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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE
—TEXAS CAMPUS
More About Our Cover...

A miracle is taking place in the East Texas woods. A miracle in education, conservation, construction, and conversion — a miracle which will soon encompass the entire earth. Ambassador College's Big Sandy Campus is “on the grow.” Here the SOLUTIONS to today's multifaceted problems are being developed for Tomorrow’s World. Read the full story beginning on the opposite page.

Ambassador College Photo

What our READERS SAY...

Campaign Stirs Interest

As world conditions shudder on the brink of all-out disaster, we can't help but think of just how close we may be to the very end of this age! It was with great excitement that we received the news of the campaign [America, Listen!] to be held this June. Thoughts immediately went to our missionary in Pakistan and began to see the need for prayer. "Thy kingdom come" is SOON, very soon to be answered!

Chuck G., Tucson, Ariz.

The Days of Unleavened Bread

Greetings to you all at Pasadena from North Australia.

Often we read in the letters from readers of events that have been interesting and helpful to us in our lives. We would like to give an account of our experience during the Days of Unleavened Bread that may prove helpful to others.

Being one of the scattered brethren, 1000 miles from a church area and though consistently striving hard, we found out our understanding of the real meaning of unleavened bread was very much lacking. Through literally acting out these days we learnt a lesson we will not forget.

The lesson began with the opportunity of leaving this area and moving to within 50 miles of a regular church. Our house was offered for sale and within 2 weeks a buyer signed a contract of sale despite a bad market for real estate. Immediately he was sure of his finance; he called round and stated firmly and inflexibly that the money would be paid the following Thursday and he would be moving in on Friday. This notice was three days before Passover, giving us 5 working days to pack up and move out everything — clothes, furniture, and about 6 years' accumulation of junk.

Our first reaction was immediate and carnal: "Who does he think he is? . . . Once we'd overcome that attitude and begun to work with God instead of against, things fell into place and everything went smoothly — a quick quote from a removalist company, co-operation from them at every turn, and a flat available from the day we were moving out.

One room was cleaned out and scrubbed, then prepared for Passover. The following day it was back to clearing the rest of the house and after many trips to the rubbish dump, realization finally dawned, understanding pierced our thick skulls, this was a real tangible, physical meaning of the Days of Unleavened Bread, not just the clearing out of leaven and a spiritual houseclean, but a real striving, with hard work to clear our homes from top to bottom of unnecessary junk and rubbish.

If we had cleaned our house every 12 months we would never have so many trips to the dump with loads of rubbish. This was the original spring cleaning of our grandmothers, and had we all remained obedient, we would not have suffered the penalty of broken laws in having to cope with clutter and rubbish at such short notice.

Well with God's help we did cope and after working so hard, really pushing ourselves to vacant the house Friday morning, the new owner stomped in amidst the packers and demanded to know the reason for the hold-up. My husband answered him gently, a real study in self-control.

We left the house on the 18th day of Nisan, the day the Israelites branched out into the wilderness and we gave thanks to God for the time we'd spent in the house and for God for the time we'd spent in the house and we just prayed we had got rid of a lot of sin, leavening and rubbish. Also that we were bringing out God's way, with a whole wealth of new understanding.

Jean H., Australia

Co-Worker Letters Inspire Church Member

I just want you to know how much I enjoy your monthly letters regarding the Church’s progress and enlightening us on the current trends regarding Bible prophecies. They remind me of the letters the Apostles wrote to their congregations many years ago and give me a feeling of real closeness. I find that these letters refresh my mind and spirit and add that certain spark to my life. I certainly look forward to them from month to month, and may God bless you for your precious time in preparing them, for keeping in touch with . . .

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Over two years have elapsed since God's Church received a full report on our third Ambassador College. Big changes have occurred in that short interval — and more are planned in the future. Read how God is blessing and guiding the TEXAS Ambassador campus.

by Ronald Kelly and John Robinson

The Work of God continues to grow by leaps and bounds! Virtually every facet of this worldwide organization is on the move. As a result of an intensive advertising campaign, additional television and radio stations, the new magazine TOMORROW'S WORLD, the “America, Listen” Campaigns and countless other advancements in the Work, we are now reaching one hundred fifty million people with Christ's warning message.

To be able to take advantage of the doors God is swinging open to us, we need hundreds of additional qualified, sincere, dedicated workers. Someone has to read the letters which come from interested listeners. Someone has to personally visit and work with Church members and prospective members. Someone has to write articles, type, proofread and help edit the magazines. In short, there is a tremendous need for trained manpower — men and women — in God's Work.

Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, is now helping fill that need — adding its capacity to the ever-increasing capacities of its sister campuses at Headquarters and Bricket Wood.

Since many of you have never had the opportunity to visit and see firsthand what God is accomplishing in “the East Texas woods,” we felt our readers would appreciate “catching up” on the news from Texas.

Over Two Years of Real Growth

You need to go back to your March 1967 Good News to fully appreciate the extraordinary growth which has taken place here in Texas. Even those of
us on the college staff have been — and are — continually amazed at the inspiring progress which has been made.

Most of you are probably acquainted with the general circumstances surrounding the beginning of the Big Sandy campus. Facilities were very limited — to say the least. Heat, insects, perspiration, and sand all mixed together helped those early students develop a real pioneering attitude.

But God rapidly blessed us with a number of beautiful dormitories and other needed buildings. Now — just in the past year-and-one-half — God has again blessed us with two particularly exciting events: the renovation and dedication of the Library Building, and the installation of a striking swan sculpture created by David Wynne. First, let’s “fill you in” on the Library.

**Big Sandy MILESTONE**

Ambassador College, Big Sandy, reached a new milestone in the spring of 1969. As the Library — the old Redwood Building — neared completion, it marked the climax of fifteen-plus years of “blood, sweat and tears” over the first building ever constructed on what is today our campus (the grounds of which are deeded in God’s own name).

Some of our long-time members may recall that the Redwood Building was the very first major building God inspired Mr. Herbert Armstrong to have built at a Feast site. The unique, drum-shaped structure has witnessed a monumental metamorphosis over the years.

Its once-weathered countenance has provided shelter for Feasts of Tabernacles, Passovers, Church services, Imperial School classes, basketball games, college forums and assemblies, and other college activities and special events. Some reading this article sat huddled in blankets during services in the old Redwood Building before the side walls were installed. Others of you will remember working back in the kitchen area or showering in cold water under the lone shower which served all the brethren.

**But all that is now changed!**

The story of the Redwood building dates back to 1953. That was the year preliminary work began on the building. Through the help of Mr. Buck Hammer and his father, the late Mr. Roy S. Hammer, a tract of land was acquired and actual work begun.

As the years rolled along, “the Tabernacle” (as it was then called) began to grow and take the basic design we see today. In 1958, nearly six thousand people attended the Fall Festival. Needless to say, the old Tabernacle was inadequate for those overflow crowds. A new and larger building — now known as the Dining Hall and Field House — was soon constructed. The old Tabernacle then became the Redwood Dining Hall.

In the months between Festival seasons, the Redwood Building served as classroom space for Imperial Schools and also housed the local Church of God.

Then in 1964, when the college started, the faithful Redwood Building was given a new assignment. It was to house the student dining hall, college library, student center, as well as provide office space for a number of the faculty. The Redwood Building quickly became the “heart” of the newest Ambassador College.

Now, little more than five years later, the building has taken on a new appearance — and a new “personality.” The fully air-conditioned, beautifully carpeted, tastefully redecorated library is now serving as the center for study and classes. All of our courses with a large student enrollment are held in a huge upstairs classroom complete with natural lighting. Directly below is a smaller classroom (which is used for general classes), a math-science area, and a newly completed laboratory for science classes.

In addition to the main area of the building, which houses the library proper, there is a library processing room, a secretarial office, a first-aid room and sufficient office space for five of our leading faculty members. There is also a mezzanine which provides study desks and research material for the students.

The west end of the building houses the student lounge and bookstore.

Like all of the buildings at the three Ambassador campuses, the new Library complex reflects the tone, the character and the cultural atmosphere that stamps Ambassador College for what it is: God’s College. Mr. Armstrong has named the building — which is unexcelled in any other institution of higher learning — the “Roy Hammer Library,” in memory of Mr. Hammer, who labored so wholeheartedly and so effectively at these grounds until his death in 1962. All of us here, students and faculty alike, are most excited to have this historic structure serve us in such a fine way.

**“Swans in Flight” Sculpture**

For years, people of the local area have identified us with “that huge metal building” just north of Highway 80, out by Tucker’s Truck Stop. Since the Field House — as we call it — is the most dominant structure on the scene, you can readily understand their outlook. Now local residents can identify us with something of a more cultural nature!

At the head of our four-lane main entrance to the campus, now stands a breathtaking new sculpture work. Rising out of a 120-foot pool are five bronze swans just beginning their graceful ascent. A long stream of water shoots out of the opposite end of the pool and strikes the lead swan in the beak. The entire work is most impressive. A number of local papers covered the dedication and the college received numerous favorable comments from all who attended.

The swan sculpture is certainly a credit to its creator, Mr. David Wynne. Mr. Wynne, as you may recall, is the man who designed and built the magnificent egret sculpture for the Pasadena campus and the marble swan sculpture on the Bricket Wood grounds. Mr. (Text continued on page 7)
Herbert Armstrong feels that David Wynne is perhaps the finest sculptor in the world.

**Valley Project**

For years now, there has been talk that sometime in the future “the old muddy gully” would become a verdant valley of rushing streams, coruscating waterfalls and shimmering pools. (Many of you brethren well remember this desolate area which lies below the Redwood Building — it was the baptismal pool for many years.)

One of the key men in bringing the valley project to fruition has been Mr. Don Deakins, a local elder in God's Church and a faculty member at the college. Mr. Deakins has been placed in charge of the Landscaping Department — and has helped initiate a number of ideas in the valley project.

Now, a little over a year since work began, three beautiful waterfalls have been constructed. A glittering fountainhead rises between two of the women's dorms, and a twenty-five foot geyser skyrockets from the pond below.

Much more has been added since March 1967: A stone arch bridge spans the stream at the shallow end of the valley — which is already carpeted with sod and studded with beautiful flowering plants.

The five bronze swans in our sculpture work are not the only swans on campus. We also have five live ones in the valley behind the new Library Building. Now here's their story.

We felt that the valley needed a touch of beauty, real charm and exquisite life. Consequently we acquired a pair of graceful Australian black swans. Naturally we wanted a species which could successfully adapt to the environment here. As a result, the Australian black swan was chosen because of its heartier yet gentler characteristics. Like everything else in God's Work, our swans were fruitful and soon
multiplied! They became the proud parents of three gray cygnets. These cygnets are now almost grown, and have turned into exact replicas of their parents. It is quite inspiring to watch these five swans glide through the water!

**Tree Transplants**

The valley project has not been the only major undertaking of our growing Landscaping Department. Other major improvement operations have been begun.

One project is the transplanting of a virtual forest of trees — to Booth City, to the College entrance, to the Library area, to Faculty Row, and to the entire golf course. (Golf course?? That's right: A nine-hole professional golf course has just been completed!) Tree transplanting is a bulky and tricky operation. To facilitate these procedures, the college has purchased its own tree-digging machine — which will greatly aid in making “the desert bloom like a rose” here in East Texas! The transplantation of such a large number of trees has perhaps added more to the overall beauty of the campus than any other single operation.

**Water, Water Everywhere — and Plenty to Drink**

We now have over **nine miles** of gas and water lines under the campus (in addition to fifteen and a half miles of paved roads on the surface). To improve our facilities even further, our own **water treatment plant** has been constructed. Ambassador, Big Sandy, is no longer dependent on a twenty-mile pipeline from Longview. Water is now pumped out of Big Sandy Creek into Lake Loma, where it is stored until needed. From the lake it goes through a modern water purification plant. This plant can handle 350 gallons a minute! (That's up to 500,000 gallons a day! — and we used every drop last summer.) By the way, the work in the water treatment plant is done by our own men.

In addition to acting as a reservoir, Lake Loma continues to provide constant enjoyment for the entire campus. The lake now sprawls over 47 acres of a once-upon-a-time East Texas woods. Lake Loma covers more area than the **entire Pasadena campus!** (How about that, Pasadena?) Activities at Lake Loma are greatly enriched by the new beach house completed last summer. Its roof not only keeps out the rain, but also doubles as a dance pavilion. Downstairs are dressing rooms and a concession stand. The latest addition to the lake front is a tall, white diving tower.

**Growing Departments**

The Work of God, like any growing operation, must effectively utilize two
essential keys: organization and planning! The overall Work at Big Sandy is divided into various departments and sub-departments which plan out and execute the different phases of a united effort. The changes on the campus already mentioned were planned out and executed through our Buildings and Grounds Department. From their drawing boards come the blueprints for future campus growth!

Let's take a brief survey now of some of the other leading departments on campus. By surveying these departments one by one, you will see how their growth benefits all the other departments — and the Work as a whole.

**Agricultural Development**

Since everything we use — even in our "modern technological world" — must first come from the soil, and since the lifeblood of any nation is its agriculture, we first look at Ambassador College's Department of Agricultural Research!

As those of you who have read Mr. Armstrong's booklet, *This is Ambassador College*, will know, Ambassador is much more than just an introverted, bookwormed educational institution consisting of three campuses. In addition to classroom studies, Ambassador offers a widespread extension program consisting of seven overall divisions. One is the Division of Agricultural Research.

The Agricultural Research Department began back in the fall of 1965 under the leadership of Mr. Dale Schurter and a handful of others. It was then called the Farm Program. The department consisted of unfenced pastures, sand and brush. It began with 300 cattle, several horses, and 900 chickens. Now the department boasts upwards of 600 cattle, including 65 purebred Brown Swiss dairy cows, 19 horses, and over 2,000 chickens.

Crops are grown year-round. Rye grass, oats, wheat and clover are the main crops during the cold months. Barley, oats, wheat, millet and grasses are grown during the spring and summer. Vegetables are harvested in the spring and fall.

What happens to the vegetables, meat and dairy products after they leave the ranch and farm? The answer is found in Food Processing. This sub-department of the ranch and farm serves as the intermediate link between the producer, the Agricultural Department, and the consumer, Ambassador College — Big Sandy and Pasadena.

A tremendous boost to Food Processing has recently come our way. Formally, the college had to hire outside
companies to slaughter our animals and
do much of the processing. This past
summer, we learned that the Tevebaugh
Slaughter House, approximately sev-
enteen miles away, would lease their
entire plant to us. We jumped at the
opportunity — now our own men are
efficiently operating the plant. The cost
of processing our animals will actually
be much less than it was before. Again
— as we have come to expect — expan-
sion has generated a great savings for
God's Work!

Another feature, recently added to
the Agricultural Department, is a new
white fence extending along Highway
80 for almost one mile. The fence runs
from the east end of the pasture to the
gate and the transportation entrance.
Returning students and faculty know
they're near home when the friendly
white fence looms into view!

Accent on Spanish

No other facet of God's worldwide
Work has experienced, in so short a
time, quite the growth of the Spanish
Work. Though the Spanish Work
remained dormant for a number of
years, the recent ads skyrocketed the
growth of La Pura Verdad mailing list a phenomenal 1,000 percent —
from 5,800 to just under 75,000 in a
period of one year. That's phenomenal
growth in any language.

As many of you are aware, we presen-
tly have an office in Mexico City.
Dr. Charles V. Dorothy, head of the
department, speculates that an office in
South America may be considered in
the future.

The Spanish broadcasts are made
right here on our Ambassador College
campus in Big Sandy. The voice of El
Mundo de Mañana is that of Mr.
Pablo Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez and his
family moved to Big Sandy from Puerto
Rico several years ago. In addition to
his responsibilities in making the broad-
cast, he also translates and does much
of the work in the Spanish Department.

Nothing More Permanent
Than Change

Just as the presses were ready to roll
this issue of The Good News magazine
the editors had to hold production.

Big Changes May Be in the
Offering!

The decision was made to investi-
gate the possible move of our nation-
wide trucking operations to Big Sandy.
And perhaps the entire automobile
leasing program which now involves
purchasing or leasing of hundreds of
vehicles! The central location of the
Big Sandy campus could be an addi-
tional asset to the smoothly function-
ning transportation system that services God's
Work.

And Festival Operations, Too

Another major departmental move
now being considered is the possible
transferral of the nationwide Festival
Office to Big Sandy.

Some of the personnel, now work-
ing under the direction of Mr. Portune
and Mr. Royer, have already been
moved to Texas. It seems only a natural
move to center these nationwide opera-
tions at the Big Sandy campus, where
transportation to and from the Feast
sites will be a relatively simple matter.

A Parting Note of Good News

One more exciting new development
has just taken place which we would
like to tell you about briefly.

Mr. Albert Portune recently flew
over from Pasadena to make an
offer for Ambassador College to buy
Tucker's Cafe and Motel — which
has been located just to the east of the
main entrance to the campus since long
before there even was a campus here —
Mrs. Tucker accepted the offer!

We may be able to begin beautifying
the entryway to the campus even before
the Feast of Tabernacles this year.
However, the many jobs and duties of
preparing facilities for 12,000 people
for the Feast of Tabernacles may pre-
vent beginning work on the entryway
until a little later.

Perhaps next time you visit the Big
Sandy campus you will share the joy
and excitement of seeing the constant
changes under way in this, just one
small part of God's Work worldwide.

Other Departments

Time and space do not permit a thor-
ough discussion of every department
which helps maintain and expand the
campus — Business Office, Trans-
portation Department, and the several
crews: landscaping, custodian, painting,
heavy equipment, etc.

However, in closing, we must men-
tion one of the rapidly growing depart-
ments — Data Processing. Since its
infant beginning in March, 1968 with
only one employee and one accounting
machine, Data Processing has grown to
include many employees, machines and
a sophisticated IBM 360-20 computer.
Data Processing is directed by Mr. Ben-
jamin Chapman, who is also a faculty
member, in charge of the Radio
Studio, and pastor of the Fort Worth
churches.

Still More

The more we write about the Texas
campus, the more we realize there is to
write about. As mentioned earlier, even
those of us here are overwhelmed by
the phenomenal growth!

For example, the new Convention
Center located on the old tent site
seated nearly 12,000 people for the last
Feast of Tabernacles. For years the
largest gathering of God's people on
earth has met under the big tent at Big
Sandy during the Feast. And now a new
metal building, similar to the one in the
Poconos, has been constructed. The
dimensions of the building are 300' by
320', covering about two and one-fifth
acres. Think of getting 12,000 brethren
under one roof!

Ultimate Goal!

Despite all these tremendous advance-
ments, we have only begun! The
Master Plan is still far from com-
plete! Yet to be built are an Adminis-
tration Building, Gymnasium and more
classrooms.

Yes, the Big Sandy campus marches
on. Your tithes, offerings, and prayers
are helping to bring about — no, they
ARE bringing about — the miraculous
growth we have described.

Still, this is ONLY ONE ASPECT
of the great, colossal, Worldwide Work
of God, which stretches from horizon to
horizon and which we are all privi-
leged to actively participate in.

So let's be really inspired by our
growth. Continue to put your very
being into this great Work! Be zealous.
Become "A Christian on the Grow"!

P.S. From the offices of El MUNDO DE
MARANA comes word that Mr.
Roy Royer, Mr. Albert Portune,
and Mr. Royer, have already been
transferred to the Texas campuses, and
are performing under the direction of Mr.
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DO YOU HAVE GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT?

Are you REALLY converted? How do you know? How can you be sure? How can you determine if you HAVE GOD’S SPIRIT. You need to know. Why? Because YOUR ETERNAL LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

by Bill McDowell

When Jesus Christ returns, we will become literal members of God’s Family!

Of course, this only applies to those of us privileged to really be in God’s Church at that time. Which makes the question of having or not having God’s Holy Spirit extraordinarily important. Because God’s Spirit is the sole factor determining whether or not we are in God’s Church at any time,

Do you have God’s Holy Spirit?

How can you know?

How can you know for sure?

That’s the purpose of this article.

A Religious Mystery

Some people think that God’s Holy Spirit is an “essence” that has been with you since birth. Others spend frantic hours trying to “pray it down.” These people look for a “feel,” a “voice” — some physical sensation “activated” by “the Spirit,” usually accompanied by “speaking in unknown tongues.”

Now we in God’s Church don’t look to “speaking in tongues” as proof of God’s Spirit dwelling in us. Nonetheless many do think that the real evidence of God’s Spirit is some supernatural act or occurrence. Others in God’s Church, having been educated in our twentieth century’s sophisticated society, still don’t fully understand how God’s Spirit is manifested.

What about you? Do you really know what to expect from God’s Spirit?

You should. No, you must.

God’s Spirit IS your eternal life — forever and ever. With it, you’ll become a Member of God’s Eternally Ruling Family. Without it, you’ll be permanently extinguished, forever unconscious, eternally dead. You need to understand — and have in your life — the real evidence of God’s Spirit!

By Your Fruits

Christ said, “...Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matt. 7:20). He continues, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth NOT fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit” (John 15:1-2).

This is the reason Christ calls and chooses His disciples — to bear fruit! “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...” (John 15:16). It is not a momentary sensual thrill or experience — coupled with a “testimony” — that proves you are one of Christ’s. You must be LED by God’s Spirit to be His (Rom. 8:14). You must allow God’s Spirit to guide you into all truth (John 16:13).

But what should God’s Spirit lead and guide you to do?

What Are the Fruits?

Fruit is classified as the edible, usable portion of a plant or vine. Christ is the Vine, we are the branches. Our fruit is what we produce as Christians that is usable to Christ. It is the good we produce coming from the Vine — coming from Christ! A vine produces fruits, not thorns. An apple tree produces apples, not thistles. The vine determines what fruit should be borne.

Christ determines what fruit we should bear as Christians. We don’t decide it for Him. All we decide is whether we are or whether we are not going to obey.

The Apostle Paul, directly inspired by Christ, outlines those fruits for us: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22-23). Notice there are nine very specific fruits of God’s Spirit mentioned — nine ways you can tell whether or not you have God’s Spirit!

This is the crucial point: You can be absolutely sure that you possess God’s Spirit by the presence in your day-to-day life of these nine “fruits of the Spirit.” And there is no other way.

You need to examine them carefully — and then utilize God’s Spirit to make them work in your life. Study and apply them in the order which Paul gives.

1. LOVE

The original Greek word, agape, means devotedness or kindly concern — an intense desire to serve God and man. This cannot be feigned or hypocritically put on (Rom. 12:9), but must be genuine and real! People think of many kinds of love — father-love, mother-love, illicit love, “puppy” love — but God’s love transcends all. It is a devotedness and a concern to serve, first God and second man.

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep
His commandments...” (I John 5:2-3). Notice the two necessary elements: (1) love God, and (2) love the children of God — man. The Ten Commandments are based on these two principles — exactly — the first four directed toward service and love to God and the last six directed toward man.

“Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10).

Did you notice that? Love works no ill! Rather, love is the opposite — a deep concern and an intense desire to serve, help and encourage others.

If you have God’s Spirit, this is the very first fruit you must begin to show! You must think or work no ill toward anyone, but learn, develop, think on and act on a profound concern and a fervent desire to serve God and man!

And the best way to do this? The surest way to build Godly love?

Get fully immersed in God’s Work!

2. JOY

To some people, “Joy” is nothing more than a dishwashing detergent that claims to be extra powerful! Others think of “joy” as the end result of self-gratification — a new toy, new car, new girl, new home, new baby, etc. Physically speaking, when things go “your way,” the emotion you feel is “joy.”

Joy is defined from the original Greek word as: delight, gladness, rejoicing, exultation. These words can certainly be used to describe the emotions caused by self-gratification — but the Bible gives a much richer, deeper, and more meaningful sense to it. Notice Luke 15:7, “I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth...”

What causes the angels to joy? Is it something personal they receive? Is it adding to or gratifying the self in some way? No, it is none of these! Their joy is in seeing others receive something good for them — in this case, repentance, which leads to entering into the Kingdom of God! They delight in seeing human beings begin to learn the way that will give them the good, lasting, permanent things of God’s Kingdom. Nothing of the self here!

Christ is the prime example, as Paul states, “...Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...” (Heb. 12:2).

How could Jesus get joy out of suffering? Most get joy only from that which satisfies the self and gratifies their own selfish urges. Christ was willing to suffer for real joy — the joy of seeing fellow Sons in God’s Kingdom made possible through His sacrifice. What is the difference?

“Joy” received from personal gratification is temporary. The car wears out, the ball game is over, the baby grows up, the stomach empties. None of these physical things are, or can be, a real and lasting joy. It only satisfies for a short time. Christ and the angels receive the real joy from the outgoing, giving of themselves for others. This kind of joy lasts for all eternity and does not require constant bolstering and rejuvenating with more and more objects and things.

The key to real joy is in serving and thinking of others, rather than the self. Use this as your guide. If you feel “blue,” sad, or just “down” for some reason, realize that this will usually be because you have been and are still thinking primarily of yourself — your own trials and troubles! The cure for those “blues” is to replace it by real joy. Put your mind and energies to work serving someone else.

How can you best do this? Sacrifice more of your time, energies and earnings for God’s WORK. Try it — and see how successfully it works every time!

3. PEACE

Peace is what everyone talks about, but so few really have! To many, it never comes, and to others, it comes only in the form of a tranquilizing pill. It has been demonstrated that worry, anxiety and frustration can bring on ulcers, high blood pressure and heart trouble. The key to peace has been virtually lost today!

To have peace means to be tranquil, serene, calm, quiet and orderly of mind. God says, “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them” (Psalm 119:165). How does this apply?

Take a thief for example. When a policeman turns to look at him, or if he sights a police car driving by, does he have peace? Is he calm and serene? He may look it on the outside, but inside he is a seething cauldron, hotly activated by adrenal glands! He has to always be prepared to RUN and escape! This man can never find real peace because he has broken one of God’s laws!

The liar is no better off. He must keep on lying to cover up lies already told! It may seem good to him at the time, but it will always catch up with him! Solomon wrote, “Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel” (Prov. 20:17). He must always be on the alert to keep from having to “eat his words” — and they will taste like gravel! A liar cannot have peace with this pressure on him all the time!

No one who breaks God’s Law can have real peace of mind. If he does not have fears and frustrations, he will surely have a guilty conscience!

On the other hand, you cannot offend one who keeps God’s Laws, because this person knows he is doing what is RIGHT. His goals and purposes are stabilized. He meets no uncontrollable frustrations in his daily living. He has no guilty conscience. He is at peace with God, with himself and with his neighbor! This is an automatic fruit of diligently keeping God’s Law!

4. LONGSUFFERING

Longsuffering is another way of saying patience. It is also forbearance and clemency — which is the ability to have mercy. One who is short-tempered and easily upset with the faults and inabilitys of others is inviting real trouble on himself — physically as well as spiritually. This self-centered approach will almost inevitably, if let run rampant, generate ulcers, high blood pressure, colitis, and even a possible stroke.

If you have no capacity for mercy or patience, your frustrations will soon take their toll on your body and mind!

Christ gave us the example in Matthew 18:21-22, “Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven”!

Do you realize how many times that...
is? Seventy times seven is 490 times! It's hard enough to imagine someone making the same mistake that many times, much less having to forgive him the same number of times! Hard as it is for humans, this is one of God's greatest attributes. (See Eph. 2:3-5.)

God forgives the most heinous sins to enable all of us to enter His Kingdom. But there is a "string" attached: You must likewise forgive your fellowman. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

Although it is humanly so difficult to have a merciful, patient, longsuffering attitude, it is a giant prod to realize that you won't get mercy from God unless you learn to show mercy yourself. Every time you get short-tempered and impatient with someone else's shortcomings (which will always be the ones different from your own), just ask yourself how you would like God to react to all your weaknesses. You will be surprised at how it will help you to be more longsuffering toward others — and how much sweeter and nicer your whole life will become!

5. GENTLENESS

Gentleness is almost always associated with femininity. For example, a good nurse is considered to be a gentle person — one capable of caring for children or sick people in a gentle, reassuring way. But gentleness is not just a feminine trait — it is perhaps more important for a man!

Some misunderstand and think to be gentle is to be a "sissy," or a "panty-waist" of some sort.

Nothing could be further from the truth: Godly gentleness is powerful.

Gentleness means first of all an useful-ness — then willingness, graciousness, affability, one who obliges. A gentleman is one who is gracious, affable and useful! He has taken the time to learn social graces and how to be attendant to other people's needs. He knows how to escort a lady and be concerned about her as the weaker vessel.

And it is more. Notice Paul's statement to the Thessalonians, "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children" (I Thes. 2:7). He used this analogy to describe how he, as God's minister, dealt with the people in God's Church — as a nurse with children. A nurse must be firm and loving, kind and sure, able and compassionate — all at once! She must clothe, feed, train — and clean up the messes of — her charges. It takes a qualified person to be a good nurse!

In the same way, Paul shows that God's ministers — and all of God's people — must be specially trained and willing to be gentle: useful and gracious, as well as firm. A gentle person can never be harsh. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all" (II Tim. 2:24). The gentle person is willing to take extra steps to look out for other people's needs. He goes out of his way to be helpful. He would dirty his hands to clean up a mess, the same way a nurse is willing to change a baby's diaper.

This is God's attitude toward us! He is concerned about our needs, and is always there to gently help us out of our troubles whenever we call on Him. Can you describe yourself this way? Think it over.

6. GOODNESS

Christ said, "There is none good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19:17). Goodness is an English word derived from the word, "God" — possessing God-like qualities of virtue, uprightness and true character. This fruit of God's Spirit could probably be described as a summary fruit — describing a person who is applying all the other eight fruits in his life and, as a result, becoming daily more Godlike in his character!

But there is only one who is really good. We don't yet qualify. We can have "good" characteristics — but we can never be really good in this fleshly existence. Rather, this is our goal: "Be [become] ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

7. FAITH

Mountains of material have been written and spoken about faith. Millions have sought it, but few have really attained it. For many, faith is just an elusive spiritual essence.

The original Greek word is pistis — which means firm conviction, assurance, fidelity. Fidelity is another way of describing one who is "careful to preserve that which has been committed to his trust." You cannot have faith unless you are faithful.

We use the term, "faithful" (meaning full of faith), more often than we realize in our daily lives. For example, what is a faithful employee? He is one who arrives at work on time. He does not cheat. He does not steal. He can be counted on to do his job well. He is loyal to his employer. In other words, he is careful to preserve that which has been committed to his trust — his job!

A faithful husband respects his marriage vows. He does not chase other women. He provides for his family, and fulfills his obligations to the home. He works hard at being a father and husband. He is careful to preserve that which has been committed to his trust.

Likewise, the faithful wife respects her obligations to her husband, home and family. She remembers her vows and responsibilities. The unfaithful wife runs around, leaves her house dirty, neglects her husband and children. The faithful wife is careful to preserve what has been committed to her trust — a husband, home and family!

How does the faithful Christian differ from the faithful employee, husband or wife? He doesn't. A Christian must be "careful to preserve that which has been committed to his trust" BY GOD!

Now, faith is not some vague idea or thought — but something you must DO!

Notice the examples in the "Faith chapter" of the Bible (Heb. 11) of what the great men of old did to become faithful men. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice... By faith Noah... prepared an ark... By faith Abraham... went out... By faith Moses... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter... forsook Egypt... kept the Passover... passed through the Red Sea... and others... through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought [worked] righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions." And the accounts continue on!

Faith to these men was not just a mere word! Faith was active and alive. They had a charge — a responsibility before God to keep. Each one had been given a commission to fulfill, and
they were faithful to that commission. Each man had a particular work to do — and he did it!

Look at these examples and then understand why Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong says so much about the work that must be done today! He has been given a special commission that is also our commission. He has been given a special trust by God that he has been, and is, careful to preserve!

Years of experience have shown that the only ones who grow and remain faithful are those who have their whole hearts in this work — those who yearn and strive to be an active part of God's work! We must constantly strive to remain careful to preserve that which has been committed to our trust — the work of God!

If your faith has been doubtful, examine yourself and begin to actively keep what God has entrusted to you: active participation in God's great end-time work. And watch your faith automatically grow!

8. MEEKNESS

Meekness has often been confused with weakness! Many think that the terms are synonymous. The typical idea of a meek person is one who is "cowed," reserved and restrained — "Henry Milktoast" in person — someone to be pushed around and continually taken advantage of.

Let's take the example of one of the meekest men who ever lived on earth — Moses! "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3). He was meek, all right, but this is the same man who could single-handedly completely overwhelm an entire nation.

When Moses found out that the Israelites had turned from God and molded a golden calf, he charged down the mountaintop, broke the two tablets of stone, melted down the calf, ground it to powder, scattered the gold dust on the water and made over three million rebellious "hard-heads" drink it!! (Exod. 32:19-20.) How could he do such a thing and still be called the meekest man alive? Simply because a meek man is not a "Henry Milktoast."

The primary meaning of meekness is "no feeling of revenge." When God was about to disinherit and destroy all Israel because of their rebellion, Moses — in spite of Israel's personal accusations against him — entreated God to save them (Num. 14). He had no revenge in his heart.

Moses naturally had what Paul had to instruct all leaders and ministers to have. They should be ". . . apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves . . . " (II Tim. 2:24-25). If your attitude is to "get back" at the world, you cannot be a successful leader and teacher.

No matter what another person does or says to you, if you are meek you will not seek revenge! God further clarifies, "Dear beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

If you want to really "get back" at someone who has hurt you, God has a ready-made formula available — and it works every time! "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcame of evil, but overcome evil with good" (verses 20-21). The evildoers look for a reprisal. They expect you to seek revenge to repay their evils. And they know what to do when you do what they expect — because they are well prepared! But when you start doing good for every one of their evil acts, their guilty consciences will tear them to shreds! They will writhe and twist in mental torment, because they will not know how to handle the situation — almost as if you had literally poured hot coals down their back!

Think about this principle and apply it. Keep your "coals" handy at all times! There may even be some times when you will want to pour a whole bucketful over some particularly obnoxious person’s head! You can be amused at their reactions and at the same time be doing what is right. Put this into practice and grow in God’s strength. Become a truly meek person.

9. TEMPERANCE

"Temperance" means total abstinence from alcohol in all forms? No, it doesn’t! The world has completely misunderstood the meaning of the word. Temperance means temperance, not abstinence. Temperance means self-control, continence, self-government, moderation — particularly in reference to sensual appetites. No person without self-control and self-government can be in God’s Kingdom! The Bible is jammed with the condemnation of those who do not control their appetites.

Paul admonishes, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). Those who mind earthly things — those who have their minds and energies devoted entirely to the physical satisfying of the flesh — will not make God’s Kingdom, nor will they achieve real happiness in this life!

The athlete who succeeds must have self-control. A businessman who reaches the top must learn to govern himself. No matter what the job or goal, the only real successes are those who have learned to control their own natural desires and appetites — forcing themselves to give up certain things that might restrict their advancement.

God asks no more! Become success-minded for God’s Kingdom! Learn and use temperance in your life.

Fruit GROWS

Remember, fruit does not appear overnight on a tree! It takes time to grow. This is true of the fruits of God’s Spirit. You must grow in them! You must work at it, regularly and daily — practice them — just as an athlete works out daily to become a real star. Peter admonishes, “But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18).

Have confidence.

God desperately wants you to succeed beyond even your wildest imaginations. Your Heavenly Father is not a sadist — He knows you’re not perfect. All He wants is for you to try to be perfect — to try to implement these nine fruits of His Spirit in your life. Just try with your whole heart — and then He has promised to do the rest.

Have confidence in your God. “If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them!” (John 13:17.)
Man is unique! He alone of all physical creatures can be truly educated. Yet too often we in God's Church neglect this priceless gift!

by David R. Robinson

The war in Europe had just come to an end. Winston Churchill, as wartime Prime Minister and head of the coalition government, called for a general election in Britain — the first in ten years. The election campaign was a short one, lasting only a few weeks in that summer of 1945. And when it was over the British Government that had won the war was upset: Winston Churchill and his Conservatives were turned out. The Labour party took over. Clement Atlee became Prime Minister at that crucial point in history.

This was all very exciting to me, because at the time I was a young Air Force officer stationed in Grove, Berkshire. I had studied the British Parliamentary system of government in the civics classes in school, and now I was able to observe it working at close range.

Preceding the election by some weeks, the BBC had regular evening campaign speeches by the party leaders. The Labour party leader was, of course, Clement Atlee. The Liberal leader was Lord Samuel, whom I remember as having the most beautiful English diction of all. And then there was the giant of our time — Winston Churchill.

I remember to this day many of the points Sir Winston made on his wireless addresses. One in particular. This broadcast was on his program for keeping Britain one of the leading nations of the world. He had no intention of giving up the Empire. (He had said some months earlier: "I did not become His Majesty's First Minister to preside at the dissolution of his Empire!") He also knew that to continue leading that vast empire would require the British nation to make many changes. Perhaps the most crucial of these changes was the need to become much better educated.

Britain could not look to huge populations and vast continental resources as could the new world powers, the United States and the Soviet Union. British leadership would have to come from another source. Churchill emphasized that source would have to be superior education!

Britain never made it — her people could never rise to meet the challenge. But God's Church must make it — if we don't, then humanity dies — we must rise to meet the greatest challenge in the history of the world.

And the only way we can do it is by superior education — education which is constantly continued throughout our lives.

What Is Education?

The word "education" means different things to different people. I have just finished reading a long list of quotations from the "great" men of the past. There was universal agreement on only one aspect of education — the need for it.

And they are surely right. Indeed there is a very great need. But even the most superficial study of history certainly proves that the education of this world has neither answered our questions nor solved our problems.

Why?

Because true education requires the knowledge of the true purpose of the human mind. And only God's Church has this precious knowledge.

God's College

As one walks through the center plaza of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center, past the water fountain on toward Ambassador Hall, there, to one's right, on the west wall of Ambassador Hall, is the inscription in stone: "The Word of God is the foundation of knowledge." Mr. Armstrong felt that these words were so important that he had them inscribed
in stone as a perpetual reminder.

The Bible states:

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Neither fact is recognized by this world’s educators. And that is precisely the reason God directed Mr. Herbert Armstrong to establish Ambassador College. God has provided the foundation. And any education — to be true education — must be built on that foundation, conforming to it and compatible with it. Anything that is incongruous is simply not proper education.

God has given to those of us whom He has called — which is the entire Worldwide Church of God — the matchless opportunity to have a real education, to recapture true values! To know the answers. To know: Why? What? Where? and (approximately) When?! The Creator of Heaven and Earth has given us the foundation, and He expects us to begin to build on that foundation. And never to stop building!! God Himself is the greatest educator in the universe. He sets the example. He never stops learning. He never stops growing. Right education, then, is training the human mind the same way God trains His God-mind. Ponder that!

**Attitude of Learning**

Nothing is more inhibiting toward learning something new than a negative attitude. You really do control the door to your mind. Because once one has decided that he will learn nothing further, the door to his mind is shut.

Every year about this time, there are thousands of graduation exercises held all across the country. But, whereas commencement means beginning, most think that it’s the end. Many, many times the attitude of the graduate is: “Whew! I’m sure glad it’s all over!” This attitude is sometimes even expressed in the valedictory addresses.

Perhaps many of us have had such thoughts in the past. But now that we are coming to see God’s mind in the matter, our attitudes toward education — toward learning, acquiring knowledge and wisdom — must start changing. Now we see that we must be developing the most precious natural resource we possess. And nothing will yield greater benefits. The possibilities are enormous.

Jesus Himself said: “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

Part of that abundant life — indeed, a large part of it — is produced by education. Learning the answers to the big questions of life is essential to abundant living. Because abundant living includes a continuing and exciting interest in people and things around us. Remember, our minds need to be continually expanding!

Solomon in his day was the most educated man on earth. We read: “And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt... And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom” (I Kings 4:29, 30, 32-34).

Solomon had the proper foundation, and he built well. He found acquiring knowledge exciting. His interests were diversified. Nothing escaped his inquiring eye. Moreover, he wrote many things that are a help for us today.

In our day, God has chosen a man to direct His Work who is education-minded. Mr. Herbert Armstrong is a continual inspiration — his grasp of world affairs, his insight into the business world, and his understanding of the human mind epitomize the truly educated man. And who has not marveled at Mr. Ted Armstrong’s growing grasp of so much of what is going on in so many different fields? The broadcasts reflect tremendous educational growth.

We in God’s Church have these excellent examples to follow. Especially follow their attitude toward education. Because it is our attitude toward education that is crucial. If we have a positive attitude, then we have a good start, and this is essential.

**Education — A Joint Venture**

Education is essentially a joint venture — between the educator and the one being educated. This was the case when God instructed Adam. Adam heard and accepted those things he agreed with, then rejected those things he didn’t like. Adam decided to listen to the educational approach of the other side — Satan’s. Satan is an educator too. The results weren’t “too good.” (Because Adam thought that he could decide which educational concepts were right and which were wrong. He could not!)

From the very beginning and throughout every individual’s life, there is this educator-student relationship: first parent-child, then a little later schoolteacher-pupil, then perhaps college professor-student. Later on, after all “school” has been completed, there are other such relationships — not as formal but just as real.

The duty of educators is to teach truth — and to inspire!! But the individual has a corresponding duty — to seek truth and to respond to the inspiration!!

And all this takes work.

Perhaps this is where the rub comes, because more of us are mentally lazy than are physically so. Mental activity is fatiguing — especially if we aren’t used to it. If you have “somehow” gotten out of the habit of studying — no longer reading as you used to, and perhaps, on reflection, no longer learning anything new at all — you need mental exercise.

The mind is very much like other members of the body in the matter of exercise. What if you didn’t exercise your right arm at all for several months? It would gradually grow useless. Likewise our minds.

*Our minds need exercise!!*

Our whole nation is languishing — we are going physically and mentally soft!! Many authors today accuse Americans of being a sedentary people. We who used to be the hardest-working of all people no longer believe in work — physical or mental. Some even
ridiculously turn to drugs to "stretch" their minds. Their goal is correct. God designed the human mind to be constantly "expanded" and "stretched." But the right way. By proper exercise!

There are no people on earth who have the unlimited opportunity for true education — for real "mind expansion" — as we who are God's people. Not to do our part in this fantastic joint venture is a serious mistake.

Children of God
All of us are excited and rejoice to be called the Sons of God. Too often, perhaps, we fail to realize how much responsibility goes with that Sonship. Certainly, improving our education is one of those responsibilities. And one of the main ones.

Royalty are required to be highly educated. Prince Charles has had to learn a lot. The British people don't want an ignorant and uneducated person reigning over them. Queen Elizabeth doesn't want an uncultured son.

We have been called to be the Sons of God. We are not the mighty of the earth — quite the opposite (I Cor. 1:26). We are the average or below, the despised, rejected, whom God has called to confound the "wise." Yet we are not to remain average. Indeed we must not. We have been given a "head start" as the literal sons of God. We should become more educated every year. This principle needs to be working in our lives regardless of our age.

Some feel that because they are up in years, it is too late to learn new things. This is not the case. Certainly the rate of learning varies with individuals. But then God is not judging us by comparing us with one another. He is judging us by comparing what we are doing with what we are capable of doing. And most of us are capable of a lot more than we might think. Even if some of us are up in years, and even if our minds don't respond to new ideas quite as well as they once did, we can still make the effort and accomplish quite a lot. Our attitudes will be right. And that's the important thing. We won't go stagnant and stale.

There are many facets of learning. Perhaps we can evaluate our past lives in the light of what we now know. Our past experiences then take on a different light. There is much to be said for reevaluation of one's past. Thereby comes much wisdom. That is what true education is all about.

We, as the children of God, are in the fetal stage. The little bit of education (relatively speaking) we acquire during this life is as nothing compared to what we will acquire after we are born into God's Family. But the attitude toward learning, wisdom and education will be basically the same. That's why it is so very important.

A Story With A Moral
There was an old frontier story that came down through my family. Back in the days on the frontier (when matches were not available), there was the problem of keeping the fire going. You can imagine the problem of starting one without matches. It was customary to go over and "borrow fire" from the neighbors, if there were any close by. That must seem very strange to people today. But 150 years ago, it was rather common.

In this one family, the grandmother was elderly. She felt she had learned all there was to know. She knew the names of all the trees, the wild flowers, the animals in that area; she knew all the people for miles around, it just seemed there was nothing new to learn. She decided it was time to die. So she went to bed to die.

A few days later, a little neighbor girl came over to borrow some fire. The old grandmother told her to go ahead and get some out of the fireplace. Then she noticed the girl didn't have her bucket to carry the fire. She said, "You can't take fire without a bucket." "Oh, yes I can!" replied the girl. She then scooped up a double handful of cold ashes and put a live coal on top and skipped off to her house with the fire!

The old grandmother leaped up. "I need to live a little longer," she said. "If that little girl can teach me something like that, there must be a lot I don't know yet."

How true!
For us.
There is a lot we don't know yet.

Conversation
"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." So Proverbs 27:17 advises conversation as a means of education.

Good, constructive, engaging conversation between two or more sharp, eager minds is one of the most intellectually stimulating situations. This means of education is all too often neglected in this age of pre-programmed color TV. (Is that to say television is inherently not educational? No. There are some — I stress "some" — educational programs on television. The World Tomorrow certainly is. Some others are also. All are in some way — but it's usually the wrong way.)

There is something about an engaging dialogue that is extraordinarily invigorating for one's mental faculties. Of course, the subjects need to be right ones, and all participants need to be constructive and objective. But the immediate need to respond — to hold up or even "defend" your end of the conversation — somehow puts a prod on your mind that nothing else does quite so well. Your wits are sharpened. You enjoy it. And it makes a deep impression on your mind. But be careful about your choice of friends. The book of Proverbs warns about this. If you choose educated, deeply converted friends — and if you talk about the right things — then you yourself will become more educated and more deeply converted.

Evidently David and Jonathan enjoyed this kind of fellowship. They complemented and mutually reinforced one another. Jonathan recognized David as his superior, even though at the time Jonathan was the heir apparent. They had deep respect and love for one another. One of the building blocks of that friendship had to be the enjoyment of one another's conversation. Jonathan was a fine and loyal friend. He knew God had chosen David to be king instead of him, and he was not bitter at all. It is likely David's contribution to Israel's well-being lays, to some degree, in the long hours of conversation with Jonathan — his loyal friend.

It is good to realize (many never do) that one can always learn something from anyone else. While it is usually best to have your conversational fellowship with those who are, if possible, better educated than yourself, you
should also realize there is something to learn from all. It becomes a matter of selection, or judgment, of what is valuable. I have on many occasions learned very profound things from people who were actually illiterate.

Furthermore, always remember the other side of the coin too. Serve those brethren who, by circumstances, have not had the educational opportunities that you have had. Serve them by talking with them. Allow your brothers and sisters to learn from you.

The art of conversation is surely a part of education. And so, the ability to make your conversation valuable to others is a vital responsibility of any Christian. Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive! And something that is mutually satisfying and rewarding is best of all!

The Book of Malachi — which applies in a special way for us today — prophesies of God's people in this end time that they will be in profitable conversation with each other: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the book of remembrance was written for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name" (Malachi 3:16). That is the kind of conversation that really pays off!

As a means of education, don't sell conversation short!

For Women, Too

There was a time, not too many years ago, when it was felt women needed no formal education — and for that matter, not much education of any kind. That idea has largely vanished. Yet many women continue to feel this way.

Sadly enough, this attitude is often maintained by some attractive girls. They find that the things they want are "somehow" available just because they are pretty. Consequently, those who are rather well-endowed physically need an especially strong motivation for learning.

I have known a few women who were attractive in their youth and tragically, as a direct result, had the attitude: "Who needs an education?" A few years later, when their beauty had begun to fade, they were sorry. Why? Because their husbands had continued their education. And the resultant educational disparity now separated them in a most perplexing way. And it was too late. These "attractive" women had not continued their education!

Yes, beauty fades. It is so impermanent. But our minds continue with us until we die. And, in the resurrection, it is the only part of us that is carried over.

I was quite well acquainted with a woman who lived to be 108! She had been born in 1853. She had had very little formal education — yet, she had become very well educated. Her strength of character and will were extraordinary. She had many descendants and they were almost all successful. She had exerted a remarkable influence on all of them. Though blind for many years before her death, she never failed to keep abreast of current events, both at home and abroad. She kept up with all the people around her, how many children they had, their names, and so forth. Conversation was never dull with her. She never lacked for people to talk to. Conversation with her was profitable. At the age of 103, she was very sharp and keenly interested in whatever was going on. She had continued her education!

One of the best ways a wife can be a help to her husband is by "being up on things." By doing so, she is able to be a much more effective companion to him — she is able to offer suggestions which interest them. I know a person who is so interested in raising vegetables that she actually practices horticulture. Her husband says she is his "garden helper." She is always an example of her strong faith. Her house is always tidy and clean. She is an excellent homemaker, and she can use it at will. She reads a lot of articles about gardening and home management. She keeps up with all the people around her, how many children they have, their names, and so forth. Conversation was never dull with her. She never lacked for people to talk to. Conversation with her was profitable. At the age of 103, she was very sharp and keenly interested in whatever was going on. She had continued her education!

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Memory

One of the most important functions of the mind is its memory. Everyone has, in varying degrees, the problem of recall. You can't remember what you want when you want.

A good memory is essential in becoming educated.

Many of history's great have not been men of unusual intellect, but they have had some other outstanding qualities. Chief among them has been an excellent memory. Because an excellent, vibrant memory enables one to apply the lessons of experience. A long, active lifetime of exposure to others of considerable education and wisdom, a fervent desire to succeed, coupled with a good memory, goes a long way toward making a successful older man. History is replete with men who have not achieved their real success until age 60 or 65! Winston Churchill is an outstanding example. His powers of recall were legendary.

There are certain keys to a good memory. And everyone can improve this ever-so-important faculty of mind.

Generally, most people are able to remember those things that especially interest them. I know a person who is able to remember all the movie stars and how many spouses each has had, and so forth ad nauseum, but finds it very difficult to remember other, more important things. The key is interest. And impression. Those things that make a deep impression on you are easily remembered.

We can cause that mental impression to be deeper in several ways. One is by repetition. God has had many things repeated in the Bible for emphasis (Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Exodus 20; Deut. 5; Gen. 41:32). If we review and repeat things we need to learn (surely, it is work), then the impression is made a little deeper each time, and finally we have it in our memory so we can use it at will.

Another key is association. If we associate information with things we already have well committed to memory, this is a help in recalling it.

We need to be educational ruminants. Ruminants are animals that chew their cud. They swallow large chunks of food. And then at a more leisurely time, they belch up those chunks and chew it up, mixing it well with their saliva so it will be properly digested.

Perhaps if we would do that in principle — which translated means practice meditation (again, more work) — weighing and mixing in our minds the things we have gulped down in "large chunks," this would help us vastly in remembering.

Many, many people live only for the moment. The past is past, and there is no point in reliving it. This is the personal philosophy of many. Such people
just do not exercise their memories. Again, their minds wither away because of disuse.

Israel’s Memory

One of the big problems of our forefathers in ancient Israel was that they couldn’t remember — they forgot!

Israel forgot — yet God had reminded them repeatedly. In Deuteronomy 6:6, just before they crossed Jordan into the land of promise, Moses reminded Israel once again of God’s instruction to remember: “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.”

“Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage” (verse 12).

Our forefathers were to remember the things which God had instructed them to do so that it might be well with them. But, with the passage of time, they somehow always seemed to forget.

What about spiritual Israel today — God’s Church? How often do we just “forget” to obey God?

God tells us His Spirit is the spirit of a sound mind. And part of a sound mind is a good memory. It is our Creator’s will that we have good memories. He will do His part. But we have to want to remember. And work at it. The rewards will assuredly be more than worth the effort.

Yes, a well-trained, working memory is a fundamental factor in continuing one’s education!

A Specific Thing to Do

God has called us to be rulers in the world tomorrow (Luke 19:12 and Revelation 5:10 — see also “Tomorrow’s Cities” in the March-April issue of TOMORROW’S WORLD).

The rulers of this present world are well versed in such basic subjects as geography, history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, etc. Yet many of those whom God has called are unfamiliar with world geography (which is absolutely essential for anyone to watch world news, Luke 21:36) — indeed, sometimes even American geography — much less all the other more sophisticated subjects.

Many families in God’s Church have begun to educate themselves — at least in geography — by putting up large wall maps in prominent places in the home (such as the dining room). Then as news breaks at any spot — the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Europe — the whole family can look at the map and discuss the situation much more intelligently.

This sparks interest in the minds of the older children, and often leads to better grades in school, more interest in the daily newspaper, a keener interest in the history of the country or area being discussed. All sorts of side benefits are derived from the intelligent use of maps. An “atmosphere of education” is generated in the home, and this atmosphere is an enormous help in developing a proper concern in the minds of your children about other areas of the world.

Read!

Perhaps one of the saddest things that has happened to the American public in the last twenty years is that people have stopped reading. Too few nowadays do any serious reading at all. It is so much easier to watch television.

But television does not stimulate serious thought in the same way reading does. “Things” move along on the television screen, and you can’t turn back and weigh these “things” in the same way you can in reading. This is especially true of the heavier subjects presented on TV. Television is not a substitute for reading. It might complement the written word but it can never replace it.

A widely read person has an inestimable educational advantage over those who have not developed the reading habit. Books are available to everyone these days. Paperbacks are very inexpensive — with an enormous selection to choose from. Used book stores often have very fine and profitable books for sale at greatly reduced prices. Public libraries are a good source of reading material and are available to most of the people living in the English-speaking world. There is no reason for any normal person not to do a great deal of reading to improve his education. (And, by the way, reading is fun.)

Of course, one needs to be selective in choosing his reading material. There is so much on the market that is worthless — and worse. Many of the biographies, histories and self-improvement books are very profitable. Choose a good book on your favorite topic. And start reading!

Many use the system of marking their books — especially when they have bought paperbacks. When you come across a very good point in the book, you might mark it; then turn back to the inside front cover, note the page number and jot down a key word. That way you can quickly find the helpful quote or interesting point at any time in the future. This system takes just a little more time, but it is an invaluable tool in continuing your education!

This age of mankind has more knowledge available than every other age in all human history put together! Mankind as a whole has greatly misused that knowledge.

The superior education that Winston Churchill intended for Britain in 1945 has not been achieved — either there or in any other country. The education that was to provide peace, prosperity, happiness, and real enduring national leadership has consistently eluded the grasp of all our nations.

But God is making it available to us. Ambassador College, in its three locations, is His instrument for beginning the re-education of the world.

We in God’s Church are called to assist in that enormous job.

And to be effective assistants, we must continue our own education!

Finally, it is the delight of fathers to see their sons do well. How often have we, as parents, been delighted when our children came home from school bubbling over with excitement about some new thing they learned in school that day?

Likewise with our Heavenly Father.

It gives God great pleasure to see His children continue their education! □
Readers Say...

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your sheep. Many times, I will go to God in prayer, praying earnestly for answers to certain questions that are troubling me, and, in the very NEXT ISSUE (of The Plain Truth or Tomorrow's World), there is the answer to my questions. This has happened more than once, and there is no doubt that in this way, God has answered my questions through you, his faithful servant.

Miss Yvonne P., Tampa, Florida

Crisis Sparks Spouse

As a result of my husband seeing the Church Worldwide fast on April 4th, he's begun to feel he ought to be beginning to tithe again. In about 1/2 weeks he gets paid again and said he's going to try to send in tithes. He's not wanting to work to farm God's way. In the very NEXT ISSUE (of The Plain Truth or Good News magazines), I find this new magazine an excellent source of finger-tip review! I'm sure that other members of God's Church do too! It is amazing how much we forget over a period of years and how good this review is!

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You get so many letters that you probably are not interested in a great many comments. But I'd like to tell you this is the 1st time of my recent raise. Since I was baptized in 1963 my salary has exactly doubled and the status and interest of the job has increased tremendously also. Many incidents have miraculously happened on my job also — all God's blessings (even if I am not able to always be right in everything I do).

Clyde B., Woodside, New Jersey

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Shirley B., Santa Rosa, Calif.

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Mr. V. Grainger, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Correspondence Course

I received Lesson 55 today of the Bible Correspondence Course. Each lesson has much valuable information in it. Sometimes I think we need to take for granted these lessons and other literature. We should stop and think how much time and dedicated work, as well as prayer, goes into these lessons. What would our lives be if it were not for God's true servants, who give of themselves to help us make God's kingdom!! Where else could we go for instruction, counsel, and correction (when needed)?

Mist Alice P., Thorndale, Tex.

Double Prize-Wheat Yield

I do want to write and tell you about my experiences last year, as a form of gratitude and perhaps as encouragement to you in your very good work, of teaching to farm God's way. As a result of my husband seeing the next issue (of Tomorrow's World), he's begun to feel he ought to be beginning to tithe again. In about 1/2 weeks he gets paid again and said he's going to try to send in tithes. He's not wanting to work to farm God's way. In the very NEXT ISSUE (of The Plain Truth or Good News magazines), I find this new magazine an excellent source of finger-tip review! I'm sure that other members of God's Church do too! It is amazing how much we forget over a period of years and how good this review is!

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