

HOW TO TELL WHEN YOU'RE GETTING WEAK SPIRITUALLY

- ▶ When you would rather stay home than to assemble with the saints.
- ▶ When you would rather watch TV than visit the sick (or weak) and to teach the lost.
- ▶ When you would rather read a magazine or the daily paper than the Bible or religious material.
- ▶ When you find a political speech inspiring but a Gospel sermon boring.
- ▶ When you pray for the preacher but sleep through his sermons.
- ▶ When you thank God for the elders but refuse to cooperate with them.
- ▶ When you talk long and loud about what the church should do but never do your part in what is being done now.
- ▶ When you sing with your lips what you really don't mean in your heart.
- ▶ When you look on spiritual work as a chore rather than a privilege.
- ▶ When you are offended by an article like this!

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WEIGHED - FOUND WANTING

Of what real value is your soul? Weigh it against all treasures, pleasures, honor, position, fame, prestige, popularity and happiness. Which is of more value? Where do you place your priorities in life? Jesus set forth the true value of the soul in that great question: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul? (Mark 8:36) His divine evaluation is that your soul outweighs the whole world and everything in it!

- Bulletin Digest

LEFTOVERS

Do we give the crumbs to Him
Who daily gives us bread?
Why do we throw Him just a bone,
When we all have been fed?
Why do we give Him pieces of
A life He made whole?
Should we make Him a beggar
Who owns our very soul?

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross ..."

Call the Doctor

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto him. They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Matthew 9:12.

What about the health of your soul? It is a matter of great concern to the Great Physician. This is His wish: "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). It is important that we be able to read our soul's spiritual condition.

Note these signs and features of good health for the soul: (1) Humble conduct. (2) Delight in hearing the Word. (3) A growing commitment to take the Gospel to others. (4) Joy derived from meeting at the house of the Lord. (5) Growth in sacrifice. (6) A lessening bondage to the world.

Now let us think upon some of the illnesses of the soul to which we are subject: (1) *Eye trouble*. Vision is bad; can't see very far — only self. (2) Another is *heart trouble*. The heart is the source of all conduct. When it is wrong, everything goes wrong. (3) Then there is *consumption*. Inwardly, you get weaker and weaker. You scarcely feel it. You do not know it. You think all is right and that you will be better tomorrow. (4) And there is *creeping paralysis*. It leaves you with no religious feelings at all. You feel neither happiness nor unhappiness. Your vital power is passing away. But you neither know nor care. (5) Or to the contrary there is *fever*. There are different degrees of it. In the lesser degrees there is foolish and wild talk. Words are extravagant and difficult to restrain. In higher degrees there is explosive conduct and uncontrollable behavior. (6) Finally, there is *mortification*. No pain now. This is death!

There is a remedy. Call the doctor — the Great Physician.

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News & Notes

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: Our Elders have decided that masks or face shields will be required for EVERYONE in ALL of our assemblies whether seated in the auditorium or the balcony. Please comply.

SYMPATHY: To the Moore Family: Dewey, Docie, MaClay, and Dewey III at the passing of Docie's mother, Barbara Shafer. God bless and comfort this family in their sorrow.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

PANTRY: Applesauce.

SEND CARDS: Jean Haught (Skip's mother), 42 Haught Lane, Follansbee, WV 26037. Jean had a recent fall and sustained a broken wrist.

SICK & SHUT-IN: CITY HOSPITAL: Lois Hissom. **AT HOME:** Marilyn Miller, Sue Haught, Nick Call (Linda Parkes' son), Randy Beagle, Jim Hadley, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Michelle Helton & Kim Keys (Pat Allison's daughters), Emma Rine, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETING

Weirton Heights----- Oct. 17-22 (M-F 7:00 p.m.) ---Steve Stevens

GOD'S LOVE

GOD'S LOVE is like an island
In life's ocean vast and wide —
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the restless rising tide . . .

GOD'S LOVE is like an anchor
When the angry billows roll —
A mooring in the storm's of life,
A stronghold for the soul . . .

GOD'S LOVE is like a fortress
And we seek protection there
When the waves of tribulation
Seem to drown us in despair . . .

GOD'S LOVE is like a harbor
Where our souls can find sweet rest
From the struggle and the tension
Of life's fast and futile quest . . .

GOD'S LOVE is like a beacon
Burning bright with FAITH and PRAYER
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a HAVEN THERE!

Helen Steiner Rice