using Mr. Armstrong's instructions in your everyday life. You will need to be PERSISTENT and CONSTANT. You must not slack off from this responsibility! We prove ourselves before God both by our willingness to *submit* to the authority which He *places over* us, and our willingness to *accept* and *administer* the authority which He *gives* us. Use your authority over your children to become perfect as the Eternal has commanded. Exercise your authority in love! Begin *now*, TODAY—before the next Sabbath or Festival—to make your children sit or lie still for short periods of time. Gradually lengthen the period. Insist that you be obeyed. (Any well child of school age should sit up during services.) Whenever punishment is necessary make sure it is swift and immediate.

Perhaps a recent experience with my daughter will be of some help. A Church member who lives about 20 miles from me called and asked me to come pray for his ill son. I decided it would be nice for my family to accompany me on the trip for we could all be together during that time. My younger daughter said she preferred to stay home and visit the neighbors (who had a TV running). I said, "No, you're going along." She swung about on her heel, tossed her head, curled her lip and said, "Oohhh." She was going to go, she knew it, I knew it. But her attitude was entirely wrong—she was being REBELLIOUS! I got our paddle—it's made of ash. She cried at the first swat for two reasons: (1) it *hurt* and (2) she wanted it to stop. The punishment did not stop! She finally realized she was crying in pretense. Her crying then stopped even though the repeated swats were *hurting more*. She became *convinced* I was in authority—and she finally truthfully and fervently said, "Daddy, I *won't* do it any more. She meant it. She had repented. I stopped. I then warned her that the next such infraction would be met with even more severe punishment. I meant it. We understand each other. She isn't wondering IF I meant it because she knows from experience I keep my word.

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Gigantic WORLD HOAX Afoot!

A great religious combine is plotting at this moment. Innocent millions will be unsuspectingly sucked into a whirlpool of religious superstition—or be martyred.

by Charles V. Dorothy

WORLD religious and political heads are being duped by a sinister force masquerading under the name of religion! With the appealing slogans "Peace" and "Unity," church leaders around the globe are talking of ONE CHURCH. Words are flying, articles roll off presses, precedent-breaking conclaves are being held—startling MERGERS have already taken place!

Would it actually advance the cause of Christianity and bring world peace if all churches united under one head?

Is this "Ecumenical" (world-wide) church movement *really* what it pretends to be?

Would you like to know *in advance* whether the Vatican will succeed in gathering the "scattered brethren"—the other Catholic Orthodox churches and the Protestants—back into her fold?

Answer in Advance

Does it sound incredible to you that the answer was written almost 3,000 years ago—800 years before Christ? Is it too hard to believe that Christ Himself had much to say about "Ecumenism" and a colossal end-time religious hoax?

The answers were written under inspiration by Isaiah the prophet long before New Testament times, and the Apostle John quotes Jesus Christ's own analysis of this new global ideology in the book of Revelation, believe it or not!

Before we analyze what prophecy has to say about church unity, here is a report on recent events which have been fulfilling the predictions of the Bible right before our eyes!

India Hosts Biggest Protestant Meeting Ever

Since the Council of Trent in the 16th century, there has been no gathering of Christians such as New Delhi, India, witnessed last fall. The World Council of Churches—boasting over 3,000,000 members from 197 denominations throughout 90 countries—feels itself responsible for "one of the very early events in the *second great Reformation of Christendom.*" The main

topic of this Council was how to solve differences and bring about *unity*. Among these theologians it is common knowledge that over 430 differing, bickering, backbiting, competing denominations, all claiming to be of Christ, cannot possibly be reconciled with Christ's final prayer "...that they may be ONE, even as we are one" (Jn. 17:22).

Fruit was borne. For the first time since the Protestant split from the Roman Catholic Church in the 1500's, a Protestant body in harmony with Orthodox Catholics made concrete progress toward unity! With much light-footed sidestepping and shadow-boxing, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Willem A. Visser't Hooft, managed to appease the high-ups of Russian Orthodoxism and win them as members!

This Council is growing in prestige and popularity—has already helped some Protestant churches to unite—and will be the springboard for new and large mergers as a result of the 1961 meetings. The National Council of Churches here in America is sewing stronger stitches. Beside the several dozen unifications among Protestants of the last 10 years (especially the Methodist realignment), there is the pending large-scale blending of Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and United Church of Christ.

Protestants Not Alone

The "let's-get-together" ecumenism spirit is stirring around the world for the first time in millennia. *Una Sancta*, a European Protestant-Catholic togetherness movement working to amalgamate all churches into a super Christian cartel celebrates its 23rd year in 1962. "Athenagoras I, Patriarch of Constantinople and spiritual leader of all Eastern Orthodox churches, made his first appeal for a reunion of Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches" (*New York Times*, April 15, 1960).

This was followed in September, 1961, by the numerous Orthodox (non-Roman) Catholic churches meeting in Rhodes—after centuries of jealousy and

attack among themselves—to plan a *new Orthodox unification!* This would include such groups as the Greek, Russian, Serbian, Rumanian, Syrian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, to name a few. By a freak accident, a *proposed meeting on reunion* between Pope John XXIII and Eastern Orthodox officials was scooped by the press and so was called off.

This is not all. Also for the first time, the Vatican sent official observers to the World Council in New Delhi. The *Secretariat for the Unity of Christians*, headed by Curia-Cardinal Bea of the Vatican, is studying the ecumenical problem. The Pope has had tradition-breaking visits, just in the last year, from the presiding Bishop of the U. S. Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Archbishop of Canterbury!

Biggest News Yet

The world was jarred early in 1959 when Pope John announced "Vatican II," the first ecumenical (world-wide) council in 90 years! A flurry of comment from religious and political leaders flooded the press and news media. Perhaps you can better grasp the importance of such an announcement if you know that only 20 such meetings have been held since the birth of Christ! The last one, called "Vatican I," announced the Pope as infallible in matters of faith and doctrine. Even such an important doctrine as Mary ascending to heaven bodily was pronounced by Pope Pius XII *without* benefit of a council.

What to Expect This Fall

The world waits with wonder and awe for the results of the much-hailed, long-delayed, world-wide council. At last Rome is responding to widespread pressure for unification. You, the reader, do not have to wait for the published results of the meetings. Through the prophecies of your own Bible, and the tireless efforts of our global news-gathering agency, *you can understand IN ADVANCE!*

A four-step plan—at first glance fantastic—has already been outlined by Vatican dignitaries and set in motion!

It will succeed!

Step 1: Bring the Vatican to the height of its strength and unity. "The main aim of the ecumenical council will be that of strengthening and invigorating the Roman Catholic Church" (Pope John XXIII, AP release in *Glendale News Chronicle*, Aug. 10, 1959). Much has been accomplished since this announcement. Loose ends will be tied up this fall.

Step 2: Regather the "scattered brethren" of Orthodox Catholicism. "Pope John XXIII's call for an ecumenical council is aimed primarily at achieving a reunion of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches which parted ways in the 'Great Schism' of 1472" (UPI, *Evening Tribune*, San Diego, California, Jan. 27, 1959). Although complete reunion will probably not be accomplished this year, the groundwork will be laid; merger will follow.

Step 3: Embrace the "daughter" Protestant churches which broke away during the Reformation! This third step will not be achieved this fall, but as a prelude to it, the Protestants have a precedent-breaking invitation to watch the council meetings this fall! Sounds incredible, you say? Listen to what Pope John himself said: "Then, when the Catholic Church is in its full splendor, we will say to Orthodox and Protestants, 'You can see, brothers, this is the Church of Christ. Come! Come! This is the way open to a meeting, TO A RETURN! Come to take, or take back, your place which, for many of you, is that of your ancient fathers'" (*L'Osservatore Romano*, Vatican newspaper, Aug. 10, 1959).

Step 4: "Missionary Conquest of the world for Christ"—this statement from the Pope clearly reveals the imperialistic design of the Vatican: CONQUER THE WORLD! The Vatican is already as much a nation or state as is Great Britain. It has "a full civil government with a flag, a police force, courts and postage stamps. It even issues currency in the form of gold and silver coins bearing an effigy of the Pope, and it has some 500-odd national citizens who use Vatican passports when they wish to travel. It has armed guards, and, before 1870, it had a full-blown military establishment" (*American Freedom and Catholic Power*, by Paul Blanshard, p. 41).

But some will object and say, "The Catholic Church is only interested in the SPIRITUAL conquest of nations, not military or political." The question is, "Has the Roman Church historically

for centuries, CONTROLLED POLITICS whenever possible, WAGED WAR when necessary (either directly or indirectly by controlling national armies), and DOES IT NOW PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS?"

History cries, YES IT HAS! IT ALWAYS HAS, DOES SO NOW, AND ALWAYS WILL!!

Always, that is, until it is destroyed.

"It is an understatement to say that the Roman Catholic Church is in politics. IT IS POLITICAL. 'Separation of church and state' is described by Father John Courtney Murray, the leading current writer on this theme in the American [Catholic] hierarchy, as 'That negative, ill-defined, basically un-American formula, with all its overtones of religious prejudice'" (Blanshard, p. 43). Pius IX, in Section 6 of his *Syllabus*, DENOUNCED the cherished belief that "the Church ought to be separated from the State, and the State from the Church" as one of "THE PRINCIPAL ERRORS OF OUR TIME" (Blanshard, p. 43. Emphasis ours).

So you can expect this fall an appreciable advance toward the cause of Roman-Orthodox unity, although it may take longer for actual unity. No ecumenical council of the past has ever been announced as a failure. In the eyes of the "Eternal City," Rome, they are always overwhelming successes. You can expect, moreover, generally favorable comments from Protestants as to the possibility of one giant super-Christian monopoly in the not-too-distant future. You will begin to hear the Catholic Church boast not 550 millions, but close to 900 millions of adherents, with the addition of the Orthodox ranks; in a few years—with Protestants added—well over a BILLION!

Will Unity Come?

Emphatically, dogmatically, we state positively that CHURCH UNITY WILL COME! How can we be sure? Simply that God has revealed it through the prophet Isaiah over 2,700 years ago!

Speaking of the Catholic Church (Daughter of Babylon), Isaiah says, "And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, 'I AM, AND NONE ELSE BESIDE ME; I shall not sit as a widow, NEITHER SHALL I KNOW THE LOSS OF CHILDREN'!" (Isa. 47:1, 7-8).

Did you grasp the tremendous signi-

ficance? This event is for the LATTER END, nearing the climax of this age when Christ will set up His government (Rev. 11:15). This "mistress" (or lady, defined in 11 Cor. 11:2 and Rev. 19:7 as a church) will say, "There is none else beside me" or, "I am the only 'Christian' church in existence."

Now it should be clear that in order to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah for the latter days, the Roman Catholic Church must REGAIN DAUGHTER churches she has mothered—either through political moves for unity, or through forced conversion in the Tribulation. Once reunification is achieved, she becomes "the only 'Christian' church." To be the only church in existence ("none else beside me"), she must either bring competing churches back to the fold, or ERASE THEM FROM THE EARTH!

TRIBULATION For Those Who Refuse

True enough there will be some who will refuse to have Vatican doctrine crammed down their throats. They will be able to escape the "Mark of the Beast" only by death! "And he had power to give life to the image of the beast [the Roman hierarchy], that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:15).

Then, and only then, she can say, "NEITHER SHALL I KNOW THE LOSS OF CHILDREN"; "I will not again lose my daughter churches!"

Note this striking admission by Catholic Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia: "Byzantium and its DAUGHTER churches are still separated." Outright confession of how Catholics look at their "separated brethren"! God calls them harlot daughters in Revelation 17, speaking of the "great whore that sitteth upon many waters": "Upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS [with daughter churches] and abominations of the earth" (verses 1, 5).

What to Expect in the Near Future

There are yet other reasons we know that church unity will be achieved. As reported in *The PLAIN TRUTH* October, 1960, "Papacy Answers Red Threat," one main reason for unity is the burgeoning European Common Market. This economic union of six nations now wants to unite politically—and has to unite politically in order to fulfill

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How to SOLVE Family Arguments!

LAWS regulate marital happiness! Many of God's people are not living as happily as God intended! Here's how to overcome marital unhappiness!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“YOU are at fault — and I am not going to budge one inch until YOU repent, and say you're sorry!”
“No — YOU started it all,” is the quick retort, “and YOU will have to repent FIRST!”

Could this be *your* home?

What's Wrong Here?

Almighty God “invented” marriage.

Therefore, God had the right and the prerogative to “regulate” marriage! In the beginning, God set down certain *laws* which, if they were obeyed, would result in happy, scintillating, interesting, *full* lives — the true *abundance* which all mankind is seeking, but in vain.

As a member of God's Church, you have come to understand that God has placed *government* in His Church! And, since God *is*, by very NATURE, the originator of GOVERNMENT — God has also established a *government* in the home!

It is because of a lack of understanding of *how this government works* that many of God's people are not experiencing the happiness in marriage they really desire.

Many of you brethren have come to *understand* the organization in the home. You KNOW that the husband is to be the one in charge, the wife is to be obedient to the husband, and the children under their parents, and so on. Most of you AGREE with this as a “doctrine,” and you “see” it!

But do you know *how it works*? Yes — what's WRONG with an argument such as the one described? WHO is really in the wrong?

The Husband's Obligation

First, let's notice that God said, through the Apostle Paul “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman *is the man*, and the head of Christ is God.” He went on to say “For the man is not *of* the woman, but the woman *of* the man. Neither was the man created *for* the woman, but the woman *for* the man!” (I Cor. 11:3, 8-9.) Later, in writing his letter to the Church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul was inspired to say “Wives,

submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the HEAD of the wife, *even as* Christ is the head of the church, and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything!” (Eph. 5:22-24.)

Notice the words “*even as*.” The one distinguishing DIFFERENCE between this Church and *all other* is its OBEDIENCE to Christ! And, notice, God commands that the husband is to be the *head of the wife*, EVEN AS Christ is the head of the Church!

Most of you women have thought these verses were all aimed at YOU!

But they are *not*! While they are commands with regard to the status of the wife in the marriage — they are aimed directly *at the man*!

God holds the man RESPONSIBLE! God is pointing these commands directly to the man, who is to BE the head!

He is not the head merely because the wife “lets him” be the head — or because she accepts this as a “doctrine” and then belligerently says “All right, I'll ‘go along’ with it.”

For instance, in a study appearing in one of the major weekly news magazines some years ago, a very respected judge, Samuel S. Leibowitz of the Kings County Court in Brooklyn, reported on a study he made in Italy.

He found, in traveling all over Europe and in Italy, that the Italian home is one that seemingly has more government, and, as a result, the Italian society has less juvenile delinquency than any other country he had entered.

He summed up his full experiences by saying America's delinquency problem could be solved in nine words. The nine words were, “Put father back at the head of the home!”

TRUE — *in a way*!

But the very fact that he worded it in this way *proves* that some other power, some other source, some other person must do the “putting”!

Even this, then, is a sad admission of the upside-down condition of most American homes today.

God wants the members of His Church

to know that the wife is not the one to “put” her husband at the head of the home — but the husband is the one to put *himself* there!

A Wife's Responsibilities

Paul also wrote “Wives, SUBMIT yourselves unto your own husbands, *as it is fit in the Lord*” (Col. 3:18).

But what if the husband is not “in the Lord?” Is the wife STILL to submit to him? We are told by the inspired Apostle Peter that we ought to “obey God rather than man!” That is, where the higher government and laws of God *conflict* with the lower powers and government of man, we are to obey God *first*, and then take whatever penalty man may wish to mete out.

However, let's assume a hypothetical situation: the husband is converted, though, like all of us, still has a lot of carnal traits and tendencies. The wife is also converted, and both are members of God's Church. The husband, through forgetfulness, carelessness, or through sheer carnal selfishness, tries the wife's patience almost beyond endurance by some of his habits or ways. The wife then decides that the husband is not acting “as it is fit in the Lord!” And therefore, begins to *automatically assume* that she does not have to respect, to obey, to SUBMIT herself unto him!

Many wives — yes wives in God's Church — assume that the very *second* their husbands evidence the slightest bit of carnality in *their* nature and their handling of the wives and homes, that this gives automatic and immediate permission for the WIFE to begin to berate the husband, to argue with him, to snap out at him *his* faults, and to begin to “wear the pants!”

This is simply NOT TRUE!

Notice it!

The Apostle Paul also described a home where one member is totally *unconverted*, and not even a member of the Church!

“But to the rest speak I, not the Lord [that is, he was not quoting a personal statement of Christ] if any brother have a wife that *believeth not*, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not

put her away. And the woman which has an husband that *believes not* [is not a member of God's Church] and if he *be pleased to dwell with her*, LET HER NOT LEAVE HIM! For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband — else were your children unclean, but now are they holy" (1 Cor. 7:12-14).

Yes, "unfair" as it may sound to some women, and especially those who still have a great carnal tendency, God says that even if the husband is totally CARNAL — makes no "pretense" at being religious one way or the other, smokes, drinks, and curses, but if he is "pleased to dwell with her" and if he is a husband providing for her and supporting her, and wants to keep on living with her as *his wife* — she is COMMANDED on the authority of the sacred Word of God, to HONOR him, to REVERENCE him, to be humble and submissive to him, and NOT to leave him!

Rather, she is to be subject to him IN EVERYTHING — so long as his commands do not *directly conflict* with the higher commands of God!

But Let's Answer These Questions!

Husbands, *do all of you* LITERALLY, diligently, faithfully, and honestly before God, treat your wives with the same care, mercy, love, consideration and dutiful solicitation for *their welfare* — just AS Christ does the Church?

Do you care for them, protect them, provide for them, LOVE them (and love means an *outgoing concern*) in the way you know Christ does His Church?

The chances are — all of you men will have to unanimously say you *fall short* in this!

And *you wives* — do every ONE of you absolutely HONOR, respect, hold your husbands in high esteem and even a little bit of "AWE"? Do you look upon them, and treat them with the deference and respect as you might Jesus Christ Himself in the flesh? Are you so concerned with the inspiration, the help, the productivity, the growth of your husband that you are a constant *help*, a strong and stable companion, a daily inspiration to him?

Do you stand in abject FEAR of berating him, scolding him, nagging at him, in the same way you would FEAR to do such a thing to God Almighty Himself?

Pretty strong questions, aren't they? No, brethren, every single one of us certainly falls short in these things!

But we shouldn't!

A Formula for Love

KNOWING the government in the home — *agreeing* with it — as I'm sure all of you do, is *not enough!* You must know

how you should put it into effect!

First, let me give you the usual procedure when a "family argument" develops.

Usually, one party or the other has done something that is selfish, thoughtless, inconsiderate, or even deliberately wrong!

Immediately the other party, regardless of which sex, will begin to berate, nag at, scold and condemn the actions of the other! This condemnation and scolding only leads to further condemnation and scolding, with an attempt at self-justification on the part of the other partner — and this leads to a chain reaction on the part of the opposite partner — and so it goes.

To illustrate: "John" has had a long day at the office. Thoughtlessly, he neglected to call his wife when he stayed later with some friends, and the dinner got cold. "Mary" had had her hands full with the children, scorched her finger with the iron, had the soup boil over and burn on the element of the stove, and has seen her dinner get cold, on top of it all.

When John comes home, Mary begins immediately, in a shrill and venomous manner, to berate him saying, "WELL! It's about TIME you got home! You could have *at least* called me! Here I am, burdened down with the children etc., etc." John stands there — taking it all in — coming to a slow boil! He reasons in his own mind "Here I am slaving at the office, bringing home the living, trying to provide for my wife, and instead of a comforting pat on the shoulder, a meal that she *could* have kept warm for me, and a comfortable atmosphere, I come home to THIS!"

And so, instead of apologizing for his being late, and then taking the situation in hand, he begins to snap back at Mary — and a full-fledged family argument is under way!

What SHOULD they have done?

John should have immediately *taken charge!* He should have begun by APOLOGIZING for his misdemeanor — believe it or not! He should have said "Dear, I'm awfully sorry I forgot to call you — it was sheer negligence on my part, and I'll try to remember not to do it again — BUT" and then John should begin to show that REGARDLESS as to any wrong action, thoughtlessness, negligence, or even out and out deliberate SIN on his part — that "two wrongs never make a right!"

Even though he should be WILLING to admit his mistake and his error, and to sincerely and lovingly *apologize* for it — he should *take charge*, and remind his wife that she, too, is guilty of a sin!

If he would say, "Come here!" and go to their sofa, and sit down, and open up

his Bible — reading through some of the scriptures on husband and wife relationships; if he would then begin by explaining that *he* is often at fault — that he *does* make mistakes — and that he does not want to attempt to JUSTIFY those mistakes.

But then he should also remind the wife of *her* responsibilities, and he should remind her that even if he were a drinking, smoking, swearing, poor excuse for a husband, who is not even making the *slightest attempt* to live a Christian life, she would have to obey him — regardless! He should show the wife patiently and lovingly, that he is NONE of these things, that he IS trying, BUT that he *does make mistakes!*

Then, after going through a thorough Bible study in the subject — after admitting his sins, and having his wife acknowledge hers, he should kneel down and lead in *family prayer!*

He should begin by asking God's forgiveness for his own sins, for his thoughtlessness or his carelessness — and then he should ask God's forgiveness for the error of his wife! He should pray for their mutual understanding, that God will help them both to draw together, closer, in real love and harmony so they can serve Him! He should remind himself and his wife in their prayer to God that their heavenly Father is NOT the author of confusion, but of PEACE. He should pray *from the heart*, and really MEAN it!

Brethren, as a minister of Jesus Christ, I FULLY GUARANTEE that if you husbands and wives will DILIGENTLY follow *this practice*, never failing to settle these problems in God's prescribed way — you will begin to experience greater happiness and joy in your married lives than you ever did before!

Time Is Short

When you are shaken to the very roots of your "soul" or your *very being* by the DEATH of a loved one, you begin to think soberly and seriously, don't you?

Usually, there's a great deal of *remorse* connected with the sorrow — because you realize you SHOULD have shown MORE LOVE, spent more of your time with the person, showed more interest in the person, and you begin to think of the MANY things you SHOULD have done to make the person happier while he was alive!

But it's already *too late!*

So far as your departed loved one is concerned — your shed tears and remorse are totally *worthless* and *useless* at this time!

Isn't it FAR BETTER to show LOVE *right here and now?*

In just a few short years, this whole, rotten world is going to be totally
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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” (I 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 ORAL 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

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!

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changed and altered, and **made right side up**. If we are living lives of overcoming, really *growing* in grace and in knowledge, God is going to use us to *help change it!*

It is only when we, as husbands and wives in God's Church, are going together in the right direction as a TEAM, in real peace and harmony, in absolute LOVE, that we can fulfill the commission that God has given us to perform!

Husbands, how long has it been since you bought your wife a bouquet of flowers, took her to dinner, bought her a personal gift, or told her how beautiful, lovely, attractive and sweet she is to you?

Wives, how long has it been — *if ever*, that you told your husbands how much you admire, respect, love and appreciate them?

IF you really DO LOVE one another — NOW is the time to show it!

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What Price Salvation?

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Others said, "I came here to be encouraged (patted on the back). I didn't come here to hear what is wrong with me. If they are going to talk to me this way, I'm not coming back." In other words, some who did not understand the value of their "birthright" were saying that eternal life is not worth having to "put up with" God's ministers telling them of the sins that they will have to overcome before they will receive eternal life.

Whether they realize it or not, they might as well have said they would rather have the lake of fire than to hear that they weren't yet perfect—that they had things to overcome. They didn't want to know the truth.

Why do you think God has given His ministers a greater knowledge of our weaknesses than ever before? Isn't it because the time is growing short? Isn't that why God's Spirit moves His ministers to "cry aloud" (Isa. 58:1)?

Are You Too Good for God's Chosen People?

Some people at the Feast became deeply concerned by what they saw other "babes in Christ" do—yes, those who did not yet know any better. Or they became disturbed by what they saw some totally unconverted person do. Not understanding what Christ meant when He said, "I will have mercy" (Matt. 9:13), they said, "If this is an example, I don't want any part of it." They didn't obey God's command to prove all things. They left in a "huff." Being unwise, they compared themselves with themselves, instead of with Christ Jesus—as they are commanded to do (II Cor. 10:12).

They left, thinking, "I'm better than these people anyway." They went away feeling self satisfied, self-righteous. They looked at the unconverted in their midst —instead of at Christ. To them, to look at Christ as their example, to look in the Bible to see how to live, to look at the fruits of God's ministers and God's people, was too high a price to pay—eternal life just wasn't worth that much. It was easier to unthinkingly and unjustly criticize any and all.

These unfortunate critics let their eyes look to people instead of to God. They got their eyes on the wrong goal —just like Esau did.

How about you?

One man who thought he was too good for God's people was asked by a minister to help serve. He said, "No! I came here for a vacation, not to work."

Christ Jesus isn't too great to serve. He sits at the Father's right hand day and night, interceding for us with the Father, healing us, guiding and directing us. He thought enough of us to divest Himself of His eternal power as a member of the very God Family to come down and serve us by dying for our sins so we would not have to pay the death penalty ourselves.

God is calling us to an eternity of service to Him. He is calling us to be kings and priests, to help Christ rule the nations. He is testing us now—to see if we will serve Him. God will not give eternal life to anyone He can't rule.

Brethren, serving the Almighty Creator is a privilege, not merely a duty.

Signs Follow After You Too!

Others who have not been faithful in keeping their second tithe borrowed to come to the Feast last year. This year they have had to pay back this loan and were unable—they thought—to save the second tithe at all. They have said, "I guess this is a sign—God doesn't intend us to go." They fail to see it is only a sign that *they have been disobedient*.

Brethren, God just does not give that kind of a sign.

Signs follow after your obedience, not before. God gives you His blessings AFTER you obey Him by paying your first tithe and saving your second tithe. God gives you His blessings AFTER you obey Him by keeping the Feast, and not before.

We live by faith and by every word of God, not by every feeling, mood, scratching, knocking, tapping—not by ANY false lying sign of Satan.

Notice God's instruction to you concerning the Feast of Tabernacles. "Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God." Where? "In the place where the LORD shall choose" (Deut. 16:15). Not the place you choose, but the place THE ETERNAL chooses.

Too Far?

A few who are planning to disobey their Creator God don't live over 150 miles from the place where God has chosen to have us keep the Feast. Yet they said, "It's too far to come." Yes, to them the birthright isn't worth that much. If they have to travel 150 miles for eternal life—it isn't worth it to

them. Brethren, what sin!

Did You Obey James 5:14?

A few have said, "Every time we go to the Feast, we get sick. Until God changes the location to a better climate, we don't feel we ought to go back to the Feast until something is done." In other words, if God is going to allow them to have a small bit of hardship to prove them as He proved Esau—they are going to do just like Esau did—sell their birthright, reject eternal life, for a bowl of soup.

Did you ever stop to think that perhaps you are refusing to learn the valuable lesson God wants you to learn by obeying the command in James 5:14 to call His ministers when you or your children are sick? If you could just realize it—your sickness can be transformed into a blessing through Christ who heals you.

When God's minister anoints you, or your family, and prays for you and God heals you—that is a sign—proof that God is Creator and Ruler—proof that He blesses those who obey Him.

Some others have a great big overdose of the martyr complex. They have said, "I knew you would be overcrowded so we'll stay home to make room for the others."

God won't be pleased with that kind of idle reasoning. He **COMMANDS** you to come. His hand is not so short He can't provide for you and for everyone else who will come.

Too Poor for God?

Too many brethren have an attitude of discouragement. They apparently want to go back in the woods somewhere. They say, "We're poor folks, God won't expect us to come."

Yes, He does! You are not a Christian if you wilfully refuse to come to the Feast of Tabernacles as God commands, whether you are poor or not. Being poor—or rich—doesn't make you a Christian—only obedience to God in faith makes you a Christian.

There are hundreds of articles of good used clothing that have been cleaned and pressed and hung up for you at the Feast—if you need them. Is your pride too great? Is *that* your stumbling block? Is eternal life not worth it for you to humble yourself as Christ commands you? Because you have had some "hard times," would you sell your "birthright"—your eternal life—for false pride?

Why God Commands You to Keep the Feast

God **COMMANDS** you to come to

the Feast to learn His over-all purpose for you, to learn that He has set you on earth for the purpose of developing holy, righteous character—to remind you again that you must develop His Godlike character, for He is reproducing Himself, His character in His Church.

This coming Feast pictures the time when Christ comes and the time of the great ingathering harvest—which Christ wants you to help Him reap. The Feast is part of your training ground.

These annual Sabbaths are a sign that identifies God's people (Ex. 31:17). God will be looking down on these meetings to see who is there, to see who are His people. God is very concerned with *His Feast* of Tabernacles, for at the Feast will be the people that He is one day going to use to rule the world. God's eyes are upon YOU! You need to be there.

Gigantic WORLD HOAX

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prophecy!

These nations want to unite in order to become the "holder of the balance"—the largest political force in the world! No one nation can trust another to be the head, or the unifying force. The only authority which *can* be looked to by all nations in this combine is the spiritual authority of Rome! The Catholic Church desperately wants control of this vast political-financial power reservoir.

Here is where unity comes in. Germany, especially, and to a lesser extent other nations of Europe are split religiously between Catholicism, Lutheranism, etc. For the German nation as a whole to come under papal authority—as prophecy says it must—*Lutherans must unite with Catholics*. A huge Munich conference in 1960, the 37th Eucharistic World Congress, had as its underlying theme **UNITY**—gathering the Protestants back into the fold. This meeting was fully reported in *The Plain Truth* mentioned above. This is the strongest *physical cause* of unity. But the *unseen reason* is of God—a startling prophecy that is now beginning to take shape right before your eyes!

Why Hoax MUST SUCCEED

God has allowed man 6,000 years to experiment, to eat the fruit of *man's* way. Hydrogen destruction and nuclear

annihilation are almost upon us. "For then shall be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days be cut short, **THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED ALIVE**" (Matthew 24:21-22, see Moffatt version).

Immediately prior to that great world upheaval, **A FANTASTIC RELIGIOUS HOAX WILL GRIP THE ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE!** The Apostle Paul long ago warned of this very deception palmed off in the name of Christ. *Listen!* Speaking of the end time, and the Second Coming of Christ, he said, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED**, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **HE AS GOD** sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. . . . Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with **ALL POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS**" (II Thes. 2:3-4, 9). Rome, by supernatural powers from Satan, will succeed in forcing the whole professing Christian world to accept its teachings.

The first half of the hoax was successful some 1800 years ago when Rome *deceived* the world into believing she is the *first and only* True Church. This is a lie! The real truth is that the old pagan Babylonian religion forced the true Christians to flee, and appropriated the name of Christ.

Because the "separated brethren" *all believe this monstrous lie*, it is not a question of which church is first, of which to return to, rather it is only **HOW TO RETURN TO BABYLON!**

God Versus Catholicism

God says man must come to the very split-second verge of destroying all human life. Then He will send His Son again to save man from himself! The Pope says, reports *L'Osservatore Romano*, "You can see, brothers, this is the Church of Christ. Come! Come! . . . From a religious peace, from a re-united Christian family, oh, what joy! We can expect prosperity even in the civic and social order **OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.**" The Pope wants peace the Catholic way. Those that refuse it will later be **FORCED IN LINE!** Any religious belief other than papism will be a state crime, punishable by **DEATH!**

Brethren, pray fervently *now*, in humble submission and He will grant you **ESCAPE** from the most fantastic **FRAUD** the world has ever known!!

Salads the Year Around

Here is an article explaining how to make salads more attractive, more appetizing—as well as nutritious.

IN our modern society few seem to really appreciate the value of a good and *healthful salad!* To a great extent salads have degenerated into half wilted lettuce, a feeble slice of tomato and run-down unappetizing-looking dressing. It is the part of the meal eaten first in order to get it over and get on with the meal.

Children often dislike salads. Adults eat them because they learned somewhere "it was good for them." This attitude need not be so. Since fresh produce is available in markets the year-round, salads can be enjoyed every season, provided they are made properly.

What is Salad?

Just what is a salad? The *Encyclopedia Britannica* describes a *salad* as: "a dish originally dressed with salt, of green uncooked herbs, such as lettuce, endive, mustard, cress... usually served with a flavouring of onion, garlic or leeks, and with a dressing of vinegar, oil..." Little wonder that salads were once thought of as unattractive and unappetizing.

Today this same basic idea is used but it has had much more variety added to it! No longer are there just green, leafy salads. Now there are available various assortments of fruits, vegetables and meats. With modern transportation, the availability of salad ingredients knows no season.

Green Salads

Salads are essential to good health for children *and* adults. They are also easy to prepare.

For a green salad there are two essential ingredients: (1) fresh, crisp greens; (2) proper dressing. The salad can be much enhanced by simply varying the combinations. The result?—more appealing meals and the kind of health the body needs for a youthful and active life.

The Tossed Green Salad is the most widely served of the green salads. Lettuce, escarole, chicory, romaine, spinach, chinese cabbage, endive, water cress and dandelion greens are some of the more commonly used greens. Always wash thoroughly and drain. Tear into bite-size pieces (never bruise salad greens by cutting them with a knife). Keep chilled in a covered bowl or refrigerator crisper until time to serve. Dressing may be added just before serving or at the table by each individual.

Create your own salad by varying the kinds and amounts of greens and the garnish. Some suggestions are

lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes;
escarole, pepper rings, hard-boiled eggs;
endives, ripe olives, tomatoes;
lettuce, radishes, pepper rings;
purple cabbage, lettuce.

A hearty, well-balanced salad in meal-sized portions may even be used for the main course. The Chef's Salad Plate is healthful and a delight to eat.

Chef's Salad

Tomatoes
Green peppers
Olives
Salad greens
Hard-boiled eggs

Cheese, cubed or sliced

Tuna, or cold sliced chicken or turkey

On a bed of crisp salad greens, arrange wedges of tomatoes and hard-boiled eggs. Place tuna or fowl in the center. Garnish with cheese, pepper rings and green or ripe olives. Add mayonnaise dressing to taste. A recipe for making your own mayonnaise dressing appears toward the end of this article.

Vegetable Salads

Vegetable salads help tremendously in making good-for-you foods into good-to-eat fashion. And by combining several vegetables in a salad, the need for separate servings of vegetables at a meal is eliminated. This is also an excellent use for left-over vegetables.

With gardens in full production and markets well-stocked with vegetables, the time is ripe for trying something new. Try this:

Tomato-Green Pepper Vinaigrette

2 medium tomatoes
1 medium green pepper
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons salad oil

With sharp knife, cut tomatoes into thin wedges. Remove ribs and seeds from peppers and discard. Slice into thin strips. Combine tomato, pepper, vinegar, salad oil. Toss lightly. Refrigerate until serving time. Suggestion: 2 cups cooked green beans may be added.

If no fresh vegetables are available, canned vegetables can be combined in tasty ways.

Beet-Carrot-Bean Salad

2 cups canned diced beets, diced carrots
and green beans
2 tablespoons salad oil
3 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Drain liquid from beets and carrots. Combine drained vegetables in mixing bowl. Cook beans 10 minutes (as a safety measure green beans should be cooked before using). Remove liquid and add beans to beets and carrots. Toss gently. Add remaining ingredients and toss. Add salt if needed. Chill well.

Lima Bean Salad

1 package (10 ounce) frozen green lima beans
or 2 cups canned
1 cup diced celery
¼ cup thin French dressing
⅓ cup cheese, cut in cubes
1 pimiento

Cook lima beans, following label directions; add celery during the last 5 minute's cooking; drain and place in medium mixing bowl. Add French dressing and toss lightly. Chill. Just before serving add cheese and pimiento. Toss.

Pennsylvania Pepper Cabbage

1 small head green cabbage (1¼ lb.)
1 medium green pepper, cut into thin
strips (¾ cup)

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup cider vinegar

Grate cabbage; in 3 quart saucepan, toss cabbage with green pepper; sprinkle lightly with salt. Over very low heat, steam vegetables, covered, 15 to 18 minutes, or until tender. In small bowl, combine egg, 1 teaspoon salt and rest of ingredients; beat well. Add to hot cabbage, tossing with fork until well combined. Heat slowly 5 minutes, stirring. Serve hot. Serves 6.

Celery-Egg Salad

- 4 cups diced celery
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, diced
- 1 medium green pepper (in season)
- ½ head lettuce (medium)
- Salt and pepper

Combine all ingredients and toss gently. Add mayonnaise to taste and toss again. Tomato wedges may be used for garnish.

Carrot Salad

Soak one-half cup seeded raisins in one-fourth cup lemon juice. When raisins are plump, combine with 1½ cups grated carrots. Moisten with mayonnaise or sour cream-honey dressing. Serve on lettuce bed.

Gelatine Salads

Main-dish gelatine salads make delicious meals any time and may be prepared in advance for the Sabbath. Little effort is required in serving.

Molded Tuna

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup each minced celery and cucumber
- ¼ cup each minced onion, pimiento and green pepper
- 2 cans (7 ounce each) or one family-sized tuna
- Lettuce to line salad dish

Soften gelatine in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Add lemon juice and seasonings. Mix well and cool slightly. Add sour cream and mayonnaise and blend thoroughly. Then fold in remaining ingredients, except lettuce. Pour into a 2-quart mold and chill. Unmold on a lettuce-lined dish. Serves 8.

Fruits and Salads

Fruits in season, ripened in the sun, are the best as well as most economical fruits for your fruit salads. In winter, apples and citrus fruit and pears are found fresh in the markets. Cherries and apricots appear in early summer. Then late summer brings peaches, the various melons, grapes and pears. Other fruits may be available from time to time also, depending on the locality.

Select according to freshness and, in the case of apples and pears, also according to variety. Certain varieties of these fruits are best raw; others are better used in cooked desserts and sauces. The fruit should be firm in order to hold its shape during preparation, yet ripe enough not to be sour.

Fresh bananas and canned pineapple are to be had any time and can be used to enliven salads made of fresh fruit in season. Dried apricots, dates, figs and raisins may also be added at times.

Combinations of no more than four fruits—one of which may be of the citrus group—make more palatable mixtures. Rather than mixing the fruits together, they may be arranged to form what is termed a "salad plate." The pieces of prepared fruit are artistically arranged on one large platter or on individual plates to form fans, wheels or whatever shape may please one's fancy. The dressing is passed at the time the salad is served.

But what if you have no fresh fruit? Then one may use canned fruit, keeping in mind that such fruits have generally been sweetened and that the juice should also be used in the salad where possible. Canned fruit is most suitable in a gelatine salad where the juice from the fruit can be mixed with the gelatine and used as the body of the salad, not adding any additional sweetening. If used for a salad which requires that the juice be drained off, the juice should be saved and used in a gelatine dessert or in a fruit drink. Home-canned fruits are usually better than the commercially canned ones because they are less watery and more nearly ripe.

There is one commercially canned fruit, however, which is not acceptable just from the standpoint of its possible effect on health. This is the popular canned fruit cocktail. Aside from its rather high sugar content, it contains *artificially colored cherries*. These look pretty but are harmful. Recent studies have revealed how food colors once thought safe and used for years in foods have now been found unsafe, some even causing cancer. There is no certainty that *any* chemical food coloring is really safe even if it is labeled "U. S. certified." Some artificial colors permitted to be used in the U. S. A. are wisely prohibited in most other countries.

For this reason we are giving you here a recipe for fruit cocktail which you can make at home and use with full confidence that your salads are not tainted with some health-destroying chemical.

Home-Canned Fruit Cocktail

Here's how: Combine equal amounts of peaches and pears. Add seedless grapes for taste and variety. Sweeten to taste with orange blossom honey. Can and process, using boiling bath method as for peaches and pears. For a real treat use it in a fruit gelatine salad.

Home-Canned Fruit Cocktail Gelatine Salad

- 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatine
- 2 cups home-canned fruit cocktail with its juice
- 1 cup fresh orange juice

Soften gelatine in orange juice. Dissolve over low heat and add to fruit. Pour into mold. Serve on lettuce with cottage cheese, or with fruit dressing. Or it may be served as a dessert! Suggestion: Any fruit juice or nectar such as pincapple, apple, grape, or apricot may be substituted for orange juice.

Fruit salads may be supplemented with cottage cheese. Garnish a dish of cottage cheese generously with home-canned fruit cocktail or frozen fruits or berries and melon. For a main-dish fruit salad, prepare a bed of torn pieces of lettuce on a plate for each serving. With a serving of cottage cheese in the middle, garnish generously with fruit and sliced cheese if desired.

Oranges and apples are often basic ingredients in fruit salads. Together they supply juiciness, crispness, and color. Fruit should be cut in neat slices, cubes, wedges or balls, using only sharp tools to avoid crushing or tearing. Use one fruit that will contrast and yet be in harmony with the color or colors of the other fruits in the salad. Cherries (not artificially colored ones), grapes, or berries will do this very well. Chill prepared fruit before serving.

Cream cheese may be combined with fruit juice to make a delightful gelatine salad. Try this one.

Cranberry Gelatine Salad

- 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatine
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 1 3-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- ¼ cup finely chopped walnuts

Soften gelatine in ½ cup cranberry juice. Dissolve over low heat or over boiling water. Add remaining juice. Using a fork, slowly blend crushed pineapple and cream cheese. Add gelatine mixture and nuts. Place in mold. Chill. Serve plain, with cottage cheese or a fruit dressing.

Salad Dressings

A delicious dressing for fruit salads is made by using equal parts of olive oil and honey, seasoned with lemon, lime or grapefruit juice to taste, plus a dash of salt. Mix the oil, salt and citrus juice. Beat the honey in slowly, blending well.

Other dressing recipes have appeared in previous installments. Please refer to them for a wider choice of home-made dressings. Remember—the dressing *is* important.

Lemon French Dressing

- ½ cup lemon juice
- ½ cup salad oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons sugar or honey

Combine in order. Shake well. Yield: 1 cup.

Basic Mayonnaise

- 1 egg yolk
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon sugar or honey
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1½ teaspoons lemon juice (or additional vinegar)
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 tablespoon boiling water

Put the egg yolk into a small mixing bowl. Mix the salt, mustard and sugar together. Add the vinegar and lemon juice to this and stir to dissolve the sugar.

Beat the egg yolk with a rotary egg beater or electric mixer until it becomes a shade lighter in color and creamy in consistency. Most failures in making mayonnaise happen because this step was not fully carried out.

Add a teaspoon of the vinegar mixture and beat until mixed. Add ½ teaspoon of the oil and beat. Repeat this until all of the vinegar mixture is used and about ¼ cup of the oil. Then the oil may be added a tablespoon at a time until another ¼ cup has been added. After that the oil may be poured in in a thin stream as the beating continues or added in larger amounts each time if the beating is being done by hand.

Having used all the oil, lastly add the boiling water and whip until thoroughly mixed. Pour into a suitable jar, cover and store in a cold place. It will keep in good condition for several weeks.

Usually more salt than this is used in mayonnaise, but the flavor seems more pleasant if it is not so salty, especially when the mayonnaise is to be served as a dressing on a molded salad. But if more salt is preferred, then use ½ teaspoon salt in the recipe.

The flavor of mayonnaise or any oil-type dressing improves on standing. It is therefore a good practice to double or triple this recipe each time it is made.

These recipes, when properly prepared, are not only healthful, but *look* and *taste* good as well! Try them and you will find they will add greatly to your eating pleasure *and* balance.

Church, Children and Confusion!

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No Loopholes

Some people have difficulty in believing their adorable child could really be noisome and distracting to their fellow man. Believe me, the sweetest of them can be most pestiferous, when they get out of hand, or even begin to.

None of you can use the "excuse" that your child is too young to be under control. You see, it is the infant and preschool child that causes most of the confusion. It is with them that this article is most specifically concerned. No child is too young to be taking giant strides in learning to *obey*. Peruse the child training articles closely and you will find this explained.

Do you look for exoneration because you have many children closely spaced together? Does the sheer weight of their number and devilry just make it impossible to win the battle? There is no justification in this. I know a man and

wife who rule their five children WELL! These five range in age between 16 months and seven years. They sit or lie where their parents tell them THE FIRST TIME. They are quiet in Church because they've been *taught* to be—it's the way they know. They are controlled—self-controlled now because of their training. Yours should be like them. If your child squirts off on unpredictable tangents his *training* and his *TRAINERS* are at fault!

You have all seen the parent who smiles broadly, thrashes repeatedly, loses the battle consistently, and attributes it all to "Little Johnny is just a hard-headed, stiff-necked Israelite." Look closely, for you may find little Johnny has a soft-headed, spineless parent who is not APPLYING the information God has given him.

The *only* conclusion is that there is just no reason whatsoever for any child to be uncontrolled or uncontrollable!

Further, your child CAN'T BE HAPPY UNTIL HE IS CONTROLLED!

Time-Honored Excuse

Some of you will offer none of these excuses. Maybe you have children who sit quietly and attentively but even so, there is still another area to be explored—the rest room at Church. Many otherwise pleasant and well-behaved children here find a "legitimate," "unanswerable" excuse to move around during services.

Unless there is some weakness or disease of the urinary tract a child should *rarely* need to go to the rest room during services. I know this from experience with my own three children. My children used to "need to go." With *training* they soon outgrew the "need."

Don't allow your children to drink large amounts of liquid or eat watermelon before they come to Church. See to it that their needs are taken care of just before services and then your children should be able to sit through the services. If they do indicate that there really is a need to go to a rest room, *YOU GO WITH THEM*—don't send

a brother or sister. See if they were trying to get away with something and if so, punish them for *deceit*, for LYING. Certainly, they should be allowed to go to a rest room if there is a real necessity.

Be Merciful

In all of this I have NOT said you are to beat your child. We are to imitate Christ in being *just* and *compassionate*. It is not necessary to bruise or harshly treat a child in order to discipline him. You should NEVER PUNISH IN ANGER. Always you should be *calm, deliberate, reasonable* and *just*. Instruct your children in a RIGHT ATTITUDE, don't just maul them for individual infractions.

It would be best to go out of the meeting hall for discipline—but *not where outsiders may see or hear you*. DO NOT make a noisy affair of it. If you properly train your children at home, there should not be reason to have long, loud sessions of correction at Church.

Small children may have a simple toy to keep their attention but when they are on second grade level they should have been taught to sit quietly and attentively without the need to be appeased by some gimmick.

Children are energetic and should be given permission to move about in an orderly manner before and after Sabbath services. They should not be allowed to run, jump, noisily move furniture, knock decorations loose, or become boisterous. Their activity should be controlled but there should not be need for rigid control. Teach your child to THINK!

Seriously study all of the information God's Church has provided concerning this subject. Make God's law an integral part of your way of life. Remember to make your desires clearly understandable to your children and then see to it that they obey consistently. Put into PRACTICE—USE—this *essential knowledge*. If you do, then there will be *peace, quiet, happiness* and SPIRITUAL GROWTH in God's Church every Sabbath. YOU will profit more than you thought possible. Your children will be *happier* than ever before in Church. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will be *thankful* beyond measure. But, what is more important, YOUR FAMILY will be conducting itself in the HARMONIOUS, REVERENT, and WORSHIPFUL way that it should in the PRESENCE OF GOD!! We serve a God of ORDER! He is not the god of *confusion*! We can keep His Sabbath HOLY! WE MUST!!

Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have discussed those problems pertaining directly to members of God's Church.

I try to be a light to my unconverted husband but, since I get the wrong result, I must be doing the wrong thing. Just how should I work at being a light and a good influence?

Some wives, when new converts, have gotten off to a bad start, in the *wrong* direction. As soon as they begin to learn God's wonderful way of life, they think they *must* share that blessing with their husbands, only to find, to their utter dismay, that, no matter how persuasive they may be, *their husbands want none of their religion!*

When your husband comes home in the evening, *do NOT* think this is your golden opportunity to "work on him" to try to convert him. Instead, forget your discouraging, man-wearying schemes and be ready to be a *pleasant* companion.

Do not meet him at the door with a frown and a complaint—and don't tell him all about how much trouble the children have been: *control* the children during the day so your husband will not have to spend his first hour each evening *re-taming* them.

Look around you each afternoon before your husband arrives home from work and ask yourself, "Do I have everything in order so he will *enjoy* coming home to me?" If not, it would be wise to correct the situation in a hurry. *Do NOT* make it a point to leave *your religious literature* lying around to try to lure him. This can upset him and make him less efficient in his work. If he likes to read, lay out *his* favorite reading matter for him, and leave your favorite reading matter in its rightful inconspicuous place.

When a wife becomes converted—and begins to really *change and improve* her wifely habits by *learning and applying* God's principles—her husband will notice the improvement. Unconverted husbands have reported that they were *astounded* and *pleased* by the improvement that was so outstanding a part of their wives' new interest in religion. This noticeable improvement of the wife makes the home happier and sometimes leads to the conversion of the husband.

In following God's principles, and learning to be a better wife and helper, you will develop character through your study, and by your example of patience and submission. These attributes will influence your husband much better than words.

When he asks questions, be very careful *how* you answer. Tell him only as much as he wants to know (I Peter 3:15). Notice that this scripture *commands* that you answer *in meekness and fear*—you should fear to answer improperly. Answer him briefly, clearly, and concisely; and do not go *beyond* answering the question he asks. If you do not know the answer, tell him so and write to us for help.

Even if your husband never becomes interested in serving God, you should be interested in him *and his work*—even if such an occupation is not your normal interest. Remember you are *his helper* for life. You can attain success by *helping him to be successful*. Encourage your husband, but do not nag at him or push him.

Letters to the Editor

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"There is a passage in which Jesus says, "...and I will pray the Father that He send you the Holy Spirit which will lead you into all truth." Well, I want to be guided by whoever has the truth; if you have it, I ask that you pray for me and that you continue sending me your booklets.

"Please send the booklets soon, and then send me more, even though I do not answer you, because I cannot afford to spend much money on postage. Life in Montevideo is very expensive and there is little work."

Montevideo, Uruguay

"Please send whatever you have, for I know that I am weak and need to be strengthened. Previously you have sent "What is Faith?" and "Does God Exist?" They have made me wake up from the spiritual sleep into which I was sinking. And now my desire is to find *the way of life—to find the light.*"

Lima, Peru