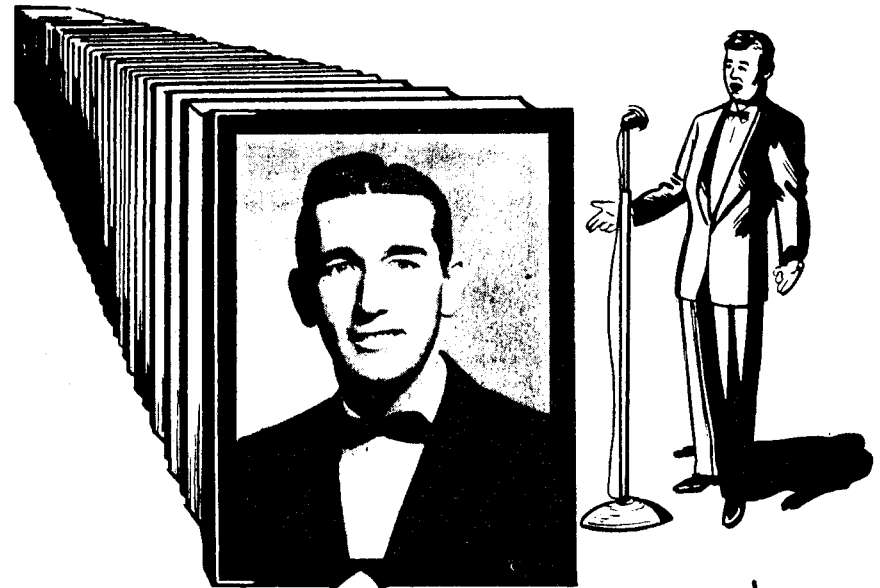


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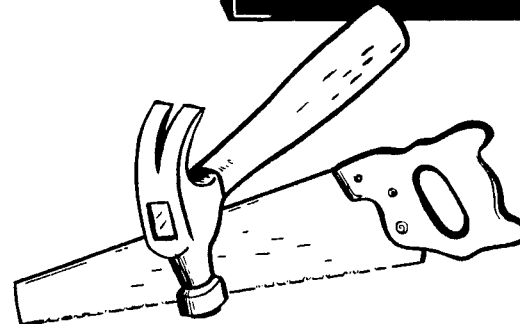
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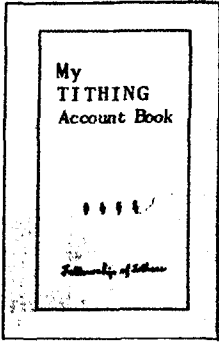
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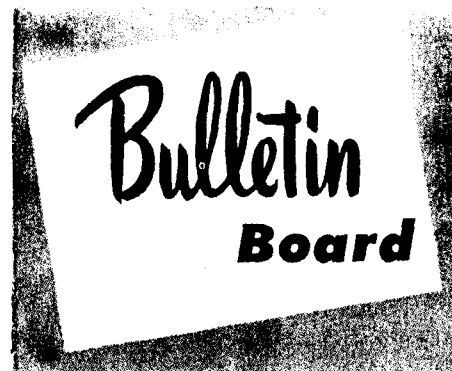
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While we are considering plain logic in this lesson, let us look at some of the questions most frequently asked.

Surely a Christian does not have to tithe, for the law of the tithe is an ancient law and I believe that Christians are free from all the bondage of the ancient law?

That is right you are free, but who made you free? Who prospers you? Who owns what you have in money or goods? Who is first in your life? Does a Christian neglect or obey the ancient law regarding murder? A Christian is never under

law, he is above it, beyond it; therefore, he goes the second mile. But plain logic says you can not go the second mile until after you have gone the first. A Christian under love goes beyond the tithe, according as he is prospered.

"I don't feel like I want to tithe."

Friend, it does not depend upon how you or I may feel. God said, "tithe." You must prod yourself to start doing what you know is the will of God. It takes a little push on your part. A Christian must do the will of God to have the blessings of God.

"Doesn't everything we have belong to God?"

Indeed it does as a sacred trust, but to prove it you are to pay one tenth of your increase of that of which you are a steward.

"Isn't a Christian supposed to 'give until it hurts'?"

NO! He is to give joyously. A Christian gives with pleasure and happily, for he knows that thereby

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Sharing

Frank Wyandt, the baritone soloist on the Hour of Power broadcasts and public appearances, pictured on the front cover of THE WAY is a local Van Wert, Ohio, young man who is a carpenter by trade. The "saw and hammer" are the means of his livelihood, but the singing of the glorious songs of the Church are his greatest enjoyment.

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So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.

---Romans 14:12

by side in the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Frank, Doris and their two children, Debbie 3 and Cindie 1, are enjoying life for they are living it with the power of God in believing manifestation.

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Yours in Christ,
M. F. B.

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Light through an Eastern window!

A Parable translated according to usage (Luke 16:1-12)

Highlights on Luke 16:1-12

A steward in Bible days was not a servant. He had full charge over all the servants and the household as well. He acted for his master in all matters. He was not paid a salary. He was part of the family, although not a blood relative. It was considered the highest of honors to be selected as a steward. He was given the master's signet ring which means power of attorney to put the master's official seal on legal papers: to buy and sell, engage and fire servants, allot money to the master's wife, appear in court in behalf of the master. In other words, the steward stands next to the master himself in all matters. He can forgive debts. It is therefore, of great importance that a steward be both skillful, discreet, wise and honest with much love.

The steward in the story
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"For with God nothing shall be impossible!"

(1) And Jesus said unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a steward; and this steward was falsely and maliciously accused by the slave servants as reported to



Bishop K. C. Pillai

the master, that his steward had and was wasting the master's goods. (2) And the master called his steward and said, What is this I hear of thee? Give back the account book to me plus my signet ring, for maybe thou canst no longer be my steward. (3) Then the steward said to himself, what shall I do? If my master takes away my stewardship? I cannot dig: to beg I am ashamed. (4) Oh, I know what I will do, so that

if I am put out of the stewardship, that then they who are now my master's creditors may receive me into their houses. (5) So he called to him each one of his master's creditors and said to the first, How much owest thou unto my master? (6) And he said, An hundred baths (850 gallons) of oil. And he said to him, quickly sit down and take thy written report and write fifty. (7) Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred cors (1000 bushels of wheat). And he said unto him, take thy written report and write eighty. (8) And the master commended the steward for his skillful and discreet management who had been falsely and maliciously accused as unjust. For the children of this world are in their generation more

skillful and discreet than the children of light. (9) And I say unto you be on friendly terms with the skillful and discreet of this world that if the need arise they may receive you and care for you in their dwelling as long as you live. (10) He that is faithful in that which is the least is faithful also in the most; And he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in the most. (11) If ye therefore have not been skillful and discreet in your management of things of this world, who will commit to your trust the keeping of the spiritual truths? (12) For if ye have not been faithful in that which belongs to another how do you expect to be given the true spiritual riches for yourself?

A Thought...

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

---II Timothy 2:15

Jesus Christ is the heart of the Bible. He is the Shiloh in Genesis; the I am in Exodus; the Pillar in Numbers; the Prophet in Deuteronomy; the Captain of the Lord's Host in Joshua; and the Redeemer in Job. He is David's Lord and Shepherd in the Psalms; in the Song of Solomon He is the Beloved; in Isaiah He is the Wonderful, the Counsellor, and the Prince of Peace. In Jeremiah He is the Lord our Righteousness; in Daniel He is the Messiah; in Zechariah He is the Branch, in Haggai He is

the Desire of all Nations; in Malachi He is the Sun of Righteousness; in Matthew He is the Kingly Messiah; in Mark He is the Tireless Servant and in Romans He is the Peacemaker. In Colossians, He is the Head of the Church; in I Thessalonians He is the coming Lord; in II Timothy He is the Judge of all Men; in Hebrews He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith; and in the Book of Revelation He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Morning Star, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

The Gospel of John is sometimes called a picture gallery of Jesus Christ as each of the 21 chapters contains a portrayal of some special aspect of the character, or work, of Christ.

The Son of God
The Son of Man
The Divine Teacher

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A MIND
Through which Christ thinks
A HEART
Through which Christ loves
A VOICE
Through which Christ speaks
A HAND
Through which Christ helps
A LIFE
Through which Christ lives

The Soul-Winner
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The Water of Life
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The Light of the World
The Good Shepherd
The Resurrection and Life
The King
The Role of a Servant
The Consoler
The True Vine
The Giver of the Spirit
The Great Intercessor
The Model Sufferer
The Uplifted Saviour
The Victor over Death
The Universal Restorer.

Through the entire Bible Jesus is called by dozens of other names.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16-17.

"For God so loved the world,..."

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was such a one. He acted even as a benefactor, which was entirely in his province to do. Through the years he had kept record, but not required from the hands of two of the poor creditors all that was due his master. Stewards had this right. For if in the event the future would be bad for his master or himself, those to whom they had served as benefactors would then become their benefactors in return. It is an Eastern practice even to this day.

In this story it was oil and wheat. These serve as foods. In the East if a man is hungry or left destitute, if he steals oil and wheat, the judge will not penalize him but will say, "It was for his stomach, he has to live, let him go." This steward was not unjust as so many have taught, but just the opposite, if you understand Bible customs, practice and usage.

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he is opening all the channels for God's abundant prosperity.

"What proportion do I give?"

You haven't given anything to God until after you have first paid what you OWE Him. God says that one tenth is a debt we owe and it is the most sacred of them all. After you have paid your honest debt to God, then whatever you give is true giving. According to the Word your giving is to be in proportion to your receiving. If God has blessed you bountifully, give bountifully; for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

"I am in debt. Should I pay my honest debt first before I start giving my tithe?"

Which is your most honest debt? Your debt to God. Pay it first and you will find that your other debts will soon clear up. Nine tenths with God's blessing will go farther than ten tenths without God's blessing.

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"I can't see tithing but I am liberal in giving."

Liberal in what? Paying only a portion of your debt to God. You owe Him the tithe. Liberality does not start until after your tithe is paid.

"You talk about paying the tithe to God; how can I do that?"

You can't. But, God has much faith in you His child. You believe and know His plan of redemptive love and He is insistent that you take His money and spend it wisely where it will do the most good for His glorious work. This is where stewardship comes in. Stewardship is where one is trusted to use another person's property for that other person's purposes. Always remember the tithe money is His, not yours. That is why people get poorer in the keeping of it.

"I can not afford to tithe."

Yes, you can. You can not afford not to tithe. For in tithing you open yourself to God's abundance. You

take your foot off the hose and you start believing God. If you will try you will keep it up. God loves and honors people who will prove Him.

Jesus was accused of many violations of the ancient law; but none of those who were watching for some cause of offense in him ever accused him of neglecting the tithe.

Everybody knows that the usual way of raising money for the Church has something the matter with it.

It makes Christians into coaxers and beggars.

It makes sincere Christians ashamed, that the work of the Church is done on that money of mendicancy.

It puts means above ends; we are forced to give concerts for money, not music; to hold suppers for profit, not sociability; to distribute books for a commission, not instruction; and generally to degrade and pauperize the greatest business on earth.

It makes the money bag

the measure of recognition, and mortgages the Church's conscience to its heavy givers.

It uses time and strength in getting the tools for the work, which ought to be spent on the work itself. (The time used by a certain financial ways and means committee in the course of a year is estimated at one man's working time for three hundred years.)

With all its other disadvantages, some people might defend it if it did not work, but it is a self-confessed failure. Like the perpetual motion machine in the Patent Office, it is highly complicated and very ingenious, but it won't work.

Any one who thinks about it knows that the paying of the tithe as a sign of stewardship has nothing whatever the matter with it.

It saves the Christian's self-respect. He need not apologize either for doubtful methods or inadequate results.

It conserves the energies

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How Long is Eternity?

"Eternity" defined by Webster is "infinite duration or existence, endless time." A Sunday School teacher was once asked by a youngster just how long "eternity really is." The teacher instead of saying, "forever," gave this reply: "Imagine a silo a mile wide and ten miles high. Now wind a thread around the silo starting at the bottom and like a spool of thread wrap it clear to the top. To one side of this enormous silo is a huge pile of sand. Have an ant (just one) take a grain of sand in its jaws, crawl on this one long piece of thread, around and around, to the top of the silo. There the ant drops the grain of sand into the silo and crawls down and around the thread to the bottom where it picks up another grain of sand. The ant continues this until the silo is filled. When the silo is filled God's great time piece will not have ticked off one

full second of time and eternity.

"Now my friends," He continued, "wouldn't you like to sing the wonderful works and praises of God for ever and ever? To be with Jesus in that wonderful place called Heaven? God has made it possible for all of us to stand with Jesus without being blamed for any of the wrongs we have done. When we believe that "God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead...and confess Him with our mouths," then we are sure of standing there before God beside Jesus without being guilty for anything that we have done. God forgave us when Jesus died on the Cross.

"Now as we pray, won't you who have never accepted Jesus do so that you too can be with the rest of us in Heaven and have Eternity to praise God for His goodness? Just pray in your heart: 'Dear God, I believe

and know that you raised Jesus from the dead for me that I might be with you for ever. I now say to you and all those I will meet that I am your Son saved for Heaven because of your love towards me. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'"

Wouldn't YOU like to spend Eternity with Jesus in Heaven? Just pray the simple prayer that those children uttered. You too will have God's forgiveness and a great burden will lift from your soul as the love of God flows across your life. You will have a wonderful existence on Earth and when your life is over you will be with Jesus in Heaven for Eternity.

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24 The law then was our pathfinder to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

25 But since faith has come, we no longer are in need of the pathfinder.

26 For you are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

27 For those who have been baptized in the name of Christ have been clothed with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Syrian, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Jesus Christ.

29 So if you belong to Christ, then you are descendants of Abraham, and his heirs according to the promise.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

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