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THE RESULTS OF KNOWING GOD

(By Ernest Taylor, Pastor Friends Church, Boise, Idaho.)

I am glad for this opportunity of giving a New Year's message to our young people. I venture that all of us have resolved, down in our hearts, if not openly, that we are going to make our lives count for more this year than they did last. We are going to endeavor to be better Christians, more effective Christians, than ever before.

We have been awakened by the World War, we are now unusually thankful for the restoration of comparative peace. We look out upon the beginning of this new year with a larger vision, a broader sympathy, but above all with a keener appreciation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has done so much for us. As Christian Endeavorers, we naturally have a new determination to do our best for Jesus.

During the years I was in political work it always seemed natural to take a text from the Bible as the foundation for my messages. In giving this message I cannot do less. In fact, my text is my message. God help me to emphasize its vital truths. It is found in the 32d verse of the 11th chapter of Daniel. "The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits." What Christian does not want to be strong and do exploits for God.

When I was a boy I can well remember that I was ambitious to be strong physically and be able to do exploits in the athletic world. I wanted to be a big man—about six feet two, with brawn and muscle in proportion. I fell sadly short. I guess most healthy boys have a desire to be strong in body and do athletic exploits.

It is also true that healthy Christians desire to be strong, to resist sin, and do exploits for the extension of the Master's kingdom. In our text we have a sure formula how to be strong, healthy Christians, able to do exploits for God far more wonderful and worth while than those performed by the most noted athletes in the world. I have an ambition to try out this formula. Every young Christian and older one too will do well to make this formula their motto for the year. I am sure there will be wonderful results wherever this text is studied and followed.

"The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits." These words make it clear that if we wish to

be strong and do exploits as Christians, we must first "know God." The question naturally arises, how shall we know God? Everyone who desires to know God after the meaning of our text must first have a real change of heart toward God, or "be born again." Too many folk in the churches these days have neglected this most important step. They know nothing about a change of heart—they are trying to work their way into heaven. They are like Samuel of old when he did not recognize God's voice. He knew a great deal about God, but the Word says "he did not yet know the Lord." Many professed Christians know a great deal about God; they are good Bible students, "ever learning," but never coming to a knowledge of the truth because they do not know God through being born into His kingdom. Every one who has been "born again" can testify that it is a glorious thing to know God through experimental salvation.

The next step in knowing God is the study of His Word. God is revealed to us through His Son Jesus. The Bible reveals Jesus. The Bible reveals God's great love and mercy, and His wonderful plan of salvation. It tells us how we must live here among men if we wish to live with Him in Heaven. It gives us 33,000 precious promises, and yet how few of them have we treasured up in our hearts. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," says God in His Word. Yes, if ye desire to know God we must magnify His Book, the Bible, more and more. Justified Christians who "are rooted and grounded" in their knowledge of the Bible, will go out against sin, against any foe, against any difficulty, and they will overcome, for the Bible is a signboard pointing to Jesus Christ.

Again, if you would know God you must spend much time in communion with Him. One of the best ways to learn to know a man or woman is through heart to heart talks. You must take time for meditation and prayer. God says, "Wait on the Lord and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait on the Lord." Are you doing this? How much time do you take for secret prayer? I fear that the great majority of Christians fail on this point. Most people think they are too busy. You can not know God and be strong unless you spend time in secret prayer. Jesus said "enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut the door pray to thy Father which is in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee

ARE YOU A QUAKER? THEN BE ONE

By Gertrude Cook

[We are Quakers, and we want you to feel free at any time to speak right out in meetin', and express through the columns of this paper any burden you may have on your heart for our young people. Gertrude Cook had an old-fashioned Quaker concern which she presents to us this month.]

Are you glad you are a Quaker? If you would just as soon be something else, it is possible you had better be something else. How much do you think of a Baptist who would just as soon be a Presbyterian—or a Methodist who would just as soon be a Congregationalist, neither one having any particular reason for being what they are. Well, then! Let's be Quakers with all our might. In every well-regulated family there is sacrifice. Each member must daily sacrifice some little whims or fancies to another member, and so it is with every church family. Thus in our own denomination, let us pray for charity that so long as the precious Blood is not trampled under foot or any of the cardinal doctrines of our New Testament faith discounted, we may love one another fervently and bear with each other's crudities and shortcomings.

How much and how consistently do you read the American Friend? We realize that God has given to us young people a rich and glorious heritage, and if we can but open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, which was the guide of our faithful ancestors, He will show us the open doors of service and opportunity for the Friends Church in the Northwest, and as we grasp this vision our eyes will become adjusted to see more clearly the still larger place our Master would have the Friends Church fill in our nation. Our denomination has not been preserved down the years for no purpose. The Lord has committed to it a definite and distinctive work, and it is our privilege to be "one of them" who continue the work already begun.

Let's be thorough, genuine Quakers, get interested in our church paper, if we are not already; become familiar with the names and geographical location of the different Yearly Meetings; know who's who and why in Quakerdom. Then when the Lord is ready to use us in the machinery and workings of the church, we will be ready to present ourselves a reasonable service unto Him.

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NEWS NOTES

NEWBERG

Newberg C. E. was planning to study "The Call of a World Task" in the C. E. meeting during the month of December, but on account of the influenza and no church services this was impossible.

If the ban is lifted during January, the society will study the C. E. expert book for a half hour before each meeting.

The society welcomes M. Ralph Knight back again. Mr. Knight has been trying for nine months to get his passport to go to France in reconstruction work. For the last three months he has been at Haverford, Pa. Since he is unable to get his passport, the committee has released him to finish his college work.

BOISE

Three of our Christian Endeavorers attended the Quarterly Meeting at Greenleaf. The sermon Saturday morning was "Watching Jesus," given by Prof. Perisho of Greenleaf Seminary. This was a very timely message.

Our Endeavorers have taken up the study of "The Call of a World Task."

The influenza is spreading more here and the schools have closed again, for the same reason but few people attend the church services.

Mrs. John Tucker has the influenza.

SECOND FRIENDS, PORTLAND

Our Society was well represented at the Commons Mission on our last mission night, December 9, 1918. We had twelve present, six of whom were new converts from our Sunday evening services the night before.

We have taken up the study in our Society of the mission book, "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks," for the next few Sunday evenings. The work is progressing fine.

Emel Swanson is expected home the latter part of this month, from Camp Lewis.

Harry Tamplin was expected to sail for France the 21st of December, to enter the Reconstruction work there.

Dora Dunbar and Violet Littlefield are expecting to go to Pacific College next semester.

Lamont Dunbar has received an honorable discharge from the school at Corvallis.

Carrol Tamplin spent the week before Christmas at home, while the "flu" ban was on at Newberg.

Miss Jones of the C. E. Union attended our Society Sunday evening, December 15, 1918, in the interest of the "Quiet Hour."

REX

Halcyon Wiley has been taking a few studies at Pacific College the past month.

We are glad to welcome Agnes Cook as a member of our C. E. at the last business meeting.

In a letter received from Chaplain Ross E. Wiley, which was written somewhere in Belgium Nov. 12, he says he is well and kept very busy; also anxiously waiting the time when he can get back to old U. S. A. again. He says the Belgians are a fine people and deserve all that has been done for them and much more. Ross is in the 91st Division and has been in the thick of the battles.

Florence I. Eves and daughter, Mrs. A. J. Heskett, left Sunday evening, Dec. 22, for an extended visit with friends and relatives in the East. They will spend Christmas with Mr. Heskett at Salt Lake City, Utah. Then after a short visit in Iowa, will go to their old home town, Millville, Penn.

We still have some very interesting C. E. meetings, although our membership and attendance is quite small.

There have been but few cases of influenza in our midst.

Sunday evening, Dec. 22, our pastor, Maud H. Butler, gave a helpful Christmas message. We were expecting to give the missionary program, "The Worship of the Nations," but on account of influenza scare had to give it up. Fred D. Frost, Maud and Asa Butler favored us with special songs.

MARION

Marion had a missionary Christmas program, using "The Worship of the Nations" as the main number.

Three of our active members came into the church at the last meeting. Also one of the boys. Those coming in were Della Fennel, Mary Thomas, Lenora and Kenneth Loretz.

Mrs. Pressnel preached a fine Christmas sermon on Christmas Sunday. Many were blessed by it.

Mrs. Hugh Cook is spending the holidays with her parents.

We are expecting L. C. Russell and family to be with us again soon.

A reception was given in honor of the boys returning home from the service of Uncle Sam. Several came home in time for Christmas and more are expected soon.

We are very proud of a new lamp which was purchased a few weeks ago for the church.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

SOUTH SALEM

A social was held the second Saturday evening in December, at the home of Dr. Carl Miller. A good time was enjoyed by all. During the evening a very successful business meeting was held and four new members were voted into the society.

On the evening of December 22, the Sunday school gave the Christmas program sent out by the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, at which time \$44.30 were given for the work. We went over the top and are still climbing.

Our society has been studying the book "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks," under the leadership of Marguerite Elliott.

STAR

On the evening of Dec. 18 a kitchen shower was given in honor of Olin and Bertha Smith Cone, who were recently married. A social time was enjoyed by all present.

The regular business meeting of the C. E. was held at the home of our president, Agnes Larson.

Baker and Pearl Reed have returned home after a six weeks visit in Ohio and Iowa.

Our members with one exception have been very free from the influenza.

Hilma Larson, who is teaching a few miles out from Star, has had to be out of her school for a few days on account of a severe cold.

Our mission study class has been somewhat hindered by the quarantine, so that we haven't accomplished what we enthusiastically started to do.

SCOTTS MILLS

We are still glad to report that we are free from the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Russell, who have been with us for nearly four months, will soon leave us and labor in other fields.

Miss Sarah Graves, who returned to Huntington Park Training School, was married to Albert Stuart. Mr. Stuart was also a student in the training school.

George Kellogg, who has been in the war service training school at Corvallis, has been released and is at home.

ROSEDALE

Our pastor and family spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Floyd Bates is at home again, after several months at Camp Lewis.

We are thankful to report that we have been reasonably free from influenza in our community.

We gave the "Worship of the Nations" as our Christmas program, and \$76.00 was given for missions.

FIRST CHURCH, PORTLAND

The Endeavorers had a post card shower on Herman Oppenlander, who has been ill while visiting relatives in Michigan.

Hans Rasmussen and Cecil Brock, having received their discharges, are with us again. Hans comes back as a lieutenant.

Our society has planned a New Year social and watch party for New Year's eve.

A very interesting Christmas program was given during the Endeavor hour, Dec. 22. The testimonies were given according to the birth month of the members. We have more birthdays in September than any other month of the year. Several of the Junior C. E. members rendered songs.

Merritt and Alice Wells, former members of the Society, have been recent visitors from Seattle. Mr. Wells is engaged in physical instruction in the Y. M. C. A. Both are active in the work of Dorothy Lee's mission in that city.

In connection with the Every Member movement, the Endeavorers have been studying an intensely interesting book called, "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks."

We are proud to announce that our church went "over the top" in their missionary offering, having raised \$338.25.

Last and least in size (but not in importance, if we consulted the fond father), we announce the arrival of a new member, Lois Irene, at the home of Audrey and Carl Swanson.

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openly." It was when Moses was alone with God that he saw the burning bush that was not consumed. It was when Jacob was alone with God on a lonely night that he prevailed and God changed his name and made a new man out of him. It was when John was alone with God on the Isle of Patmos that God gave John such wonderful visions as we have recorded in the book of Revelation. It was when Bunyan was alone with God in a prison cell that he was inspired to write that wonderful allegory, Pilgrim's Progress, which next to the Bible perhaps, has been most widely read in all lands.

Jesus said again, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Discouraged Christians are Christians who do not pray as they ought. Weak Christians are prayerless Christians. Inactive Christians (if there is such a thing?) are Christians who do not know God in prayer. If you desire to know God and be strong, you must spend time in secret prayer; you must keep prayer always upon your heart; not only pray, but "watch unto prayer." In the words of Dr. Truett, "If you and I are to know Jesus better we must watch with uncompromising watchfulness against every sin." "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." There can be no compromise with sin. How many Christians are careless on this point! All too often we hear of those who have been regular Sampsons in their exploits for God, but like Sampson they looked upon sin, flirted with some Delilah of compromise, and have been shorn of their power. We see Christians flirting with the world, attending theatres, using the Sabbath for personal pleasure and profit, being unequally yoked up with unbelievers, we know that the results will be disastrous to their spiritual life. To know God we must put away every evil thing.

Again I ask, do you who read these lines wish to be strong and do exploits for God? You can know God only by doing His will. God's Word says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." You must be crucified with Christ. You must die out to self. You must tarry at Jerusalem for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then you have the promise that ye shall receive power to be a strong Christian and witness effectively for Christ. Have you had your Pentecost? If not, look at impulsive, hot-

headed Peter before Pentecost. You behold him get mad; he cuts off an ear; he is a coward, he curses, he denies his Christ—Peter who vowed he would die for Christ! The Church is full of Peters before Pentecost, a sad fact, but true. But after Pentecost we look again and behold a different Peter; he has become bold for Christ, solid as a rock, no longer "flying off the handle," no more cutting off ears, patient under ridicule, strong to suffer and yet rejoice. And what wonderful exploits! Three thousand conversions followed his first sermon. It is true that the ten days of tarrying in prayer, and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost were greater agencies than Peter's sermon for those conversions. Prevailing prayer that brings an outpouring of the Holy Ghost is always a greater agency for conversions than big sermons. But it is also true that Peter—Peter, do you get it?—was God's mouthpiece on that great day, and his preaching was a wonderful exploit for God.

George Muller, of modern times, was a man who knew God as few men do, and the result was wonderful exploits in Jesus name. Through prayer he raised over a million dollars for his orphanages, and thousands of orphans were cared for as the result. When asked the secret of his successful service he said, "There was a day when I died, utterly died; died to George Muller, his opinions, his preferences, his tastes and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."

Paul knew God. He says, "I counted all things less that I might gain Christ." He presented his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. In missionary exploits he was chief of the apostles. He suffered shipwreck, imprisonment and floggings cheerfully for Christ's sake.

The founder of Methodism, Wesley, was a man who knew God. I believe it was he who said, "I have so much to do today I must spend three hours in prayer." He knew the Bible and resisted every known sin. He was so filled with the power of God that his ministry shook continents and left an impress upon the world for all time to come.

But if there ever was a man of modern times whose life was a marvel to mankind, it was Livingston, who gave up the fellowship of those whom he loved most, turned his back upon the emoluments and honors of the world, suffered the fevers and loneliness of the African jungles that he might be the means of saving the souls of those benighted savages over there. Quoting from his biography, "He died a martyr and a saint, pleading prayer in the heart of Africa for the soul power that led him to lose his life to give a continent to Christ, which places him a prince among earth's greatest men." He died as he had lived, on his knees before God, the Bible open before him.

"The people that know God shall be strong and do exploits." In closing please notice the text says "shall be," not "may be," or "might be," but "shall be." Strong Christians who do exploits for Jesus, is the sure result of knowing God. Above all else, let us seek to know God.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish to thank the societies who were so mindful of the editor at Christmas time, and assure you that we appreciate the beautiful cards and the words of encouragement. Somehow, as we went to prayer for this month's issue, our hearts were filled with praise for the way the Lord has blessed us, and we feel that God is going to lead us out into still greater victory.

Young people, when you see new light walk in it. When the Holy Spirit reveals a new truth to you, hold it, cherish it, keep it as a precious gift. The day is coming when some will say, "give us of your oil, our lights are going out." They will plead frantically, but it will be useless pleading, for those who have the oil (Holy Spirit) will be sweeping out to meet the Bridegroom.

Remember your news items for next month. You did admirably this time. Have them in not later than Jan. 23rd. We have heard from many sources that this paper is bringing us closer together. We believe it is true.

We're not going to make any apology to Halcyon Wiley of Rex, for telling that she has subscribed for four copies for herself. She sends them to friends who otherwise would not get them. We wish there were three dozen more just like Miss Wiley.

We wonder if you would be interested to know that "A Friendly Endeavor" is mailed to four continents: North America, South America, Europe and Asia; seven states besides Alaska and Cuba, and thirty-one cities and towns.

There's one thing about influenza that is more or less comforting. Everyone knows just how everyone else feels when they get it.

Do you notice how Greenleaf is coming on? When they get 62 more subscriptions, they'll have their full quota. Goody!

Puzzle Picture

Find news items from the following meetings:

??????? Highland !!!!!!! Quilcene
 ***** Chehalem Center
 ;;;;;;;; Middleton \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Sherwood
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 !!!!!!! Valley Mound ;;;;;;;; Spring-
 brook.

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Meeting	Quota	Already in
Highland	40	19
South Salem	15	8
Rosedale	15	12
Scotts Mills	10	7
Marion	5	5
Salem Q. M.	85	51
First Friends	50	33
Second Friends	25	12
West Piedmont	5	6
Quilcene	5	1
Portland Q. M.	85	52
Newberg	65	38
Chehalem Center	13	9
Springbrook	17	10
Rex	5	9
Middleton	5	0
Sherwood	10	0
Newberg Q. M.	114	66
Greenleaf	65	3
Star	22	6
Boise	18	7
Valley Mound	5	0
Woodland	5	0
Boise Valley Q. M. ..	115	16

A LETTER

From Emel Swanson While in Camp
 Lewis, Wash.

After considerable delay in the mail, your greetings and remembrance reached me. It was indeed very cheering to receive this message from you, who are in the work I love so well. Times without number I have felt the lifting power as a result of your petitions before the Throne of Grace. I praise my Heavenly Father for the home fires which are kept burning in the little church in which I found life, the life that is everlasting.

The world events just taking place certainly bring new and greater responsibilities to this life of mine, as well as to the Quaker church as a whole. It has been said the world is growing better, which may, in part, be true, but according to the teachings of the Master, there is vast opportunity for improvement yet.

In times past Quakers have been awarded a distinction for a genius for

construction and reconciliation. Do we modern Quakers possess the spirit that will again justify this distinction? Have we made the sacrifice of lives, money, and time for our principle of non-resistance as those who hold to the principle of resistance have done for their views? I will venture to say, not yet.

Holding as fundamental these non-resistance principles, we Quakers, for the most part, have found ourselves unable to participate in some phases of our beloved government's program. These principles have been recognized by our government, which in itself, would surely give us a large place in the establishment of the new world order which is now at hand. If we do not fulfill our part in this place, we forfeit our God-given heritage and betray the trust of our government.

For the past few months I have had the privilege of being one of those who had to prove they could not conscientiously take part in any warfare. In other words I identified myself as a conscientious objector. This class of people, I think, have attracted more public attention and been the object of more severe criticism than any other, except perhaps the "Bolsheviks," whom I claim no relation to. Through the testings I can well say with the Psalmist, "Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word." I have been fortunate to be in camps where the treatment of the conscientious objector has been comparatively mild. Here I have been able to see a few things relating to army life and its connection with human nature; I have had an experience that will be of much benefit to me.

Perhaps what I have been able to learn of conditions in general would be of interest to you. In general the War Department's policy in dealing with conscientious objectors has been generous as well as shrewd; despite these good intentions, conditions are far from satisfactory.

According to the records of the National Civil Liberties Bureau about 4,000 conscientious objectors have taken non-combatant service in hospital, quartermaster or engineering corps. These men became a part of the army with the understanding that they were not to bear arms. About 1500 have refused non-combatant service on grounds of conscience and have appeared at various times before the Board of Inquiry. Those who objected to both combatant and non-combatant service and were thought to be sincere by the board, were offered farm furloughs and in some cases Friends Reconstruction work in France. About 90 per cent of the men were judged sincere and offered furloughs. The remaining 10 per cent whose sincerity was doubted were ordered to take combatant or non-combatant service, the penalty of refusal in both cases being court martial.

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