

Seeking Out

The Old Paths

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MENTAL FURNITURE

When two young people are planning a home and have acquired an attractive house or an apartment, what do they do about furniture? Do they go out to the junk yard and pick up some broken-down chairs and tables, a dilapidated mattress and some odd-lot dishes? Hardly! Yet that is the way some people furnish their minds! Many well-dressed people who look quite correct on the outside have minds filled with “pigpen” furniture.

The kind of mental furniture a person will have depends upon himself. He may have the kind from the gutter (the devil dumps it where one may find it), or he may have beautiful pieces that give him joy every time he examines them.

We may test ourselves with questions like these: What kind of periodicals do I read? What kind of pictures? Stories? What do I think about? In the eighth chapter of Ezekiel’s prophesy, he describes the vision of the “creeping things and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel” which

every man was dwelling upon “in the dark...in the chambers of the imagery.”

“As he thinketh in his heart, so is he,” was the Wise Man’s observation. Paul says we are to think about things that are true, just, pure, lovely, etc. He also says there are sins we should not even mention, “as becometh saints.” That must include gossip, scandal, suggestive stories, and other like subjects.

The late Commissioner Brengle of the Salvation Army used to tell about the time he was on a train when a man remarked, “Since there are no ladies present, I want to tell a story.”

“Excuse me sir,” said the commissioner. “There is a gentleman present.” The story was not told.

In relating the incident the commissioner added, “I would rather a man would throw mud on my clean suit than tell a vulgar story. I could have the suit cleaned, but I could not have my mind dry-cleaned.

The saying is old but true that “you can’t stop the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building nest in your hair.”

The devil has many evil suggestions which he whispers to us, but we do not need to listen. However a negative approach is not enough; simply to refuse to listen will not do. It is necessary to turn our thoughts immediately to the good, the pure, and the beautiful.

If we look at vulgar, suggestive pictures they will be imprinted on our minds, often to show up in a time of temptation when resistance is weak. How much better and safer it is to have only lovely items in our mental houses! Many Christians, earnestly living for the Lord, could testify that they would “give anything” if they did not have certain unpleasant pictures in their memory.

“Keep thyself pure,” wrote Paul to young Timothy. It takes determination and will power, but it is possible to acquire the right kind of mental furniture.

“We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good.” Numbers 10:29

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Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

“Where A Warm
Welcome Awaits You...
In This Church We
Teach Holiness Too...”

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Around Home

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

Jean Sheldon, Murriel Parrett, Ruby Carpenter, Shirley Welch, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, June Welch, Kim Abner, Donna Maggard, Flodie Baldwin, Linda Dotson, Sharon Whitley, Lucille Minton, Holly Ward, Mary Hasty, Bessie Richmond, Evelyn Houston, Brenda Houston, Mary Banks, Lana Rank, Opal Houston, Odie Boggs, Joe Bill Houston, Willie Daugherty, Kenny Edwards, Raleigh Welch, Carl Henson, Doyle Roberts, Larry Taylor, and Ray Driscoll.

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy to the Scott family. Sister Beverly Scott's brother, Larry Hopkins recently passed away.

A good example is the tallest kind of preaching.

African Chief

Did you know that many times clouds are sent in our lives to bring showers of blessing.

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It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts.

The Old Testament Hebrew word that we translate atonement means literally "to cover up." The animal sacrifices were intended to "cover" a man's sins. In the New Testament, however; the meaning of atoning sacrifice is conveyed by the word expiate, which means "to put away." The blood that Jesus shed in our behalf on the cross at Calvary does not merely cover up our sin, it puts away our sin as though it had never been committed.

T. W. WILSON

When you get all wrinkled with worry and care, it's time to have your faith lifted.

What Christ Is To His People

*HE IS THE LAMB to redeem them;
A FRIEND to stick by them;
A SHIELD to defend them;
A TOWER to secure them;
A FOUNTAIN to cleanse them.*

*HE IS THE BREAD OF LIFE to sustain them;
WISDOM to guide them;
A ROSE to revive them;
A STAR to direct them;
and a SUN to shine upon them.*

*IN CHRIST there is rest for the weary;
FOOD for the hungry;
DRINK for the thirsty;
GRACE for the needy;
SALVATION for the lost.*

*WE ARE WASHED IN HIS BLOOD;
SAVED BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS;
AND CROWNED WITH HIS GLORY.*

*HE IS THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER;
THE DREAD OF SATAN;
AND THE JOY OF THE CHRISTIAN.*

*CHRIST HAS LOVED US SAVINGLY;
HE WILL LOVE US CONTINUALLY.
HE DIED TO REDEEM US.
HE LIVES TO CROWN US.*

*It's no wonder the redeemed of the Lord are a
H A P P Y P E O P L E !!!*

*The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly,
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love the more you'll find,
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we GIVE AWAY -
Enriches us from day to day.*

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THIS COMPLIMENT PAID YOU?

I have been told that I'm old fashioned, living in the past and that I'm not relating to the real world today. They tell me I'm living in the dark ages and that I should be practical and loosen up and let my hair down and forget the values I learned in the past. They tell me I'm living behind the times and not relating to the modern generation. I must confess that it's all true. Actually my case is much worse than they say. My thinking goes as far back as Abraham and Moses and the prophets! But most of my values are relatively more modern than that because most of my value system only goes back to A.D. 33. I live according to the values Christ and His disciples instilled in the early church only a couple of millenniums in the past.

And what may be an even worse thing about me in the thinking of this pop celebrity culture generation is that, *I ain't gonna be changing! Come to think of it, that's the same problem Jesus had with His generation. He didn't think like the rest of them but thought like the Ancient of Days.*

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord.”

Isaiah 55:8

“Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.”

Proverbs 22:28

Reverend Bill Burkett

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Welcome to our church.
We're sure glad to see you.
Come on and worship with us.
Find yourself a pew.

No, we're not very fancy.
We're really quite "down to earth."
We are just sinners saved by grace,
Transformed through "new birth!"
We came to God just as we were,
And asked for mercy true.
If you'd like to met the Saviour,
We'll introduce Him to you.
We believe in old fashioned salvation,
And a Holiness lifestyle.
We don't practice worldly living,
"Not by a country mile."

Our services are quite lively,
Probably more than most.
We endeavor to please our God,
And yield to the Holy Ghost.
God said to love our brother,
And to love our enemy too.
How can we say that we love God,
If we cannot love you?
You'll find our people are friendly,
Just "plain as an old shoe."
Friend, if you need our help,
We'll lend a hand to you.

Our pastor, Brother Bennie, is one of a kind.
He preaches straight and true.
We love the way he explains God's word.
We hope that you will too.
We're just a group of God's children,
Holding our hand to the plow,
And trying to reap the harvest.
The day of salvation is now!
All of us are quite different,
And yet we're much the same.

God changed all of our lives,
When we believed on Jesus' name.
We love good gospel music.
We all join in and sing.
The reason we gather together,
Is to lift up Christ our King!
No, we're not "high and mighty."
We're just plain as plain can be.
We believe in resisting the devil,
And watching "old slewfoot" flee!
We promote good family values,
And training up one's child,
Bringing them to church each service,
And not letting them run wild.
We also believe in dressing modestly,
With no gold, silver, or costly array.
Friend, only pureness of heart,
Will stand on Judgment Day.
We pray for one another,
When we are sick or we have sinned.
If at first you're not satisfied,
We'll pray with you again.
We help the widow and orphan.
That was Jesus' command.
We help support preachers, evangelists,
And missionaries in foreign lands!
No, Friend our works don't save us.
But faith without works is dead.
They both are equally important.
That's what the Bible said.
Soon our Saviour is coming!
Please join us in the fight!
Warriors are needed badly!
Won't you pray tonight?
The time is growing shorter.
Soon we're going home!
There's still room aplenty.
Won't you come along?

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KIDS KORNER

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word in each of the three puzzles to discover the passage. Solutions on last page.

TLE EHT WROD FO TSRIHC WLLED NI YUO YRLIHC NI LLA WSO-MID; TNIHGCA NDA SONNMIIHGDA ENO TRONHEA NI SSPMLA NDA YSNMH NDA UTSRPLIA SSONG, SNNIIGG WTIH RGECA NI YURO TSRHEA OT EHT ROLD. NDA WVTSROHEEA EY OD NI WROD RO EEDD, OD LLA NI EHT NMEA FO EHT ROLD USSJE, VNIIGG TSNKHA OT OGD NDA EHT TRHFEEA YB MIH.

OLHEDB, WTHA RNNMEA FO VOLE EHT TRHFEEA THHA WT-SOEEDB NOPU SU, TTHA EW USOLHD EB LLEDCA EHT SSON FO OGD: TRROHFEE EHT WROLD WTONKHE SU TON, USEECBA TI WNKE MIH TON.

NDA EHT ROLD OGD SIDA UTON EHT TSRPNEE, USEECBA UTOH TSHA ONED TSIH, UTOH TRA USREDC VOEBA LLA TTLECA, NDA VOEBA YVREE TSEBA FO EHT LIFED; NOPU YTH YLLEB TSLHA UTOH OG, NDA UTSD TSLHA UTOH TEA LLA EHT YSDA FO YTH EFIL: NDA I WLLI UTP YTNMIE WTNEEEB EEHT NDA EHT WON-MA, NDA WTNEEEB YTH DEES NDA RHE DEES; TI SLLHA US-RIEB YTH HEDA, NDA UTOH TSLHA USRIEB SIH LHEE.

NDA NO EHT VTSNHEE YDA OGD NEEDD SIH WROK WIHHC EH HDA MEDA; NDA EH TSREED NO EHT VTSNHEE YDA ROMF LLA SIH WROK WIHHC EH HDA MEDA. NDA OGD SSLEEDB EHT VTSNHEE YDA, NDA TSNIIFEDCA TI: USEECBA TTHA NI TI EH HDA TSREED ROMF LLA SIH WROK WIHHC OGD TREEDCA NDA MEDA.

EHT TRHEA SI EHT SROLD' NDA EHT USSNLLFE TROHFEE; EHT WROLD, NDA YTHE TTHA WLLED TRNIHEE. ROF EH THHA UON-FEDD TI NOPU EHT SSEA, NDA TSSLIHEEDBA TI NOPU EHT SOOLFD. WOH SLLHA SNEDCA TONI EHT LLIH FO EHT ROLD? RO WOH SLLHA TSNDA NI SIH YOLH PLECA? EH TTHA THHA NLECA SNHDA, NDA A URPE TRHEA; WOH THHA TON TLIFED PU SIH USOL UTON YVTNIA, RON WSRON YUTLLIFEEDC.

God could have kept Daniel out of the lions' den. . . He could have kept Paul and Silas out of jail. . . He could have kept the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace. . . but God has never promised to keep us out of hard places . . . what He has promised is to go with us through every hard place, and to bring us through victoriously.

Merv Rosell

Trials are medicines which our gracious and wise physician prescribes because we need them; and He proportions the frequency and weight of them to what the case requires. Let us trust in His skill and thank Him for His prescription.

John Newton

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer; never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Holiness is an internal work with external results.

Theodore E. Steinway, president of Steinway and Sons, once noted, "In one of our concert grand pianos, 243 taut strings exert a pull of 40,000 pounds on an iron frame. It is proof that out of great tension may come great harmony."

A man confined to bed because of a lingering illness had on his sunlit windowsill a cocoon of a beautiful species of butterfly. As nature took its course, the butterfly began its struggle to emerge from the cocoon. But it was a long, hard battle. As the hours went by, the struggling insect seemed to make almost no progress. Finally, the human observer, thinking that “the powers that be” had erred, took a pair of scissors and snipped the opening larger. The butterfly crawled out, but that’s all it ever did--crawl. The pressure of the struggle was intended to push colorful, life-giving juices back into the wings, but the man in his supposed mercy prevented this. The insect never was anything but a stunted abortion, and instead of flying on rainbow wings above the beautiful gardens, it was condemned to spend its brief life crawling in the dust. That gives me

the idea that God knows what He is doing. It’s a fact that you can depend on Him--even when it seems the struggle is hard and meaningless.

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

Every Christian should be both conservative and radical; conservative in preserving the faith and radical in applying it.

Teenagers need to learn that “No” is a complete sentence.

Be an organ donor, give your heart to Jesus

Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.

Dwight Lyman Moody

God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.

Martin Luther

Colossians 3:16-17
1 John 3:1
Genesis 3:14-15
Genesis 2:2-3
Psalm 24:1-4

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