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NECESSITY FOR RIGHT MOTIVES

IN HIS Sermon on the Mount, Jesus describes certain misguided persons who give alms in order to attract public attention, who pray that they may impress others with their eloquent speech, and who fast with the purpose of winning the plaudits of the credulous.

It is manifest that if we are to live according to the teachings of the incomparable sermon that Jesus preached, we must have right motives.

It is a wholesome and needful spiritual exercise to examine rigidly and mercilessly our motives. Just why do we act in a certain manner? Why do we do this, that and the other thing?

A faithful probe into the hidden springs of conduct is likely to prove embarrassing.

Why do ministers prepare and preach sermons? To honor God, to contribute to the work of His kingdom, to win souls to Christ, to help and comfort the needy and the sorrowful? Or to entertain and please people and to win enthusiastic compliments from the hearers?

Why do ministers call on people in homes and business places and hospitals? From a driving sense of duty, or to have talk-fests, or to gain friends? Or to render real service as ambassadors of Jesus Christ?

Why do ministers read books and study and delve into various subjects? Just to discipline our minds and store them with knowledge, to gain the reputation of being well-informed men, walking encyclopedias? Or to use what we learn to the honor of our Lord and the good of our fellow men?

What is the supreme motive of the Christian business man? To train himself for effective Chris-

tian stewardship, to make money to be invested in the enterprises of God's kingdom, to serve devotedly his day and generation? Or to accumulate more and more of wealth, to pile it up for selfish use, to spend it upon his own pleasures and ambitions?

Why do men and women accept important positions in the church, or officers and teachers in Bible school, or heads of missionary societies, or leaders of young people's groups? To stand in places of prominence, to make a display of themselves, to acquire reputations, to lord it over others? Or really to labor sacrificially, to give the best possible Christian service of which they are capable?

Just why do we criticize others? To furnish something constructive and helpful? Or merely to find fault? Or perchance because we are jealous of the talents and achievements of our fellow Christians?

Why do we go to church? To obey a stern sense of duty? To be intellectually entertained? To meet with congenial friends? Or to worship Almighty God, and to receive that which shall inspire us and equip us for larger and better service in the kingdom?

What is our motive in striving to live a Christian life? To keep out of hell? To get into heaven? Or to grow into the image and likeness of Christ and to do our full share of the work that Christ wants done in this world?

May we have the sanctified courage, the unflinching nerve, to search deeply in the secret places of our souls, where motives function, where we shall find the why, the reason, of our actions, the inciting cause of conduct.

DON'TS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE

DON'T show keener interest in your business six days in the week than you show in the Lord's business on the first day of the week.

Don't think you can miss the worship continually and still be rated as an active member of the church. People have to act in order to be active.

Don't stay away from the worship because you are unable to make a pledge to the church. When unable to make a contribution, make up for it in your presence and in the fine work you can do for the church. That is worth as much as money.

Don't let a week go by in which you do not ask somebody to attend church with you.

Don't go any place and don't do anything upon which you cannot ask the blessing of God to rest.

Don't criticize someone for not having done better when the service they have rendered is far better than anything you are doing.

Don't assume the attitude when in the worship of being so intelligent that no one can teach you anything.

Don't forget George Washington's maxim: "Every act in company should show some signs of respect to those present."

Don't be a "stirrer-up" of trouble, be a peacemaker.

Don't tell everything you hear for people talk a great deal and do not always mean it. "Boys flying kites can pull in the white-winged birds, but you can't do that when you are flying words."

Don't speak hastily. Think twice before you speak.

Don't wait to be appointed on a committee or to a position where you can serve, but instead find a place where you can work, then go to work with all your might.

Don't hurry from the church as soon as the benediction is pronounced.

Don't be slow in extending sympathy to those who need it. Learn to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep.

Don't let the dust accumulate on your Bible. Keep it in use.

Don't forget the church when you go on your vacation. The expenses go on just the same when you are absent as when you are present. Better pay before you go away for fear you will be broke when you return.

Facing Facts

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in Thee."—Isaiah 26:3.

WHAT is meant to have our minds stayed upon God is suggested by a line of John Masefield, in which he describes one of the old clipper ships, like *The Bird of Dawning*.

"That art of masts, sail crowded fit to break,
Stayed into strength, and backstayed into rake."

That is a picture of what the Christian life should be: a mast, carrying its weight of sails, supported by stout stays and backstays to give beautiful lines, because beauty and grace always mean speed. In life we have peace when our mind is trusting and resting in God's will. In His will is our peace.

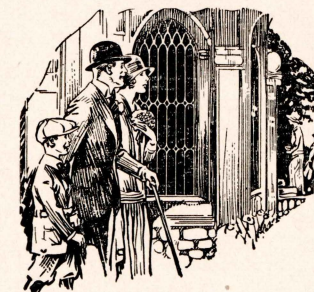
Each one of us is called upon to carry our load of sails, our responsibilities, as in the family, in society and in the church, and wherever we may be we must not load these on to others and so become shirkers. Nor must we add to the burden of these loads by worry. Around us today there is much to perplex and to burden the bravest spirit. How shall we find peace? I will unpack my mind of all its fears. I have not made the world, and He Who made it and sustains it will guide me and uphold me.

Let us face our decisions under God. Let us ask Him to show us the principles which should guide our decisions. Let us check these with our friends whom we trust because they are trusting God and doing His will. Then let us act, and stop wasting mental energy, and God's precious time, with the problem. Let our minds be made up, because God has settled that question for us. One of Napoleon's supreme powers was the ability to open one drawer of his mind, and to close another. That gift can be ours as the Holy Spirit stands sentry over our minds.

Let us trust our loved ones in God's hands. His love will never let them go. They can forsake Him, neglect Him, revile Him, but they cannot alter His love towards them, and somewhere some day, the foolish rebel will turn round and face the hounds and find that he has been fleeing from love.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace."

Go to Church



Every Life
needs an Altar
and Faith for
testing times

Courage Needed

IT TAKES courage to refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar. — — —

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong though others do it.

To live always according to your convictions.

To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.

Getting the Most From It

1. I am not going to be just an ordinary member. I am going at this in a real way to get the best and most out of it.
2. I will give enough to know that I belong, not just odd bits of small change. I will see if this is true: "Where your treasure is, your heart will be also," "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," etc.
3. I will come to church every Sunday, and let my friends know that no other invitations will entice me away.
4. I will take as active a part in the service as I can, singing, joining in the responses, prayers, thought.
5. I will let my seat in church show my interest—not in a dark corner, or where it is hard to hear or take part.
6. I will choose one organization of the church in which to work especially. I will do all I can to make this organization a real going concern so that it will enlist the interest of others (in other words, in spirit it will be a missionary agency of the local church).
7. I will need to know more about my fellow Christians, so I will read Church papers.
8. I believe that the minister preaches definitely for my edification. Therefore I will select at least one thought each Sunday to carry out every day of that week.
9. I will want to learn more about religion than I get on Sunday, so I will read good religious books, and the Bible.
10. I will seek to enrich and deepen my personal religious life, making daily fellowship with God a reality in my life. I will use "Light for Today" and other devotional guides to the Way of God.

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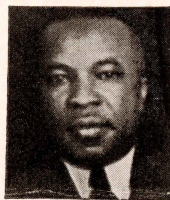
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Editorial

The Strength

Of Christian Preaching Is Christ

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake". Acts, 8:5-6.

Some of our preachers, preach about everything and every body. They have very little, if anything to say about Christ and his church. God said to Joshua, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written herein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Christ gave a similar command to his Church and to the Christian Preacher. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you

always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

As the Lord was present with Joshua, so is Christ present with his church and his preachers, to give them strength.

"Not Worthy"

I am not worthy to be called "Reverend". There is but one Reverend and He is God. Psalm 111:9. Holy and reverend is his name". We do not find any one else in the Bible called Reverend. The Bible does not say any thing about Reverend Moses, nor Reverend Peter, nor Reverend Paul nor Reverend Mister Abraham. It does say Brother Peter, Brother Paul. Hebrews 2:11-12. "He is not ashamed to call them brethren. I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church". Also Elder, because Peter said, first Peter five one. The elders which are among you I exhort, Who am also an elder. "Just call me Taylor, Brother Taylor, Or Elder Taylor, never call me Reverend; I am not worthy.

Left The Old Path

Our want to be important Brethren of the National Christian Missionary Convention, have become so intelligent and so cultured until they have left the old path and the New Testament. Reading their 1959 program, all of their preachers are called Reverend or Doctor. I am of the opinion, that they will soon be addressing each other as, "The Very Right Reverend Mister Doctor Rabbi Priest Father John Doe." Christ said in Matthew twenty-third chapter, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in Heaven. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

Strong and Right Weak and Wrong

The Restoration Herald is strong and right when it is defending the Faith. The Restoration Herald is weak and wrong when it defends racial segregation. The Christian Informer cannot understand, how some of our Brethren can preach, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." And at the same time preach two standards of citizenship for American citizens; one standard for his race and another standard for my race.

Could it be, that they do not know the New Testament nor the United State's Constitution nor the Declaration Of Independence; which says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

"The Southland"

The Restoration Herald had this to say in the October issue. "Nowhere on the earth has the colored race found better friends than in the Southland of America." The Southland might be his best friend, if he is an uncle Tom or an Aunt Mary. But let him ask for "EQUAL RIGHTS" and his so-called "better friends" will bomb his house or burn down his church or organize a "neck-tie-party."

I know what I am talking about, because I am a Southerner. I was born in the "Southland of America." I thank God for those Northerners, who broke the shackles of human slavery and set me and my people free; and built schools and churches for my people.

"The People of Georgia"

We quote from the September Restoration Herald. "The people of Georgia are not going to let their state capital integrate its schools." Talk is easy, didn't the people of Georgia and some other states say, that they would not free their slaves? School integration is the law of the land, and we have a better ARMY now, than we had in 1860. If our ARMY and NAVY could straighten-out things in Germany, Korea, Georgia would only be a drop in the bucket.

TURN OVER

If there is any such thing as turning over in the grave, we believe that Preston Taylor did that; when the "want to be important Brethren", of the National Christian Missionary Convention, voted to merge with the open-membership International Convention.

George Washington told his Countrymen, not to become entangled in foreign alliances."

Preston Taylor told his brethren, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

In order that they might stand on their own feet, and not slide back into the pit out of which he brought them. When he died, he left his entire estate, of more than one hundred thousand dollars to the National Christian Missionary Convention. And now the "want to be important Brethren" are trying to hitch-hike or thumb a ride with the International Convention; which is going in another direction, down open-membership road. Proverbs, 15:11, says "Hell and destruction."

Greeting: Christians everywhere.

The name Christian is generally applied to any person who belongs to a church of any kind, who claims to be a believer in Christ, or who makes even a partial attempt to follow the teaching of Christ. Contrary to the commonly accepted idea, being a Christian and being Christian are not the same thing. One may be a believer in Christ without actually being a Christian.

King Agrippa believed in Christ and told Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28) but faith without obedience did not save Agrippa, or make him a Christian. Even the

devils "believe and tremble" (James 2:19), but they are not christians.

One may be a Christian in name and reputation, without being a Christian in fact. On the other hand, it is possible for one to be Christian in many attitudes, sympathies and good deeds without being a Christian. Strictly speaking, the name should be applied only to those who are saved, actually born again, and who are following Christ acceptably.

I hope these few lines will find you all in the best of health.

Yours because of Calvary,
Lawrence Phillip, Jr.
Washington, D. C.

The National Christian Preaching Convention

The National Christian Preaching Convention held at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Baltimore, Maryland August 7th to 11th, was a great convention. Great preaching and great fellowship daily. Prof. Cornelius Daniels, of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. was guest speaker. Other speakers were, Elder C. W. Arnolds, Minister of the 92nd Street Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif., Elder R. W. Williams, Minister of the Williamsburg Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Elder Lawrence Phillips, Minister of the Church of Christ, Fairmount Hights, Maryland; Elder W. J. Bryant of New York and California, National Evangelist, and Mrs. C. W. Arnold, of Los Angeles, Calif. The next Annual Session will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, Friday before the Second Lord's Day in August 1960. All money raised during the Convention was donated to the preachers doing the preaching, the Christian Informer and to the local church.

The Pastor's Annual Rally

Thanks to the members and friends of Emanuel Church, Baltimore for making the Pastor's Annual Rally a success. The Rally sermon was preached by Elder E. Smith, a young minister of Emmanuel Church. Elder R. Puryear another young minister of the church was master of ceremony. Brother George Hamilton was chairman of Rally, Brother E. D. Draughn is founder of Rally.

Anniversary Celebration

The Anniversary Celebration-Queen of Sheba Court-Order Of Daughters Of Sphink, Masonic Lodge, October 18, 1959.

Guest speaker Elder W. H. Taylor, Pastor, Emmanuel Christian Church.

Music by Emmanuel Christian Church Choir.

Presiding Daughter Pearl Wilson, of Emmanuel Christian Church.

Most Worthy Grand Matron of Sphink Daughter Mary C. Frazier.

To be happy without the things you want is the first step toward sheer contentment.

"WHAT A FELLOWSHIP"

Baltimore, Md.

Elder C. L. Whitfield, pastor of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore and his Choir and Congregation worshiped at Emmanuel Church recently. A great sermon was delivered by Elder Whitfield and the Choir rendered excellent music, and the fellowship was great.

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Fairmont Hights, Md.

Elder L. Philips of Washington D. C. and Pastor of the Church of Christ Fairmont Hights worshiped at Emmanuel Church. Elder Philips delivered a soul stirring sermon.

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New Brunswick, N. J.

Elder Z. D. Johnson, Pastor of the Friendship Christian Church New Brunswick, N. J. brought a bus load of members and friends to Emanuel church, Baltimore. The sermon, choir and quartette and solo were all good.

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Baltimore, Md.

Emmanuel Church of Christ, visited Mt. Olivet Christian Church and had a great fellowship.

The choir and several car loads of members of Emmanuel, went with the Pastor to the Church of Christ, Fairmount Hights, Md.

The Choir of Emmanuel and several members in cars went with the pastor to Friendship Christian Church, New Brunswick, N. J.

Free dinners of ham, chicken and turkey and all the trimmings were served at all of the above churches. "My. Brother, you ought to have been there."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Taylor:

It was a grand joy for me to have been in attendance at the National Christian Preaching Convention held there at the Emmanuel Christian Church.

This was my first time of being present for the wonderful fellowship. It is so good when Christians of like precious Faith come together to serve the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. Please allow me to take this chance to again thank you and Mrs. Taylor for your kind consideration of me, and also all the good people of Emmanuel. Let me extend an invitation for all of you to visit the family and the College of the Scriptures in old Kentucky.

Yours in Christ, Cornelius Daniels.

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Concord, N. C.

Dear Brother Taylor: Trust you are well. We had to send you our new address, we moved into our new home and we enjoy reading the Informer. We look forward for the Christian Informer. If ever you are this way, do drop by and look at us. Elder and Sister B. A. Douglas.

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Hats Off!

Hats off to that "Great American John Brown" and his co-laborers, who lit the torch that started the Civil War. "He died to make men free." He is gone but not forgotten.

Los Angeles, California

Dear Brother Taylor:

We enjoy reading each issue of the Christian Informer. We are always glad to know that you are still "Earnestly contending for the faith." Brother Arnold was in attendance at the National Christian Preaching Convention and he reports a most wonderful fellowship.

Yours in the Master's service,

Elder and Mrs. C. W. Arnold.

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Dear Brother Taylor:

The pastor Elder Z. D. Johnson, Officers, and members of the Friendship Christian Church, 71 Throop Avenue, New Brunswick, N. J., can't find words to really express how grateful we are to you, the members, and Choir of the Emmanuel Christian Church for worshipping with us all day last Sunday, 13 September 1959. The fine spirit of co-operation shown between the members of Emanuel Christian Church and Friendship Christian Church will always be remembered. After hearing your sermon on the "Three things in the making of a good and successful church, giving, getting, and keeping, we have a greater and stronger determination to continue doing a service for God. We can still feast on the beautiful song sang by your Choir, "There's Not A Friend Like The Lonely Jesus". Brother Cunningham, President of the Men's Christian Fellowship is still beaming with pride and appreciation to you and your group, because of your financial assistance the Men's Fellowship were able to go over their goal by raising a total of \$101.35. It was so wonderful to have the pleasure of meeting your wife, Sis. Annie L. Taylor, and Sis. Johnson received a beautiful letter from her expressing how much she enjoyed being with us. Please tell Sis. Taylor, and the members of your group that we enjoyed having them with us, and if God is willing we will see you on the 2nd Sunday in October which is October 11, 1959. We will write you later and let you know definitely whether or not we can attend. We are trying to make arrangements to Charter a bus. We had Elder Tillman, pastor of the Antioch Christian Church, to preach our Dedication and Consecration Services on 20 September 1959. We had another enjoyable time with him and his members. The reports from the various departments netted us a total of \$350.00. We also baptized a candidate this morning, in the person of Mrs. Ella M. Summers. We added two other members to the Church, Brother Willie Thomas and Bro. Leroy Summers. We are looking forward to worshipping with you again in the very near future. May God

bless you and your Congregation, and trust that we will see you all soon.

In Christian Fellowship,
Lillian H. Foat

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Just Keep On Working

There's only one method of meeting Life's Test
Just keep on a-working and hope for the best
Don't give up the task and retire in dismay
'Cause hammers are thrown where you'd like a bouquet.

The world would be tiresome, we'd all have the blues,

If all the folks in it held just the same views;
So finish your work, show the best of your skill
Some people don't like you, but other folks will.

The plants that are posing as common-place weeds
Oft prove to be just what the sufferer needs
So keep right on moving, avoid standing still
Some people won't like you, but other folks will.

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New York, City

Dear Brother Taylor:

Once again it has been my great pleasure to enjoy you and the hospitality of your home and your city. You are to be commended for the fine work you are doing here in the great City of Baltimore, May God continue to richly bless you and Sister Taylor.

Sincerely Yours,
Elder W. J. Bryant

Brooklyn, New York

Dear Brother Taylor:

I always enjoyed reading the Christian Informer. Enclosed please find \$1.00 for renewal. We truly enjoyed having you preach for us sometime ago at the Williamsburg Church, and we hope to have you very soon again.

Our pulpit is always open to you and to all of our Christian Brothers. I hope the Preachers' Convention was a success. May God forever bless you.

Yours truly
Brother Williams

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Winston-Salem Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Brother Taylor:

We appreciate the good write up you gave our work and the work at Louisville.

We enjoy the Christian Informer very much. The last issue was exceptionally good. Here is \$2.00 to keep the copies coming to Winston-Salem Bible College and to my home. I know that our subscription is long since run out.

Come see us when you can. I preach for a new congregation here at the college. If you can drop by on Sunday I would like for you to preach in my place.

Christian Love,
Leland Tyrrell



Opportunity

In an old city by the storied shores
Where the bright summit of Olympus soars,
A cryptic statue mounted towards the light—
Heel-winged, tip-toed, and poised for instant flight.

"O statue, tell your name," a traveler cried,
And solemnly the marble lips replied:
"Men call me Opportunity: I lift
My winged feet from earth to show how swift
My flight, how short my stay—
How Fate is ever waiting on the way."

"But why that tossing ringlet on your brow?"
"That men may seize me any moment: Now,
NOW is my other name: to-day my date:
O traveler, to-morrow is too late!"

—By Edwin Markham

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Taylor:

Will you please send a subscription to Mrs. Ada M. Wales, Louisville, Kentucky.

I hope you and your family are in the best of health. Thanks for everything.

Yours in Christ,
Lawrence Phillip, Jr.

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Eagle, Pass, Texas

Dear Brother Taylor:

Your Christian Informer was waiting for us when we arrived in Eagle Pass last night. We had been gone since May 29. I spoke in 36 churches and was missionary speaker in four weeks of camp in Illinois and Indiana during the summer.

Congratulations on your fine church paper. Give Brother Leland Tyrrell my best wishes when you see him.

In His Service,
Carroll Langston

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Friendship Christian Church

New Brunswick, N. J.

Elder W. H. Taylor:

Dear Brother in Christ:

I received your kind letter, I am sorry I can't attend the convention, due to a two weeks engagement here.

The Lord is good to me, He leads me in the path of Righteousness for His name's sake. Souls are being saved and revived during this revival.

We are expecting you, congregation and choir, on the second Lord's day in September, if it be the Lord's will.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Z. D. Johnson

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WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3.

The want to be important Brethren of the National Christian Missionary Convention are destroying the foundations of that convention, which were laid on the New Testament; by Preston Taylor, W. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, J. R. Louderback, Back to the Book Peters, B. C. Calvert and a host of others who have gone on before.

They are trying to merge with an open-membership convention, which is off the New Testament foundation. The righteous can do like Philip did. Open his mouth and preach unto them Jesus. The righteous can do what Paul said in 2 Cor. 6:17. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you."

The righteous can come to the National Christian Preaching Convention, which is, "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ.

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Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to have the world read you like a book.

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Mother Keeling Passes

Sister Martha Keeling, the mother of Mrs. C. W. Arnold died on May 30, 1959 in Los Angeles, California where she had resided for the past 13 years with her daughter.

She was ill for only a brief period. Sister Keeling was a veteran member of the Christian Church. Having been a member of the Fayette Street Church of the Martinsville, Va., and also a pioneer member of the Loudon Ave. church of Roanoke, Va. She was born in Patrick County, Va., April 12, 1879. Her funeral was held in the 92nd Street Christian Church of which she was a faithful member. Bro. A. W. Jacobs, Pastor of 23rd St. Church gave the eulogy.



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