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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

“This One Thing I Do”!

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“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus:” Phil. 3:13-14. Good morning, friends. It is surely a pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio as we do each Sunday at this time. I hope after our short visit you will be more encouraged to press on for the Lord in these trying times.

Notice especially this one particular part of that scripture: “This one thing I do.” Isn’t that short and to the point? Here is a man with a purpose in life. Where there is no clear purpose there is not likely to be much strength of character. And where there is no strength of character there is only a remote possibility of success. So then, it is one thing to declare a purpose, and another thing to stick it out to the end. What we need is a clear and unswerving purpose of heart to do God’s will and then the weaving of the everyday circumstances of life will help us carry out that purpose of heart.

Let me put the definition of success in the words of another who has said that success is finding the will of God for your life and then doing it. This means then, that once the purpose is found, using every bit of skill, will power and patience we can command, we should relate to it all the circumstances and events of life in such a way that they do not foil but aid and assist the principal aim. So let me ask you this question: What is your purpose in life? Do you have one? Is it to obtain large sums of wealth? Or is it to be the president

of some big company or to gain popularity and honor of the world? If so you may be able to obtain these things. However, sometimes people set their stakes too high and don’t reach their goal. And as likely as not, their hindering causes come from their own failure to concentrate their utmost strength. But this matter of serving the Lord and being found faithful to his call is a large order indeed. Furthermore, it presents a real challenge. You see, there are so many things to hinder. And only a few people are willing to take the way of the cross.

Do you remember the parable of the seed which was sown? There were several types of ground. Some seed fell by the wayside where the fowls came and devoured it up. Some fell among stony places, and even though it sprang up, the sun caused it to wither away because it had not much earth. Then there was the seed which fell among thorns. This cause of failure is really heart-touching to me. It was choked out not all at once, but just little by little. It came up and grew and no doubt the prospects looked good at one time, but as time went on more and more the

thorns choked out the grain. Isn't this just so true in life? Barrenness comes so slowly that one is hardly aware or able to discern that anything is wrong. It is like the deadly carbon monoxide gas. First it makes one sleepy, perhaps their eyes burn a little and sting, but then they lose consciousness and drop off into sleep from which they are never awakened in this life.

Or it is like being frozen to death in the Arctic, after a drowsiness comes over that one who has been exposed to the sub-freezing temperatures. And again, we might say it is somewhat like they tell about the frog. They say a frog can be placed in a pan of cold water and put on the stove. Now, remember, this is while the frog is still alive. If the water is gradually heated he makes no effort to escape and is boiled to death right there in an open pan without ever jumping out.

Now, I don't know how true that is, for I have never tried it. But it does make sense.

But I will say this: It is the trivial things of life which cause many to fail of the grace of God. His doom is brought about by the trifling things which are so small. These little things don't help him on to God. His life is more like a brush pile rather than a tree which has the limbs and branches all fastened to the trunk where they are growing. In a brush pile there are many branches and limbs from trees, but they are really not a part of a living and growing tree. Little notes jotted down on pieces of paper are handy if you can find them when you need them. But if they are bound into a volume and indexed they are worth a lot more because they will be easily found. Then they help the author carry out his central purpose.

Referring to the one who said: "This one thing I do," we find the apostle Paul had learned to be content in whatsoever state he was in. He had learned to make all things work together for good to serve his purpose in life. He had the skill and wisdom and courage and patience to make his life's hardships serve the central purpose. And that purpose was to press toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Even the sound of his chain became a summons to others to follow him as he followed Christ. Even like Jesus himself, Paul knew his meat was to do the will of God and finish the appointed work. We really need this text for inspiration. I am glad it is in the Bible. And we need all the help we can get to concentrate our efforts and make them count for God.

Some people try to do too many things to be successful in any of them. Did you ever know anyone like this? This matter of serving the Lord requires a specialist. That means hard work and concentration. It also means consecration. A specialist in any line of work needs to learn what ever he can about his particular field of study. Some people like to hunt with a shotgun, while others prefer a rifle. Now a shotgun may cover a wider area, but a rifle will penetrate deeper and pierce farther into the target because the power is concentrated and not scattered at random.

So now, let me ask you, what is your main purpose in life, and do you have the power and ability to carry that purpose to a satisfactory conclusion? I say you can succeed in living for God above all the obstacles that come, but it is going to take a concentrated effort and some things may go unfinished while you work at the main project.

One thing is sure as you travel the seas of life--you are going to need the Bible. This great book the Bible, is a compass to those seeking a passage through this life. Shape your life to the course it indicates. Feed on its truths every day. It is food for the soul. The Bible is an unspeakably wonderful book. It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of life, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It gives light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's chart. Here heaven is opened and the gates of hell described. Christ is its theme, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure, and a garden of flowers. It is given us in life; will be open in judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with it.

Let us pray.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. May thy truth not fall into stony and hard hearts altogether, but cause some of it to find good and honest hearts where it will spring up and bring forth fruit for thy sake and thine shall be the glory through Christ our Lord Amen!

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be a help to you with some spiritual problem be sure to let us know. Address your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We appreciate so much those who have helped us keep the message going forth on the air and through the mail.

Here is a song "Home of the Soul". The singers are Bobby & Dorall Forbes, Leslie Busbee, and yours truly, Willie Murphey.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful good-bye and may God bless you everyone.

GOD'S TIME

My times are in thy hand, Psal. 31:15.
 God's time is never wrong,
 Never too fast nor too slow;
 The planets move to its steady pace
 As centuries come and go.
 Stars rise and set by that time,
 The punctual comets come back
 With never a second's variance
 From the round of their viewless track,
 Men space their years by the sun
 And reckon their months by the moon,
 And never arrive too late
 And never depart too soon.
 Let us set our clocks by God's,
 And order our lives by His ways;
 And nothing can come and nothing can go
 Too soon or too late in our days. --Sel

God Is Still In His Heaven

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."

Psalm 121:7

If we look about us
 We see trouble everywhere,
 Riots, war and conflict;
 Seems rebellion is in the air.

The future looks darker
 As the days go by.
 But we are told to "Look up,
 Our redemption draweth nigh."



Testimonies

From Kans.: "Another month has rolled around so quickly and another National meeting has come and gone. I was hindered from going this year by the early birth of my first grandchild, little Teondra Naomi... showed signs of coming on the very day we planned to go to Monark Springs. She arrived the next morning about 5:00 A.M. on July 24th. Naturally we think she is darling and appreciate the Lord's mercy to her upon her beginning of life. Mother and baby are both doing nicely... Paul is a happy father now and seems glad to have that role as an added joy. Each of the saints from here that went to the National meeting and I have asked them about the meeting have said it was really good and they enjoyed it... I certainly hope that all who got saved will press on and hold to the hand of the Lord... Even in these perilous and confusing times, I mean to go right on until the crown is won." --Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Ore.: "I have heard the good reports from the Monark meeting and so glad as we were all praying. I do believe my leg is slowly getting better. I do not use my cane. I can walk without it and the pain is not so great... very sad about the Inman boy but yet what a wonderful thing to know he had a good influence and was so respected by his school mates... We have had a cool summer -- just a few warm days... I don't know if you heard, while I was visiting my son in Klamath Falls during the 4th holiday, my sister in Redding, Calif. only 150 miles away had a heart attack and went into a coma, only lived a few hours and passed away July 8th. She would have been 73 the 21st of this month, just two years older than I. It was a terrible shock."

--Sis. Grace Jones

From La.: "We are thankful for salvation and all that Jesus means to us today. I am encouraged by this scripture found in Hebrews 12:12-13 and these thoughts: 'Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.' This is God's Word of encouragement to us to lift up the hands of faith, and confirm the knees of prayer. Sometimes our faith grows weak, tired or languid, and our prayers lose their force and effectiveness. God's Word tells us that 'the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.' James 5:16. This is one of my favorite scriptures. I pray always that God will teach me how to pray that effectual prayer that will prevail with God to bring down answers. I read where Bro. Geo. Mueller spent 4 hours a day in prayer, and God honored his prayers and performed many marvelous things. I wonder how many of us, today spend 4 hours in prayer?... We often become discouraged and so timid that a little obstacle depresses and frightens us, and we are tempted to walk around it, not face it; to take the easier way. There are many ways of walking around things instead of going straight through them. God says, 'Lift up the hands that hang down.' Let us march straight through the flood, and lo, the waters will part, the Red Sea will open and the Lord will lead us through to victory... Let us give ourselves no liberty ever to doubt God or His love and faithfulness to us. We can set our will against doubt just as we do against any other sin; and as we stand firm and refuse to doubt, the Holy Spirit will come to our rescue and give us the faith of God and crown us with victory... We look forward to each issue of The Mission Trail..." --Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

From Okla.: "I am thankful we have a wonderful Savior we can trust in our afflictions and trials. He promised grace sufficient for each need. I truly find it true. Also He knows all our needs before we ask Him."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From Tenn.: "We enjoy the Mission Trail, but too far away to get the radio broadcast. Trust all is well with you and yours, and that each of you will keep encouraged and continue to do all you can for the salvation of souls. Time is swiftly passing, and for many of us, we don't have a great deal of time left in this world. We are so thankful for God's gracious dealings, His marvelous love, mercy, healing, saving and keeping grace. I attended part of the meeting at Green Bank, W. Va., in July. It was good. Their new tabernacle is nice and helpful. Christian love,"

--Bro. Charles Williams

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From Pa.: "Oh! how I love Him and want to live close to Him, so that others may see Jesus in my life. They are watching and our lives are an open book that men read, rather than what we say. He said He would give us the words to say when we need them, so I am sure He will. It is hard to put any more in a cup that is already full (of sin and wickedness). Continue to pray for me as I need His help to the end. This last affliction left my mind weaker, but I do thank and praise Him each day that He is helping me grow in grace and the knowledge of Him. When they ask a question, the answer is ready from His word. We should praise Him more. I pray earnestly each day for the assembly meetings and the camp meetings that people will feel their need of coming and surrendering to God and live in peace with Him and be ready to help someone else find Him."--Sis. Eva Cox

From Calif.: "What we do for Jesus we must do quickly. May God bless you richly as you print the Mission Trail ... May we all be lively stones diligent in our work for the Lord. We are not obeying God unless we are lively stones. He doesn't have any dead stones in his building here on earth. May God stir every one of his children to dig deeper down in the rock Christ Jesus. It is my desire and prayer to our Lord that He will keep me stirred and filling my place in his earthly kingdom."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Kans.: "Greetings to you in the name of our precious Lord, who died that we might live. I thank Him today for His wonderful love to me. I was 87 years old two months ago and I am still able to do for myself and don't need a cane around the house. I don't hear or see well but so very thankful that it's as well as it is. I can still write and sew a little, and spend much time on my knees praying for those that are so sorely afflicted. We don't know the why's but we know that God is love and He knows what is best. We need to pray for one another." --Sis. Amy Hunter

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From Calif.: "This beautiful morning finds me very blessed, in my heart, soul and mind, with a desire to draw closer to the Lord each day that I live. My heart stays so burdened for so many lost souls that aren't thinking where they are going to spend eternity. Oh! how I do beg the Lord to help lost souls to realize the reality of eternity and the reality of hell, and what it will mean to miss heaven. If only people would realize how wonderful it is to live for God, and the joy and peace He gives to us. That is real peace to me. I am so thankful that I have the assurance that I have His Holy Spirit living in me."

--Sis. Hazel Savage

From Ga.: "Thanks to you all for your concern, the messages you sent, and may our good Lord give you all more of his blessings that he knows we really need so much. I've really enjoyed praying with you saints, and I do love all you saints. In these last days I do not have money as I wish to share with you at this time, but I am sure He'll provide all our need, even at times when we think not. So let's not stop sharing God's love. We shall overcome just like our Lord Jesus Christ."

--John Silas Durham

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From Miss.: "Hope all are feeling fine, still have all of you on my prayer list. I am some better for which I praise God very much... Continue to pray for all the folks in Mississippi."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From La.: "I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. I live alone and read a lot... I am asking for special prayer for my entire body; just one thing after another; no need to try to name all of my afflictions. God knows all about them. He can heal anything..."

--Sis. Beulah Johnson

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From Ore.: "Greetings to you folks today! I didn't get to attend the Monark campmeeting, but plan to go to Pacoima meeting. We had some hot weather 109 degrees last week and now it is turning cold today... God bless your work there to keep the Mission Trail going."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Ala.: "Today finds me yet saved and happy in the Lord, praise His holy name. I truly thank Him for the many blessings He bestows on me. I really enjoy the Mission Trail. Keep up the good work. May God bless and keep you in His tender care is my prayer."

--Sis. Irene Richardson

From Ark.: "Thanking the Lord this morning for another new day unfolded before us, ready to take us in. I am trusting whatever I do this day will be for the glory of the Lord by his help. The beautiful world is truly praising Him and so am I." --Sis. Lou Bray

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From Okla.: "You may have enjoyed some of the Monark Springs campmeeting. I have heard that it was good. Thanksgiving unto the Lord... God bless the broadcast is my prayer..."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Colo.: "I desire your prayer every day. I'm depending on Jesus to keep me till He's done with me here."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES!

In that comforting 12th chapter of Hebrews we are specially assured that God makes no mistakes in the chastening tribulation which he sends to us. Afterward it shall work out the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Thus assured we are to be patient in tribulation knowing that God means the best for us, even though what he does towards us is quite painful. Patience is a grace which honors God. It rests upon His word. It trusts his power. It believes that all things are working for good, and that the reward at the end of life will more than repay us for all the trials along the way. The apostle Paul connected "rejoicing in hope" with "patient in tribulation." Hope looks forward to that life where sorrow never comes and there is ever-abounding joy. Patience says, "I will quietly wait the breaking of that eternal day." Surely with such an avenue out of all our troubles, we should bear them patiently through the "little while" that they stay, then exchange the "light affliction" for that "eternal weight of glory."

at press time

we understand:

OKMULGEE REVIVAL

Meeting is scheduled to begin at Church of God in Okmulgee, Oct. 18 and continuing through Oct. 24th in the chapel at 1002 McLagen, with evening starting time of 7:45. For further information call the pastor, Bro. Woodrow Warren, (918) 756-6425. --Sis. Erma Johnson

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We extend our heart-felt sympathy and prayer for Bro. Woodrow Warren in the loss of his companion, who died Aug. 16th. Sis. Warren's funeral was held at The Church of God chapel of Hoffman, Okla., Aug. 21. Remember Bro. Warren in this time of great sorrow: 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447

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Another Monark meeting has come and gone where the saints came from far and near to sing, pray, testify and to hear the Word of God preached. God met with us and honored the preaching of the truth. A pleasant experience lingers of the three Zacharias brothers (two of them pilots) who flew their own plane and brought their mother, Sis. Johanna from Minn. to Neosho. A number of young folks (and two old ones) were at the airport to see them begin their return trip. To lessen the weight the four of them had brought no suitcase, but paper sacks. After the little Cessna lifted into the air and headed to the north, a voice rang out over the loud speaker of the terminal for all to hear, "All of you keep encouraged!" Soon they were seen no more as they faded out of sight. But how fitting was their admonition for all saints when they part!

BIRTHS

Phillip and Rosie Gellenbeck, a son, Matthew Victor, July 25.

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Paul and Sarita Phillips, a daughter, Teondra Naomi, July 24.

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Jackie and Bonnie Riley, a daughter, in July.

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Charles and Diane Chandler, a son, July 25.

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John and Rosalie Samons, twin sons, Aug. 12.

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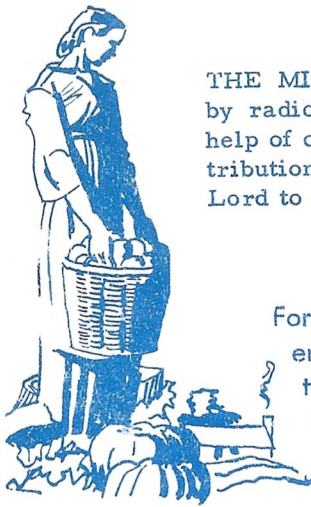
James and Patricia Bell, a son, David Michael, Aug. 15.

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We extend our heart-felt sympathy and prayers for Bro. Curtis Williams in the loss of his dear mother, Sis. Mary Williams, who died Aug. 19. Brother Curtis and his companion have had the care of his mother for some time and her sickness has been rather lengthy. Let them know that you are praying and that you care: Bro. Curtis Williams, R. 1, Box 656, Moorehead, Ky. 40351

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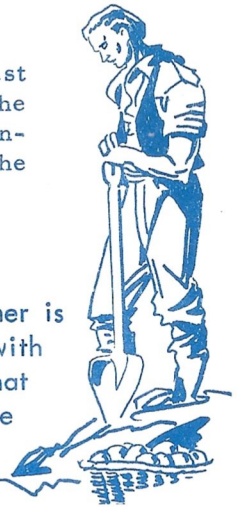
On September 1 we will observe a milestone of the 14th anniversary since the broadcast was first heard on Radio Station KGGF in Coffeyville, Kansas. The year was 1968 that being in the 4th year of the broadcast. As we recall how God has blessed and provided, it gives us new hope for today and tomorrow! Many thanks to all who have helped.



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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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