

I like.....(Jer. 10:23)  
 I feel.....(Gal. 5:16-21)  
 I want.....(Acts 8:18-24)  
 I think.....(2 Kgs. 5:1-15)  
 They do it.....(1 Sam. 8:4-8)  
 It seems right.....(Prov. 14:12)  
 I am sincere.....(2 Sam. 6:6-7)  
 I am always right....(2 Cor. 13:5)  
 No one will see me...(Prov. 15:3)  
 It is for a good cause...(Rom. 3:8)  
 I don't see why not...(Acts 5:1-11)  
 The preacher said so...(Gal. 1:6-9)  
 Others do worse things...(Matt. 7:5)  
 God didn't say not to...(Lev. 10:1-2)  
 God doesn't mind...(1 Cor. 2:10-13)  
 It isn't against the law...(Acts 5:26-29)  
 It hurts no one but me...  
 (1 Cor. 8:12-13)  
 Most people think it is okay..  
 (Matt. 7:13-14)  
 My parents and grandparents  
 did it...(Gal. 6:5)  
 It doesn't bother my conscience..  
 (Prov. 30:20)  
 We have done it this way  
 for years...(Josh. 5:2-9)  
 It's all right if we do it in God's name...(Matt. 7:21-23)  
 God doesn't expect us to be so technical...(1 Thess.  
 5:21)

## Rules for Happy Living

**D**O you desire a "Happy Life?" Follow these rules and you will enjoy happiness that cannot be found in "things" of this world.

**I. Count your blessings not your troubles.**  
 Though we have problems in this life, we are still richly

- blessed. The Plaque on the wall stated, "I grumbled and complained because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."
- Live one day at a time.** Regardless of what Satan may throw at you, it can be handled "one day at a time" (James 4:13-15). You can control and conquer if you will take on the obstacles a day at a time.
  - Learn to say "I love you" to those near and dear.** Break the shackles and learned restraints and express your love and appreciation to as many as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).
  - Be a giver and not a getter.** Often if you fail to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to GET instead of GIVE (Luke 6:38).
  - Seek good in everyone and everything.** Be a "good" seeker. Try hard not to be a "fault finder." When faults are present deal with them lovingly.
  - Pray every day.** Always take time to express to God your appreciation for blessings and ask Him for guidance (Luke 18:1).
  - Do a good deed each day.** The "grandest intention" is not as good as the "smallest deed." Follow the Lord's example (Acts 10:38).
  - Watch your priorities.** Keep the important things in first place (Matthew 6:33).
  - Fill your life with good.** Throw away the "trash" from your life and replace it with good thoughts and deeds (Philippians 4:8).
  - Laugh and cry.** Laughter is good medicine. A good sense of humor overcomes many "ills and problems" of life.
  - Learn to practice the happiness habit.** Smile, and the world will smile with you (Philippians 4:4). Make your mind up to "be happy."

**Let go and let God control your life.** To find peace and happiness you must let God completely reign on the throne in your life. You must totally follow His will. It is for your good

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- **Hear the Word**  
 (Romans 10:17)
- **Believe** (Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** (Luke 13:3)
- **Confess Christ**  
 (Matthew 10:32-33)
- **Baptism** (1 Peter 3:21)
- **Faithful Living**  
 (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- **Bearing fruit**  
 (Colossians 1:10)

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## Things to Consider...

By W.M. Davis

### The Christian Life

JESUS quoted from the writings of Moses when He said, "it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus did not mean to convey the idea that man lives his physical life by the Word of God. The tempter had asked Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus had fasted for forty days and nights and was hungry. Jesus quoted the language of Moses to show that there is a more important life to live than the physical. Spiritual life is more important than physical life. Under the dispensation of Christ the better life is the Christian life.

C.W. Post wrote a small booklet with the title, "How to Live a Hundred Years," but it was a failure for Post died when he was seventy. But the Word of God is dependable and sure. Man can live the spiritual life as long as he lives by the Word of God. But he must live by every Word of God—not some of them. Many spiritual fatalities are due to partial obedience. Paul says, "For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die" (Romans 8:13). By this, Paul means that one who lives only for physical things dies spiritually. The Laodiceans thought they were good Christians because they prospered physically. They said they were rich, and increased with goods, and had need of nothing.

All who live the Christian life follow the same rule—"Nevertheless, whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things" (Philippians 3:16). The rule is the Word of God. When men walk by the same religious rule, they do the same things. They worship God the same way. They do what the Lord commands them to do, and do nothing that is not commanded.

### Home of the Soul

All who believe the Bible are concerned about their future destiny. There is a lot of speculation on this subject. Men are guided more by their opinions than they are by the Word of God. Inspired men speak confidently concerning the future home of the soul. Paul says, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Corinthians 5:1).

Many are in confusion and doubt about the future. They say scientists cut men to pieces without finding any soul. Of course, when they are cut to pieces, they have no soul, for it has left the body. But that does not prove anything. It is the wrong approach to the subject. When a boy cracks a walnut he does not see a tree, but potentially it is there.

The tree cannot be found by cracking the walnut, but by burying it in the ground. The walnut must die before it lives again. Jesus used a similar illustration when He said, "Except a

## Remember in Prayer

### Special Prayers

Preston Estes family  
 Brett Boor—open heart surgery (June 9)  
 Mya Kulle - a tumor that turned out to be a cyst  
 The Success of Our upcoming Gospel Meeting  
 Kristy Farr  
 Jo Gordon  
 Ruby Bagwell  
 Scharles & Graham Ballard  
 Our new evangelism effort  
 Lyra Grochmal (7 yrs)—spine cancer— more tumors are growing

Lilly Rucker & family  
 Laurie Davis—Multiple Sclerosis  
 Yolanda Ritchwood—M.S.  
 Natalie Bauman—M.S.  
 Wade Miller—diabetes  
 Susan Noel— that she studies to understand God  
 Russell Bender— that he studies to understand God  
 Freeman Dudley—liver cancer  
 Kaiser family  
 Eric Boor—blood disease  
 Rockfalls church of Christ  
 TV Program  
 State of our Nation  
 The closing of Planned Parenthood  
 The church  
 The erring & the Lost

### Military

Jonathan Duckstein—Afghanistan  
 Michael Chlamon—Ft. Drum, NY  
 Daniel Heflin—Afghanistan  
 Jason Cunningham—Stateside  
 Jon McCain—Tech Training  
 Military families who are coping while loved ones in harms way

### Evangelizing the World

Garret Derouin—Webster, Wisc.  
 Scott Nedland—Rice Lake, Wisc.  
 Brian Sherrell—Rockfalls, IL.  
 Bernie Guzman—Philippines

Robert Lukenbill—Newton, Iowa  
 Johnny Robertson— Martinsville, Vir  
 James Oldfield—Riedsville, NC  
 Derrick Brown —Jamaica  
 Gary Workman—Ukraine  
 Kolakaluri Prasad—Nalgonda, Dist., India  
 G. Prabhu Kumar—Chennai, India  
 John O'Neal—India & Ghana  
 Tom Wacaster—India & Russia  
 Holger Neubauer—South Haven, Michigan  
 Ernie Lawrence—Hutto, Texas

## Calendar of Events

- **June 7-9**—Recording new program @ Mediacom 1-3pm
- **June 6-10**—Gospel Meeting; Dubuque, IA
- **July 27—Aug. 1**—County Fair Booth
- **August/2nd week**—Power Lectures—Southaven, MS
- **Sept/3rd week**—St. Louis Lectures
- **October 18-21**—Lectureship—Dubuque, IA

*corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” (John 12:24).*

According to the Word of God, the soul is as real as the body, but it cannot be perceived by the five senses. It is perceived only by faith. And concerning our assurance of immortality Paul says, “*For we walk by faith, not by sight*” (II Corinthians 5:7). It was by faith that Abraham “*looked for a city that hath foundation, whose builder and maker was God*” (Hebrews 11:10). If we believe the Bible, we believe that man has a soul, that there is a future life, that there is a heaven to gain and a hell to escape. We need great faith to walk in the narrow way.

## When to Remember and When to Forget

By Dennis Gullede

“*Proper equipment in life demands a good memory, likewise the ability to forget.*” These were the words of N. B. Hardeman in volume three of his famed *Tabernacle Sermons* for 1928 (p.15). We do not always exercise our memories in ways that are best suited to our proper spiritual development. We tend to forget those things that we need to remember, and remember what needs to be forgotten.

Someone has well written:

Forget each kindness that you do as soon as you do it. Forget the praise that falls to you the moment you have done it. Forget the slander that you hear before you repeat it. Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done to you, what'er the measure. Re-

member praise by others won, and pass it on with pleasure. Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter. Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor. Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living. Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving. Remember good, remember truth, remember heaven's above you, and you will find, through age and youth that many hearts will love you.

## Are the New Testament Books Historically Credible?

By Wayne Jackson

**T**HE twenty-seven documents of the New Testament, as they came from the pens of the original inspired writers, are referred to as autographs. None of these compositions survive today. Does that then mean that our copies of the New Testament Scriptures are some-how suspect?

Hardly. If one operated on the premise that no document is genuine unless the original is possessed, he would have to throw away the bulk of ancient literature. There is but a smattering of historical literary evidence for the Greek and Roman classics, when compared with the document-support for the New Testament. And yet no one dreams of disputing the authorship of the noble compositions of Homer, Aristotle, or Tacitus. What then ought to be conceded relative to the credibility of the New Testament records? Consider several examples.

### Homer

Homer, the blind poet of Greece, lived some 900 years

before the birth of Christ. He penned the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. But not a single complete copy of these works exists, that is earlier than the thirteenth century A.D.; and there are no fragmented copies older than the sixth century A.D. This means our modern versions are, at the very least, fifteen centuries removed from the originals.

### Plato

Plato was one of the most famous of the Greek philosophers. He lived in the early fifth century before Christ. He produced a number of important works, e.g., the *Republic*, *Apology*, *Laws*, etc. Only seven copies of his works have survived, and none of these is earlier than around A.D. 900. There is thus a gap of some 1,300 years between the original composition and the extant copies of today.

### Aristotle

Aristotle lived in the fourth century before our Lord. He wrote prolifically on science, politics, ethics, etc. Of the five copies of his works that have survived, the oldest dates from about 1100 A.D. — which is some 1,400 years removed from the original.

### Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar (cir. 102-44 B.C.) penned his *Gallic War* between 58-50 B.C. There remain only about nine or ten reasonably good manuscripts, and they date to some 900 years this side of the originals.

These four examples surely are illustrative enough to make the point we wish to emphasize. Contrast the statistics sited above with the fact that we now possess, in the various libraries and museums of the world, more than **5,300 copies** (substantially complete or fragmented) of the New Testament documents! That is a breath-taking figure compared to the numbers for the classics. But let me be more precise. There are more than 240 papyri Greek fragments containing portions of the New Testament, and some of them are within decades of the close of the New Testament canon.

- The Chester Beatty papyri contain much of the Gospel records, Acts, the Pauline epistles, and the book of Revelation.

They date from the third century A.D.

- Papyrus 52, in the John Rylands Library of Manchester, England, contains a portion of John 18. It dates to the first half of the second century A.D.
- Several papyri in the Bodmer Library in Geneva, Switzerland contain different segments of the New Testament, including the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of John, the book of Acts, Jude, the epistles of Peter, James, John, and Jude.

Add to the more than 5,300 Greek manuscripts thousands of ancient translations of the Greek New Testament into other languages. For instance, there are more than 8,000 copies of the Latin Vulgate; it was the most translated work of antiquity. This is an amazing fact in itself since ancient works were rarely rendered from one language to another.

Finally, there are those quotations from the New Testament that are found in the writings of the “church fathers,” i.e., those works produced in the first several centuries of the Christian era. It has been noted that virtually the whole of the New Testament, with the exception of about a dozen verses, could be reproduced from these sources alone. How astounding is the evidence for the preservation of the New Testament records. We can have every confidence in the reliability of the Book we hold so dear.

## Insufficient Standards

By Kippy Myers

**A**S the bank returns a hot check stamped “*insufficient funds*,” so one day God will turn away our self-serving standards of morality as insufficient. Have you heard or used one of these phrases to justify something lately?