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Ambassador College Art

What our READERS SAY ...

Wonderful World Tomorrow

The booklet on what the World Tomorrow will be like, along with the newspaper, arrived a couple of days ago. I just can't see how there are going to be any Laodicean attitudes around after reading that newspaper. It was so fabulous, so inspiring, and the most wonderful part of it all - it's going to happen, and in our lifetime!! It's so very exciting that I actually hurt from the yearning desire to shout it from the rooftops — but soon I can, God willing. Thank you so very much! How blessed we all are to be allowed to have such wonderful truth revealed to us now in a world so sick."

Mrs. B. H., California

Semiannual Letter

"I believe that for me the semiannual letters are the most important of all material that we get. When I read that letter it seems that we are sitting in a group with you and you are telling us of problems to overcome, successes, and accomplishments that have been made and gained. They are the problems that are peculiar to this work alone. Only a few people out of millions here in the U.S. and the Commonwealth ever have that opportunity to read such a letter, I believe. May God grant that I may always be true to that trust." C. D., Ohio

Co-Worker Letter

"We want to thank you for the last Co-Worker Letter. It was a wonderful letter and very helpful to us. We have read all your Co-Worker Letters but this

one got through to us. It has made us realize that we are of some use in God's work! A person can feel very useless. We thank God that you can place words so simply and understandably."

L. C. R., California

"Thank you for the latest Co-Worker Letter. A letter like this helps me to see much clearer just how I am an active part of God's work. Those of us who live in or near headquarters have a tendency at times to get lethargic. I pray that this letter helps all of the Co-Workers as much as it has helped me."

J. G. G., California

Mr. Waterhouse

"We sure were inspired by the sermons Mr. Waterhouse gave and the slides he showed. I was really thankful that I got to hear his evaluation of the Spokesman Club. It was the first time I understood what the Spokesman Club was really for. I thought it was only to help men become leaders. I couldn't have been farther from the truth. That is only a very small purpose of them. May I always be diligent in my prayers for the clubs around the world!"

R. G., Mississippi

Reaction to Hutterite Persecution

"Mr. Antion told us in church of how wonderfully the brethren helped the Hutterites of Canada. That was truly a miracle from God Himself. We are so very thankful that in the midst of all the crime on earth today there are still a chosen few full of brotherly

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GOA**: Asia		LUXEMBOURG*: All of	
SAIGON**: Vietnam		Europe (Ge	rman) Sun., Jan., 1960
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RADIO TANGIER**: International		4VBM-4VGM: Haiti (French)	Wed., Feb., 1962
RADIO BANGKOK: Thailand M		RADIO UFAC, ELISABETHVILLE: Congo	Daily Aug 1962
RADIO OKINAWA: Pacific Islands		WNBS: Lagos, Nigeria	Daily Aug 1962
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RADIO LA CRONICA: Lima, Peru (S	panish) Aug., 1958	RADIO CAROLINE NORTH: England	d Daily, June, 1965
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How familiar are you with the worldwide Work of God? Have you seen the BIG PICTURE of the commission given to the Philadelphian Era of the Church? Read this comprehensive report on the progress of the foreign work by the executive assistant to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong who is the overall director. You will find it a very valuable source for future reference and a guide to help you be more effective in your prayers.

by Richard F. Plache

ND THIS gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS; and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14).

This is the most important prophecy being fulfilled today! No other prophecy in the entirety of the Bible has greater meaning and significance for the immediate future of God's Church. Brethren, we have been called to make this prophecy of Jesus Christ a LIVING REALITY! This is OUR commission.

God has set "an open door" before this era of His Church (Rev. 3:8), and God intends that we go *through* that door and take this final warning message TO ALL NATIONS.

If we are to be successful in fulfilling this commission, it is absolutely essential that God's Church as a whole catches the VISION of this WORLDWIDE commission. We must not be restricted by the narrow confines of our own petty, personal problems and selfcenteredness. We must overcome any spiritual nearsightedness, which has prevented some in the Church from seeing the necessity for diligent, fervent prayer for the success of God's Work in other parts of the world. Without vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18). But if all of us have this vision of the BIG PICTURE of the work before us, we can't possibly fail. We will succeed!

Last month, God's ministers converged on Pasadena from their various assignments around the world for the annual ministerial conference. Each brought with him an exciting report of growth and progress during 1966. The Headquarters Church thrilled to news of how the living Christ is carrying out this worldwide commission. This article will present an overall picture of the foreign work, as well as a brief review of the history of each area of the work and a report of its current progress.

The WORLD TOMORROW — A Worldwide Broadcast

In the first week of January, 1934, when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong sat down behind the microphone in the studio of a small 100-watt radio station in Eugene, Oregon, he didn't have the remotest idea that what was then just beginning so humbly and inconspicuously was ultimately to grow into a MIGHTY WITNESS OF GLOBE-GIRDLING DIMENSIONS!

Many years passed — nineteen to be exact — before The World Tomorrow program made its first step forward in reaching out beyond the bounds of North America and into all the world (notice how God has continued to add additional stations since that time by consulting the chart on the back of the front cover). On Thurs-

day night, January 4, 1953, Mr. Armstrong's voice was heard for the first time by people in Europe over the powerful voice of Radio Luxembourg.

The timing was most significant! It was not accidental. It was planned not by Mr. Armstrong but by ALMIGHTY GOD. For years Mr. Armstrong had tried to secure time on Radio Luxembourg, but the "door" remained closed. At the time the contract was signed to put the program on Radio Luxembourg, Mr. Armstrong didn't realize why this "door" had not been opened until that precise time. It was shortly after this had already occurred that Dr. Herman Hoeh discovered that God had given the early New Testament Church exactly two nineteen-year time cycles to preach the Gospel in an organized way before the Headquarters Church had to flee Jerusalem prior to its destruction in 69 A.D. This preaching began on the Day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., when the New Testament Church of God was established (Acts 2). During the first nineteen-year time cycle, the preaching was confined to the areas surrounding Palestine as well as Asia Minor. No preaching was done in Europe during this time.

When the time neared for the second nineteen-year time cycle to begin, God prevented the apostle Paul from evangelizing either Asia or Bithynia (Acts 16:6-7), so that Paul would arrive in

Philippi (a city in northern Greece—and located in *Europe*) at precisely the right time. It is further significant to note that though Paul had been in Philippi "certain days" (Acts 16:12), it was not until "on the Sabbath" (this particular Sabbath was "the day of the weeks," as the Greek should be translated, or the *Day of Pentecost*, the day after counting seven weeks—Lev. 23:15; Deut. 16:9) that he did his *first preaching*. This was exactly 19 years to the very day in 50 A.D.

During this second nincteen-year time cycle, the Gospel was widely preached not only in Greece and Italy but as far west as Spain (Rom. 15:28). Finally, this organized preach-

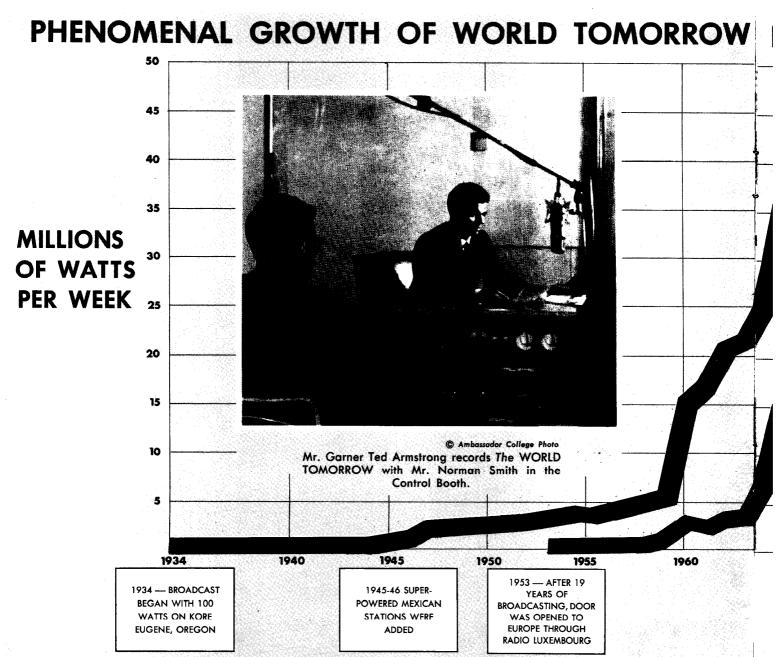
ing stopped when the Headquarters Church had to flee Jerusalem before its destruction at the hands of the Roman army. This event occurred once again on the Day of Pentecost, 69 A.D.—exactly nineteen years to the day from the time the first sermon was preached in Europe.

In January, 1953, Almighty God was once again showing by circumstances that He had also given to the Philadelphian Church two nineteen-year time cycles to preach this Gospel to the world as a witness before this Work would cease and His people would be forced to flee to a place of safety. Our second nineteen-year time cycle began precisely on time that first week in

January, 1953. And it was not the result of a "plot" on the part of some man but the result of the PURPOSE of God Himself.

Since that time, the growth of *The* WORLD TOMORROW program — both in the United States and around the world — has been nothing short of phenomenal. From the tiny "mustard seed" beginning of only 100 watts per week back in 1934 in the city whose name means "well born" or "a good birth" — *Eugene*, Oregon — *The* WORLD TOMORROW has grown until it has become a "mighty tree" — the largest program in radio history.

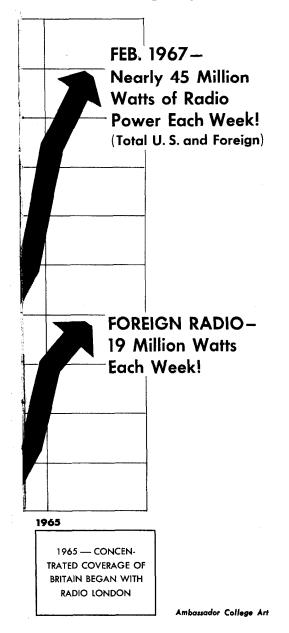
The very same message which Jesus Christ preached over 1900 years ago



- the GOOD NEWS of the soon-coming Kingdom of God and the wonderful WORLD TOMORROW - is being boomed out at the present time in four different languages (English, German, French and Spanish) over 304 stations with an incredible amount of nearly 45 MIL-LION WATTS of radio power every week. Of these, 122 are stations located outside the United States and utilizing 181/2 million watts. This means that 45 percent of all radio broadcasting is directly helping to fulfill our worldwide commission as Christ prophesied in Matthew 24:14.

There is a potential listening audience of nearly ONE BILLION PEO-PLE (800 million of which are living

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outside the United States), who live within the areas covered by these stations. Of course, only a very small percentage of this number up to this time have actually ever heard the program. Many of those living in certain areas do not even have access to a radio. However, at least 45 million or more do listen every week. And this may be a very conservative estimate. We do know that MANY MORE MILLIONS are destined to ultimately hear the truth of God over these and many more additional new stations during the next five years.

A Worldwide Circulation Magazine

The preaching of the Gospel to the world as a witness is accomplished not only through The World Tomorrow broadcast but also through The PLAIN Truth magazine.

From its meager beginning back in February, 1934, as an eight-page magazine with a circulation of one hundred and fifty to people living in the Pacific Northwest, The Plain Truth has developed over the years into a topquality, 52-page, full-color magazine published in three different languages (English, German and French) and printed in our own printing plants in Pasadena, California; Watford, England; and Sydney, Australia. It has a WORLDWIDE circulation of well over 850,000 copies each month, (Dec., 1966 issue) which are sent to 140 DIFFER-ENT COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR PROTECTORATES!!! (Notice the chart on the inside front cover for a complete report of the total number of copies going to each area.) Imagine that! Those of us here at Headquarters were shocked in addition to being very thrilled by this report. We never realized it would be so large. More has already been accomplished than any of us had previously realized. The Gospel message is now being READ in over 75 percent of all nations on earth! Of the remaining nations not yet included, many are small nations which have recently emerged. We are reaching every major nation with the exception of Communist China through the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH. And even here, Communist China is not left without a witness. The gospel is beamed at the China mainland over Radio Taiwan, located on Formosa.

The other major method of reaching the people with God's truth is through the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. Begun in 1954 under the direction of Dr. C. Paul Meredith with an initial enrollment of approximately 8,000, the number of regular students has now risen to over eighty thousand. Of these, over 23,000 are being studied by people living outside the United States in over fifty different nations! How wonderful it is to realize that so many living around this world are having the blessing of studying the only correspondence course on earth which systematically and accurately unlocks the true meaning of God's Word.

A Witness to Ephraim

When The World Tomorrow began on Radio Luxembourg in January, 1953, it became necessary to establish our first foreign office. Mr. Dick Armstrong became the first office manager of our London office in January of that same year. It was a lonely outpost in those early years. There was no one in the Church with whom Mr. Armstrong could fellowship. The London Church wasn't established for over three long years - in 1956. The work remained quite small during this time. Comparatively few people heard the twice-a-week broadcast. In the spring of 1957, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse took over the responsibility of managing the office and the fledgling work. He was succeeded by Mr. Raymond McNair in the summer of 1958. Mr. McNair is now Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College and Director of the entire Work in the British Isles.

However, God knew that the Work was going to ultimately expand, that many dedicated, trained laborers would be needed to reach the British people with this end-time warning message and to "harvest" those whom He would eventually call. So in the fall of 1960, the doors of the second Ambassador College swung open for the first time to receive the initial student body of 32. Even then, several more years (Continued on page 18)

Your Time!

Do you want to get more done? Overcome frustration from being disorganized? Then read this article. It can help you!

by Dennis G. Luker

OST thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of." Benjamin Franklin made this statement back in 1758. He realized that if he wanted to be a success in life he must make use of one of his most valuable possessions in life — TIME!

An Example For Us

Here are some of Benjamin Franklin's accomplishments during his lifetime. He served his countrymen well in representing the colonial cause in Great Britain, was unparalleled as an American diplomat abroad, had an influential part in framing the Federal Constitution. Without benefit of inherited wealth or position he acquired a fortune and achieved greatness in a half dozen different fields. He was a superb athlete, a talented printer, an enterprising newspaper editor and publisher, a promoter of cultural institutions and our first great scientist. His volume on electricity was the most influential book to come out of America in the eighteenth century. Franklin was also a great statesman. He stands out as one of the great founders of the American nation.

Benjamin Franklin's success story remains to this day one of the most dazzling in our history. Now notice one of the reasons why! Here is an excerpt from his autobiography concerning his plan of organizing his time: "The precept of order requiring that every part of my business should have its allotted time, one page in my little book contained the following scheme of employment for the twenty-four hours of a natural day.

Benjamin Franklin had a plan of



organizing his time and using it wisely!

He does admit that organizing his time gave him the most trouble, but he worked at it his entire lifetime. Notice another quote from his autobiography: "In truth, I found myself incorrigible with respect to Order; and now I am grown old, and my memory bad, I feel very sensibly the want of it. But, on the whole, tho' I never arrived at the perfection I had been so ambitious of obtaining, but fell far short of it, yet I was, by the endeavor, a better and a happier man than I otherwise should have been if I had not attempted it."

Even Benjamin Franklin had a hard time getting organized and staying that way. The lesson you should learn from his example is - organize your time to the best of your ability and strive constantly for improvement in using your time wisely.

The Importance of Time

Robert Ripley, author of Believe It or Not, once stated: "A plain bar of iron is worth \$5. This same bar of iron, when made into horseshoes, is worth \$10.50. If made into needles, it is worth \$355. If made into penknife blades, it is worth \$3,285, and if turned into balance springs for watches, that identical bar of iron becomes worth \$250,000."

The same is true of time.

Some people can turn an hour into horseshoes. Others can turn it into needles. A smaller number know how to change it into knife blades. But only a few have learned how to transform a golden hour into true-tempered watch springs!

How about you? Are you using your time in the most fulfilling, profitable way? At the end of each day, can you

look back with satisfaction to a day of accomplishment? Remember your time is your life. If you are wasting time you are wasting your life and life is the most precious possession God has given you!

If you will learn to use your time wisely in this life, God will grant you eternal life! It takes *time* to grow and overcome but if you do and endure to the end, you will live forever!

Time is Short!

"Remember how short my time is..." David said in Psalm 89:47. Moses wrote, and David preserved, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:10, 12).

Notice this says we should number our *days*, not years!

Paul wrote, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise ... Redeeming the time, because the days are evil . . . Wherefore be you not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:15-17). It is God's will that we organize our time, so that we can use it profitably and qualify for His Kingdom! Paul also said to the Colossians, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5). "Redeeming the time" means "buying back the time" or "making up for lost time." This is what many of us must do - make up for lost time!

We are very near the end of this age. The time of Christ's return is soon. Satan knows that, and he is very wrathful (Rev. 12:12).

Strong persecution will soon come. We have a few short years to accomplish God's Work. Only a few more years for the Gospel to be preached to the world as a witness. A few more years to feed the flock — to serve and help others escape the horrible punishment to come.

Time is so short!

God is Organized

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (I Cor. 14:33).

If God is not the author of confusion then Satan the Devil must be!

Are you organized or confused? Lack of organization causes frustration and inefficiency. This is what Satan wants. We must learn to defeat frustration and overcome inefficiency by learning to be organized and then by using our time wisely.

God has a Great Plan He is working out on this earth. He is creating *Sons* who will eventually rule this vast universe with Him and His firstborn Son—Jesus Christ. That plan takes time and organization.

God stays on the job every day. His Son, Jesus Christ, is in direct control of that Great Plan being worked out. Christ has already qualified. He has already made it. He is waiting for us! He set us an example to follow (I Pet. 2:21). Jesus Christ lived an organized life. He made use of every valuable minute. He never wasted time. How do we know all this? Because Jesus Christ never sinned! He lived a perfect life (I Pet. 2:22)! It is a sin to be lazy, to waste time, to be disorganized (Prov. 18:9, I Cor. 14:33)!

How to Organize Your Time

There is no way of storing a minute and saving it for future use, but there are hundreds of ways to use each passing minute effectively.

One thing we all have an equal

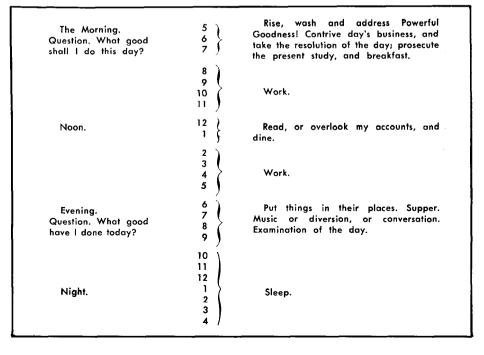
amount of is time. We all have 24 hours a day. So the important thing is that we learn to organize our time and use it wisely.

Here are some suggestions that can help you.

Make a schedule of your time. Here is the procedure I use. It might give you some ideas. I use a Hallmark Date Book to help me schedule my time in a general way for a whole year at a time. This Date Book is five and one-half inches by three and one-half inches and only about one-sixteenth inch in thickness. It can be obtained free at most stationery stores, compliments of Hallmark Cards. In the Date Book there is a full-size page (five and one-half inches by three and one-half inches) for each month in the year. Each page is divided into small rectangles, one for each day of the month. In other words each page is a regular monthly calendar with a space for each day in which to jot notes or reminders. It is a good planning calendar and small enough to fit inside a wallet or purse.

At the beginning of each year I obtain one of these Hallmark Date Books. The first thing I do is write in the time that is already scheduled by God—His annual Holy Days and the weekly Sabbath! I have heard that a few in God's church have forgotten on occa-

Benjamin Franklin's Daily Schedule



sion to keep some of God's Holy Days. Scheduling God's Holy Days on a personal calendar that you use regularly can help prevent such a thing from happening to you!

After scheduling in God's Holy Days, I write in other events that are scheduled for the year, such as, the Ministerial Conference in January and some time for a vacation (this time can be changed if necessary). When this is done I can see how my year is divided up and begin organizing the available time in more detail.

I do this by taking one month at a time and scheduling in all planned activities such as Sabbath services, Bible studies, Spokesman clubs, church socials and my visiting for that month. Most of you have an opportunity to attend some of these events in your area, so you should schedule them also!

Next, I take each week and plan it in more detail if necessary. This is done one week at a time at the beginning of each week as it comes, not for a whole year in advance.

So far, all the scheduling I have mentioned can be done on this small Hallmark Date Book! You can imagine how valuable this little book is to me. Most of what I have to do and when it should be done is scheduled in this book. I carry it with me constantly. When someone wants to be visited, married, baptized, etc., I pull out my little date book and schedule a time. If I don't, I might forget and not be there!

Have you ever missed an appointment? Then maybe this system can help you. It may seem like a lot of work and trouble but it really isn't. It does take a *little* time to get organized but think of the time and frustration you will save during the year.

Put first things first. This brings us to the point that will show you how to organize each day. As in organizing the entire year in a general way, God's Holy days were scheduled first, so in organizing each day of the year, put first things first! What should come first each day? Matthew 6:33 tells us, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness..." Read the entire chapter and you will see that Christ

was talking about prayer, fasting and putting God's Work first in your life!

A Christian's first obligation is to God and His Work. We were called to give our lives as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1). We should labor each day in fervent prayer for the Work of God. Recently in a Bible study a person asked, "Why are we required to pray and fast for God's Work? Won't God bless His own Work if we don't pray and fast?" Brethren you should know the answer! If you are not praying and fasting for God's Work your heart is not in God's Work! If your heart is not in God's Work your own salvation is at stake, much less the lives of many you could help save!

If no one were praying and fasting for God's Work there would be no Work! If no one had his heart in God's Work, if no one cared, if no one were obeying God, what would happen? Jesus Christ gave the answer in Matthew 24:21-22, "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 should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." If there were no Work of God we would all be destroyed in the coming great tribulation!

I hope you understand why you should put God's Work first in your life. If you do you will understand why prayer should come first in your life each day. After you rise each morning and are fully awake (a little exercise and a shower will help), put prayer and Bible study first. At least schedule it that way and strive to do it that way. Small children can often upset a schedule, so you will have to learn to adjust. This will be covered more in the next point.

After you have accomplished your prayer and study for the morning, do this — make a simple check list of what you want to accomplish *that day* in order of importance. If you didn't pray and study enough that morning, then schedule more time for the noon hour or evening. In other words, schedule your day around your prayer and Bible study. Put first things first! If you do,

you will be amazed at how much better your day will go!

If you will make a simple check list of what you want to accomplish in order of importance, you will *always* get the *most* important things done.

Adjust your schedule to fit your needs. Some people say that schedules don't work — that they have tried many and all have failed. The reason may be that they were serving the schedule and not making it serve them. It is important not to get frustrated if you can't seem to stick to your schedule. A schedule must be realistic. If you are really trying to follow a schedule and it doesn't seem to work, then adjust that schedule to fit your needs. Make it serve you!

Do not become the type person who can't do anything without a schedule. People are different. All have different minds and personalities — different needs. Some don't like schedules. But a good schedule — one that works for you — can be a terrific help in getting things done. Try it and see!

Almost all activities and classes are scheduled a year at a time at Ambassador Colleges — and look at the fruit! Most of a student's time is planned for him. He must be in a certain place at a certain time doing a certain thing.

Also, one of the reasons God's Work is growing is that it is an organized Work. So follow the example that is being set for you. Make out a schedule that will help you get things done — one that will help you grow!

You men who work have a large part of your week already scheduled for you. Most of you must be at your jobs by a certain time. You work an eight-hour shift and then head home. How do you spend your time in the morning before leaving for work and in the evening after work? Do you have it organized so that you know exactly what you want to get done during those precious few "spare" hours? Take the morning for example. Do you "dilly-dally" around and waste time? Does it take you more than one-half hour to shave, shower, brush your teeth, comb your hair and get dressed? Or have you learned to accomplish this in less than one-half hour and then get right to

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Do You REALLY Repent?

Repenting is something many are doing the most and succeeding the LEAST! Too many of us CONTINUALLY sin. Do you have Godly sorrow or a worldly sorrow? You need to know the answer!

by Charles F. Hunting

OW MANY times in frustration and hand-wringing despair have you said, "I've had to repent of this or that sin time after time, and I never seem to succeed"?

What is the problem? Does it have to be this way? Did God intend we should continue to wallow around in the same old rut and filth year after year? Or is it because we're just weak?

The answer is NO! God doesn't want it this way. It wouldn't be this way IF WE HAD TRULY REPENTED!

You may say, "Well, I was really sorry for what I did. I acknowledged my guilt. I asked God for His forgiveness, but I still keep on sinning."

Has this happened to you? Do you think you've repented and then find you have disastrously committed the same sin again? I'm not talking about the times we let down in prayer or Bible study. I'm not talking about the times of great temptation or when we sin because of the tremendous degenerate weaknesses and habits we have. I'm talking about those sins we could and should be freed from — if we started in the right direction.

Let's get one thing straight: when we repent — really — we CHANGE! We don't repeat the sin! If we don't change — stop sinning — we HAVEN'T REPENTED!

More Required Than Tears

You say you really *felt* sorry for what you did — so did *Judas!* Esau *felt* ghastly! He was all broken up about what *he had lost*, and sought the inheritance he'd thrown away "carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:17).

Tears rolled down Esau's cheeks. Judas was so remorseful he killed himself. But neither repented! They didn't change.

We know repentance means to change! We desperately want to be different! But this desire is only a natural, human desire. Even the world wants to change!

Does this surprise you? Well, just look at the mountainous evidence of proof. Peace conferences will try to initiate legislation to sidetrack the world from the road of total destruction to peace. National governments will try to initiate changes to bring their people from poverty to prosperity — eradicate social injustices and remove inequality.

No, your desire to change is not unique. Very few people are satisfied with any facet of their lives. They want to change their physical shape by diet, exercise or foundation garments—change their faces by paint or surgery—their hair with dyes all hues of the color spectrum.

Few are happy with what they have, where they are, or what they are!

They are filled with inferiorities. They hate their inadequacies. Bootstrap-lifting courses by the score are offered to change the timid into firebreathing, self-confident swashbucklers capable of facing any person or problem of life.

Everyone Desires to Change

From the least to the greatest, all want to change.

An oil magnate, reputedly the richest man on the face of the earth, wants desperately to CHANGE. He said so! In a London T.V. program he stated his *greatest* desire was to have the ability to sit down with a group of people and not be a bore. He wanted to change from an extreme introvert to one who could be outgoing and pleasantly entertaining.

Psychiatric couches are booked solid

with mentally distressed who want to change to confident, uninhibited, happy people — just *like* we do.

Perceptive scientists realize the need to change human nature. They want to alter the mind by genetic control and produce this change.

And many people DO change!

By exercising a great amount of self-discipline, the fat become slim, the drunks become teetotallers. The timid become socially acceptable. But is it a step toward eternal life? Obviously not!

Christ said, "UNLESS you repent, you shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3, 5.) Paul said there is a worldly repentance that leads to death (II Cor. 7:10).

The Need to Change Apparent

With God's truth, we in the Church can come to a greater point of self-analysis. God's Word spotlights the wretchedness of OUR human nature—we see our total selfishness. We know "...the heart [the basic core of the human being] is deceitful above ALL things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9).

At least we accept the fact that this is what the Bible says and mentally agree with it.

We see our lack of ability to overcome this wretched nature. We even learn to repeat the words, "I abhor myself." Yes, we see the *need*, and want to change.

It's not so difficult to come to abhor oneself — to despise and hate *our* weaknesses. We detest our feelings of inferiority. So does the rest of the world.

We say we hate ourselves and abhor our sins, but is it really true? If you had a rotten, stinking, maggot-infested

piece of putrifying meat in your kitchen, you would have such a revulsion toward it that you would *immediately* get rid of it. But we put up with so much of the filth that we *claim* to abhor about ourselves. How come?

Here's why!

WE DON'T REALLY ABHOR the sin! What we usually mean when we say "we're sorry" is that we are sorry for the effect our shortcomings have on our sense of well-being — our happiness.

We feel guilty or unhealthy. What we want is to be comfortable *mentally* and *physically*. Then we can live at peace with ourselves or others we may have offended.

Humans will go to any length to escape personal predicaments. Even in suicide people are merely trying to escape from *their personal* despair and hopelessness!

But that doesn't mean we are RE-VOLTED BY THE SIN! If we were, we'd get rid of it! And we can! But there has to be a starting place.

Judas-like Repentance

Notice first the type of repentance all too often experienced by people in God's Church. Judas hated himself and he had every reason to. He had been in the presence of the Master Teacher. He had seen miracles performed. He had been offered a position of tremendous authority, yet he scorned the greatest chance a man ever had — rulership with Christ. He was given a responsible job in the Work, then he stole. His next act was a deed of infamy unparalleled in history. He was a traitor to his Savior. His final act was one of self-destruction.

He saw his horrible mistake. He even acknowledged his guilt. He "repented" — showed *real* remorse — in the same way too many of us do!

Notice Matthew 27:3-5: "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I HAVE SINNED in that I have betrayed the innocent blood... and he cast down the pieces of silver... and departed, and went and hanged himself."

His remorse, his acknowledgment of guilt, and his repentance, only led him into another sin! Why? Because it wasn't real repentance!

Judas had an *afterthought* and was distraught about the effect upon himself. He had a deep dread of the consequences — *on himself!* Death became his way of escape.

Judas didn't remotely experience the type of repentance Paul preached about and made a main part of his message "... REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD!" (Acts 20:21.)

Stop and think! Do you know what repentance toward God means? If you don't or can give only the vaguest answer, you could be in serious trouble!

It is because we are not continually experiencing repentance toward God that we continue to needlessly repeat the same sins over and over!

There is a fantastic difference in *self*-remorse and repentance toward GOD. YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

David KNEW the Difference

When David realized the horrible sins he committed, he *knew* they were AGAINST GOD.

There was no self-centered remorse in his repentance! He cried out, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. AGAINST THEE, THEE ONLY, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Ps. 51:1-4).

HIS REMORSE WAS TOWARD GOD!

He was going to suffer for the rest of his life for his horrible deeds. He became the object of ridicule and was humiliated before the whole nation of Israel. He committed adultery! He caused perpetual war with all its horror and suffering to Israel. And he was responsible for the murder of Bathsheba's husband, and the death of her son (II Sam. 12:9-14). In spite of all the wretchedness he had brought upon

himself and others, he still said that his ONLY sin was against God!

Why? The answer is extremely important!

When Judas robbed, *he* became critical of Christ and accused Christ of wasting money (John 12:5). When David sinned, he was HORRIFIED at what he had done to God.

Had he "hurt" God? Had he diminished God's power or taken away any of His authority or thwarted His plan? Had he lessened any of the beauty or splendor of God's Throne?

God could have disintegrated David on the spot. If He had desired, He could have obliterated even the annoying memory of David from His mind.

Sin is Against God

Let's understand! Sin is the transgression of the law! (I John 3:4.) God was the Lawgiver. The sin was against God.

David was asked by Samuel, "Wherefore hast thou DESPISED the commandment of the Lord to do evil in His sight?... Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house: BECAUSE YOU HAVE DESPISED ME! (II Sam. 12:9-10.)

Ancient Israel despised God just as David did, but with one GREAT difference! God had called them for a *special* purpose. He called them to obey His revealed law so that He might prosper them—thus showing to the surrounding nations through their example what would happen to a nation honoring God.

God wanted to give them everything that was good for them. He brought them out of physical slavery. He performed miracles, clearly proving His ability to make good His promises.

Did they appreciate all of the fantastic blessings? Did they bow down in total obedience and thankfulness for their release from captivity? To the contrary. "And ye [the people] murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord HATED us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt... to destroy us" (Deut. 1:27). They imputed wrong motives to God and ac-

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During and immediately following the 1967 Ministerial Conference ten men were ordained to the Ministry of Jesus Christ—eight raises in rank and two new Local Elders!

by David Jon Hill

RDAINED to the rank of Local Elder was Monsieur Etienne Bourdin, a former French Army officer who took part in the memorable Dunkirk evacuation. He was also a successful businessman before his conversion. For many years, he held a key position with the Volkswagen Company in Paris. He speaks French, German and English fluently, and is a scholar in his own right.

Mr. Bourdin surrendered to God early in 1962, after realizing that the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. When he was offered a job in our Geneva Office, he immediately put his Paris home up for sale, and moved to Geneva with his wife and two teen-age children — setting God's Work ahead of his personal interests.

Things are increasingly bright and cheerful for the Bourdins, now comfortably settled in Geneva. Mr. Bourdin is kept busy translating articles for *La* PURE VERITE (The French PLAIN TRUTH) and assisting Mr. Wilkins with the bi-monthly Paris Church and the weekly Geneva Bible study. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Bourdin!

Mr. Don Hooser came originally from Dallas, Texas after attending college at Southern Methodist University. He graduated from there in the spring of 1963 and enrolled in Ambassador College at Pasadena that fall. Before that his experience had been quite varied—working in a state park, and as a lifeguard, and also having experience in drafting and mechanical design.

He was transferred to the Big Sandy

Campus in 1964 and graduated two years later to be sent out in the field as a Ministerial Assistant in the Akron and Youngstown area. Now he has been ordained into the rank of Local Elder by his District Supervisor, Mr. David Antion, on his return from the Conference.

Mr. Arthur Docken, Director of our office in the Philippines, was raised to the rank of Preaching Elder.

Mr. Docken was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1951. Eight years as an industrial engineer with Bendix Aviation seemed to have channeled him into that particular line of work, until God called him to Ambassador College.

In 1959 Mr. Docken entered Ambassador College and began immediately to work as Mr. Hugh Mauck's assistant in the Circulation Department where he continued working even after graduation in 1962.

Mr. Docken has always been a jovial and friendly, yet sober and dedicated individual - a bright spot and an inspiration to everyone's day. Thinking his future was rather cut out in the responsible position he filled assisting Mr. Mauck, Mr. Docken was certainly surprised when the announcement came in June, 1965, that he was to be ordained as a Local Elder and sent to manage the office in Manila, The Philippines. Since September of 1965 he and his wife have been serving faithfully there in the Philippines. The Dockens have produced much fruit in every way in their assignment overseas — they now have three lovely daughters and informed sources (the Dockens themselves) indicate they are expecting a fourth child soon!

Certainly every one of God's Ministers needs your prayers, but perhaps some need mentioning a little more often. I'm sure that Mr. Docken and his family would appreciate your particular concern regarding them in their post in the far-off Philippines.

Mr. Dale Schurter also joined the ranks of the Preaching Elders in this Ministerial Conference. Mr. Schurter was born in Burlington, Oklahoma. His education prior to Ambassador College included Ellis Business College and Northwestern State College before he came to Ambassador in 1962.

Mr. Schurter, though a freshman and president of his class, was considerably older than the group of freshmen he entered college with, and also being financially able to support a wife, became married in his freshman year at Ambassador. His wife, the former Miss Mona Zachary had been a school teacher prior to coming to Ambassador.

Early in 1965 Mr. Schurter was transferred to the Big Sandy College where he graduated that spring and became the head of the Farming Program as well as Mr. McCullough's assistant in planning the Big Sandy Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Schurter was ordained in April of 1965 as a Local Elder, and now in addition to the growing responsibilities of the Farm Program is ordained a Preaching Elder. You will be hearing more in the pages of *The* GOOD NEWS

directly from Mr. Schurter regarding the amazing experiments, and the truth that God has revealed to us in the Farm Program there at Big Sandy, Texas!

Mr. Elmer McElroy attended four years at the University of Utah in Logan, Utah, and came to Ambassador College in 1962 just twelve units shy of a degree from that college. With this head start, Mr. McElroy was able to graduate in three years, receiving his diploma from Ambassador in 1965.

Ever since that time he has been serving as Mr. Paul Royer's assistant in the Personnel Department and in coordinating the Feast of Tabernacles in the United States. In April, 1966, Mr. Armstrong ordained Mr. McElroy to the office of Local Elder — recognizing

that in addition to his work with Mr. Royer, he was also giving sermonettes, working on the Visiting Program and generally fulfilling the duties of Local Elder. Also in 1966 his wife Ruth gave birth to a fine young son. Now Mr. McElroy's duties and responsibilities have grown and he has grown with them to the extent that God chose him to be ordained as a Preaching Elder this Ministerial Conference.

Mr. Paul Royer was the first of five to be ordained to the rank of Pastor in this recent Ministerial Conference. Mr. Royer came to Ambassador College some years ago with a full life already behind him. He had spent three years at Ohio State University and later joined the Air Force where he reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel,

and later a Preaching Elder in 1965. Mr. Royer is now the manager of the Personnel Department here at Head-quarters as well as Festival Coordinator for the Feast of Tabernacles sites here in the United States. Most of you have received a personal letter and instructions from him regarding the keeping of the Feast. He is also a member of the Pasadena Faculty, teaching speech.

This last fall Mr. Royer was pleased to have a son enroll as a freshman at Ambassador College, making a second generation of Royers available for service in God's Work—his other two children, a son and a daughter, are enrolled in Imperial Schools.

You will be hearing more from Mr. Royer both in his capacity as Festival



LEFT — Newly ordained as Local Elders are (above) M. Etienne Bourdin and (below) Mr. Don Hooser. RIGHT — Raised to the rank of Preaching Elders were (left to right) Mr. Arthur Docken, Mr. Dale Schurter and Mr. Elmer McElroy.







serving as a fighter pilot in Indochina during World War II.

On his discharge from service, Mr. Royer entered business on his own and became successful as a wholesale food distributor in Ohio. When God called him, Mr. Royer abandoned all of his own projects and plans and came to Ambassador College as a freshman with grey hair! He graduated in 1963—having lost a few hairs and having a few more turn grey in the process of earning his Bachelor's Degree which he gained in 1963. Mr. Royer's dedication and hard work made a success out of each job that he was given—he was ordained a Local Elder in March, 1964,

Director and as a writer in the pages of *The* Good News.

Mr. Ben Chapman came to Ambassador College in 1959. He had previously received a Bachelor of Science Degree from UCLA and had been in business for two years as an electrical and industrial engineer. After one year of college at Ambassador in Pasadena, Mr. Chapman was transferred to the Bricket Wood campus to manage the Radio Studio there. It was there he met and grew to love Lois Lemon Armstrong, Mr. Richard David Armstrong's widow, whom he married while there in England. He was graduated from our English campus in 1962, and ordained









Raised to Pastor-rank are (left to right). Mr. Paul Royer, Mr. Ben Chapman, Mr. Carl McNair, Mr. Leon Walker and Mr. Guy Engelbart.



the following May, to the rank of Preaching Elder.

Later he was transferred to the Big Sandy campus to teach on the faculty there as well as design and head the Radio Studio on the new campus. For years he pastored the Fort Worth and Dallas Churches of God, and is still pastoring the Fort Worth Church, in addition to his other duties. Mr. Chapman and his wife Lois now have two little girls of their own — lovely sisters for little Dicky Armstrong.

With the growth of both his responsibilities and his own personal growth in serving God's people, Mr.

Chapman was ordained as a Pastor in this recent Conference.

Mr. Carl McNair comes from a very dedicated and productive family in God's service. Mr. Raymond McNair, an Evangelist, is in charge of the Work in Britain as well as being Deputy Chancellor of the College at Bricket Wood. His brother, Mr. Burk McNair, is serving God's people in the Denver-Pueblo area as a Pastor-rank minister in the Church of God. His other brothers and sisters are each serving well in God's Work at Headquarters. Mr. Carl McNair now joins his brother Burk in the office of Pastor and is presently serving in the Churches of Memphis, Tennessee and Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. Carl McNair came to Ambassador College in 1956, from his home town of Camp, Arkansas. He graduated in 1961, having spent a year in the field as a Ministerial Assistant before his graduation. He was Vice President of the Student Body in Pasadena in his senior year, and led a nationwide baptizing tour upon graduation. He then married his wife, Dorothy, going immediately into the field ministry ordained as a Preaching Elder. In May, 1962, he was made responsible for the Little Rock-Memphis Churches.

There is a long history throughout the Bible of the dealings God has had with individual families — the McNair family is certainly an outstanding ex-



ample today — congratulations again to the McNairs, and particularly to Mr. Carl McNair!

Mr. Leon Walker first learned of the Truth in 1954 and came to college in 1955. Mr. Walker graduated in 1960 and was sent to England to assist Dr. Rea in the Spanish Department there. Ordained a Local Elder in May, 1963, he was later advanced to Preaching Elder in January, 1964.

Married to an Ambassador co-ed, Mr. Walker is on the Bricket Wood Faculty, active in the Spanish Work and father of three fine children — two boys and a girl.

Mr. Walker has been pastoring the Bristol, England, Church of God for the last two years, in addition to his responsibilities at Ambassador College in England, and now adds the additional responsibilities of the office of Pastor in God's Church.

Mr. Guy Engelbart was ordained to the office of Pastor in God's Church by Mr. Raymond Cole on his return to the New York District after this January Conference. Mr. Engelbart came to Ambassador in 1958, after attending the University of Nebraska. While in college, he served as Sophomore class President, Junior class President and for his Senior year, was transferred to England, and became the Student Body President there.

After graduation in 1961, Mr. Engelbart served on the Visiting Program and assisted locally in England until transferred to the New York area. In April, 1963, he was ordained a Local Elder in that area and a year later as a full Preaching Elder. He continued as a co-pastor in the New York and Philadelphia Churches until 1965, when he was transferred to be in charge of the Harrisburg-Baltimore Churches.

Mr. Engelbart and his Ambassador co-ed wife Penny, will be continuing in the Harrisburg-Baltimore area, but now in the increased capacity of a Pastor in God's Church.

Mr. Waterhouse Touring Nation

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Evangelist — one whom God has used to raise up many of our foreign offices, and therefore one who is, by long personal experience, absolutely convinced that Christ Himself is the Head of this Work — one we jokingly say is infecting every one he sees with "Headquarteritis" - has been touring the U. S. Churches for nearly a year now. With his pictures from around the world and his unique experience and style, Mr. Waterhouse is deeply moving each audience. Here is a response from a member that will show you the impact of his visit better than I can (he will be by your area soon):

"I have been concerned for some time because I lacked vision and insight into God's work and His plans for the future. My mind worked well up to the time of flight to (the place of safety), but there it just seemed to come to a standstill, although I knew vaguely what was to occur after that.

Also, I could not seem to have real concern for the work in other places. I prayed much about this problem and asked for the concern and for vision.

"This past week, God has answered my prayers in a most powerful, wonderful way with the visit of Mr. Waterhouse. How thankful I am that God inspired this trip to be planned! I can now see the 'Big Picture.' There is continuity. I am so thrilled and joyful, it is just imperative that I say 'Thank you' to you for making this visit possible. If anyone has the 'Big Picture,' it is certainly Mr. Waterhouse!

"I was thrilled and awed by the power and authority with which he speaks. So many times in my past life, as the daughter of one of this world's ministers, I have heard the sanctimonious voices say, 'Oh, what a wonderful Christian man.' They usually referred to some little shriveled, effeminate person who smilingly quoted scripture and always attended Sunday School. How I ache for this world to really know what a 'wonderful Christian man' is really like!

"With authority and conviction, Mr.

Waterhouse told us what God's plans for the future were! With the authority of Jesus Christ, he 'spanked us' thoroughly for any criticism or bad attitude toward God's work. He showed us why we absolutely must follow God's principles for rearing our children so that they may have the wonderful opportunity planned for them as leaders of the World Tomorrow. With authority, he reprimanded the teen-agers and opened to them riches untold.

"I hope you can imagine what a thrill and a blessing it was to know that Mr. Waterhouse was there that day. The sermon he gave was one of the most inspired I have ever had the pleasure to hear. I could have sat all day and night if he would have preached that long. To learn of God's government the way he explained it gave me a whole new meaning for prayer, and our responsibility here on this earth. It also made me grasp the Big Picture more, too."

More news next month of new churches established — plans for expansion in the Press — new radio stations.

What Our Readers Say . . .

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love and can prove it through their actions. It is truly wonderful."

P. R. A., Ohio

A Wise Woman

"I want to tell you what one of our brethren told me about her unconverted husband. He asked her what *she* would do if all these things Mr. Armstrong has prophesied *didn't* come to pass. Instead of answering him, she asked him a question, 'What will *you* do if they *do* come to pass?' A wise woman."

Mr. and Mrs. H. W., Kansas

Catholics Impressed by Funeral Service

"Recently my brother died. We were stunned because he was only 22 and things like that only happen to other people, not your own loved ones. My brother and I were the only ones in our family that believe this way, but my oldest brother, who had charge over it, had Mr. Baird from God's Church de-

liver a funeral service for us. My family has always thought we were crazy, believe in such 'fanatical stuff,' but they were very much impressed with Mr. Baird's sermon. It was beautiful and so comforting and hopeful. My mother said she had never heard a funeral preached in this manner. My stepfather, who thinks we were heretics for leaving the Catholic Church, said, 'Mr. Baird spoke the truth.' I don't know how many people said things which showed they were favorably impressed. Even if God calls none of them, they will remember Mr. Baird's words one day."

Mrs. J. M., Missouri

Doctor Spreads Truth

"Could we please get *The Plain* Truth. My husband was in the hospital and his *doctor* handed him an issue. It has made our home happier."

Mrs. A. M. M., Florida

Why Do We NEED a Church?

Why do we need to meet every Sabbath? Is it important? How much do YOU need the Church? Read the answers in this article.

by Frank Brown

Some members reading this issue of The Good News magazine at this moment do Not attend weekly Sabbath services at their local church! Some of those attending, come under protest, it seems. Others come in the hopes of hearing something new. And yet others come because they are afraid Not to!

Many are worried about what their relatives might think and some claim that they are under the authority of their husband and cannot attend!

Brethren we are the people of Gon! We KNOW that we are the True Church established by Jesus Christ, almost two thousand years ago, yet many cannot see the importance and significance of attending Sabbath services!

Each one of us NEEDs the Church! Every person who calls himself a Christian is COMMANDED to attend wherever physically possible and practical! Notice the commandment in Leviticus 23, verse 3: "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."

The word "convocation" means "commanded meeting or assembly," and when used with the word "holy" it means "for a holy purpose." The Christian is *commanded* to meet on the Sabbath day and the commandment comes directly from God Almighty!

The Reasons Why

Many times we do things within the framework of God's Church, without really knowing WHY! We just trust the ministers and those over us without fully grasping the significance of certain actions.

Some of us may feel that when the weather is hot and sticky we would be better off studying by ourselves in an air-conditioned home rather than

traveling to the Church, which may be a little hot and uncomfortable. We may not like the minister. There may be others there we don't get along with very well. Perhaps some may feel their clothes are not nice enough.

Are these valid reasons, brethren, or aren't they rather excuses! God has many reasons why we should and must keep the Sabbath; let's examine three of them in relation to church attendance and see if our own attitudes stand up to the scrutiny!

Need to Be Fed

Just prior to Christ's ascension to the Throne of our Heavenly Father, He gave the Apostles a great two-fold commission. Notice, that in Matthew 28:19 He commissions the Apostles to preach the Gospel as a witness to all nations (see also Matthew 24:14) and in John 21:15-17 instructs Peter to "Feed my sheep."

The work of preaching the Gospel as a witness is being done through the media of The PLAIN TRUTH and The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. The "sheep" are being fed through the Church established by Christ Himself (Matthew 16:13-20) and pastored by His true ministers!

This aspect of feeding God's people is very important! Notice the apostle Paul's attitude in addressing a group of elders in the Ephesus Church of God. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you *overseers* [elders, ministers] to feed the Church of God which He has purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

His instructions to the young Evangelist Timothy were in the same vein—solemn, and charged with great responsibility. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom;

preach the Word; be instant in season, out of scason; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:1-4).

There is a great and heavy responsibility on a minister to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Church of God. Failure in that commission could lead to a large number being enticed away by false ministers. But the responsibility is also upon every single Church member to be there when this message is being preached! We must know that it is possible to be led astray by lying and deceitful men, and learn how to resist!

Spiritual Armor

The truth of God acts as a *shield* and defense against the doubts and falsities of Satan's teachings!

The apostle Paul likens a knowledge and study of the Truth to putting on a full suit of spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:11-17).

Unless we are there every Sabbath, or as often as is humanly possible, to receive this teaching from God's ministers who are inspired and led by His Holy Spirit, then our lives may be IN GREAT DANGER! Too many of God's people take these God-ordained services too lightly and carelessly, forgetting the admonition of Peter to "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8).

Don't Expect "New Truth"!

One other point: Do not expect to hear "new truth" preached every time you attend church! This will generally

come directly from Headquarters via *The* GOOD NEWS after approval of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and discussion at a high ministerial level.

To seek "new truth" constantly is a dangerous thing and leads to vanity of mind and an "independent spirit." Notice, for example, the attitude of those who Paul encountered in Athens in Acts 17:18-21!

Sabbath meetings are primarily for exhortation, rebuke and teaching "with all longsuffering and doctrine," exactly as Paul instructed Timothy.

Remember, brethren, we NEED to be fed the unvarnished, plain truth from the Word of God, and this is the only place to receive it!

For Fellowship

Another vitally important reason why we NEED the Church that God has set up is that of *fellowship* with those whom God has called out of the world.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we LOVE THE BRETHREN. He that loves not his brother abides [remains] in DEATH" (I John 3:14). The question is: HOW can we love one another unless we KNOW one another?

Love is outgoing concern for others. Love is essentially a social expression; it can only be expressed in actions, in DOING THINGS for *others!*

True Christian love must have FEL-LOWSHIP with those of a like mind—and this can only be done in a social environment. In other words, to really learn to love someone in the Church you must come to *know* that person, and Sabbath services is the best place to do that!

Personal Contact Vital

Some may say: "But I do PRAY for the Church, even though I don't attend." But how sincere and deep are the prayers of one who doesn't fully know about what or whom he is praying? Compassion, feeling, understanding and pity come from a close personal contact with the problem!

One reason why there is a visiting program in every church area is so that God's ministers can come to know YOU personally, in depth, and thereby

help you with your problems! Personal contact is a vital part of Christian living, and some are neglecting this part by staying away from Sabbath services!

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (I John 3:16). But how can we lay down our lives for the brethren unless we know them? And how can we come to know them unless we are fellowshipping on the Sabbath?

The degree of a person's conversion and dedication to God is indicated by how much his heart is in God's Work and Church! This is a proved and tested FACT!

It is evident to many of God's ministers that the person who leaves Sabbath services *immediately* at the end of the preaching portion, is usually on the "fringe area" of the Church, in general. This doesn't refer to a person who MUST go because of an unconverted mate or a pressing engagement, but one who WANTS to leave because he doesn't like to be around "people."

Examine yourself!

Are you the FIRST person out of the Hall on the Sabbath? Are you practically at the door before the final "Amen"? Then you are missing out on one of the most important parts of the whole service — fellowship with the Body of Christ!

Paul's Exhortation

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

This was the exhortation of the apostle Paul to the Church at Jerusalem (Hebrews 10:23-25)! There were some there who were *not* attending regular Sabbath services, taking lightly the preaching of God's ministers and the fellowship with others! The result was that when persecution came upon them they were *split* and *divided* — there was no UNITY of love! They hadn't

been *encouraging* cach other, and *exhorting* each other to stay faithful and wait for God's deliverance!

The day is fast approaching when the Church of God of this era will be persecuted and tormented by those who hate the message we preach! Will you be identifying yourself with the Church then? Will you be willing to lay down YOUR life for the brethren? Brethren that you may not even know?

Before we can inherit eternal life, each one of us is going to be put to the test to see whether we are sincerely overcoming and growing in love.

Unless we prove ourselves as over-comers we may not make it into God's Kingdom, in spite of all the "head knowledge" we may possess! Remember the words of Paul in Romans, chapter 12 and verse 10: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love [philadelphos], in honor preferring one another."

We are the Philadelphia era of God's Church—the Church of brotherly love! Let us show it in our actions and attitudes towards the brethren of God's Church!

The Body of Christ

We have seen that two prime reasons for a "holy convocation" on the Sabbath are for *feeding* and *fellowship*, but there is one other that is just as important.

In the twelfth chaper of I Corinthians, Paul is explaining the functions of the Church and the gifts given to it by God. Notice verse 12: "For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the Body is not one member, but many."

This passage is saying that all who consider themselves Christians, through repentance, baptism and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, are part of the same body of Christ!

This means that *outside* this body, this group, this Church, there is NO SALVATION!

We have to be a part of the Body

of Christ which is *God's Church* (Colossians 1:24) to be saved and receive eternal life!

This is a plain statement of the Bible, yet many are taking such a tremendous truth lightly and *neglecting* their association with God's Church!

Church's Spiritual Role

If we really deeply realize the *spiritual* role of the Church, we will be *wherever* the Church is!

Nothing could be more important in our lives than to identify ourselves with that Church!

Paul goes on to explain in the same chapter of I Corinthians that God has set various members in the body to fulfill certain functions, yet all are a part of the same body. Every part is beautifully balanced and vitally useful to the working of the body as a whole.

He shows why in verse 25: "That there should be no schism [division] in the body; but that members should have the same CARE one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye ARE the body of Christ and members in particular."

He is saying that a true Christian MUST be where the body is! Every member has a job, and if one member doesn't do its job then the whole body suffers! A true Christian who doesn't attend services affects the whole body! The body is incomplete!

A true Christian will be rejoicing when the body rejoices, he will be mourning when the body mourns. A true Christian will be an inseparable, indivisable part of the true body of Jesus Christ!

Are you?

In Summary

It is outside the scope of this brief article to discuss every single reason and excuse for not attending Church on the Sabbath. It is possible only to deal in principles. You know what is in your heart!

The three reasons then are, in summary, first, to be *fed* the Truth, second, for the *fellowship*, and third, to be a *part* of the Body of Christ. These three reasons are basic. If one is missing

then the others are negated. If you come simply to hear the preaching, and ignore the fellowship, then you are wasting your time. If you come for fellowship and ignore the preaching then again you are wasting your time. Yes, we do need the Church! Church attendance is vital!

Your eternal life may depend on it!

Your Time!

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prayer and study? A suggestion is allow one hour for prayer and study in the morning and one-half hour for a leisurely, nourishing breakfast (with your family if possible). If you can learn to do the above you would have to get out of bed only two hours before leaving for work!

How about the evening hours that are not taken up by a Bible study or Spokesman Club? Do you come home, have a large meal, feel sleepy, take a nap or watch television and find that the evening is gone?! Or have you learned to use your time profitably? You could come home from work, have an enjoyable but not too filling meal with your family (include conversation with wife and children), spend time "working with" and enjoying your children, maybe occasionally watch onehalf hour or an hour of television if a worthwhile program is on (preferably listen to the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast if you missed it that morning), study the Bible Correspondence Course for a half hour and pray before going to bed. Men, if you will be diligent with the use of your time you can do all this and still get a good night's sleep!

I know I have not mentioned everything you might need to do but don't forget there are Sundays for miscellaneous duties around the home and Sabbaths for extra reading in *The* PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS if you get behind. There usually are about fifteen articles in *The* PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS magazines combined. So if you only read *one* article *every other day* you could keep up!

All these things can be done men, so work at them!

You women also need to make out a

good schedule that will help you accomplish your many duties — especially you housewives and mothers. You may have to rise early in the morning and get your husband off to work and children to school. After you have accomplished prayer and study that morning make that list of housework you want done and get right at it!

Most of your duties are probably somewhat routine and repetitious through the week, so make a weekly schedule! Decide what day or days you will clean the bathrooms, wash and iron clothes, do your shopping and other necessary duties. Of course these duties will have to be "planned around" preparing meals and taking care of little children if you have them.

Don't get frustrated if something goes "haywire" — just do the best you can! Make out a schedule that you feel will work and talk it over with your husband. Get his advice. If you don't have a husband ask one of the leading men in God's Church that you know is willing and able to help you. If you still have trouble getting your work done, go to your minister for advice. It is *important* for a woman to be a good housekeeper (Titus 2:5)!

Drive yourself to work hard. There is no substitute for hard work! All the organizing and planning you can do will not succeed unless you are willing to work hard. Nothing worthwhile comes easy.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has to drive himself hard to produce. This great Work is the result of hard work! God blesses those who work hard. He blesses the fruit of their labor. God does help those who help themselves. Proverbs 14:23 is a good one to remember "In all labor there is profit, but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury." So don't just talk about what needs to be done, drive yourself, WORK HARD, get it done!

Strive to be efficient. This means try to save time in everything you do. Figure out the most efficient way to get the job done. Some people work hard but don't really use their minds. Some are not resourceful. If you are working hard and don't seem to be accomplishing much, examine your duties step by step and see if you can figure a way to

get the same job done in less time. This doesn't mean be lazy and figure a way to get out of hard work. Sometimes the only way to get a job done is by determination and sweat. But often, time and energy can be saved for other jobs if you will strive to be efficient.

If you would like many ideas on how to save time, on how to get more done in less time then read a good book on the subject. There are several available. One is, *How to Save an Hour a Day*.

Delegate responsibility and work to others when necessary. Here is a key that top executives and successful businessmen use. They realize they cannot accomplish the job alone. Therefore they have secretaries and assistants to handle a great deal of the work load, allowing them more time to organize, supervise and do the things no one can do for them.

Can you imagine Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong doing the entire Work of God today as they did years ago? It would be impossible! Mr. Armstrong realizes this and has delegated responsibility and work to many others who are willing and able to serve. In this way Mr. Armstrong is still able to get the Work of God done.

How about you? Have your responsibilities increased? Do you seem to have more to do than you can accomplish? Could you husbands possibly let your wives help you more than you do? Remember they were created to be a help. Could you wives give your children responsibility? More around the home? Could your children possibly help you wash dishes, sweep floors, empty garbage, or clean windows? Maybe you have a daughter old enough to help you cook meals and wash and iron clothes. If so, teach her how to do these things properly and let her help you as much as possible! If you have a son old enough, let him help his father by keeping the yard in good shape. With your husband leading and helping, assign all of your children duties around the home once they are old enough to help. A child old enough to play with toys is old enough to learn to put them away! So teach your children responsibility by giving them duties around the home. This will help

them develop character and help you get more done!

So, when necessary let others help you so that you can get more done.

Ask God's blessing on your daily activities each morning in your prayers.

Most of you realize there is no such thing as "luck." Those who believe in being "lucky" or "unlucky" are superstitious! They do not understand there are definite laws which govern success. They do not really believe there is an All Powerful God who is ready, able and willing to bless those who trust and obey Him!

There are seven laws to success. They are given in the booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. A few men have discovered and followed the first six. They either did not know or else ignored the seventh law of success — the need for divine guidance. Here is an example of what happened to some of these men.

In 1923, eight of the world's greatest financiers met in Chicago: The president of the largest independent steel company; the president of the largest gas company; the greatest wheat speculator; the president of the New York Stock Exchange; a member of the President's Cabinet; the greatest bear in

Wall Street; the Head of the world's greatest monopoly; the president of the Bank of International Settlement.

These men were considered by some to be the world's most successful men ... at least they found the secret of making money.

But now . . . 43 years later, where are they?

The president of the largest independent steel company, died a pauper. The last few years of his life he lived on borrowed money. The president of the largest gas company is now insane. The greatest wheat speculator died abroad insolvent. The president of the New York Stock Exchange was released from Sing Sing Prison. The member of the President's Cabinet was pardoned and released from prison so he could die at home. The greatest bear in Wall Street died a suicide. The head of the world's greatest monopoly also died a suicide. And the president of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.

This should help you see the need for DIVINE *guidance* in your own personal life. At the beginning of each day ask God to bless your day of work in His service. Ask God to help you organize your time and use it wisely. He is more willing to give than you are to ask. So ask and you will receive!

A WORLDWIDE WITNESS!

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passed without any noticeable increase in growth. In fact, the mail response dropped when the program was changed to a different time on Radio Luxembourg during late 1962 and 1963.

But the faith of Mr. Armstrong and God's people, both in Britain and America, that God intended that Ephraim receive a MIGHTY WITNESS suddenly was transformed into *sight*. With the advent of commercial broadcasting from radio ships and stations built on old abandoned pilings, *The* WORLD TOMORROW program experienced its first MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH. For the first time, in February, 1965, the people in England could listen *daily* to the broadcast over Radio London. Since that time, *The* WORLD TOMORROW program

has been heard over EIGHT different stations. At the present time, we are still broadcasting over six of these stations. For further details of broadcasting in Britain, review Mr. Raymond McNair's comprehensive article in the January, 1966, issue of *The* Good News entitled "It Happened in Britain."

The English office now sends out 84,000 copies of *The* PLAIN TRUTH magazine to fifty-four different countries with almost 46,000 going to Great Britain alone. This is a fine increase of 46 percent over 1965! The *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* is sent to 4,270 students (3,450 in Great Britain) in 33 different countries. The mail response averaged 12,760 letters a month with over 2,000 of these being

from listeners writing in for the first time.

There are now *twelve* churches and Bible studies in Great Britain with a combined attendance of over 1,300. Of these, approximately 1,000 are baptized members.

The Spanish Department

The first foreign language broadcast was made by the late Dr. Benjamin Rea in January, 1958. In 1959 The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course was translated into the Spanish language. There are over 1,300 now studying the 16 lessons which are available. In addition to this there are also 102 different pieces of literature offered in the Spanish language. Although there is no Spanish edition of The Plain Truth magazine, there are over 3,300 Spanish-speaking people on the mailing list.

The greatest mail response to the Spanish broadcast was during the year of 1963 - prior to Dr. Rea's untimely death — when the monthly average was approximately 200 letters. For the next two years, there was a steady decline in mail response because no new Spanish broadcasts were being made. The only programs being used on the four Spanish language stations in Central and South America have been tapes made by Dr. Rea, all of which are now repeats. In addition to these, however, there are seven stations carrying the current broadcasts of The WORLD To-MORROW program in English into Central and South America.

Things have begun to look more encouraging for the Spanish work. The year of 1966 saw a marked reversal of the downward trend of the previous two years. Mail response climbed back up 120 percent from a near-record low during 1965, so that the monthly average during 1966 was 125 letters. However, December, 1966, saw the all-time monthly record for letters and income broken! The total number of letters received was 300 (U. S. A. — 71, Foreign — 229) breaking the old record of 216!

The Spanish department has a list of 65 people requesting personal visits in Latin America and Spain.

Over the past two years, various ones have done trial tapes in the Spanish language. We are praying that God will guide in the selection of the very best possible speaker to replace the late Dr. Rea as the "voice" of The WORLD Tomorrow program in Spanish. We are hoping that this will be the year for the new series of Spanish broadcasts to begin. It is possible that the time will eventually come when it will be necessary to open an office in Mexico City, Mexico, in order to handle the increased mail response. It is also possible that such an increased response would make it feasible to produce an edition of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine in the Spanish language. Remember the Spanish Work in your prayers that God will open the doors needed to send His witness to these people.

The Australian Work

God has not left the people of Israel living in "the land down under" without a witness. The WORLD TOMORROW program was heard for the first time in Australia in May, 1957. The mail response was so encouraging that it became necessary to open an office in Sydney in late, 1959. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse was chosen as the man to pioneer the work. When Mr. Waterhouse was needed to fulfill another assignment in the foreign work, Mr. C. Wayne Cole was sent to Australia in January, 1960, to direct the rapidly expanding work.

The total PLAIN TRUTH mailing list sent out from our Sydney office now stands at about 65,000. Of these, 28,258 are sent to readers living in Australia. The remainder is sent to 24 other countries! This represents an increase of 45 percent over 1965! There are also almost 5,500 students receiving the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course from our Australian office. During 1966, an average of between 7,000 and 8,000 letters were received each month - an increase of 39 percent over 1965. God has also certainly blessed this phase of His Work financially. This past year, there was an increase of 24 percent over the previous year's very fine total. This enabled the Sydney office to pay for every single expenditure without any assistance from the business office in Pasadena.

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The World Tomorrow program is now being heard over 34 stations, which cover over 90 percent of the entire population of Australia. Plans are under way to place monthly advertisements beginning sometime this year in one of Australia's top magazines, Woman's Weekly. This should cause the mail response to be substantially increased.

There are presently five churches and two regular Bible studies in Australia with a combined attendance of approximately 1,350, of which 929 are baptized members. The attendance at the Feast of Tabernacles in 1966 was 1,659 or an increase of 32 percent over 1965. There is a total staff of 42 serving in Australia, 12 of whom are ordained ministers.

The WORK in Modern Assyria

Under the overall supervision of Dr. Herman Hoeh, the German Work has made fine progress. Die WELT VON MORGAN — The WORLD TOMOR-ROW program in German, began on the first Sunday in 1960 on Radio Luxembourg with Mr. Erhard Klammer, a native-born Prussian and now an Ambassador College graduate at the microphone. It is now heard four times a week on Radio Luxembourg, reaching most of the European nations with a potential listening audience of about 110,000,000 German-speaking people. The mail response is about 1,500 letters per month.

In early summer of 1962, an office was opened in Düsseldorf, Germany, under the direction of another Ambassador College graduate, Mr. Frank Schnee (Preaching Elder), born of German parents who had immigrated to Canada. Since that time, the office staff has increased to five, two of whom are also Ambassador graduates assisting Mr. Schnee — Mr. Gunar Freibergs (Local Elder) and Mr. Ray Crandall. The total staff for the entire German Work is 14 (including those in Pasadena).

The first issue of Die REINE WAHR-

HEIT — the German edition of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine - appeared in August, 1961, with 24 pages and a circulation of about 3,500. Today, it has been increased to 40 pages and is mailed to over 11,500, living in 66 different nations. Approximately 10,000 are sent to European nations with 1,000 copies sent BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, and the remaining 1,500 are sent primarily to the United States, Canada and Mexico. All translating and layout work for the German publications are done in the German department in Pasadena. However, the magazine is printed at the Ambassador College Press in England and then sent to Düsseldorf and Pasadena for distribution.

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course in the German language began in January, 1960, and now has a present enrollment of over 1,000.

At the present time, the German Work is responsible for meeting all the expenses of the Düsseldorf office, the cost of tours made during the year and the cost of printing the German edition of *The* PLAIN TRUTH. There was a very fine increase in income of 33 percent during 1966.

Last year, three new congregations were established in Germany. They were Düsseldorf (40 in attendance), Hamburg (35), Munich (30). In addition to these three, there is the Frankfurt congregation which was established in December 1965. This means that there are 155 German brethren meeting regularly. Each congregation is pastored by Mr. Frank Schnee and meets once each month for all-day services. In the morning, there is a Bible study, after which all the brethren eat a very fine meal together, prepared by the particular hotel in which the services are held. After this, a regular Sabbath preaching service is held in the afternoon, followed by several hours of fellowship and counseling.

Another very encouraging sign of growth has been the increasing number attending the Feast of Tabernacles in England each year. In 1961—1, 1962—2, 1963—36, 1964—58, 1965—96, 1966—118. In addition to this, seven students are now attending Am-

bassador College as a result of hearing the German broadcast.

We can all rejoice in the way God is bringing His end-time warning to the people of modern Assyria.

A Witness to Reuben

The growth of the French Work under the direction of Mr. Dibar Apartian has been no less spectacular. From its embryonic beginning in the late 1950's, the French Work has mushroomed into a very sizable phase of the overall Work of God.

The *first* major project for the French department was the translation of the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*. The first lesson appeared in 1960. There are now almost 1,300 French-speaking people studying the 30 lessons which are currently available.

The door of radio swung open in September, 1960, when *The* WORLD TOMORROW program was heard for the first time in the French language over the Canadian station, CKJL, St. Jerome, Quebec. In April, 1961, the program began over Radio Luxembourg, and the end-time witness to Reuben began in earnest. Currently, there are *nine* stations in Canada, Europe and Central America broadcasting God's truth to a potential population of over 60 million French-speaking people.

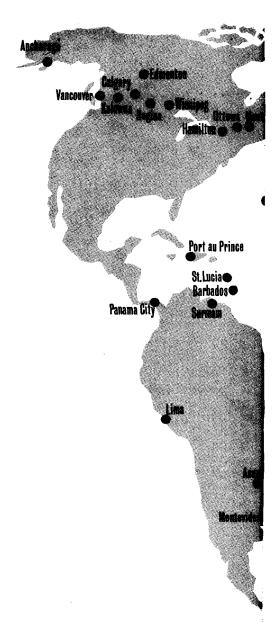
La Pure Verite—The Plain Truth magazine in French—began in June, 1963, with 24 pages and a circulation of 4,000. Today, it has a world subscription of over 13,000 (an increase of 42 percent over 1965). Over half of them are sent to France with the others being sent to 32 other countries!

In September, 1963, an office was opened in Geneva, Switzerland, under the direction of Mr. Colin Wilkins, a graduate of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood. He is ably assisted by Mr. Etienne Bourdin, formerly a businessman in Paris, France, before joining the office staff, and now ordained as a Local Elder. The present office staff consists of four full-time and four parttime employees. However, the complete staff of the entire French Work (including those at the two Ambassador

Colleges in St. Albans and in Pasadena) is 20.

Last year, the French Work received an average of over 1,500 letters each month, with a fine increase of 44 percent in financial income. For several years now, the French Work has been able to pay for *all* of the expenses of the Geneva office.

The big news of 1966 was the establishment of the Paris Church in November with over 90 in attendance. In addition to this new congregation, there is a weekly Bible study held in Geneva, Switzerland (25 in attendance) and also a congregation of approximately 80 in Martinique (West Indies) under the supervision of Mr. Louis Jubert, a Local Elder in God's Church, ordained by Mr. Apartian and



Mr. Ronald Kelly on their baptizing tour during the summer of 1965. This past year, 69 French brethren traveled to the Feast of Tabernacles in England from the Continent, while 103 kept the Feast in Martinique. In all, there are now 170 baptized members living outside the United States.

A Big Work in Canada

Canada first began to hear the GOOD NEWS of *The* WORLD TOMORROW back in the later 1940's over the distant signals of the super-power Mexican stations such as XEG and XELO. However, it was not until September, 1957, that the program was heard over a Canadian station—CKLW (Windsor-Ontario). Now it is being carried by 32 stations (four in

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the French language) spanning the vast stretches from British Columbia on the West to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland on the East. Canada is now receiving a powerful witness.

An office was started in Vancouver, B. C., in February, 1961. After his graduation in June, 1961, Mr. Dean Wilson became the permanent office manager and is also now the District Superintendent of all the churches in Canada. There are presently eight others assisting him in the office.

The total mailing list in Canada is rapidly approaching 30,000 with over 3,000 taking the *Correspondence Course*. The Vancouver office averaged nearly 5,500 letters each month during 1966 (a 26 percent increase over 1965). The income was the greatest of any of our foreign offices and has enabled the Vancouver office to pay for all its expenses as well as ALL THE COST OF *The Plain Truth and the Radio Broadcasting in Canada*. No other area of the foreign work is able

Overall Summary of Foreign Work in 1966

Watts of weekly radio power	19,000,000	(23%)**
Number of radio stations	122	(25%)
The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list	224,349	(26%)
The Ambassador College Bible		
Correspondence Course	23,358	(24%)
Letters Received	439,939	(30%)
Total income	\$2,179,582	(25%)
Churches and Bible Studies	38	(31%)
Combined attendance	5,138	(34%)
Members	3,720	(34%) Est.
Feast of Tabernacles attendance	5,719	(36%)
Ministers and second men	. 50	(39%)
Total foreign staff (not including	The second	
Bricket Wood students)	217	(22%)
Spokesman Clubs	22	(5%)

Percentage of increase over 1965 with the exception of number of radio stations and watts of weekly radio power which includes stations added since the end of 1966.

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to be as *completely* self-supporting. There are plans being made to place monthly advertisements in one of Canada's leading magazines.

There are *nine* churches and *two* Bible studies in Canada with a combined attendance of almost 1,700 which is a remarkable increase of 63 percent over one year ago! Of these, over 1,000 are baptized members of God's Church, being served by *nine* ordained ministers. We can all rejoice for the excellent progress Jesus Christ is granting His Work among our neighbors to the north.

An Outpost in the Orient

God has not left the Orient without a witness. In March, 1956, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's voice was heard for the first time over Radio Taiwan, located on Formosa, bastion of Nationalist Chinese leader, Chiang Kai-shek. Gradually, other stations were added in this area of the world.

The greatest impact, however, has been in the Philippine Islands. The first station to carry *The* WORLD TOMORROW program was DZAG (Manila) in May, 1957. Since that time, the number of stations carrying the truth to the Filipino people has increased to *fourteen* (five of these being added just this past year).

The Manila office was established in July, 1962, by God's globe-girdling Evangelist, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse. He was ably assisted by Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, who was ultimately to be ordained a Local Elder in January, 1963. The pace of the work greatly increased as a result of placing monthly advertisements in the *Philippines Free Press* beginning in May, 1962. In February, 1963, Mr. Guy Ames was sent to assist Mr. Waterhouse. In September, 1965, Mr. Arthur Docken was transferred from his duties in Pasadena to replace Mr. Ames as office manager.

The growth of the mailing list of *The* PLAIN TRUTH magazine has been nothing short of phenomenal. From only a few hundred in the early part of 1962, it *mushroomed* to over 57,000 by August, 1966. However, as the result of a renewal letter sent out last fall, the number fell to less than

27,000 for September. The reason for this sharp drop is that many of the people requesting the magazine do so for reasons other than genuinc interest in learning God's truth. Many are practically illiterate and are attracted to anything that is *free*. Periodic renewal letters are sent out for the purpose of eliminating such "dead weight." The rapid growth of new subscribers has, however, continued, so that the mailing list has climbed back up to 40,500 by the end of 1966. Over 5,200 are taking the *Correspondence Course*.

Last year, the Manila office averaged almost 5,700 letters each month, which was a tremendous increase of over 72 percent over 1965! Though the financial income is quite small, there was nevertheless an increase of over 33 percent!

The Manila congregation is now averaging over 160 - an increase of over 80 percent compared to this time one year ago. Last year, 198 attended the Feast of Tabernacles held in Manila. There are presently 282 baptized members in the Philippine Islands — 102 of whom were baptized in 1966. How wonderful it is to realize that God is not a respecter of persons — that race is no barrier to conversion. Through these faithful few now being converted in the Philippine Islands, God will ultimately bring all the Orient to the knowledge of His truth in the WORLD TOMORROW.

Our Office in South Africa

It was back in June, 1955, that the witness to those living in the south-eastern portion of Africa began over Radio Lourenço Marques, located in Portuguese Mozambique. In addition to this, there are now *four* other stations reaching other parts of Africa with a potential listening audience of about 175 million.

In February, 1964, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse was once again called upon—this time to establish a new office in Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa. Since that time, Mr. Ernest Williams, who came to Ambassador College from Johannesburg, returned after graduation to his native land and is now the office manager. He is assisted by a total

staff of seven (two of whom are Local Elders).

The total mailing list in South Africa is nearing 9,000 with over 800 taking the Correspondence Course. Rhodesia, the neighbor to the north, receives 2,800 copies. The office received an average of over 2,500 letters each month last year (a gigantic increase of over 132 percent) and an increase in income of 98 percent! Most of this growth is the result of the advertisements appearing monthly in Personality magazine. There is very little response to the broadcast over Radio Lourenço Marques in South Africa, because of the very weak signal and poor reception

There are two Churches in South Africa — one in Johannesburg and the other in Durban, Natal. The combined attendance is approximately 280 with 170 being baptized members. This past year, 348 attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Scottburgh, Natal for a 33 percent increase over 1965.

The Fantastic Future

Fourteen years ago, the Work of God began to fufill its worldwide commission. The progress since that time has been most remarkable. However, the really BIG WORK lies just ahead of us. Mr. Armstrong has already stated that God's Work must accomplish more in the next TWO YEARS than in all the preceding 33 years! This most certainly involves the entirety of God's Work AROUND THE WORLD.

This world is *destined* to absolutely SHAKE THIS ENTIRE EARTH! Jesus Christ's prophecy concerning the endtime work of His Church WILL BE COMPLETED!

We have been called — each one of us individually — to have a part in fulfilling this worldwide commission. A true mark of a member of the PHILADELPHIAN Church is one who has caught the vision of the worldwide dimensions of the "OPEN DOOR" which Christ has set before us and is fervently praying for its success. This is OUR RESPONSIBILITY. Your prayers do make a difference. Your concern does count. Multiple millions are waiting on us. WE MUST NOT FAIL!

Do You REALLY Repent?

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cused Him of hatred and murder!

When they began to pay the penalty for disobedience, they saw their tremendous mistake and admitted their sins. "We have sinned against the Lord" (Deut. 1:41).

The Israelites Never Learned

That statement seems to prove that the people had learned their lesson. But they hadn't. They were sorry for the difficulties they'd gotten themselves into, but it wasn't repentance!

Notice the *rest* of the sad story. God commanded through His servant, Moses: "Go NOT up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest you be smitten before your enemies. So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord and went presumptuously up into the hill" (Deut. 1:42, 43).

They hadn't really repented. It wasn't firmly fixed in their minds that God knew best — that His every desire was for their good.

So great was their misunderstanding of God that Hc inspired the prophets to record it as a perpetual reminder of them. "Thus saith the Eternal, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I AM the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth you by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to MY commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea" (Isa. 48:17-18).

Look at the *intense* desire God had. He wanted to *GIVE* the people of Israel *every good thing*.

But did they believe this? By their words and actions they showed they regarded Him as some harsh, cruel, vindictive, restrictive Being who did things out of avarice and selfish desire.

There was no vivid concept in their minds of a great and magnificent Being who wanted their peace to be like a river. They had no consciousness of a Being who revealed His laws to them for their good — not His. They clearly demonstrated a total lack of understanding.

You Must Understand God

God had called them out so that He could bless them in the most fantastic way. But so distorted was their picture of this awesome, merciful, compassionate, loving Being that they claimed His very acts of love and power were done out of malice.

What was the big difference between David and the Israelites at the time of Moses? The answer is quite plain!

"... and Nathan said unto David, The Eternal also hath put away thy sin, THOU SHALT NOT DIE" (II Sam. 12:13). Death was the penalty David should have paid, but God accepted his repentance. But to the Israelites, God said, "And ye returned and WEPT before the Eternal; but the Eternal would not hearken to your voice nor give ear unto you" (Deut. 1:45).

David had a right attitude toward God. His remorse was a *Godly sorrow*. He realized his sinning was an expression of disrespect and hatred toward his Creator.

He realized the tremendous opportunity and responsibility God had given him. His GREAT desire was to re-establish a right contact with God so he could serve God in THE JOB he had been given.

Notice his prayer: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then WILL I TEACH TRANSGRESSORS THY WAYS; and sinners SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE!" (Ps. 51:12-13.)

David wanted forgiveness so he could serve God. The Israelites wanted to serve themselves!

What About Us?

In far too many cases, we don't even have the type of worldly repentance that brings about a physical change. Not to mention the establishing of a right relationship with God!

We're quite content to pay the penalty for our own physical sins. We over eat — knowingly. We're willing to pay the penalty of looking ridiculously like a balloon. We are content to pay

the penalty in colds and other types of sicknesses. We never consider that our body is God's temple through which He is doing His Work (I Cor. 3:15-16).

We may *mentally* admit that what God does is for our good, and we acknowledge that we are freed from the superstition of modern "Christianity." We're grateful for this knowledge and *know* God gives us many blessings.

But do we realize, and this is MOST IMPORTANT, what we do when we sin even on *supposedly minor* points—these *small* sins we laugh at?

Do you ever consider the MONU-MENTAL disrespect you are showing to your Creator with such a sloppy attitude toward His revealed knowledge.

Surely you must realize God gave this knowledge that you be a *witness* to the rest of the world. "You are MY witnesses... and MY servant whom I have chosen..." (Isa. 43:10).

Do you realize that to disregard God's instruction—laws given FOR YOUR GOOD—shows UTTER CONTEMPT to this great and magnificent Being we worship?

Have no doubts! When you sin, you show the ULTIMATE SCORN for the great and fantastic gifts given to you by One who sits at the controls of the universe. How horrible is the sin that we commit against God—NOT AGAINST MAN — AGAINST GOD!!!

When we sin, we show an UNBE-LIEVABLE CALLOUSNESS toward the great gifts of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice. This is when we *continue* to sin!

Don't say to yourself these sins don't hurt God.

God's GREAT desire is to share. He is a giving God. His greatest joy would be to share with us His power, His magnificent glory, His eternity. He wants to give us equality with Him. This is ALL that He can do. He can't create something greater than Himself.

When we sin, we deny Him this great privilege of GIVING. We thumb our nose at Him.

What TREMENDOUS INGRATITUDE we express toward God when we sin!

Job Saw God and Repented

Job finally came to real repentance.

He thought God was being unfair to him. But one day he finally had his eyes opened to this awesome, wonderful, all-powerful, merciful and loving God. When he saw Him as he should, notice CAREFULLY what happened—your eternal life could depend on it!

Job recognized God's power. He said: "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not..." (Job 42:2-3).

Job had a knowledge of God's plan. He was in much the same circumstances as many of us. He was able to articulate the words and repeat as a child does by rote the basic doctrines. But when it came to the *real* meaning of the awesome proportions, the grandeur of God and His plan, he said he spoke things that he *really didn't understand*.

Then he went on to say — when he realized the magnitude of the God that gave him understanding, the light finally dawned upon him — "Hear, I beseech you, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but NOW MINE EYE SEETH THEE" (Job 42:4-5).

What did he mean when he said: "Now mine eye seeth thee"?

The eye is the means by which the world around is revealed to us. In the same way, spiritually, the illuminating of the mind comes when we come to understand God.

So Christ said, "If therefore thine eye be single [in a right attitude toward God and on Him and all of His power and greatness], thy whole body shall be *full of light*. But if thine eye be evil [in a wrong attitude toward God], thy whole body shall be full of darkness..." (Mat. 6:22-23).

Why Job Abhorred Himself

Now we can understand what Job meant. He said he had uttered things too wonderful, things beyond his ability to comprehend. He talked about them even as we do.

He knew God's plan. He had knowl-

edge of a resurrection and a change into immortality (Job 14:14-15). He knew there was a Savior and that he was going to be a spirit being (Job 19:25-26).

But, when he came to real understanding of this GREAT BEING—this Eternal Creator, who is above all and over all and whose great mercy, power and magnificence is so clearly evident in His creation—WHEN he *finally* saw THIS GOD, he said, "Wherefore [because of this great God] I ABHOR myself, and repent in dust and ashes!" (Job 42:6.)

Here was no surface, shallow, self-seeking, self-pitying type of repentance. Here was the kind of repentance God was looking for.

When he finally got things in their proper perspective, he couldn't *help* but *abhor* himself by comparison!

Let's ask ourselves: Has our abhorrence been like Job's because of God and our wrong relationship toward Him? Has our sin so overwhelmed us because we have seen how we have been in a callous disregard and disrespect toward God?

Consider that God has called us to represent Him and His Work. Do we hate our sins because they have kept us from doing this *God-given* opportunity and responsibility?

Perhaps the point could be illustrated by a true story. A man commissioned by Ambassador College for architectural work was invited to Pasadena. He and his wife were shown unusual courtesy and considerations far beyond what is normal in the world. He didn't expect it. He knew he didn't deserve it. But he saw and realized that the unusual attention given to him was unlike anything he'd ever experienced before.

It made him feel he would just *bate* to disappoint those who had given him such *undeserved* kindness.

He didn't want to disappoint humans who had shown him such consideration. How much more should we hate to disappoint God in the job He's given us.

The Sorrow of Death

Paul also spoke of a *totally* futile repentance. He said there is a remorse that is utterly worthless in God's eyes! Read it in your own Bible: "The sor-

row of the world worketh *death!*" (II Cor. 7:10.)

Paul had written a letter of correction to the people in Corinth. But he had found a point of rejoicing because of the effect of his letter. He commended them because they had the RIGHT KIND OF REPENTANCE.

He said, "Now I rejoice, that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a GODLY MANNER... For godly sorrow worketh repentance to SALVATION NOT TO BE REPENTED OF."

You don't have to go through the same process time after time. If you've repented once according to God's way — that's enough (II Cor. 7:9-10).

How could Paul tell their repentance was real? Because of what it produced! There was no question about it.

NOTICE: "For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a GODLY sort," — here's what it produced — "what carefulness [careful self-examination] it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves [change now], yea, what indignation, yea, what fear [alarm], yea, what vehement desire [to change and be cleared before God], yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! [grabbing the initiative to change]..." (II Cor. 7:11).

Here was the fantastic difference. There were tangible, concrete results and it was CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THEIR

They had a right attitude toward God. They didn't want to dishonor their Creator and be guilty of scorning the great sacrifice in the gift of His Son. They were *broken up* over what they had done.

Learn this lesson of Godly repentance, Brethren. Apply it in your lives TODAY — before it's too late. Don't be among those who will be weeping and gnashing their teeth in tearful selfpity, full of worldly repentance as Christ rejects them from His Kingdom. Repent in a Godly way and you'll be able to say with the same feeling David did, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (Ps. 103:10-11).