

Educated for Survival

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And now, the pre-text: this is an editorial in the *U. S. News and World Report* of January 23, 1978. That's right up to date, isn't it? The name of the editorial is "Common Sense in College."

"Who among us has not questioned, if not wept over, the trend in our colleges away from traditional learning. What are we to make of today's jumble of bizarre courses that, without a core of fundamentals, can add up to an intellectual junk heap?" "Common Sense in College," *U. S. News and World Report*, January 23, 1978.

And then, he quotes from no less a personage than the United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. Ernest Boyer. Dr. Boyer has recently co-authored a book entitled, *Educating for Survival*. That's the pre-text, *Educating for Survival*. Now, I think we're ready for our text. Will you folks over here read Proverbs 22:3, all together on this side:

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" Proverbs 22:3.

What does a prudent man do?

"...Foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself..." Proverbs 22:3.

He's a survivor. He's been educated for survival.

"...but the simple..." Proverbs 22:3.

Those lacking in that kind of prudence and intelligence, they don't survive. They pass on and reap the results.

Now, we're ready for the other text, Proverbs 27:12. All together:

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished" Proverbs 27:12.

Did you know there were two verses in the Bible exactly word-for-word alike? This is not the only illustration, but it's a good one. My point is, God is anxious to emphasize this point by repetition. What do you say?

Not long ago in a national educational journal called *The Education Digest*, the lead article was entitled, “Education for Survival.”

“Do schools help to perpetuate ignorance? Modern institutions sustained by an immense amount of knowledge also require an abundance of ignorance to perpetuate them. Schools paradoxically are usually one of the instruments for the perpetuation of ignorance. This is achieved primarily by isolating knowledge within separate compartments, and by focusing on knowledge which is the least relevant, therefore meeting the traditional requirements of transmitting knowledge without disturbing the existing order” “Education for Survival,” *The Education Digest*, [Date unknown].

You’ll recognize that I’m not quoting from anybody except renowned educational authorities. They know something about what they’re discussing.

Now, with that backdrop, I’d like to have us turn to Hebrews the 11th chapter and the seventh verse, where we have one of the earliest examples of education for survival. Who was the schoolmaster of this institution? Yes, God was, the Invisible One. Who was the visible one? Noah. Where did he get his curriculum? From God. He was warned of God, it says.

Did it have anything to do with the future? Did it have anything to do with the way to survive? It was *focused* on that, my friends. That was the whole purpose of it. Did it succeed? Yes, for all who took the course and followed the instructions.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen...”
Hebrews 11:7.

What are the next two words?

“...as yet, moved with fear...” Hebrews 11:7.

Did what?

“...prepared an ark...” Hebrews 11:7.

Was it a practical school? Was it an industrial school? Was there righteousness by faith taught in that school? Does it say so in the verse? Yes. And the faith that Noah had was so good it worked. Noah preached with his voice and he preached with his hammer and saw.

By the way, this coming week’s *U. S. News and World Report*, January 30, in the lead article has an interesting cartoon of an investor hanging onto a street sign entitled, “USA Wall Street” and the rains are falling, and he says, “I should have put my money into an ark.”

Many people will laugh at that, but a few will perhaps think about it. Oh, brethren and sisters, have you and I read a verse that says:

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” Matthew 24:37.

Has God given us a message for survival? A program for survival? Do we believe it? What a wonderful privilege we have to get a program for survival from the same place where Noah got his, friends. It'll work just as well today as it worked back there. Thank God.

Come down a little further. Here's Joseph. Did he have a program for survival? Who was involved in it? The whole nation of Egypt and the growing nation of Israel. Probably a lot of other people benefitted too. Where did Joseph get his program for survival? Why, he got it from God. He plainly told Pharaoh, when he was interpreting the dream that God had given the king, he said, “The answer is not in me. God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace” [a paraphrase of Genesis 41:16].

And Joseph didn't stop with interpreting the dream. He went on with a practical program of what to *do* about it. Seven years of plenty were to be followed by seven years of famine, and Joseph outlined a practical plan of food conservation and advised that a food administrator be appointed. And when Pharaoh and his counselors talked it over and scanned the whole kingdom, they came back to the conclusion that the best man to do it was the man that had foresight enough to see it. So, it was put in Joseph's hands.

Did it succeed? Yes. And oh, friends, will you allow me to ask, did he have to run off and take this course and that course and the other course before he could be qualified to *do* it? God had prepared him in the school of affliction, in the school of experience, as well in that fundamental training he got in his father's tent. He knew God. He knew human life. He knew practical work. He had that rare, uncommon quality of common sense.

Did the program succeed? Why, yes. The greatest empire of that age was saved from starvation, and the people of God were saved to carry on later their important work.

Come down to Moses. We think of the great exodus movement. Was that a program for survival? Yes. Over two million people were taken out of slavery, through the desert, on to Canaan. Who was it that gave Moses the direction for that program? He got it by revelation, didn't he? He didn't *invent* the program. He *received* his instructions directly from Jesus, not only at the beginning but all the way through.

Yes, Noah and Joseph and Moses were under the divine guidance of heaven in carrying on these great programs of education for survival. And notice, they were all practical, not just theoretical. It wasn't just something to study, something to hear about; it was something to *do*. In every case, wasn't there something to do? In

every case. In fact, in the divine program of education, only that knowledge is imparted which can be utilized. That's what makes it so practical.

Now, as we've seen, God has promised to give in these last days a message to make ready a people for what's coming, just as He did in the days of Noah. Turn to Revelation the 14th chapter, verses 6–12. The leaves of the Bible almost turn to that you've turned to them so often now, don't they? Yes.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” Revelation 14:6–12.

Here is the program of education for survival for *our* generation, the three angels' messages. And the proof for it lies in the remaining verses of the chapter, for as soon as the message has done its work, Christ is seen in the 14th verse coming on the clouds, and He reaps the harvest of the earth. And all the righteous who have accepted the message and acted on it are represented there as golden grain to be reaped by the sickle of Christ, gathered into the garner of God. Whereas, all the wicked are represented by the grapes which are ripe for the winepress, trodden without the city till the blood flows over a large, large distance. It's a picture of universal destruction.

As in the days of Noah, friends, everybody is going to be inside the Ark, a survivor, or outside, lost, gone. What God is introducing in this great three-fold message is a program for total survival from total destruction. That's it, total survival from total destruction.

Oh friends, I wish there was some way that these fine men who are burdened and wringing their hands as it were over the condition in education today, and recognizing what's happening in the world about us, longing for a program that will

really prepare students to survive, I wish they could see the beauty and the practicality and the wisdom of God's wonderful plan. What do you say?

Now, do you know what God's intention is? God's intention is that you and I shall so fully be instructed in this plan and so fully carry it out that He can bless with results, which in His providence will attract the attention of every honest, conscientious person in this world. It'll happen again, as it did in the days of Joseph, and as it did in the days of Solomon, and at other times when God has seen fit to vindicate His plan of education.

Think of Daniel there before the king of Babylon, surrounded by all those wise men, the greatest at that great university. And yet Daniel, taught of God, was enabled to tell the king that which none of the wise men knew or understood. That was at the beginning of his career.

Then later, when he was an old man, he was called in to read the writing on the wall. Again, the wise men were ashamed, dumbfounded, unable to explain what was going on and what the results would be. Daniel was called in. God had established for him a reputation that he could untie knots. That's the margin there in Daniel the fifth chapter: he could untie knots, he could solve problems, he had the answers. That's what God wants His people today to do. He wants them to have the answers.

Now, will you repeat that 12th verse of Revelation 14, read it or repeat it with me:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep
the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"
Revelation 14:12.

As I've studied with you in previous evenings, the reason they *keep* the faith of Jesus is that they *have* the faith of Jesus. And the way to get the faith of Jesus is to listen to Jesus, hear what He says and believe it, act upon it. No question about having the faith of Jesus if we listen to Jesus, believe what He says, and act on it. Is that right? It's that simple, dear friends. And the people who do that are truly educated. They know the answers. They have the solution to this world's problems.

Do you have the faith of Jesus? Do you have the faith of Jesus? I wonder how Jesus developed that faith.

"Oh," you say, "He always had it."

If we're thinking of Him as the preexistent Son of God that's one thing. But what John is presenting here in Revelation 14:12 is the faith of Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, and ministered in Galilee and Judea, died upon the cross, rose again, and went back to heaven. Christ developed a character such as He wants you and me to develop, and He learned the way you and I can learn. He is not only our sacrifice, our substitute, our atonement. He is our example. And every child, we are told, can gain knowledge as Jesus did.

Let's see how He was educated. Let's meditate on it for a little while. He is the great Survivor of history. He went into the grave and came out victorious. He survived all that Satan and evil men could do and came off triumphant. And so, as the great Survivor, He teaches us how to survive.

How was He educated? I want to read an interesting statement here from the book *Education*, page 77, speaking of the people of that age who were looking to everything in terms of outward show.

“As religion had declined in power, it had increased in pomp. The educators of the time sought to command respect by display and ostentation. To all this the life of Jesus presented a marked contrast. His life demonstrated the worthlessness of those things that men regarded as life's great essentials” *Education*, page 77.

Think of it, friends. The religious leaders of that time, the educational leaders of that time, thought that certain things were absolutely essential that Jesus never paid any attention to at all.

“His life demonstrated the worthlessness of those things that men regarded as life's great essentials... Jesus followed the divine plan of education. The schools of His time, with their magnifying of things small and their belittling of things great, He did not seek” *Ibid*.

What was it I read from this editorial?

“Who among us has not questioned, if not wept over, the trend in our colleges away from traditional learning. What are we to make of today's jumble of bizarre courses that, without a core of fundamentals, can add up to an intellectual junk heap?” “Common Sense in College,” *U. S. News and World Report*, January 23, 1978.

“The schools of His time, with their magnifying of things small and their belittling of things great, He did not seek. His education was gained directly from the Heaven-appointed sources” *Education*, page 77.

What does “directly” mean? Not indirectly, not indirectly. There's a spring up on the farther side of the place, and there are folks that have some of that water piped to their home. Just turn the faucet on, there comes the spring water. But if you want to get it directly, you go where? To the spring.

Jesus got his education “directly from the Heaven-appointed sources.” And then, it names the four of them:

“...from useful work, from the study of the Scriptures and of nature, and from the experiences of life—God's lesson

books, full of instruction to all who bring to them the willing hand, the seeing eye, and the understanding heart” *Ibid.*

Well, that program might be all right for a person that wasn’t going to do anything professional. If a person was just going to fill a minor place in the workaday world, that might work all right. That’s what the people back there thought, and they were amazed when Christ finally came out as a what? A preacher. That wasn’t all. A teacher. And that wasn’t all. A physician.

And some of them never did figure out how it figured. They didn’t know how it could be done. When He went to Nazareth, where He’d been brought up, preached there in the synagogue where He’d attended as a boy, they said, “Why, this is the carpenter. Where does He get this wisdom?” [a paraphrase of Matthew 13:54–55].

They didn’t realize He’d been getting it all the time He’d been there at Nazareth, from the work He did every day, from the study of the Scriptures every day, from the study of nature every day, and from letting God lead in the experiences of hour to hour.

Turn to John the 7th chapter verse 14 beginning. I mentioned the reaction at Nazareth where He’d been brought up. Now, we see Him down at the center, the great center of religion and education for the Jewish nation. What do we see Him doing in this verse? Teaching. Notice, He’s not teaching out in the sticks. He did sometimes, but not on this occasion. He’s not teaching out where the people are illiterate and don’t any better. He’s teaching where? At the center, at the temple, the center, I repeat, of education and of religion.

“Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this Man letters, having never learned?”
John 7:14–15.

What’s the margin on “letters”? Learning. They didn’t mean that He didn’t know how to read and write. He proved that when he wrote in the sand, the sins of the Pharisees. They could not understand, they could not get it through their heads, that somebody who hadn’t been through *their* routine, *their* program, could be successful as a teacher. Jesus told them the answer:

“Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine...”
John 7:16.

That word there means “My teaching.”

“...is not Mine, but His that sent Me” John 7:16.

As Noah got his message from above, as Joseph said:

“...It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace” Genesis 41:16.

So, Jesus came to this world having emptied Himself, and received from the Father as you and I are privileged to receive. He learned as you and I are privileged to learn. And He said:

“...My teaching is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the teaching...”
John 7:16–17 (marginal reference).

Thank God, you and I can learn that way today.

Now, I realize, dear friends, that some poor soul can take what I’ve studied tonight and twist it into fanaticism. I realize that. And I don’t know anything good that can’t be thus twisted. But I want to tell you something, friends. Our greatest danger is not the danger of fanaticism and twisting. Our greatest danger is in seeing it all right as an ideal thing that happened 2,000 years ago but failing to realize its practical implications and applications to us today. That’s our greatest danger. We have yet to face up to the simplicity of the plan which is to prepare a people for survival, total survival from total destruction.

Seventy years ago, the servant of God sat down and wrote a little message called “An Appeal for the Madison School,” just 70 years ago, 1908. It was about a little school established not many miles from here up on the Cumberland River near Nashville. It had been established by two educators, Sutherland and Magan, with their helpers, to train young people to go out into the needy places of this earth, here in the United States and in foreign fields, and teach the practical things and live the practical life.

I want you to notice the curriculum. You’ll find it in the little pamphlet called “The Madison School.” It’s *Series B*, No. 11, of the Spirit of Prophecy. And I want you to notice the curriculum, as the prophet to the remnant herself reports it.

“The plan upon which our brethren propose to work is to select some of the best and most substantial young men and women from Berrien Springs and other places in the North, who believe that God has called them to the work in the South, and give them a brief training as teachers” *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 11, “The Madison School,” page 9.

A brief training as teachers.

“Thorough instruction will be given in Bible study, physiology, and the history of our message; and special instruction in agriculture will be given. It is hoped that many of these students will eventually connect with schools in various places in the South. In connection with these schools there will be land that will be cultivated by teachers and students, and the proceeds from this work will be used for the support of the schools” *Ibid*.

Thank God, they did it. Thank God, it worked. That was in 1904 that that was written. Now, in 1908, just four years later, the prophet is writing about the blessed results that were already showing up in four brief years, starting from scratch (and it was really scratch, too, friends), sacrifice, hard work.

And after pleading that there should be a little sanitarium established, pleading with people to help by giving some money to help start the sanitarium, she said:

“The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would be quickly carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light... The time is soon coming when God’s people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are” *Pamphlet 119, “An Appeal for the Madison School”* (1908), pages 2–3.

Did Joseph? Did Daniel? Did John the Baptist?

“Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to train all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth” *Ibid.*

You know friends, the enemy hates this union of the practical and the spiritual. But what God has joined together, let not man put asunder [a paraphrase of Matthew 19:6].

Now, what was that first text that we read tonight? We read it twice, from Proverbs 22:3 and 27:5. Did you learn it by listening to it? Let’s see if we can repeat it together:

“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished” Proverbs 22:3 and 27:5.

Oh friends, when the rain began to fall, it was too late to build the ark. But it wasn’t too late to appreciate the refuge it provided. God has given us in the threefold message of Revelation 14, the application of the life of Jesus here on earth to this modern generation. And if we will study that message in all its applications to life today, if we will listen to the same angel that taught Noah how to build the ark and taught Moses how to lead Israel from Egypt to Canaan if we listen to the angel of prophecy as he’s come in these latter days and given us thousands of pages of instruction on how to train our children, how to train ourselves for what’s ahead, and in doing it receive the most practical preparation for life right here on this planet the

few days we have left to be here—I say, if we will do that, we can have the satisfaction and the joy not only of being saved ourselves but what is far more challenging, the joy and the satisfaction of taking others with us by the dozens, by the score, by the hundreds, by the thousands. It's coming, friends, it's coming.

This is what the Latter Rain and loud cry are all about. Thousands from this world, who are sick and tired of the mess in Babylon, religiously, educationally, politically, socially, you name it, sick and tired of the mess in Babylon, God is going to bring them into the great channel of light where what is going on in heaven in the Most Holy Place is focused on the path of preparation for the coming of our Lord.

Oh, aren't we privileged, dear friends? Sometimes, as I'm thinking about these things, my mind goes back to one of the last letters I received from dear old Elder Luther Warren, the great evangelist of a former generation.

He said to me, "Boil your folks in the third angels' message."

Let's get boiled. What do you say, friends? Let's get thoroughly saturated with these wonderful principles.

Shall we bow our heads?

Precious Lord, rightly interpret to our hearts what we've studied tonight. Help us to be to this generation what Noah was to His and Joseph was to his. Help us to be prepared for our mission as Jesus was prepared. And in it all, give us the joy that these, Thy representatives, have shown in the past, the joy and assurance that come through fellowship with God. We ask it for Christ's sake, amen.

Now, I'm going to give you a little opportunity to speak. But as I did last Friday night, I'm going to ask that any of you that have spoken so far this year, if you'll be quiet and let other folks speak, there'll be plenty to speak that haven't spoken yet in 1978. Come and bear your witness of praise to the Lord. God has been so good to us. Surely we have some word of praise and thanksgiving in appreciation. What do you say?

There are angels hovering round,
There are angels hovering round,
There are angels, angels, hovering round.

They will carry tidings home,
They will carry tidings home,
They will carry, carry tidings home.

To the New Jerusalem,
To the New Jerusalem,
To the New, the New Jerusalem.
"There Are Angels Hovering Round," Author Unknown.

[Woman from congregation] It's hard for me to get up here, but I just want to praise the Lord for the education that I am getting, the practical education each day.

And I especially am thankful that I can get my wisdom from the Lord and not from men, and I just wanted to let everyone know how thankful I am.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation] I'm so thankful to be here again tonight. I feel like I'm at home here.

[Elder Frazee] That's right.

[Same woman continuing] I know many of you folks, and I'm just so thankful that I can spend a little while here. During the last four years in Africa, we have had some interesting experiences that have helped me to realize the thought that is brought out in this verse. And tonight, I got a new thought from it than I'd gotten before. "The prudent man hideth himself." And I got to thinking about that.

When is it that the prudent man hides himself? Well, it's before the trouble comes. And if we wait until the trouble comes to try to find the place to hide, it's too late. And I've determined again tonight that I want to find that hiding place in Jesus so that I can be hid when the trouble comes and not be looking for a hiding place *then*. And I'm just thankful for the message this evening to help to bring this more to my heart, and I want to *do* something about it.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation] I'd like to share an experience that I had last week. One of our young men whose plan it has been to carry his Bible because he's in a school where this is the book that he studies. He was walking by the group of ladies that I was walking, and they called to him, and they said, "Say, where are all your books that you usually carry? You're only carrying one."

And he said, "Oh, I carry this one with me wherever I go." He said, "Toward the end of the day, I find it carrying me around."

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

[Man from congregation] Elder Frazee, I've got a confession to make. I get a little excited when I hear studies like this one tonight because I really believe with all my heart and soul that the Lord has called me to have a part in preparing the ark. And I believe it because I can see the words on the page, and when I hear things like this coming from the great men of the world, I believe that we're living in the last days, friends, when intelligence is only going to mean something when it's within the framework of God's Word.

[Elder Frazee] That's right.

[Same man continuing] And I want to dedicate and rededicate my life tonight to the simple, humble plan that God has outlined so that I can be *in* the ark when the flood comes.

[Elder Frazee] And help a lot of other people get in.

[Same man continuing] Yes.

[Elder Frazee] Right.

[Man from congregation] It's good to be back home. Cindy and I were in Florida for our honeymoon, and we were in Cocoa Beach for about six days, and we just couldn't wait to get back home again. We really wanted to be here with our friends, and especially we missed our Bible study friends. We really have a burden for souls, and we got home to Wildwood, and the Lord had just rearranged all kinds of things, especially our work assignments. And it was like the frosting on the cake. It was just a tremendous blessing.

We were hoping to work together. I was going to be in nursing early morning at 5 am, and she was going to be in the kitchen, and while we were trying to juggle how we were going to work out eating together and having worship together and getting to bed in time and having the Bible studies, and we didn't know what we were going to do. But we got here and, why, He had it all worked out so beautifully.

And you know, it's something I've wondered for a long time. I came here wanting to work at Foods for Life when I first got here because I thought that's where the five-day plans were held and the cooking schools and all that. You've heard this before. And lo and behold, I got put somewhere else where I was going to learn how to hold five-day plans and cooking schools and all the things I wanted to learn. And now, the Lord has put me somewhere where I can apply these things.

And you know, there's a thrill in my heart that I can't express to you folks. We want Foods for Life to be foods for *life*, life for souls, a light in Chattanooga. And Cindy and I really have, I believe, in our hearts consecrated ourselves to this work, to spread in that little restaurant and food store a principle of love and a reaching out for foods for the soul that people really need, with all our hearts. And we want your prayers. We want to do what God has called us to do with all that He's given us to do it with, and that's a lot, and we believe it, and we thank Him for it.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

[Dr. Parker] When you've had a chance to experience some of the intellectual hogwash that goes on in the world and are convinced by being in the system that it's right, it takes a lot sometimes to weed out the synapses. But I'm so glad that the Lord meant what he said about how our education should be.

And I'm grateful for the experiences that He does want to teach us, through useful work and through the experiences of life. And I've had an opportunity to learn some of these recently along very practical lines.

I had an obstetrical patient who decided she wanted to go into labor in the middle of the night the other night when we had the snowstorm. Well, my car won't go up and down our Crestview hill in the snow and ice. And I'd never put on snow

chains and I don't ever recall having seen it done. But the Lord taught me how to put on snow chains at 4 am in the morning.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord.

[Dr. Parker] And we made it to East Ridge going around three jackknifed trucks, and one truck was across the road and cars in the ditch and cars turned around 360 degrees and so forth.

And today, the jeep that I had to drive decided it wanted to go down the hill very fast, and thank the Lord it decided to go up the bank and into a tree rather than over the cliff, but I learned out of that how to jump one battery to another and that it really won't shock you too much if you have to touch the battery terminals.

And then, this afternoon when I got down trying still to get to East Ridge to see my patients, I was so discouraged that I thought, "What in the world. Now, how many things can you run into?"

And Katie, my car, when I got in her, I pushed down and tried to crank her, and nothing would happen—well, it cranked at first. It sounded strange, but then I couldn't get her into gear. And I punched the clutch, and it just felt like nothing was there.

And I learned from that, you know, if you open the hood, there's this little round thing inside. If you take the top off and there's no water in it or no fluid in it, that's what's the matter.

So these are things—I'm not quite sure what all the Lord is going to do with these things, but it really came home to me tonight. I learned some things this week that there's no other way I would have learned if it weren't in a program like this. And the Lord has a use for those. He means what He says, and I pray that we can take Him at His Word.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

When I was splitting wood this morning, I came to some difficult stumps, and I was thinking what a great privilege it is to learn to solve problems not just at a desk but with an axe and a maul and wedges, and to ask the Lord (and I mean this reverently), ask the Lord where to put the wedge. I'm not talking about superstition. I'm not talking about hocus-pocus. I'm talking about wisdom. And if you don't understand what I'm saying, get you some of these oak logs and start in, and you'll see what I mean. God is interested in giving His children wisdom in practical things.

I said that because of what Dr. Parker was just saying.

[Woman from congregation] I just want to vouch for this program tonight because I don't think there's one phase of my life that hasn't developed since I've been here, practical, every other way, spiritual. And I just want to thank the Lord tonight for this place.

And the Lord in the last few months, has been trying to teach me something about education. And just because you're a nurse in Canada doesn't mean that you can be a nurse in the states. And I've been trying to study for the last two months to pass my exams in Macon next week. And I've been having to study here like I've never studied before, while you're working and while you're so exhausted you can hardly open a book, let alone knowing that you have to sit there for six hours straight.

But I came across a little thing in *Ministry of Healing* that really helps me, and it's in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. It says:

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Same woman continuing] Even if you have to fail your exams, be thankful because the Lord has a reason for doing whatever He does. And I'm just willing to do whatever He wants me to do.

And also, in *Ministry of Healing*, just after that text, it says that the Lord would not have you be thankful for something that would do you harm. And I'm just thankful tonight, and I want to take this opportunity to ask you all if you have the burden to please pray for me next week.

[Elder Frazee] Jesus is praying for you.

Now, when these two have spoken, we'll close this part.

[Woman from congregation] I know when the Lord called me into the ark, and I accepted His invitation, I thought I was educated. And it took me a while to realize that when He took me in, He took a lot of ignorance in. And I've been thankful that He hasn't gotten disgusted at my ignorance, that He's let me read books like *Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students*, and the book *Education*, and *Fundamentals of Christian Education* to learn just what it was that I didn't get in college and that I needed to give to my children and needed for myself.

And I'm afraid that He still has a lot of ignorance to deal with, but I'm thankful that He's let me see the glimpse of what He has in mind for me, and I praise His name for His goodness. I'm so thankful that He doesn't give up.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord.

[Man from congregation] When I came to vespers tonight, I came almost directly from the sanitarium where I had been visiting with my aunt, who is a patient there, for the last hour and a half or two hours. Mrs. Landen is my aunt. She's been a nurse all her life, all her adult life. She became a nurse back in the twenties, and she's been a dietician in our hospitals, St. Helena and others, for many, many years. And the Lord in His providence allowed her to come to Wildwood when she got very ill.

She told me how much she was impressed with our nursing staff, with you girls that are taking care of her. She just couldn't say how much she appreciated the love that radiated from your faces and that you shared with her as you took care of her.

She just said, "Where do people like this come from?"

She really loves you. And I want to tell you how much I appreciate our sanitarium, our nurses, and our doctors. You have to be sick over there to appreciate them. I've lived around here for 20 years or been around here for many years, and I didn't really appreciate you folks till the Lord let me get sick and be on my back over there with hepatitis. Then, I could appreciate these nurses.

And I can remember back, my little daughter when she was growing up went to this Wildwood Elementary School. Then, she went to Stone Cave. And then, she came back to Wildwood.

And I remember someone telling me, they said, "My, what a wonderful girl that is. It's too bad she doesn't have an education."

I said, "She's a wonderful girl because of the education she had."

And I believe that, and I believe in what we're doing right here at Wildwood. And I want to thank you folks personally for what you're doing for my aunt.

[Elder Frazee]

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord plant my feet on higher ground."

Lord, lift me up, and I shall stand
By faith, on heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #625, first stanza.

Do we want more? But more of the same, dear friends, more of the same. More of Jesus, more of His beautiful way, more of His blessed way, more of His counsel in modern, latter-day revelation, more of an experience in sharing with Him and sharing with others. Thank God.

Is there somebody who, as we have this closing prayer, would like to be especially remembered because of some need in your life? Just raise your hand.

Precious Lord, Thou dost see our hands, Thou dost look into our hearts. Oh, I thank Thee that Jesus, Who came for us, Who lived for us, Who died for us, Who rose for us, Who pleads for us, prays for each one tonight. We have confidence in those wonderful prayers of our wonderful Lord. And as we commit our lives to Thee,

we thank Thee Thou wilt use us to tell others and others and others the good way,
the way of survival, the way of success. We thank Thee in Jesus' name, amen.

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