Ten Commandments Of The Soviets

The Soviet government in Russia recently issued the folowing Ten Commandments to Soviet Youth in Russia and the countries the Reds have taken over since the war:

1. Never forget the clergy are the bitterest foes of the Com-

munist state.

2. Try to win your friends over to Communism and remember that Stalin, who has given a new constitution to the Russian people, is the head of the Godless, not only in the Soviet Union but all over the

3. Prevail upon your friends to avoid contacts with priests. 4. Beware of spies and tell the police about saboteurs.

5. See to it that atheist publications are widely distributed mong the people.

6. A good young Communist must also be a militant atheist. He must know how to use his weapons and be experienced in the art of war.

7. Wherever you can, fight religious elements and forestall ny influence they might bring to bear upon your comrades.

8. A true Godless comrade oust be a good policeman. It is the duty of every Godless to rotect the security of the state. 9. Support the Godless movewith money which is needed particularly for our propaganda abroad, since under present circumstances, it can only be carried underground.

10. If you are not a convinced (Cotinued on page four)

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" To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."-Isaiah 8:20

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Two Natures Of A Christian

When a person becomes a Christian, he does not, as some suppose, have the old sinful, fallen, human nature removed. A person is still a human being and will remain so until death or the return of Christ.

A False Theory

Holy Rollers and others teach some sort of a "work of grace" conversion in which the old Adam nature is entirely removed. Then they no longer want to sin, or are ever tempted in any way, they say. Why is this not true?

It is without Bible warrant. The Bible nowhere tells us to go to some "altar" and get the old nature eradicated.

It is contrary to human experience. Those who claim to get rid of the old nature, go on sinning just the same. lives simply do not tally with their claim.

If a father and mother could get the old Adam nature eradicated, then their children would be born without the Adam nature and they would never die. A race of immortals would be produced.

What The Bible Teaches

It teaches the following concerning the unsaved person: His state from infancy (Psa.

His attitude towards God. (I



Eld. Roy Mason Tampa, Florida

Cor. 2:15).

His condition of mind. (Rom.

His state of heart. (Jeremiah 17:9).

But a saved or regenerated person, while retaining the old (Continued from page two)

nature of the flesh, has been given a new nature. Scripture proof of this:

Read: Ephes. 4:24; 2 Cor. 5:17; Philip. 1.21.

How do these two natures get along together?

They are like "cats and dogs." Read Rom. 7:14-25 for a description of the struggle between

What does this doctrine of the natures explain?

It explains why we are troubled with temptation and sin even after we become Chris-

It explains why we have a harder time with sin than before we became Christians. There is a struggle now, while before there was only one nature present.

It explains why we are miserable when we are out of line of duty. The new nature is prodding us.

What to do? What to do?

We are to "reckon ourselves (Continued on Page Two)

Today We Need Godly Companions

"I am a companion of all that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts" (Psa. 119: 63).

In the above verse we have a description of God's people according to the course of their lives and conduct. They are a people marked by two things: fear and submission, the latter being the fruit of the former. Regenerated souls obey God conscietiously, out of reverence to His majesty and goodness, and from a due regard of His will as made known in His Word. The same description of them is given in Acts 10:35, "In every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." It is a filial fear which is awed by God's greatness and is careful not to offend Him, which is constrained by His love and is anxious to please Him. Such are the only ones fit to be a Christian's "companions."

A "companion" is, properly speaking, one with whom I choose to walk and converse in a way of friendship. Inasmuch as the companions we select is an optional matter, it is largely true that a person may be known by the company he or she keeps; hence the old adage, "Birds of a feather flock to-gether." Scripture asks the searching question, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). A Christian, before his conversion, was controlled by the Prince of (Continued from page two)

The Movies, A Menace To Morality, Marriage And The Home

Preying upon the ideals and sanctity of the American home, Hollywood is breaking down and our major institution.

"Home, Screen Home"

The survey shows 42 pictures depicting home life where there husband and wife (one or both) and children. When one thinks of home, he thinks of happiness and peace. Twentyfour pictures show the home marred by strife, quarrels, fights, crimes, violence, distrust, separation, adultery, divorce, Fifteen pictures showed homes that sweet quiet and harmonious, yet marred by drink-

- The state -STALIN'S PATIENCE

For several years Russia has smiled patiently at church-going members. Last week the smile began to crack at the edges.

In two official papers young Communists were advised to "be lenient with elders . . . who must p. I ful are religious faith and deed" p. (Pathfinder).

Sun We have not been impressed we have not been impressed by at any time by the reports of a Russian change of heart toward ags religious liberty. Even when such prominent men as Dr. Louis Newton, president of the He Southern Baptist Convention, returned from Russia, shouting e 16 her praises and hailing the new religious liberty," we have kept our fingers crossed.—Good News r re Broadcaster.

Editors Note: More and Louise Newton is being proven appropriate large prophet. Eventually it will be seen that he has been a tool of Satan in all he has said in behalf of Russia—the worst Godless nation on earth.

ing, dishonesty, smut, etc. Four pictures showed homes with normal happiness. Thirty - one pictures display drinking in the

When one thinks of home, he usually thinks of father, mother, son and daughter, baby, grandfather, and grandmother. The survey shows the father in the home to be a very wicked man. Twenty - four pictures depicted the role of the father. He was represented as being a liar, a fool, a drunkard, a "back numa gambler, a crook; he was dumb, lazy, filthy-minded and very wicked. In four pictures the father was shown as an all around good man.

The survey showed the mother in the home as the least morally degraded. Twenty pictures displayed the mother in the home playing mostly minor (Cotinued on page four)

DRY ICELAND

Iceland, according to the Australian Temperance Advocate, permits no liquor to be imported, since its people are total abstainers. This country is without a single jail, penitentiary, or court and has only one policeman. The system of public schools is practically perfect, and every child ten years old can read. There are seminaries and colleges, newspapers and printing establishments. Seventy-eight thousand people live on the island.

The liquor advocates have long howled about the so-called evils of the prohibtion era. But (Continued on page four)

Mused Uncle Mose

Brudder Jason say he fav'rite song is, "Yo' Enemies Cannot Hurt You, but Watch Yo' Close

The Call Today Is For Christians Who Will Launch Out Into The Deep

Our Lord used Simon's ship for a pulpit and addressed the multitude. Then He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." After the address came action. Every sermon of our Lord's is not a sedative to send us to bed but a summons to send us to battle. Too many sermontasters today move from church to church, preacher to preacher, hearing the sermons but never the summons. There are those who have heard enough sermons to stock a library who have never yet launched a boat at Christ's command to fish for souls of men.

The command was to launch out into the deep. There are all too few deep-water Christians. We play at the Christian life, dabble in the shallows along the shore. "The Deeper Christian Life" is a popular

subject in some quarters, but most of it is like swimming lessons delivered on the shore and practiced on dry land. "He's getting into deep water" is an expression often used, and indeed one must do just that if he would know the power of God. It is one thing simply to talk about these deeper things: but to set out seriously to explore them is something else.

We are safer in deep water than in the shallows. For a ship the two safest places are the harbor and the sea. We are not home yet, and until we reach the port we are safest in the (Continued on Page Three)

- (Sala Sala)

THANK YOU, BELOVED

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The Baptist Examiner grows better all the time. You are a genius as an editor. You can put more good things-more variety—in a four page paper than any man whose paper I have ever read.

L. F. GILL. Mansfield, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It has been my pleasure to have your paper, "Baptist Examiner" for three years and I enjoy reading it. It has given light on several subjects that I knew not of. I enjoy reading the paper.

I have been giving my paper to a friend of mine, who at the begining was a member of another denomination, but was not satisfied with her baptism (not imersion), but by reading your paper she had new light and is now a Baptist and a happy one.

Mrs. Ollie Bishop, R. 1, Montgomery, La.

First Baptist

"LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP"

Those who seek to lead the people of God must be good followers, otherwise their leadership will end in disaster. "Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ," says the great Apostle to the Gentiles, as he writes to the Corinthian believers; so today, the guide in the assembly who is going to have good success must give forth wholesome precepts, backed up by a sound practice: lip and life must work in greatest harmony. Both the trumpet, which is to be heard, and the cloud, which is to be seen, are

needed for the guidance of God's people through the wilderness of this world. (See Num. 9 and 10). The number of bells must be equaled by the number of pomegranates (Exod. 28:34) around the fringe of our priestly garments.

The word disciple means learner, apprentice: we have been apprenticed to the Lord Jesus as our Master, and in sundry places in the Gospels we have His special instructions to the scholars in His school. Let us consider, first of all, Luke 14:25-35, where we have three

times the conditions laid down, without which, says the Lord, "ye cannot be my disciples." In verse 25 there are great multitudes following Him, but He now begins to sift them by His searching words: "If any man . hate not his father and mother . . . he cannot be my disciple." That is to say, the near est and dearest relationships of life must not be allowed to interfere with the Lord's rights over us: the first place must be absolutely HIS. Perhaps a reference to Exod. 32:26-29 and

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GODLY COMPANIONS

(Continued from page one) darkness and walked according to the course of this world (Eph. 2:2, 3), and therefore did he seek and enjoy the company of worldlings. But when he was born again, the new nature within him prompted new tastes and desires, and so he seeks a new company, delighting only in the saints of God. Alas, that we do not always continue as we began.

The Christian is to have goodwill toward all with whom he comes in contact, desiring and seeking their best interests (Gal. 6:10), but he is not to be yoked to (II Cor. 6:14) nor have any fellowship with (Eph. 5:11) those who are unbelievers nor is he to delight in or have complacency toward those who despise his Master. "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" (II Chron. 19:2). Would you knowingly take a viper into your bosom? "The wicked is an abomination unto the righteous" (Prov. 29:26). So said David, "Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee? and am I not grieved with those that rise up against Thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies" (Psa. 139:21,22). That holy man could not confederate with such.

Evil company is to be sedulouscly avoided by the Christian, lest he become defiled by them. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20). Nor is it only the openly lawless and criminal who are to be shunned, but even, yea, especially, those professing to be Christians yet who do not live the life of Christians. It is this latter class particularly against which the real child of God needs to be most on his guard: namely, those who say one thing and do another; those whose talk is pious, but whose walk differs little or nothing from the non-pro-fessor. The Word of God is plain and positive on this point: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:5). This is not merely good advice, but a Divine command which we disregard at our peril.

In selecting your "companions" let not a pleasing personality deceive you. The Devil himself often poses as "an angel of light," and sometimes his wolfish agents disguise themselves in "sheep's clothing' (Matt. 7:15). Be most careful in seeing to it that what draws you toward and makes you desire the companionship of Christian friends, is their love and likeness to Christ and not their love and likeness to you. Shun as you would a deadly plague those who are not awed by the fear of God, i. e. a trembling lest they offend Him. Let not

the Devil persuade you that you are too well-established in the faith to be injured by intimacy with worldly "Christians" (?). "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good maners" (I Cor. 15:33). Rather "follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (II Tim. 2:22).

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (I Cor. 15:33). The Greek word here for "communications" properly means "a bringing together, companionships." And evil companionships "corrupt." All evil is contagious, and association with evildoers. whether they be "church members" or open infidels, has a defiling and debasing effect upon the true child of God. Mark well how the Holy Spirit has prefaced this warning: "Be not deceived." Evidenly there is a real danger of God's people imagining that they can play with fire without getting burned. Not so; God has not promised to protect us when we fly in the face of His danger signals. Observe too the next verse, which is inseparably connected with the one to which we have directed attention.

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak (this) to your shame" (I Cor. 15:34). The word "awake" signifies to arouse as from a torpor or state of lethargy. It is a call to shake off the delusive spell that a Christian may company with Christless companions without being contaminated by them. "And sin not," in this respect. To cultivate friendship with religious worldlings is sin, for such "have not the knowledge of God": they have no experimental acquaintance with Him, His fear is not in them. His authority has no weight with them. "I speak (this) to your shame." The child of God ought to be abashed and filled with confusion that he needs such a word as this.

"I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts." Such are the only "companions" worth having, the only ones who will give you any encouragement to continue pressing along the "narrow way." It is not those who merely pretend to "believe" God's precepts, or profess to "stand for" them, but those who actually "keep" them. But where are such to be found these days? Ah, where indeed. They are but "few" in number (Matt. 7:14), one here, and one there. Yea, so very "few" are they that we are constrained to cry, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men" (Psa. 12:1).

It is indeed solemn to read the words that immediately follow the last-quoted scripture and find how aptly they apply to and how accurately they describe the multitude of Godless professing "Christians" all around us: "They speak vanity every one with his neighbour, with flattering lips, with a double heart do they speak" (v. 2). Note three things about them. First, they speak "vanity" or "emptiness." Their words are like bubbles, there is nothing edifying about them. It can not be otherwise for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). Their poor hearts are empty (Matt. 12:44). So their speech is empty too. Second, they have "flattering lips," which is the reason why they are so pop-ular with the ungodly. They will seek to puff you up with a sense of your own importance, pretend to admire the "much light" you have, and tell you it is your duty to "give it out to others." Third, they have a "double heart." They are (vainly) seeking to serve two masters: cf. II Kings 17:32, 33.

"I am a companion of all that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts." There is a very real sense in which this is true even where there is no outward contact with such. Faithfulness to God, obedience to His Word, keeping His precepts, companying only with those who do so, turning away from everybody else, has always involved a lonely path. It was thus with Enoch (Jude 14). It was thus with Abraham (Isa. 51:2). It was thus with Paul (II Tim. 1:15). It is the same today. Every city in the land is filled with "churches," "missions," "Gospel halls," "Bible institutes," etc., but where are those who give plain evidence that they are living in this world as "strangers and pilgrims," and as such, abstaining "from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (I Pet. 2:11)?

But, thank God, though the path of faithfulness to Him be a lonely one, it brings me into spiritual fellowship with those who have gone before. We are to walk by faith and not by sight, and faith perceives that walking with Christ "outside the camp" (Heb. 13:13) necessarily brings into communion with "all" His redeemed, be they on earth or be they in Heaven. Thus the Apostle John in his lonely exile on Patmos referred to himself as "your brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). Yes, Christian reader, for a little while it means companionship "in tribulation," but praise God, it will not mean enduring the throes of the swiftly-approaching Great Tribulation - the portion of the Christless professors left behind when Christ comes for His own (II Thess. 2:10-12). For a little while it means companionship in "the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," soon it will be in the kingdom and glory of Christ. May Divine grace enable us so to live now that in that day we shall receive His "Well done."-Arthur W. Pink

THE TWO NATURES

(Continued from page one) to dead unto sin."—Rom. 6:11.

We are to seek constantly to

we are to seek constantly to refuse to gratify the lusts and desires of our bodies that are

evil. (Rom. 6:12).

We are rather to yield our-

Everybody Is Asking

Q. Who wrote the Bible, and where was it writen?

A. Sidney Collet in his book "All About the Bible," pages 11. 12, says, "Altogether about forty persons in all stations of life were engaged in writing these oracles, the work of which was spread over a period of about 1,600 years viz. from about 1500 B. C. when Moses commenced to write the Penteteuch amid the thunders of Sinai, to about A. D. 97 when the apostle John himself a son of thunder (Mark 3:17), wrote his gospel in Asia Minor." Smith's Bible Dictionary page 91 says, "There are at least thirty-six different authors who wrote in three continents, in many countries, in three languages, and from every possible human standpoint. Among these authors were kings, farmers. mechanics, scientific men, lawyers, generals, fishermen, ministers and priests, (I am sure there were no Catholic priests among these authors - none lived in those early days) a taxcollector, a doctor, some rich. some poor, some city-bred, some country-born, thus touching all the experiences of men extending over 1500 years." Brother H. Boyce Taylor, whom so many Baptists of the South loved and respected, in his book, "Why Be A Baptist," page 27, says: Holy Spirit chose just eight men to write—(The New Testament) -Matthew, Mark, James, and Jude wrote one book each. Luke and Peter wrote two each. John wrote five and Paul fourteen. All of them were Baptists. Matthew, John, Peter, and Jude were all baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Mark, Luke, and Paul were baptized by others who got their baptism from John. then that every book in the New Testament was written by a Baptist." I take the same position with Bro. Taylor; every other Baptist does or should

selves unto God, for His service (Rom. 6:13).

We are to "Make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof." (Rom. 13:14). How do people make provision for the lusts of the flesh?

By reading obscene and uncle an literature, frequenting shows where unclean sex stuff is displayed, hanging around nearly naked people at the beach, engaging in gluttonous eating, soaking one's body in nicotine, pickling one's frame in alcohol, pampering one's lazy (Continued on page three)

take the same position, and cettainly he will if he knows how Testament and knows Battists.

Q. By whom was it (Titu Bible), put together?

A. Robert Lee in his "O millined Bible," page 12, sa "Ezra, in addition to his power ful ministry of the Word, wr I and II Chronicles, and Psal 119; he instituted the wonder system of synagogue wors and settled the Sacred Cant (C Scriptures." Ezra must haut compiled the Old Testamehat books. The order and arranory ment of the Books of the ge Testament were originally ula vided into three parts, The Lit of Moses, The Prophets, and le Psalms or other writings; her arangement of the books of mp New Testament does not appord to have been fully and findem recognized and settled until ter or three centuries after Chr th The Catholic is welcome to the consolation he gets out The the false statement that Calatu olics gave us our Bible; t Clo have always kept that BTh from their own people; Wer would they have given it to me The Council of Carthage Pscip lished a list of books wh w were then acknowledged ar genuine; that list contained only the writings of the New Tegs ment, without exception, as on have them now. That does me say the Catholics gave us in Bible, for many of the Books the the Bible were acknowledgedy, canonical long before A. D. ve

Q. When was it translight into Vernacular?

A. If the querist means in ask, When was the Bible track lated into our native tongue, with English, the answer would the first complete translation that the whole Bible into the English language was in A. D. 1611 23)

Q. Will a universal presing of the gospel bring in be millenium or will the apostuk of the Christian Church bees

A. Neither one will. The ithe no such institution as Christian Church." The kind of churches the Lord J has on earth, are local churance known as Baptist churches hd Master never used the vill 'church' in any other sense re cept this. In Matthew He it of a church that could d pline its members. When spoke of a larger number disciples than a local churc always said churches. churches will not apostatist said Himself in Matt. 16:18 the gates of Hell should not vail against His church (institution). All this talk the "Apostasy of the churc like the talk about the apo of a child of God, it is of the Devil's lies. If by the versal preaching of the g for a witness to all nation meant, that will bring in Millenium.

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Certainly they should No baptism is Scriptural tism save that administere Missionary Baptist chul Hardshells say infants adults are saved alike and out the gospel, just as we ceive infant-baptism as shell baptism, not a bit b Hardshellism is a Christles ligion; Christ is receive faith and faith cometh by ing and hearing by the wo God. Hardshellism is a re without the gospel and fore a religion without Ch

(More Coming Soon)

LODGES

DANIEL WEBSTER

in a letter dated, Boston, Nov. 20, 1835

"I have no hesitation in saying that, however, unobjectionable may have been the original objects of the institution (Masonry), or however pure may be the motives and purposes of the individual members, . . . yet, nevertheless, it is an institution which in my judgment is essentially wrong in the principle of its formation; that from its very nature it is liable to great abuses; that among the obligations which are found to be imposed on its members there are such as are entirely incompatible with the duty of good citizens."

CHARLES FRANCES ADAMS

"A more perfect agent for the devising and execution of conspiracies against Church and State could scarcely have been conceived."

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and (Continued from page one) heut. 33:9 may help us to see mehat this means: when God's ranory was at stake, the Levites ne general, and Phinehas in parly ular, sacrificed everything e Lit of jealousy for the honor of nd e Lord. In Deut. 13:6-11, s; hen the very closest to us of mpt us to go away from the appord, they must be treated as finaemies of the very worst chartil tter. The principle stated here Chi that

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BThe second point is: "Whoso-Wer doth not bear his cross and to me after me can not be my psciple." This has nothing to wh with "the cross we have to as the expression is comned only used when any suffer-Tesgs common to humanity come as on us. It is Christ's cross that meant, the symbol of rejecus in and suffering: the "offence the cross," still exists tolgedy, and we can avoid it, if we D. we a mind to. The preaching nsl "Christ crucified" is a great tence at the present time to ose who deny the fall, or the eans in of man by sin, and who traeach salvation by character. rue lithfulness to the simple gosuld is foolishness to the wise itiof this world and a stumbling Engock to the religious (I Cor.

Simon the Cyrenian comes to a picture of the Church, as in bears the cross after Jesus postuke 23:26). The one who bkes up the cross will say goode to worldly popularity and the ory and will go out to Christ thout the camp, bearing His proach (Heb. 13:13). Selfeking and self-interest must d Jsappear, for the cross is "I' nurancelled: we say a continual ses ad deliberate "no" to our own and are filled with dense re to do the will of him that sent us into the world (John 20:21). Thus the second principle laid down is that

There Must Be A Complete Denial Of Self And Consecration To Do The Will of God.

The third condition mentioned is: "Whosoever . . . forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (v. 33). This comes after the injunction to consider well what we are doing when we say we are ready to follow the Lord. The tower and the king going against another king are two figures employed to bring before us constant watchfulness and successful warfare; have we resources enough for the one? Have we strength enough for the other? Only those who in reality know God will be able to draw on His limitless resources and have His strength made perfect in their weakness. If we have not that confidence which truly counts on God, we may begin in a very promising way but we shall end in utter failure.

There are those who start with enthusiasm, but meeting with opposition or obstacles, begin to lose heart and desire conditions of peace. God indeed deals gently with His people (see Exod. 13:17), but He wants us to "fight the good fight" and to "endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ," "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." The question here is, Are we really going to count the cost and are we going to take rightly into account the power of the enemy? And, having thus thought the matter out, Are we deliberately choosing this path of difficulty and selfdenial? In fine, the third condition laid down is:

The Disciple Must Be Prepared To Go Forward Whatever the Cost.

In Luke 9:57-62 we have three cases of those who do not reach discipleship. The first, full of zeal, offers to go anywhere with the Lord but, when it is brought home to him what this may mean, it would seem that he held back. He puts himself forward without a call from the Lord, and consequently finds the conditions too hard. The second receives the divine command to follow, but, if the first one is too fast, this one shows himself too slow. If he calls Jesus Lord, he owes Him prompt obedience.

To stay until his father had died would be to commit the mistake of Abram, who lingered in Haran until his father was dead (Acts 7:4) and so delayed to obey the Lord's command. The third case is likewise a volunteer, but he is too divided: he wants first to bid farewell to those at home. Here, as in the preceding example, the mischief lies in the use of this word first, because the Lord had distinctly said: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). John Mark looked back in Acts 13:13, but grace prevailed in his case and he became "profitable for the ministry" at last (II Tim. 4:11). In this scripture, then, we see three hindrances to disciple-

Lastly, in John's Gospel we have given to us three marks of discipleship. First, in John 8:31: "If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples in-deed."

Continuance

is the distinguishing feature here. A spasmodic change of element, like the leap of a flying fish from the ocean, only shows that they do not really belong to God's house. Like Ishmael, they may be there for a time, but the one recognized as son abideth (or continueth,it is the same word as above) for ever. True freedom for God's service results from abiding re-

The second mark is in John 13:35: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Love

is the great characteristic of those that are disciples in truth. The measure and the manner of that love we see in the previous verse and if we want to know more of what it is like, we only need to consider carefully I Corinthians 13, and we shall be able to examine ourselves in the light of that searching chapter. It is a deep, unwavering, unquenchable love

John 15:8 gives us the third mark: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciple."

that refuses to be beaten by adverse circumstances.

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Fruit

is what is emphasized in this passage. What a wonderful thing fruit is! It is the exuberance of the life that is in the plant and gives us to know without a shadow of a doubt what kind of tree it is: "By their fruits ye shall know them." The marvel of the teaching of John 15 is that the same life that is in Christ should be shown forth in the believer through the mystic and intimate union that exists between every saved soul and his Lord. The idea of fruit brings in reproduction (see Prov. 11:30). "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:" the very life of Christ should be reproduced in His followers.

How we have to hang our heads in shame when we think of the much un-Christlikeness that is seen in us from day to day! "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, faith, meekness temperance:" that is the very exhibition of the likeness of our Lord. The same sap that is drawn up by the roots into the trunk of the vine flows through all the branches and is seen at last in its culmination in the beautiful bunches of grapes that are formed. Never let us forget that we are here to represent Christ.

If, then, we seek to be real guides in the assemblies, we should be very deeply exercised on these three points: Are we fulfilling the conditions of discipleship? Have we overcome the hindrances to discipleship? And are we bearing the marks of discipleship? - Light and Liberty



(Continued from page one) deep. To play along the shore and dabble in the shallows is always to be getting into trouble. We are not to be of doubtful mind; we are not to doubt in our hearts; a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. We are to believe without doubting (Matt. 21:21), pray without doubting (I Tim. 2:8) and obey without doubting (Acts 10:20). We are to leave the shallows and launch out into

We are also to let down our nets for a draught. We are not to launch out for self-enjoyment; we are not on a picnic, to float around on the deep; we are not out merely to write poetry about it. We are out for business. Jesus never orders us

into any venture just for the thrill of it. We are not out for fun; we are out for fish. We are not runing a showboat but a life-boat. We are not out to lie down and nap but to let down our nets. And we are to let them down for a draught; we are to expect results.

Peter said, "We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing." Whatever starts with "we" always ends with "nothing" when we go not at our Lord's bidding. There are preachers, churches, Christian workers with failure written all over their faces. They are earnest and busy, and "have toiled all the night," but they have taken nothing. They have put on drives and organized campaigns and taken study courses and won banners, but they started out wrong. They started out with "we."

So Peter goes on, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." "At thy word I . . ." You see who comes first now. Too often we decide what to do and then ask God to bless it, instead of first asking God what

So great was the success of the disciples that Peter fell at his Lord's knees, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." When God rewards us with abundant success -and He never deals niggardly, for He giveth liberally - it should bring us to our knees. Nothing should be so humbling as to see one's efforts blessed of God. It is a sad day for the fisherman who forgets when he toiled and took nothing and grows proud because God has used him.

Our Lord answered Peter, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." He does not want us proud, but neither would He have us to be fearful. Are you a defeated fisherman? Launch out into deep water. Move from the "we" and "nothing" of failure across the "nevertheless" to say, "At thy word I will . . ." Then fear not for you have come to the "henceforth." "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

"Nevertheless" and "henceforth"—upon these words hinges the story. And upon them hinges success. Forevermore He must come first. "At thy word · . . I."

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(Continued from page one) now listen to this admission made by Charles J. Fleck, chairman of the Illinois Liquor Control Board, in the August, 1947 issue of Beverage Retailer Weekly—"It must be frankly admitted that liquor control has failed to a marked degree in eliminating the abuse of the liquor traffic.

"The greatest problem is, of course, drunkenness. This is on the increase. Other evils, such as sales to minors and the preence of anti-social conditions are more prevalent than before. Since the war, the number of crimes occurring in taverns or emanating from them has been alarmingly large."

Mr. Fleck did not mention another evil which has grown out of the use of alcohol. We have in mind the high fatalities in large fires in different parts of the country.

For example, nineteen people died in a hotel fire in Dubuque, Iowa, which started in a drinking room. More than 100 died in the Atlanta Hotel fire, which was started by cigarettes, according to investigators, and the cigarette smoker may have been inebriated. The LaSalle Hotel fire in Chicago, which accounted for the deaths of 61 persons, started in the Silver Bar. The Cocoanut Grove fire in Boston, in which 498 perished, was a night club fire. A fire in the Griswold Hotel in Detroit orignated in a tavern on the ground floor.



Dear Bro. Gilpin:

With no really Bible Baptist church — and there can be no Bible church of any other name —in this community, your little paper is of double value to me. I really enjoy it. It is food for my hungry soul. God bless you and your great work.

Mrs. Charles E. Craft, Parish, Alabama.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

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Godless you can not be a good
Communist and true Soviet citizen. Atheism is insolubly tied in
with Communism. Both ideals
are the foundation of Soviet
power.

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MOVIES AND THE HOME

(Continued from page one) roles. One mother was presented as a back number, another made fun of religion and right, while two pictures represented the mother as drinking and two others as a "hellcat."

Children in the Home

The moral facts concerning the hero and the heroine give us what the movies teach that the boy and girl in the home should be. The hero gambled in 12 pictures. In two he was an underworld gangster. He drinks in 51 pictures, is dishonest in 46, smokes cigarettes in 47, commits 67 crimes, six of which are murders, marries without courtship in 50 pictures, kisses a strange woman in 29 pictures tells smutty stories in 21, and is guilty of adultery in 27.

With the teachings of the movies about the hero-the boy in the home-in our mind, let us look at recent F. B. I. figures concerning boys. Hoover tells us, "During 1942 there was a nationwide increase of 26.2 per cent in the number of juvenile age boys arrested for disorderly conduct and a 30.3 per cent increase in the number arrested for drunkenness." In another report he tells us, "During 1943 arrests of boys under 18 years increased 23.4 per cent, and in this age group arrests for rape increased 39.8 per cent, for robbery, 39 per cent, for burg-lary 27.7 per cent, for auto theft, 23.4 per cent." These were only those who were caught and arrested—the advanced cases.

The movies show the girl in the home, the heroine, as gambling in four pictures, drinking in 36, smoking cigarettes in 25, being dishonest in 31, marrying without thought of courtship in 50, displaying her body publicly 46, telling smutty stories in 22, committing 33 crimes, four of which were murder and seven

adultery.

The teachings of Hollywood concerning the daughter in the home are conveyed by some adjectives and short catchy phrases in advertising certain pictures from the screen, the press and the billboard:

Unforgettable she-devil.
Hotter than ever.
Eye-d a z z l i n g, "legsurious"

debs.
Temptress.

Tropic siren.
She was wicked enough to break any bond, however sacred—betray any man, however

A G-eyeful.

No price too great for her to demand—or for any man to pay.

A woman whose kisses were so great that for them men bartered their hope of heaven.

Rapturous "she-serpent."
Hotter than a snowball in Hades.

The splurge in her urge.
The gal who could do no wrong, but brother, she tried.
A low-down story of a high-

class gal.

A gorgeous, loving killer.

Temptress of terror and love

Temptress of terror and love.
Tawny beauties who change into killers.

Hot with romance that runs

The most beautiful woman God ever forget to put a soul into.

Quick on the kiss and the kill.
Guy guffaws galore.
Her twisted mind was obsess-

ed by a malignant hate.

The most savage vicious and

The most savage, vicious, and fascinating woman.

And yet people ask what is wrong with the movies!

Mr. Hoover tells us, number of girls under 21 arrested in 1941 increased 55.7 rested in 1941 increased 55.7 bracket for drunkenness were up 39.9 per cent over 1941; arrests for disorderly conduct increased 69.9 per cent, for prostitution 64.8 per cent, for miscellaneous sex offenses 104.7 per cent, and for vagrancy 124.3 per cent." In a more recent report Mr. Hoover says, "Arrests of females under 21 years of age have increased 130.4 per cent since 1941." He continues, "Arrests of females under 21 years of age during the calendar year 1943 increased 30.1 per cent for crimes against property and 56.9 per cent for sex and other crimes against public decency."

A careful study of the example of the movies, compared with the alarming trends toward crime, justify only one conclusion: namely, the example of the movies shares a great part of the responsibility for the increasing criminal trends of youth. Two plus two equals four. To be sure, the wartime shift from the home to the war plant had its effect on these trends, but the war was not as much at fault as some would have us think. It has been used as an excuse to justify crime. Those people who think the wave will subside, now that the war is over, are in for a sad awakening, I fear. The unguided leisure hours of youth. while parents were at the war plants, only presented opportunity to do bad—or good. The reckless, daring, sensual examples of the movies furnish much of the motive, incentive, idea and frame of mind of youth to do wrong. The movies sow the thoughts, and youth reaps the

The baby in the home appears in seven pictures. All of them contained smut relative to either the sex act or the birth of the baby.

The grandfather in the home was shown in 11 pictures. In two he was hot on the trail of many women, in one he was a liar, in one he was a rich old

fool, in one a criminal, in one a murderer. In one picture he was shown as a man with ideals and was ridiculed because he was so old-fashioned.

The grandmother of the home was shown in minor roles in seven pictures. One was shown smoking a cigarette, another had three divorces, and still another said, "I married for love, and day by day it blossomed into a most wonderful hatred."

Privacy of the Home Invaded

When one thinks of home, he thinks of privacy. I know of no reason why the private intimacies of home life should be displayed before the eyes of the public, except that it furnishes a convenient approach to increase the lewd sexy nature of the pictures. To sell out the privacy of the American home for money constitutes one of the most base forms of beastly crime. That is what Hollywood is doing. The bedroom (dressing, undressing, and sleeping) and the bathroom (washing and bathing) are strictly personal affairs that belong within the sacred sanctuary of the home. Seventy-two pictures showed bedroom scenes. These figures do not include sick-room scenes. Forty pictures displayed pictures in pajamas, 16 including the hero, 26 the heroine. Twenty-nine pictures display folk in bathrobes, 10 including the hero, 25 the heroine. Note the predominance of women over men in these displays. Many of the displays of the heroine in pajamas and bathrobes give careful detail to the contour of her breasts and bodily form. Twenty-three pictures showed undressing scenes, seven showed a woman taking a bath, 25 showed a woman in bed, in 16 it being the heroine (not including sickbed) to say nothing about the smutty jokes about a woman's body, underwear, and sex life.

When one thinks of the home, he is reminded of the sweet blood-tie relationships that exist between members of the family. Yet one picture has a father say of his 18-year-old daughter, "The less she's around—the less I see of her, the better I like it." Another picture has a young woman saying, "I despise the older generation." Three pictures had the heroine treating her father disrespectfuly, both by words and action.

Nineteen pictures showed children, mostly in minor parts. Two pictures depcit children stealing and justify it. The same pictures, plus four others, present children as tough, acting like adults, and disrespectful to parents and older people. One picture showed a child running away from home.

Two pictures represented the heads of homes as being ex-

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Mr. Hoover points the way when he says, "The American home is still the basis of our cial order and the nation never be any stronger than home. There is no charact building agency that can the place of a good home. church alone cannot do the We must go back to the b unity of society - the ho Home training is indispensati Culpable negligence must eet crushed, and home life sho revert to the position it form occupied." In our humble of at ion, it is difficult to see how a Hoover's wise and worthy idolor; for the home can ever beco a reality, so long as Hollywo salacious hands continue ever tightening, death chokw grip at the throat of America home ideals. - (Used thro special arrangement with dervan Publishing Co., Gibbs Rapids, Mich.).



If the American people show the white feather soon have the Red flag.

I tremble for my Country when I remember that Go just—Thomas Jefferson.

God often digs wells of with the spade of sorrow.

Courage is fear that prayed.

SEZ I TO MYSELF

Sez I to myself, as I grumbled and growled, "I'm sick of my church," and then how I scowled. The members unfriendly, the sermons too long—In fact, it seems that everything's wrong. I don't like the singing, the church—a disgrace For signs of neglect are all over the place. I'll quit going there, I won't give a dime; I can make better use of my money and time." Then sez my conscience to me, says he, "The trouble with you is, you're too blind to see That your church reflects YOU, whatever it be. Now, come, pray, and pay, and serve cheerfully, Stop all your fault-finding and boost it up strong; You'll find you'll be happy and proud to belong. Be friendly and willing and sing as you work; For churches aren't built by members who SHIRK."

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