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TEN FACTS TO LIVE BY

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Eternal Truths Which Sustain Our Temporal Lives

As we approach the first anniversary of September 11th, the world holds its collective breath in anticipation of further unconscionable acts of terrorism. People everywhere are wondering, "How can they top that?"

And so, amidst the pervasive atmosphere of fear and suspense, we thought we would do well to remind ourselves that God is still in control, that everything works to the fulfillment of God's marvelous plan, and that we, as emissaries of Christ, are on an important mission--a mission to preach the Gospel.

To that end, we have gathered together two of Dave's most inspiring articles about faith and how to live in a world like this. We pray that you will find hope and encouragement through his timeless teaching, that it will motivate you to great accomplishment for the Savior, and that it will help you live each day in the bright expectation that Jesus could come today!

Dave Weeden, Editor.

**"THE FACT THAT MAN
BEARS THE DIVINE
IMAGE COULD...YET
CHANGE THE WORLD."**

In many ways, every day, we are reminded that the substance of life, the realities by which we live, are not the beguiling visibilities around us. Attractive clothes, money in the pocket, human applause, a car with a loud stereo, expensive trips here and there, these are not the things that truly matter. Christ was saying at least this when He pronounced that, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*" (Matt. 4:4).

We can thereby be sure that millions of people sit daily at sumptuous tables in our world, but they are in fact starving to death. Daily their minds slip further from reality because they have no invisible means of support. No one has told them that life and mental competence are sustained by a set of facts. We live by eternal truth, not by cute slogans.

It is therefore true that every one of us should regularly review the things that we know to be true, the eternal truths by which our temporal lives are sustained. This is why the Scripture says, "*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip*" (Heb. 2:1).

What then are "the things which we have heard" that need regular review? In answer, we suggest ten of the important facts by which we should live. To forget these is to slip away into the shadows of epistemological nihilism, a condition from which many do not recover.

1.) There is a God. More correctly, we should say that, "**There is God.**" The existence of the eternal God is the first principle

of anything. Apart from that first fact of life, reality disappears and all is nothing. Therefore the Scripture insists, "*he that comes to God must believe that He is*" (Heb. 11:6).

To disbelieve in God is not a philosophy, it is a form of insanity. So the Scripture says, "*The fool has said in his heart, There is no God*" (Psa. 14:1). Conversely, every intelligent person says, "*O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! who has set Your glory above the heavens*" (Psa. 8:1).

2.) God created the universe. One of the most instructive pronouncements of the Word of God says, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*" (Gen. 1:1). Elaborating on this, speaking about Jesus Christ, the Scripture says, "*For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him*" (Col. 1:16).

Again, speaking about Jesus Christ, the Scripture says, "*You, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Your hands*" (Heb. 1:10). The universe, the world of nature, bears great evidence of its origin. The Apostle Paul declares, "*For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*" (Rom. 1:20).

3.) God made man in His own image. We learn a thrilling fact about ourselves when we read *“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth”* (Gen. 1:27,28).

We therefore know that we are not the accidental result of a biological or chemical process. (It could not have been otherwise!) The fact that man yet bears the Divine image, if believed, could yet change the world.

4.) Man has sinned—the race has fallen. The Bible records this move against prohibition saying, *“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat”* (Gen. 3:6).

The dreadful results of this are announced in the New Testament: *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”* (Rom. 5:12). Sin is a debilitating disease of the will; it therefore produces progressive decadence in individual lives and in the race as well. Everything in the world has been in a measure corrupted by this dreadful disease.

5.) Jesus Christ is the Son of God. As if initiating a dramatic story, which he is doing, John says, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men”* (John 1:1-4).

Upon the occasion of the

death of Christ, even the centurion testified, *“Truly this was the Son of God”* (Matt. 27:54).

6.) Christ has come to this world, interrupting history. How grateful we can be that God did not stay detached in a far away heaven. Rather, He said, *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”* (Matt. 1:23). The Apostle John also insists that God Himself has come into our midst saying, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14). The marvel of the incarnation of Christ is that He came not simply to pay us a visit but He became a human being and that forever.

7.) All of mankind rejected Christ. Christ invited Israel to believe in Him, saying, *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent to you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not”* (Matt. 23:37). Christ invited a world of individuals to Him saying, *“Come to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matt. 11:28). By rejecting these invitations, humanity chose death rather than life.

8.) Christ died for our sins. Here we have one of the most astonishing facts of all time. Nevertheless, the Scripture clearly says that the Good News of salvation consists in the message of *“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures”* (I Cor. 15:3,4).

Our astonishment continues as we read, *“For he has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him”* (II Cor. 5:21). Hence we know that full and

complete payment has been made for every one of our sins. Christ has met our moral requirement by His sacrifice on the cross. We sing with Fanny Crosby, “Stay, let me weep while you whisper, Love paid the ransom for me.”

9.) Man can be saved from sin by faith in Christ. Therefore the answer to the question, *“What must I do to be saved?”* is simply, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved”* (Acts 16:31). When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that His death on the cross is sufficient payment for sin, we are given everlasting life. So the Scripture says, *“He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him”* (John 3:36).

10.) Christians become people of eternal destiny. About every Christian, Jesus says, *“And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand”* (John 10:28). So it is that a Christian becomes eternally saved and also the possessor of everything. Speaking of the Christian the Bible says, *“Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours”* (I Cor. 3:22).

We ponder the promise of Scripture which says, *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him”* (II Tim. 2:11,12).

These basic facts by which we live should be the object of the contemplation of the Christian more than often. There is an unfortunate amount of spiritual slippage in the Church of our time. Such dangerous defection need happen to no Christian individual. It can be prevented by regular contemplation on the Word of God and these facts by which we live.

What really is Christianity? The foregoing list would be a good start in answering that question!

THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING is the name of the game today. In thousands of places, the foolish line up to buy tickets, despite the fact that the chance of winning is millions to one. Thus, our gambling-oriented society steals from the poor and the ignorant, and government itself becomes the casino operator. Professional gambling is a racket, thereby making the sponsor--the government--the racketeer. The insane pursuit of something for nothing--an impossibility--is evidence of the progressive depravity of our society. The Bible says, *"This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat"* (II Thess.3:10).

THE NATIONAL NEWS more and more carries the reports of the abuse of children, not only by those known to be perverted, but by religious leaders as well. We should read again the Word of God which says, *"Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from food, which God has created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth"* (ITim. 4:1-3).

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A "THE" MAKES. Did you read recently that Prince Charles, who stands in line to become the next King of England, has decided that he wants to change one of his titles as king? The King of England carries the additional title "Defender of the Faith," which is part of his role as head of the Church of England. The purpose of that title is for the king to preserve "THE" faith (in this case, Christianity as represented by his church) without allowing military

coercion, or doctrinal subversion, to overcome that state church. Prince Charles wants to be more embracing--more protective of all faiths--and so he intends to move the word "the" to the front of his title. That would change it to "The Defender of Faith"! As such, he would honor and protect Muslims, B u d d h i s t s , Animists, Hindus, etc... And as such, he would be the first king to formally abandon the Church of England in principle as well as in deed. What a difference a "the" makes!



"GALLUP POLL FINDS RELIGION LOST ESTEEM. Americans' confidence in religious institutions is at a 30-year low...45 percent, according to an annual Gallup Poll..."

Protestant confidence is 59 percent, "about the same as a year ago," while "Catholic trust plummeted to 42 percent." Larry Witham, The Washington Times

"NORTH AMERICAN JEWS are immigrating to Israel in large numbers for the first time in decades, spurred by a growth in anti-Semitism and a belief that they might as well face terrorism in their ancestral homeland as in the United States," according to a report published by the Washington Times. "More than 400 Jews from the United States and Canada" recently arrived in Israel "to an emotional welcome" from several top Israeli officials and a former Prime Minister. Most of these were young professionals (average age 35) who have left comfortable lives in the U.S. in order to carve out a new life in the Jewish state, and although most would admit to "their strong religious or secular Zionist identity as motivating factors for

moving to Israel, many said that the events surrounding September 11 were the trigger." It seems that there is an increasingly poisonous atmosphere of hostility and outright persecution of Jews developing right here in the United States at present and this development is also factoring in to decisions to emigrate. Said one Jewish emigre after having heard "comments every day like: 'You Jews brought September 11 on us,'...I thought to myself, where is the one place where I would feel welcome as a Jew? The answer: Israel." Inigo Gilmore, London Sunday Telegraph

IT WAS A PRIVILEGE to work with Laotian refugees in our area. One of the boys lived in our home for 8 years.

I read again where people in Laos and Vietnam are persecuted for their Christian belief and many forced to sign documents that deny their faith. Let's remember to pray for these people during tremendously difficult days.

The goal of their government is to wipe out Christianity by December 2002 as reported in a news release from Far East Broadcasting Co. CB

IN THE MIDST OF ALL OF THIS we rejoice that the Gospel goes out across the world in greater volume and impact than ever. Christians must always and most earnestly pray that the message of the Gospel will be attended by the blessing of God and the support of the people of God. We must rejoice anew in the great ministries of those who are truly holding forth the Word of Life. Service for Christ in today's world is indeed the great adventure.

THE SOLDIER

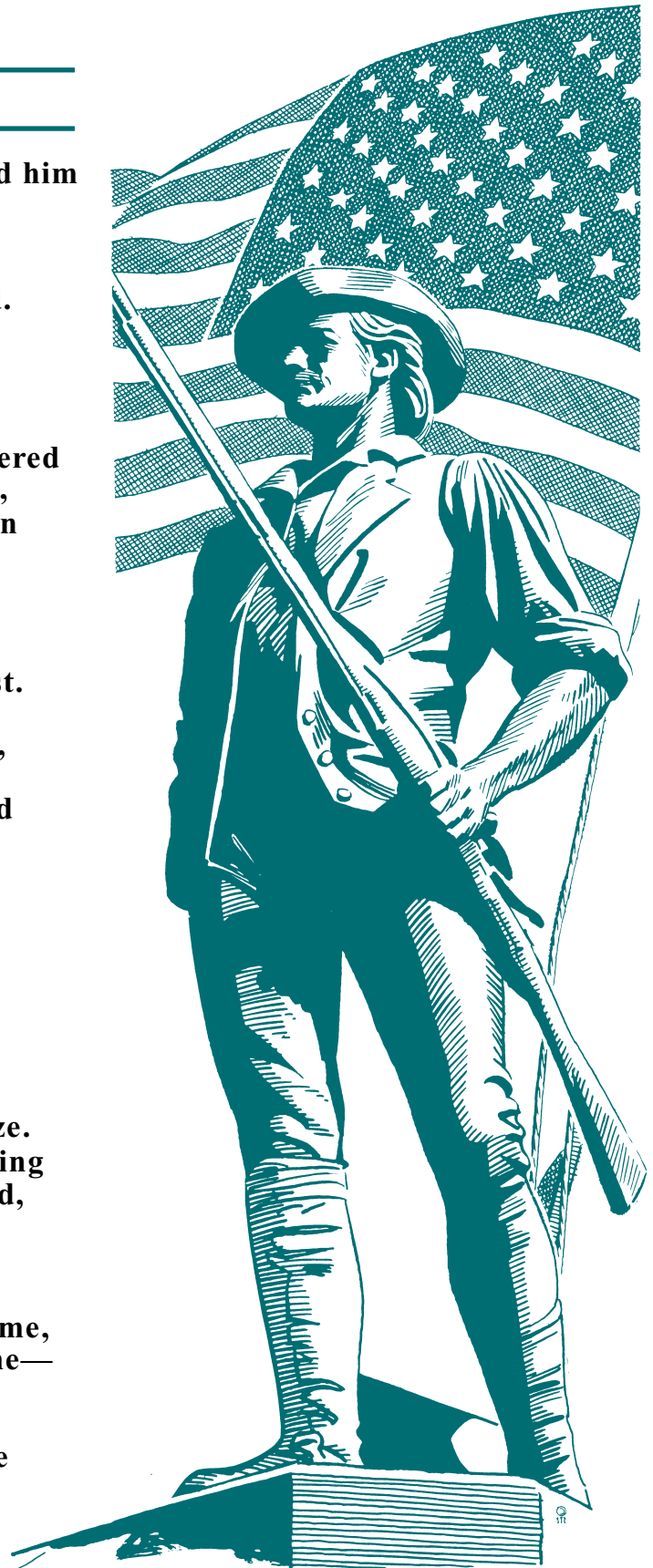
With careful hands we propped him
 Behind the sheltering wall,
 While round us the explosions
 Wrought terror in us all.
 We asked how he was wounded.
 He answered undismayed,
 "The orders of our Captain
 Must always be obeyed."

With fading strength he whispered
 How he had joined the corps,
 Called by his nation's Sovereign
 To serve in peace or war.
 It mattered not the issue,
 Nor did he count the cost—
 He would be a faithful soldier
 Or the kingdom might be lost.

The victories had been narrow,
 The carnage wide and large,
 But, ah, the foe was vanquished
 In many a glorious charge.
 He served our valiant Captain
 In battles small and great;
 Hence the beloved homeland
 Was spared a grievous fate.

Now this, his final battle,
 He said with closing eyes,
 Despite its sombre outcome
 Would bring the victor's prize.
 Then with his life's last breathing
 Those gripping words relayed,
 "The orders of our Captain
 Must always be obeyed."

Those words still shine before me,
 Their meaning sharp and fine—
 To be a Christian soldier
 Means life is on the line.
 We press our Sovereign's battle
 With choice already made,
 The orders of our Captain
 Will always be obeyed!
 — Dave Breese



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“May you continue to see His firm and gracious hand at work in your life and in the continuation of the ministry of His Word carried forward as your husband strove to do. I pray for you all to have wisdom and discernment in the decisions made that effect this valuable asset held dear by numerous believers.” – Tawas City, MI

“Thanks for the newsletter--and I have already read every word! I am so happy that the ministry will go on, and I pray always for all of you as you continue the work.” – Wheaton, IL

“We had Dave in our home for dinner. What a wonderful time of fellowship and that was 26 years ago. We could tell right away his love for the Lord’s work and his love for his special Carol. Dave said if it had not been for your support, he would not have been able to serve the Lord and travel. You are one very special lady!!! It was fun to see Dave get down to our children’s level as he spoke to them about the Lord and answered their questions. Please keep putting updated pictures of the whole family at Christmas in your newsletter. We love seeing your family grow. We reach out to you in love and we will uphold you in prayer.” – Corvallis, OR

“We pray for special grace for you as you carry on with Christian Destiny. What an inspiration his ministry was to me and my teaching. May God comfort and bless you in carrying on the ministry for these end times.” – Morton, IL

“Both your father and your husband played important roles in the formation of our own ministry. Dave encouraged us, but also prepared us for reality when he said, ‘Someday you will be looking at your last dime.’ That has happened repeatedly over the last 32 years. The very small check is for you to add to the memorial fund, or to use however you like. We still have a few dimes left. God is blessing our ministry as he has yours. May God continue to encourage your hearts and keep up the good work.” – Hutchinson, KS

“We will never, ever forget him, and we hope his letter and publications will continue to be published.” – Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

“I am sorry about Dave, but very happy and reassured that you and yours will carry on his work.” – Dulce, NM

“‘Pressing Toward The Mark’ is marvelous, majestic, timeless and convicting. Bless you all as you carry on for Christ. Thank you in Jesus’ name.” – Ionia, MI

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A YOUNG MIND IS AN IMPORTANT THING!

WORTH QUOTING

“It seems that hostility toward Christians is growing in our society. And that hostility is especially directed toward those of us who are advocates of a biblical life-style.”
--Billy A. Melvin

“For whosoever does not know Christ through faith and has Him not in his heart, he will also care little for God’s Word, nor think of living according to it; he will remain proud, insolent, and headstrong, though outwardly he may, with a false semblance, practice hypocrisy and deceit.”--Martin Luther

“To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, to be led by permanent ideals—that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.”
--Balsac

“It is better to be old-fashioned and right than to be up-to-date and wrong.”--Tiorio

“I know this world is ruled by Infinite Intelligence. It required Infinite Intelligence to create it and it requires Infinite Intelligence to keep it on its course. Everything that surrounds us—everything that exists—proves that there are Infinite Laws behind it. There can be no denying this fact. It is mathematical in its precision.”
--Thomas Alva Edison

“The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records. They are written as a sunbeam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of God himself and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.”
--Alexander Hamilton

But especially,

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Q. What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

A. The Kingdom of Heaven is the special subject of the preaching of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew. Christ initiated His earthly ministry with the announcement of the Kingdom. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

What then is the Kingdom? It is an actual, political entity ruled by Christ which would bring the blessed conditions of heaven to the earth itself.

Jesus said, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:9,10). Sadly, the King and the Kingdom were rejected by the Jews. “They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palms of their hands” (Matt. 26:66,67).

Nevertheless, He is coming one day as the King. “The Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory” (Matt. 25:31). Following that, the King shall judge the nations of the world (Matt. 25:34,40).

Q. How then does the Church Age differ from the Kingdom Age?

A. There has not yet been a Kingdom Age because neither Israel nor the world has consented to the will of God being done “in earth as it is in heaven.”

This, however, is the Church Age. What is happening now is described in the book of Acts, “Simeon has declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name” (Acts 15:14). Then the Lord promises that “After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up” (Acts 15:16).

The Church exists in the interim period in which the tabernacle of David is in ruins. When the Church is taken out of the world, the “Gospel of the Kingdom” will again be preached. The Kingdom of Heaven will then come on earth for 1,000 unforgettable years (Rev. 20:4). The Church and the Kingdom are specifically **not** the same thing.

Q. Why was the Kingdom program for Israel set aside and the Church Age begun?

A. Christ offered to regather Israel and rule them but, as He said, “You would not!” (Matt. 23:37). Therefore, the house of Israel was left desolate and will be so until they say “Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord” (Matt. 23:39). In the meantime, the Lord ordained “the Body of Christ” to be created and perfected in this world (Eph. 1:23).

Q. Has God then cast away His people, Israel?

A. The Apostle Paul faces this very question and says, “God forbid” (Rom. 11:1). He then gives us two reasons by which we know that God has yet a remaining program for Israel.

The first reason is that Paul himself was saved by faith in Christ. This offer is made to every Jew and every Gentile today. Therefore, if we

believe in Christ we are made members of His Body.

Secondly, God has not cast away Israel because He foreknew them. The Scripture therefore predicts that Israel will one day repent and turn to Jesus as its Messiah. This will take place during the period called “The Tribulation,” preparing Israel for the Millennial reign of Christ.

Q. How does the law apply to my life as a Christian?

A. When we use the expression “the law” in regards to Scripture, we are doubtless referring to the law of Moses. As Christians, we must think of the law in two ways.

First of all, the law is established as the expression of God’s standard of righteousness for faith. Paul says, “We establish the law” (Rom. 3:31). We are not, however, required to keep the law as the basis of our salvation. Rather, “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us” (Gal. 3:13). Paul insists that we are “Justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law” (Rom. 3:28).

Q. What then must I do to be saved?

A. Concerning this the Scripture says, “God imputes righteousness without works . . . Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Rom. 4:6,8). Therefore, salvation comes “to him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Rom. 4:5). I can do nothing to be saved except believe the Gospel as a result of which I am saved eternally.

Q. Who then can be saved?

A. The Scripture says, “Whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

THINKING TOGETHER

FACING THE CHALLENGING FUTURE

Each of us is moving through this mysterious continuum called "time." While we don't know exactly what time is, we know that it is transporting us, like it or not, into the future. Try as we may to hold onto yesterday or even today, still the past is taken from us, forcing us constantly to look ahead. It is impossible for us to steer the speeding craft of our lives except by looking ahead. The reality of life allows us no other possibility. This being the case, we must learn how to face this challenging thing called "the future." The fact is that the future is a friend to all of those who prepare for it. It is the enemy of all who would take their eyes off the path ahead.

But this whole matter of facing the future is viewed with increasing apprehension by the hapless worldlings of our time. They see the present generation as filled with peril and therefore their lives increasingly beset by unprecedented and unmanageable forms of danger. This attitude is understandable for the person of the world, for indeed the Bible says, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come"* (II Tim. 3:1).

Facing the future is not the same thing, however, for the child of God. This because he knows many things which the world does not know and these things become principles by which life can be lived successfully. In fact, the perceptive Christian is filled with anticipation about the exciting path that lies ahead. Facing the future,

how may I do this successfully? In answer to that question, we have a number of principles made clear in the Bible which we do well to keep in mind.

The first is that **life is dynamic, it is not static.** The Apostle Paul mentions this exactly when he says, *"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after"* (Phil. 3:12). Upon reading this, along with checking the lessons of life already, we see clearly that there is never a time when we can safely rest on our laurels. Every new day that we live brings a package of unanticipated events including new opportunities and new dangers. Never, therefore, are we wise to say, "Now I know it all. I have established a course of action that will never fail and I have learned all the lessons which I need to learn."

If we hold this static point of view, we may be sure that God will drop into our life a new consideration, a gain, a loss, a twist in our circumstances for which we are very ill prepared. We may plan life as we will, but we will never be delivered from those things which are not included in the plan. Yes, life is a very dynamic thing. Therefore, the just must live by faith.

A second principle concerning this matter of facing the future is to remember that **the past should not unduly influence our anticipation of the days to come.** Paul puts it, *"forgetting those things which are behind"* (Phil. 3:13). The past contains the remembrance of many

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things that perhaps can be boiled down into two departments. The first is "**past failures.**" Past failures should not cast a pall over the events of today and especially tomorrow.

We must remember that God has made provision in the life of every Christian to wipe away the failures of the past. He has said, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (I John 1:9). A great deliverance from the cloying weights of the past can come to every Christian by invoking this promise in the Word of God. To be cleansed from all unrighteousness is a great present gift from God. Indeed, it is one of the derivative benefits of the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross.

A second department of the past is "**past successes.**" It is one of the mysteries of life that often our successes do us more harm than our failures. The reason is that we learn much from failure, but more than often success merely produces pride. Most honest people will quickly confess that their successes came mostly by accident. It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time rather than great cleverness on their part. Thank God for success; but if the result is sinful pride, success is worse than failure.

A third principle to keep in mind as we look to the future is

that **life must be lived with intensity**. Paul put it best by saying, *"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:14). The apostle did not say "I drift toward the mark," "I meander toward the mark," "I float toward the mark." Not at all! There is no worthy success in life except that which comes from a degree of personal intensity.

In fact, it can surely be said that one of the strangest contradictions on earth is that of casual Christianity. It is a breathless anomaly for Christians to profess to believe that there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun and then be relaxed and casual about bringing that message to the world. C. T. Studd spoke well when he said, "If Jesus be God and He died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for Him." We have talked entirely too much about relaxation and stress reduction. To an army marching into battle, these expressions are incomprehensible.

Finally, we must remember the fourth principle that **there is a great prize at the end of the course**. Paul called this the *"prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:14). *"The high calling,"* what an expression! The trajectory of the life of a Christian leads to the broad vistas of heaven. There we shall know even as we are known and therefore rejoice with joy unspeakable in what we may have accomplished for Christ.

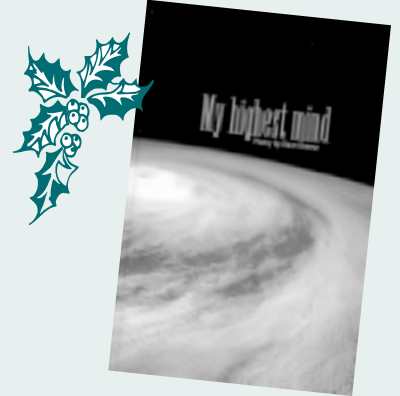
Facing the future is therefore done by realizing that

life is a vastly important thing with its consequences in eternity. Our plans for the future, therefore, should not be made simply to steer us along the path of convenience. They should rather be based on the question, "What can I do with the one life I will live in this world which I can then present to my Lord before his Judgment Seat?"

Yes, each one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Nothing will be more important in the initial stages of heaven than to hear Jesus say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . . . Enter thou into the joy of thy lord"* (Matt. 25:21). The real future is not merely the year to come, it is the eternity that is before us.

MY HIGHEST MIND

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Dear Special Friend of Christian Destiny,

The outpouring of love, sympathy and encouragement I have received from our special friends since Dave's homegoing is stunning--almost overwhelming--and is greatly appreciated. I can't tell you how many hours I have spent reading each letter individually, many times in tears. You have been such an encouragement to me and to all of us at Christian Destiny!

Time and time again, our friends have urged us to continue Dave's message of hope, of destiny, of Christian achievement, and of the soon return of Jesus Christ. As God provides, we promise to do just that. Thank you for your wonderful, kind letters. You are an encourager of the very best kind. May God bless you for your faithfulness and gentle spirit! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Carol Breese
Christian Destiny, Inc.