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TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS
A lamp to my feet A light to my path

These passages for daily Bible reading are suggested as a help in understanding what the Bible has to say about many areas of interest to us. They do not pretend to be exhaustive. The topics are arranged in weekly cycles, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sabbath. Some daily readings have more verses than others. You may find more passages that will help your thinking in regard to the topics listed. We encourage you to memorize passages that hold particular meaning for you.

GOD AND NATION
July 5—Need for Rulers — Ex. 18:21-22; Deut. 1:13; 16:19-20
July 6—Prayer for King — Psalm 72
July 7—Obedience to Rulers — Romans 13:1-7
July 8—Obedience to Laws — 1 Peter 2:13-16
July 9—Nation That Knows God Is Blessed — Psalm 33
July 10—God Greater than Nations—Isaiah 40:1-17
July 11—Prayer for Rulers — 1 Timothy 2:1-6

WORSHIP
July 12—Condition for — Psalm 24
July 13—Praise — Psalm 84
July 14—True Worship — John 4:19-26
July 15—Love for God — Psalm 116
July 16—Thanksgiving — Psalm 100
July 17—Exhortation to Worship — Psalm 95:1-7; 29:1-2
July 18—Commitment Resulting from — Isaiah 6:1-8

GIFTS
July 19—Our Food — Gen. 1:29-31; 8:20-9:4; 1 Tim. 4:1-5
July 20—To Be Used — Ecclesiastes 3:10-14; 5:18-20
July 22—Of Christ — Isaiah 55:1-5; John 3:16-18
July 23—From God — James 1:17; Eph. 4:4-8
July 24—From God — Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11
July 25—Of God — Romans 5:15-18; 6:23

WATChFULNESS
July 26—Israel Exhorted Through Moses — Deut. 4:1-9; 23
July 28—Need for — Matthew 25:1-13
July 30—For Christ's Coming — Romans 13:8-14
July 31—Christians for the Second Coming — 2 Pet. 3:1-8
Aug. 1—The Church Exhorted — Rev. 3:1-3; 16:15

They Bow in Prayer
America's chief executive and America's chief evangelist bow in prayer together. It was a unique event in American history for the President to give a message (13 minutes) at an evangelistic meeting as he did at the East Tennessee Crusade at Knoxville May 28. Evangelist Billy Graham has always emphasized spiritual needs of our nation and has encouraged Presidents to seek the will of God in their administration of national and international affairs. President Nixon, speaking on youth night to a vast audience which had jam-packed the stadium once upon a time, came to Knoxville for a message which had jam-packed the stadium long before July 3, 1970. Reactions, especially to the President's part, have been overwhelmingly positive according to the Rev. John D. Erickson, ABS secretary for ways and means.

"They're decorated with designs that suggest stained-glass—not the kind you see in church, but the kind once used on lampshades in the early part of this century. The style is Tiffany glass."

Accompanying the seals is a Scripture selection, a pocket-size folder containing the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians (Today's English), the source of all but one of the five verses on the seals.

Each seal features a brief motto from Scripture proclaiming that "Love is kind," "Love is patient," "Love is eternal," "Love never gives up," and "God is love."
The Price of Liberty

There are many facets to freedom and the cry of the blacks for "Freedom Now" is not the best example in the world today of the struggle to achieve or maintain liberty. It is not an exaggeration to say that the blacks in this country have infinitely more economic, political, and social freedom than the people of the Communist dominated countries. It may not be a pleasing comparison, for people in Russia and its satellite countries do not expect freedom; they take it for granted.

Take the case of Israel as an example of a struggle for liberty. The nation has been a free nation for some twenty-two years but is paying a high price for that liberty. George Meany in a recent address pointed out some facts that ought to be noted in the boardroom as they are. He noted that when Ben-Gurion announced that he was going to create the State of Israel, the Soviet Union openly declared its friendship for Israel and sent military aid from Czechoslovakia. Now the Soviet Union is sending massive military aid, including 15-foot-tall technicians, soldiers, pilots, and missile base operators to Egypt and the other countries that ring Israel and vows to dismember the nation. Why this change of policy? Was it part of the spirit of the post-World War II period? Or was it the spirit of the Cold War and the superpower struggle? There is no doubt that the Soviet Union is trying to destroy Israel and those associated with him because the nation. Why this change of policy? Perhaps the spirit of the post-World War II period? Or was it the spirit of the Cold War and the superpower struggle? There is no doubt that the Soviet Union is trying to destroy Israel and those associated with him, because they don't go to the Holy Land to be Israelites, they are Jews, the Jewish homeland of the Jews; to set up a slave state; they went there to set up a free state, and they are paying the price.

"And I know of no nation in modern history that has had to face such a devastating challenge to its liberty. The price of liberty came high in the colonial history of America. Our fore-fathers were willing to pay the price. We need to pray earnestly that we, their descendants, will value liberty enough so that we will not barter it away by letting liberty-deny ing Communism over run the world and eventually rob us of our cherished free choices. On the other hand, we must understand that liberty either to the left or to the right, only somewhere between in a strong democratic system, which some militians are trying to destroy.

If ever Christianity was needed in everyday life it is now. There are many Biblical symbols that need to be applied more earnestly than ever before. Turning the other cheek when personally injured is a part of it. Putting on the whole armor of God and fighting for the right is another part of it. We who love good must hate evil with equal passion. Moral evil seems to evoke too little hate. Society cannot be made good so long as the moral law is disregarded.

A House for the Spirit

It is hard to remember in this day of almost universal enlightenment that there are still large areas of the world where, as the once popular missionary hymn expressed it, "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone." Such seems to be the case in Thailand and in the inmost part of the Middle East that comes naturally anywhere near that.

Mr. Meany, president of AFL-CIO, makes this statement: "They could have been living in contentment except for one thing: They would not be living in freedom. And the terms, the Soviet terms, were rejected out of hand by Ben-Gurion and those associated with him because they didn't go to the Holy Land, to the traditional homeland of the Jews, to set up a slave state; they went there to set up a free state, and they are paying the price . . . ."

Bangkok, Thailand, is a teeming city of three million souls, many of whom are seeking ways to turn the hearts of the people to the freedom and joy of redemption through Christ.

There is a striking parallel on a much more local plane to this house for the spirit and the New Testament teaching that the Holy Spirit takes up His abode in a place that men are invited to dwell. The Scripture says of believers, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you?" (1 Cor. 6:19). It is a matter of Christian experience that before we took Christ as our Savior there was much evidence of an evil spirit dwelling in our hearts but now Christ is the fountain of life that he sent by the new birth, the evil spirit is gone. In its place we have the consciousness of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, who fills us with joy and peace. There is no spirit house of wood and stone but a place in our hearts that temples the Spirit of Christ. Let us pray for a fuller realization of this presence!
Pornography and Sex Education

Much of the current controversy over sex education in the public schools seems a bit unnecessary and quite unfortunate. It cannot be denied that there are good, earnest Christians on both sides of some of these issues. It is apparent that there is a considerable misunderstanding of objectives and how to reach them. It can scarcely be denied that some of the proponents of sex education are not as concerned with the moral and religious aspects as others wish they were. It is a little like the problem of contraceptives and abortion liberalization. Some do not give much thought to the immorality that may be fostered by general accessibility.

But what is the relation between pornography and sex deviation? Not enough has been made of the connection between the two. Harry N. Hollis, the lone clergyman on the panel giving testimony before the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, told the commission that it is extremely difficult to provide documentation of the causal relationship between pornography and antisocial behavior, but that in his opinion such a connection exists. He suggested that they consider "common sense arguments" rather than waiting for the difficult documentation. One of the common sense questions he suggested was, "Are not children who are just on the threshold of learning about sex likely to be jolted by exposure to pornography's distorted viewpoints?"

Hollis listed seven different areas in which pornography contradicts the teachings of Christianity, concluding that "the overwhelming concern of Southern Baptists and many people of other religious denominations is that pornography undermines Christian understanding of sexuality which pornography subverts."

The Baptist preacher has a point there. Children and teen-agers, whether they buy them or not, are bombarded with pictures that are at least on the borderline of obscenity. It is doubtful if any amount of sex education in the public school can be effective in promoting moral behavior — granting that it is supposed to — so long as loose attitudes toward sex are allowed to be disseminated so widely through the corner drug store, through the movies and television. It might be much more important to do battle in this area through the recording influences. Then proper sex education could be effective.

"Better is Little . . ."

A sister denomination has sent out a sad news story of one of its churches and the pastor who organized it. None of us need the details of that legal trouble and the state prosecution for unlawful financial practices in the name of the church. It does remind me of one of the Proverbs' sayings: "Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith" (Prov. 15:16).

The church in New Orleans is a big church. Starting in 1943 at a barbershop, it now has a membership of more than 4,250 and property valued at $7.5 million. The church considers the small, struggling church except for the fact that it has started bankruptcy proceedings and its officials are under grand jury indictment for the fraudulent sale of $12 million worth of church bonds during the past several years. How it got involved in unlawful financial practices after such remarkable growth is hard to understand. The success of that pastor and his church bond brokers cannot be denied, only praised.

Let it never be inferred that churches in general or pastors in general allow themselves to get caught in expansion programs and that lead to bankruptcy. Churches, for the most part, are overcautious in borrowing. Many of them give much more service to their community by showing too little faith in the ability of their members to finance a strong program. On the other hand, this news-making example serves to encourage the small churches to continue their faithful building or policy and the image Christ be degraded. "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith."

HOW TO GET TO MILTON

By the Host Committee

Getting to Conference in Milton will be a relatively simple matter. Individuals will have the choice of traveling by auto, bus, train, or airplane.

For those traveling by private auto, Milton is conveniently located at the intersection of State Highways 26 and 59, just four miles off Interstate 90. (While Interstate 90 is an east-west highway, it passes Milton at a north-south angle.) For those approaching from the south on I-90, simply take the 26 North Exit (this is the third right in the Janesville-Milton exit complex) and follow Route 26 to the Proverbs, box.

For those traveling from the north on I-90, take the Milton-Edgerton Exit and follow Route 59 east to Milton. The City of Milton has signs posted directing visitors to the Milton College Campus.

For those planning to travel either by bus or train, connections should be made to Janesville. There are two Greyhound buses scheduled into Janesville daily, both originating in Chicago. One leaves Chicago at 2:45 p.m. and arrives in Janesville at 6:10 p.m. (all times are Central Daylight).

The Milwaukee Road has one daily arrival from Chicago (The Sioux), leaving Chicago at 6:20 p.m. and arriving in Janesville at 8:30 p.m. There is also another train (The Varsity) which runs only Friday through Sunday, leaving Chicago at 9:30 a.m. and arriving in Janesville at 11:27 a.m.

While bus and train travel is rather limited, summer flights from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and the Rock County Airport, via North Central Airlines. The Rock County Airport is located south of Milton and Beloit, and airline timetables list it as being in Beloit. There are eighteen flights daily between O'Hare Airport and Trux Field in Madison. Madison is served by North Central Airlines and Northwest Orient Airlines. The committee will meet individuals in Madison.

There is also one bus daily from O'Hare Airport which lets passengers off at the O'Hare Restaurant (south of Milton.) It leaves O'Hare from the bus loading area — lower level at the restaurant rotunda, at 8:00 p.m., and arrives at the Oasis Restaurant at approximately 10:15 p.m.

All bus, plane, and train arrivals in Janesville will be met on Sunday, August 9. For those arriving at other times, or in Madison, there will be a Conference phone number that can be used to request a ride to Milton. A ride will be provided at a later date. It would greatly assist the committee if those who would like to meet could notify us ahead of time, or if additional details or information is required. Chairman of the committee is Mr. David Crouch who can be reached by phone at 868-2346.

* If notified in advance, arrangements could be made to meet groups in Chicago.

Church Councils on Way Out Says Baptist Pastor

The demise of local councils of churches is a national problem, said the Rev. Raymond Jennings, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Berkeley, Calif.

"Councils of Churches have tried to follow the middle-of-the-road. They have tried to give the image they are socially oriented, and it hasn't worked. The conservatives are disenchanted with the councils' social action stands, and the social action groups . . . to a large extent, work off because they're tired of getting nothing but resolutions and no real action."

His remarks came as the result of the dissolution of both the Berkeley Area Council of Churches and the Oakland Council of Churches.

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It is confirmed that more than 35,000 lost their lives as a result of the recent earthquakes in Peru, making it the major natural disaster of the decade in this hemisphere. Church World Service, probably the church agency best equipped to render disaster relief on a worldwide scale, has sent out a report and appeal after initial response to the great need in Peru.

Church World Service and CROP have already made available, along with several participating denominations, funds totalling $21,000—mostly for local purchase of foodstuffs. Blankets, tents, water purification tablets, and antibiotics are being distributed in disaster areas. A United States medical team arrived in Peru on June 4.

The World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals was also in action immediately at Lima. The day after the earthquake rumbled across Peru, the Rev. Robert D. Anderson of Lima appealed by shortwave to the World Relief Commission about the widespread devastation and emergency needs of the people.

Mr. Anderson is director of the National Evangelical Council of Peru (Concilio Nacional Evangelico). It is this same agency with which the CWS representative (NCC) has been working in close cooperation. The CROP release notes, "At tragic times like this, this experience and these working relationships make possible immediate and meaningful response."

Some well-meaning people in many communities have attempted personal campaigns of relief, but this is considered unwise and ineffective because of the limited number of people that can be reached in this case. It is considered better to channel gifts through CROP and CWS. Supplies are stocked in strategic places and rushed to areas where they are immediately available to small organizations.

CWS is calling for 300,000 blankets this year. They say: "If you have no blankets to spare, Church World Service purchase a new, 80 per cent wool and 20 per cent synthetic blanket for you for someone in need overseas at the special wholesale price of only $3 each. Just send your check or money order to Blanket Appeal, P. O. Remittance Box 220, Elkhart, Indiana 46516.

Any who prefer may accomplish the same purpose by sending to World Relief Commission of the N. A. E., 33-10 Long Island City, New York 11106.

President's Representative to the Vatican

The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as the President's personal representative to the Vatican is "an egregious violation of this nation's tradition of separation of church and state and a false appeal to Catholic loyalty," by President Nixon," said Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in a statement released June 5. The text follows:

The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge to the Vatican is another of those unwise moves which brings the Nixon Administration into ill repute. Administration spokesmen gave solemn assurances that no move of this kind was to be made. Now it has been made as perhaps we should have anticipated.

"The Vatican is neither fish nor fowl. It claims to be a church when this serves its purpose and a state when that seems advantageous. The facts are that it is a clerical-political amalgam. A representative to it from this country will not enhance the Administration's image either at home or abroad. It will do nothing but stir inter-creedal antagonisms and divide our people even more than they are already divided.

"The immediate purpose to be gained at the Vatican is vastly overrated and, in any case, could be picked up by our lawful agents, without diplomatic representation. The Vatican is a crude device to avoid confirmation by the Senate where a Vatican ambassador would likely go down to defeat. Most fundamentalists, and many Roman Catholics will view this appointment cynically as an obvious ploy."

Central New York Association Holds Significant Session

The Seventh Day Baptist churches of Central New York met with the northernmost representatives of the association at Adams Center, Jefferson County, June 5-7, under the able moderating of Kenneth Davis of Verona, N. Y. Important items of business, well discussed and conducted, prolonged the meeting to 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

The program of the full weekend was strengthened by the use of visiting delegates from other associations and representatives of denominational boards and agencies. There are now only two Seventh Day Baptist pastors for the six churches, although Rev. Wendell Gifford, a Baptist minister temporarily serving the host church, made himself and his family very much a part of the gathering from beginning to end.

Representatives from away included the Rev. Charles Graffius and family of the German church in Salemville, Pa., along with delegates from the Southeastern Association. He took several assignments on the program including the Sabbath Eve communion sermon, in which he stressed the Biblical admonitions to "remember" such things as the Lord's death till He comes, our escape from death by the sacrifice of Christ, our deliverance from the slavery of sin, and the possibility of being one hundred percent clean as was promised to Peter.

The Sabbath dawned bright and clear, which was especially noticeable to those of the metropolitan area who so seldom see beautiful sunrises, sunsets, and crystal-clear sunsets. The Rev. Donald E. Richards, pastor of the Verona church, rounded out the morning program including the program of the full weekend on the theme of "Strengthening Our Witness Through Fellowship with Each Other and Our Neighbors." After devotions led by Wesley McCrea, letters from other associations and the churches were read. The adults remained for an hour of Holy Land pictures narrated by the Rev. Leon M. Matlaby, a former member of the host church.

On Sunday morning business was continued until 11 o'clock when the First Baptist Church at Verona (the church one mile distant that fed the delegates Sabbath noon) brought its choir and joined in the worship service. The Rev. Donald E. Richards, pastor of the Verona church, rounded out the theme of the weekend with a sermon on strengthening our witness through interdenominational cooperation.

The delegates discussed the whole question of sending delegates to other associations. It was generally felt that the present exchange involving Eastern, Allegheny, Southeastern, and Southwestern Associations was good and had been particularly valuable to the Central New York Association this year. However, a

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MEMORY TEXT

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. — John 7:16-17

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MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

**Pastors' Wives at Institute**

A new feature of the Missionary Pastors Institute, held in Westerly, R. I., April 1-7, was a special program for the wives planned and led by Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh, N. J. The emphasis was made in the interest areas the ladies themselves chose through a questionnaire sent out prior to the institute. Twelve ladies participated and found the experience highly rewarding.

An evaluation revealed their experience and feeling. We quote only excerpts under each question asked.

1. What were the highlights of the session to you?

"The opportunity of going to the institute with my husband and at the same time he was being fed for growth in his pastoral work, I, too, was being fed for my role as a pastor's wife, so that we were ready to go back to our church and face the tasks and challenges afresh . . . ."

2. How did the discussions affect you personally?

"Instead of feeling alone, I feel held up by many 'sisters' who care about me as I'm learning to care about them . . . ."

3. How was the seminar helpful?

"I really looked at myself inwardly and outwardly. I liked some of what I saw and I was grieved over other aspects . . . ."

4. What will you do on the 'Homefront' as a result of the institute?

"I may stop nagging my husband. Seriously, he could use more appreciation from me."

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representative was appointed to discuss at General Conference the proposed plan for a broader exchange.

The major item of business was discussion and adoption (with slight amendments) of a new carefully prepared Constitution and Bylaws. This was in preparation for incorporation in order to hold property — in case it is decided to develop a camp. Trustees were nominated from the floor, and it was voted to proceed with incorporation. In view of anticipated expenses, the per-member assessment was increased to $2.50. The next annual meeting of the association will be at Verona the first weekend of June 1971, with Richard Burdick of De Ruyster as moderator.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

Free as the Wind
By Henrietta T. Wilkinson
(A review of the new Through-the-Week text for grades 5 and 6 by Catharine S. Jacob)

Free as the Wind is one of the cooperating-through-the-week Series designed as resource material for a course of study intended to help fifth and sixth grade students relate their church school learning to their public school study. The teacher's book is well developed and provided with basic reading references. The student's book is a workbook planned to induce thinking and decision-making on the part of the individual.

The series is involved in four areas: the self, society, history and science. In this particular course, the theme is freedom and responsibility. The first unit is devoted to exploring the idea of freedom and its relevance to today's world. The student discovers that freedom is not entirely external but is also a condition of heart and mind. It is limited necessarily by outside pressures and also by his own attitudes and habits. He will analyze the various principles inherent to freedom and its relevance to today's world.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat
Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat director, the Rev. David S. Clarke, announces that Professor Leland Shaw of Milton College will be a lecturer at the retreat.

Weekly Classes
Through-the-Week, the "now" name for Weekday Religious Education, has been advanced through the publication of the second series of curriculum. For our churches who are working in Through-the-Week instruction, we suggest you order a 1970 Revised Packet containing a guidebook, Christian Faith and Public School Learnings, by Richard Upsher Smith, the Through-the-Week Manual #5, called Manual a guide for teacher preparation in use of Through-the-Week curriculum, brochures of the curriculum materials for Series 1 and Series 2, and a chapter of articles and statements relevant to the Through-the-Week concept of religious education. The packet costs $1.50 from the Department of Publication Services, National Council of Churches of Christ, Room 736, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. Payments must accompany orders.

Communication and Generation Gap
By Mrs. Frank Snyder*

A good share of today's problems at home, in business, government, and all other agencies is created by the lack of communication. This communication should begin in the home, but a selfless effort is required by the entire family—husband, wife, and children. There are times it is necessary to do some preliminary investigating more completely, and this is a way to really get to know each other better. At times it is necessary to do some preliminary thinking. If you wait until Father has finished reading the evening newspaper, instead of interrupting him in the middle of it, perhaps he will let you use the car tonight — right approach with good results makes all the difference in the outcome.

Are we always ready to listen when our children want to confide in us? We need to really learn to listen. Many times we are apt to have other thoughts on our minds when we are listening to an experience another member of the family is reporting. Most of the time if we listen with our hearts. We should respect and treasure their confidence, for complete trust is a high compliment, which should not be betrayed. Once our trust is lost, it may never be regained.

Do we remember to show our appreciation for all that our family? A simple "thank you" or other expression of appreciation gives everyone a boost and makes us feel needed and adds importance to this our daily routine tasks which have to be done. Love should also be expressed within our families. Oftentimes children become angry with parents who neglect them that way and fail to communicate with them in a real sense. A glance or a gentle touch is an expression of love, but affection needs to be spoken too, as this results in a feeling of security and being needed. If we were all able to follow these guidelines, the communication problem within families would be minimal.

Communication is the beginning of getting along with your teen-ager, and understanding. But growing is more complex, for as parents our need is to be needed. As a teen-ager, his need is to be heard.

A popular word in today's vocabulary is "generation gap." This is merely a difference in age, but as Pastor Warren mentioned last week. The generation gap is not necessarily a wide gap — it can be narrowed down to a very close relationship. To do this, when parents listen to what their children are saying, and have interest in what they are doing and how they feel.

In order to establish a close relationship, time must be spent together, both in work and play—everyone helping to

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 4, 1970
GENESIS 1:1; 1S:11-18:21; Col. 1:15-17

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* Mrs. Snyder gave this as a Sabbath morning message to the congregation of the Alfred N. Y., church, May 9, 1970.

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finish the work that has to be done, so the entire family can enjoy a swim or an outing together. We are all required to do our share to feel we are a needed part of the family. A generation ago a child was referred to as another pair of hands. Today, it’s another mouth to feed. This is not enough! With all the modern conveniences we have today, children are not required to help out as much as a generation ago. Often parents hesitate to ask for help, thinking it is easier to do the job themselves. Shouldn’t we stop to realize— if we don’t teach our children how to do things—who will, or when will they learn? Too late? When children are dependent on us for security which only we can give. This can discourage deeper consideration.

Teen-agers have a right to their own decisions and attitudes, but reserve the right to discipline a child, and then develop guilty feelings and retract the punishment by apologizing: what will the child gain? Nothing but total confusion!

Children need to be reprimanded, for aren’t they conscious? We check— are sure we still care? This is how their respect for parents is developed—it also is still being carried on by parents today, later on in life.

To narrow it down, we should be permissive when dealing with feelings, strict when dealing with unacceptable behavior. We should respect their opinions and attitudes, but reserve the right to redirect some acts. And, always, our silent love should be their main support.

Some of the reasons why we parents fail today is due to the radical change in background during our lifetime. A generation or more ago, hardship conditions existed for us. Life was a fight for survival or starvation. Our standards of success were self-centered and materialistic. It is possible that this standard, which is still being carried on by parents today, might be responsible for feelings of guilt, especially when dealing with unacceptable behavior in the home.

Our sons and daughters do not want their parents to be their buddies—and we should not try to be like them. A parent must maintain a certain identity. We must instill in our children proper code of conduct. They need to learn right from wrong and they are looking to us for security which only we can give.

Teen-agers have a right to their own privacy, and it is very important that parents do not violate this privacy, as their trust may be jeopardized. We should not judge their opinions and taste, for they would naturally differ from our own. It is up to the parents to set the standards and demonstrate values. Children learn from their parents; therefore, we must set a good living example.

Recently, on TV, a movie star and father to two teen-aged girls, said in his thoughts were regarding the generation gap. He replied, "In our family, there is no generation gap—I am their father, and they believe in me for this attitude. Without discipline, our lives would be miserable—this is how we learn. We must, however, be consistent with our discipline, in order to prevent complete confusion in our children. Suppose we discipline a child, and then develop guilty feelings and retract the punishment by apologizing: what will the child gain? Nothing but total confusion!

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Strength Through Trials
By R. G. LeTourneau

It's easy to split a piece of wood if you do it along the natural grain, but if you try to break it across the grain, you will find it's pretty strong. If you want something strong in more than one direction, find a piece that's knotty with grain in more directions. It's stronger.

In order to make good steel, you control the amount of carbon and silicon and chromium and nickel and molybd- enum. These metals refine the grain. Then you cast it into a chunk of steel, called an ingot. Then, to make it better, you must roll it and squeeze it and forge it. Then you refine the grain still more by heat treating it.

The gears that drive our electric wheel have a grain structure running from the rim into the teeth and the pinions we use on the offshore platforms that have a capacity of one million pounds on each tooth are made by first rolling the steel into a disc, then upsetting the center portion into a disc. Then we cut teeth in this disc so that the grain structure radiates from the center out into the teeth with the drive through the integral part of the pinion. I might say we have to torture the steel to make it tough enough to stand the strain.

Now man is somewhat like steel—man has some natural tendencies that we might call his natural "grain" (this means that he is weak in some places). The Bible says man is sinful by "nature." That is why God has to take us and sometimes put us in the fire, then upset us, sometimes under pressure, to upset that natural grain or tendency. But through this process, he refines and strengthens us and makes us suitable for the purpose he has for us.

Hebrews 12:6 says: "Who shall the Lord loveth he chastenth." Then in Hebrews 12:11: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." —NOW

(Concluded next week)

Conference Costs
The Host Committee at Milton has announced the local costs for food and lodging for Conference week next August. Registration will begin at noon on Sunday, August 9. Pre-registration through blanks furnished to all churches is encouraged. The cost per person is $2.50. Room rates as follows: single—$25.00; shared—$18.50; air-conditioned single—$30.00; air-conditioned shared — $22.50. Room rent includes sheets, pillow case, towels and washcloths. Note that blankets and pillows will not be provided. Children under 13 with own bedding may sleep on the floor or on own bed in parents' room at no charge.

Cafeteria meals will be provided at rates as follows: Breakfast $1.00; Lunch $1.25; Dinner $1.50; Meal Ticket $22.00; Children (3-10) $12.50. The church will serve dinner Sunday night, August 9 and terminate with breakfast on Sunday, August 16.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Campus Revolutionaries
A small group of campus revolutionaries are among the most visible and on the destruction of all freedom but their own. It is clear that our universities cannot function as staging areas for violence and retain their fundamental role as freedom's protector.

It is equally clear, however, that not only our universities, but our entire society as a whole, cannot survive in a repressive atmosphere in which non-violent dissenters are treated with disdain, contempt and worse.

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—from a statement by five national rabbinic organizations

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Senators Launch New Attack on Alcoholicism

Three U. S. Senators have proposed legislation "for an unprecedented, massive, across-the-board federal attack on the problem of alcoholism," according to a report from the Senate Special Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics.

Sen. Harold E. Hughes (D., Iowa), chairman of the committee, introduced the "Federal Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholicism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970" in the U. S. Senate. He was joined by Senators Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) and Frank E. Moss (D., Utah).

Sen. Hughes told the Senate: "The latest estimate is that nine million Americans suffer from the compulsive use of alcohol. I personally believe the number is much greater than that. It is also estimated that alcoholism costs our society from four to seven billion dollars in economic waste annually.

Sen. Moss, who has introduced other anti-alcoholic legislation in the past, says that the new proposal goes beyond anything yet attempted by the Congress toward the cure of alcoholism.

Moss continued that passage of the new bill, "would place the federal government in the role of a coordinator, high priority to strike at alcoholism in all of its aspects - through research as to causes, financial assistance to prevent and treat the disease, and full-scale education program to acquaint the public of its dangers."

—BP

Protestants, Catholics, Jews

Drowning Glory at Congress

An international, interfaith Religious Communication Congress in Chicago sponsored by forty different organizations, including two Baptist groups, ended with a Jewish leader predicting that Protestants, Catholics and Jews would move closer together than ever before during the decade of the nineteen-seventies.

In the major closing session address, Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee in New York, said that Jewish scholars have begun to reevaluate their concept of the Messiah "as a result of a deep dialogue with Southern Baptist scholars."

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Bible Stamp with a Story

The Bounty Bible is the theme of a stamp issued in 1951 by Pitcairn Island which is part of the recent Religion on Stamps display at the American Bible Society, Broadway and 61st Street, New York. In 1789 mutineers from H.M.S. Bounty used the Bounty Bible as a guide for setting up a Christian community on the island, an event this small British island honored with this stamp showing the famous Bible over a green background.

This has special significance for Sabbathkeepers, for it was through this Bible that the descendants of the original mutineers, isolated from all Sunday-keeping tradition and practice, discovered the God-given day of worship and began to observe the seventh day (Saturday) as the day of rest and worship. It is significant that they did not find anything in the New Testament to suggest to them that God had given any suggestion that Christians should substitute Sunday for the Sabbath.

When Pitcairn Island was again visited and the story of its Sabbath-keeping community was made known, the Seventh Day Adventists built their first missionary ship and christened it the "Pitcairn." The missionaries instructed the natives in the practices and faith of the Adventist movement, which they had not gotten from their reading of the Bounty Bible. As a result, nearly all of the inhabitants became Seventh-day Adventists. The dietary rules were a little impractical in one respect. The pigs as well as the people on the island multiplied and competed for the few natural resources. They had the advantage because the Adventists would not use pork as a source of food. Eventually a large percentage of the population had to be transferred to another island in order to sustain life.

It might be remarked that Seventh Day Baptists missed an opportunity by not sending leadership to the Sabbathkeeping Christians of Pitcairn Island. Most Seventh Day Baptists feel that the Old Testament prohibitions about "unclean meats" are superceded by the later revelation in the New Testament. If the islanders had understood that they could be true to the Bible and still eat the meat that was so readily available, the growing population might have been accommodated. The Pitcairn story still stands as an evidence that the Bible makes Christians—Sabbathkeeping Christians.

National Affairs

AFL - CIO President George Meany has made the following comment on President Nixon's Cambodian decision:

The President has clearly outlined the problem to the American people. It is unmistakably clear that he made his decision on the basis of his clear obligation as commander-in-chief to protect American servicemen. As other Presidents before him have done, he acted with courage and conviction. In this crucial hour, he should have the full support of the American people.

The Upheld Torch of Liberty

America, to its citizens and to most of the world, has been looked upon in terms of the "land of the free and home of the brave." Patriotism in its traditional form is not now a flaming bonfire, but the Statue of Liberty with its upheld torch is and must remain a fitting symbol of political freedom dearly bought and economic opportunity cherished and shared in spite of the strident voices of those who take their cue from other than Christian ideologies in lands where freedom is not a reality. On the anniversary of our national independence let us pledge ourselves anew to liberty of conscience, liberty of religion, and liberty to proclaim the faith that frees men from the bondage of sin.