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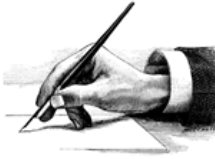
Marion R. Fox

Foundational Principles for Thinking Properly

I now give my family some advice for living a life that is pleasing to God. First, I suggest that you diligently study the Scriptures for knowledge of how to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world (Tit. 2:11-12). Second, I suggest that you meditate on the things taught in the Scriptures. Meditate so you will understand what is being said and how to apply what the Scriptures say. Meditate so you can see what stumbling-blocks might be in your way to obeying what God says to do. Meditate so you can learn about the ways that people both think and act. Third, I suggest that you make a sincere effort to inculcate the things taught in the Scriptures in your life. This takes a lifetime of applying the Scriptures to our thoughts, motives, speech, and actions to truly become a mature Christian.

Our thought patterns are the source of our actions (Mt. 12:34, Lk. 6:45, etc.). This is borne out by the words of the wise man in Pro. 10:32. Jesus tells us that all sorts of sins come out of a man's heart (Mt. 15:18-20). You may ask: “What is the heart of the

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The Editorial Pen: How Long Is an INCH?

So, you think the words in the title are silly, ridiculous; no, I do not know where your mind just went: as in a stupid question! However, it is NOT ridiculous as you might think! It calls for a standard by which things can be measured. Unless we can agree on the standard, there is little use for us to talk! It just might be the case, that most discourses are had as though there is no standard. Have you ever heard: 1) “That is just your opinion!”; 2) “That is your interpretation!”; or “You are being legalistic!” If you have talked about the Bible with just a little more than a few, more than likely you have had one or all these statements put to you.

First, there is the question: “Is there a standard?” If we are building a house, there must be a standard by which all cuts are to be made. Just think of it, if you have four carpenters working on the same house, and each one has a different standard by which he measures each cut. Let us say, you put one carpenter on each of the four walls. But, each carpenter uses a different standard to measure the lumber that he cuts. The wall on the south end will be one length high and long, the wall on the west side would be another length, the wall on the north side would be yet another length, while the wall on the east side will be of another length and height. It

would be at least a funny looking house! This is the natural result of not having a standard, or we could say, it is the result of not having the same standard! But, the last part of the statement is not necessary, for if there is a standard and all use the same standard, all the cuts will be correct!

Second, has it ever occurred to you, that people are very fickle? What they will not allow in one area, like building a house, they allow in another area; the Bible to be precise! The most important Book you will ever hold in the hands is the Bible, the inspired Bible. Once more to be precise, “*the teaching of Christ*” (2 John 9), “*the truth*” (John 8:32), “*the gospel of Christ*” (Rom. 1:16). Each one of these phrases is equal to the other, as each is another way of saying the same thing and is the means of salvation. Now, think on this, have you ever had a discourse with a carpenter, where you had to come to an understanding as to what the standard of measurement would be, before the work started? Of course, not! You and the carpenter, or carpenters, all know what the standard measurement is; it is twelve inches to the foot and three feet to the yard! No way! Or how about these: the carpenter says to you, that is just your opinion, your interpretation, or you are being too legalistic. It only

happens when we are talking about what the Bible teaches! Why is this? Could it be that some people, do not believe that “the teaching of Christ” is the standard when it comes to salvation?

If you have any doubt, that “the gospel of Christ” is the standard, hear the apostle Paul: “*I marvel that ye are so quickly removed from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel*” (Gal. 1:6). Was there a real danger in the churches of the Galatians moving from the gospel, to another? Let Paul answer this question for us; as he continued to write: “*which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ*” (verse 7). Stop, can you just hear the Galatians saying, Paul that is just your opinion, that is only your interpretation, or Paul you are being too legalistic? Yes, in fact they may have expressed these very thoughts! But Paul, knowing there is one standard, when it comes to being saved, pleasing and acceptable to God; therefore, these words follow: “*But though we,*

or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (verse 8). Does Paul write as though he was being too legalistic? Look at the word “accursed.” This subject just does not sound good to start with, but looking at it is important. The Greek word is “anathema,” and Strong says, “excommunicated.” The words of Albert Barnes will help us, as he wrote: “The object of Paul is to express the greatest possible abhorrence of any other doctrine than that which he had himself preached.” But, let us also read these words: “Some have sought to soften the meaning of this word, but there can be no doubt that it is the strongest curse that can be uttered, having the meaning of “yielded up to the wrath of God, surrendered to the curse of God.” (Coffman’s Commentary).

The standard, “the gospel of Christ,” “the truth,” “the teaching of Christ,” and the “anathema” of God waits for all who change it, yes, even one word of it!

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<https://tinyurl.com/fox-mcdonalddebate>



“MORE ABOUT JESUS WOULD I KNOW” (5)

Frank R. Williams

In the last article, “More about Jesus would I know,” we left Jesus in Cana of Galilee. Our purpose is to see the beauty of Jesus, that we might develop this beauty in ourselves. Just a point here that we did not note in the last article. In the event of Jesus turning the water into wine (pure grape juice) Jesus was obedient to his mother. Truly this is a mark of beauty seen in Jesus! As we follow his steps, we pick up his steps in John 2:12 “After this (Referring to the events done in Cana) he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.” First, it is good that we understand what the words “his brethren,” means. It refers to his physical brothers in the flesh, having the same mother, but not the same father in the case of Jesus. It helps to understand this, by noticing the words, “and his disciples.” “His brethren” and “his disciples” were not the same people; his disciples were the twelve. Also notice the words, “and they continued there not many days.” Meaning Jesus and those with him, did not stay long in Capernaum, but continued on elsewhere.

Nevertheless, let us see what we can learn about Capernaum, but only

briefly. First, Capernaum, which in Hebrew is “Kfar Nam;” and means: “Nahum’s village.” In the time of Jesus, Capernaum was a major city of Galilee. In my study, I read that the city was not mentioned prior to the Babylonish captivity in the Old Testament. Its location is on the north-west shore of the sea of Galilee and about five miles from the entrance of the Jordan River and it was the route of travel from Damascus to the Mediterranean. Look at a map for a better understanding of the location of Capernaum.

Second, what did Jesus do while at Capernaum? This is not Jesus’ first visit to Capernaum. In this case, Jesus already has “his disciples” (John 2:12). Following his temptation, Matthew informs us: “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers” (Matt. 4:18). When Jesus sees the brothers, he said unto them: “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (verse 19). It should be noted that, Peter and Andrew were partners with John and his brother James (Matt. 4:21). What does this mean? It means that James and John also lived in Capernaum. With this information, let us turn our attention back to Jesus.

First, though often overlooked, Jesus took his mother with him to

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Capernaum, as he continued to care for her. A point of beauty seen in Jesus! Capernaum is the place where Jesus showed the beauty of his love, over and over. Here is proof of Jesus' love for the lost souls in Capernaum: "Capernaum was witness to more of Christ's miracles than any other spot on earth. Jesus made His headquarters in this beautiful, prosperous fishing village on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. He performed more miracles and preached more sermons in and around Capernaum than at any other place during His entire ministry. It was there that He raised Jairus's daughter from the dead and healed the nobleman's son. It was here that He healed the demoniac, Peter's mother-in-law, the woman with the hemorrhage, the two blind men, the centurion's servant, the dumb demoniac, and the paralytic who was lowered through the roof by his friends." (Taken from, 2018 Discover The Book

Ministries/A Nonprofi 501C3 Bible Teaching Ministry). This is like Jesus' words: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30). But the people of Capernaum, in the majority, never allowed the beautiful words into their hearts!

Here is another quote from the same place above: "They failed to respond to God in their midst. They were not antagonistic; they were merely indifferent. They did not deny Him; they merely quietly ignored Him. They did not rebel against Him; they merely had other things that were more important than paying attention to God." Is this not like so many today? If they even look at Jesus at all, they fail to see his beauty; thus, they are merely indifferent, they

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Bible?” The Hebrew language is quite poetic and it has a characteristic of its poetry that is different than English poetry. This unique characteristic of Hebrew poetry is parallelism. There are several different kinds of parallelism in Hebrew poetry, but the Holy Spirit (the ultimate writer of the Scriptures) used synonymous parallelism to define the word “heart.” I call your attention to Jer. 31:31-34 and encourage you to study this passage as it is quoted twice in the book of Hebrews (Heb. 8:7-13 and 10:15-18). Note the words of Jeremiah that are quoted and explained by the quotation:

Jer. 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:

Heb. 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people:

Heb. 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws on their heart, And upon their mind also will I write them; then saith he,

I call your attention to the way the writer of the book of Hebrews quotes

Jer. 31:33 and exchanges (by the direction of the Holy Spirit) the words “mind” and “heart.” (Note how he quotes Jer. 31:33 with the words “inward parts” [mind] and “heart” in the same order as Jer. [Heb. 8:10], but that he exchanges their order in Heb. 10:16. This is not a mistake, but it is the Holy Spirit’s commentary on the meaning of the word “heart.”) The heart of the Bible is the mind of man. We should fill our minds (hearts) with good thoughts and good motives (Phil. 4:8-9). I call attention to Phil. 4:4-7 for other factors that help us to direct our thoughts toward good things.

I have for many years taught that there is a vast difference between doing what one is told to do and obeying the one giving the commandments. I might do what I am told to do out of necessity or in a grudging manner (2 Cor. 9:7). If I truly obey, I will first yield my will to the one that I am obeying. Yield your will to the Will of God.

I have long fought against Calvinism because it has a number of errors that will lead men to Hell. First, Calvinism teaches the doctrinal error that humans are inherently evil. The Scriptures clearly teach that babies are born neutral and have to be taught to know to choose to do good and to know to refuse to do what is evil (Isa. 7:15-16 etc.). Many educational philosophers in the United States teach that people are inherently good (this is also wrong). Mankind has

to be taught a sense of ought. Second, Calvinism teaches the false doctrine that man cannot do anything that is good (because he is inherently depraved). I have dealt with some of the errors of Calvinism in my two books on *The Work of the Holy Spirit*.

There is a simple principle in the Scriptures that you need to learn and follow. The Scriptures always replace evil with good (there is never a moral vacuum). If we do not replace sin (of which we repent) with good; there is a moral vacuum and it will be filled with more evil (Mt. 12:44-45). Note how the good that we are to put back in the place of evil that we remove from our lives is often either found in the same verse (cf. Eph. 4:25-32) or in the immediate context.

Do not allow yourself to become infected with the spiritual disease that says: "Woe is me, everything is bad" (spiritual pessimism). On the other hand, do not become infected with the spiritual disease of what I call: "Spiritual Pollyannaism." Remember that some people choose to do good and other people choose to do evil. Be realistic in your view of people.

Let me say that we can learn from bad things that happen to us. Let me illustrate what I mean by this statement. First, when we have something stolen from us we know what it feels like to be the victim. This (linked with The Golden Rule [Mt. 7:12 and Lk.

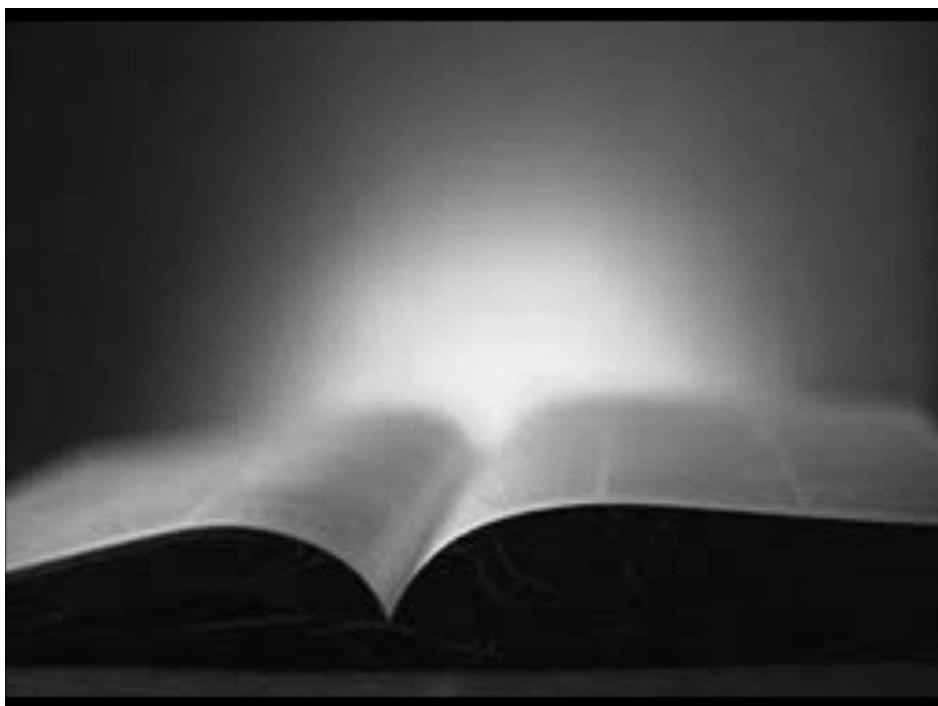
6:31]) should give us another reason not to steal from others. Second, when someone lies about us we know what it feels like to be the victim of a lie. Again, from The Golden Rule, we do not want others to go through what we went through. We are able to turn something that is evil (a sin against us) and make good come from it (at least good in our lives). Ultimately we will give account to God for what we do in this life (Rom. 14:12). For my son and grandsons, if you ever serve as an elder or a leader in the Lord's church; you will give account to God for how you serve in that role (Heb. 13:17). If you serve as an elder, you must not ignore sin in the lives of the flock. Sin must be reprov'd (shown to be sin – reprov'ing is defined in Jn. 3:20-21) and if they refuse to repent, it must be rebuked. Constantly exhort the flock to serve God and be certain that you serve as a good leader.

The prophet Hosea is a good illustration of this principle. Hosea's wife "Gomer" was unfaithful to him, but he still loved her. God chose Hosea to deliver the message of how God felt when Israel (His wife) was unfaithful to Him. Suppose that your spouse does not show appreciation for something that you do for him/her, let it be a learning experience (think about how God feels when we are unthankful to Him and let it cause you to become more thankful to both God and men). Remember that God is kind to those who are unthankful

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THEME: *To help Christians be informed, encouraged, and understand to enjoy their salvation and the blessings that come with it!*

TEXT: *1 Timothy 4:8 – “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”*

SUBJECTS:

1. Johnny Hinton - *Salvation: The theme*
2. Allan Lay - *Salvation: the favor of God*
3. Bill Jones - *Salvation: Loving God first*
4. Dan Fredman - *Salvation: from sins committed and forgiven*
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11. Lucian Farrar - *Salvation: in hope*
12. Brian Berry - *Salvation: Now and the hereafter*

Mark the dates: March 22 – 25 and plan to hear all twelve lessons. The manuscripts are now coming in to be prepared, which includes: proofing, preparing the pages in the right order, printing and putting all twelve manuscripts into spiral books. We will be printing about sixty books.

to Him (Lk. 6:35-36). Remember also that being unthankful is a sin (2 Tim. 3:2). With this attitude we are able to take the lemons that life gives us and make lemonade out of them. If we are thankful, our spouse might follow our example and become more thankful.

When something bad happens to you, look for some way to learn from it and become better for it. Do not allow yourself to become bitter over bad things that happen to you. Try to have peace with all men (Heb. 12:14-15), but peace may not be possible because evil men will persecute us. You must not be the cause of discord (Rom. 12:18-21), turn the other cheek when you are insulted. You must steadfastly stand up for what is right (even against all odds [1 Pet. 3:15 and Jude 3]). Remember that, if we are with God, (Rom. 8:31) those that are against us have no real power (cf. Mt. 10:28).

I look at other people and I am thank-

ful that I have not experienced some of the problems they have experienced. I am thankful for my blessings. For example, two of my friends at high school experienced some tragic events. One friend had two children and both were killed in an auto accident. (He lost all of his children in this accident.) Another friend lost her husband in an auto accident (I think a drunk driver was on the wrong side of a four-lane highway and hit them head-on. She was severely injured and her husband was killed.) I can name other people who have experienced tragic events and I remember them when I begin to feel sorry for myself.

Do not allow yourself to become so engrossed in making money that you fail to serve God. There are two different sins relating to money. First, there is the sin of covetousness (the desire to gain wealth linked with a willingness to do evil to obtain it). Second, there

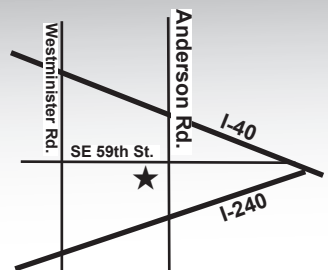
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is the love of money or stinginess when we obtain wealth [we might obtain wealth lawfully {without sinning}, but be stingy with it]). If you have problems with either (or both of) these sins, you will never have enough to satisfy yourself (Ecc. 5:10). A stingy man will hurt himself (Ecc. 5:13). I have seen people who were covetous (they sinned in order to obtain wealth), but they would give generously to charity (perhaps because this made them feel good about their actions). Allow me to elaborate on this problem further.

The Jews were not allowed to offer anything to God that had been taken in violence (Mal. 1:10-14). The children of Israel were not to offer the wages of a dog (male prostitute – a sodomite) or the hire of a prostitute (Deut. 23:17-18). From this we determine that God does not want anything (as a gift to God) that is tainted by sin. There is no reward in giving, what we have stolen, to others (Eph. 4:28). We are to work what is good in order to have to give to those in need. By implication, he is saying that we are not to steal in order to do good. We cannot do evil that good may come (Rom. 3:7-8). From these points we perceive that God does not accept a gift from us that was taken by sinful means. (No gift of that nature is accepted by God.)

My father told me (more than once) that money that was obtained easily is not appreciated (he even wondered if he should give his ranch to his children

because of this). A man who works for what he obtains, tends to appreciate it (Ecc. 5:12). You will notice (in the news) that there are a very high percentage of people who win a lottery that wind up being bankrupt within two or three years. The old saying is: “Easy come, easy go.” Note what God said regarding wealth and poverty:

Pro. 30:8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies; Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is needful for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is Jehovah? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God.

When I had the five surgeries in 2008, I became a bit depressed before the fifth surgery. I began to wonder if this would ever be over. I think that I have a better understanding of those who are terminally ill. I began to get a bit lonely when I stayed at home and was unable to go places and interact with people. This also makes me more aware of the need to “visit” people who are shut-in. I am trying harder to go see people who are shut-in because of my experiences. This is one way to take a lemon that you are dealt and make it into lemonade.

I regret every sin that I have committed and wish I could go back and undo any wrong that I ever did, but you cannot change the past. Keep yourself pure (cf. the words of Paul to a preacher – 1 Tim. 5:22) and free from sin as much as possible.

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don't deny him, they quietly ignore him, they don't rebel against him, but they give all their attention to other things! When we question: "What is wrong with America, the answer is right before our eyes, but we will not see the beauty in Jesus and when his words are heard, we plug our ears, so we will not hear the beauty of his words.

It is said, that Capernaum is second only to Jerusalem, as one of the places Jesus visited. Mark informs us, after Jesus called the sons of Zebedee, which is Jesus' first visit to Capernaum: "*And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught*" (Mark 1:21). What was the reaction of the people? Mark wrote: "*And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes*" (verse 22). The folks in the synagogue noticed that Jesus taught like no one else they had ever heard before; as he taught with authority. The scribes

had been teaching, but their teaching was not done with "authority" as Jesus did! This should remind us of today, that he is still teaching with authority, as he said after his death and resurrection to the apostles: "*All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth*" (Matt. 29:18). With this "power/authority" Jesus commissioned the apostles in these words: "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*" (Mark 16:15). It may not be thought of, but in this commission to the apostles, the beauty of Jesus is seen! It is seen in his love for the lost and desire that they be saved! Thus, his words: "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*" (Mark 16:16).

Therefore, it should be the desire of every person to: "More about Jesus would I know," and more of his beauty be seen in me!



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Advantages of Daily Bible Reading

Hershel Dyer

It Leads to a Greater Knowledge of God's Word

Apart from the individual study of the Bible, there can be no real knowledge of God's Word. Geologists can tell us much about the foundation of rock, clay, minerals, etc., that lie beneath the surface of the earth. Their knowledge has been acquired through digging, drilling, mining and close observation. Much time and effort are likewise required of those who would come to know the Word of God. But, when gained, this knowledge will not only benefit its possessor, it will also enable such a one to help others who need light and instruction.

It Leads to a Closer Walk with God

It has been said, "When we pray, we talk to God; when we read the Bible, God talks to us." Some make their conversation with God too one-sided. They are often telling God their wants of Him, but they spend little time in finding out what he wants of them. Saturate your mind daily with God's Word and you will find your life being molded and made into the likeness of God. Life will grow richer and more meaningful. It will take on real purpose, for no one can walk with God and feel that one is living in vain.

It Leads to an Open and Manifest Life of Faithfulness

"Neither do men light a lamp and put it under the bushel, but on the stand and it shineth unto all that are in the house." (Matthew 5:15) The daily reading of the Bible makes one want to share his information and inspiration with others. One will be anxious to attend the Bible classes; one will relish sermons that draw from "the deep things of God"; a person's heart will soar to lofty heights during the solemn prayers and with the melodies of the sweet, sacred songs. One would fain weep while rejoicing each time one approaches the Lord's Table. A person's liberal hand gives readily of such as God has first given. We do not believe daily Bible readers are commonly absent from the meetings of the church. Daily Bible reading cultivates the spiritual mind and prepares it for the appreciation of worship, both private and public. We believe there is an inseparable link between daily Bible reading and regular attendance at public worship. The last may exist apart from the first, but, we think the first is rarely found apart from the last.

Have you come to know the fruits of daily Bible study in your life? Truly, your joy and usefulness can be greatly

increased thereby. Try it and see!

(Hershel Dyer preached 44 years for the 10th and Rockford church of Christ in Tulsa, OK. Which is Tulsa's oldest congregation.)

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ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

(Author Unknown; slightly adapted)

Willie Mays started his baseball career with only one hit in his first 26 at-bats. Though he eventually hit 660 home runs and stole more than 300 bases, his debut was so unimpressive that it appeared he would never become a great baseball player. The turning point took place when his manager, Leo Durocher, found him crying in the dugout after a game. The coach put his arms around Mays and said, "What's the matter, son?" Mays said, "I can't hit up here. I belong in the minor leagues." Durocher said, "As long as I'm manager of the Giants, you'll be my centerfielder."

It wasn't long before Mays began hitting the ball, and he was on his way to becoming a legend of the game. If Willie had been left alone in the dugout that day, his career might have ended before it started. Fortunately, someone believed in him when he didn't believe in himself.

Is there someone in your life who needs a dose of encouragement?

Someone who's ready to give up? Someone who no longer believes in his or her talents? You have the opportunity to lift them up. Your words, your confidence can help them get back on track.

Paul recognized the value of encouragement. Have you ever noticed how often in the New Testament the word "strengthen" (or "build up") accompanies the word "encouragement?" When you offer encouragement to others, you quite literally renew their strength. Paul challenged us all in 1 Thessalonians 5:11:

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Take a look around you today. There may be a future Hall-of-Famer nearby who needs a good word from you. Give them some encouragement today!

(From the Cleveland, OK church bulletin, Douglas E. Dingley peacher.)

PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

It is our hope that those who receive our Journal, "One Heart," will enjoy receiving it and will be spiritually benefited by the articles. We try to cover a variety of subjects which we believe will provoke thought, which may cause you to go and study the subjects.

We never expect you to just read and accept the articles, the subjects upon which we write, but we do trust you will study on your own to determine if they are true to "the grand old Book," the Bible! This is the same thing we continually tell the students of the "Oklahoma City of Biblical Studies." We are not so conceited in ourselves, to believe that we are without flaw in our own understanding of all things written by the inspired writers of the scriptures. If we so thought and taught, then, it appears to me, that we just might be claiming to be inspired! I have over six hundred books, and even more in tubs, written by men of different decades; I am sure that not one of them claimed to know all there is to know. I am also sure that they never stopped studying, but as Paul wrote the young preacher Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Even the word "Study" needs attention. This word is from the Greek word, "spoudazo," and means: "1) to hasten, make haste and 2) to exert one's self, endeavour, give diligence." So some object to the word "study" being in the text. However, if anyone thinks they can be "approved unto God," "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and is able to "rightly dividing the word of truth," without a lifetime of study, he needs to study a lot more!

Therefore, it is with this intent that we at the "Oklahoma City School of Biblical Studies," send forth each issue of the "One Heart," to you!

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	Class One	Class Two
1 st Period 6:30-7:15 PM	Daniel	Beginning Greek
	Jerry Gore	Marion R. Fox
2 nd Period 7:45-8:30 PM	The Minor Prophets	Romans in Greek
	Chris Hill	Marion R. Fox
3 rd Period 8:30-9:15 PM	The United Kingdom	Pastoral Epistles
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-- The Editor