

JESUS CALLS US

Martha said to her sister Mary, "The Master is come and calleth for thee" (John 11:28). These words comforted Mary in her sorrow, and they have a message and meaning for us. The call of the Lord is repeated many times through the New Testament. And just how does the Lord call us? Paul says, "He called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thess. 2:14). Let's look at the gospel call.

1. It is a call to marvelous light.

"That ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness unto his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9).

2. It is a call to a glorious kingdom.

"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." (1 Thess. 2:12).

3. It is a call to blessed fellowship.

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor. 1:9).

4. It is a call to higher heights.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14).

5. It is a call to holy living.

"For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." (1 Thess. 4:7).

Arise, the Master calls for thee! He calls for you to come out of the darkness of sin into His marvelous light. He calls you to a glorious kingdom, to a blessed fellowship. He calls you to a Holy life of service. Are you listening?

Jim Martin (*Bulletin Digest*)

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

Does the name Giovanni Francesco Bernardone mean anything to you? I doubt that it does because he was born in 1182 A.D.

Students of religious history will likely know him as Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan order.

I know about him because of a prayer he once wrote:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hate, may I bring love;

Where offense, may I bring pardon;

May I bring union in place of discord;

Truth, replacing error;

Faith, where once there was doubt;

Hope, for despair;

Light, where was darkness;

Joy to replace sadness;

Make me not to so crave to be loved as to love;

Help me to learn that in giving I may receive;

In forgetting self, I may find eternal life.

I can't help but reflect on how our society would be changed if we all began to pray such a prayer.

Everywhere we turn we see conflict.

What if we set ourselves to be peacemakers?

Ill-will, hatred and malice stand on every corner.

What if we all promoted love?

What would happen if we practiced forgiveness? Sought union? Preached truth? Showed faith? Dispensed hope, light and joy?

What if we practiced love and forgot selfishness?

It would be a different world, wouldn't it! Anyone for trying?

- John Gipson, Little Rock, AR (*Bulletin Digest*) -

News & Notes

CONFESSION & RESTORATION: Fred Larrimore.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE: Today at about noon for the dinner at the Fellowship Building then followed by our early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate in helping to make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT BIBLE CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Nov. 9th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, Ohio church of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: In an effort to update our membership directory, all will be done in-house (pictures, etc.) at no cost to members. Each family will receive a free directory after all pictures and information are processed. To expedite this effort, please make an appointment ASAP with Docie Moore; your cooperation will be appreciated.

UP FRONT: Bible drills for the kids and teens each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:15 p.m. Bible questions submitted by adults will be considered each 3rd Sunday at 5:15 p.m. Give questions to Rico.

LADIES WORK DAY: Saturday, Nov. 16th, 9:00 a.m. A list of items needed to make baskets for nursing home residents is on the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Noodles and crackers.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Alex Harless, Emma Rine, Beulah Walker, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 11). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 221) 500 Selfridge St. East Liverpool, OH 43920. Fred is now a permanent resident of this facility. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

How To Become Rich

You may give until you are rich and you may keep until you are poor. It matters not what the wealth may be - material substance, mental skill, physical skill, intellectual attainment, or business sagacity. It becomes unhallowed power when you attach your own label and erase the name of God.

You can never see life in the radiant glow of its greatness, its dignity, and its privilege until you recognize it as stewardship before God. Life itself is but the individual stewardship of time.

Our age is troubled because we have become better off without being any better. We live our lives on the cafeteria plan: self service only. The work of the church is hampered by a surplus of bystanders and a shortage of standbys. The greatest cemetery is one where used talents are buried. Less "tele" and more "vision" would help. You are honored by God with His image. Christ has come to save you. To be wealthy, be willing to be wasted for the Lord.

Remember life's heaviest burden is to have nothing worthwhile to carry. "It is not what we take up but what we give up, that makes us rich."

- Virgil Trout (*Bulletin Digest*)

God does not always pay at the end of each day, but God always pays in the end.