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Good morning, friends. I am happy to be coming your way once again with a message from the word of the Lord. If there was ever a time that we need to stand for the truth, it is now. Those of you who heard the broadcast last week may remember that I spoke about "honesty" and of course "dishonesty". One is opposite to the other. So to begin with let me give you again this scripture from II Cor. 8:21, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." Think how much it would be worth to children and young people in our day to have the principles of truth and righteousness instilled in their hearts while they are yet young. If one is allowed to practice lying, stealing, and cheating in their youth think what the final outcome will be. These things often develop into greater sins of embezzlement, bank robbing, and automobile stealing as well as a host of others.

I am quite sure that most people who make a purchase want to get full measure. I knew a certain merchant who operated a grocery store some years ago, the title of which was known as "the Golden Rule" grocery store. Isn't that an appropriate title? Furthermore as a standard of practice the slogan was "Where 16 ozs. make a pound". I am sure that if everyone operated on this basis there would be more mutual trust and confidence among all mankind.

Even the business people of the world appreciate a man or woman who is honest in the payment of his obligations. Then how much more so is God looking for folks who will render unto him that which rightfully is due unto God.

Think of this. Would you want a merchant to have 2 sets of scales, one of which he used in buying and another he used in selling? No, I am sure that

most of us would want him to buy and sell with the same set of scales. Then look what Jesus said in Luke 6 beginning with verse 37, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." If this is true in the material things, and I believe it is, how much more so is it true in the things of God. We should be willing to be judged by the same standard of judgment which we place upon others.

I can remember how my father would make his living when I was but a child at home in the state of Louisiana. He would plant his English peas early in the year. He grew green beans, to-

matoes, okra, turnips, and various other vegetables to sell. He would get up early in the morning, gather the vegetables, often washing them, and tying them into bundles and get them ready to sell that day. Most people like to have fresh homegrown vegetables to serve on their tables and my father tried hard to please those who purchased these things from him. One thing especially I believe they liked was the way in which he measured them. He believed in this scripture, "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over". Now who is it that wouldn't like to receive this sort of measure?

Don't you know that if we give ourselves wholly to the Lord without reserve and we give of our time, our money, and our efforts and along with all of this we are honest before God and honest with our fellowmen, God takes notice of this? Surely there comes a reaping day in our lives.

Listen to this scripture, "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth, For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." Psa. 37:21-28

A few nights ago in the revival meeting at Anthony, Kan. Bro. Kenneth Probst was preaching and he read this scripture from Jer. 5 and beginning with verse 1, "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." I want you to hear some of the comments which Bro. Kenneth Probst made in his own words that night in Anthony, Kansas. I am sorry that the recording is not a little better, but bear in mind that this was made on my small cassette recorder. Here is what he said:

"Now, this instruction was given back under the old dispensation, but I feel like it is very applicable in this day and age for every one of us. It's a good thing as we go through life's journey to set our eyes and set our attention upon the prospects of finding somebody that's interested in the truth of God's Word. This said, "go ye to and fro", just wander about in the city and see if you can find a man. But not just any man. There is a lot of men, a lot of people. But this man is going to have to be a particular man. He is going to have to be a man that stands out from the rest of the crowd. I want you to look for a man that is peculiar in this respect. I want you to look and see if you can find that man that executeth judgment, a man that will be willing to stand upon the judgments of God's word, a man that is willing to take the Word of God as the judgment for his life. I want you to see the Lord is no doubt saying to the prophet here, "If you can find an individual whose judgment coincides with my judgment, whose understanding and whose heart is perfect before me." And he said, "See if there be a man that seeketh the

truth". Now I'm persuaded that when we start to narrow down the category we may find a lot of people that will say, "Yes, I'll take God's judgment", but when it comes right down to the truth of God's judgment, then sometimes that brings a little separation between the classes of people. God wants you and I to have such a love and such a desire and such a hungriyng in our heart for the truth that we will not stop short until we have been convinced in our own mind through the Spirit of God, backed up by the Word of God, that we have been enlightened with all the truth of God's word. "

I like that, don't you? I trust the Lord will give everyone of us a constant love for the truth. Now, may I give you just a little advice. If you've been crooked in your dealings, if you have cheated or robbed, confess that thing before God, ask his forgiveness and make it right with the one whom you have wronged. I believe that God's word teaches restitution. Pay up the old grocery bill and walk honestly before God and men. Listen to this poem:

Be True

Young friends, to whom life's early
days
Are bright with promise all,
And to whose view the glowing rays
Of hope unclouded fall, --
To counsel each to choose the good
Throughout the coming years, I would
A precept give to you:
Observe if you success would win
The wealth of worth embodied in
Two little words: Be true.

Be true to right: let justice still
Her even balance claim;
Unawed, unbribed, through good or
ill,
Make rectitude your aim.

Unswayed by prejudice, thy mind
Each day submitted claims will find
To champion or deny;
Then, cast, according to thy light,
Thy influence on the side of right,
Though all the world goes by.

Be true to self-respect: the world
May judge thy motives wrong,
And slander's poisoned shafts be
hurled
Where virtue moves along;
Keep thou the upright ways that find
The approval of thy own good mind--
"To thine own self be true";
So shalt thou humbly walk erect.
And, conscious of thy own respect,
Make others' honor due.

Shall we pray,

Our Father in heaven,

Bless the words of the message to
every good and honest heart. Convict
those who have been unfair and unjust.
Bring them to repentance and cause
them to make their wrongs right. Help
us all to walk uprightly before thee and
thine shall be the praise through Christ
our Lord. Amen

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

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Testimonies

From Ohio: "Greetings in Jesus pre-
cious name. I love him with all my
heart and we are praising and thanking
him today for the precious meeting with
the dear folks at Enid, and for the safe
trip of 2,165 miles. God granted a
'breaking-thru' and a precious altar
service the last Sat. nite. . . We feel
the meeting was encouraging and pro-
fitable". --Sis. and Bro. S. E. Abbott

From Mo.: "I am encouraged to press on and live for God and see the end of a Christian race. I want to walk with God here below so that he will not be ashamed of me up there. The Lord has been very merciful to us here of late. Our house caught on fire. . . It didn't do too much damage, but gave us all a good scare. The worse part about it was the fall that Carre had while she was hurrying around out in the yard. I think it must have fractured a rib and pulled some muscles loose in her chest. She has been unable to rest good at night since then. But she is a little better now. She rested better last night for which we are thankful."

--Bro. T. V. McMillian

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From Ore.: 'It has been some time since we wrote. But we have been enjoying the Mission Trail, look forward to its coming each week. We thank God for His love and mercy to us and the desire of our heart is to be more like Christ. As we look out on the world and see how fast people are drifting toward ruin it makes us have a deeper burden to pray that precious souls will be awakened before too late. . . Oh, how we need to work and pray for precious souls, that they will come in while the door is open. . . Yes, we need to pray as never before and work while it is day. My heart is stirred as I write and think of the condition of the world today. Yes, the harvest is ripe and Jesus said the labourers are few and told us to pray for the Lord to send forth labourers into His harvest. . . Some of our dear aged sisters have gone home to be with the Lord since last we wrote. First in July dear Sister Marie Cloir went to be with the Lord. She was eighty six and then in Sept. 28th the Lord took our dear Sister Mary Ann Galloway to Himself. She was eighty six and her life was a real

example in meekness. . . Sister McPherson was 92 and had not been able to be out to services for some time. . . One of her favorite songs was one that Bro. Chandler had sung for her when he and Sister Chandler were here and went out to visit with her, "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow." The last Sunday we were there to see her Sister Evalee had taken the tape recorder and she played this song. How she did enjoy it. Well, the dear Lord had made a way for her to go to be with Jesus.'

--Bea Spaur

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From Mo.: "He gave all he had to save you and me from the gates of hell. Oh the pain and misery he went through on that old rugged cross, no human tongue can tell."

--W. D. Harmon

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From Calif.: "I am glad I am still saved and for the love of God that is in my heart. I want to be sure I am living to please the Lord. I want to live a holy life. I am glad God knows our weakness. . . If we make mistakes he forgives us and doesn't turn us down. I want to thank the dear Lord for the way he is healing and has healed me. I am almost normal again. My nerves are so much better. . ."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From S. C.: "Bro. Willie, the Lord is so good to his people until we can never thank him enough for what he does for his people. Sometimes the joys of the Lord runs over in my soul. God desires his people to be filled with the spirit of Christ. . . Every time I read the 91st Psalm the joy just floods my soul. . . I get a lot of encouragement through reading the Mission Trail paper. So by the help of the Lord keep them going. I am sure God will bless you and your family for your faithful work."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

From Pa. : "Greeting you in the name of Jesus. Hope this finds you all well out there. The Lord has been blessing me in my body which I am truly thankful, but I still suffer yet. . . I am still looking to Him to deliver me from all these things. . . Christian love and prayers,"

--Earl and Avis Tinsley

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From Ark. : 'Greetings of love to you in Jesus dear name. The name we love to hear in adoration to Him. He is our keeper and counselor, and said (John 12:32) 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me'. It seems so simple and is where he has the pre-eminence. This makes the peace and satisfaction, besides the many extended privileges that belong to those who trust Him. . . It is snowing and raining and a cold wind, north wind. I guess winter time isn't too far away. I worked Sun. the 8th. I took my transistor radio and at 8 a. m. I tuned right in on Coffeyville. The Mission Trail was on the air. I was caring for a room of 3 old gentlemen. I think they enjoyed it at least they heard. I did anyway. The messages always bring strength to me.'

--Lou Bray

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From Mo. : 'I thank the Lord for the faithful saints that are holding up the truth. I love the Bible straight and narrow way. This is the only way that will take us to heaven. . . I thank the dear Lord for protecting me from breaking my right leg and arm when I fell at Myrtle campmeeting. I bruised my leg until it was black from my knee to my foot. My arm was bruised too. I did break some ribs. They were very painful and sore for some weeks. . . My ribs are healed. . . They never bother me any at all. I thank the dear Lord for healing me. . . Please earnestly pray for my eyes to be healed.'

--Sis. Fannie Williams

From Miss. : "we're still enjoying the little paper Mission Trail. We don't stop until we've read it all. We especially enjoy the printed radio broadcast. . . I really believe you are doing a good work in helping spread the gospel. I'm afraid it's later than we think, and we should be very busy, getting the gospel to the unsaved."

--Mrs. Grace Gill

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From Okla. : "I have depended on the Lord for over 30 years. Several years ago I retired and took out my Social Security and like most of folks I signed up for Medicare: but later on I decided I was breaking the first commandment. That was making me a backslider. So I went and canceled my Medicare. I felt much better after that for fear, worry don't bother me for I know God never made anything for us to be afraid of and if we be contented and not worry! This is a wonderful world to live in."

--George Seidle

God of creation
In adoration
We worship Thee.
Though worlds may tremble
And nations fall,
We know thy sure hand
Art guiding all.
In deep contrition
And heart submission,
On bended knee
Our sins confessing
Our deep transgressing;
For humble pardon
On Thee we call.
With bitter tears
And anguished groans,
Tho far we've wandered
A nation mourns.
O save our young men
Dear loving God,
And teach us, Father
To kiss the rod!

--Olive McFarling

