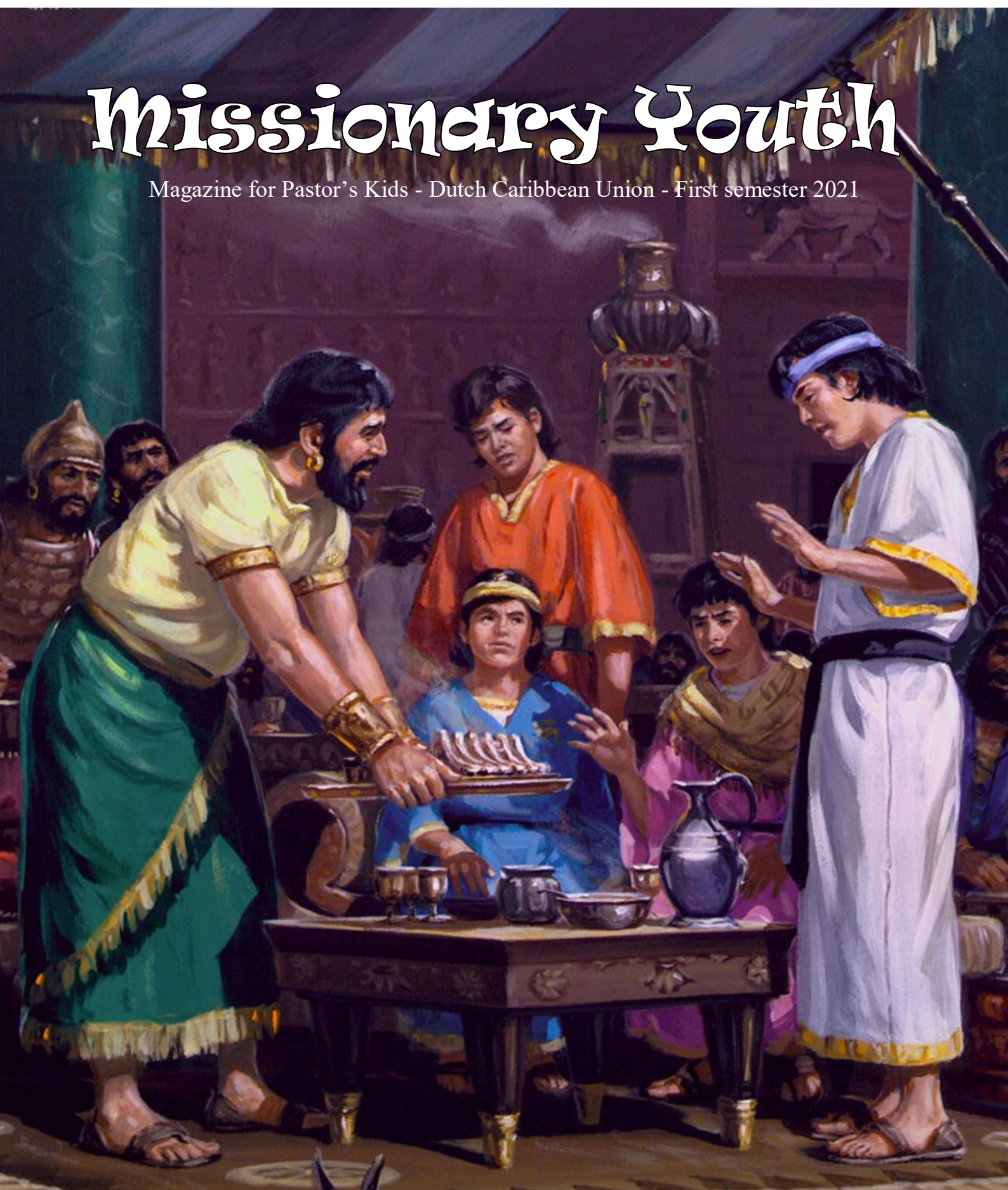


Missionary Youth

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A *Stop* sign for Young Ambassadors
Daniel, Exemplary Ambassador



The magazine **MISSIONARY YOUTH** is a challenge and desire that all our children and pastor's kids may be filled with the Holy Spirit from a young age, to be a spokesperson for God wherever they are, and follow in the footsteps of their Master Jesus Christ.



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P.S.: All unnamed article is contribution of the editor



Between us:

Being an ambassador in ancient times, but also nowadays, is a very sacred position and highly respected in many countries.

He/ she is a mature, responsible and dependable person. A person that has charisma and tact in their conduct. They do not live wildly, or speak out of terms. It is a person that does not explode in anger and cursings, or speaks things that are not nice. Why not?

Because he/ she knows they are special, and not just anybody. They represent their nation. Its a person whose country is proud of. A person, whose country trusts that they will always be diplomatic, and will bring honor to their nation.

The ambassador strives for peace, harmony, unity, understanding, intercessions, advises, encouragements and unselfish service with a dose of Love.

Our children and youth, pastor's kids, this is a high calling for you. Like the quotation says: "*Children are able to be acceptable missionaries at home and in church. God wishes to teach them that they are in this world to be a useful servant, and not just to play.*" (Messages to Young People, p. 225)

"I can face all things through Christ that gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

P.S.: We placed a section in the back, especially for our young children, and those young at heart.

Spiritual ties:

YOUNG AMBASSADORS AND THEIR HEAVENLY CONNECTION



A person that can be a good example for us is the patriarch Enoch

Enoch became a preacher of justice, and he let the people know what God was revealing to him. Those who respected him would go and seek out this holy man, to listen to his instruction and his prayers. He would also go out in public, speaking God's messages to all who wanted to listen to the words of warning.



Without partiality

His work was not limited only towards the descendants of Seth. In the land where Cain went to try to hide from God, there the prophet of God would go to tell them of the wonderful visions that he would receive. "Look," he would declare, "The Lord will come with millions and millions of His angels, He will come to pronounce judgments on all people, to condemn those who commit evil acts, all those who do have any regard for God and blaspheme Him" (Jude 14, 15).

Faithful in reproving sin and evil

He reprovved sin without fear. While he was pleading with them to abandon their evil ways, he would reprove the evil that reigned, and he would warn the men of that generation that judgement will surely come. It was the Spirit of Christ which spoke through him. The Spirit could clearly be seen in the loving expressions, the compassion and pleading. It wasn't only soft messages that these holy men spake.

God places on the lips of His messengers truths that are sharp and that cut like a two-edged sword



The people could feel the power of God, which worked through this man. Some of them adhered to the warning and renounced their sins; but the multitude would ridicule the solemn message, and became more evil in their ways.

It is the same in the end-time

The servants of God must carry and present a similar message in the last days, and it will also be received with ridicule and unbelief. The antediluvian world had rejected the words of warning of those who walked with God. Even so, the last generation will place low value on the warning of God's messengers.

Balance of ministry

Amidst a life of active labor, Enoch firmly maintained his communion with God. The greater and the more pressure in his work, the more constant and sincere were his prayers. At certain periods, he would exclude himself from any social contact. After he worked among the people, working to benefit them with instructions and a good example, he would retire, to spend some time in solitude, with hunger and thirst for divine knowledge, that only God could give. Communicating in this manner with God, Enoch, started to reflect the divine image more and more. His face shone with a holy light, even the light that shines from the face of Jesus. And while he left this divine communion, even those without God saw, with wonder, that there was a heavenly impression on his face.



Divine judgement

The evil deed of men reached such a degree that destruction was pronounced on them. While the years passed, the more darker became the evil of men, and the more closer came the clouds of judgements. And yet, Enoch, the faithful witness, kept on focused on his path, warning others, pleading and striving with others, in order to turn the waves of guilt around, so that they could withstand the vengeance of God.

God took him away

Although his warnings were ignored by sinful people, lovers of pleasure, he had the testimony of what God approved of, and he kept on battling against the evil that reigned, until God removed him from this sinful world. The people of that generation laughed at the craziness of someone who did not seek to gather gold, silver or other possessions here on earth.

But Enoch's heart was fastened on eternal things. He saw the heavenly city. He saw the King in His Glory in the midst of Zion. His mind, his heart, his conversations were of heaven. His desire to be in the house of God grew with every increase of iniquity that existed then. While he was still on earth, he was through the means of faith, still in the sphere of light. *"Blessed are those with pure hearts, for they shall see God"* (Matthew 5:8). For 300 years, Enoch sought purity of heart, so that he could be in harmony with heaven. For three centuries, he walked with God. Each day he would long for a closer communion; closer and closer the union grew, till God took him for Himself. He was standing on the edge of the eternal world, just one step away between him and the blessed world; and now the doors opened, and he passed through the gates of the holy city, being the first man to ever walk through, to continue his relationship with God.

Impact of his life on the people

His presence was felt on the earth. The voice that was daily heard, full of warnings and instructions, was not present. There were those, evil men and good ones, who saw him leave, and hoping to find him in one of those exclusive places he usually retired to, went out to search diligently for him, but were unsuccessful. In the same manner, the sons of the prophets went out to search for Elijah, but being unsuccessful, they reported that he was no more, because God took him.

God's lesson for us; yesterday and today

Through the translation of Enoch, God wanted to teach an important lesson. There was danger that men would succumb to discouragement, due to the terrible results of Adam's sin. Many stood ready to exclaim: *"What is the use in fearing God and keeping His commandments, when there is already a huge curse on the human race, and death is everyone's luck?"* But the instructions that God gave to Adam, and that Seth repeated, and that Enoch lived out as an example, took the sadness and darkness away and gave people hope. That, just as death came through Adam, life and immortality comes through the promised Redeemer.

Satan's statements versus God's

Satan tried to impress people with the belief that there was no reward available for the just people, and that there was no punishment for the wicked ones, and that it was impossible to obey the divine statutes. But in the case of Enoch, God declared *"That He exists and that He will reward those who diligently seek Him"* (Hebrews 11:6, 5). He showed what He would do for those who keep His commandments. People were taught that it was possible to obey the law of God; that although they lived amidst those who are sinful and corrupt, they were capable, with the help of God, to resist temptations, and become pure and holy. They saw in his example such a life, and his translation to heaven was the evidence of that truth, about his prophecy concerning what follows after death, which is the recompense of joy, glory and immortal life for those who obey, and of condemnation, wail and death for the transgressor. By faith Enoch *"was translated so that he did not face death... for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God"* (Hebrews 11:5, 6).

In the midst of a world condemned because of the sins that prevailed, Enoch lived a life of communion so close to God, that he was not permitted to succumb to the power of death.

This devoted character of this prophet represents the state of sanctity, that all those redeemed from this earth should have (Revelation 14:3), at the moment of the second coming. And then, in a manner as in the days before the flood, iniquity will abound. Following the inclinations of their corrupt hearts, and teaching deceitful philosophies, people will rebel against the authority of Heaven. But, just like Enoch, they will warn the world of the second coming of the Lord and of the judgements that are coming because of their transgressions, and through their conversation and the holy example that they give, they will condemn the sins of those without God.

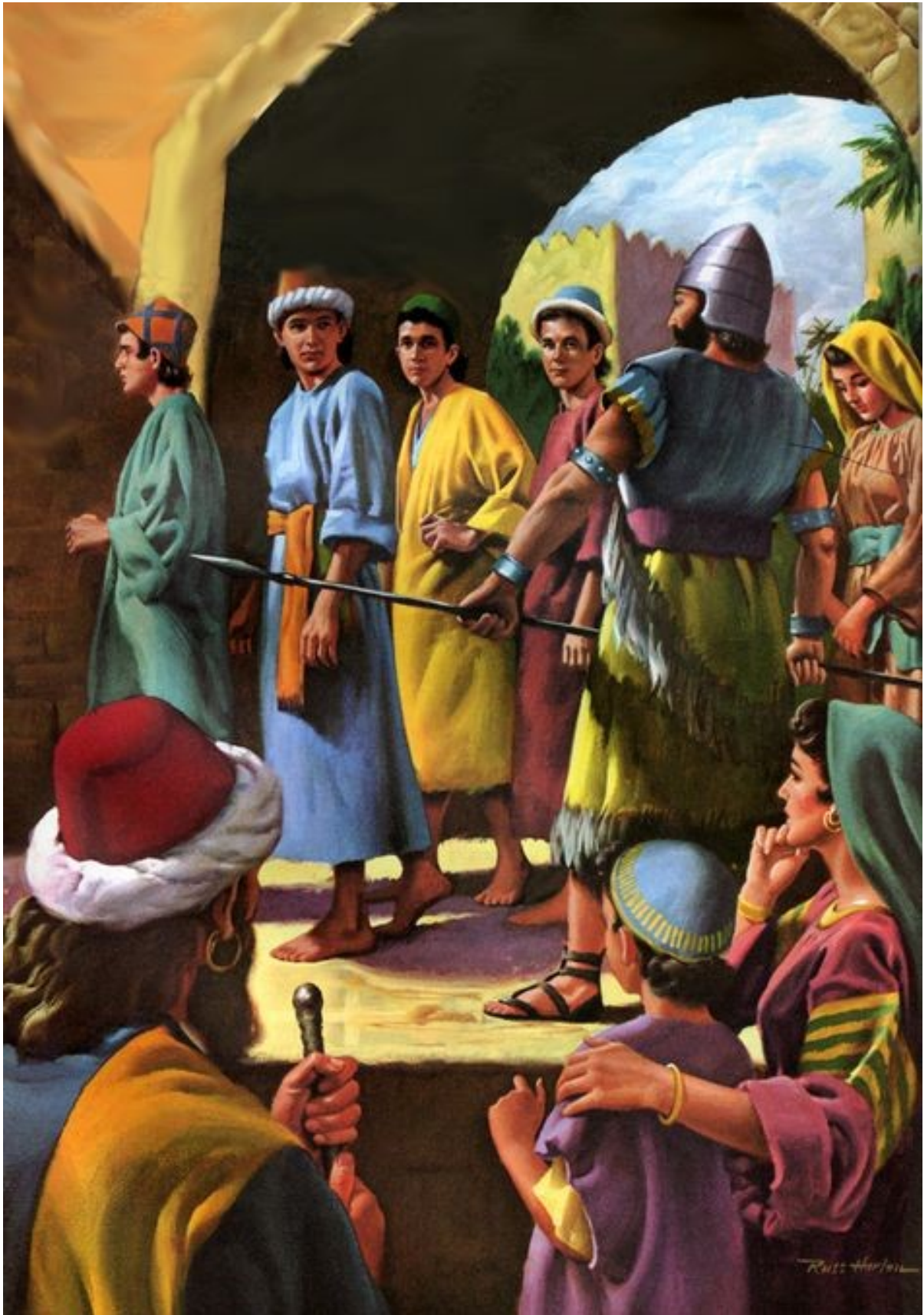


TRANSLATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

Like Enoch, who was transported to heaven before the world was destroyed by water, the righteous people will be transported from this earth before it is destroyed by fire. The apostle said: *“We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in a blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.” “Because the Lord Himself shall descend with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God.” “The trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first; afterwards those who are raised from the death, and together you shall be gathered together in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and we shall be always with the Lord. Therefore, comfort each other with this word”* (1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:16-18).

Taken from: Patriarchs and Prophets, ch. 6

DANIEL, EXEMPLARY AMBASSADOR



Daniel, an Ambassador of Heaven ¹

Daniel and his companions in Babylon were, in their youth, apparently more favored of fortune than was Joseph in the earlier years of his life in Egypt; yet they were subjected to tests of character scarcely less severe. From the comparative simplicity of their Judean home these youth of royal line were transported to the most magnificent of cities, to the court of its greatest monarch, and were singled out to be trained for the king's special service. Strong were the temptations surrounding them in that corrupt and luxurious court. The fact that they, the worshippers of Jehovah, were captives to Babylon; that the vessels of God's house had been placed in the temple of the gods of Babylon; that the king of Israel was himself a prisoner in the hands of the Babylonians, was boastfully cited by the victors as evidence that their religion and customs were superior to the religion and customs of the Hebrews. Under such circumstances, through the very humiliations that Israel's departure from His commandments had invited, God gave to Babylon evidence of His supremacy, of the holiness of His requirements, and of the sure result of obedience. And this testimony He gave, as alone it could be given through those who still held fast their loyalty.

To Daniel and his companions, at the very outset of their career, there came a decisive test. The direction that their food should be supplied from the royal table was an expression both of the king's favor and of his solicitude for their welfare. But a portion having been offered to idols, the food from the king's table was consecrated to idolatry; and in partaking of the king's bounty these youth would be regarded as uniting in his homage to false gods. In such homage loyalty to Jehovah forbade them to participate. Nor dared they risk the enervating effect of luxury and dissipation on physical, mental, and spiritual development.

Daniel and his companions had been faithfully instructed in the principles of the word of God. They had learned to sacrifice the earthly to the spiritual, to seek the highest good. And they reaped the reward. Their habits of temperance and their sense of

responsibility as representatives of God called to noblest development the powers of body, mind, and soul. At the end of their training, in their examination with other candidates for the honors of the kingdom, there was "found none like Daniel, Haniah, Mishael, and Azariah." Daniel 1:19.

At the court of Babylon were gathered representatives from all lands, men of the choicest talents, men the most richly endowed with natural gifts, and possessed of the highest culture this world could bestow; yet amidst them all, the Hebrew captives were without a peer. In physical strength and beauty, in mental vigor and literary attainment, they stood unrivaled. "In all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm." Daniel 1:20.

Unwavering in allegiance to God, unwavering in the mastery of himself, Daniel's noble dignity and courteous deference won for him in his youth the "favor and tender love" of the heathen officer in whose charge he was. The same characteristics marked his life. Speedily he rose to the position of prime minister of the kingdom. Throughout the reign of successive monarchs, the downfall of the nation, and the establishment of a rival kingdom,

"such were his wisdom and statesmanship, so perfect his tact, his courtesy, and his genuine goodness of heart, combined with fidelity to principle, that even his enemies were forced to the confession that "they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful."

Daniel 6:4

While Daniel clung to God with unwavering trust, the spirit of prophetic power came upon him. While honored by men with the responsibilities of the court and the secrets of the kingdom, **he was honored by God as His ambassador**, and taught to read the mysteries of ages to come. Heathen monarchs, through association with Heaven's representative, were constrained to acknowledge the God of Daniel.

"Of a truth it is," declared Nebuchadnezzar, "that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets." And Darius, in his proclamation "unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth," exalted the "God of Daniel" as "the living God, and steadfast forever, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" who "delivereth and rescueth, and ... worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth." Daniel 2:47; 6:25-27.

What a lifework was that of these noble Hebrews! As they bade farewell to their childhood home, how little did they dream of their high destiny! Faithful and steadfast, they yielded themselves to the divine guiding, so that through them God could fulfill His purpose.



The same mighty truths that were revealed through these men, God desires to reveal through the youth and the children of today. The history of Joseph and Daniel is an illustration of what He will do for those who yield themselves to him and with the whole heart seek to accomplish His purpose.

The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man.

The youth need to be impressed with the truth that their endowments are not their own. Strength, time, intellect, are but lent treasures. They belong to God, and it should be the resolve of every youth to put them to the highest use. He is a branch, from which God expects fruit; a steward, whose capital must yield increase; a light, to illuminate the world's darkness.

Every youth, every child, has a work to do for the honor of God and the uplifting of humanity.

¹ E.G.White, Education, p. 54-58

YOUTHFUL AMBASSADOR AND POPULARITY



EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

We all, adults, children, youth, have privileges and responsibilities in this world. The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:20 “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”¹

They are distinguished for their fidelity (1 Corinthians 4:1, 2; 1 Timothy 1:12), their zeal, their personal understanding of and experience with the great truths of the gospel, and their diligence in study, in prayer, in soul winning, and in building up the church. There is no greater dignity or honor than that of being an ambassador for Christ and the kingdom of heaven.²

The words of a song says: “I am a stranger here, within a foreign land. My home is far away upon a golden strand; Ambassadorial am I of realms beyond the sky; I’m here on business for my King.”³

As ambassador, sometimes, willingly or maybe unwillingly, you become popular. You can become much liked, much requested, your influence is felt wherever you are, in everything you do. Some people may look up to you, and others may follow and imitate you.

DANGERS OF POPULARITY

- His/ her eyes will focus more on self than on God and others.
- May become exaggerated in talk, dress, hairstyle, song, study, work, etc.
- Uses and/ or manipulates people to stay well seen and popular.
- Can become bad steward of temple, treasure, talent, time.
- For your great talent people may follow you as leader (some blindly) and take their eyes of God, with all dangers involved (f.e. Jim Jones).

THE BIBLE tells us in Rom. 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God

has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

Of course, you want people to like you, and to pay attention when you are talking, and moreover if you are a youth. Giving advice as adults who traveled already on this road of life, here are some to help and protect our young people. We love you, you are future leaders of the church, and God is counting on your contribution.

1. Always be prepared to stand alone.⁵ Do you remember the song in the old hymnal? “Dare to be a Daniel. Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose firm. Dare to make it known!”

2. Never soil your lips by telling a lie. The truth will come out one day. Avoid that shame by always speaking the truth, even though it is not popular. The truth will free you!

3. Be absolutely straight and above-board. Just be yourself. Don’t pretend something you are not. One day that mask will nevertheless fall off.

4. Never demean others for you to shine. You know, life is strange. The person who does that today so he/ she can climb up in it's job, study, ministry, etc., tomorrow they will meet these same people on the ladder, but this time the others are climbing, while you are going down stairs. How much better and nice to treat them with courtesy and consideration, from the very beginning, when it was your turn.

5. Avoid grumbling. Who loves to have people around them who are always grumbling, complaining, picking on others and looking for the negative, all day long? Stop it! You sour people! Better still, try to be positive. Even when things are not going so well, if you ask God, He'll give you a better attitude, and if you choose to hum or sing a hymn, your mood will change for the better. Moreover, paste a smile on your face, and keep it there for a while. Try it! It works!!!

6. Be a good listener. ⁴

- Remove or avoid distractions.
- Notice well non-verbal communication and tone of voice.
- Be the mirror.
- Empathize, sympathize, and use body language to show you are listening.
- Practice silence.
- Ask probing questions.
- Don't interrupt or change the subject.
- Think before responding.
- Approach listening with a learner's mindset.
- Practice non-judgment.
- Take responsibility for a positive conversation.
- Validate the speaker's emotions.
- Find areas of agreement.
- Be trustworthy and discreet.
- Take notes when necessary.

7. Know what you believe and be consistent. *"There is an individuality in Christian experience that must be preserved in every human agent, and the responsibility cannot be removed from any soul. Each one has his own battles to fight, his own Christian experience to gain, independent in some respects from any other soul; and God has lessons for each to gain for himself that no other can gain for him."* (2MCP 430)

8. Possess a persistent spirit of doing what is right. *"Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, and love makes fragrant the life— it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognized as laborers together with God."* (COL 402; ML 118; MYP 209; 1 SM 101, 333).

9. Keep thyself pure. *"And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."* (1 John 3:3; Titus 1:15).

There is never a time or place when Christ's ambassadors cease to be an ambassador! True, many of Christ's ambassadors are bad examples of His ambassadors and bring reproach upon His holy name, but once having become an ambassador through the new birth, one is an ambassador until death! ¹

¹ [Microsoft Word - Ambassadors for Christ.doc \(drdonjennings.com\)](#)

² Komentario Bíblico, tomo 6, p. 870

³ Komentario Bíblico, tomo 6, p. 1086

⁴ [How To Be A Good Listener \(15 Simple Ways To Improve The Conversation\) \(liveboldandbloom.com\)](#)

⁵ Mel Johnson "Tip For Teens."





Bible Examples

SMALL AMBASSADOR

War is cruel. The little girl had been carried away from her home, and was now in an enemy land, seemingly forsaken by God and without comfort or hope. Life seemed to have for her little of good, and she might have become bitter and morose if she had allowed herself to center her thoughts upon herself and her unhappy plight. But even in an alien land God had a service for her to perform.

Waited on Naaman's wife

The captive maid was living the life of a slave, forced to serve in the home of the commander of the armies that had laid Israel low. But she must have been faithful in her service, for otherwise she would not have been employed in the home of an important official.

With the prophet

Although a captive, the maid did not forget her homeland or her God. Nor did she think thoughts of ill toward those who had taken her captive and forced her into an involuntary servitude. Filled with love toward her God, her heart went out in sympathy to her ailing master and his wife. Instead of wishing Naaman ill because of the misfortunes that had been brought upon her, she wished him well and hoped for his recovery from this terrible disease. Remembering the marvelous works of Elisha in her homeland, she had faith that the prophet could heal Naaman of his leprosy. What God has wrought through His servant in Israel, she believed He could also perform toward those of an alien race.

He would recover him

Leprosy was regarded as an incurable disease. But the Hebrew maid had been taught by her parents that there is nothing impossible with God. The parents had discharged their responsibility well, and the result was this wonderful testimony in behalf of Israel's God in a land that knew Him not. Naaman learned of a power beyond the power of men because a

faithful father and mother in Israel had brought up their child to love and trust the Lord.

One went in

That is, Naaman went to his Lord the king of Syria and related to him the words of the captive maid. Little did the girl understand the import of her words of faith in God. Naaman believed because the girl believed, and he carried her testimony before Syria's king. Thus was Benhadad to learn that Israel's God was a God of power and a God of love. He had defeated the armies of Israel in battle, and he might have been led to believe that the gods of Syria were mightier than Jehovah. But he was to learn that the God of Israel could do that which was beyond the power of men and beyond the power of the Syrian gods.

The greatest testimony that can be borne in behalf of the God of heaven is the testimony of a person whose life reflects implicit confidence in Him.

I will send

Not only had the young maiden's testimony of faith created confidence in the commander of the Syrian hosts, but it also created a measure of faith in the heart of Syria's king. Faith begets faith and love begets love. Faith is an ever-widening circle that goes out from heart to heart and from land to land, until it encompasses the globe. Only eternity can measure the results of that testimony of confidence in Israel's God borne by the captive maid before her mistress in an alien land.

Her master is healed

We can read the whole story in 2 Kings 5. There we read of the letter captain Naaman took to Israel's king, of how the king rent his clothes and of the bad atmosphere of distrust that reigned. We see how God told His prophet what was happening and how he summoned the captain to come to him so he can receive healing for his body and restoration for his soul. The prophet was anxious for Naaman to become acquainted with the love and power of Israel's God, and that he take back to his own people a message of comfort concerning the hope that all might have in Him. The home of every child of God should be a haven of rest to all who are in need.

We read how the message came to the captain to go and wash and be healed, and how he felt very much offended to put his dignity down in that dirty water of Jordan, to be healed? His faith got a dent. Naaman had his own thoughts, but these were not the thoughts of God. He made a plan of his own, and then expected that God would work according to that plan. But man's preconceptions as to what should be the Lord's mode of action are often erroneous. When we map out beforehand the path of Providence, we may expect disappointments. The man who would be saved and walk in the ways of the Lord must learn that God's ways are infinitely higher and better than the ways of men (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

How often servants prove themselves to be wiser than their masters... By heeding the words of his servants, Naaman obeyed and he was healed.

When God speaks through a prophet, it always pays to put aside one's own opinion and accept the message of the Lord. Only thus may we find ourselves walking in the ways of God and partaking of His blessings.



The lesson for all of us

If every child of God were as faithful in bearing witness for Him as the captive Hebrew maid, all the people of earth would become acquainted with the Creator's wonderful love and care, and many would be led to give praise and thanksgiving to Him. In every land there are those who are as earnest and sincere as Naaman, and who are waiting only for the faithful testimony and the holy lives of the people of God before giving their hearts to Him.

Source:
Bible Commentary, vol. 2, p. 874-880



**STOP SIGNS FOR
YOUNG AMBASSADORS**

STOP SIGNS ARE USEFUL IN MANY ASPECTS

Some of them are in for example, traffic, because it helps to avoid an accident when someone:

- Goes full speed through red light, without paying attention to the light.
- When a driver right away turns to the right without looking to his left if there is upcoming traffic or without paying attention to the traffic sign.
- When the driver goes full speed straight ahead in a crossing without seeing who has preference there.

Stop signs are also useful in relationships, for example:

- To know when to stop nagging your parents for something you want. There is no sign to remind you, but you feel *"I better stop before their patience wear off with me!"*
- Or when you are calling someone's attention, be it a child or youth, to know when it is enough. It's not a visible sign, but the Holy Spirit impresses you to cut short the conversation.

Likewise there are stop signs in for example, eating habits. There your mind, stomach and your will power work together to let you know that:

- You better don't eat that stuff because it fattens you, or you'll get diabetes, or other health problems.
- Stop eating! Don't overeat! Don't force yourself!

So there are also some stop signs for young ambassadors. They can be for kids, youth or young adults, who are pastor's kids, brought up in a ministerial

family and whom the Lord gives a special charge. But these counsels are not only for the pastor's kids, but for all our children and youth, here at home or in other far away lands.

I. STOP DODGING THE VOICE OF GOD

In the Bible we have the story of Cain and Esau. Both were raised in a Christian home. They learned together with their brother about God, but they played the fool, and didn't pay attention. But they are not guiltless. They were responsible for their choice and for the consequences. You have also the case of Hophny and Phinehas. There is no excuse!

Whether you are a child or a youth, stop hiding for God's voice. As a loving Father, who loves all His children, those who are naughty, stubborn, conceited, proud and disobedient, He loves them more and dedicates more time to them to protect them from hidden traps, that their cloudy eyes can't see. But God sees all Satan's traps clearly and warns us.

II. STOP EVADING LIFE

You can't stay baby forever and pretend to survive only on milk. You'll die, boy! You have to grow, not only physically, but also mentally, and spiritually.

You have to mature, to put one step in front of the other, and go on with life. It may frighten you how fast the days go by. We can do nothing about that! That happened with all of us, either we like it or not, we have to confront daily life, but you know what? How sweet when you and I put God in the first place of our day, every day anew, ah... He himself will instruct us, He will strengthen us, He will inspire us, He himself goes with us in the day and blesses us greatly. Try Him for yourself!

III. STOP ARGUING WITH YOUR CONSCIENCE

'That is God's Holy Spirit speaking, yes, again with you, winning you over to take the right decision.

Which?

- To give up just sitting there in front of the TV, or wasting your time playing video games, or on the phone, or reading a book, without giving a hand with the chores in and around the house.
- To follow certain studies/ career.
- To avoid certain friendships, and certain places you frequent.

Rather, do you know what? You should be grateful to God that His Holy Spirit is still speaking to you, for your own good. That means, you still have opportunity to take good decisions and better your future.

IV. STOP EXCUSING YOURSELF FOR YOUR SIN

Recognize when you are wrong! Ask forgiveness, and go forward with God's help. More you try to cover up and pretend to forget the sin, it won't go away of itself, but it stays there eating you up like a cancer and sours your life and of those around you. So, deal with it!



You have to confess your sin to the one you wronged and then to God, ask forgiveness, so you can have peace of mind. Don't you want that? It is hard, I know! Pride and shame withhold us, but remember, that doesn't come from God, it comes from the devil, and you only lose when you stay on his side. Try Jesus!

V. STOP STALLING FOR TIME

My mother used to have a saying, which I told our children also:

“Time flies by and it waits for nobody!”

And when you stop to analyze that statement, we have to recognize that it is true. Just take a look in your life and day and see how fast it flies by. Incredible!

It is we who have to learn to live with the clock, and set fixed time for everything we

want to accomplish in our day. So, as soon as the day starts, to begin attending them one by one, with God's help.

Oh that it were so, that we start every day with God, first thing in the morning, spending time in His word and in prayer. For we have to recognize, we can do nothing good without God's help. He is everything to us, like Lamentations 3:24 says: *“The Lord is everything I need. Therefore I will put my trust in Him.”* God in front of us, God in the back, God at the beginning of the day and God at the end of the day; God for every decision we have to take during the day, even the smallest, and He will be like a hedge around us, to keep us from all evil seen and unseen.

May God richly bless each one of our children and youth that we love very much, and may He help you all to be good faithful ambassadors.

Source; Mel Johnson, *Tips for Teens*, p. 16



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YOUNG AMBASSADOR AND TIME



HOW WE USE TIME ¹

Author Vere V. Loper once said: "More important than the passing of the years is what we have done with them. Time does nothing but pass away. It is foolish to say, "time will tell." "time will heal." "time will bring out possibilities in him." Time will do nothing of the sort. Time will only come and go. Time does not help a man to help himself. How we use time is what matters."

Sometimes a child or a youth may think they are young, and they have all the time in the world to make their decisions, so let him/ her take it easy. But, let me share with you something I have read.

TIME IS MONEY. ² We have no right to waste it. At work we are paid for the time we spent working. Both time and money is precious. If we manage our time well we can manage our finances better still.

TIME IS LIFE. We must value it greatly. The present is a gift that you have. That means, you are breathing. It's a chance to make a change, another chance to try once more. A chance to achieve your goals. Now you can take decisions that can affect your future and better your life.

TIME IS POWER. We have no right to dissipate it. When you have time, there are so many things you can do, to make life happier and more fair for those who are burdened at the moment with worries of life. You can help to relief them from desperation. A decision has to be made, who has the power over who? Does time have the power over you, or do you have the power over time? Because people make time for what they want and like. Is it not so?

TIME IS INFLUENCE. We have no right to throw it away. If you are punctual, on time for school, at your job, at all your appointments, you leave a very good impression and influence on people, and the road can open marvellously for you, because you show that you are responsible and you respect other people's time.

TIME IS GOD'S. He gives it to us for a purpose. It is a gift from God. And as stewards we are responsible for the way we use our time.

TIME IS A SACRED TRUST. We must answer for every moment. It is time that you consider as sacred you let nothing interfere with it. You dedicate yourself to that. In the same way the Sabbath is a holy period of twenty-four (24) hours, dedicated to God. We must not allow anything and no one to hinder us from spending these hours with God, with family and to minister like Jesus.

TIME IS WISDOM. We have no right to be ignorant. Psalms 90:12 says: "So teach us to number our days, that we present to Thee a heart of wisdom." Bible Commentary, vol. 3, p. 842 explains: "Or 'get a heart of wisdom.' Only God sees the end from the beginning, but we should pray for grace to act as if we saw that end. We need to meditate on life's brevity, that we may be wise in employing the time that God allots us."

TIME IS PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY ¹

We must redeem it.

YOUTH: Too happy to think. Plenty of time left yet.

MANHOOD: Too busy to think. Seeking more gold.

PRIME OF LIFE: Too anxious to think. Worry has taken over.

DECLINING YEARS: Too old to think. Life wasted. Old hearts harder to get.

DYING BED: Too ill to think. Weak, now, and suffering alone.

DEATH: Too late to think. The breath of life has gone. Opportunity is lost now!

ETERNITY: No more time to think. God's mercy is past. I am late!

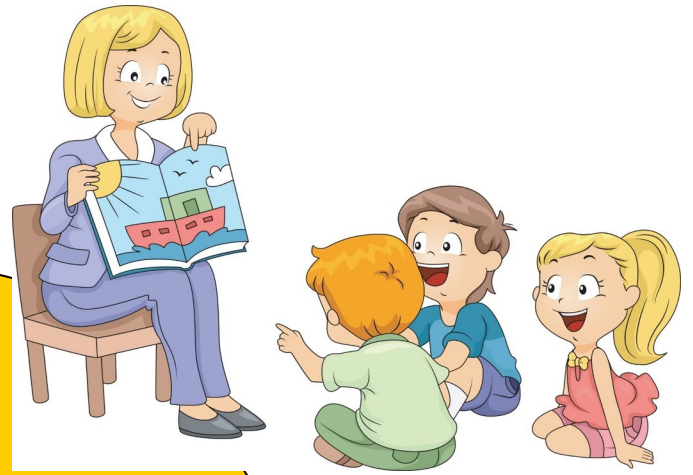
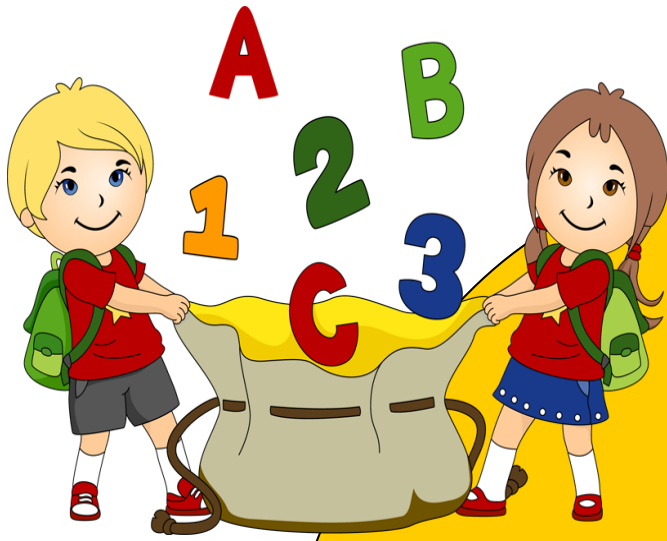
Don't let that happen to you, young man/ woman. Live wisely TODAY! Today you have, you don't know about tomorrow. Be thankful to God and make good use of the time you have today.

¹ Sword Scrapbook No. 2, p.134, 138

² Mel Gibson "Tips For Teens." p. 16.

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MR. CREATOR'S Borrowed BROWN HANDS



YVONNE DAVY

1. TERROR IN THE NIGHT

Mary sat on the step in front of the door of her one-room cabin rocking her baby in her arms as she hummed a simple melody. The wintry sun had almost no heat, but at least it had lift. Inside the cabin it was dark, dark as her thoughts. Pretty four-year-old Melissa and husky Jim, two years younger, played in the dirt at her feet.

Last Sunday— was it only last Sunday, or was it a hundred years ago?— her husband Giles had walked over from the Grant plantation, and during their few quiet hours together she had been happy, oh, so happy. Then yesterday they had brought her word that Giles had fallen off the wagon when they were hauling logs, and his life had been crushed out. Never, never would she be really happy again!

Mary had been born on the Grant plantation seventeen or eighteen years before and didn't know what it was to be free, for her father and mother were both slaves. She was forced to work hard. If she displeased her mistress she was severely punished. Her mistress wasn't a cruel woman, but she didn't believe slaves had feelings. Fortunately Mrs. Grant was fairly even-tempered, so it wasn't often that Mary displeased her. The slaves on the Grant plantation were treated well, all things considered; and they were allowed a certain amount of free time. Giles, a strong and handsome young slave, was greatly attracted to the quiet, gentle Mary.

Moses Carver, who owned the farm next to the Grant plantation, did not believe in slavery. "No man has a right to own another human being, no matter what his color," he often said, so he would not buy anyone to help him on his farm. He bred and raised horses. Because he was frugal, it was rumored that he had a pretty penny stashed away somewhere in his home.

The Carvers had had only one child; and when that baby girl was laid in a narrow grave on the hillside, Mrs. Carver felt old and tired.

"Moses, I just can't do all the housework like I used to," she complained. "I wish you'd get a young slave girl to help me."

"But, Susan, you know how I feel about having a slave. It just isn't right. People aren't like cattle or horses, to be bought and sold."

"Yes, but I can't do the work anymore." And she shook her head as she sighed heavily. At last, worn down by the sight of his wife's tired face, Moses walked over to the

next plantation.

"Colonel Grant, I need a young girl to help my wife with the housework. Do you happen to have one I could buy?" he asked.

"Why, yes, I have a strong, healthy young female about 13 years old that might suit you," was the reply.

As soon as Moses Carver saw Mary, he knew that his Susan would love her. He willingly paid Colonel Grant the \$700 for the young girl. And Moses wasn't wrong, for Susan's eyes shone when he brought Mary into their kitchen.

Mary was bewildered and afraid. She wondered what the future would hold for her. Would her new owner be cruel and demanding? It was hard to be torn from her friends, especially from Giles, whom she loved so dearly. But Mary didn't need to be afraid long, for the woman's face lighted up when she saw the sweet young girl. She hurried forward and put her arm around her shoulders.

"My husband tells me your name is Mary. I'm so happy to have you live with us, Mary," she said warmly.

"Thank you, ma'am," Mary answered.

"No, child, don't call me 'ma'am.' You just call us Uncle Moses and Aunt Susan. You are part of our family now. Come, we have lots of work, so let's get busy." Aunt Susan spoke more briskly and happily than she had for a long time.

And so it was from then on. Aunt Susan was always right there working beside Mary. The girl didn't feel as if she were a slave; rather she was part of a family now. Colonel Grant allowed Giles to go over to the Carver farm every Sunday, and of course Mary simply lived for those hours when they could be together.

When little Melissa was born to Mary and Giles, Aunt Susan acted as if she were the child's grandmother. And she made little dresses for the baby and pieced a pretty quilt to keep her warm at night. Jim arrived two years later. He was strong and was soon toddling all over the yard. Very different was baby George. He was only two months old when the children caught the whooping cough. Melissa and Jim got over the disease quickly, but not so this latest, most delicate baby. He coughed until his little lips turned blue, and Mary feared he was dying.

It was at time like these that it was such a comfort to Mary to have Giles with her. He would hold the puny baby in his strong arms,

And the heat of his own body seemed to have a soothing effect on the racking cough. But now Giles was gone. As the dreadful truth came home anew to the young mother, great sobs shook her. Why did he have to die? Surely nothing could be worse!

Those were bad times. The Southern States had seceded from the Union. There was war, a dreadful war where brother fought against brother. Carver's sympathy were with the North, for he hoped Lincoln and his armies would win the war and free the slaves. In the meantime lawless bushwhackers raided the border country, robbing those who were not strong enough to withstand them and carrying off whatever slaves and animals they could find. The slaves were then sold in Louisiana or Texas for fantastic prices that further enriched the raiders.

One afternoon Moses Carver brought a message of fear to Aunt Susan and Mary: "I was told in town that the bushwhackers have been making forays into the country not far from here. If they should come to our farm, Mary, you must flee as fast as you can with the children to the cave that I have dug under the milkhouse. If they were to capture you, I don't know what I'd do, my child."

One dark night Moses heard the sound of horses galloping toward his little farm. Instantly he knew what that meant. He jumped from his bed and, pulling on his trousers over his night clothes, he hurried out to Mary's cabin and shook her.

"Wake up, Mary. The bandits are here. Take the children and flee to the cave," he commanded as he threw a quilt around Melissa's shoulders.

"What's the mat—" Mary began.

"Don't ask questions. Obey me. Take the children and run to the cave under the milkhouse, and don't you dare come out until we call you," he ordered as he gave her a push toward the door.

He wasn't a minute too soon. Mary had barely had time to close the trapdoor when the band of masked raiders turned into the yard. They hammered hard on the kitchen door threatening to break it down if it wasn't opened immediately. As Carver unlocked it for them they pushed their way inside.

"Where's your money?" they demanded.

Moses had worked many years for every cent he owned, and he was not about to give his hard-earned cash to these ruffians.

When Moses refused to talk, the leader

barked a command. "We'll soon unloose that stubborn tongue of yours," he growled as his henchmen grabbed the man.

They dragged him outside and strung him up by his thumbs to a branch of the walnut tree. They whipped him, but he kept his lips pressed together and refused to tell his secret. Then they took a flaming firebrand and held it under his feet burning his soles cruelly.

Moses had locked his valuable horses in their hidden corral, deep in the woods. The animals smelled the searing flesh, and sensing danger, they stampeded within the walls of their enclosure, but they couldn't break through the fence. The bandits heard the noise and thought it was the militia coming. Fearing they'd be caught in a trap, they jumped back onto their horses and fled.

As a last gesture of revenge, they threw the torch into the barn, and soon the wooden building and dry hay were ablaze.

After the men had gone, Aunt Susan hurried out and cut her husband down. She tried to carry him, but it was too much for her frail strength, so instead she helped him to hobble to the house, where he collapsed exhausted onto the bed.

"But they didn't get my money," he said grimly. Indeed, who would have thought to look for money under the beehives that stood at one side of the garden! "Go, and call Mary," he moaned as he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Aunt Susan treated her husband's wounds as best she could, applying soothing poultices. Gradually his feet healed, and he was able to make his way around painfully.

Melissa and Jim were none the worse for the night's experience, but wee George's cough was much aggravated. Aunt Susan made up a mixture of herbs and honey, and whenever the little one had a choking spell his mother made him swallow a teaspoon of the syrup, enabling him to breathe once more.

"I have a feeling in my bones that we haven't seen the last of those bushwhackers," Uncle Moses told the women one afternoon. "They'll be back, and they'll take what they can find. I just hope they don't find you, Mary. You must be ready to run to the cave at any moment. I don't intend to wait for them in this house again!"

And he was only too correct. It was a cold, blustery night when the wind brought the dreaded sounds to Carver's ears—ears that seemed to be listening even in his sleep.

He sent Aunt Susan to the milkhouse, then hobbled in to call Mary.

"They're here, Mary. Hurry!" he urged.

"But, Uncle Moses, it's so cold for George—"

"Grab a blanket and come. I'll take the other two." The man stooped to pick up the children, one in each arm. Jim opened one eye, then snuggled down against the man's warm neck, but Melissa was difficult. She was afraid and clung to her mother's skirt.

"Come, Mary, come," pleaded the man.

"You go; I'll follow," she answered as she picked up the sleeping baby. Should she take the bottle of cough mixture? She walked toward the table, but seemed to forget what she wanted and turned to fetch a blanket. She moved as in a nightmare, unable to do anything quickly. She hesitated one minute too long. The masked riders burst into the little cabin and grabbed her.

"Let me get warm clothes for the baby," she begged.

The men weren't interested in a baby. They dragged her, still clutching her little George close, and flung her onto a horse. They hoisted Melissa in front of her and took off into the night.

Uncle Moses and Aunt Susan huddled in the cave with tiny Jim and waited for Mary to follow them. When they heard the thud, thud of the hoofbeats, they knew it was too late. Anxiously they waited till all was quiet once more then they hurried back to the house. Uncle Moses called, "Mary! Mary!" but only the soft echo came back to him. The door of her cabin swung back and forth in the cold wind, and the room was empty.

Moses Carver was distraught. He blamed himself for Mary's capture. "If only I hadn't bought her, she'd have been safe on Colonel Grant's plantation. They wouldn't dare attack him, for he has too many slaves for them to tackle. But they thought they could get me since I work alone," he repeated time and again.

In the morning Uncle Moses remembered John Bentley, an exbushwhacker. He went straight to Diamond Grove and found the man.

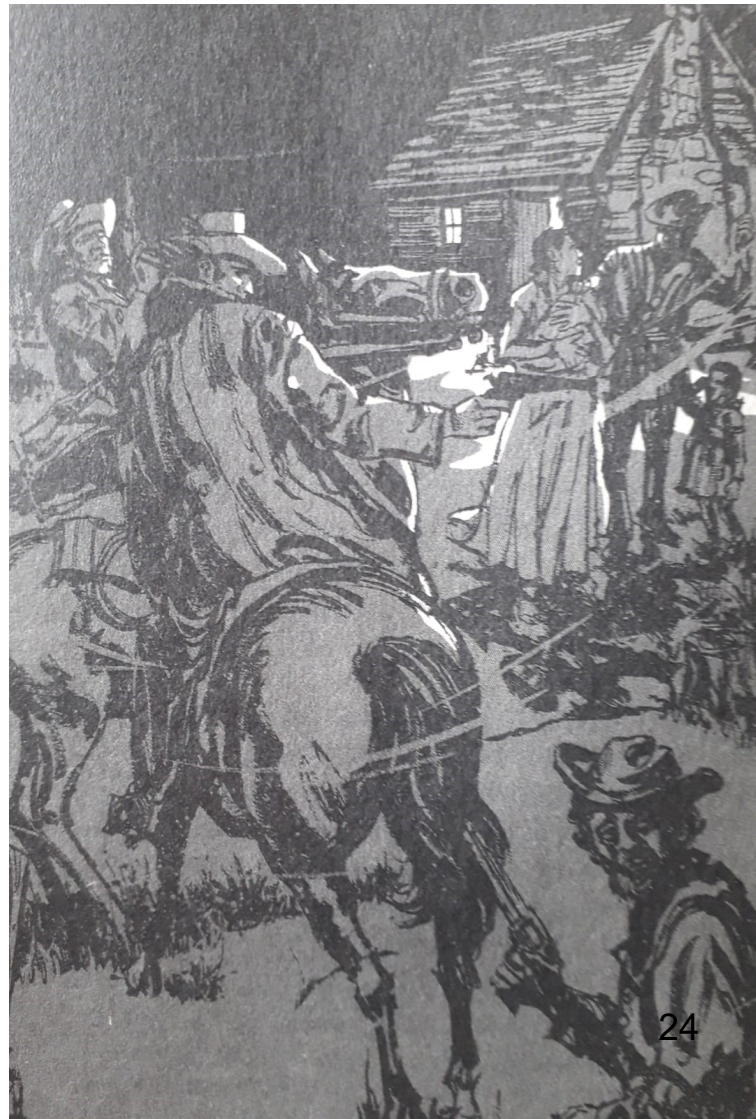
"If you find my Mary and her children, I'll give you 40 acres of my best timberland," he promised Bentley.

"But I have no way of following them," Bentley argued.

"I'll give you my best racehorse, Pacer, to ride. Only find Mary for me," Carver pleaded.

"Very well, I'll do my best," the man agreed.

It was the week before Christmas, but there were no Christmas preparations that year in the Carver home. Neither Aunt Susan nor Uncle Moses had any heart for Christmas. Carver cursed himself for a fool. He had given an exbushwhacker a \$300 racer to find Mary! Of course he would never bring back the girl. Pacer was a good horse and valuable, but he was nothing compared with Mary, Melissa, and that sickly, but lovable little George. That was a sad, sad week and a sad, sad Christmas with only the presence of young Jim to comfort them. Would they never see the rest of their little family again? Every time they thought about it, Aunt Susan burst into tears, and Uncle Moses had to blow his nose vigorously.



See if you can find the 10 exemplary ambassadors in this puzzle



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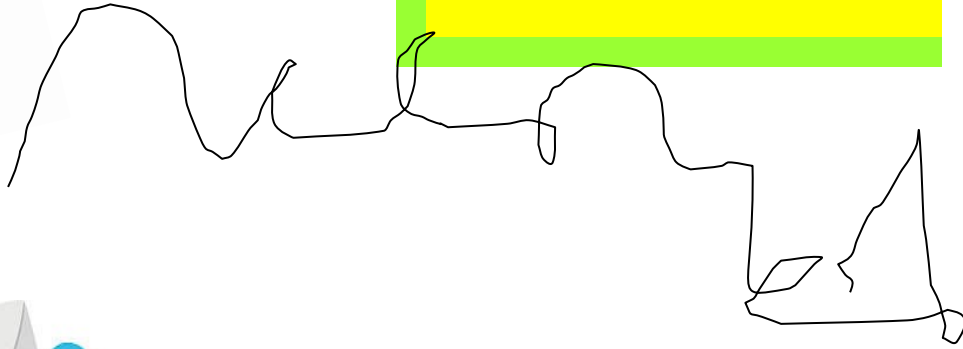




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