Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.
Late News

Telegram . . .

Hattiesburg, Mississippi—First Church of Hattiesburg burned January 16. Loss, including contents, is tremendous. Pray for the pastor, Rev. M. L. Turney, and people as they endeavor to rebuild.—Otto Stucki, District Superintendent.

Dr. C. W. Butler, of 13214 Monte Vista, Detroit, 58, Michigan, writes to thank the officials and members of the Church of the Nazarene who prayed for him while he was so seriously ill in the hospital. He states, "I am home from the hospital and improving very rapidly. I thank you all for your prayers and the many expressions of interest received."

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Special Notice

Rev. Crawford T. Vanderpool has resigned as district superintendent of the South Dakota District to accept the pastorate of the First Church of the Nazarene in Spokane, Washington. After conference with the Board of General Superintendents, I am announcing the appointment of Rev. Albert O. Loeb, of Noblesville, Indiana, as superintendent of the South Dakota District. He will assume duties February 1.

D. I. VANDERPOOL
General Superintendent

Make of Me

A Light to Shine

By ANNA M. GILLELAND

Lord, give me wisdom of the Word, That I may serve aright; That I may lead wayfaring men From darkness into light;

That I may circumspectly walk As Thou wilt have me do, And, as a soldier of the Cross, Be faithful, brave, and true.

Make of me a light to shine With ever-steady flame, A herald of salvation In Thy great and holy name.

Privileges for Christ

By EVA V. BEETS

"Your malady is largely the result of the unusual problems inflicted upon you throughout life," a doctor explained to the woman sitting hunched in the big armchair facing him.

And in pondering the diagnosis of the great physician concerning my friend I wondered why some are called on to face such bizarre, even barbarous treatment as to impair health while others, much more deserving to meet penalty, go unpunished.

But we should take heart from the wisdom of the Scriptures, which explain that it is through hazardous persecutions that we sometimes learn to draw nearer unto the Lord, seeing Him as our Captain all dressed in the scarlet robe which was transfigured on the mountaintop—glistening, shining exceedingly, white as snow.

It is a privilege indeed to become one peculiar, set apart to suffer for Christ's sake, for it is through dire adversities that God's children learn to lean upon His everlasting arms completely. Sufferings and tribulations are the lights, many times, which cast the beams of mercy into a weary heart, bringing such a glow of God's face one could hardly ignore the enormity of His power. A power so great one can believe, let come what may, that the dawn of each day is just another opportunity to shout praise from the housetops for the romance of His great love!

So let us thank God for the peculiar one, as the world may judge, who proclaims boldly as did St. Paul, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed: we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." (II Corinthians 4:8-10).

For in so doing one can be willing and confident in this waiting to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
The Importance of Family Life

The real character of a nation is revealed in its family life. Not in its material wealth nor in its scientific achievements, but the secret of a country's greatness is found in the right home atmosphere of the common people.

One French philosopher declared: "Show me a happy and contented fireside, and I will show you the heart of a great nation."

British and Americans profess to abhor communism, but in their developing attitude to family life they are approaching nearer than they realize to the goal aimed at by Marxist ideologists. The Communist Manifesto pours scorn upon what it calls "the bourgeois claptrap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child." It bluntly states: "We replace home education by social." Thus, as Elton and Pauline Trueblood have pointed out, "The breakup of the family is not incidental, but central to official Communist ideology. This was one of the ideas on which Lenin insisted most strongly."

The greatest tragedy in Britain and America in recent years is the breakdown of home life. John Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI in the U.S.A. Department of Justice, has proved that 75 per cent of America's millions of listed criminals have come from broken homes. The same is true, pro rata, in Britain.

What is probably the biggest heartache of all is the state of affairs in many so-called Christian homes today. Gone are the spirit and standards which characterized the family life of our godly forefathers.

It may well be that the great revival for which we are longing will come only when, first of all, Christians put their own houses in order.

We spend but a few hours per week in the sanctuary; much of our time in this television age is spent behind closed doors.

God attached great importance to the home life of His people in Israel, and He gave specific commands concerning the setup of their dwellings.

Referring to Abraham—the man He called "my friend"—God said, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19).

In every Christian home should be found the treasures of the family altar, a spiritual library, and well-instructed children. Dr. John G. Paton, famous missionary to the New Hebrides, paid this compliment to his boyhood home: "No hurry for market, no rush for business, no arrival of friends or guests, no trouble or sorrow, no joy or excitement, ever prevented us from kneeling around the family altar, while our high priest offered himself and his children to God."

If all our Nazarene laity and ministers resolved at any cost to build and maintain the family altar, then many of our teen-age problems would be resolved.

Even the best-planned instruction of the Sunday school is no efficient substitute for a revival of family prayer and Bible reading. If in every Christian home there were the sight of parents and children gathered daily for worship, before the strain and rush of business and school came bearing in upon them, then we should see the sowing of a glorious harvest for the kingdom of our God.

Oh, happy home whose little ones are given
Early to Thee in humble faith and prayer—
To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of heaven
Guides them, and guards with more than mother's care!

Oh, happy home where Thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full and free!
Oh, happy home where every wounded spirit
Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee!
The parable of the rich fool, narrated by Jesus, is one of the best lessons on stewardship to be found in the Word of God. As the spirit and attitude of this man are pointed out by Jesus, we may profit by heeding the instruction of the Master. Let us notice some of the principles involved as underscored by the Lord:

I. Greediness Knows No Boundary
The lack of stewardship, concerning the present and future of our lives, creates the spirit of greed. Greed is human nature reaching, which is never satisfied. There is always a continual process of “pulling down barns to build greater.” In spite of plenty, there is the desire for more.

Without stewardship, the human nature looks at life as a “grab bag” and reaches constantly with both hands. This craving desire seeks satisfaction even if it invades the rights and possessions of others. Living without a sense of stewardship gradually advances into the avenues of a habitual greedy attitude. There appears that inner feeling of “What shall I do, . . . This will I do . . .” (Luke 12:17-18).

The unlimited reach of greediness survives only with the absence of stewardship. Jesus warns that unfaithfulness in stewardship advances until the human heart is filled with greed and ingratitude. This creates selfishness, the major enemy of spirituality.

II. Selfishness Knows No Partner
The absence of stewardship generates selfishness. Selfishness is human nature hoarding. This spirit is revealed in the expression, “Get all you can, then can all that you get.” People who are not faithful stewards generally are in bondage to “self.” Self has caused the downfall of mankind down through the historical records of God’s Word. Selfishness opposes godliness because God is left out of the plans of this type of individual.

Jesus pointed out the attitude of the rich fool in the phrases, “And he thought within himself, . . . And I will say to my soul, . . .” (Luke 12:17-19). The repeated use of the personal pronouns leaves out any partner. Selfishness refuses to share or contribute to anything outside of personal interests. People who feel that they cannot tithe their income generally exhibit traits of selfishness. Too often self-centered individuals are interested in dividends more than investments. Therefore the individual that does not tithe seldom gives very liberally on other occasions.

This nature is monopolized by individualism which lives within a small world dominated by “me, myself, and I.” Therefore selfishness makes no allowance for stewardship. Neither God nor His kingdom is adequately considered in the plans of such an individual. This is the reason that selfishness mars godliness. It is evident that a person who is not liberal toward God very seldom enjoys the freedom of spirit and blessings. A person living for himself never properly lives for God.

III. Stewardship Endorses Prosperity
This is the fact that most people overlook. The enemy endeavors to make people believe that poverty characterizes Christian living. This is a deceitful definition of Christianity.

Stewardship is the human heart investing. Only the person that is sanctified wholly and enjoying the experience of heart holiness knows how to give properly. Christian living encourages wholesome ambitions and plans. The will of God allows no place for slothfulness or idleness. A Christian, who is living according to the will of God, compliments Christianity by seeking the best that he can afford.

Christian stewardship is the deciding factor of Christian prosperity. The ability to be content, serving as a steward rather than an owner, creates the proper attitude toward material possessions. Paul instructed Timothy, “Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy” (I Timothy 6:17).

A prosperous man cannot be determined right­fully by his possessions. Jesus verified this fact when He warned, “Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” (Luke 12:15). Some of the poorest of people in...
the world are wealthy. Their sense of values has been deceived.

Genuine prosperity is determined by one's attitude toward God. Greed and selfishness exclude the divine providence of God. The prosperity of an individual must be measured in the light of eternity. The rich fool's prosperity resulted from "the ground . . . brought forth plentifully" (Luke 12:16), but his failure came about as a lack of stewardship. His investments were made in this life and not in eternity. He lived for himself and cared not for the needs of others. He was "all wrapped up" in himself, which makes a very small package indeed!

Thus heart holiness is the only cure for greed and selfishness. This glorious experience comes only as a result of a full consecration which creates Christian stewardship. Genuine stewardship is determined by one's feeling of contentment as a faithful steward. The Apostle Paul testifies, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). He also reveals the true meaning of prosperity to Timothy when he admonishes, "... perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 6:5-6).

Christian prosperity must include an investment in eternity. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:18).

Christian stewardship endorses prosperity as long as the prosperous people "... do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (I Timothy 6:18-19).

Profit

and

Loss

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

Christ values the soul of man more highly than He does the whole world. The soul is invaluable; its value cannot be estimated.

What is the value of the soul? Probably the best way to estimate its value is to estimate the cost. It cost God His only Son; it cost Christ His life.

Christ lived thirty-three years here on earth, teaching and living the only good life. He healed the leper; He made the lame to walk; He made the blind to see. He endured Gethsemane, the punishment of the Jews, and even the agony of the Cross. Think of His broken heart as He said, "Father, forgive them." Think of the burden of the Cross—the excruciating pain. It is almost impossible to fathom the hurt, the pain, the agony He bore. Yet, what is man's soul worth? What shall it profit a man to gain the world?

God would never have permitted Christ to die for man's soul were that soul not invaluable. Yes, man's redemption is the most costly business transaction ever made.

Man may gain the world and have absolutely nothing. Alexander the Great died at the age of thirty-three lamenting the fact there were no more worlds to conquer. The wealth of this world, the power, the glory, the fame are nothing in comparison with a man's soul.

Profit is defined as valuable results, gain, benefit, advantage, the excess of returns over costs in a transaction. What can man lose? He loses nothing except his sins when he accepts Christ. His profit is limitless when he surrenders his life to Christ. Christ has paid the debt. Man has deposited no capital. All is gain when man invests his very small capital stock in the charge of Christ. His reward? Eternal life.

What can a man lose? Why, his soul. Does this stand to reason? In the business world a loss is an unintentional parting with something of value—the act of failing to win. When man fails to accept Christ, he fails to win. He loses his soul—something of unlimited value. The loss is irreparable. Nothing can replace it, for the soul is made to live eternally, and it may be lost eternally.

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Won't you think seriously about it?
When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things (1 Corinthians 13:11).

We do not expect much of small children in the way of hard work. But we look forward to the time when they can take their place in the work of the home or field. A mother does not love her babe any less because it cannot sweep the floor or wash the dishes, but she would be heart sick if after many years he were still a helpless infant.

Hardly less disappointing are the children that grow normally but show no inclination to share their parents' toil. Imagine a young fellow home from college. His elder brother is helping in the hayfield but he idles away the days in the hammock. His father asks him to come out to help too, but he says, "O Dad, I get such a headache in the hot sun, and my hands get all blistered—it leaves me half sick. I'd like to help you, but I just can't." Dad turns away sadly with the remark that that son will no doubt be able to make it to the dinner table.

Spiritually speaking, new converts are babes. Not too much is to be expected of them. It would be surprising if they had the same skill in the ministry of the Word and in prayer as older and more mature Christians. God does not love them any less because they cannot carry a full load, but surely He does not want them to remain babies all their lives. The hope is that in time they will take their place in the ranks of those who are building the Kingdom.

But many never seem to grow up. They play at religion but shirk its hard tasks. Even in the New Testament the writer of Hebrews mourns that, considering the time, his people should have become teachers, but sad to say, it was necessary to teach them the first principles all over again. They were become such as had need of milk and could not take meat. They that use milk, he says, are babes and unskilful in the way of righteousness. One important mark of maturity is the ability to take solid food.

Another mark of maturity is the ability and willingness to do work. But how hard it is to get some Christians to help! They don't want to teach a class; somebody else could do it better, they say. They just can't help visit and do calling; it scares them! The same with personal work. They do not have time to pray or read the Bible. They are able to get to meals like the young man mentioned above, but they don't like the hot sun. They like to hear good preaching that will bless them with no effort on their part, but they feel no urge to pray and hold up the preacher, much less to endure the pangs of travail that will bring forth spiritual children.

Of all the work that is open to us, praying is the most important. Everything depends on this. Trying to do the Lord's work without praying is like building a house for a man without consulting his plans or wishes. It will never be satisfactory to him. But real praying is hard work. Not many babes in Christ are effective at it. We do not expect it; but as years go by and they still avoid the place of prayer, we can but wonder, Is there something wrong with them—or are they just plain lazy?

God has invited us to pray. He urges us to pray. He has encouraged us to expect answers to our prayers. The whole spiritual program is at a standstill if we fail to pray. God does not give if we do not request. We ought always to pray and not to faint. We ought to pray for the ministry and the missionaries; for our neighbors and friends; for our homes, our children, and our relatives; for our nation and rulers; and for the kingdom of God across the world from one end to the other. We ought to pray for the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of the converted. We ought to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit on every service, the inspiration and unction of God on the messengers, and the joy of the Lord on His children. And much more, we should pray for the healing of the body, the preservation of the children of God, and victory in every test. Shall we be children or men?

When parents are weak and sickly, perhaps from anemia or starvation, the children may either be born dead or too weak to nurse, and soon die. The prospects for the child are encouraging if he comes...
into the world with a lusty cry. If Christians are wasted away with spiritual anemia or malnutrition, is it any wonder that many of their converts are so nearly stillborn? Too often we see souls come to the altar with too little conviction, profess uncertainly, and backslide before they get home. Surely, if we as spiritual parents are in good health, well prayed up and well fed on the strong meat of the Word, and exercised unto godliness, we could bring our spiritual children into the world with a vigorous cry.

Many are the needs of the Kingdom, and all dependent on prayer. We need to pray for souls far and near; for revivals; for personal victory; for souls in other lands suffering a great fight of affliction, exposed to sword and flame as well as prison and torture. Can we be indifferent to their cries? Can we sit idly by like children, deaf to the urgent call to plead their cause? If we were in their case, how earnestly we would pray, and how amazed we would be that Christians in other lands did not raise a mighty chorus of prayer for our deliverance! Let the time suffice us that we have been children; let us become men and put away childish things!

What the Beer Ads Never Mention!

On a rainy night a few short weeks ago my husband and I came upon the scene of an accident which had occurred only moments before. Since I am a registered nurse, we stopped to see if we might be of any help. A semi-truck driver, hauling 40,000 pounds of freight, had gone onto the shoulder (applying the brakes so hard the right front wheel had snapped off) to avoid hitting a car which had careened out of control to the wrong side of the road. The left-hand corner of the car took the impact, and from the appearance of the car when I approached it, only a miracle would have left anyone in it alive. There had been three young men in the car. One lay outside the car in the mud, his pulse barely discernible. Another sat twisted in the front seat, blood streaming down his face and clothes. The third, the driver, had been pushed into the back seat by the impact of the vehicles, and just one glance at his gray face and motionless, broken body was enough to tell that he was beyond the help of man.

Why do I tell you this? It isn’t a pretty picture, but it is one that my husband and I have indelibly engraved on our minds. When we see the pretty young girls and handsome young men on the beer billboards and television commercials, this picture replaces it. For the odor of beer was strong in that ruined car, and on the floor in the front was a partially filled carton of beer. And nowhere was there any evidence of that “life” the advertisers so insistently claim is a component part of their product!

Christmas was a very sad one for one young man’s family. Another was at home with his jaws wired together, his arm in a sling, and fresh scars on his face. The third was still in the hospital, and will need to use crutches for some time after he is discharged. An isolated accident? Hardly! You have only to speak to any auto insurance agent or state trooper to get the statistics on how many lives are taken each year by drinking drivers. Yet beer ads assure the public that this is the way to really live.—From a letter to the editor.
"Thou shalt not steal"?
"Thou shalt not kill"?

NO! but "Thou shalt love"!

John, in his First Epistle (I John 2:7-8), writes that love may seem to be a new commandment; but actually love is an old commandment. The great law of life is love and Moses, centuries before, set forth love as comprehending all law. Christ, however, has given to love a new standard. His followers were to love one another as He had loved them.

Today we need this "new" commandment in the statute books of our souls. It needs to be chiseled on the pillars of our spiritual hearts. "... believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another" (I John 3:23). This is His commandment, that we should love Him—and love others. "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (I John 3:11). There is nothing new about it. It has been present from the very beginning. The newness is the commandment for it, and the example of it by our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Christianity, in our churches today, seems to imply and stress this law but only to a degree and half-measure. One group has gone to the extreme on the second half of the commandment—"Love others." All that the commandment means to them is the social side of Christian living—social welfare, social work in slum clearance, care for the aged, needy, and orphans. This is heart-warming, satisfying, and challenging. This love, though, is love without the experience of heart love given by Christ. The other group, more in holiness circles, takes the first half of the commandment and places the emphasis on the "love of Jesus," where seemingly love means only to give proof by word of mouth. The love of Christ is expressed in testimony meetings by word or perhaps in worship services in song. This is elevating, lifting, and thrilling, but it lacks the necessary second aspect of the commandment.

One, however, is as important as the other. They are inseparable. They go hand in hand. A praise service is effective only when the testimony is backed with love which has been expressed to fellow men. Likewise, the expression of love to fellow men in the form of physical help and material giving without the loving heart of Christ cuts the commandment short. To stress either one—the love of Christ or the love of one another—is not the finale nor the conclusion. John places equal emphasis upon the two. Now this is the "new" commandment: love Jesus—love one another.

The test then for the Christian is not only to have a confession of the presence of Christ in the
heart, but also the expression of His love to others. Testifying of Christ’s presence, yet lacking the heart of patience, gentleness, kindness, understanding, sympathy, and humility nullifies the first confession. Without the two, we fail. Christians must reveal the two as one.

A “new” commandment I give? No, it is an old one with a new emphasis.

NAZARENE SKY WATCH

World Day of Prayer! What a challenge to us Nazarenes in this first year of the second fifty years. Comparatively speaking, only a few remain who remember the organization of the church at Pilot Point a little over fifty years ago.

Most of you who will read this are second or third generation Nazarenes; some, perhaps, are of the fourth generation. But wherever we find ourselves in the Nazarene ranks—pioneer or fourth generation—we all know and acknowledge both the importance and the necessity of prayer.

Will World Day of Prayer be a day of prayer in name only, or will it be a day of waiting before God? Could we just for twenty-four hours lay aside other perfectly legitimate things to pray? Is there anything to hinder every one of the 4,587 Nazarene churches from joining in an all-night of prayer on Thursday night preceding World Day of Prayer?

All of us need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit—as churches and as individuals. The history of revivals tells of nights of prayer and days of fasting. Not even these works in themselves would precipitate an outpouring of God’s Spirit, but prayer with fasting would help us to turn aside to see God work and hear Him speak. Someone has said: “Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness.” God is not reluctant to fan and rekindle revival fires and pour out His Spirit—He is waiting to co-operate; He is longing for us to lay hold of His willingness to “do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.” Have we really asked for a revival? Real asking includes a real commitment to pay any price demanded: confession, humbling ourselves, turning from unprofitable, if not harmful, pursuits, forsaking both outward and inward worldliness and materialism; in short, a complete and full abandonment to God and His will which finds its expression in utmost obedience in word and in deed.

"Lovest Thou Me More than These?"

By LOUISE R. CHAPMAN
General N.F.M.S. President

Our days are full of things to be done, dishes to wash, houses to keep, children to raise, living to be earned. All these are legitimate, lawful, right things. We live in a fast-moving world. To accomplish our tasks we must keep pace.

Jesus said unto him, "Simon, . . . loveth thou me more than these?" In all our doings we must keep Christ first. If we are too busy to pray, we are just too busy. Is any work in life more important than prayer? To live holy lives, we must make room for prayer. To be soul winners, much prayer must be used in our programs.

“What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” What is he profited if he gain the whole world and lose his children, his friends, his privilege of bringing heathen to the foot of the cross of Christ?

February 13 is World Day of Prayer. Many great things should be accomplished during these hours of intercession. Let us lay our plans carefully, so that every Nazarene may exercise his privilege of bringing before the Master the needs of the world. February 13, 1959, could be the turning point in the lives of men and of nations, if God’s people who are called by God’s name humble themselves and pray and seek His face. Thank God forever! If we love Him more than these, we will make time for prayer on February 13.

Is this the cry of your heart? Join in prayer on Thursday night. Gather in your church, or if it is not possible to meet in your church, gather in a home; if not in a group, pray individually. Let’s be a Nazarene sky watch. The promise is ours: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (II Chronicles 7:14).

—MARY SCOTT
General N.F.M.S. Secretary

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A Nazarene Layman Speaks...

(Sent in by Pastor W. B. Walker, of
First Church, Ravenna, Ohio)

I was wonderfully converted under the anointed preaching of a holiness evangelist. Some time later, I was gloriously sanctified wholly by the fiery baptism with the Holy Ghost. Shortly after I was converted, I united with the Church of the Nazarene. It has now been more than twenty-five years since I took the church vows. I cannot say that I have been a flaming example for others to follow, but I have tried to be faithful to my church vows, loyal to my own soul, and obedient to my Lord. I have made mental mistakes because I did not know any better at the time, but I have been wonderfully kept by the power of the Lord.

Through these years I have earnestly striven to develop my spiritual life through prayer, the reading of the Bible, church attendance, rendering service for others, and helping support the church. I tithe my income, give special offerings, and give two hours each week to visitation work for God and the church. I consider the time I spend in visitation work the most compensating service that I render. What a thrill to see souls pray through in their homes, and at the altar of the church, that I have had some influence on with my testimony!

When the Lord regenerated my soul, He put within my heart a compassion for the bleeding and suffering multitudes of earth. Within three hours after I was converted, we had our first prayer service around the altar of our home. During this prayer the Lord broke up my heart until I wept for my lost loved ones and my friends. I try in my weak way to co-operate with my pastor by praying for him, listening to him preach twice on the Sabbath, and I never criticize him, or pick him to pieces over the dinner table.

I try to look for the good in people rather than to find faults in them. My prayer has been through the years, “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.” The blessed Spirit has given me a spirit of forgiveness. I never carry a grudge against others—I pray for them. I feel a deep sense of loyalty to my Christ and His Church. I never run off to other services and absent myself from our own beloved church. I have never thought it was right to take Nazarene money and give it to outside causes. There are many causes outside of our own church that are worthy, but I never feel clear to take money from our own church and support them, and leave our church to fight its own financial battles.

Yes, I attend all the services of my own church. I teach a Sunday school class, which is a great privilege and honor, but I never go home after the Sunday school sessions. I feel that I need to hear the proclamation of the Word through anointed lips. I feel that my example means too much to others to leave the Sunday school and neglect the preached Word.

I am interested in every phase of the work of the church—missions, the Sunday school, the young people, the juniors, the work of the district, the general church, the colleges, the seminary, the worn-out preachers, and the work of home missions. I love the doctrines of the church, and do not believe they need altering to fit this age. I deeply appreciate the general leadership of our church. I never criticize them; I feel that they are human and need our co-operation and prayers.

I love my Lord, and as the years pass I am growing in appreciation for the kindnesses, the favors, the privileges, and the opportunities. I note a deepening of appreciation for the little things of life. I am praying to be kept sweet as the sun is lowering in the west. I am determined to keep true to my blessed Lord, faithful to His Church, loyal to my own soul, and to retain a compassionate heart toward the lost around me.
## WINNERS for 1958

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| Rev. R. P. Ireland   |           |              |            |
| District Superintendent: |      |              |            |
| Rev. R. B. Acheson   |           |              |            |

| Group 3—Northwestern Illinois | 1,568 | 1,894 | 121 |
|                               |       |       |     |
| Campaign Manager:             |       |       |     |
| Roger A. Flemming             |       |       |     |
| District Superintendent:      |       |       |     |
| Rev. Lyle E. Eckley           |       |       |     |

| Group 4—Minnesota            | 893    | 1,212 | 136 |
|                              |        |       |     |
| Campaign Manager:            |        |       |     |
| Richard J. Kissee            |        |       |     |
| District Superintendent:     |        |       |     |
| Rev. Roy F. Stevens          |        |       |     |

| Group 5—Maritime            | 352    | 524   | 149 |
|                            |        |       |     |
| Campaign Manager:           |        |       |     |
| Rev. R. T. Albertson        |        |       |     |
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## DISTRICTS REACHING OR EXCEEDING THEIR QUOTA IN 1958

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## HONORABLE MENTION

for Districts Reaching 90% of Their Quota

- WESTERN OHIO 91%
- AKRON 91%
- CANADA WEST 96%
- CANADA CENTRAL 94%
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN 95%
Was Your Christmas Giving Sincere?

Certain psychologists have made a study of Christmas giving. They claim to have discovered that sincere, purehearted gifts at Christmas are few in number. In their analysis of Christmas giving they found that there are seven types which do not truly manifest the Christmas spirit. They named them as follows:

1. The display gift, which exalts the prestige of the giver; it really says, “Look what I can buy.”
2. The “squelch” gift, presented at the last minute, by the giver who likes to catch people off guard.
3. Placating gifts are those given with the purpose of winning a favor.
4. “Guilt” gifts, often presented to children, to make up for the fact that the parents do not really love them.
5. Extorted gifts—which they are practically forced to join with others in giving.
6. The “duty” gifts—to people that you do not care for, but to whom you feel you should give something. And, finally,
7. The creative gift, the elaborately packaged gift, the gift that it takes longer to wrap than to buy.

These seven types of insincere giving which this group of psychologists discovered in their investigation may be somewhat overdone; nevertheless they impress us with one fact, and that is, there may be many different kinds of motivation back of our giving, even our Christmas giving.

This study also emphasizes the fact that any of our various types of actions may proceed from a variety of motives. They may not mean what they seem to on the surface. Human nature and human living are far more complex than many of us realize. This differentiation as to possible motives may have much to do with one’s Christian living also. There may be subtle overtones of this or that reason for doing one thing or another. Most of us need to stop and think more often than we do about the motivations which underlie our activities. There are prejudices that may too easily dominate our thinking and our choices, even after we are sanctified. There are wrong ideals which we have been taught which may misdirect us in our living if we are not careful.

By what I have just said, however, I do not sanction the position of some religious leaders today. They make life so complex, and our activities so relative, that there is no chance for any of us to ever, either consciously or unconsciously, live as we should day by day. We can’t avoid being involved in voluntary as well as involuntary sin, they say. Of course I know, and you know, that none of us can reach the state of absolute perfection in this life, but if we are not careful we’ll eliminate...
completely the possibility of Christian perfection as taught by the New Testament and the Church of Jesus Christ across the centuries.

There are sincere Christians, there are truly sanctified people, there are those who have consecrated their all to God. They have not presented themselves to God in full commitment because of this or that doubtful motive, but have truly put everything on the altar, committed their all to God, made a full and complete consecration. This is the ideal which is set before us. It is one that we can measure up to with the help of God. It is one that we can live by day by day, not in our own strength, but by the strength that God can give.

The Atom Declares the Glory of God

The Psalmist says: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (19:1-6).

This remarkable passage describes the way in which the physical universe manifests the wonder of God, His power and wisdom. Quite often men follow in the footsteps of the Psalmist and speak of the glory of God which is revealed by the universe around us. This is proper and right, but there is something else we should remember at this point: What is true as to the illimitable universe is true also as to the infinitesimal atom.

We are told that if a square box, one inch long, one inch wide, and one inch high, were filled with solid iron, we would have one cubic inch of iron. Further, this box of iron would contain so many atoms that they would have to be indicated by one followed by twenty-four zeros. We are also informed that there would be plenty of space between these atoms. Then the writer goes on to say: "If we could arrange atoms in a row we would need about 100 million of them to measure one inch." We can't see atoms; they can't be photographed through the most powerful microscope. They have to be studied "in bulk" and "on the basis of how they behave."

But this is only the beginning of the story of the amazing atom, this infinitesimal something which declares the glory of God. The tiny atom is made up of smaller particles, electrons and protons. In fact, we are told that the atom might be thought of as "a miniature solar system. Its central sun is the nucleus, a tight wad charged with positive electricity. Some of the particles in the nucleus are protons, small units of positive electricity. Around the nucleus circle the electrons, very much as the planets move around the sun. Each electron is a small unit of negative electricity. Each normal atom has an equal number of protons and electrons. For this reason a normal atom is balanced and electrically neutral." An interesting thing about these tiny particles is that they "have mass or weight. A proton has 1,845 times more mass than an electron. The bulk of an atom, then, is in the nucleus." Protons are present in the nucleus of almost every atom; usually they equal in number the electrons in the atom. It almost makes one's head dizzy as he studies the atom and tries to comprehend its minuteness, and yet at the same time its complexity.

Just as the physical universe with its magnitude and complexity declares the glory of God, so the atom with its all-but-incomprehensible tinyness and complexity reveals the glory of God. After all, we live in a wonderful world where the microscopic, the infinitesimal, is as interesting as the telescopic, the unending vastness of the universe—if not more so. The atom declares the glory of God!

A noted New Testament scholar of a former generation once said that in his studies and writings his purpose was "to see Jesus and to show Him to others." That is, of course, what our Lord asks of all of us. Not otherwise can we truly interpret His words, "Ye are my witnesses."—Selected.
Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO

"Free to Choose Freedom"

Monday:
"Free to choose freedom," De Gaulle's challenge to the French nation, is Christ's own glorious challenge—deeper, more pregnant with meaning. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We know only as we identify, personalize, experience, make a part of us. Real freedom is more than freedom from; it is freedom to. More than freedom from enemies, fears, restrictions, inhibitions, interference; freedom to opportunity for growth, achievement. It is America's type of freedom.

Tuesday:
Opportunity is motivation. The immigrant finds in America's freedom a compelling urge to develop its potentialities. The African's "I choose Jesus"—and every new Christian's—is only the beginning. He has committed himself to a new life of choices. His freedom is challenge to explore and realize; it is multiple motivation to create. A Christian is disqualified if he does not do better work in his field than his non-Christian fellow of equal ability. (Matthew 25:25-28.)

Wednesday:
Motivation One. Something to live for. A value that is higher than life itself gives life its meaning and direction. Not what the "fathers" did, but why they did it, is important. Basic Christian principles discovered, thought through, worked into strength of nerve and fiber, become basic Christian capital. "... man shall not live by bread alone." "... the words that I speak ... are life." (Matthew 4:4b; John 6:63.)

Thursday:
Motivation Two. To live victoriously, "... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Victory has no meaning apart from battle. Recognize every difficult situation as an enemy that you are certain to conquer if you use your resources, and conquering, expand your territory. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (1 John 4:4b; Romans 8:37.)

Friday:
Motivation Three. To live wisely. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Invest in securities that never will depreciate. Jesus called "the children of this world" shrewder than "the children of light." But He said it to open our eyes to our freedom investment opportunity.

Motivation Four. To live helpfully. Jesus challenged, "Lift up your eyes." See the crowds and the millions as they are: harvest to be gathered in. Here is the free opportunity to make our one life count for something before our night comes. The cup of cold water to be given in His name is within the reach of everyone, also the thirsty one who needs it. (Matthew 6:20; Luke 16:8; John 4:35.)

Saturday:
Motivation Five. To live worthily. Worthy of the great salvation given us, worthy of the calling of Christ, worthy of His trust. "What a chance He took" when He left His name and His cause in our hands! He took the risk, and gave us His confidence. (Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10.)

Sunday:
Motivation Six. To live with the best. "Never alone"—entree to the highest society. "Two or three are gathered in my name, there am I." Companionship with the best means, in time, likeness to the best. (Matthew 18:20; 28:20.)
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**No Time for God!**

What if this should be the day I meet my Master? Would I say, "I was too busy, Lord, to pray. There was so much work to do, I really had no time for You. Although your Word had been received, I didn't read it? He'd be grieved.

What if His reply should be, "Henceforth I'll have no time for thee"?

—Christine White

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**The Demon Smoke**

Throughout Britain next month, newspapers will begin carrying classified ads addressed to the thousand of Englishmen who have tried without conspicuous success to give up tobacco for one reason or another. Those who read the ads will find that they are invited to attend weekly meetings in rented halls, where an organization with the unalliterative name "Smokers Anonymous" will offer them faith and fellowship in their daily battle against the demon.

Founded recently by fifteen London doctors and social workers, the group, according to Dr. Wilfred Lester, has the following aim: "Smoking is a most serious sort of drug addiction, and with a real psychological basis. We all regress to the need for the breast, and cigarettes provide a substitute... If someone says he has to smoke, we tell him that 25 per cent of the world doesn't smoke. If they can do it, why can't he?"—"Medicine," Newsweek, December 29, 1958.

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**Servicemen's Corner**

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**Chaplains' Retreat**

The First Nazarene Chaplains' Retreat was held in Kansas City, Missouri, January 9-12. Nine of our chaplains were able to attend. They attended the sessions of the General Board and visited some of the department sessions.

Three half-day sessions were used in discussion of the problems and opportunities of the chaplaincy.

The Church of the Nazarene has twenty-six chaplains at this time; eight are overseas, and eighteen stateside. Last-minute emergencies made it impossible for several to attend. This Retreat was a time of spiritual blessing and study.

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**Nazarene Servicemen's Commission**

Director

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**FEBRUARY 4, 1959**
Why Don't We Witness?

1. Are we Christian?
2. Pride
3. Not enough faith
4. Negative thinking
5. Passive interest
6. Fear
7. Christian lives not up to par
8. Naturally shy
9. No concern

There are nine answers to the question in the caption as given by teenagers in the N.Y.P.S. of the South Indiana District in Indianapolis, Indiana. They are clear to people who have forgotten the language of youth, but to those who have young people. But to those who have

Why don't we witness because they have no

Christian experience which would enable them to witness. I think "pride" is self-explanatory; and perhaps "not enough faith" is clear. Certainly, they are aware that they need God's help in witnessing to others. "Negative thinking" suggests that it is possible for one to think so much in terms of "do not" that he might miss the blessings of God in a positive, forward-driving religion. What could they mean by "passive interest" unless it be that of the priest and Levite who were content to leave the wounded man for the Good Samaritan to help? "Let someone else do it." Perhaps "fear" is expressive enough. And even though one is a Christian, if his life is "not up to par," if he is not walking in the light, he is not apt to testify to another about how wonderful Jesus is.

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Naturally, shyness is recognized for what it is, but it is hinted that they think it can be overcome. But the last reason, "no concern," sounds like a preacher in the pulpit. It has real depth to it. And young people seldom use expressions like that without having some idea of its real meaning.

"Why don't we witness?" It is profitable for me to ask myself that question in the light of these nine answers. While these nine do not exhaust the reasons for not witnessing, anyone can profit by studying them to see if any of them fit his case.

Spurgeon Lynn, Pastor

Holiday Rally

Yesterday was our Holiday Rally at Waldron, Arkansas, for the South Arkansas District. I felt it was completely successful. Over 250 were present, which was exceptionally good, as only 12 were present from the city of Little Rock, due to the new private school organization. We began the rally with a ten-thirty morning service and climaxed it with an evangelistic skit resulting in twenty-five seekers.

The youth work on our district seems to be definitely on the upward climb. Keep praying for our district work.

Gene Twining, District President

Sunday School Lesson

Responsibility to God and Man (Temperance)

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34 (Printed: the same)

Golden Text: To love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love your neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:33).

A Sincere Scribe: Jesus had been approached by three different groups to answer three loaded questions. namely: (1) about His authority (by the chief priests); (2) about tribute to Caesar (by the Pharisees); and (3) about the resurrection (by the Sadducees).

One of the onlookers, a scribe, had become impressed with the majestic an-
letters of Jesus. The scribe knew that these inquirers were trying to trap Jesus rather than seek light. As the scribe entered the conversation, he proposed a question which was based on sincerity and intellectual honesty.

The basic duty of the scribes was to study and interpret the law. This scribe was not interested in ensnaring Jesus but was searching for enlightenment. He was eager to learn, and was willing to receive information from anyone who might be able to teach him.

A Searching Solution: In reply to the question, What is the greatest law, or commandment? Jesus said, “Thou shalt love” with all thy being both God and man. Love is the yardstick by which all the attitudes of a Christian are to be measured. Love must reach upward to God and outward to our fellow man. This love is not computed in fractions, but in a single whole number; not in partial measurements, but in complete expression; not in fragmentary moments, but by 100 per cent of the time and talent.

The six-hundred-plus laws of the Jewish code were boiled down to two imperatives. The law in a nutshell, the law in its irreducible minimum, the law in its greatest simplification is fashioned in the proposition, “Love God with all your capacities, and your neighbor as yourself.”

If we love these two with less than our all, then we will leave room for damaging loves to enter our lives. These devastating affections will take the form of perversities that involve their victim in alcoholism, sensuality, drug addiction, or excessive materialism.

A Supreme Sanction: The devotion engendered by a complete commitment brings from the Lord a supreme sanction of our lives. Immaculate moral grooming through ceremonial practices or endless rounds of burnt sacrifices will not gain this type of approval from the Lord. He is more pleased with heart service than hand service. He welcomes our affection more than our ritualistic activities. He cherishes our love more than He relishes our ceremonial observances. He sanctions our inner quality of being more than our outer quantity of actions.

A Strategic Setting: The scribe had learned the lesson so well that Jesus declared, “Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.” This is a strategic position, but the scribe must determine to live according to the light he had. Knowledge calls for action. He must not only know his duty, but he must do it. He must not stop at being almost persuaded, but he must be altogether persuaded to love without reservation.

Is it wrong to copy by writing or typing parts from copyrighted program books to use in Christmas programs in our local church? Being on the program committee, each year I face this same problem. Many seem to think that it is all right to do this, and I would like to know if I am being absurd by refusing.

You have asked a very important question and one on which the public needs more light. I have before me a statement prepared by the Music Publishers’ Association of the United States. Its title reads as follows: “Why It Is Wrong to Steal Copyrighted Music.” Here are some paragraphs from this statement:

“1. Printing, reprinting, copying, or publishing by any means and methods whatsoever, including by hand or machine; on paper or blackboard; by photostating, multigraphing, or mimeographing.

2. Translating, arranging, adapting, including the making of orchestrations, arrangements, and parodies upon lyrics.

3. Performing for profit anywhere, including radio stations, restaurants, cabarets, theaters, or any public place where an admission fee is charged.

4. Recording or producing by mechanical methods such as piano rolls, phonograph records, electrical transcriptions, and motion pictures. This includes recording broadcasts on home recording machines; it includes making your own LP records from older, 78 r.p.m. records or recording of any sort.

5. Ignorance of the law and lack of intent to violate the law are not defenses for the person doing these illegal acts.

The United States Copyright Act provides penalties which may be imposed on anyone committing illegal acts. The penalties include damages of not less than $250.00 for each infringement and conviction for committing a misdemeanor in the case of willful infringement for profit.

“The music publishers of this country are well aware that in 99 cases out of 100, the theft of music copyrights is innocent—it is done out of negligence, out of failing to think of the other fellow, or out of sheer ignorance.

“‘But even in these innocent cases, the publisher jeopardizes his entire copyright if he ‘sleeps on his rights.’

‘Teachers, musicians amateur and musicians professional, everybody! We appeal to you to stick to the basic rules of fair play on copyrights and to uphold the laws of our country.’

‘Sleeps on his rights,’ used in the next to the last paragraph in this rather extended quotation, is a legal phrase which means that if a copyright owner knowingly ignores an infringement, that is, fails to prosecute an offender within a reasonable time, he runs the risk of invalidating his copyright. Thus he can’t be too easy on the offender even if he is inclined to be.

Let’s not think that there is no reason back of such copyright laws. If we were allowed, for instance, to buy only one copy of a Christian or Easter program and then make copies of it for five, ten, or fifteen people who may participate in it, the companies which publish these programs would soon have to go out of business. On the other hand, if an extra large group is involved and you see no way to purchase a copy of the material for each person, be fair and write the copyright owners and see what permission they will give you if you buy a reasonable number. Be sure, and don’t be a lawbreaker. Get permission for whatever deviation there may be from the exact requirements.

What scripture is there for the view that evil originated with Satan?

The Bible gives no account of the presence of sin before man’s fall except in reference to Satan and the angels that fell with him. See Luke 10:18; Ephesians 2:2, 6:12; II Corinthians 4:4; I Timothy 3:6; II Peter 2:4; and Matthew 25:41. Here the fall of the devil and some of the other angels, their work in the world in behalf of evil, their condemnation and final punishment are referred to.
Nazarenes and other Bible Christians shun the regular methods of gambling like they shun alcoholic beverages. They even shun the so-called charity gambling, that type of chance-taking in which the sponsor’s proceeds go to the support of charity or religious organizations. They figure that it too is a form of mutually-agreed-to stealing—just as gambling is a form of killing by mutual consent; that even in it, the definition of gambling given in the “Hastings Encyclopedia” obtains: “It is an attempt to get property without paying the price for it.” They see that charity gambling adds to the problems which charity and religious institutions seek to combat; that even if there should be a good end in it, wrong means are wrong regardless of ends. But we who would class ourselves as Bible Christians need to keep in mind these days the fact that gambling has some first cousins which might not be so innocent as they seem. One is the practice of signing up to get in on advertising monies by a chance selection. Another is the preoccupation with the thought that a giveaway windfall might one day bless us. Even if no money is spent on the chance to gain, the end evil is the same: a craze to bypass the regular means and get something for nothing. The hope that something big might turn up by chance tends to take the fiber out of students, employees, even churchmen. Besides, the Wise Man said, “Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right” (Proverbs 16:8). And a later wise one exhorted, “Provide things honest in the sight of all men” (Romans 12:17).

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Prayer Request
Miss Mary Cooper has recently had surgery for gallstones; and Beth Stockwell, little daughter of Missionaries Oscar and Marjorie Stockwell, entered the same hospital the same day, for an appendix operation. Please pray for the recovery of both these members of our missionary staff in Portuguese East Africa.

San Antonio Bible Institute
We had a wonderful watch-night service here in the Bible Institute. The service started at 10:00 p.m. and the two hours were filled with spiritual blessings. The presence of the Lord was so near. The faculty and student body began the new year with a communion service, and what a wonderful experience it was for us all! Such tears of rejoicing I have not seen for a long time. The entire group was broken up with the presence of the Lord. We didn’t get home until around 2:30 a.m. and I learned later that many of the students continued on with songs and praise until around four in the morning.

We have enjoyed the rich blessings of the Master all through the year.—WILLIAM VAUGHTERS, Director, Spanish Bible Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

Praise God for His Help!
By JOHN COCHRAN, Argentina
God has truly blessed the work in Argentina during the Golden Anniversary year. We have opened up three great centers for our church this year in Mendoza, Rawson Chubut, and Bahia Blanca. We have finished construction on the pastor’s home in Tucuman, and in Santiago del Estero, Moranas, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mendoza, and have purchased a pastor’s home in Bahia Blanca. We have purchased a missionary home in Rosario. A missionary home has been built where Dorothy Ahleman lives, and improvements made on the home at 14 de Julio in Montevideo. We have constructed and dedicated three prefab chapels in Mendoza, Capitan Samento, and Bahia Blanca. We have finished construction and have dedicated the Central Church in Buenos Aires on Terrero Street, and the Central Church in Montevideo on 14 de Julio Street. The Central Church in Rosario has been finished and is on the outside of Mendoza, and the Central Church in Montevideo has been finished and is on the outside of Mendoza.

As the Snow
By Isabel Zehr
As God from heaven doth send the snow,
To water plants of earth,
That they may both bring forth and bud,
So doth He send His Word,

To gently fall on human heart—
There cause to spring and grow
Rare plants of everlasting worth,
With blooms of grace aglow.
with the pastor's home will soon be ready to dedicate, and the Carrasco Chapel in Montevideo lacks only a few weeks in being ready to dedicate.

This has been a glorious year. Revival fires have burned, and many souls have sought and found the Lord. We have several groups about ready to organize into churches—we should have five or six more churches organized by the end of the quadrennium.

Settled Down at Last

At long last we are settled in our own place and it is good to get our things out of the suitcases. The children have started to school and, outside of a few

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