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## *"...do all to the glory of God"*

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Good morning, friends. We hope that today finds you encouraged in the service of the Lord. It is surely a blessing to be coming your way another time by means of radio. I feel that I am deeply indebted to God and to those who make it possible for me to bring you this weekly message. The sincere desire of my heart is to be faithful and to be a good steward over that which God has entrusted to my care. A very special thanks to every one who has written to us recently. Your letters of encouragement mean much to us. We appreciate also the offerings which you send to help us move forward in this work of faith.

Now, listen to this scripture. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31 Don't you believe that it is a good policy to use this verse as a guidepost in life? It might be that some things which are questionable would be left undone if folks would ask themselves this question, "Can I do this to the glory of God?" This would cover a wide field of activity. The verse said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink," I believe there are certain things which a Christian should not eat or drink, don't you? But let me make this a little more specific. In the years gone by society as a whole rejected the thought of a lady smoking a cigarette. Now this isn't particularly eating or drinking, but it is something that pertains to the welfare of our bodies. Oh yes, it was somewhat tolerated by society for certain men to smoke, but even nature itself seemed to teach us that it was not in good taste for a lady to smoke.

But oh, how things have changed as the years went by!

Then, too, there were, no doubt, those fathers who would indulge in the habit of smoking but they would tell their sons, "now you just leave this smoking alone." In other words "you wait until you grow up". But do you know what? I suppose that Junior considered "if it is good for dad, it is good for me too". And who knows? Perhaps he had some grounds for such conclusions, don't you think? But as this habit of smoking became more and more widespread folks weren't confined to "smoking rooms" in train and bus stations. Often now they are not restricted even in places of eating where food is being served. But the air becomes filled with foul smelling tobacco smoke. Even those who do not indulge in the habit themselves come from public buildings with their clothes smelling strong with the scent of smoke.

But now it seems that certain others have begun to realize the damage which is done. Medical publications warn of the dangers of lung cancer and heart damage. But if you think this is appal-

ling, I want you to listen to this quotation which I have taken from a school publication of the Guthrie Junior High School. As you notice the initials GJHS just remember that they stand for Guthrie Junior High School. Allright, here is the quote which was found on the front page of this publication:

"GJHS POLL SHOWS 23% SMOKE!!!

#### GJHS HAS STUDENT SMOKERS

"Would you have believed that 23 percent of GJHS students smoke? Well, do believe it, because in a recent survey taken in the science classes, this was proved true. One hundred twelve students out of four hundred ninety-five enrolled in our school do smoke! In the survey taken, the students were asked to write yes or no about the question being asked. The teachers then turned the information to the newspaper.

"To these one hundred twelve students, we ask, 'Do you realize not only what you are doing to yourself, but to the air around you which others must breathe?'

"The things that cigarettes do for? you aren't worth it. If you smoke one pack a day, you lose \$180 in one year, and some of the diseases they cause may cripple or kill you--such diseases as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and lung cancer. Cigarettes are really a start to death.

"Please don't say you can't quit. You can! Every year one million people stop smoking. Why won't one of them be you?" End of quote.

Now, friends, isn't that alarming? Just to think that in this junior high school where my son who is 15 years old attends

school that 23% of the total enrolled of 495 students smoke. I suppose that includes boys and girls too. You see that is almost 500 students. Well, out of that number 112 students smoke.

Can you imagine how long such a thing would have existed in the schools which you and I who are 50 years old, or past, attended in the days of our youth? I am very much afraid that it would not have existed in those days to the extent that it does now. But let us ask ourselves "What is the answer to this problem?" Well, for one thing, I believe that this article itself is a step in the right direction. But on the other hand I believe it is necessary to begin such instruction before this time. It should begin with these junior boys and girls long before they reach this age that we are speaking about. Do you remember that verse of scripture which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it"? But how can parents train their children in the way they should go when the parents themselves are not setting the proper example. I say the problem begins in the home. Here is where instruction is needed and here is where example should be set.

Well, don't forget the text, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31 You see, there are many other ways to displease the Lord and harm our own bodies by overindulgence. And now this poem:

#### REDEEMING THE TIME

A minute spent in secret prayer  
Is not a minute lost:  
A moment spent in idleness  
Will quickly prove its cost.

An hour you pass in righteousness  
Is better, yea, by far,  
Than many days in sinfulness,  
No matter how they are.

A year that's spent in holiness  
Will lasting treasures bring;  
A lifetime of unrighteousness  
Can yield you but a sting.

Oh, spend the years, and moments too,  
For God, and faithful be!  
Then you shall rise and be with Christ  
To spend eternity.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the youth of our land. Wherein  
the parents have failed to properly in-  
struct them, give the young people  
themselves a deep understanding of the  
spiritual values of life. Bless the mes-  
sage as it goes out over the airwaves  
to the good of every listener and thine  
shall be the praise through Christ our  
Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to  
listen to another gospel message  
brought your way by The Mission Trail  
of Guthrie, Okla. If you would like a  
copy of the thoughts presented or the  
poem, you can have one without cost  
or obligation to you. Be sure to tune  
in again next week over this same sta-  
tion at this same time. Now if you  
want to write us let me give you the  
address one more time. You write us  
in this way, The Mission Trail, Guthrie,  
Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "In the shelter of His  
arms". The singers are Lynn Carver,  
Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Ed-  
gar Martens.

Don't you love that song! If you have

problems, friends, Jesus is the one  
you need.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-  
phey saying may the Lord's richest  
blessings rest upon each one of you and  
a very cheerful good-bye!

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### Testimonies

From Ore.: ' . . . we know when God  
calls one to work for Him He will give  
the needed qualification. Yes, He sets  
the members in the body as it pleaseth  
Him and as we abide in Him we will  
bear fruit. To abide in Him means  
we will be building our house on the  
rock and then when the storms come it  
will stand firm. Yes, when the enemy  
comes in like a flood the house, our  
spiritual house, will stand because it  
is founded upon the rock. And some-  
times we are set up as a mark like Job  
says in Job 16:12. As we read this verse  
looks like Job was enjoying a time of  
ease. He had everything to make life  
comfortable and he was relaxing as  
we might say. Of course Satan had a  
hand in all this, but it was like Peter--  
Satan desired to have, but precious  
Jesus prayed for him that his faith would  
not fail, and so as Satan came to tempt  
Job I can see our God watching over  
him. This was a lesson Job needed as  
Peter said in I Pet. 1:6 seems like was  
some trials temptations that "need be"  
. . . the earthquake has been so terrible,  
but after we could get through by phone  
and found all safe altho some homes  
damaged, we gave thanks to God it was  
no worse. We are praying this will  
stir up the unsaved as they think how  
quickly the end can come. . . we are  
praying you will be able to continue to  
work for the Lord and pray for us too  
that we have wisdom to know God's will  
for us at all times.'

--Sis. Beatrice Spaur

From Okla. : "We send you greetings once more in the precious name of Jesus. He is so precious to me and so near and dear to me each day as I travel on to my heavenly home. I want to request prayer again for my body. Shortly after I came home from the assembly meeting I took a severe cold and cough. Coughing caused more chest bleeding and one thing and another, but God has stood by me. Praise Him for all this but I need prayer. My eye is again getting bad. It is so dim and blurs so I can see to read but little and the last two weeks is failing fast. Twice before it was getting so dim and special prayer was offered and it got much better and it seems I need special help in agreement of prayer again. I am expecting help. I so much want to be able to read His word. . . God bless you and your work for Him."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

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From Mexico: "Greetings of much love to you in Jesus' lovely name. . . Ojo Negros seems to be such a hard place to work. They know so little of the love of God, and God's ways. We surely want to please God tho and keep working on--still looking for a break through. Some have come to an altar of prayer but we do not know just how much they really understand, so different from the States. We are trying to show love in place of hate, stealing, lying, etc. Some here ask for the gospel to be brought to their homes and show real interest and ask many questions etc. Please keep praying with us for souls. The little children learn fast and answer the questions in the children's class. Some come a long time before class and willing to wait. Love and prayers,"

--Sister Carrie Shepperd

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From Pa. : 'Greetings to all of the saints there in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am saved today from all of my sins, praise the Lord for saving me. . . I do thank you all for your prayers so much. They sure did bless me. That condition is gone and oh, how I do thank you all so keep on praying for me.'

--Sis. G. Beard

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From Pa. : "Greetings in the precious Name of our Wonderful Lord! How great He is! Wouldn't want to live without Him. He is so precious to me. Praise His Name!. . . Glad for the Mission Trail and wish we could hear it on the radio, but will read about it and get the blessing anyway. Mother is about the same. . . She said she would like to have some yarn to make another afghan. So will get some when I get to the store. . . You should see the beautiful snow this morning. We have ten inches. Had to shovel a path to feed the birds and over here to Mother's. The trees are all covered."

--Eva Cox

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From Kansas: "Seems like everywhere a person can go today you can see people trying to lower the standard for Christian living just a little bit at a time so a real Christian has a problem in this life, just keeps a fellow saying no most of the time concerning the worldly things which surround us and which we come in contact with from day to day. . . the Lord has been good to me. He has given me a sound mind to think and a healthy body to get around with so now I am putting in most of my time trying to show others the way to Jesus and keeping his standards up so high that the only way the sinners can reach him is on their knees starting from the ground up and Jesus will meet you there."

--C. A. Stone

From Texas: "The Lord has been merciful and kind to us. I'm still saved and sanctified!. . . please keep the Mission Trail coming to me. I do not want to be without it. . . I appreciate all the saints' prayers."

--Sis. Velda Ellis

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From Okla.: "I'm returning the coupon so we can continue receiving the Mission Trail. Sorry to be so late, but have been so tied up with illness in our family. Our youngest daughter had a very severe case of virus pneumonia. But is much improved now for which we are thankful. The past year has brought many hard days. Frank had a very bad car accident and spent nearly 4 months in a cast and on crutches. But through all this, I have found grace for every day, and though it was a hard year, I still find many things to thank God for. I'm sending a check for a small amount. Keep hoping I can soon send more. Please pray for us."

--Anna Swann

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From La.: "Trust this finds you all feeling well and still much encouraged to press on for the Lord. We are thankful for God's blessings to us each day. We realize our dependency on Him more than ever, it seems. The times we are living in are so dangerous. With dope, drink, and hate on the increase we surely need the Lord to care for us. Thankful how God came to Kenneth's rescue last week when he was sick and had to miss work 3 days. He is back on the job now. We still enjoy the broadcast each Sun. morn., also the Mission Trail paper each week. Appreciate your labors in the Lord. Enclosed is a little offering to help out where is needed. Seems we can't do a lot, but we can do a little. Remember us in prayer, as we do you."

--Kenneth, Virgie, and Kevin Flynn



"BE SURE YOUR SIN  
WILL FIND YOU OUT."

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"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1

