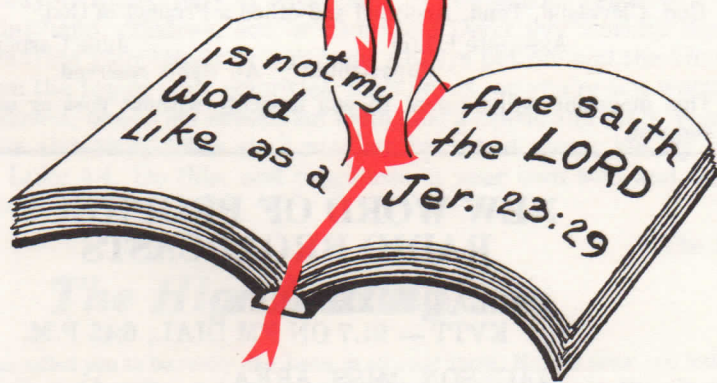
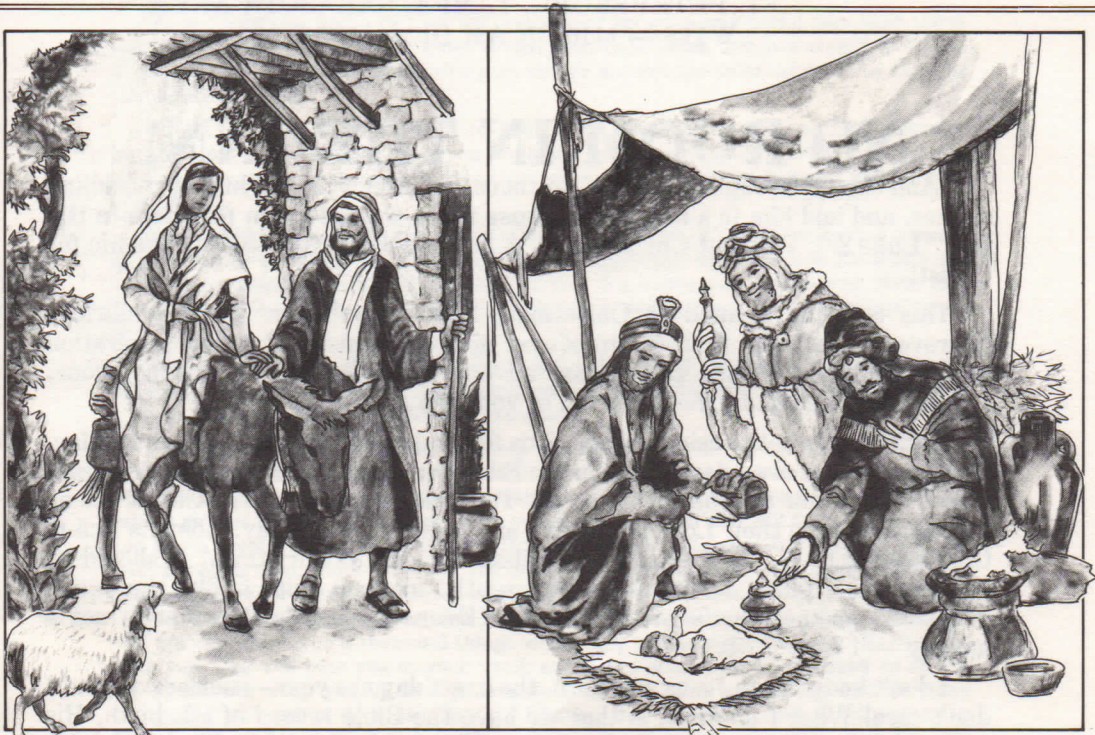


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# **NO ROOM IN THE INN!**

“And (Mary) brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; **because there was no room for them in the inn.**” Luke 2:7. The first Christmas — A.D. 1 — NO VACANCY in the inn for Christ!

This is being penned as Christmas, 1978 draws near. Have conditions improved since Jesus' first advent of over nineteen centuries? In this generation of the imminent return and second advent of Christ can he find a joyous, continuous welcome to the inner inn of your life and mine?

Christmas is not a scriptural religious festival nor a legitimate pagan holiday. Christmas is not even designated in the Bible as a day for Christians to celebrate Christ's birth nor to consider it sacred. The true Church of Jesus Christ has no instructions from their Lord to observe any holy day or holiday. Romans 14:5-6; Colossians 2:16-17. How should a Christian respond to Christmas? It should be observed in a quiet, unobtrusive, reverential manner quite unlike the pagan idolatrous manner that's so fashionable. (Even the Lord's Passover is not a holiday — I Cor. 5:7-8.)

I don't know when Jesus was born, the exact day nor year — neither do you! I don't care! What I do know is that we have the Bible record of His birth, His parents' name, His geneology, and the conditions and environment into which He was born. I don't know if the historical records that claim the Roman Catholic Church initiated Christmas as the celebration of a Christ Mass is true or not — neither do you! Much ancient history involving many such events and dates are as

phony and errant as a three dollar bill! I know for sure that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in a manger when Caesar Augustus ruled the Roman Empire. Luke 2. He was born of a virgin named Mary, a descendant of David, of the tribe of Judah. He was born about 1978 years ago, give or take a few months — and, He is the Son of God, He is the Creator of this world, He died for my sins and yours, and best of all, He is my Lord and Master — Jesus is in my heart. There is room for Him in my Inn, which is my heart! Read Mat. 6:1.

### YOUR INN IS YOUR HEART!

We commemorate the birthdays of many great men to bestow on them an honor they merited in their lifetime accomplishments as: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other patriots who are dead. Then too, we observe the birthdays of ourselves, our mothers and fathers, children, husbands and wives who are living among us. Praise God! **Jesus is alive** and living **in us** if we're truly making Him our Lord and Master — so why should we not observe His birthday as the wise men and shepherds did on that first "Christmas," or, if you prefer the terminology, His first "birthdate"? We, as Christ's very own family, can observe His blessed birth with reverence, quite unlike the pagan observance all about us. After all, Jesus Himself said: "Who is my mother, or my brethren (i.e., my family)? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother." Praise God! I rejoice as I quietly and reverentially observe my Lord and Master's birthday because He is my elder brother also!

Those who have room for Christ in their inn (i.e., their heart), are the only ones who can truly keep a Christmas observance in a God-pleasing manner. I didn't say Christians, for those who have **only** the love of Christ in their hearts can observe a truly Christ-centered Christmas! Too many worldly Christians abuse the sanctity of its observance by their selfishness or profaneness many times worse than the way unregenerated people do. Do we really love Jesus as we profess and then blaspheme His name by the display of our inordinate affections for pleasure, wild spending, surfeiting, and revelling? The Bible warns: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him — the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life is not of (God) but of the world." I John 2:15-16. Also the Holy Ghost warns: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**" Colossians 3: 1-2.

### LOVE TAKES AN OBJECT

Love always has a direct object! The world or Jesus — not both! If the love of the world has filled your heart, there is no room for Him in the inn! Jesus sees a **NO VACANCY** sign on your heart's door! "**Things**" are ruining more Christians, stealing their love and faith, and bringing on spiritual bankruptcy more than any other cause! Material things! These objects are not the necessary items in the Christian's life-style — they are just obsessions and vanities that are idolatrous! Check it out by this criterion: Balance your ledger of expenditures for "things" against your tithes and offerings unto Christ and the work of His kingdom. It will shock you! See who you love most — Christ or mammon. Matthew 6:24. This is a valid, spiritual litmus test!

Jesus said the objects of our love **must** be: Love the Lord with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength — and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself! Mark 12:30-31. The object of the love professed in today's charismatic church society is fun and pleasure. God commands however: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who looked not on his own things (or what he wanted), but on the needs of others." Philippians 2:3-5!

The love and desire for "**things**" will crowd Jesus out of your heart — He will not live in a crowded room! Just Jesus and you! He warns Christians: "And all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." Revelation 2:23. Jesus reprimanded the members of the Laodicean church: You have foolishly let "**things**" (the increase of goods) fill your hearts, and I have moved out of your hearts. Still Jesus pleaded: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door (i.e., to his inn, the heart), I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:18-20. Beloved, don't be a casualty and victim to the love of material things and lose your love and affection for things above — Christ will move out of your heart and leave your inn vacant of His presence!

Christians have their closets, garages, attics, and utility sheds full of "**things**" that testify too many times to their idolatry — to their love for this world! No wonder Jesus commanded His disciples: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have and give alms . . . provide yourselves a treasure in the heavens . . . for where your treasure is, there will **your heart** be also." Luke 12:32-34! Praise God! In your heart, your inn for Jesus is where you determine where your money will be invested! Most Christians' investment into "**things**" steals their hearts, and diverts their income into such an idolatrous acquisition of those "**things**" they desire, until they have precious little to give into the work of Christ. How about selling what you have as Jesus commanded — those things, that is, which you don't really need? Then, invest it into the work of Christ's kingdom. Jesus rewards us according to your/our works. Rev. 22:12.

### IT'S A MATTER OF LOVE

Let's make this Christmas a Christ-centered, God-pleasing observance, beloved, and keep it this way until He comes. Can your heart be filled with love and interest in the following pleasures and still have room for Christ in the inn? Do you love these "**things**" and pleasures more than the love you show for Jesus? I hear so many Christians express by word and deed their affection for the following pleasures: "I just love TV" — "I just love to eat" — "I just love to go to Disney World" — "I just love Christmas" — "I just love to fish, hunt, to travel, football, golf, swimming, racing, water skiing, etc." What other loves does it take — or, how much love for these pleasures does it take to fill the inn so that there is no room for Jesus? I leave the answer to you!

As the beloved apostle exhorted, "My little children, let us not love (Jesus) in word or in tongue; but in deed and in truth (i.e., keeping His Word)." I John 3:18. It is a matter of the gravest nature that we keep our inn (heart) from being overcrowded with loves and affections for "other things" that crowd Jesus out — it's a matter of love for Him that determines victory or defeat for us! In conclusion, Jesus warned us: "Take heed to yourself, lest at any time your hearts

(i.e., your rooms at the inn) be overcharged with surfeiting (i.e., attaching too much importance on eating) . . . and cares of this life (i.e., intemperate concerns about **things**)." Luke 21:34. Beware, Beloved!

Please let us hear from you during this 1978 Christmas Season! Include this Ministry and Fellowship, which is near and dear to the heart of Christ, high on your gift list and in your giving. "And when they (i.e., the wise men) had opened their treasures, they presented unto him (i.e., Jesus) gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11. Let us be wise men also!

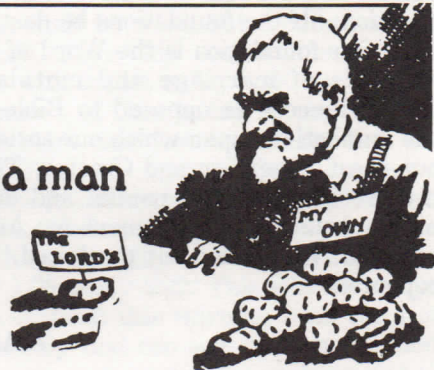
We need your Christmas offerings as a gift to Christ to help us pay bills we have made for His Name's sake. He will make your Christmas more joyous, and you can be assured that your unselfish, Christ-centered observance will please Him — and, there will be room for Him in the inn — in the bridal suite of your heart! Open the door wide!

Sister Pringle, myself, and our family, with Sister June Carpenter and all the saints here in this vital fellowship and ministry who love you, pray that you and your families will experience the very best Christmas ever as you strive to please Him, our Lord and Master, whose birthday we commemorate. Hallelujah! He Lives!

The End.

## WHAT IS TITHING?

**One lone tater out of ten!**  
**My goodness, how can a man**  
**be mean enough**  
**to give less?**



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# OUR NATION'S GREATEST CRISIS: HOW TO SAVE OUR HOMES!

Our national institutions of home and church are under a deadly Satanic assault — a state of seige exists that demands emergency measures and revolutionary action everywhere by God-fearing men and women. The front lines of this conflict are drawn — and, your home is the battleground where you will win or lose this war of attrition. Beloved, you may have lost or may yet lose a battle, but you cannot afford to lose this war! The home is this nation's bastion of strength — patriotism and godliness cannot survive with our homes falling apart. What stability as the result of a strong home life yet exists in America, we must fight to preserve. God's prophet asked the question: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3. Our foundation is the Word of God, but rebellion against the established patterns of marriage and morals as God commands in the Bible, and permissiveness as opposed to Bible-defined morality, have all but destroyed the foundations upon which our society has prospered and has been blessed by our great Sovereign and Creator. This has come about subtly and slowly, but the erosion has been painful and deadly. As the prophet lamented over his native country, so we lament for America: "**We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.**" Jeremiah 3:42. Why? Because we've not repented!

## MARRIAGE

God's Book, the Bible, has a formula for success and a recipe for happiness to married adults in this life, though living amid **our** sick and decadent society. The Bible unequivocally denounces sexual and moral impurity: "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4. God sanctified sex through marriage **only**, and warns, "Whoremongers, and sorcerers . . . and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8. Also: "Be not deceived: neither fornicators (i.e., the immoral), nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (i.e., homosexuals) . . . nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:9-10.

Sexual purity and holy matrimony are subjects that are scoffed at and ridiculed by our sick society of libertines. Millions of American males and females live together as man and wife, unwed, with no regard for God's divine, inexorable laws that, when broken, sweep men and nations into His severe judgments and hell. God has warned of the consequences of this adulterous venture into immorality, rejecting His laws of marriage and morals: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that **I have set before you**

**life and death, blessing and cursing:** therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed (i.e., children) may live." Deuteronomy 30:19.

The home is God's basic unit for the reproduction of the human race and for the disciplining and governing of the society which results. God Himself performed the first marriage — Adam betrothed Eve in the Garden of Eden, a pattern for every generation. Genesis 2:22-24; Ephesians 5:25-33. Marriage is high, holy, and honorable with God, likened to the holy communion between Christ and His church, by the Holy Ghost's analogy.

First, this message is addressed to those already married — to the unmarried a few pages later. Beware young married couple, or dad and mom — no unit of our end-time generation has been so vehemently attacked, so viciously besieged with demonic intrigue and malevolent satanic assault for the abandonment of its ideals and morals, to the destruction of its stabilizing powers in the midst of perversion and dissoluteness as the home! **America's greatest natural and divine resource is a godly home** amid the crumbling and eroding away of all our basic national institutions. The Christian church has had this internal epidemic of broken homes so critically, the effect has paralyzed its powers to stand up against Satan's subtle encroachments against true Bible morality. Preachers refuse to blow the whistle against this abomination!

**Marriages established upon God's Word as a foundation will endure Satan's assault.** Jesus said if we hear His word and do it, we're like a man who built his house upon a rock — and the rains, winds, and storms that assail it will not cause it to fall. But, those who hear His Word and do it not are foolish, who build upon sand — then, when the assault of Satan arises against that house, it falls apart! Matthew 7:24-27!

Holy matrimony is God's way to fulfillment in love, affection, sex, and true happiness that man and woman instinctively are drawn into — into God's great plan to establish the very basic institution of human government — the home! It begins with God! **"Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord."** Psalm 144:15. **A tragedy always develops and results when Christ is not Lord, and is not the head of every home and family.** Jesus lamented this rejection by the parents of His day: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Luke 13:34-35. Also Jesus further warned the parents who rejected His counsel: "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it saying . . . the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:41-44.

**Why are millions of marriages annually becoming unglued?** Answer: Most marriages are a result of lust and not real love! Sex alone is not a good reason for marriage even though sex is important and holy in marriage. Love is the glue that keeps a marriage intact, a family united and strong against the divisions that could destroy it. Jesus also warned: "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Mark 3:25.

This counsel for married couples from the Lord is for those who know the Lord, or at least one of the partners, either husband or wife, who is saved: "To avoid fornication, let **every man** have his own wife, and let **every woman** have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence (loving care and affection. i.e.): and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other (i.e., to share your affection and sex life) except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency (i.e., lack of self-control, to prevent lust arising)." I Corinthians 7:2-5. A home and family with love for each other, coupled with respect for Bible discipline, will be a holy of holies to retire in, away from the pressures, perversions, and noise of a sick society, to get strength to live among a rebellious generation, and be a light and a tower of strength to lift and bless those who are weary and worn with the struggle.

### A HAPPY MARRIAGE

A noted marriage counsellor once said: "Most divorces begin over trivial matters as the wife's burning of her husband's toast." Jesus said the only way to be a real successful homemaker — to escape the "rocks of Reno," is to build our marriage upon the rock of His Word. Let's see! God gave this wise counsel to the young man and his wife: "Let thy fountain be blessed: and **rejoice with the wife of thy youth**. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe (i.e., little deer); let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; **and be thou ravished always with her love**. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger. **For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord**, and he pondereth all his goings, (and) he shall be holden with the cords of his sins." Proverbs 5:18-22.

"**Happy is the man (or woman) that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding . . .** she is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her . . . Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: **and happy is every one that retaineth her.**" Proverbs 3:13-18. Praise God for that revelation on true happiness!

A young felon in court recently was paroled back to his parents by the judge after being convicted of his crime. The teenage boy cried out in the courtroom, "I don't want to go live with my parents; they hate each other!" This is so often the case in many homes today — what a tragedy! Too many mothers try to be a sex goddess and too many fathers are flirts who have no eyes nor affection for their wives. God says, "Be ravished always with her (the wife's) love." Proverbs 5:19.

A continuous happy marriage is contingent upon obedience to God's book of wisdom and morals! God directs parents to this starting point in building a happy marriage and home: "**And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.** (Praise God, what a noble start). **And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:** (Praise God for step 2) **And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children,** and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou



risest up." Deuteronomy 6:5-8. Praise God for Step 3! Happiness in the home is the result of obedience to God's Word — a harmonious attunement of our will bent to God's counsel and commands concerning the disciplining of Mother and Dad, and Bud and Sis!

Dad and Mom, have you made up your minds like this great Biblical saint who exhorts: "**Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth . . .** And if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . **but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!**" Joshua 24:14-15. Praise God for such a public resolution of courage and determination! This bold stand for God started a current that swept other fathers by the thousands into the same courageous course — making the same declaration for their families! Hallelujah! God had admonished Joshua many years before while a young father: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; **for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**" Joshua 1:8. Success and happiness: through meditating upon God's Word, and observing to do it.

### DISCIPLINE OF THE HOME

#### (The Total Man and The Total Woman)

A mother and father, to establish a truly happy, successful home must be more than a bread winner and cook. A home is not just a house no matter how embellished with luxurious furnishings and comforts. **A home is society's smallest unit of human government**, and there must be discipline and responsibility thrust upon each member of the home — each other's duties and contributions to the many essential chores and details complementing the other member's. A lasting successful marriage and happy home are not accidental or incidental — they are the by-products of the mighty efforts and perseverance of parents who respect and conform to God's laws regarding marriage and the discipline of the home. God's mighty warning against insurrection and insubordination by wives and children that weaken and destroy the home is clearly given to us: "**As for my people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them.** O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." Isaiah 3:12.

**The Bible vividly reveals:** "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." I Corinthians 11:3. Please, Mom and Dad, don't be a rebel and disagree with God's Word — it will destroy you and your family! "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." Proverbs 13:13! Rewarded? Yes, with happiness and success for you and your children! "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord; and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Ephesians 5:22-25.

Wife, maybe the dream you married turned into a nightmare — or husband, perhaps the doll you wedded seems to have degenerated into a crocodile — but you married that dream or doll, and if you desire it, God will help you to victory and success in your home and marriage. **God hates divorce** — the breaking up of the home: “Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. **For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away.**” Malachai 3:15-16.

**Fight to save your home and marriage** — turn to God and to a wise man of God who will give you God’s counsel and help heal the breach. Dad and Mom, let your quest and efforts be directed to seeking God’s will — not gold! **The search for money and pleasure has ruined more homes and marriages than any other factor.** This is idolatry — mammon has become the god of millions of families leading to their destruction! Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**” Matthew 6:24.

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the word, **they also may without the word be won by the conversation** (i.e., total good behavior) **of the wives**; While they behold your chaste conversation (i.e., chaste behaviour) coupled with fear (i.e., fear of God). **Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning** of plaiting of the hair, and of wearing of gold (i.e., decorations on your body), or of putting on of apparel (i.e., dressing for sex appeal); But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time (i.e., Bible days) **the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands.**” I Peter 3:1-5! Praise God for this formula for victory over that unsaved husband to you troubled wives who are saved — if you will obey this word! Now continuing this divine order to the homemaker, God commands: “**Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour to the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life: that your prayers be not hindered.**” I Peter 3:7.

Anything with two heads is deformed, especially a home with the husband and wife vying for supremacy as the head. **God says that the husband is the head of the home** — period! A nagging wife can ruin a home and marriage. God says that a wife’s ornament is “a meek and quiet spirit.” Do you agree? God says that the wife is the weaker vessel — then why doesn’t she act like it and respect her husband as her head? God says that a husband should love his wife even as Christ does the Church — then why don’t you do this, sir? “**So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.** He that loveth his wife loveth himself . . . Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence (i.e., respect) her husband.” Ephesians 5:28, 33. This will take a mighty earnest effort — but it will create marital bliss!

**Notice husbands!** God didn’t say to make a servant or slave of your wife, but “to be **heirs together** of the grace of this life — share in everything.” It is a shame for a strong husband to sit or lounge around the house and demand maid service, cooking, shopping and training of the children by the wife. Why

don't you help your wife, especially if she works out as you do. Love her as you love yourself and you'll create happiness that is divine for both of you!

Most preachers in today's worldly church contribute greatly to parental delinquency and the break-up of our homes by not teaching true Bible discipline, offering their opinions and the opinions of other men! God commands a preacher: **"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:** That the aged (i.e., mature) men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. **The aged (i.e., mature) women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness,** not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands . . . that the word of God be not blasphemed."** Titus 2:1-5. My, My, My — you ought to read that scripture again — even memorize it! When parental behavior does not conform to the admonition and commands of God's Word, His Word is blasphemed!

To the fathers God admonishes: "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him," (Proverbs 20:7), but warns: "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind" (Proverbs 11:29), and "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house (family)," Proverbs 15:27. Here is a more severe warning from the Lord to parents who rebel against God's discipline: **"Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity (i.e., by the devil).** Deuteronomy 28:41. The reason our nation is so full of adolescents who are rebels — bound in captivity by the devil on dope, alcohol, tobacco, sex, crime, and violence — is because of parents who are contemptible for Bible discipline!

God's word says: "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman." Proverbs 21:19. Amen! This could apply to a man also! Most homes today exhibit behaviour in exact contrariness to the order of God's Word — by apathetic and pantywaist husbands, and "battle-axe" wives! A godly home must have godly examples set by mom and dad to be strong with even a measure of true happiness. The mother is the chief homemaker and baby sitter even if she works out! Listen to this passage from God's Book of Wisdom: **"Who can find a virtuous woman?** for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant's ships; she bringeth her food from afar . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; **but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."** Proverbs 31:10-30. Praise God. A godly and God-fearing woman who is not rebellious and a libertine will submit to the discipline of God's Word — or, at least die trying to do so! God says: "A prudent wife is from the Lord," (Proverbs 19:14) and, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Ephesians 5:25.

The Christ-honoring life-style of the home must be taught and exemplified by God-fearing, and praying parents. If one parent is not altogether doing his or her part, nor is even cooperative, then the other must assume and shoulder

full responsibility. God will give you grace to bear more than your share, mother or dad who's laboring against mighty odds of opposition. The father should be the leader in spiritual matters of the family as patriarch and priest — but, a godly wife can stand in the gap if the father won't assume his duties, and save her family. **We can't let the devil destroy our home and family under any circumstance!** "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. Say to the devil: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:19.

Real love is never all blissful, but it produces the next thing to heaven in this life! We need the real love of God in our homes more than anything else — all over our nation and in the church — love for God, love for wife, love for husband, love for children, love for parents! "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5. God will give us true, lasting love as parents — for God, for each other, and for our children! Here is real love's characteristics:

### "Charity

- 1 — (Love) suffereth long and is kind;
- 2 — (Love) envieth not;
- 3 — (Love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 4 — (Love) doth not behave itself unseemly,
- 5 — (Love) seeketh not her own,
- 6 — (Love) is not easily provoked,
- 7 — (Love) thinketh no evil;
- 8 — (Love) rejoiceth not in iniquity (rebellion), but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 9 — (Love) beareth all things . . . endureth all things;
- 10 — (Love) never faileth!" (I Corinthians 13:4-8). Praise God!

The Bible says: "Love is strong as death . . . jealousy is cruel as the grave . . . Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned." Song of Solomon 8:6-8. This kind of love is real, so seek it — you can have it by diligently seeking and striving for it! "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as it is fit in the Lord.** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Colossians 3:18-21. If a husband loves his wife as good as Christ loves the church, he will give his life to making marital tranquility that he himself will delight in and share. **We can create or destroy our own happiness and contentment.** God has given us both this power and responsibility. Put this unselfish love in action! A husband or wife can no more make his or her own happiness their objective and obtain it, than you can jump on the far end of your shadow! Make each other's happiness, and your family's happiness your objective, and you will find happiness for yourself! Selfishness only breeds misery!

### DISCIPLINE OF THE CHILDREN

God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old (i.e., reaches maturity), he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. This is true even though most parents have failed, that is, to train their children by God's

discipline. **We can see the results of this failure and rejection of God's child-rearing laws everywhere.** Young rebels, anarchists, terrorists, dope addicts, sex perverts, drunks, and criminals by the millions are the sad by-products of broken homes, and of homes where parents have rejected the discipline and morality of God's Word, and have turned to books that teach The New Morality and Situational Ethics. These teach "Don't Say No to Your Children, Father is not the Head of the Family, and The Wife Should Not Submit to Her Husband." That is all garbage!

God's Book of Wisdom in Child Psychology declares: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Proverbs 22:15. Again: "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. **Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.**" Proverbs 23:14-15. This is God's order — not mine! We've used this Bible discipline in the training of our children, and I say Amen! It works! We are keeping our children from going to hell by this formula! Listen again: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15. Mother, don't trust the nursery keepers or the baby sitter to teach and discipline your child — you do it.

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: **but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**" Ephesians 6:4. "Nurture" means Bible discipline; "admonition" means Bible counsel. Here is the crux of this whole grave matter of the disciplining of our children: "**He that spareth his rod hateth his son** (or daughter): **but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes** (i.e., many times)." Proverbs 13:24. If parents truly love their children they will whip them (not unmercifully, but in love). "**Let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in the sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." Romans 3:4. Then God admonishes further: "Chasten thy son while there is yet hope (i.e., while he's a child), and let not thy soul spare for his crying (i.e., don't stop the punishment because he cries)." Proverbs 19:18.

Some time ago I was visiting a young minister's home when suddenly during our conversation we were rudely distracted by his little "delicate delinquent" son having a temper tantrum (he was 4 years old). The minister petted, pampered, and sweet-talked his spoiled brat to no avail — he continued his kicking and screaming without restraint. With disgust I cried out to the preacher, "Why don't you give that boy a whipping and conquer that devilish spirit in him?" He replied, "Well, brother, I don't believe in whipping children — it only warps their personality according to the child psychology books." By this time my blood pressure was about 300 and I sharply retorted: "I'd sure like for you to give him to me for about three minutes — I'd warp something, but it wouldn't be his personality!" Wonder of wonders, God said: "Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest (and everybody else around him); Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." Proverbs 29:17.

As we've shown already, parents, remember this most vital part of child disciplining: God has said, "**These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**"

Deuteronomy 6:6-7. This is a guaranteed formula for victory over sin and the ruin that would follow the parents and children in a godly home. **Families that pray together — stay together!** Let your children hear you pray, Mother and Dad, and be sure to pray daily with your children, teaching them the Word of God, while setting the godly example they need.

Every son and daughter of godly parents should be led to a born-again experience in Christ by the age of twelve years — definitely before teenage years. Jesus was vividly aware of His Father's hand upon His life at the age of twelve. Luke 2:42. Parents must teach their boys, and especially their girls to be modest in dress and manners by the age of twelve years, or, your children will, as teenagers, be immodest, immoral, and rebellious against God's Word! "And (Jesus) grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him . . . And he went down with them (i.e., his parents), and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." Luke 2:40, 51. This was also said of John the Baptist. Luke 1:80. How is this possible? Because of the example and Bible-teaching to them by their godly parents.

### GOD'S DISCIPLINE FOR YOUTH

God says to young people: "Let no man despise thy youth: **but be thou an example of the believers**, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12. **Young people don't have to sow their "wild oats" as blind, liberal theologians and psychologists declare.** God warns youth unequivocally: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: **but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.** Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: **for childhood and youth are vanity.**" Ecclesiastes 11:9-10. That last clause of this scripture is a revelation! Children and teenagers don't have to play and have entertainment excessively, as liberal educators and libertine psychologists espouse to modern day parents. It's vanity God says — empty, vain, and worthless! Go ahead Mom and Dad, educate your children in front of the idiot box (TV), let them listen to rock and roll music, let them have their slumber parties and escapades without wise, parental supervision. I can predict accurately what your child will be, by the Word of God — a rebel against God's Word! Train up a child the way he should live when he reaches maturity, God commands. Teach him to dress holy, talk holy, look at things wholesome, read character-building literature, especially the Bible, and teach the child and teenager in your home to work. This training is vital if the child or teenager grows into his early adult years and becomes a responsible husband or wife who knows and serves the Lord.

**A God-fearing young man once proclaimed, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."** Psalm 119:11. The beloved Apostle John writes: "I have wirtten unto you, **young men**, because ye are strong, **and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.**" I John 2:14. Praise God! The only way for a teenager to escape the degradation and ruin of sin and perversion in our corrupt and sick society is for parents to teach them the fear of God, hiding the Word of God in their hearts!

It's a shame, and it's tragic, but most Christian parents of today's affluent and sick society that's rotten to the core are just plain foolish — many even stupid! They resist the wisdom of God's counsel for themselves and their teenagers. They provide money and freedom with a TV and Disneyworld education, then wonder why their children won't truly serve God. Mothers watch TV soap operas of broken romances and love affairs involving lying, adultery, abortion, gambling, smoking, drinking, and divorce, until they're miserable — and, as the scriptures declare: "They have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Ezekiel 18:2. Teenagers will not trust their parents' prayers and counsel who are always letting that old filth and ungodliness into their homes through the TV. **Teenagers trust godly parents who are found praying and reading their Bibles — and who take them to a church where there is a holy man of God who teaches them God's ways.**

The Wisdom of God entreats our youth: **"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,** while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh (i.e., later in life), when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1. This bitter regret is obvious!

Parents must be wary of the companions that their teens consort with. God warns: **"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."** Proverbs 13:20. Also: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause . . . Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse. My son (or my daughter), walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path." Proverbs 1:10-15. God is saying to young girls and boys: Don't be enticed into smoking that first cigarette, don't take that dope or smoke that marijuana, don't take that drink of beer or alcohol, don't steal, don't be led into adultery or filthy talk — don't submit to immodest dressing! "Keep thyself pure!" I Timothy 5:22. This will deliver you from heartbreak and ruin, young person — heed this warning from the Lord who cares for you and your future which only God can see and control. God's love calls and warns youth: "Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many . . . Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it; pass it by, turn from it, and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall . . . My Son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart." Proverbs 4:10-22. My, what a warning and admonition to the youth of today from the Lord — and a challenge to godly parents who must insist that their children be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**To godly parents:** Teach your children not to envy the ways of the children of parents who do not fear God, as God exhorts youth: **"Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.** For surely there is an end; and thine expectation (i.e., of success and happiness) shall not be cut off. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. **Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh (i.e., revellers)."** Proverbs 23:17-20. God says here, boys and girls, don't do what the worldly crowd does, but make every decision that affects your daily life-style with the

fear of God upon you, and you will make wise decisions affecting your future happiness — or, the misery which will result!

Here is the zenith of every youth's search, the wise quest for every sober young person which God has recorded in graphic detail: "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding . . . **Discretion shall preserve thee**, understanding shall keep thee: (1) **To deliver thee from the way of the evil man**, from the man that speaketh froward things: who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness . . . (2) **To deliver thee from the strange woman** (i.e., girlfriend), even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead." Proverbs 2:1-2, 11-18. God, in His love and mercy, pleads with parents and young people to heed these warnings! To a young Christian the Bible records this commendation which reflected upon his godly mother: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is Christ Jesus." II Timothy 3:15; 1:5-6!

Another young man of God exclaimed to the Lord: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. God promises, "**When thou goest, it (i.e., God's Word) shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.**" Proverbs 6:22. Praise God for His truth that leads us in a safe path. Proverbs 4:11-12!

Here is one last warning to adolescents and young adults who rebel against God's laws and discipline: "And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and body are consumed (i.e., dying with a horrible disease) And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof (i.e., "I hated to hear God's Word of correction); And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me." Proverbs 5:11-13! What a tragedy — what a heartache and ruin because of rebellion against God's Word! At the last — !!! The end!

## EDUCATION

Education in America's public schools is in the hands of the ungodly — libertines and perverts! **Parents, don't let the public schools ruin your children.** I know all parents can't afford private schools for their children — but, you must counteract the poison and perversion they're exposed to in the public schools by your untiring, daily teaching of God's Word to them. God gave me this revelation two years ago: "My people must teach their children My Word — they must commit it to memory by daily review, parents with their children together, making their calling and election sure."

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear (i.e., the fear of God), prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Hebrews 11:7. We, as parents, must let Noah be our example so we can save ourselves and children from the terrible rising Gathering Storm.

**We must teach our children true values — not material acquisition, but spiritual!** Sports, higher education, success in business, making money, finding pleasure, etc., are the top priorities that misguided parents teach their



children contrariwise to God's Word. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things (i.e., our needs in food, housing, clothing) shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. Jesus taught that our bank accounts should be in heaven — not on earth: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matthew 6:19-20! Most Christians don't believe this! God says our quest should be on this wise: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affections on things above** (i.e., spiritual things), **not on things on the earth.**" Colossians 3:1-2! **The quest and acquiescence of "things," are ruining too many Christians and their families** — like Lot and his family who lost all when God sent His fiery judgments — so God's judgment will come upon Christians and their families of our generation who cling to material things, money, and pleasure, and not to faith and true trust in God's Word. Genesis 19. This idolatry among people will be purged away by the purifying fires of persecution and natural disasters in the judgments of God that will soon descend upon this rebellious generation of the end-time.

The Bible says, "**A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.**" Proverbs 22:1. Amen! This is what I desire and teach my children to seek — not fun, not money, not higher education, but a good name, and loving favour with the Lord. Parents, don't send your sons and daughters to these present-day colleges and universities — they will teach them unbelief and rebellion against God's word and judgments, ruining their morals, values, and their faith and trust in God and His sure Word. I warn you by the Spirit of God! Your teenager is not the "exception" either.

This sick and corrupt society has gone sports crazy — it's pagan and idolatrous! God says: "For bodily exercise (i.e., sports) profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." I Timothy 4:8. Remember, parents, to teach your children the true godly value of sexual and moral purity — teach them God's Commandments! Remind them: "He (or she) that committeth adultery (immorality) lacketh understanding: he destroyeth his own soul." Proverbs 6:32.

### HOW TO BRING UP A SON (OR DAUGHTER)

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place on earth.
2. Make him responsible for performance of a limited number of daily duties.
3. Never punish him in anger.
4. Do not ridicule his conceits, but rather talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Let him invite his friends to your home and table.
6. Be careful to impress upon his mind that making character is more important than making money.
7. Live uprightly before him at all times.
8. Be much in prayer for his spiritual growth.

## HOW TO BRING DOWN A SON (OR DAUGHTER)

1. Provide him with plenty of free spending money.
2. Permit him to choose his own companions without restraint or direction.
3. Give him a latch-key and allow him to return home any hour of the night.
4. Make no inquiry as to where he spends his leisure hours.
5. Give him to understand that manners make a good substitute for morals.
6. Let him expect pay for every act of helpfulness.
7. Let him spend his churchtime hours on the street instead of in church.
8. Be careful never to let him hear you pray.

( — Sawdust Trail)

## HELP FOR YOUR CRISIS!

God has promised this end-time generation with our "generation gap," moral permissiveness, and despairing parents: I will send you help to save your homes! "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: **And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers**, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6. Praise God! What a ministry of reconciliation! This prophecy included John the Baptist (Matthew 11:13-14; esp. Luke 1:15-17). With the spirit and power of Elijah upon me as a prophet of God, with God's whole message of reconciliation, we are as the Holy Ghost gave this revelation expressed in the following prophetic scripture: "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children (this is the key to parents' success in saving their homes), and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. Hallelujah! This message and ministry is succeeding in this vital work to save our homes by the help of the spirit of Elijah upon us!

**Here's an enigma in our society we must help change: Many parents who are good people are not good parents!** Some examples were Lot (Genesis 19) Eli (I Samuel 2:12), and Samuel the great prophet (I Samuel 8:1-5). Too many Christians are too careless, or too busy, or too weak, too foolish, or too ignorant. God has sent this message in His love to you distressed, confused, weak, careless, foolish, or ignorant parents to help turn you to the wisdom of the just, to turn your heart to your children and to their spiritual needs. Parents who use tranquilizers as a substitute to a real solution to their problems by God's methods are deadening their sensitivity to the Holy Ghost's offer of real help — and, teaching their children also that there are chemical solutions to their problems and ills — protecting them from any kind of disappointment, failure, or discomfort. My God, as parents, let's refuse the artificial cures and substitutes that create later misery for us and our maladjusted children — let's instead turn resolutely to God's Book of Wisdom in morals, manners, economics, and spiritual values — the foundation material upon which to build a strong home, as did faithful Noah who prepared an ark to the saving of his house — so we too can save our family from the swiftly arising Gathering Storm. But we must obey God's Word as fully as Noah to save our homes: "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Genesis 6:22.

Beloved parents and young people, remember these words of Jesus as we strive for the mastery in all our problems of marriage and homemaking: **“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”** Matthew 10:37. **My, what a warning!** Jesus is saying to all of His disciples: Don't put relatives before me. Don't stay home from church to honor mother, father or children. Don't neglect prayer, Bible study or witnessing to please your relatives — this includes wife, husband, children, son or daughter! Don't live worldly because of the pressures from your family or kinsmen! Always put me and the life-style of a Christian on the top of your priorities, says Jesus, or you're not worthy of eternal life! Beloved, obey this revelation from God's Spirit and Holy Word — for as Jesus has also said, “Man shall not live by bread alone; but by every word of God.” Luke 4:4. Do this, and happiness in your own soul and marital bliss in your home shall be yours!

The End.

## *The High Calling . . .*

If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others can brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making great sums of money, or having a legacy left to them or in having luxuries, but God may supply you daily, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, and that is a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of providing your needs day by day out of the unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored, and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

God will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him, and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch on you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you. God will take you at your word; and if you absolutely sell yourself to be His slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say. Settle it forever, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that others are not dealt with. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.