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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Once again we say a pleasant greeting to all who are listening to XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL Broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma with your speaker Willie Murphey coming to you for another of our Friday evening visits.

First I would like to say a very personal thank you to all who have been helping to help make this broadcast possible both by their prayers and offerings. We have been hearing from some new listeners, and we certainly welcome you to join with us each Friday evening here, and, of course, then too, there are some that are receiving the printed copies that we welcome you to our number also. We do trust that God will richly reward each one of you. Surely if there was ever a time when we needed to be about our Father's business, it is now. We are living in perilous times and none of us are able to foresee what a day may bring forth, but in the words of that now familiar song "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand."

Indeed the greatest consolation that one could have in life is the assurance that they are led by the spirit of God. In fact the word says that "as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Even so as others in by-gone days have been led by the spirit of God, I believe it is possible for us to be directed by the Holy Spirit even with evil abounding on every hand.

For today I have a subject which may be a little unusual; nevertheless, I am of the firm conviction that it is a vital one even though it may be unpopular. Here it is in Proverbs chapter 6 and verses 16 through 19. I quote:

## "THESE SIX THINGS DOTTH THE LORD HATE:

yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Now you know God did not call upon us to write the Holy Scriptures, for he used holy men of old to write these inspiring passages as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless He does call upon each one of us to give heed to his word for He says in Matthew

4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

It is not our responsibility to sort out and accept from the word of God that part which pleases us most and leave the balance for others to do, but this verse says emphatically that man shall live by every word of God. This means then that God does require of you and me that we be found faithful in handling His word. This I am endeavoring to do.

Now notice again the first text Here we

find seven things enumerated which the Lord says are an abomination unto Him. The first one of these things is designated as a proud look. I don't know why this one would be first mentioned unless it would be one of the things which God hates the most. We do know that he says in Proverbs 16, verses 18 and 19, I quote: "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

Here we see that God places a premium on humility, for the word teaches us in James chapter 4 and verse 6: "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

Pride then comes forth from an evil heart. It is a wicked thing and it is an abomination in the sight of God; therefore, it should be guarded against and uprooted and should find no place in the life of a Christian. Now it may manifest itself in many ways. The first text mentions a proud look. This would just be one of the ways in which its presence might show forth in the countenance of one who possesses this characteristic. In addition to this, his words, no doubt, would be spoken with pride and from there no one is able to tell what the limitations of pride might lead one to do. This would also include his manner of dress, besides a multitude of other things which springs forth from a proud heart.

Now if you think that God is not concerned about the way we talk, the way we look, and the way we dress, consider this verse in 1 Timothy, second chapter and verse nine. Here mention is made that women should adorn themselves in modest apparel. (This goes for men too.) Further mention is made and spoken against the wearing of gold or pearls or costly array.

Friends, let us be honest with ourselves and with God. His people are a holy people. Let us not try to make excuses and look for ways whereby we may bypass the scriptures, but let us embrace them, accept them, and

obey them. In doing so our hearts will be blessed and God will have a people which will be a real example in this world which is filled with those whose hearts depart from God because of a proud look.

Now listen to the words of this poem by E. U. Cook

A publican and Pharisee  
Went in a temple once to pray--  
One was as proud as he could be,  
The other one, the other way.

The proud man said that he was glad;  
Thanked God that he was just and true--  
He gave one-tenth of all he had,  
And did not do as others do.

The Publican himself did smite,  
And from the public view retired,  
But like the widow with her mite,  
His gift was all that God required.

Some little children once were brought,  
That they by Jesus might be blest,  
But somehow his disciples thought,  
That he by them would be distressed.

"Forbid them not," our Saviour said,  
"But suffer them to come to me;"  
He placed his hand on baby's head,  
And placed the baby on his knee.

And said, "Those who to heaven come,  
Must be just like a little child;"  
And his disciples then were dumb--  
Perhaps were once more reconciled.

I'm glad, friends, that God is willing and ready to accept those who are of a humble and contrite spirit. Let us remember, God rejecteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble. If we would find grace and favor in the sight of God, let us humble ourselves, let us seek Him diligently that we may be acceptable in His sight for pride will certainly separate from God and keep us away from the things which are good, the things which are upright, and the things which will make our

heart rejoice.

Friends, I see right now that I have chosen a subject far too big to be covered in one broadcast. We have only briefly touched upon the first thing which is mentioned in our text that God hates--that is a proud look. If God permits and the spirit directs that way, we hope to take up some more of those things which God hates in the future. Let me emphasize again, that if there is anything which God hates, we should certainly beware of it.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our gracious Father,

We know that you understand the secrets of every heart. Therefore, we open the contents of our heart to thee and pray that you would cleanse us, and not only us, but also all those who are willing to accept thy word. We pray that you will purge out all things unlike thee. Make us useful and profitable in thy service, for Christ's sake we ask it. Amen

Listen now to the words of this song "From Death to Life" as sung by Bobby and Dorrall Forbes, Randal Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

This week I want to say a little about faith, one of the most necessary things which we must have before God can do great and marvellous things; faith is also necessary for overcoming the little things that make up our daily lives.

Yes, we think that it surely would take a great

faith for a man to be able to walk on a stormy sea as if it were nothing but dry land. Yet in Matt. 14:22-23 we read where a man just like ourselves did it, but when Peter took his eyes off Jesus and began looking at the waves, he began to sink. Then we hear Jesus say, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

It must have been faith that permitted Peter to walk on the water. But what is faith? In Heb. 11:1 it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Let us stop to think of how many things in our daily life requires just this kind of faith.

The most important thing in our lives which requires faith is our salvation. In Heb. 11:6 we read, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

After we are saved we must have renewed faith in God each day. God has this for us if we claim it. Nothing is impossible with God. (Matt. 19:26) Jesus said "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Matt. 17:20

One of the things God gives us through faith is healing for our bodies. This week we received a letter from one of God's children in which she tells how God healed her.

"Dear Ones: I am glad to say that Christ is just the same now as he was many years ago. He still saves and heals those that seek Him. I would like to testify that He has healed me many times of different sickness and afflictions. Not very long ago I had a rash on my back. It was very annoying. After prayer was offered the rash still kept spreading. Maybe it was a test of my faith. I thank the Lord that it was healed in a short time. I desire to always live for the Lord. Christian love, Anna Chrisman"

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

We enjoyed seeing the saints of Wichita, Kansas, once again Sunday. The services on this day were well attended which was the closing date for the revival meeting which was in progress there. A number of outside ministers were present at different times during the week. This included Bro. Leslie Busbee, Sis. Ruth Murphey, Bro. Curtis Williams, Bro. Dan Kroker, Sis. Katharine Williams, Bro. Roy Harmon, Bro. Eddens, and perhaps others. Present with some of these ministers were their companions. It was also good to see Sis. Clark from Akron, Ohio.

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Bro. Curtis Williams planned to be in meeting in Enid, Oklahoma this week as the Lord leads.

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Bro. Coffey has been in services at the Midway, Louisiana congregation last week.

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Services have been held in Kentwood, Louisiana, last week with Bro. Richard Madden present.

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"Please remember husband in prayer as he has a very painful boil on the back of his head and suffers much with it. And I have been so weak since Pacoima campmeeting I could not get out to church except last Sunday morning for part of the service. With love, Bro. and Sis. Poulos"

". . . there I met Bro. James and Charlotte Huskey and they wanted us to go with them down in Mexico for a service on Sunday. I enjoyed it so much to see the people down there, they are so hungry for this truth and are a very sweet people . . . Sis. Zinn"

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"Bombay, India, 10/25/65, 9:20 a.m. Dear Bro. Willie, In Bombay 10/25/65 to leave for Cochin 1:20 p.m. arrive 4:30 p.m. Bro. Verghese may meet me there. Should have arrived Sat. morn 9 a.m. Delayed for lack of booking . . . All O.K.! Good trip. Good health. Saved and happy in the Lord. Three wonderful contacts here . . . Love to all, Bro. Carver"

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Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, "3:00 p.m. Just received a cable from Cecil Oct. 26, 2 a.m. our time saying--'Safe'." Sister Carver.

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Be sure to hear some of Bro. Carver's interesting experiences in India on the broadcast Friday, November 26, 1965. Those who tune in this broadcast will hear Bro. Carver's voice as he conversed with a native of Bombay, India.

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