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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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## The Gospel Alphabet, Chapter Two

D is for DILIGENCE and E is for ENDURANCE

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure to be coming your way again by means of radio. Do you remember your ABC's? May I quickly remind you that A stands for AIM, B stands for BELIEVE and C stands for COURAGE! Then what?

Listen: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings" Proverbs 22:29. So then, D must be for DILIGENCE! Aim and belief as well as courage is absolutely necessary for success, but without this diligence they would be but in vain. Diligence is that which keeps one pressing onward in the face of every obstacle. It is the opposite from indifference, laziness and carelessness. Do you remember the old story of the rabbit and the turtle? The rabbit was fast and quick. He could run swiftly and made light of the turtle who moved so slowly. But there was one thing the turtle had which the rabbit lacked--diligence. Because of the rabbit's swiftness he thought he could stop and nap a while. But the turtle kept slowly moving onward. He was pressing with diligence. So it isn't always to the swift or the talented that the victory goes, but instead to the diligent. "The heights by great men--reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept, were toiling upward through the night."--Longfellow.

The opposite of diligence, is slothful-

ness. "The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious." Proverbs 12:27. And again, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. 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." Prov. 24:30-34.

Now, a few more scriptures to prove beyond a doubt that diligence is necessary in all phases of business: Listen, "Not slothful in business" Romans 12:11. "If any would not work, neither should he eat" Do you believe that? It is what the Bible teaches in 2 Thess. 3:10. "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds" Prov. 27:23. "he becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich"

Prov. 10:4. Here's another: "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. If all this is true in the business world or the natural things of life, and we believe it is, think how much more important it is to be diligent in the spiritual: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Prov. 4:23. And Jesus said: "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.

And that is not all. Here are more: "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure" 2 Pet. 1:10, and "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation". That doesn't sound to me as if one can be slothful and get to heaven. "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" 2 Pet. 3:14. And finally, "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut" Matt. 25:10. May the Lord help us all to be diligent!

E is for ENDURANCE. "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. Oh, for an endurance that will know no denial. The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. They endure!

One verse in Genesis 12:5 expresses it this way: "They went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." Gen. 12:5. But all of this was after they had traveled many weary miles through the wilderness, and endured the hardships encountered when they met many foes. But -- "into the land of Canaan they

came." That is, the ones who endured, those who were under twenty years of age when they started, plus Joshua and Caleb.

It is reported that a huge tree was cut in California and those who could tell decided that it began growing in the year 271 before Christ. At the age of 516 years old it was partly burned, the charred portions being visible far inside the tree. Other fires left their marks in 1441, 1580 and 1797. But this tree disfigured and partly destroyed, covered its wounds, enlarged and continued to reach toward the sky. It endured the ravages of fire and the elements.

Two small streams begin their journey toward the sea, furnishing fresh water to man and beast as well as vegetation along the way. What happens? One brook dries up and the other endures. It eventually becomes a mighty river!

A diamond is formed by a piece of coal which sticks to its job! Roses are guarded by thorns and honey is protected by the bees. Those who fear the thorns or bees will likely have to depend upon someone else to get their honey and roses for them!

Now notice the scriptures which point to the need for endurance: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. It is wonderful to be on the right road, but this isn't enough, we must travel it! It is written of Moses that "...he en-

dured, as seeing him who is invisible" Heb. 11:27. And of Job--"...till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live." Job 27:6-7. That was quite a decision, wasn't it?

While hanging on the cross Jesus said: "It is finished." John 11:30. Paul's testimony was like this: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Tim. 4:7. Edison, that noted inventor, made many experiments before he came forth with the storage battery. But it was worth it all. A tribute to Columbus, that great explorer of so many years ago, is described in this poem by Joaquin Miller:

"My men grow mutinous day by day;  
My men grow ghostly wan and weak."  
The stout mate thought of home; a spray  
of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.  
"What shall I say, brave Admiral, say,  
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"  
"Why, you shall say at break of day;  
Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"  
They sailed, they sailed, then spoke  
the mate:  
"This mad sea shows its teeth tonight,  
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,  
With lifted teeth as if to bite!  
Brave Admiral, say but one good word,  
What shall we do when hope is gone?"  
The words leapt as a leaping sword,  
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"  
Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck,  
And peered through darkness. Ah, that  
night of all dark nights!  
And then a speck--  
A light! A light! A light!  
It grew, a starlit flag unfurled!  
It grew to be Time's burst of dawn:  
He gained a world; he gave that world  
It grandest lesson: "On and on!"

Shall we pray. Our Father, we thank thee for the diligence and endurance necessary to see the end of a righteous life. This is our great desire. And now we ask for thy blessings upon all those who hear the broadcast. Strengthen them with thy might to run this race even to the end for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Dear ones, we appreciate the interest of those who write us from time to time and tell us that they are listening to the broadcast. And your offerings have certainly been a great inspiration and blessing to us to keep the message going forth. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always.....

### *Testimonies*

From Jamaica: "Again it is our great pleasure to send you warm greetings of Christian love in the precious name Jesus. Jesus--oh how sweet the name, how wonderful! Thank you for your letter of July 7th. The time flew away so quickly that I did not realize it was so long since we did not write to you. Please excuse us for this... Yes, indeed it would be wonderful to again attend another camp meeting there; but without you having the long drive to Miami to meet us. We do appreciate what was done, but would not love to see you having such a task again... The work is as usual although not as we would wish it to be. We are still laboring and praying. We desire to please God and to see the extension of His kingdom. We always desire your prayer. Thank God we are much better in health and feeling much stronger. Thanks for Mission Trail. That God's richest blessings ever be your portion is the sincere prayers of yours in the family of God," --Israel and Olga Smalling

From Oklahoma: "...our world is so wicked. They are like they were in Noah's day. Well, praise God, I am glad God saved me over 45 years ago and sanctified me, filled me with his Holy Spirit. Well, brother Murphey, keep preaching God's truth. May it fall on good ground and spring up and bring forth..."

--Sis. Ben Harrison

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From Mo.: "I was once a sad miserable creature till Jesus forgave me and made me a new creature...I could not see a way out of sin. I wanted to live a Christian life...So I made the decision I was going to turn from sin. I sought the Lord with all my heart, wanting to be saved above every thing. So on Dec. 13, 1920 God forgave me...I had many persecutions and trials but I prayed much and God kept me in His loving care...May God bless and help souls to turn to the Lord for life is short and we do not know when we may have to go. There is more joy, peace and happiness in serving the Lord living a Christian life than anything this world can offer."

--Sis. Becky Barnes

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From Ore.: "Just a hurried note to send you a little offering to help in your work for our Blessed Redeemer. One time I heard Bro. Harland Smith say that people don't give sometimes because they have only a little but that if everyone is faithful to even give the little God will bless it much. My soul is rejoicing in the wonderful love of our dear Savior, and my heart is deeply stirred to be more diligent in watching and praying. It surely is time for all of us to be up and doing all we can to help precious souls to come to Christ. He is most precious to me and I appreciate His great mercy and love. Our prayer is that He continue to bless your efforts in His service. With Christian love,"

--Virginia Taylor

From Ill.: "We wish to continue receiving the Mission Trail. We look forward to it coming in the mail."

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From Wisc.: "Once again we greet you in the matchless name of Jesus. Thank the Lord for victory over sin and the defilement of this world. We are happy for this wonderful salvation and wouldn't trade it for anything this world offers. Thank God for the true saints and people of God... We have been harvesting apples lately. They are a good crop. Yes, keep sending the Mission Trail. We enjoy it very much."

--Bro. & Sis. Frank Dietrich

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From Calif.: "We had the most wonderful rain last night and things look clean and washed. Man constantly needs to be reminded that all his blessings are derived from the Creator. The Bible says that He "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matt. 5:45) The bountiful provisions for our physical needs and the amazing grace that makes us joint heirs with Christ all come from God. We should acknowledge our dependence upon Him and humbly say, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers...; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Ps. 8:3, 4) Surely "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." I was blessed to be at meeting at Pacoima, Ca. to enjoy preaching, prayers and hymns and seeing dear Saints. I don't get to be in church very often and when I do it's a joy. (One of those extra specials from God.) Good to be with Mama (Annie McKinney) who will be 98 next month, Lord willing. I am getting up there too 72 this mo. My, how time goes so fast and I don't feel old. Will say good-night and God bless you."

--Sis. Lucille S. Allen

From Ill.: "Greeting in Jesus name. This leaves me fine and enjoying the goodness of God. He is so good to me and I love him more every day. Oh how I thank him for the good health he gives me but most of all I thank him for salvation and how I want to serve him better every day. We are sure having nice weather. There has been a couple of mornings I had to have the heat on. ... Well it won't be long till you will have a new daughter. I wish the best for them ... good night and God bless you both. Christian love,"

--Sis. Mildred Snell

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From Ohio: "Greetings of love to all in the name of our wonderful One (Jesus). Oh how we do appreciate His tender love and never-ending mercy being extended to all of us. It is most precious and wonderful how He takes care of all of our needs at the same time! Whatever our burden, requests, problems, afflictions might be, He knows about each one and is there to undertake concerning each one. Oh what a privilege and honor it is to belong to the Lord. And to think that we don't even deserve such extra-special attention and love and mercy!"

--Sis. Janice Shaw

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From Oregon: "Thank you for sending the Mission Trail paper to me so faithfully. I appreciate it very much as it keeps me informed also of other saints and is a very encouraging paper... May the Lord continue to bless you and the work there."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Kan.: "We are happy, redeemed and free, and plan by the grace of God to stay that way. We have been having some beautiful fall weather and I have really been enjoying it... May the Lord continue to bless you both and cause the broadcast to be very fruitful."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From Ind.: "Hope all is well with you dear ones. We don't get to go to camp-meeting any more. It is so far to drive and we are not young any more..."

--Bro. & Sis. Rufus Morton

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From Okla.: "I am still saved and living for Jesus. I mean to go all the way with the Lord. I don't mean to stop shorter than heaven. When these few lines reach your loving hands, I hope it finds you all doing the same for Jesus. This world is getting worse all the time. The Lord will soon be here in a few more days to take us out of this troublesome world. We all want to go shouting into heaven that morning."

-- Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Ore.: "Greetings in Jesus name this morning. So thankful for Him and His many blessings to unworthy me. This letter is way overdue and am sorry I'm such a slow letter writer. But I think of you often and pray for you even though I am slow in writing. I always enjoy the Mission Trail so much and often times the message has been just what I would need at the time. May the dear Lord bless you and reward you for your labors for Him. I enjoy the testimonies too from the dear saints. Most of them I've never met but I love them anyway and they're my brothers and sisters... Satan would like to keep us all "too busy" but I'm reminded of the verse that says "without me you can do nothing"... When I look at older people and know they never think of God, never enter a church, I wonder how they ever live. Their life to me looks so empty and void."

--Sis. Ruby Hutchinson

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am yet saved and living for the dear Lord. He is all we need in life if we put all of our trust in him."

--Sis. Annie Bowen

From N. Mex.: "Hope all is well and you are happy in his service because it is so good to be sending the gospel truth to the many precious souls in need for encouragement to keep pressing forward each day in his name. I thank and praise him each day for all he does for us. He is ever a present help in time of need. We do well by the help of the good Lord." --Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Calif.: "Greetings Bro. & Sis. Murphey, in the name of Jesus our Lord. I'm so glad that we know him as our personal Savior and know what he will do for us personally... We are trusting the Lord is prospering you both, both soul and body. John wrote (3 John 2) "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." We are thankful the Lord does prosper us both soul and body, for truly we are rich in the Lord. We appreciate the Mission Trail and the mission it accomplishes. It means much to stand for the whole truth today, when there is much compromising and will get worse on to the end, but we are told in the Eph. 6:11-13, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand", also Jesus said in Mark 13:13, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." We know by this that there are many things to endure, but he also said in Matt. 28:20 "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"... his promises are based on our obedience. If we obey his word then we can claim all the wonderful promises in the Bible and he will stand back of them and bring them to pass... Bro. Gene feels better some days and not so good others. He would like to have gone to the ministers meeting but could not at this time..."

--Bro. and Sis. Gene Harmon

## Appreciation From the Marken Family

From Idaho: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Wayne, and Saints of Light: Greetings in Jesus dear name. We rejoice in the knowledge that each of us have the opportunity and privilege of making it home to glory if we will take the Bible way. The plan was purchased many years ago, but we must avail ourselves of that plan or it will do us no good. We want to thank each one for your prayers for our dear mother while she was with us and for us of the Marken family that has been left behind. We miss her and shall as long as we live and have our right mind, but by the help and grace of the Lord we too, may enter that blessed place. My mind fails me when I try to think of what heaven is like and what they might be doing over there today. We feel that by faith Mamma made it home. If she had not had a vision of what that Home over there was going to be like she never would have begged us to turn her loose and let her go. The last word that she spoke and we knew what it was was "Jesus". I had gotten up and come in to her bedside at about 3:30 on Wed. morning and knelt down by her side and kissed her then begin to sing "What a Friend we have in Jesus." After I had gone back to bed she sang that phrase though her breath was short and her strength was gone, she could sing no more than that. She went into a coma about 6 a.m. Wed. morning and passed the following morning at about 4:30 a.m. Praise the Lord she did not choke. He answered our prayer and we do thank and praise Him for it. Again may the Lord reward you each one for your prayers and love shown to us during this time. Love and prayers,"

--The Marken family

# at press time

we understand:

*Mrs. Thelma Sprague  
requests your presence at the marriage  
of her daughter*

*Mary Martha*

to

*Mr. Wayne S. Murphey*

son of

*Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Murphey  
on Saturday November twenty-ninth  
nineteen hundred and seventy five  
at six-thirty p. m., Lord willing*

*Church of God Chapel  
6th and West Warner  
Guthrie, Oklahoma*

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Congratulations to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Ether Hines on their 55th wedding anniversary in September. Also Sister Ether was 84 that month. They love to have the saints stop by their home while passing through that part of the country, Hudson, Mich. 49247.

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It was a pleasure for Frances and myself to be in the Sunday morning service with the saints in Okmulgee, Okla. Oct. 26. A large number were present and Bro. Mackey Francisco brought a stirring message. On the return trip we visited Bro. and Sis. Willie McMakin of Shawnee. Bro. Willie is very sick and would so much appreciate the prayers of the saints. A word of encouragement just letting him know you were praying and a card would be appreciated. Send it to 209 S. Phila., Shawnee, Okla. 74801.

ALL-DAY MEETING is scheduled for Coffeyville, Kansas November 9th. The Church of God chapel is located on the corner of Eldridge and Elmwood drive.

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Welcome to Sis. Edith Wall, formerly of Dallas, Texas, who has been living in The Guthrie area for some time and attending services with the congregation of saints here. More recently Sister Vivian McClain and Sis. Viola Perry have also moved to Guthrie.

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"We were made sad last night when Leonard called and said my nephew died with heart attack. He was Dollie Sorrell's youngest brother. Please remember and the rest of the family when you pray."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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Meeting was scheduled to be in progress nightly the last week of October in Enid, Okla., and Garfield, Arkansas with an all-day meeting in Community building near Garfield, Ark., Sun., Nov. 2nd.

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PLEASE HELP US keep our mailing list updated by letting us know if it is your wish to continue to receive Mission Trail. Quite a number responded last month for which we are thankful. Still others we have not heard from in many months. There is no obligation, just drop us a card or letter and say "Yes, do keep my name on the mailing list!" Many thanks to all who help us pay the postage, buy paper and pay broadcast time! For more than 10 years God has not failed us yet! We are trusting him for the future.



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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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