A SWARM OF BE'S

This lesson today will conclude the Series entitled, "A SWARM OF BE'S." The summation of these "BE's" that we've noticed thus far is as follows:

I. THE BE OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION....Acts 16:31
II. THE BE OF THE POWER FULLED LIFE....Eph. 5:18
III. THE BE OF HIS PRESENCE.
     Joshua 1:1-5
IV. THE BE OF HIS PROGRAM.
    Rom. 14:9
V. THE BE OF HIS PROTECTION.
    Rom. 8:31
VI. THE BE OF PSYCHOLOGY.
    Phil. 2:5

It has been pointed out, but needs to be re-emphasized that we need to have "Heart Knowledge" of the Truths of God's Word. The main problem is not with the accumulation of the scriptures but rather the application of these scriptures to our daily experiences in life. When we understand mentally the truths of God's Word, which are conveyed to us, and then allow the Holy Spirit to "sting us" with the reality of these truths, then they move and motivate us to become doers of the Word. We must receive the message as sent by God and put our faith in it to be benefited. Notice these two passages.

I THESS. 2:13 "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the Word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

HEB. 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: But the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

Now, let us notice the first "BE" for our consideration today.

I. THE BE OF PASSAGeway.

This "BE" is found in Gen. 12:2. "And I will make thee a great nation. And I will bless thee, and make thy name great: and thou shalt be a blessing."

The truth that needs to be understood and practiced in this "BE" is simply this: we receive to give or share—we are to be a passageway.

This passage deals with God's promise to Abraham. This double blessing noted in this verse was a result of Abraham coming out from his own country. His obedience to God the Father was an act of heroic faith. This is faith in action. This is why he is called the father of the faithful.

The Lord promised Him that if he would obey Him that He would bless him. The Lord gave unto Abraham the rest of faith. He had no home except his tent. (Heb. 11:9) He was at rest because he depended upon God. (Rom. 4:20, Heb. 11:8-19) He experienced the victory of faith. (I John 5:4 - Genesis 14) He was content to rest upon God for Victory. He had power with God. Notice Genesis 18, Matthew 21:22, and Psalms 37:4. He received the blessedness of being sustained under trial. (Genesis 22 - Heb. 11:17) Yes, he was blessed...
with God's presence. It's good
to be able to sit down and re-
fect upon the many, many
blessings that God has bestowed
upon us.

However, we are not to just
stop here! Notice the second
part of this promise, "Thou
shalt BE a blessing" He was
not just to receive - receive -
receive; but rather He was to
do something because He had re-
ceived and with that which He
had received. There must be
output as well as input. Some-
one has said that the reason
why the Dead Sea is referred
to by this name is that nothing
of real value that is alive is
able to live there within the
waters. The reason being that
all of the rivers, lakes, etc.
enter into it but there are
not any outlets. This simply
means that it receives all the
time but never gives; thus it
becomes stagnant and stale. A
Believer in Christ who just
receives all the time, and ne-
ever gives or shares will be-
made a stagnant and stale
Christian. They will not show
forth radiant testimony for
Jesus Christ.

We often sing the song,
"Make Me A Channel Of Blessing,"
Oh, how beautiful and true are
the words of this song. No-
tice with me a few stanzas.

Is your life a channel of
Blessing?
Is the love of God flowing-
Through you?
Are you telling the lost of the
Saviour?
Are you ready His service to
do?
Is your life a channel of
Blessing?
Is it daily telling for Him?
Have you spoken the Word of
Salvation?
To those who are dying in sin?

It seems that we are living
in a time of fulfilled prophe-
cy as it relates to the Second
Coming of Christ. One of the
signs of the times is that men
will be selfish. I believe we
can all readily agree that
this dilemma is seen, by de-
grees, in all of our lives. This
selfishness is seen in
that men today are only con-
cerned about receiving. We
are slow to share and give of
that which we've received. But
the truth of the matter is sim-
ply this: We'll not be a ra-
diant Christian, useful vessel,
or a blessing to others unless
we learn that the key to being
all of the afore mentioned
things is found in sharing and
giving of that which God has
blessed us with - this includes
time, talent, and treasures.

Have you ever thought of this?
Why should God bless us with
any more when we don't use what
He's already given us for His
glory? You just stop and look
around at the individuals who
are great spiritual blessings to
you. A proper analysis of
their lifestyle will reflect
that they are using what they
have received from God. Many
times when one talks about such
tings as this, people readily
say he's talking about money,
and I'll agree, that that is
part of it, but it's certainly
not all of what we're saying.
Let me illustrate. There may
be one who wonders why he is
not able to grasp more of the
wonderful truths and gems that
are found in the scriptures,
when in reality the reason is
very simple - he's not sharing
that which God, through His
Spirit, has already allowed
him to see. How do we expect
God to give us more when we do
not use what He's already given
us? Let's be a passageway
of Blessing. Not only receive
but BE a blessing. Use and
share your blessings. This
includes talents - abilities
- finances - experiences - time
and knowledge.

As far as I'm concerned,
the greatest way that I can be
a channel or passageway for
the Lord to bless others is to
use all of the afore mentioned
things in the following ways:

(1) Helping others to find
Christ Jesus precious to their
souls.

(2) Helping children of God
to grow in the Grace and Know-
ledge of the Lord.

(3) Supporting the work of the
Lord in and through a New Test-
ament Church.

Read these scriptures, when
you have time, in connection
with this study. Matthew 6:33
- Phil. 1:12-18 - II Cor. 1:3-
10.

Next, we'll notice,

II. THE BE OF PERFECT REDEMP-
TION.

This "BE" is found in I Jn.
3:2 "Beloved, now are we the
sons of God, and it doth not
yet appear what we shall BE:
But we know that - when He shall
appear we shall BE like Him:
For we shall see Him as He is."

Aren't you glad that we
have this hope? One day we'll
BE like the Lord. This will
come, not because of our good-
ness or worthiness, but due to
our recognition of our sinful
condition in the sight of God;
our repentance of sins; and the
reception of Jesus Christ into
our heart by faith as Personal
Saviour. At this point of re-
pentance and faith in Christ
we are born again. (John 3) We
become partakers of the Divine
Nature. We have the seed of
God within us and the promise
that He who has begun a good
work within us will bring it
to fruition. Isn't this a won-
derful reality to know. Yes,
dear friends in Christ, we're
not what we ought to be and
should be and will be, but by
the grace of God we are what
we are. It's wonderful to know
that one day I'll BE like my
Lord because of HIS love and
HIS provision for me.

We'll have an incorruptible,
glorified, powerful, and spir-
ituall body. Look at I Cor. 15:
42-44.

The effect of the reality
of this truth once we've been
stung with it, is most benefi-
cial. This is taught in I Jn.
3:3 which states, "And every
man that hath this hope in him
purified himself, even as he
is pure." Also see Rom. 8:18.
In view of this blessed "BE OF PERFECT REDEMPTION," we should heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul in I Cor. 15:58. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, BE ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

It is my prayer that this study of "A SWARM OF BE'S" has blessed and benefited you in some way. If it has then "to God be the Glory" because all that I've received, I've received from God through others. SHARE AND GIVE TO OTHERS.

THE BIBLE AND ASTROLOGY

VIRGO

JERRY COFFMAN

Virgo is the sixth constellation in the zodiac, and the astrological sign for those born August 24 - September 23. The name is derived from the Latin "virginia," the Maiden. The symbol is the "Virgin," a young woman bearing a sheaf of wheat.

According to astrologists, Virgo is of profound OCCULT significance. The sign is identified with Astraea, the ancient virgin-goddess of justice in Greek mythology. In Egyptian mythology, the potent mother-goddess Isis corresponds to Astraea. She was Nature, the fruitful mother and nurse, containing within herself germs of the reproduction of all forms of life.

Those born under the zodiac sign of The Virgin are said to have attributes which correspond to the mythological characters of Astraea and Isis: purity, perfection, excellence, fertile imagination, a feeling heart, and an ardent mind. Thus their motto: "To give ardently, to give plenteously."

There are those who would say that Christianity is nothing more than a carry-over of the teachings and traditions of mythology. They say that Mary, the Virgin, is to Christians what Astraea was to the Greeks and Isis was to the Egyptians. Some "Christian" followers even ascribe similar worship to Mary that was given to Astraea and Isis.

But the Bible teaches that it is not the Virgin, but the virgin-born Son of God is worthy of praise and honor and worship. Purity and perfection and excellence come from knowing Him who is pure and perfect and excellent, the Lord Jesus Christ. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." I Tim. 2:5. We are to worship Him, not the Virgin. We are to follow Him, not the signs of The Virgin.

TRIALS FROM WITHOUT

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

In our study through the book of James we have already noticed some things that all of us experience daily as we strive to live for the Lord. That's why I like to call this study a course in "Practical Christianity." In this course of study we have been studying about the "Trials From Without" as they effect us in our daily living. We've seen (1) The Response To The Trial, (2) The Reason For The Trial, and (3) The Result Of The Trial. Last month we focused in on a particular kind of trial that we all face, that of our attitude toward material things. This month we are going to discuss the last point under the subject of "Trials From Without," THE REWARD OF THE TRIAL. We will notice three things about this point, I. The Recipient, II. The Reward, and III. The Rejoicing. James 1:12 states: BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION: FOR WHEN HE IS TRIED, HE SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH THE LORD HATH PROMISED TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM.

I. THE RECIPIENT

We are going to take these points as they appear in scripture. According to this verse those who will receive this reward will be "the man that endureth temptation." The verse starts out with the word "Blessed" which reminds us of the Beatitudes of Christ recorded in Matt. Chapter 5. The word "Blessed" means "happy" in both instances. James used the example of Jesus in teaching the Word of God with the use of this word. We must always keep in mind that James was writing under the inspiration of God, (2 Tim. 3:16) so the use of this word in this context was no accident. God wanted us to know something special about the man who "endureth temptation."

To see a little more clearly what is meant by "the man who endureth temptation." we are going again to the Greek language for help. The word "endureth" is "hupemeno" in the Greek which means, "persevere, or patiently suffer." The word "temptation" is "peirasmos" in the Greek which means, "a putting to proof by experiment (of good), experience (of evil), solicitation, or provocation." Applying these definitions to our scripture, we can truthfully say the man who perseveres and patiently suffers the proving of faithfulness, which is what we call trials,
will be the recipient of this reward. This leaves out those who let the daily pressures and problems keep them from serving God faithfully. The more you think along these lines the more afraid you will become. I wonder how many of our reasons for not serving God are really just excuses. This verse teaches us that those who remain faithful and don't quit serving God because trials come will receive a reward. It's a precious promise of God. People may call you crazy, stupid, or any number of things but just smile and keep on going. THEY CAN'T TAKE WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED!

II. THE REWARD

In a world that is full of disappointment, this portion of v.12 offers great encouragement. God's Word says that the man who endures trials "When he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life." The word "tried" is "peirao" in the Greek and it means "an assaying." The word "assay" according to the dictionary means, "to make a critical estimate of; to prove to be of a particular nature by means of an assay." When we stand before God and are examined, those who remain faithful during the hardest of times will receive a crown of life. We have already noticed some benefits that we receive from our trials while still in this life. Those were patience, and perfection or maturity, v. 3-4. Now in v.12 James tells us of a crown of life that we will receive if found truly faithful after Godly examination. What a great source of encouragement this should be to every faithful Christian. Not only will we be made a better person and more effective Christian, but we will be recognized and rewarded by our Heavenly Father in Heaven. What on earth can encourage us more than that?

Before leaving this point, let me mention the fact that there are a total of five crowns mentioned in scripture. (1) The Crown of Life here in James 1:12 and also in Rev. 2:10 referring to the church as Smyrnia (the persecuted church), (2) The Crown of Glory for faithful pastors, I Pet. 5:4, (3) The Crown of Righteousness for those who love His appearing, II Tim. 4:8, (4) The Crown of rejoicing for Soul winners, 1 Thess. 2:19 and Philip.4:1, and, (5) The Incorruptible Crown for those who discipline their bodies, I Cor. 9:25.

In a time when no one, even most Christians, thinks that serving is worth the sacrifice, Rom. 12:1) this truth speaks what is needed to shut forever the critic's mouth.

III. THE REJOICING

We must, before the close, look at one other passage of scripture that refers to all the crowns that we receive. Rev. 4:10-11 says: "THE FOUR AND TWENTY ELDERS FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM THAT LIVETH FOREVER AND EVER AND CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE SAYING, THOU ART WORTHY TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER: FOR THOU HAST CREATED ALL THINGS AND FOR THY PLEASURE THEY ARE AND WERE CREATED." The greatest joy about receiving the Crown of Life we noticed in detail in this lesson or any of the other crowns is, we will place them at the feet of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Then we will sing praises and give Him all the glory for these rewards. The "Four and Twenty Elders" in this scripture are the Born-again children of God. He who "lives for ever and ever" is Christ. Our praises are in v. 11: "Thou art worthy O Lord." The number of crowns we receive will be according to how our lives measure up at the judgment. But whatever crowns we receive, we will have earned them because of what we have allowed Christ to do through us here on earth. All the good we do is because of Christ. Without His power, leadership, or guidance, we can do nothing.

If God through His Word is permitted to let this truth sink in, we will have a much better outlook in this life, and an even greater Up look toward the life to come.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

BY PAUL MAGNESS

It is evident that in most cases, the older we get the more we see what we have already seen...and the less we see what we see.

I'm equally convinced that the more we hear what we've already heard---the less we hear what we hear.

We become more subjective --- less objective. We resist change more and more... think we are thinking when we are only rearranging our prejudices. Life begins to stagnate. We laugh it off with "I'm set in my ways," or "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." That may be true with dogs!

When we were young -- in our objective years --- we really saw and heard what we heard ---and we learned---and grew!

That is still the hallmark of Christianity! It is the mark of the authentic disciple of Jesus Christ. He never stops growing in grace because he is always open to truth---always receptive to fresh insights from the Spirit of God. The Bible is an exciting Book from which he is continually learning---instead of just a system of proof tests to support what he has already learned!

He is child-like in his approach to truth. Not childish...child-like: curious, wide-eyed, teachable. He maintains a reverent "show me" towards the mysteries of God. He questions --- seeks --- listens --- observes---and learns. He is inductive as well as deductive in His Bible Study.
GOD'S AMNESTY
by GORDON SHAFFER

INTRODUCTION:
A. Amnesty - An official act of oblivion or pardon on the part of a government, absolving without trial all offenders.
B. We read of those who defect from their country to another for various reasons. We shall not try to justify or condemn such actions.
C. We shall point out the value and necessity of God's Amnesty.

I. TODAY WE CONSIDER TWO KINGDOMS AND TWO LEADERS
A. Every Kingdom must have a leader.
   1. They of the earth, the natural man, wild by nature follows Satan.
      a. Ye are of your father the devil - John 8:44
      b. Ye walk according to this world - Eph. 2:2
      c. Ye seek the satisfaction of this world, the bottle, the bright lights & ctc.
         (1) The results is far from satisfaction.
         (2) It is remorse, headache, guilty feeling.
      d. A great battle rages. Eph.6:12
      e. John wrote, men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Jn.3:19
   2. They of heaven, the redeemed, saved, follow Jesus and walk in the light. Eph. 5:8
      a. Being born again, they are now new creatures citizens of another country. II Cor. 5:17
      b. No longer strangers to God, but fellow citizens. Eph.2:19
      c. They are now ambassadors representing their new country - Heaven. II Cor. 5:17

B. No man can serve two masters. Matt.6:24
   1. This speaks of a habitual walk.
   2. Be reconciled to God. II Cor.5:20
      a. Be in fellowship with God - (Your Father).
      b. Endure hardness as a good soldier. II Tim. 2:2

II. CONSIDER TWO CHOICES
A. Continue in darkness
   1. In darkness one has:
      a. Pleasure of sin for a season - Hebrews 11:25

b. A leader already condemned to Hell. Jude 6

   c. One who has brought to earth:
      (1) The degeneration of the human race.
      (2) The destruction of all flesh in the great flood with exception of Noah and His family. Genesis chapter 6.
      (3) One who brought destruction to Sodom & Gomorrah. Genesis 19
      (4) One who offers nothing but for the Moment.

   2. Follow him to eternal destruction if you like.

B. God offers amnesty to all, full pardon without trial. Isa. 55:7
   1. In Jesus all are safe and have a new life, a new Father. Rom.8:14-17.
   2. In Jesus one has peace on earth and in an inheritance in Heaven.

CONCLUSION:
Accept God's Amnesty - NOW...

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ALIVE IN ETERNITY

TEXT: Luke 16:19-31

INTRODUCTION:

A. There are many lessons to be learned from this true story given us by Jesus.

1. Two men lived in the same time and place on planet earth.
   a. One enjoyed abundance of material possessions.
   b. One lived and died a beggar.

2. Two men died:
   a. Hebrews 9:27
   b. Romans 5:12

3. Two men had a different outlook on the Hereafter:
   a. Both men knew about it! v.29
   b. One man "LIVED LIKE HE WANTED TO DIE" AND SPEND ETERNITY!
   c. The other man "DIED LIKE HE LIVED"...THINKING ONLY OF THE HERE AND NOW...WITH NO REGARD FOR ETERNITY!

B. Both Men are ALIVE IN ETERNITY!

1. There is much about eternity that we don't fully understand.

2. God has revealed enough to us in His word to enable the right thinking person to make the "RIGHT CHOICE" in the "RIGHT TIME"

C. In view of the facts related to us by Jesus. I call our attention to some HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED ADVICE!

1. Amos 4:12
   We buy insurance and prepare for sickness and eventual death financially - DON'T YOU THINK IT WISE TO PREPARE FOR ETERNITY SPIRITUALLY?

2. Isaiah 1:18
   a. FACE THE REALITY OF YOUR SIN-PROBLEM!
   b. SEEK THE BEST AND ONLY REMEDY!
      ---Hebrews 9:22
      ---I John 1:7

D. WORDS OF DIVINE WISDOM TO BE APPLIED PERSONALLY:

1. Matthew 10:28
2. Matthew 16:26

I. ALIVE IN HEAVEN:

A. verse 22 - Text

1. Not because He was poor in life!
2. Not because he was a beggar!
3. HE HAD SOUGHT THE LORD IN REPENTANCE AND FAITH WHILE HE HAD TIME AND OPPORTUNITY!

B. ALIVE AND "RESTING" IN THE SAVIOUR'S BOSOM!
   1. Rev. 14:13
   2. Rev. 6:9-11

C. ALIVE AND "REJOICING" IN THEIR REDEMPTION!
   Rev. 5:9-10

D. ALIVE AND "RELISHING" (Rejoicing and Delighting in) THEIR SAVIOUR'S LOVE!
   1. II Cor. 5:8
   2. Phil. 1:23-24
   3. Rev. 7:15-17
   4. COMFORTED BY THE SAVIOUR! v.25
      "NOW HE IS COMFORTED."

E. ALIVE AND WAITING THE REDEMPTION OF THE BODY!

1. The soul of the saved is WITH JESUS.
2. The Body is in the decay of death WAITING THE CHANGE. Phil. 3:20-21

F. ALIVE AND WAITING TO RETURN WITH JESUS TO THE EARTH FOR THE 1000 YEARS OF PEACE ON EARTH!

1. Jude 14
2. Rev. 5:10
3. Rev. 20:4c

II. ALIVE IN HELL! v.23

A. See verse 23 of the text.
   1. Not because he was rich!
   2. Not because He enjoyed more and better than Lazarus!
   3. Because he FAILED TO REPENT OF HIS SINS AND HEED THE MESSAGES OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS!

B. ALIVE IN HELL AND RECOGNIZING OTHERS.
   1. Abraham 2. The Beggar

C. ALIVE IN HELL AND REMEMBERING:
   1. Water 2. 5 unsaved Brothers
   3. The preacher's brothers headed for hell rejected.

D. ALIVE IN HELL...REAPING
   1. Gal.6:7-8
   2. The price of a Christ-less life.

D. ALIVE IN HELL...RECEIVING HIS JUST-REWARD!
   1. Hebrews 2:2-3 2. I Tim. 5:24
   3. In life he 'had it made!'
   4. In eternity he didn't have it so well.
      a. Torment v.24
      b. Thirst
      c. Torture - Physically and Mentally, thinking of his lost family members.

E. ALIVE IN HELL...WITH RIGHT BELIEF...BUT TOO LATE!!!

3. He believed in God's RESURRECTION POWER...TOO LATE! v.27, v.30(Text)

CONCLUSION: REPENT! NOW!
HOW PRIVILEGE, OPPORTUNITY, AND FREEDOM RELATE TO COMING JUDGMENT

RICKY KNIGHT

TEXT: Matthew 11:20-24
INTRODUCTION:
A. None of us, I suppose cherish the thoughts of meeting Christ in judgment.
   1. We know there will be something we have left undone.
   2. There will be something done that shouldn't be.
B. People have argued with me about judgment.
   1. I believe they were afraid that I was preaching the truth.
   2. Why? Some Christians like to think they can sin and ask God to forgive that sin and never meet that sin again.
C. Forgiven we are but responsible too! Numbers 32:23
D. Opportunity, privilege, and freedom affect our judgment.

I. OPPORTUNITY - Matt. 11:20-24
A. Opportunity is defined as a favorable time or circumstance.
B. These cities which Jesus chided, rebuked had opportunity.
   1. Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum saw the mighty works of Jesus.
   2. As He walked in their midst He: vs. 5
      a. Gave the blind their sight.
      b. Made the lame to walk.
      c. Caused the deaf to hear.
      d. Raised the dead.
      e. Preached the gospel to the poor.
C. Jesus mentioned other cities which had been destroyed because of their unbelief.
   1. Sodom is more familiar to most.
   2. God sent fire from heaven and destroyed it.
D. However, their opportunity for repentance was less, vs. 20-21.
   1. Their judgment would be more tolerable than the others.
   2. Our opportunities used or unused will be a part of our judgment too.

A. A privilege is defined as a special benefit or advantage enjoyed only under special conditions.
B. Man is created equal, but not with equal privileges.
   1. Not all are rich.
   2. Not all are normal mentally or physically.
   3. Not all are well educated.
   4. Not all have a church in walking distance.
C. Our constitution guarantees liberty in the pursuit of happiness but not equal privileges.
D. But let us note well that to whom much is given, much is required. Lk.12:48
   2. God will require more of the pastor than others. Why? Souls.
   3. God will require more of church members.
   4. God will require more of those who know the truth.

III. FREEDOM - Matt. 12:36-37
A. Freedom is defined as liberty of personal choice, action, or thought.
B. God made us free to think, act, speak. We are not puppets.
C. Our country allows us freedom of expression.
D. While free to do and say we are not free of responsibility. Matt. 12:36-37.
   1. Every idol word shall be accounted for.
   2. By our words shall we be justified-declared right.
   3. By our words shall we be condemned-declared wrong.

CONCLUSION:
A. Lost you have a golden opportunity privilege, and freedom to be saved. Don't let them slip by.
B. Saved, live reminded that you are responsible to God.

THE DOCTRINE OF CARNALITY
by DON MCCORMICK

TEXT: I CORINTHIANS 3:1-4
INTRODUCTION:
Meaning of carnality: "Sarx"—"Flesh." "Old Adamic nature." A person's conduct and condition reveals if they are worldly. The Church of God in Corinth was a carnal church--its members walked after the flesh instead of after the Spirit. They were saved. "The church of
God." "Sanctified" and "Saints." I Cor. 1:2; "Brethren" 3:1. Whatever rebuke these Corinthians needed, they were still the children of God.

I. LOOK AT A GREAT HINDERANCE.

A. I could not speak unto you as spiritual.
B. I had to speak as unto babes in Christ. Good sense:
   1. Humility, malice - I Cor. 14:20
   2. Teachability, I Peter 2:2.
   Bad sense:
   1. Not understanding, I Cor. 14:20
   2. Spiritual Childishness.

II. LOOK AT SOME CONSPICUOUS SIGNS OF THE CARNAL STATE:

A. A party spirit, "I am of Paul, Peter, etc."
B. A prideful strife, (You can tell what a man's relations with God are by looking at his relationship with his fellow men.)
C. A dividedness faction.
   1. Jealousy--partisan spirit--this level.
   2. Strife, James 3:16
   3. Division--hatred, separation instead of unity, peace and love.
   4. No practical use to the Church.
   5. Carnal Christians are kill-joys.

III. HOW TO DEAL WITH IT:

A. Must be fed. I Cor. 3:2
B. Must be fed with milk.

Short Sermon Outlines

SUBJECT: FIVE NOTS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

I. FORGET NOT---------------------Psa. 103:2
II. FEAR NOT---------------------Isa. 41:10
III. FRET NOT---------------------Psa. 37:1
IV. FAINT NOT---------------------Gal. 6:9
V. FAIL NOT-----------------------Heb. 12:15

SUBJECT: THE GREATEST NEED IN THE WORLD TODAY
TEXT: JOHN 3:1-7

I. THE TRUTH WHICH NEEDS TO BE EMPHASIZED--John 3:7
II. THE TASK WHICH NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED IN--Romans 10:8-15
III. THE TEACHING WHICH NEEDS TO BE EXPounded--John 3:1-16

SUBJECT: WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN TO US?
TEXT: LUKE 24:1-9

I. THE SHOCK ENCOUNTERED
II. THE SAVIOUR EMANCIPATED
III. THE SAINT'S ETERNITY
IV. THE SINNER'S ETERNITY