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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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. . . We are happy to be bringing to all the listeners of radio station XEG a gospel message which I hope will be an inspiration to each one. First, here is a poem entitled:

SPEAK GENTLY

Speak gently; it is better far
To rule by love than fear;
Speak gently; let no harsh word mar
The good we may do here.
Speak gently to the little child;
Its love is sure to gain;
Teach it in accents soft and mild;
It may not long remain.
Speak gently to the young, for they
Will have enough to bear;
Pass through this life as best they may,

'Tis full of anxious care.
Speak gently to the aged one
Grieve not the careworn heart,
Whose sands of life are nearly run:
Let such in peace depart.
Speak gently to the erring; know
They must have toiled in vain;
Perchance unkindness made them so;
Oh, win them back again;
Speak gently; 'tis a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well;
The good, the joy, that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell. -Selected

For our scripture text today listen to this verse found in Proverbs 15:4.

"A WHOLESOME TONGUE

is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach of spirit."

Wholesome is described in Webster's dictionary as: "healthy: sound in body, mind, and morals." Here then is the secret which, I believe, if we understood more thoroughly, would help us over many rough places in life.

I am speaking now about a wholesome tongue. In other words a wholesome tongue is one which speaks good, sound, and helpful things.

Now I don't mean that it should speak good things part of the time and evil things the remainder of the time. Lis-

ten to this reading from James, the 3rd chapter and beginning with verse 10. Here we see described some people who were evidently using their tongue for both purposes.

I quote this to you. "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

Friends, let me assure you that much can be gained with a wholesome tongue. The most beautiful things of life are to be attained through wholesome living, and, of course, for one to speak with a wholesome tongue they must also have wholesome thoughts. In other words, from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Here is a verse which shows a contrast between the righteous and evil in their manner of speaking and living. Proverbs 10:30 says, "The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth." Now this sounds like something which would be very valuable. The tongue of the just is compared to choice silver. How many times have those who desire to live righteously been sidetracked because of some word which came from their lips and brought sorrow and pain of heart to sometimes even those who are their closest friends?

Then listen to this verse from Pro. 25:15. It says: "By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone." Here we see that one who has patience to await and yet live righteously will ultimately gain his goal in life. In fact, it says a soft tongue breaketh the bone. We often think of a bone as being a hard brittle substance which is not easily broken, but I want to tell you that soft words will often break down hard and stubborn wills and cause them to melt in humility, whereas cruel words will do just the opposite.

Let me better illustrate it this way. A number of years ago while driving an automobile along the street, I attempted to pass another car. But just before I had gotten around the car which I was passing, I saw a parking space and attempted to pull into this spot. In doing so I turned the car a little too sharp

and a grinding noise was heard as I finally went around the car.

Well, you can readily see, friends, that it was my mistake. I had turned the car too quickly and the fault rested upon me. Therefore, I had no right to use anything but soft words. But here's what happened.

The lady who was driving the other car pulled up within hearing distance and cut loose with a barrage of words which seemed to flow very freely in her moment of excitement. She wanted to know "Where did you learn to drive a car?" She further instructed me to immediately go to a certain garage, and she informed me that I was going to pay for every bit of the damage done to her car. I went to the front of her car and carefully examined it to see if any damage had been done. And fortunately no such damage was found. Then she asked: "Do you see any damage?" When I answered no, in a very modest manner, her spirit began to wilt and she seemed to be altogether a different person. Her harsh words were soon dropped, and she was able to proceed in a normal manner.

Now, friends, it would be very interesting to know what might have happened if I had answered her in the same manner she had asked me, "Where did you learn how to drive?" Well, frankly our parting might have been rather unpleasant.

And so we find that in order for people to be successful in maintaining peace and happiness, they should follow the advice I once heard an aged saint give. It was this: "Every couple should have two bears in their home. The first one is bear, and the second one is forbear." Sometimes you will find it necessary to bear with others. And again, others will find it necessary to

forbear with you. So these two friendly bears are very nice pets to have in every home. Listen now to the poem entitled:

BEAR AND FORBEAR
By Russell H. Douglas

It takes time to get acquainted
With bear and forbear.
At times I've almost fainted
When I tried to keep them there.

Paul knew what he was saying
When he told us to forbear.
When on our knees we're praying,
We also learn to bear.

What do we gain by bearing
And also to forbear?
Yes, we show that we are caring,
As we look to God in prayer.

The little things around us
Are the ones to watch with care.
Then when we meet the big ones,
They're much easier to bear.

Now, bear will bear acquaintance,
And forbearance knows no end;
When committed all to Jesus,
Then the Witness He will send.

I would like to pray with you before
we leave. Let us unite our hearts in
prayer.

Our Father,

There may be some home tonight on
the verge of being broken asunder which
will bring heartache and sorrow and
trouble. Should there be someone lis-
tening to the broadcast whose home is
in this condition, we pray that you
would help them to grasp the depth of
the meaning of "a wholesome tongue".
May they be willing to ask forgiveness
for the harsh words which have been
spoken in the past and may this for-
giveness be granted both from Thee and

from others who are involved in cir-
cumstances which are so unpleasant
and to thee we'll give the praise through
Christ our Saviour. Amen

Friends, we hope that you have en-
joyed our little message. We want you
to know that this message is published
each week in a printed form by THE
MISSION TRAIL, of Guthrie, Oklahoma.
And my name is Willie Murphey. If
we may be of any help to you in a spirit-
ual way or if you have a problem or a
need or a sickness which you would like
for us to pray, address us a letter,
tell us about it, and we shall be glad
to unite with you in prayer that God
may hear and answer and be your help
in the time of need.

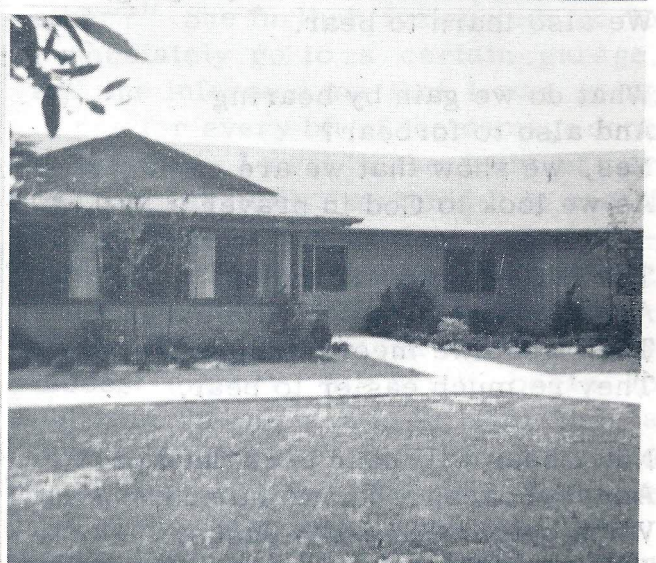
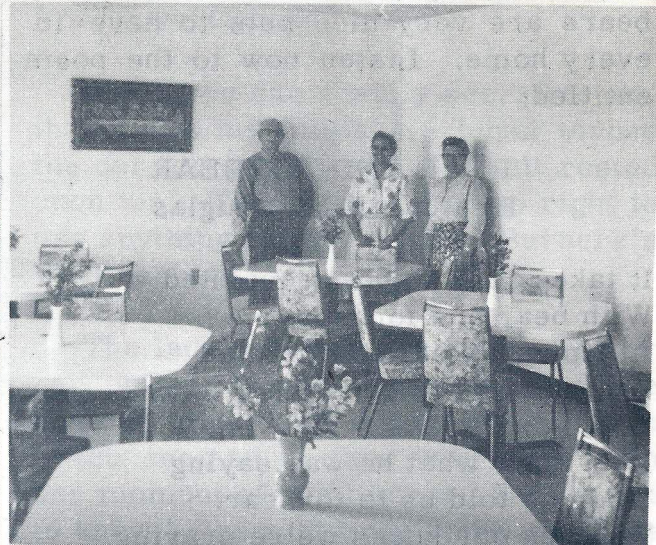
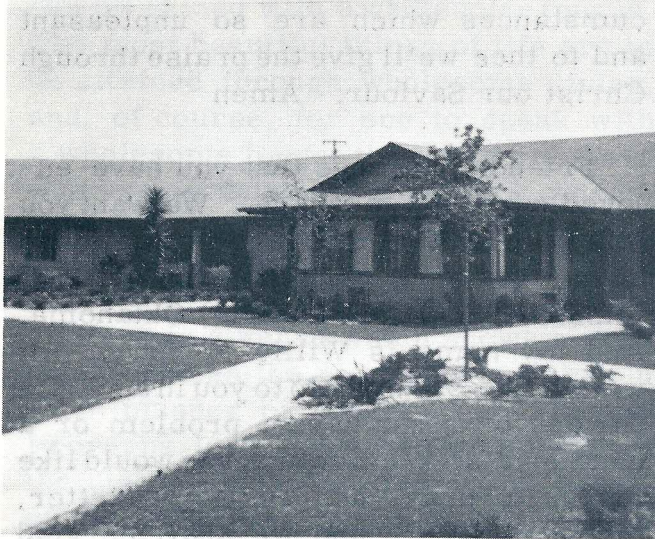
Listen now to the song entitled, "It's
All Right Now" as sung by Bob Forbes,
Dorral Forbes, Randall Flynn, and
Melvin Doolittle.

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you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,
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charge by simply sending us your re-
quest. And now until next Friday night
at 10:45, this is Willie Murphey saying
may God's richest blessings be yours
and a very pleasant goodnight!

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sis.
Murphey and Family, Greetings of
love in the precious name of our Lord
and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Oh, how I
want to love him more and more. . .
then do all I can for the cause of Christ.
He's done so much for me already, I'll
never be able to repay him, so I feel
the least I can do is to serve him. . .
Last Tuesday morning a man I work
with was operated on. I would like for
the saints all to agree in prayer that
the Lord would give him a definite touch
and make him well long before expected.
Love and prayers," --Don McIntosh

Some snapshots of THE SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME, PACOIMA, CALIFORNIA:



No doubt, many will recognize some familiar faces shown in these pictures. The Senior Citizens Home was recently completed and is now in operation.

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