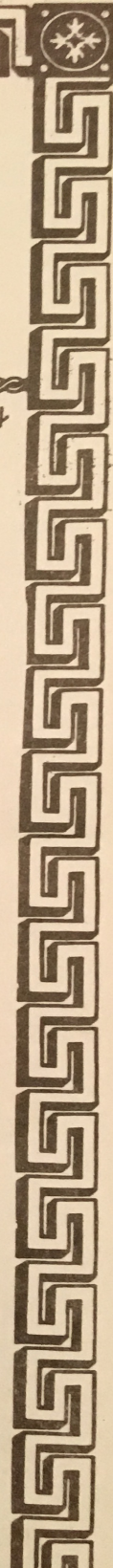
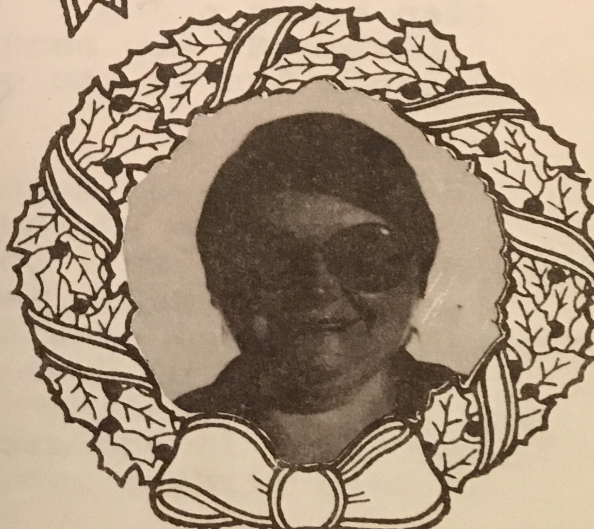
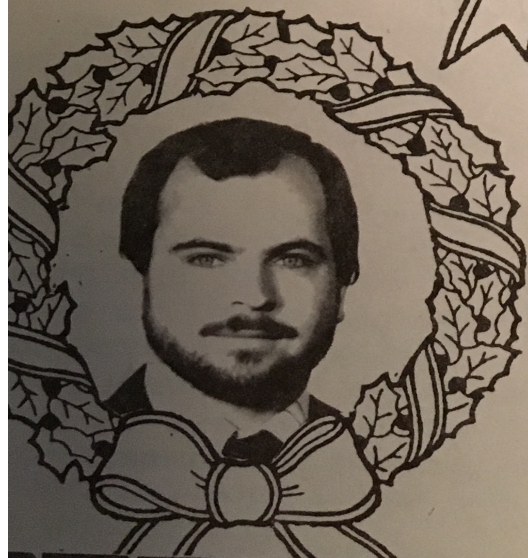
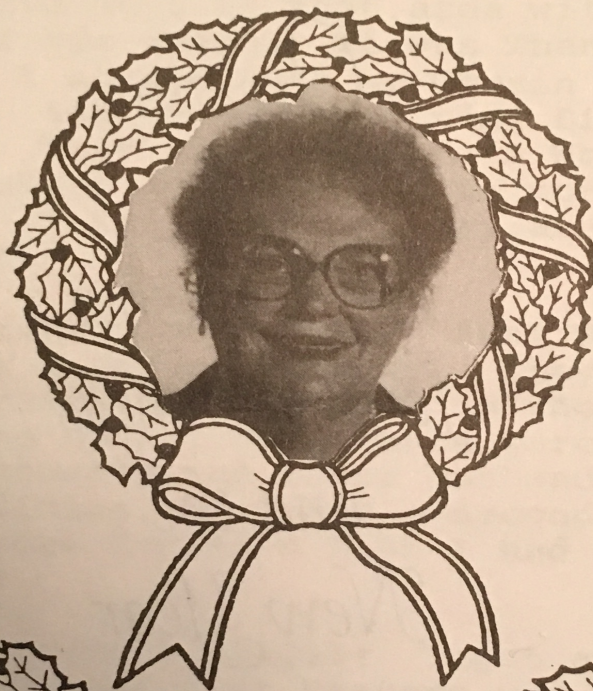




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*Greetings
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for Christmas
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New Year*

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NEWS

What's Cooking at C.T.C.? I have just returned from a Wonderful trip the Lord provided for me. I was wanting to visit my relatives in Canada whom I had not seen for years. The Lord sent me a check from an unexpected source in my own name with no need of receipt. On October 9th, Sat. I flew to Vancouver, B.C. to spend five days in that area with relatives I had not seen for six years. It was Thanksgiving Weekend in Canada. I stayed with my Cousin Donald & Lydia at Langley, B.C. and had Thanksgiving Dinner with them on Sunday. They are attending a Wonderful Church, "Assemblies" where they have 1400 in morning service and really move in the Spirit. They are well involved, Praise the Lord!

On Monday they took me to my Aunt Frances and Cousin Dorothy's a few miles away. They left me there in the morning and returned in the evening to visit and take me back. Well there were 15 for Dinner, the daughter's and their husbands had come home for Thanksgiving, so I had a second Thanksgiving Dinner and saw more Cousin's than I had expected. Praise the Lord!

Talk about God's Timing!!! I got a phone call Tues. Nov. 2nd, to say Aunt Frances was "Promoted to Glory" on Sun. Oct. 31st, She was 87 and a good Christian. Praise the Lord!

Well I flew to Saskatoon, Sask. on Friday for five days in that area. I was met by my Cousin George and his wife Gladys. They live 100 miles North beside my Uncle Willie (ten years older than I) and Aunt Bertha his wife. I had not seen them for 23 years. What a Reunion! On Sunday they took me 180 miles North to see two of my dear old Aunties in a Rest Home. They remembered me and while there one of their sons, my cousin, who I had not seen since a child came in. How Wonderful!

On Tues. they took me to North Battleford, 40 miles north of where they live. We visited another dear old Aunty in her own home. Beside her lives "Ivy Seabrook" who was one of the Worker's I was with in the Ministry before I was married. She had taught me how to make a Daily and Weekly Schedule - I've been a scheduled person ever since, ha! ha! I ate lunch with her and while so doing, in came a dear old preacher friend I had known in my early years of Ministry. He is now 85 and still going strong. He had heard I was going to be there and came to see me. Another great reunion!

There were two old Bible School Teacher's I had had that lived in that area. One was "Percy Hunt" and I found he had been "promoted to Glory" three years ago. Then George Hawtin had been the principal of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Bible School I had graduated from in Saskatoon. He was living in Battleford so before I left my Aunty that afternoon, I phoned him. Immediately he said "Where are you? I've got to see you!" I gave him the address and in moments he and his wife arrived. Again, what a Reunion!

I left early Thur. morning to fly to Oklahoma City. Leslie Nikkel had already arranged for me to teach in a Camp-Seminar he was having in their beautiful Park where he is Supt. namely the Great Salt Lake State Park in the North of Okla. I took two morning devotionals from 8-9 A.M. and taught on Sat. afternoon. It was a delightful time both Spiritually and Physically. The Fellowship was great! Praise God!

The following Sunday I spent in Ponca City at the first service in their new building, "Center For Christian Training." What a lovely place and what potential! Praise the Lord!

I flew home on Monday, Nov. 1st. The weather in Vancouver area was lovely and the leaves were arrayed in their beautiful fall colors. In Sask. the trees were bare and it dropped to zero at night. We had some snow on Sun. but it did not last. The weather in Okla. was beautiful and cool. Now I'm really appreciating Calif. weather.

GOALS FOR C.T.C.

My main goal is to get Albert's books correctly published so they can be sold in book stores. The reason: Not to make money, but to "Get the Word Out" to more people. We will group several books together according to themes to make a worthwhile size. Already the Lord has given me a retired school teacher to go through and correct grammar, punctuation, etc. Praise the Lord!

I am available to travel and teach as the Lord opens doors of utterance for me.

We hope to eventually enlarge the "Crusader" and make a real magazine of it.

I needed someone to correct the Correspondence Course Lessons as I have so much to do. He gave me a fine young married woman who has been in our classes here for years and is finishing the Advanced Course, Carla Miller. Still mail all lessons here, I will forward them. Elsie, our daughter, works part time in the office with me. Joe Cummings, our Vice President, is working hard learning all he can to better himself for the work the Lord has ahead for him to do. He is a good helper too. Also, Thom and Donna Lundeen who look after the "Crusader" for us.

Thank God for Helpers! These goals can only be reached as the support is forth coming. Let's invest in these Potentials! If Albert could speak to us now, he would say, "It's worth it all". "Get the Word Out" every way possible.

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THE PROSPERING SAINT

Luke 6:38

By Dr. Albert Grimes

Most Christians believe that poverty relates itself to spirituality. The Lord was poor, and the whole principal of our Christian education has lent itself to that kind of philosophy.

We hear much about denial, and the monk and his vows of poverty, and we have been made to believe that this is the only method of becoming spiritual, and we have looked upon these poverty stricken souls as being spiritual.

This method is maintained by legalistic preaching, and misinterpreted scriptures such as Matt. 6:19-20, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." This scripture does not relate to poverty, but to the fact of a person wasting a whole life in following after material things and neglecting altogether the spiritual things of the Kingdom.

Then there are believers who have been raised all their lives in poor circumstances and they have never had material things, and because of the same principals of false spirituality they find a certain kind of satisfaction in this kind of background.

Yet these same believers, after serving the Lord as they should, deny to themselves the blessing of material things that God could give them because of their past experiences. They keep themselves in an existence of denial, and never have the faith to live otherwise, and they feel this is the will of God, and that it is wrong to live in the blessing of material things.

Then there are those who have been raised in well-to-do circumstances, and these people because of the general principal of teaching are made to feel condemned because they are blessed with material things. And the poorer type of believers always envy these kind, and even condemn them also for having overmuch of this worlds goods.

Is this picture of poverty a true indication of a child of God? Is it God's will that we be in a condition of poverty in order to be spiritual? What kind of testimony is this kind of poverty to the world? What impressions are the unsaved to have regarding a God that keeps us poor in order that we might be spiritual?

The whole basis of this kind of teaching is one of reward for things done (If I am poor in this world I will be rich in the next one). The whole area of teaching relating to these things must be revised. We must understand what the scripture teaches.

The scriptures teach that God blessed his people who serve Him. But we must understand that God is not in any get rich promotions, and this is an area of experience we should be careful in. There are some who take advantage of God's people by making believe that by helping in what they promote, God will bless them. All these people are doing is building kingdoms of their own, and they are using other people's money to do so. God is not in their programs. In most cases they are man promoted. Many beleivers support these kind of promotions because of the promises that are made by those who promote, that material blessing will be forthcoming.

Now let us look into the scripture in regards to this truth, as in Heb. 11:16, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." The word "rewarder,"

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means a remunerator. Someone who gives something in exchange for some work or service done. It only means this; you do what God wants you to do, and He will bless you. We should understand that this also means in a material sense. There are principals in regards to these things. When applied they work in our lives.

In the Kingdome the balance of living is suggested in Matt. 6:25, "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" This is an evident way of living when we consider God's creation and His continuous provision, Matt.26-30, then, "Shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

The whole unregenerated world of mankind seeks material things of this life, Matt. 6:32, "But our Father knows what we have need of, and He will provide them for us in abundance if we (Matt. 6:33) Seek first the Kingdom," and give ourselves to what God wants us to do, He will add to us.

There are a lot of believers that are doing what God wants them to do but still they are not being blessed with material things. They have the wrong principals as stated in 1 Tim. 6:9, "But they that would be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts." God does not bless us in order that we may become rich, and hold on to what we have.

God wants us to use what He gives us for others and His work. And instead of holding on to what He gives us, we are to be "careful for nothing." Phil. 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God,

which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." "Be careful for," not to hang on to what we have, be careful for it, be willing to let it go, and when you need anything further, ask God for it. In this sense you will be kept in peace of mind.

God blesses us with material things in order that we might bless others. Until we learn this truth, God will never entrust us with material blessing.

The "Prosperous" saint is a "Giving" saint as in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet with all it shall be measured to you again."

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CRUSADER'S BREAD BASKET

By Dr. Edith R. Grimes

SPIRITUAL ENTHUSIASM SUSTAINED

Read: Phil. 3:7-16.

Verse 13,14: "Brethern, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus."

How many times have you got fired up with enthusiasm about the Christian life and walk, then ran into problems and lost your spark? How do I keep going enthusiastically? How can that spiritual enthusiasm be sustained? That spiritual aliveness and energy that is so great. How do you walk in newness of life?

Paul says, first of all, to forget the things of the past. Don't allow the past to defeat you. Face the right direction. Keep looking forward not back. Satan likes us to hash over old failures but let's ask God's forgiveness and close the door on the past.

We are serving the God of new beginnings and growing Christians always look ahead. Don't lament the past - forget it.

Be humble about the past and your successes for there is always room for improvement. When you get proud you stop growing. All the glory belongs to Him for we are by the Grace of God.

He took on a big job when He saved you and He's not through with you yet, so be grateful and humble.

Paul said "This one thing I do." Do something about your life. "Focus your life " by making a more complete commitment to Christ. Everyday give yourself to God to change and improve you, to anoint and use you. Remember the anointing comes from within - you are always anointed to do the will of God.

Have you found that you do not change easily? Only under pressure - that's why problems are important. They lead to victorious living if we have a right attitude towards them. God takes over the full responsibility of the life that is wholly yielded to Him.

Push on for Christ as Paul did, For he said, "I press toward the mark." Establish right priorities by getting rid of the garbage in your life and uncluttering it. Invest more time in the "Word" and "Work" of the Lord.

Strive for maturity for God is building Godly character in you. Everything else is scaffold that does not last or mature you.

Give God your best cooperation and He will do the best job. Remember do not look back but always ahead. Focus your life by making a fresh daily commitment to the Lord. Have a right attitude establishing the right priorities by investing more time in the "Word and Work" of the Lord. Then your spiritual enthusiasm will continue as you walk in the newness of life.

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To teach the Word of God:

means to be sincere in what you are teaching;

to be living what you teach.

In order to convey the Word in the best way you can, you need to relax and be yourself as you teach---to know the Word so well that you breath it and others inhale it.

To illuminate the Word--- to make it a real and living truth should be your goal in your teaching.

Not just proclaiming facts---but to inspire those being taught to go forth and radiate the Word of God in their lives...

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