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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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Idleness

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. . . And a cheerful greeting to all those tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. It gives me great pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio. Did you ever hear that old expression that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop"? Well, at this time I have chosen to speak to you about idleness. But first let me explain: there is an extreme both ways. One can be idle and never accomplish very much if anything for the Lord and another can be so busy that he doesn't take time to hear the voice of the Lord speak to Him. Either one of these things is not good. Martha was cumbered about much serving while Mary chose to sit and learn at Jesus' feet. The good part which Mary chose was not taken away from her while Martha perhaps thought she was doing service for the Lord and no doubt she was. And yet she would have been better off if she had listened to the voice of Jesus.

But let us give our attention now directly to the thought of idleness. I do believe the enemy takes advantage of those who are idle and uses them many times for a cause which is not good. Here is the text: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." So first let us consider the business end of this thing. Did you know that a business which is neglected soon comes to naught? All that is necessary to be involved in a business failure is just do nothing. Now if that seems strong language to you listen to these verses: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and

thy want as an armed man." Now what do you think of that? Did you know that was scripture? Well it is and it is found in Proverbs 6:6-11. This scripture points out that the ant has no overseer nor ruler and yet he works diligently to gather his food in summer.

Work is not something to worry about. It is something which if well done brings a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. A sense of usefulness puts meaning into life. A useful life is worth living. Something to do! What a joy! A responsibility: a trust: a commitment: this is real life. Man was intended to know the experience of achievement.

Laziness is a most certain peace destroyer. It is the beginning of the end. Life should not be overwrought, or that is one should not overwork, but activity is necessary to growth. Letting

down is dangerous. It is the same in our entire being consisting of body, mind, and soul. Physical laziness is a disgrace. Mental laziness is a tragedy and spiritual laziness is a heartache and brings sorrow and destruction. You should thank God every morning when you get up that you have some thing to do that day which must be done.

Now look at this. Did you know that a man who is too lazy to work should not eat? That is Bible. Here it is in II Thess. 3:10. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work neither should he eat." The next verse goes on to point out the thing which idleness so often causes. Listen to this 11th verse: "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." So really, it does seem that idleness is the devil's workshop after all.

Listen to what the wise man said in Proverbs 20:4, "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing." Here is another in Proverbs 19:15, "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." Listen now to what I Tim. 5:13 has to say about this type of people: "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." So you see when one has nothing to do and is idle they often meddle into affairs which do not belong to them at all.

It is not hard to tell what kind of a farmer one is when you look at his house, fences, barns, and fields. Listen to this verse: "By much slothfulness

the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." Eccl. 10:18

I want to give you this poem.

A Work Done

The leaves are falling from flower
and tree;

They are saying to you and saying to
me,

"We have done our work on mount and
lea;

Hast thou done thine?

"We have drained the nectar from sun
and air;

We have given shade with these limbs
now bare;

We have painted the hills with pig-
ments rare,

From Hand divine."

And what hast thou done, O human
soul.

Thy heart that grieves?

And when thy years to a close are
brought,

Thy maker will ask if thou hast
wrought

As much for the world, in hope and
thought,

As the falling leaves.

--Selected

Friends, did you ever have any experience with honey bees? Did you ever notice how they work so hard during the spring and summer months? And did you know this: the average life of a worker bee is only a few weeks during the working season. My son and I have been having some real experiences with bees this summer and we have observed many things about them. In fact a few weeks ago a swarm from somewhere settled in a mulberry tree in our yard and within a few hours

we had them in a bee hive ready to go to work. And you may be sure they did go to work. They are busy storing a supply of honey for the winter months. If all goes well we may indeed share the honey with them. But is this not what the Bible teaches. Let me give it to you right here from Eph. 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." The apostle Paul taught the same thing by repeating the words of Jesus. Listen: I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

So friends, if you are discouraged and don't know what to do, go to work with faith in God. Trust Him for the results of your labours. Sow the gospel seed in every nook and corner. Brighten others' lives by the sunshine which you radiate. You might remember this poem, too.

A Worker's Prayer

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet.
And lead me forth that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may
reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord! Use even me
Just as Thou wilt, and when and
where,
Until Thy blessed face I see--
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
--Selected

Let us pray:

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message today to every listener and may it bring comfort to the discouraged and cause those who are careless to awaken to their need and duty of being a worker for the Lord in the harvest that many souls may see the light before it is too late for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

In conclusion let me leave this one other verse with you: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4 Those, my friends, were the words of Jesus. Let us follow his example and be busy workers for Him.

This broadcast has been brought your way by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We desire your prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to spread the Word of the Lord which will bring salvation to every one that believeth. If you would like to have a printed copy we would be glad to mail you one upon your request. If we may

be of any help to you write us a letter and address it to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song: "When I looked up and he looked down". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

Be with us again next week at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very cheerful good-bye!

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GOD IS IN EVERY TOMORROW

God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise,
Guidance and strength for the way.

Power for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,
Planning for you and for me,
E'en in the dark will I follow,
Trust where my eyes cannot see.

Stilled by His promise of blessing,
Soothed by the touch of His hand,
Confident in His protection,
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow,
Life with its changes may come;
He is behind and before me,
While in the distance shines Home!

Home--where no thought of tomorrow
Ever can shadow my brow,
Home--in the presence of Jesus,
Through all eternity--NOW!

Selected by Lou Bray

Keep Praying!

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings of love. Again we want to express our appreciation for the love and concern shown to us by the saints. Many have been faithful to send cards and letters. Some have written more than once and yet I've never gotten around to answering. Since Ruth has quit vomiting so much she is gradually gaining some weight back again. Ruth seems very sensitive to pain now. At times she cries quite a bit. She first cried out as if in pain two or three weeks ago. That was the first sound I had heard since a few days after surgery the first of February. There were times we thought she was in pain by the expression on her face but we never heard a sound. Now if she seems to be in pain she cries. The last day or two she has laughed. So that is something new to us too. As yet we haven't heard her speak any words, but a time or two we thought she was trying to talk. I don't know if she can talk as long as she has the trach in her windpipe or throat. The first time I heard Ruth cry out I asked the doctor if he thought that was a sign of improvement. He said he thought it was a sign of more awareness, but he kept telling me not to get our hopes up. Even during the darkest hours we have trusted, expected the Lord to work and we are still expecting Him to work and are waiting upon the Lord. Christian love,"

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

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". . . The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

--Philippians 4:5, 6

at press time

we understand:

From Texas: ". . . Things have happened so fast that I hardly know when I have written and not. I went to take care of the daughter as I told you. She had a 10 lb. boy. Have been to East Texas and to Cushing, Okla. since then and then on down to my brother Ben's to care for his wife when she had surgery. I had just gotten home when I got word that he had fallen from a rig. I didn't go back but we want to thank all of the saints there for their prayers in his behalf. We are so thankful that the Lord has spared him. . . The devil certainly is about his business as he knows he doesn't have much longer to work. Our family is no exception--the devil has been hard after them and the Lord has surely been answering our prayers. . . Last Fri. morning Melinda was on her way to work and to bring the children to me (She was driving a VW.) and she had a wreck. Demolished the car, the children were hospitalized for one day and night, she is still in the hospital very bruised, one arm broken twice and the pelvis broken. The doctor said today that she would be at least 1 1/2 weeks before she would walk and then would have to use crutches. We are so thankful that she is alive and able to think. . . We are doing very well now. . . Truly we are serving a mighty God and we would not be without him. We have it fixed and mean to go all the way with Him whatever may betide. We desire your prayers in our behalf. . . Love to all,"

--Anecia and Joe Dutton

The national campmeeting near Neosho, Mo. begins Friday, July 19.

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From Shreveport: ". . . Had a nice trip to Honduras. About 15 or 20 came to altar while I was preaching. About 200 out on Sunday for "All Day" service. Visited 3 congregations while there-- "Coxen Hale", "Sandy Beach," and "French Harbor." Beautiful island, nice people, beautiful beaches and water. . . Love," --Bro. Carver

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From Texas: ". . . Please pray that God will make a way for us to come to campmeeting. Please tell all the dear saints down there hello for us. We send our love to them all. . ."

--Helen Lambright

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From Arkansas: ". . . I am thankful that I can still say I love the Lord and my greatest aim and desire is to please him and have his will worked in my heart and life. . . I just finished reading the little paper and I sure do enjoy reading it and hearing the broadcast. I guess you really miss Patsy. I pray they have a long and happy life together . . . We had some good news from Houston last week which encourages us to press onward and upward. Leslie, my brother, got saved. Pray the Lord will give grace and help in every time of need. . . Love and prayers,"

--Lenora Bennings

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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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