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GET RID OF THAT SURPLUS LOAD.  
SURELY LIFE'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE A SUFFICIENT BURDEN.


THE WORKS OF THE FLESH  
(Cont.)

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**Heresies** - The 'old man', when listened to, will cause a man to be lifted up with pride - to exalt himself as a great teacher scorning simple things. He wants to start building before he has the foundation - that is the strong and sure foundation, upon which he will eventually build. Without that strong and sure foundation, whatever he builds will surely fall and he will fall with it. Men pride themselves on their abilities to extract the truth from the Scriptures. They even retain their knowledge - refusing the correction and instruction of those whom God has proved and found approved over the many years. They operate in the realm of the fleshly intellect and they sit as judges over what is truth and what is error. When they agree with something, they give their blessing to it.

Well, at least they are scriptural for it says in I Cor. 11:19, "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved (of God) may be made manifest among you". They are not open to light on the matter - which is proven by their rejection of it. The flesh is very stubborn.



**Envyings** - Feelings - resentments - because of another's advantage or position (a position which is God given) coveting it for themselves. Thoughts begin to go through their minds - I can do it better - The way they handle it is not to my liking - They don't give me enough attention - They should use me - I'll go tell them about it - I want to hear - I will take over and do the teaching.

Col. 3:5b, "...covetousness which is idolatry". It moves them to murder.

**Murders** - The word "murder" may not even enter their minds. However, not only do they attempt to make meat of the leaders that God has lifted up, but they will not even listen to others who warn them of their foolishness in opposing God.

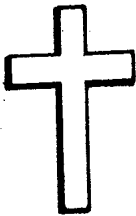
They want to take over the feeding of God's flock which



God has put in good care - the motto is 'Get rid of the shepherd and you can get the Sheep! The result of them taking over would be a disaster - baby fruit would dry up and starve under the human intellects hand - becoming unprofitable, sick from soulish manifestations which come out of the carnal pot. By not operating in the realm of the Spirit, they do not see things the way God sees them. They can only reproduce what they operate in.

**Drunkenness** - They are drunk with self - intoxicated with their carnal spirituality. They are not even able to walk a straight line - their feet and hands are not steady - their sight is blurred so that they cannot see as they ought. They are up and they are down.

**Revellings** - Due to their drunkenness their tongues are loosed and they become bold - doing and saying things that they would never do or say if they were sober in the Spirit. Becoming lawless, they set up their own laws, and in this drunken condition they think that everything is alright with them.



They will never become fruitful saints of God until they put down this old nature and its deeds - putting it to death by appropriating the power of the Spirit and His works.

Carnality spoils our walk and brings division to the Body. It talks of Love - but its fruit is the fruit of the flesh which is in rebellion against God - stirred by Satanic influence.

If they were being controlled by the Divine Love of God, it would cause them to love the things God loves. Their joy would be in the Lord and their pleasure would be to submit to Him and to all that is of Him. They would want to be what He pleases them to be - to learn what it pleases Him to teach them, and that through whatever vessel He chooses to use. They would want to receive correction and chastening and pruning knowing that it is needful for true well-being.

We need to rest in Him - to be content in Him (whether or not we are raised up) we should not desire to go ahead of Him or to lag behind, but we should desire to grow up unto Him in all things in every area of our life. We can trust that He will exalt us in due time, when we can be trusted with it, and after He first prepares the vessel.

The Divine love actuating us will not cause the one under the control of the Holy Spirit to be impatient, envious, to vaunt themselves, to be puffed up with self-importance, to behave in an unseemly manner, to seek their own, to be provoked, or to think evil.

The Divine love working in and through us will cause us to hate what God hates - Satan and all his forces and works - this world system and all that is of the world system - the works of the flesh. God has already judged these things and just because they are active in a believer does not make them acceptable to Him. God hates them - they prevent spiritual growth.

I Cor. 3:1-4, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" If we walk after the flesh we become carnal.

Carnality spoils the Christian walk and is devisive - the operation of the spiritual gifts are unprofitable to the one who is carnal. I Cor. 13:1-3, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, (but am not actuated by Divine love) I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (but am not actuated by Divine love) I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, (but am not actuated by Divine love) it profiteth me nothing".

Continuing to indulge in carnality, the carnal believer can be lead back into the world system where everything is geared to appeal to the lust of the old man and his pride and rebellion. I John 2:16, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2:15b, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him".

Paul said in II Tim. 4:10a that 'Demas had forsaken him, having loved this present world' Continuing in carnality can cause the carnal believer to be set aside as unuseable by God - a castaway, disapproved

for service. I Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (or be disapproved)".

If we continue in carnality it could cause us to be turned over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that our spirit might be saved. Once the believer is put outside the fellowship of the church - Satan can destroy his flesh - demon spirits will be allowed to control him in order to destroy his physical life.

I Cor. 5:5, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the Spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus". True repentance, however, will restore him to fellowship. II Cor. 2: 6,7, "Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with over-much sorrow".

Carnality can cause us to commit the sin unto death - when that happens, no prayers will avail for us. God Himself will cut the person off by physical death. I John 5:16,17, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin unto death".

To be continued next month.



#### GET THE HABIT

##### Of Studying the Word Daily

The great American Educator, Horace Mann, said: "Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it!"

It is all to the good if we can't break a strong cable that has been woven from good habits, but it is very bad when a strong cable has been made from poor habits. That is why it is so important for parents to break their offspring off any bad habits that is forming. It is easy to do this in the beginning but difficult or almost impossible when the habit is firmly established.

When habits form strong cables in our lives, may they be good habits which come from seeking God's Will and Studying God's Word Daily.



WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 Book Review: "Roman Catholicism" By Boettner

Roman Church as such did not exist from the beginning and has no claim to the title "Mother Church". The first Christians were non-denominational, Christian doctrine in its purity began to decline when Constantine declared Christianity to be the state religion, one heresy after another was added to the church - tradition of men and human inventions were substituted for the simplicity of the gospel. The reformation was a back to the Bible movement - reformers tried to shake off every non-scriptural practice, 1591 Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door - church did not want to change, instead the Council of Trant in 1545-1563, pretty well fixed the attitudes of the Catholic Church, it pronounced more than 100 anathemas or curses against all who would ever dare to differ with its decisions.

The Priesthood.

In ancient Israel the priests performed three primary duties; they ministered at the sanctuary before God, offering sacrifices to Him in behalf of the people; they taught the people the law of God; and they inquired for the people concerning the divine will.

Under the old covenant - the man who held the offices of prophet, priest, and king were only shadows or types of the great prophet, the great priest and the great king who was to come. With the coming of Christ, each of these offices found its fulfillment in him.

And with the accomplishment of His work of redemption, each of these offices, as it functioned on the human level, reached its fulfillment and was abolished. Christ completed His work, He said "It is finished" the temple veil was rent in two from the top to the bottom". That veil was 6 inches thick - impossible for human hands to tear it apart - but God did it for us because his Son had made it possible for all who would take the name of Jesus Christ to enter into the holy of holies.

The Old Covenant was abolished, we have a new Covenant, There is one high priest. Heb. 7:26, "For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed the law appoints man in their weakness as high priests, but the world of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who

has been made perfect forever".

Heb. 8:6, "But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry which is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion for a second.

Jesus Christ made it possible for all believers to go directly to God in prayer and to intercede for themselves and others, they are the priests of God for these are the functions of a priest. Thus we have the term Universal Priesthood of Believers, I Peter 2:5,9, "Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession." This epistle of Peter's was not addressed to a specially selected cast of priests, but was addressed to the Jewish Christians who were scattered through the various nations.

Rev. 1:5-6, Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father.

The Bible does not instruct believers to make atonement or sacrifices for their sins, they are to confess them, not sacrifice for them. The Roman Church attempts to make sacrifice for sin in the ritual of the Mass. Christian sacrifice is in the form of praise and thanksgiving unto God. Heb. 13:15, "Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise unto God continually, that is the fruit of lips which make confession in his name." Second there is the sacrifice offered through our gifts for the support of God's work. Heb. 13:16, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are blessing to God. Thirdly there is the offering of ourselves, or bodies, our lives, in Christian service: Rom. 12:1, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service".

To be continued.



#### "WARFARE"

Our Warfare is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defense that men erect against the knowledge of God. We must fight to capture every thought until it acknowledges the authority of Christ. 2 Cor. 10:5,6.



## THE "HOW TO" CORNER



## "HOW TO" TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Eph. 6:1-9

By Dr. Edith R. Grimes

Responsibility is something that everyone has to undertake in life, whether they like it or not. God has made all of us to bear responsibility. He intends it that way and has planned it that way and then He helps us with it.

When do we first start taking responsibility? Responsibility starts in small childhood. Children should be trained to take responsibility at a very young age. Usually it starts with them having to pick up their toys and put them in their right place. Then making their bed, keeping their room tidy, doing little chores such as taking out the garbage, helping with dishes, etc.

It is good to train children that if they have a pet they 'must be responsible for it'. To see that it is fed and watered and kept clean. If they take music see that they practise and teach them that they are responsible to practise and make a success of music.

Teach children to pray in their own words. That God is their heavenly Father and He wants us to just talk to Him and worship Him, and tell Him all of our problems. When a child is taught to go to their own room and pray about things that go wrong like at school, with playmates or in the home, etc.

Children also need to be taught to be respectful, Eph. 6:1-3 reads "Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honour thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth". Not only should the parents be respected, but also the school teachers, or those they work for on the job. Calling older people by their first names is not being respectful, and those who are over us in regards to authority.

What about Teenagers and Responsibility? First they must take some responsibility in the home. They should have certain household duties to be responsible for. Then in regards to school they must take responsibility in regards to getting a good education and train themselves in this way. They should take responsibility in helping provide and earn



the money for their education.

What about our responsibility as we become adults? Possibly on the job is where responsibility is very important. Eph. 6:5-9 says we are to do our work as unto the "Lord". Not unto the boss or anyone else but as though we are working for the Lord because we are. He sees everything we do and hears everything we say. We must be obedient and honest. That ten minute coffee-break, don't stretch it to twenty minutes. When your to quit work at four o'clock don't stop at fifteen minutes to, etc.

Then there is the responsibility of Choice: We especially think of marriage. In II Cor. 6:14-18 it gives us clear guide lines. They must be a Christian as this is vital. There is no room for compromise in any way. When a wife is chosen it is "till death do us part". No other thought should enter our minds. Gen. 2:23,24 states that they are to 'cleave to each other'. No one should come between this God-given relationship. Setting up a Home where Christ is the head is a beautiful thing. Raising a family for the glory of God. So many young couples now a days do not want to have children. I think this is wrong. Every couple should have at least one or two. Didn't God help you in this life and can't He help your children? He is God and if we dedicate our children to Him and then with His help we bring them up to Love and Serve the Lord, isn't He able to keep them and bless them? Don't limit God. Where will the Christians be if all the Christians stop having children? God helped us through and He will watch over them.

What is one of the biggest enemies? Fear. Afraid you cannot cope with the responsibility of marriage, home, family as well as other things. Remember the chat with the old Philosopher, about Satan selling out and charging an enormous price for a sea-shell? His friend asked why such a price and he said with that he could go in business any time. The friend listened to the sea shell and it said "I can't, I can't", Satan says "you can't" but God says "you can". Remember Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me". Believe and stand on it for its true.

To be continued.



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BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO TRY. SUCCESS  
COMES BY LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES AND  
FAILURES AND TRYING AGAIN AND AGAIN.

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