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"Life Is a Battle"

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Good morning, friends. We hope the new year is proving to be a happy one for you. But I believe for one to be truly happy, they must learn to run the race of life with patience. In other words, they must learn to fight the good fight of faith. I don't believe that folks who are allowed to do just as they want to without restraining their fleshly appetites, are really happy. Life is a great spiritual battle. The sooner one learns that he cannot always have his own way, the better. Listen to this scripture:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:24-27.

Right here, and now in the beginning of this new year, we should see to it that we practice this scripture. I believe children, as well as grown people should learn what their life is. It is not only breathing, moving, playing, and sleeping in simple form like this, it is more than that. Life is a battle. Those who are spiritual and thoughtful see it this way. It is a battle between good and evil from childhood on up. There are good influences, which draw us heavenward and then there are the evil influences which seek to drag us down.

Notice this phrase of that scripture: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." How long has it been since you really laid down the law so to speak, to your body and told it to be under subjection? Who is the master of your life, your body or the life of Christ in your soul? Who do you really obey?

Some people get the idea if there was no restraint on them, morally, legally, or otherwise, then they could do as they please and things would be lovely. But that isn't so. Even the animals have order about their behavior.

Those who are able to work, (I'm speaking of people now) and they would live without working or bringing their bodies under subjection by honest labor should consider 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." Prov. 6:6-8.

Did you ever notice a spider weave a

web? If that web breaks, do you know what the spider will do. Mend it, of course. If it breaks twenty times, just so many times he mends that web. Do you suppose a spider gets tired of working? Well, I would think so. I suppose he gets worn and weary too. But does he let that stop him from spinning another web. No, certainly not. Why not? Because he knows it is by that web that his food will come to him.

Now, listen to this scripture: "There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, yet go they forth by bands; The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces." Prov. 30:24-28. Isn't that a lesson worth remembering? It is the things which we remember which profit us. We might hear a lot of things and realize they are the truth, but unless we remembered to do them they would profit us little.

Two years ago in Ecuador I saw women with a spool of thread or yarn in one hand, and as they walked from place to place they were busy rolling that yarn to another spool. They were working.

The reason some people do not prosper in a spiritual way is because they do not receive the word in a spirit of meekness. Listen to this: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:21-22. There are plenty of people who would like to sit as the judge among the people of God. Let us remember, we stand at the bar

to be tried by God's word, and searched, and sifted; but woe unto us if rejecting every pretence of meekness, we endeavor to sit as God himself and be the judge of his people. As a sinner, seeking mercy from the hand of God, one must have a spirit of meekness and a teachable mind if he would be accepted of the Lord. When you know it is God's word, even though it may strike you, it must be received with meekness.

The word may condemn you, but receive it with meekness. It may be there is something about the truth which at the first you do not understand; it is perhaps too high, too terrible, too deep, but receive it with meekness. I know this is not the spirit of the present age, but it is the spirit which the living God requires of us. It is by receiving with meekness that we receive the truth in the power of it, and so it is able to save our souls. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven." The door of Heaven is open to those who sit at Jesus' feet and learn of him. You are not his servant unless he is your master. Think about that.

How can you be called his disciple if you do not obey his words? Receive with meekness if you would be blessed with grace.

The real meaning of humility begins when we learn to suffer and be strong, to submit and conquer, to be killed all the day long and yet live, to wear the cross and win the crown. Our true greatness begins not when we think more of ourselves, but when we think more of duty, more of making others happy. If I were called upon to go out into the streets and highways, to stand in the noisy factory or the crowded marketplace such as I recently saw in Ecuador,

and teach men, as I found them in these places, one of the first lessons of happiness, in the fewest words, I would say, Love thyself last, and praise thyself least. Try more to interest yourself in others than others in you. Envy nobody and be willing to take the lowest place, and then strive to make it the highest by filling it well.

When you are tempted to complain about your lot in life and you grow weary in well-doing, think of the manger in Bethlehem and who was laid there; think of the cross of Calvary and who was nailed thereon; think of the crown of thorns and who wore it. To be happy, be humble. To learn how little reason you have to be proud, look down upon the lowly flower and the perishing grass, and see what beauty, what glory, God confers upon things which you tread beneath your feet. Listen to the voice which says, "Learn of me, for I am lowly."

Here is a poem:

THE END WILL TELL

What if you've made mistakes in life?
Don't hang your head in sorrow,
But profit by the lesson learned,
And better make tomorrow.

There's no one who can boast of none,
Philosopher or prophet.
All you can do is to do your best;
When you see your wrong, then stop it.

If you should find you're in a fault,
And the devil keeps a grinding,
Just shake him off and fix it up,
And thank God for the finding.

When others think they see your faults,
Your soul enough to sink it,
And you are sure you're in the right,
Keep still and let them think it.

Keep close to Jesus, let him break
Each selfish band asunder.
Some day the battle you will win
While they look on with wonder.

The battle is the Lord's, not yours;
Then give him all the glory,
Stand firm as steel and do not fear;
He'll win it--don't you worry.

So trudge along though none may know
Your worth or give you glory;
To start out brisk don't win the race;
The end will tell the story.

Let us pray. Our father, bless the word
as it goes out over the airwaves. Cause
it to reach into homes and hearts where
you have been hitherto denied an entrance.
Help us right in the beginning
of this new year, to be about our father's
business of proclaiming the truth to
those we come into contact with and
thine shall be the praise through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments
of your time. If you have received a
blessing we would be so happy to hear
from you. Your kind letters have meant
so much to us. I am so deeply indebted
to God and to you. Thank you, for
making it possible to keep this broad-
cast on the air. If we may assist you
with some burden or spiritual problem
be sure to let us know. Address your
letter to, THE MISSION TRAIL, Guth-
rie, Okla.

Here is a song: Heaven Came Down.

The singers are: Kenneth and Lois
Abbott, Johnnie and Della Gutwein.

Until we meet again this is Willie
Murphey saying may God bless and keep
you throughout the new year and a very
cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Okla.: "Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour who loved us so much that he gave his life that we might be saved, for which we are thankful today. As we are nearing the end of this year we are very thankful for his mercy and blessings of the past year. Our prayers and desires are to live closer and learn more how to get deeper in his love in this coming year. We enjoy the Mission Trail so keep it coming to us. We are grateful for the burden you have for lost souls and pray the Lord will bless you abundantly. We desire your prayers that we always please our Saviour." --Bro. & Sis. L. Droke

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From Mo.: "Dear Ones, Greetings, We certainly want to stay on the mailing list so thought I'd better get it mailed in. We sure would love to be at Guthrie right now for the meeting, but things didn't work out for us to get to be there. So we had a nice Christmas with my folks. Danny (our oldest boy) has had some kind of throat infection and was pretty sick, but is better now. We surely do thank and praise the Lord for it. . ." Eula, Leslie, Danny, & Michael Adams

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From Ore.: "I often think of a little story I heard some time ago of a little seed as it lay in the ground and was wondering what it would grow up to be. It looked a round at all the different trees and plants and flowers and each one was not the kind of plant the little seed wanted to be. It complained and found fault with every one as it lay there and looked at each one, never finding anything good. Then it grew and grew and what do you think it was--a weed. That is the way we might be if we find fault with everyone around us. Instead of growing into something useful and pleasant and lovely as we should when we live for the Lord,

we might grow into just an ugly, bitter weed. So let's not do that. Let's not find fault but look for something good in those about us and grow into a lovely flower ourselves. Hope all goes well with you thru the coming year."

--Hilda A. Nielsen

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From La.: "We appreciate the nice letter rec'd. And the chance to apply again for the weekly copy of Mission Trail. We do enjoy them. Some of the different letters and items are a real encouragement and also help us to keep in touch with the different ones. We are getting so near to the end of this year. Do hope and pray that we all remain in His service and do our bit each day in the coming year and as long as we are permitted to remain. . . I am enclosing a small offering to help out in the work there. Please remember us in prayer, as we do for so many others, and the work everywhere. We really do need each other, but most of all our Saviour."

--Pearl Bailey

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From Ill.: "Yes, please send me the little Mission Trail. It is so much help to me. I am living alone. My husband passed away a year ago last June. It is still lonely for me. The Lord has been so good to me as he is to all of us. I enjoy the paper so very much."

--Mrs. Clarence Gentry

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From Ariz.: "Dear ones, Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I can report victory in my soul and am so thankful for all the Lord does for me. . . I still enjoy and appreciate the Mission Trail paper and don't want to miss a copy. I very seldom get to be in meeting but I'm glad I read the Bible and pray each day, keeping encouraged and looking to the coming of the Lord. Please remember me in your prayers."

--Sis. Annie Peete

From Mo.: It sure made us feel good to hear about Sis. White seeing the pearly gates. So glad she kept true and faithful to the end. I surely hope we all can do that. We know heaven is cheap at any cost and we know God's grace is sufficient for all he permits to come our way. I am so glad for God's little few. . . I sure couldn't be happy going along with the crowd these days."

--Sister Katie Gibson

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From Wash.: "Greetings of love in our dear Saviours name. . . The one that loved us so much he came here to this earth and gave his life that we might be saved from our sins. I thank the Lord for that salvation in my heart, and the peace that passeth understanding. What a wonderful privilege we have of serving him. We certainly do want you to send us The Mission Trail paper for next year. We missed it so much during your absence. We thank the Lord you had a safe trip recently, and hope much good was accomplished. Hope you are all well there, and had a good assembly meeting. Pray for us."

--Sister Thomas.

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These kind words received from a 100 year old reader are much appreciated: "Here is wishing for you and yours a fine Christmas and "A happy new year". Praying God's rich blessing on you, Sincerely, "

--Josie Stone

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Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, "The coming of the Mission Trail cheers our hearts every time. We would not want one copy to miss us. Please continue in your great effort to reach hungry souls and we will pray for you. We do love the Lord and want to serve Him and be faithful at our post of duty. Right at this time it is here in Kansas where we are close to Donald and Marilyn Eck

helping them on their dairy. We all go in to Coffeyville and worship with the saints there. Our appreciation and love to all the saints and friends for their attention to us cannot be written only. May God bless you all."

--Leslie and Sylvia Busbee & Children
R. R. 1, Box 29 B, Bartlett Kan. 67332

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From Ga.: "This is to say I am well, hope the same of you. I enjoyed reading the paper. It was joy to my soul. I am glad you made a safe trip back home. I am asking you and the saints to pray for me that the good master will heal my eyes if it is his will. My sight is a little dim. I know the good master is able."

--Friendly Green.

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From Okla.: "I am still saved, sanctified and all on the altar for God. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail, and many that are not saints are also reading it, for which I am thankful. . . May God continue to bless you in this work."

--Sis. Rilla C. Wadley

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From Minn.: "I see that you are back from your trip to S. America and I know the Lord has been with you all the way. Please continue the Mission Trail as I enjoy reading it and it helps me spiritually. I am enjoying good health for which I thank the Lord who has been so good to me. . . God bless you all and give you power from on high to spread the gospel to lost souls and also feed the sheep. Much love and prayers, "

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Please excuse our delay in sending in the coupon. Wife is not so well at this writing. We covet your prayers. Thanks and may the Lord ever bless and prosper your efforts in laboring for the advancements for his cause in the earth is our prayer." --Ulysses & Ella Phillips

EITHER WHAT



LUKE xv, 8, 9.

at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to John and Della Gutwein, 4008 Gardenview Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45431, on the birth of their son, Jan. 4, 1972.

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REVIVAL

Grubbs, Arkansas

We would like to announce our revival. Bro Kenneth Probst from Vinita, Oklahoma will be here January 17th thru the 23rd. We are planning to have an all-day meeting on Jan. 23rd. Everyone is invited. Pray that this meeting will be a real uplift to the saints here. It has been over 2 years since we've had a revival and we appreciate Kenneth feeling burdened for a meeting. We would be happy if God would help us find any honest souls around here.

--DeLoris and Randall Bradley

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The saints at Boley, Okla. have a new chapel under construction. It is not complete but they are looking to the Lord that it will be soon. If the Lord should lay it on your heart to help in a financial way, send it directly to Anna Thompson, R. 1, Box 71-A, Boley, Okla. 74829.

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From Va.: "I am happy in the Lord--never been more encouraged in my life to go on for Him. . . I enjoyed the diary of your trip. I will soon be 71 years old. My hair is greying, my face is wrinkling, my steps faltering, my sojourn will soon end, and we'll have to embark on the port of eternity. I am laboring to live in life, as I wish to be found in death." --Wm. J. Preston

From Wisconsin: "I am sorry to say Sister Matilda (Mrs. Art Klatt) has passed away in a fire in her son's Gerald's home in Fairchild, Wisconsin on Dec. 5, 1971. She was not afraid to die as she was a sincere and a honest Christian. She loved her Lord. She really enjoyed reading the Mission Trail she received Many years. She died at the age of 82 years. May God Bless who all knew Sister Klatt."

--The family of Sister Art Klatt.

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"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." --Psalms 34:19. This scripture seems quite applicable to the Lord's people this winter. Many have been sick with the colds or flu but we are glad the Lord is a present help in the time of need and the sickness in most cases has not lasted long.

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From Ill.: "I trust this finds you well and rejoicing in God's great grace and mercy. How much we have to thank and praise Him for today! To think that we have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His son--made a child of the King, and joint-heirs with Christ! How good it is to know and serve the true God. We certainly enjoyed the assembly meeting. . . We had a safe trip home. . . We have snow and icy roads--temperature was 4 degrees below zero this a.m. Winter seems to have arrived! But I thank God the weather held until after the meeting."

--Sister Thelma Sprague



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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."

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KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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