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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST" — JOHN 4:35

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. . . A very pleasant greeting once again to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey coming to you once again with another gospel broadcast. This message is broadcast and also printed weekly which we mail to those who are interested. It gives me great pleasure to take the opportunity at this time to say a very personal "thank you" to those who are helping maintain this weekly schedule.

Your prayers and letters of support are deeply appreciated. For this we give thanks and dedicate ourselves anew to the task before us of spreading the pure word of God both at home and abroad. It also gives me pleasure to welcome our new listeners to the broadcast. We hope you will write us and request the printed copies which contain additional items of interest to the Lord's people. Address all mail to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to the reading of the scripture beginning with verse 14 from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel. I quote: "Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked

RESTORE THE PLEDGE,

give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live."

It is my desire now to point out a very essential step which should be taken by every born-again child of God. Notice the text says, "If the wicked restore the pledge". Now in order for one to truly repent and turn from his wickedness, it is absolutely necessary that they consider the pathway which their feet have been walking and begin to straighten up the affairs of their past

life which do not conform to the will of God.

Now what would you think if I went down to the corner grocery store and promised the grocery man that I would be in on my next pay day to pay for the groceries which he allowed me to take from the store upon my good credit. Well, you'd say "There's nothing wrong with this. Many people do that each day." Yes, friends, this is true. Many people do make purchases on time payment plan and pay for them when they become due.

But let us go one step further. Suppose I fail to pay my grocery bill at

the time which it is due, and the merchant man becomes a little unhappy with my delay. Of course, at first he, no doubt, would allow me a few extra weeks to catch up on my late payments. But if this continued to go on and on, one day, no doubt, he would meet me at the store with this reminder, "I'm sorry to tell you, but if you don't pay up your grocery bill, it will be necessary for me to shut off your account."

Suppose then I'd tell him that "From this day on, I'm not buying any more groceries on credit. From here on, all purchases will be by cash. I'll bring the money with me each time I want to take something home." Well, he might say, "This is a good plan. I'll be glad to sell to you on the cash basis." And then, he might add, "But first I want my money for the old bills."

Listen to this scripture from Heb., chapter 12 and beginning with verse 12. It says: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." This is the plan of God in this gospel dispensation.

Examples are worth so much more than mere words. Let me give you an example of what can be done by one who is truly sincere in living for God. The following incident is true and I will gladly furnish you the name and address of both parties upon your request.

Not long ago in a service where God was blessing, a young man rose to his feet and told how God had been helping him since his conversion to straighten up the things of his past life which were wrong. On one particular occasion he had been drinking, and when his car

was stalled in the mud, he walked to a truck and took away a shovel to use to help remove his car from the mud. This shovel he did not return.

As the years passed by, this young man finally came in contact with God. He realized his need of a saviour and repented of his sins. There were many other incidents in his life which he began to correct and make straight. He did not know the name of the party who owned the shovel, but returned to the place from where the shovel had been stolen. This he did in a prayerful attitude asking God to help him locate the man. After inquiry he learned that the man had moved and now lives in the state of Oregon. So it occurred to him that the proper thing to do would be to write a letter and send money in payment for the shovel. This he did, enclosing a \$5 check.

Friends, let me assure you that this takes courage and the grace of God to do, but in the end the dividends are great which give peace of mind and assurance from God that all is well. Listen now to the letter which this young man received a few days ago from this man in Oregon. I quote:

"Sir:

"I received your letter with \$5 check enclosed. (Thank you very much)

"I knew that you had taken the shovel. But knew also that you had been drinking and felt that you might bring it back in a day or two.

"I was pleased to get the \$5 for the shovel but more pleased to hear that you had found peace in the Lord and a purpose in life. If I thought taking a 5 dollar shovel from a truck of mine would restore faith and honesty in all mankind today, I would gladly furnish

all the shovels I could. If God forgave you, I also forgive you and hope that you never lose the faith or love of God which you say in your letter you have found, as you will surely need it in our world today.

"Sincerely" and then the signature.

Friends, this is what I call a real example of making straight paths for your feet. Listen now to this poem entitled:

WASTED YEARS

Have you wandered along on life's path-
way,
Have you lived without love, a life of
tears;
Have you searched for the great hidden
meaning,
Or is your life filled with long wasted
years?

Wasted years, wasted years, Oh, how
foolish!
As you walk on in darkness and fears;
Turn around, turn around, God is call-
ing,
He's calling you from a life of wasted
years.

Search for wisdom and seek under-
standing,
There is someone who knows and always
hears;
Give it up! Give it up! the load you're
bearing,
You can't go on in a life of wasted years.

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Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven,

There may be someone listening to this broadcast tonight who has wasted many years in the paths of sin. For these we ask a special blessing. Help them to sincerely repent and to turn

from their evil ways and as they do so, give them courage and grace to make straight paths for their feet and give them the peace and joy which comes only in knowing that they have a conscience void of offence toward God and man for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now to the song "The Old Account" as sung by Lynn Carver, Troy Gentry, Edgar Martens, Ed Price and Cynthia LaCroix.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey wishing you each and everyone the very richest blessings of heaven and a very pleasant goodnight!

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THE BIBLE

The Bible is a rock of diamonds, a chain of pearls, the sword of the Spirit, a chart by which the Christian sails to eternity, the map by which he daily walks, the sun-dial by which he sets his daily life, the balance by which he weighs his actions.

The people who can quote scripture accurately are not numerous. Is it carelessness or ignorance or lack of interest?

He who reads the Bible, studies it, loves it, and obeys it, will share its immortality.

The Bible in the heart is a protection against evil, a restrainer of sin and a source of spiritual power.

The young should read the Bible to know how to live; the old, to know how to die; the ignorant, for wisdom, the learned, for humility; the rich, for warning; the poor, for enrichment. The Bible is the Book of all Books.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Sister Ruth Murphey has been taken to the Golden Rule Home of Shawnee, Okla. for care during her sickness. Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly recently wrote concerning her: ". . . We would like for as many as could to send her get well cards. She really needs a touch of complete healing for this left lung. . . Love to all, Ralph & Inez"

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We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Isaac Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif. upon the recent loss by death of their son Paul.

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From N. M.: "Dear Saints, Want to thank you so much for the little paper The Mission Trail. I have read it every time and sure enjoy reading it. . . I like it very much. . . May the Lord bless all in this work.

--Mrs. Ruth Doolittle

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On Friday night, Sept. 2, Johnnie Creel, 19, was injured in an accident while riding in a jeep on the Enid State School grounds of Enid, Oklahoma. He died a few hours later. His funeral was held Monday, Sept. 5. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Creel in their sorrow.

From Tenn.: "Dear Bro. Murphey and all, Greetings of love in Jesus' name, the author and finisher of our faith. We still enjoy the paper, and trust you are encouraged in the work. The Lord says our labors are not in vain. We also enjoy the news of other saints since we are isolated. We don't attend services anywhere, but we do write to a few. Bro. Murphy Allen and family, Terry and Jeannie were with us a couple of days this summer also we got down to Hammond for the last part of the meeting. We enjoyed being there again. Certainly was saddened by Sis. Key's death but we know she's enjoying a well earned rest in the Lord. . . Pray for us here. . . there's always a need, but God is able to do all things. Christian love and prayers, J. B. and Sue Shell

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From Ill.: ". . . My husband continues to improve in answer to prayer. We are so thankful for each little sign that he is better and stronger. Surely God has been good, an ever present help in every time of need. He has trusted God completely all the way through. . . Appreciate so much the prayers and interest of the saints. . . Remember us in prayer. Sincerely,"

--Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McClain

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