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"Let us choose the *Old Paths* once again for the Light to shine upon the faces of men."



THE IRON PEN

The Word

(Taken from my Outline on January 31, 1996)
By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III

I put together this outline on The Word for a radio broadcast (The Hour of Hope) in early 1996. —Bro. Frank.

II CORINTHIANS 2:17

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."

PSALM 68:11

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."

PSALM 119: 9, 11, 16, 17, 25, 28, 38, 41, 42, 43, 49, 50, 58, 65, 67, 74, 76, 81, 82, 89, 101, 105, 107, 114, 116, 123, 133, 140, 147, 148, 154, 158, 160, 161, 162, 169, 170, 172.

PSALM 138:2

"...: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

ST. MATTHEW 4:4

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

ST. JOHN 1:1, 14.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
Vs. 14 "And the Word was made flesh,"

ROMANS 10:17

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

EPHESIANS 1:13; COLOSSIANS 3:16
I THESSALONIANS 2:13; HEBREWS 4:12

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Please take a look at our Website. Inside you will find the *Old Paths Publication*, and the *Women In The Harvest* is on page 3. We trust you will enjoy the publication.

ST. MATTHEW 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men..."

Show your light shining before men,

Or is it growing dim once again?

Serve with gladness of heart my friend,

You are in this race until the end.

—Linda K. Townsend

HEBREWS 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

Encyclopedia Of Quotations

Book by William J. Federer

TONY P. HALL, as a member of the 100th Congress, strongly supported President Ronald Reagan's signing of Public Law 100-307, on January 25, 1988, setting aside the first Thursday of each May to celebrate a National Day of Prayer.

As a U.S. Representative from Ohio, Congressman Tony P. Hall proclaimed:

"The National Day of Prayer offers a tremendous opportunity for our entire nation to be humbly united in communication with God. Prayer is a "toll-free-lifeline" to our most important Friend. I can't imagine facing the many challenges of service in Congress without prayer.

Prayer truly is a two-way exchange with God. In some ways, often unexpected, I discover that my concerns are answered through new insights to peaceful understanding that I could never have obtained without spiritual assistance. I urge everyone to discover the powerful potential of prayer."

The First prayer in Congress, September 7, 1774 in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, by T.H. Matheson. (c. 1848).

The first Thursday in the month of May is still recognized as the National Day of Prayer in the USA.

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THE OLD CROSS and the NEW (Part II)

For the most part, people believe they are going to heaven. Yet so many have deceived themselves. They don't know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Below is Part II of the gospel tract **THE OLD CROSS and the NEW** written by A. W. Tozer.

The race of Adam is under a death sentence. There is no commutation and no escape. God cannot approve any of the fruits of sin, however innocent they may appear or beautiful to the eyes of men. God salvages the individual by liquidating him and then raising him again to newness of life.

That evangelism which draws friendly parallels between the ways of God and the ways of men is false to the Bible and cruel to the souls of its hearers. The faith of Christ does not parallel the world, it intersects it. In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life up onto a higher plane; we leave it at the cross. The corn of wheat must fall into the ground and die.

We who preach the gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, or the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.

God offers life, but not an improved old life. The life he offers is life after death. It stands always on the far side of the cross. Whoever would possess it must pass under the rod. He must repudiate himself and concur in God's just sentence against him.

What does this mean to the individual, the condemned man who would find life in Christ Jesus? How can this theology be translated into life? Simply, he must repent and believe. He must forsake his sins and then go on to forsake himself. Let him not seek to make terms with God, but let him bow his head before the stroke of God's stern displeasure and acknowledge himself worthy to die.

Having done this let him gaze with simple trust upon the risen Saviour, and from Him will come life and rebirth and cleansing and power. The cross that ended the earthly life of Jesus now puts an end to the sinner: and the power that raised Christ from the dead now raises him to a new life along with Christ.

To any who may object to this or count it merely a narrow and private view of truth, let me say God has set His hallmark of approval upon this message from Paul's day to the present. Whether stated in these exact words or not, this has been the content of all preaching that has brought life and power to the world through the centuries. The mystics, the reformers, the revivalists have put their emphasis here, and signs and wonders and mighty operations of the Holy Ghost gave witness to God's approval.

Dare we, the heirs of such a legacy of power, tamper with truth? Dare we with our stubby pencils erase the lines of the blue-print or alter the pattern shown us in the Mount? May God forbid. Let us preach the old cross and we will know the power.

The Old Cross and the New first appeared in The Alliance Weekly in 1946. It was reprinted in 1954, and has also been printed in virtually every English-speaking country on earth. It has been put into gospel tract form by some publishers.



THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

Lyrics: George Bennard (1873-1958)
Music: George Bennard (1873-1958)

Born: February 4, 1873 (Youngstown, Ohio)
Died: October 10, 1958 (Reed City, MI)

**On a hill far away stood the old rugged cross,
The emblem of suf-f'ring and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on the old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.**

**To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.**

CHORUS

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

In 1912 the American preacher and hymn composer (George Bennard) wrote the classic Christian hymn: The Old Rugged Cross. It was published in 1915. He has written many hymns but is best known for The Old Rugged Cross; a traditional Christian hymn popular across denominations. It is often sung at military services, sporting events and state funerals.

George Bennard (after marrying) became active in the Salvation Army and preached throughout the United States and Canada. He has a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. He died in Reed City, Michigan, where the local Chamber of Commerce erected a cross near his home. Bennard is buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

The Old Rugged Cross Historical Museum in Reed City, Michigan, after 70 years, may only have a few more months left if low revenue doesn't pick up.

The revenue has been operating on a low budget with no more than \$4,000 in donations each year. The Revenue is so low that the nonprofit that runs it has asked the city to waive the building's monthly rent of \$200.

The average age of volunteers to raise more money is 70. The volunteers wished more young people in the community would get involved with this important historic museum.

As for the timeless hymn, The Old Rugged Cross will long be remembered. It is like a keepsake that gives the saints something to always cherish.

On a hill far away....



WOMEN IN THE HARVEST

The *WOMEN IN THE HARVEST* publication began back in October of 1998. I founded this publication, hoping to be a blessing and encouragement to the women in the harvest.

Wisdom for Women: Let us be content in where we have been planted. —Sis. Linda.



CONTENT/DISCONTENT By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend

I see more and more women who are discontent and it brings the following verses to my mind.

HEBREWS 13:5 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:11 “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”

I TIMOTHY 6:8 is a popular verse that a lot of folks have memorized down through the ages. “And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

If you are content with your life, you feel happy and satisfied, enjoying peace of mind. If you are discontent you are neither happy nor satisfied. You are not relishing in the peace that passeth all understanding. We are to be content in whatsoever state we are in. Life isn't always perfect! We cannot always get the things we want, but we can find contentment in the things we have, living a simple life; having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

I believe contentment draws us closer to God. However discontentment causes us to drift away from Him and we are more apt to fall into sin.

HEBREWS 13:5 (shown above) contains words of promise. That is quite a treasured promise that God never leaves us nor forsakes us. Contentment is pleasing to God, but discontentment is not. —Sis. Linda.

Until next time My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Psalm 46:1.

Let us be content in these last days,
Feeding on the word of God.
A woman is pleasing when she obeys,
As she labours for the Lord.
—Linda K. Townsend

When the mind is happy the heart is happy too. Picking up the message, the body takes its cue—and the feet responding, walk with lighter tread—as thoughts like merry dancers go whirling around your head. Cheerfulness works wonders. Gaiety can be—potent as a tonic. Nature's remedy—for the ills and ailments that weaken and depress. Simple but effective; the power of happiness. —Patience Strong



DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES By Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend

I listened to my dad preach last month. In one of his sermons he was talking about lost souls. His words captured my interest. Later, while I was riding in the car, I watched all the traffic pass by.

I started looking closer at all their faces and wondered where are they going? And then I thought about their eternal destination. Are they going to heaven or hell? I am thankful for my salvation. Yet I need to do more to tell others about Jesus.

So here I am writing to you.... Where will you be for all eternity? It is important to know where you are going. We use the GPS to give us directions to our destinations here on earth. But how often do we use the Scriptures to guide us in the way we should go?

My dad's sermon has made an impact on me. I pass by people every day. Do I pray for them? Do I give out gospel tracts to people in the grocery store? *Do I take the time to be a blessing to someone?*

God expects me to be a witness for Him. He doesn't want me to be lazy in my service. I just need to be a little more diligent in my soul winning. I want to start going to the park with some folks from our church to be a witness and pass out gospel tracts. I can delight in the Scriptures and share them with someone else. —Sis. Jasmine.

ST. MATTHEW 16:26 “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”



MEGAN'S MUSINGS By Megan E. Townsend

Hello once again! It's Musing time! I have been Musing about the goodness of God.

Did you know that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? That is a simple Bible truth. Repentance is godly sorrow over sin. It's when we turn from sin to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me put it this way: We are walking down the street, and turn and go in the opposite direction.

We can read about the goodness of God in **ROMANS 2:4**. “Or despises thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”

Musing still.... I'm thankful for repentance and that God saved my soul. I am not what I used to be. I am a sinner saved by God's grace. Now that's something for me to muse about.

In **PSALM 33:5** “He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of goodness of the LORD.” I found goodness in **GALATIANS 5:22**. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith,”

Ain't God good? He gives us so many blessings. His goodness deserves our praises. —Sis. Megan.

PSALM 48

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.



MIRACLES FOLLOW THE PLOW

By A. W. Tozer

Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. HOSEA 10:12.

Here are two kinds of ground: fallow ground, and ground that has been broken up by the plow.

The fallow field is smug, contented, protected from the shock of the plow and the agitation of the harrow. Such a field, as it lies year after year, becomes a familiar landmark to the crow and the blue jay. Had it intelligence, it might take a lot of satisfaction in its reputation; it has stability; nature has adopted it; it can be counted upon always the same while the fields around it change from brown to green and back to brown again. Safe and undisturbed, it sprawls lazily in the sunshine, the picture of sleepy contentment. But it's paying a terrible price for its tranquility: Never does it see the miracle of growth; never does it feel the motions of mounting life nor see the wonders of bursting seed nor the beauty of ripening grain. Fruit it can never know because it is afraid of the plow and the hallow.

In direct opposite to this, the cultivated field has yielded itself to the adventure of living. The protecting fence has opened to admit the plow, and the plow has come as plows always come, practical, cruel, business-like and in a hurry. Peace has been shattered by the shouting farmer and the rattle of machinery. The field has felt the travail of change; it has been upset, turned over, bruised and broken, but its rewards come hard upon its labors. The seed shoots up into the daylight its miracle of life, curious, exploring the new world above it. All over the field the hand of God is at work in the age-old and ever renewed service of creation. New things are born, to grow, mature, and consummate the grand prophecy latent in the seed when it entered the ground. Nature's wonders follow the plow.

There are two kinds of lives also: the fallow and the plowed. The man of fallow life is contented with himself and the fruit he once bore. He does not want to be disturbed. He smiles in tolerant superiority at revivals, fasting, self-searching, and all the travail of fruit bear and the anguish of advance. The spirit of adventure is dead within him. The worst that can be said of such a man is that he has fenced himself in, and by the same act he has fenced out God and the miracle.

The plowed life is the life that has, in the act of repentance, thrown down the protecting fences and sent the plow of confession into the soul. The urge of the Spirit, the pressure of circumstances, and the distress of fruitless living have combined thoroughly to humble the heart. Such a life has put away death for the peril of life. Discontentment, yearning, contrition, courageous obedience to the will of God: these have broken the soil till it is ready again for the seed. ***And as always fruit follows the plow.***



QUIPS and QUOTES By E. C. McKENZIE

A real Christian is as horrified by his own sins as he is by his neighbor's.

Friendships cemented together with sin don't hold.

The best tranquilizer is a good conscience.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle that fits them all.

The wages of sin are the only wages not subject to the income tax.

The three greatest sins of today are indifference to, neglect of, and disrespect for the Word of God.

Some think they are saints because they are selective in their sins.

It is the sin we try to excuse that finally gets us down.

The way of the transgressor is hard.

Sin is pleasure for a season, but all seasons come to an end.

To some men sins are like old neckties. The longer they have them, the dearer they become.

Be sure your SIN will find you out!



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PSALM 122:6

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:..."

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