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## Responsibility

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"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Lam. 3:22-27 Now take another look at this 27th verse. It says, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." I believe this to mean that there are certain responsibilities which come our way. We should be willing to share our duties and to do them faithfully for the Lord. How easy it is to shirk responsibility. Do you remember that expression which says, "Let George do it"?

I believe that this is one of the troubles of our world today. There are too many folks who are unwilling to accept their responsibility. Just for instance let me tell you this. At a nice little rest stop along the highway we stopped to rest and later we fried some bacon and eggs. There were those tall pine trees and it was a lovely spot. You see, we had a little charcoal grill along with us and it came in very handy to fix our meal at this rest stop. Now, if everyone that stopped at a rest stop would pick up their scrap paper, tin cans, and bottles and put them in the garbage barrel, how easy it would be for those who maintain those rest areas to keep them clean. But would you believe it that I saw near this particular rest stop garbage and trash such as bottles and cans that had been tossed over the fence nearby rather than being placed in the garbage barrel. What is the matter? Were these folks who littered this rest area unwilling to share

the responsibility which rightfully belongs to them? How much more pleasant life would be for other people if each one was willing to do their part and share their responsibility. This means that those who do not share their responsibility are a part of the problem and not the solution.

Now just as this is true in the natural, how much more so is it true spiritually. If you are not helping to solve the complications of life you are part of the problem. Nevertheless there are those who want to enjoy the good things of life, the blessings, and the favors of God and still share little or no responsibility.

I appreciate the encouraging letter which we recently received from Sis. Mamie Norcutt of Ft. Scott, Kansas. Sis. Mamie usually listens to the broadcast. I want to quote a part of your letter. Quote, "I thank God for the

message God gave you on praying without ceasing. Sometimes I have trials with the devil. Usually trials come through other people, but when the devil can't find people to make them a trial to you, he'll come and try to crush you down and defeat you. I'm so glad I can flee to God and come out with victory in my soul. Yes, it takes much prayer. But it is a great privilege and opportunity yet it is our duty to pray. It's an opportunity that's precious to my soul. I love that sweet hour of prayer. I always, in my younger days, intended to go through life on a bed of ease, because if you carried too much responsibility, I thought it would age you and put gray hairs in your head, and I never planned on growing old. But God has changed me, I'd rather carry a heavy burden for God and his glory than to live on a bed of ease." End of quote. Thank you, Sis. Mamie. I am glad the Lord caused you to be willing to bear some burdens for him.

Now listen to this scripture, "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30. Here is a poem:

#### One More Day's Work For Jesus

One more day's work for Jesus,  
 One less of life for me;  
 But heaven is nearer,  
 And Christ is dearer,  
 Than yesterday to me;  
 His love and light  
 Fill all my soul tonight.

One more day's work for Jesus;  
 How glorious is my King!

'Tis joy, not duty,  
 To speak his beauty;  
 My soul mounts on the wing  
 At the mere thought  
 How Christ my life has bought.

One more day's work for Jesus;  
 How sweet the work has been,  
 To tell the story,  
 To show the glory,  
 When Christ's flock enter in!  
 How it did shine  
 In this poor heart of mine!

One more day's work for Jesus--  
 Oh, yes, a weary day!  
 But heaven shines clearer,  
 And rest comes nearer,  
 At each step of the way,  
 And Christ in all--  
 Before his face I fall.

Oh, blessed work for Jesus!  
 Oh, rest at Jesus' feet!  
 There toil seems pleasure,  
 My wants are treasure,  
 And pain for him is sweet.  
 Lord, if I may,  
 I'll serve another day.

I say that it is not only a duty but it is a privilege to proclaim the gospel. Of course God has called some of his people for one thing and others he has called for other lines of duty. Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul when he said, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. For though I be free

from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more." I Cor. 9:16-19

Now, dear ones, don't you see how Paul felt his obligation to God and to those who were without the gospel. Yet I like the way he made the gospel without charge. This is the way we are endeavoring to do on this broadcast and also on those printed weekly copies which we mail. We are looking to the Lord for our reward when we get to the end of life's journey. Some times he even rewards in many ways right here in this life. But remember, whatever your calling may be, one of these days you will do your last day's work. Some of these days I will prepare my last message for this broadcast and then won't we be glad that we labored willingly for God. There's one scripture which says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the gospel seed which is sown over this broadcast. May some word or thought fall into good and honest hearts and bring forth fruit for the eternal glory of God. Bless each listener with the richest blessings of heaven and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, if you would like a copy of today's broadcast you may have one free without cost or obligation by writing to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. If we may be a help to you be sure to let us know. It is our sincere desire that we may be a blessing to those who hear the broadcast from week to week.

Surely there's much to do for God. The Lord needs laborers in His field. Let us not shirk our responsibility, but let us do willingly, joyfully, and gladly that which the Lord lays on our hearts to do for Him.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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### *Testimonies*

From Kansas: "I would appreciate very much to receive a copy of the poem read on your broadcasting program KGGF, Coffeyville, Kansas, of August 30 and September 6, 1970. We listen to your program regularly, and like them very much. Thank you."

--Mrs. Ralph L. Wagner

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I guess you are back from your trip by now. Hope and trust you had a profitable and safe trip. Surely to extend his grace to others is the greatest mission one can be on. I want to do that in my every day life. His love is sweet to me and I want to help get it to others. . . I am trying to profit by all that I hear of God's word."

--T. V. McMillian

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From Mo.: "I have been sick for about three weeks now and I need your prayer. No doubt you have heard about this and are praying for me now. I have cold several places, so I feel like you all are praying for me now, so I am looking for the windows of heaven to open up and the rain to come down. I guess you are back home from Indies? I hope you had a good trip. I am off from work and would love to be in meeting but not able to go any place."

--Willard Marler

From Ohio: "Greetings of very much Christian love, in Jesus dear and most precious, and most worthy name. 'As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?' Psa. 42:1-2 I'm so glad for real born again experience, in my soul, that saves, sanctifies the soul, and heals, and keeps, even in the very serious conditions. He has been a precious Saviour, and I could never be able to put into words what he has meant to my soul. I sure can recommend my Saviour to a lost and dying world, the only one thro' whom real soul peace, and real satisfaction, that can be found only as we find Him as the very own personal Saviour. He sure can transform the soul of all that will come to God, with a broken and a contrite heart. I'm glad when I came to him with my whole heart He changed my life completely, praise His dear Name. My heart just hungers and thirsts more and more each day. I sure want to be a much better light in the little corner which He has placed me, more than ever, in my whole life. I sure desire your earnest prayers for soul and body. I have a condition in my body that needs special help. Please pray that God in his abundant mercy will have his perfect way. I want to send in a very urgent request for Sis. Lloyd Whipple of Oregon, Mo. who was very low, and the children was called home over the week of the Labor Day holiday, and she is still in very serious condition. Remember her especially in prayer at this time. We sure do enjoy the little Mission Trail paper. It is indeed food for the hungry soul. May the blessings rest and abide with you dear ones as you labor so faithfully day after day to send the pure gospel out to the lost and perishing world. In

much Christian love, from your little Sister, in the one true way,"

--Maudie Sharp, 3430 Tremaine Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43227

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"Dear Bro. --Will you please pray for our son whom we love very much. He is drinking and we can't seem to do any good talking to him--Thank you so very much. From--Worried Parents"

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From Louisiana State Penitentiary:  
"Dear Friends: I have had the opportunity of reading the Mission Trail through the goodness of a friend. I liked reading it very much and would like you mail me a weekly copy of the Mission Trail. Thanking you kindly, and with hopes that your decision is favorable I remain, Yours in Christ,"

--Monsanto Nesbitt

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From Nigeria: "I hereby send greetings to you and family in our Saviour's name. This leaves us still pressing on with the work of the Lord and at the same time fighting the good fight. Despite the oppositions, despite the agonies, despite the storms of life, I will still press on till the crown is won. Will you still pray with us that we conquer the forces of life. Wife, Enietie and I send our love. Your brother in Christ,"

--Brownson Udeme

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From Ill. : "I do thank God for salvation and his many blessings and benefits. How He has enriched and blessed my life in many ways! I thank Him too, for leading me to the evening light saints. I love the family of God and feel more at home with them all the time. I appreciate the ministers and their families. . . I want to be a better Christian always, and please God in all things. When you think of it, pray for me. God bless you all. In Christian love,"

--Thelma Sprague

From Okla.: "Greetings in Christ Jesus. Giving thanks unto the Father for his loving care for us. While working at duties of life, the thought I did engage about being counted worthy to escape all these things. I looked it up in the Bible. St. Luke 21:36 'Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.' I think it is good counseling of our King Jesus. It is worth while to take heed unto it. God bless you all for Jesus' sake."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From La.: "We are thankful for the many blessings of the Lord on us helpless human beings down here in a world with so much sin on every hand. Surely it is in Him we live, move and have our being physically and spiritually. As David said, He daily loadeth us with benefits. I surely don't want to just take these many blessings and benefits for granted, but I want to recognize them always as coming from His loving hand and turn back daily giving Him thanks and praise. I see from my Mission Trail received yesterday, you and Kathleen were to be in Jamaica last Sunday, and I'm thinking you may still be there. I'm trusting and praying the Lord will make each of you a real blessing there and all other places He sends you to work for Him. . . We are thankful the Lord permitted Bro. and Sis. Stover to come to Hammond to be a help in the congregation there, even if it will be for a short time. I met them for the first time in 1941 in Calif. and have ever since then appreciated so much the sweet spirit they possess and the example they have been in every way. Bro. Stover is bringing some real soul stirring messages in a revival there this week. . . In Christian love,"

--Alta Flynn

From Ark.: "We greet you in Jesus dear name. His name sounds so wonderful to me in these wicked days. Truly His name is above every name. It brings such calmness to a troubled soul. Calms our fears and dries our tears and there is healing in his Name. All we need is in Christ. We do love him and adore him this morning. We were sorry we missed seeing you at Senath meeting, would of been so glad to have been there but circumstances hindered. The next all day meeting is to be here at Grubbs. We wish to invite every one to come. We are looking for a blessing from the Lord. We've been praying the Lord's blessings on you and Kathleen on your mission for the Lord. What in life we all may do can but save a very few. . ."

--Albert and Margaret Eck

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From Ark.: "I want to tell how the Lord has blessed me, and helped again. I was so weak and tired for several weeks. And in answer to prayer and faith in Him I am feeling well again. Praise his great and powerful name for ever. After I read the Mission Trail papers I hand them out to others to read. I went to the Myrtle camp-meeting. . . It was a blessing to be there, and I got 2 more pen pals. I love to hear from the dear children of God. Our fellowship is precious. The first Sunday in Oct. is our all day meeting at Grubbs, Ark. We are expecting a good day in the Lord and every body is welcome and share with us that day. Dear Sister Della Anshultz is sick. Please pray for her. She is precious in the Lord. There are only a few of us there at Grubbs but the Lord blesses. Sister Eck preaches the word to us and it is our part to hear, believe, and obey it. I love the truth of God's word."

--Sis. N. E. Adams

