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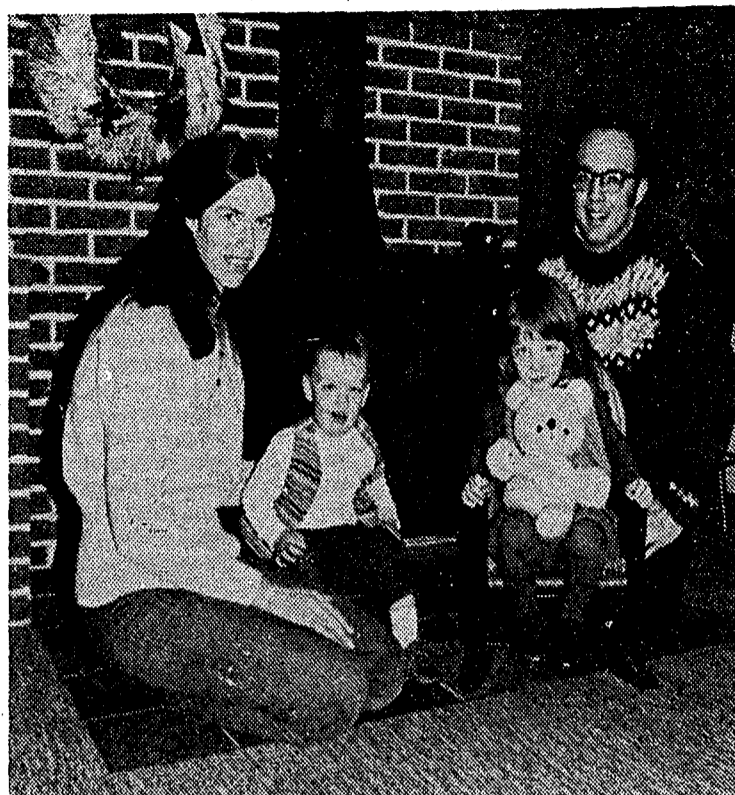
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Roberta, Michael, Kim and
Howard Ellis

MAKING A CHRISTIAN HOME

The question for consideration:

The question for consideration: "How has being a Christian affected you in your homemaking?" The most obvious responsibility I see at the moment, being a parent of two small children, is that we all have a big burden of showing by our minute-to-minute actions whether we practice what we preach. The lofty ideals we talk about are of little value if not scaled down to fit everyday situations. Love is only an abstraction until it is translated into doing.

The other imperative I feel about homemaking because of being a Christian is that I not devote all my time to my home. For the world is also my home and its people my brothers and sisters, yours too. Jesus taught that we ought to care for other people — meaning both the emotion of caring and taking care of. But he didn't just teach it — He lived it! Our responsibility to others might be expressed in a variety of careers, in volunteer service to the community, with church and ecumenical groups, in politics at various levels, in acts of helpfulness not dignified by any job title, and in individual efforts as varied as our imaginations.

If homemaking is as uplifting an occupation as sometimes painted, why aren't more men running to get the job? If, on the other hand, homemaking is full of dull tasks requiring little mind power, why should only women be stuck with it? A lot of our ideas of what a female "should" do and a male "should" do deserve to be discarded. Each family (whether "nuclear" or extended by more relatives or friends) would be more sensible to divide up the tasks required to run their house and care for its occupants on the basis of practicality and their own convenience rather than unthinkingly accepting society's ideas.

For I think "making a home" is a task in which all the people who live in the home should be involved. All get a share of interesting jobs and grubby chores; all share rough times to get through and good times together; all have moments of frustration but also of satisfaction.

Roberta Clarke Ellis (Mrs. Howard) is a member of the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

A Prayer for All Parents can be found on page 15.

Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction. — Ephesians 6:4

Christian in Vocation

For several years the Vocational Committee of the Board of Christian Education has collected histories of Seventh Day Baptists who have been successful in their careers as well as loyal church members. Here, in part, are the results of some of the interviews:

****Morris Streich, a deacon of the Albion church, directs the church choir, teaches a Sabbath School class and is a church trustee.

He is district manager of Field Enterprises Educational Corporation and his genial manner and aggressive, hard working tactics have won him top honors consistently in both personal and organizational sales. In spite of the nature of his work, which involves many evening call-backs, he has a firm policy of no business on Friday night or Sabbath Day. He is a fine example of one who has made good in this workaday world without compromises of his beliefs regarding the Sabbath. (1969)

****C. Robert Stohr, a member of Richburg church, has combined a meaningful occupation with loyalty to the church and the Sabbath. Following graduation from Suny at Alfred, he accepted a position with Moore Business Forms, Inc., in Niagara Falls, N. Y. While employed there he drove 100 miles home and back to work each weekend in order to worship on the Sabbath. He is presently employed as business manager by Northgate Buick-Cadillac, Olean, N. Y.

Bob has been open with his employers, explaining his religious convictions and commitments. He has been willing to work a little harder for his employer that he might honor God through his Sabbathkeeping.

****If success can be defined as achievement of personal goals, Mark R. Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y., can be said to be a successful man. Although thwarted by family circumstances from gaining a seminary education and by having to return to the family farm on which he lives, nevertheless, much of his early ambition has been realized.

Along the way he has been a missionary teacher, a licentiate often called to preach, an assiduous Bible student, and a steadfast deacon for all of his adult years.

As a Sabbathkeeper, having from his earliest years acknowledged the inspiration and proven worth of the Ten Commandments, he has doubtless had no more struggle to "keep" the Fourth than the other nine, always using his dedicated intelligence to translate "holy" into modern terms of worship, rest, and service.

****Few men seem to live as fully and with as much purpose as Lynn Langworthy, senior deacon of the Alfred church. Now retired, he counts farming, going from farm to farm with his threshing and other machines, and plumbing among his occupations.

Mr. Langworthy says, "From early childhood the arrival of Friday evening and the approach of the Lord's Sabbath has given me a peace of mind, a serenity of spirit, a steadying calmness from the things that have tended to worry me during the week.

"The teachings of my parents, my church and its leaders, and above all, God's written Word are the things which have given me great comfort in trying to be a true Seventh Day Baptist."

****Burrell H. Bottoms of Athens, Ala., launched out a few years ago into

The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. Mark 2:27

FOR CATHY — Who Lifted an Ounce!

I saw you just a moment
On the street today.
We stopped and talked a little while;
Not too much to say.

Just a cheery word or two—
A bit of silly song.
But when we went our separate ways,
Things weren't quite so wrong.

I gave you just about an ounce
From my load of fleeting grief.
You took it up, and gave my heart
A moment of relief.

Friends don't have to talk at length,
To say the things they feel.
There isn't need to spell things out,
To make those things seem real.

You gave me chance to realize,
That Christ could take it all.
I gave it up and fluttered free —
Thank God for friends who care for me.

By Jude Frechette, a sophomore in Alfred University, majoring in music.
She belongs to the Alfred church where she sings in the choir.

truck farming and flower growing. Having a roadside stand, he erected a sign reading: "No business transacted on the Sabbath (Saturday)."

Neighbors warned him that it would hurt his business. Instead, much more trade was realized on Sundays since many persons think of Sunday as a "holiday" (EKB 1968).

***Leland W. Bond, of Clarksburg, W. Va., says, "I am thankful for my occupation as a professional sales representative for a pharmaceutical company which has provided me with unlimited opportunities to meet and work with hundreds of persons. Nearly every day I can find some opportunity to witness if I am consistently conscious of a desire to witness.

"Never before in our history have Seventh Day Baptists had an opportunity to follow such varied occupations and still be able to keep the Sabbath."

Use only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. Ephesians 4:29 (TEV)

Free To Be Christian in High School

By Robert R. Hansel

This book pretty much goes right along with the title. It deals with many of the problems teens have in high school, and the author, I think, was very perceptive of the problems that are real to us today.

It covers the school as it is to us, a busy place where much of our first eighteen years is spent. It is a part of our life and is really the beginning of how we will live in the future. At school we should live our life as a Christian just as we will when we get older.

Relationships with teachers are important and Mr. Hansel tries to state the feelings of both teachers and students and how they can relate to each other in the right ways. God intended us to grow and learn and have respect and love for others.

Next, he talks about conformity. I know that this was one of my favorite chapters for the simple reason that I (and I'm sure every student) faced this problem throughout high school. Should you conform to be a part of a popular group, to be a friend of certain people, to gain popularity in your class? True Christians are willing and loyal. The author asks the questions: "Do you have what it takes to be faithful to God, to others, and to yourself, all at the same time?" He states there is risk involved, no matter which way you go. You must decide which way will bring you the gift of life. Decisions are hard to make but Christians should accept the risk of mak-

ing a decision. Christians know there is the great power of forgiveness.

I find myself witnessing and talking to my friends, and they are truly interested. I don't find them turning away from me; I find more respect. I still conform to some things but I know what is right and wrong and I don't let anyone try to change my morals. The author says you must to things that do something for you, things that you get a happy satisfaction from doing.

The following is a prayer I liked in that chapter.

"God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Mr. Hansel reminds us at the end of the book that the Lord is ready to use us now; not later, not after we have done what we want or after we have fulfilled our own desires. God wants us to live our life as fully as possible. Service to God and to others is the only way, NOW.

The end of the book has some lessons and ideas so that it can be used in a high school group. I think that for the most part, this book would be good for a high school church class, and if some group is looking for this type of material, I would recommend it.

Reviewed by Sandra Snyder, a Junior in Alfred-Almond Central School and a member of the Alfred SDB Church, where she sings in the choir and is active in Youth Fellowship.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

Galatians 5:1a (KJV)

Christian:

What Will You Do About These Situations?



Air pollution



Superabundance of dogs (and cats)



Litter



- The ill
- The aged
- The lonely
- The troubled
- The imprisoned
- The non-Christian

Even Children

Dear Boys and Girls.

You remember we promised you in the December *Sabbath Visitor* that there would be a special page soon in the *Sabbath Recorder* for you. But you will see that it is not just for children. The reason for that is that I remember well how some of the choir members used to be so interested in my husband's chalk talks that they were quite bothered when they could not see, too. And I have known many children's sermon that applied just as much to adults as to younger people.

One of the Bible verses I remember so well having learned as a child is one I trust is familiar to you, too:

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. (Prov. 20:11 KJV)

That verse is a very important one for you to remember now and also when you have grown up and become a parent or teacher or whatever you feel called to do as a vocation to earn a living. But first of all we are called to follow Christ and be His disciples.

Another verse that stands out clearly to me from childhood is:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6 KJV).

These two verses are very closely related and should help you understand why your parents care so much what you do or don't do *now*.

Most of you who will be reading this letter have Christian parents who are trying very hard to help you grow up into the Christian way of life. That's why they are apt to insist that you do what is right, even when you may not feel like it or want to do it.

I am so grateful that I grew up in a family where the parents cared enough to try to teach us how to follow Christ. We

had to be sick abed to miss any of the regular church activities. Our parents were also our Sabbath School teachers and Christian Endeavor leaders most of the time we were growing up. They cared what we did—not just because we were PK's (preacher's kids), but because they wanted us to do what Christ would have us do. And they knew the importance of learning good habits when young. It's much easier than trying to break bad habits later on. So we grew up expecting to go to prayer meeting and participate on Friday night, to attend church and Sabbath School in the morning and go to Christian Endeavor in the afternoon. We learned to sing in the choir, play in a church orchestra, take our turns leading meetings and planning socials for C.E., make scrapbooks for a children's home and sing for shut-ins.

We decorated Easter eggs and made May baskets for lonely adults, picked fresh May flowers so that each person at church could wear a flower on Mother's Day, practiced for Children's Day programs and Christmas pageants, memorized many Bible passages and learned to look them up with ease and speed. We learned to pay attention in church and in school and to listen carefully and learn.

We didn't do these things just because we had to (though sometimes we might have been reluctant). We obeyed because we loved our parents and because they had taught us to love God and to show that love by loving others. They cared enough to teach us to live the words of the song, "Give of Your Best to the Master." Our parents lived that way and taught us to do so.

So don't resist when your parents try, not just by their words but by their actions, to teach you about Christ and help you discover what He wants you

Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Ephesians 6:1 (KJV).

THINKING

Who am I?

Why am I living at this address?

Am I a Christian?

Could I be a better Christian?

Why did I choose this vocation which requires so much of my time and energy?

If I am a Christian, did I choose it because I could use my special talents to best serve my fellow man?

Or, was this something I could do and live in the neighborhood with my relatives and friends?

Did I choose it so I could live near the church of my choice?

Did my parents persuade me to pursue this line of work?

Did I make this choice because of the attractive salary?

Life is so short!

I must make the best use of my time!

Maybe God's plan for my life could be better accomplished through some other vocation.

Do I have the courage to change my life style?

THINKING — PRAYING

These questions may be pondered by individuals or used as a starter for group discussion.

By Madge Sutton, member of the Alfred Station SDB Church.

to do with your life. Remember it's not too early to start. God cares what you say and do and He is always ready to forgive when you are truly sorry and ask forgiveness. Your parents care, too, but they can't do it for you. Your church friends and Sabbath School teachers and many of your public school teachers care too. So begin now, if you have not al-

ready. Give your life to Christ and He will help you live it for Him.

We learn to obey — not out of fear — but out of love.

Sincerely and with love,
Aunt Fran

Frances Clarke (Mrs. David S.) is co-editor of the *Sabbath Visitor*, and a member of the Alfred church.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:17 (KJV)

The Bible and Christian Growth

Some years ago a professor on a college campus stated that he had about exhausted the teachings of the Bible after three years of study. Near the same time there appeared a book entitled, "Sixty Years with the Bible," in which the author indicated that he had only scratched the surface. What a contrast!

As we think of Christian growth, we are reminded of what the writer of the Book of Hebrews had to say on the subject to the early Christians. In the midst of his "Warning Against Falling Away," he said: "Let us go forward, then, to mature teaching and leave behind us the beginning of the Christian message. We should not lay again the foundation of turning away from useless works and believing in God; of the teaching about baptism and the laying on of hands; of the raising of the dead and the eternal judgment. Let us go forward! And this is what we will do, if God allows (Heb. 6:1-3 TEV).

The intent of this brief article is to emphasize the necessity of "getting with it" as far as Bible study is concerned. Some may take the attitude that there is plenty of time after they have attended to a dozen and one demands. Not so! Ask the person who has already started! Ask the person who reads and studies the Bible as being necessary to his spiritual well-being as nourishing food is to his physical well-being! Ask the person who has lived with the Bible most of his life! And, it might be revealing to ask the person who has never started!

"Our Rule of Faith and Practice"

Many of us declare that we "accept the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice." Consequently, as we grow in the Christian faith, may we not assume that we are responsible for sharing that which we have discovered to be meaningful with folks who are in the mainstream of life as are we?

Educators in the secular sphere are seeking increasingly to apply theories to

life situations. They are trying to relate what they teach to reality. They are searching how to make material "relevant."

Educators in the spiritual sphere are likewise constantly in search of materials and methods by which Christian truth will be accepted and applied.

Christian teachers recognize Jesus Christ as the Master Teacher, whose teachings, if wholeheartedly accepted and honestly applied, will lead to life at its highest and best; if halfheartedly accepted and indifferently applied, will lead to life less than its highest and best.

The Bible is the principal source of our knowledge of Jesus Christ. As our guide in matters of faith and practice the Bible becomes the principal means for growth towards Christian maturity.

Some will contend that the conservative approach to Bible study will lead to Christian growth. Others will contend that the liberal approach will lead to Christian growth. We have long maintained that there is room for both. The matter of utmost importance is that an approach be made, and that right early. When a person, or a family, or a church, or a community honestly and earnestly yields to the leading of the Holy Spirit in Bible study, the result will be an enlightened Christian experience, whether called conservative or liberal. And, an enlightened Christian experience leads to Christian maturity. Witness the great souls of the past who have lived with the Holy Scriptures. Behold the saints of the present whose lives show forth companionship with the Word of God. In what light will the oncoming generation be able to view the present one? This is up to us.

Some Sources

Read again our Conference president's, Dr. Edward J. Horsley's, address, "Growing Up in Every Way into Christ," the first part of which appeared in the *Sabbath Recorder* of November 11, 1972.

Review again the themes of past Conferences. Take from your library shelves those books on "How To Study the Bible," "How To Know the Bible," certain surveys and outlines, and others. Study again Dr. Wayne R. Rood's, *The Art of Teaching Christianity*, especially No. 18, "Teaching the Bible." Investigate "The Bible and Life" program. In the November number of *Christian Herald*, read, "The Bible Is Something Special," by Dr. Amos John Traver, and "The Bible and Peanuts," by Dr. Robert Short.

Talk with the pastor of the church of which you are a member. Along with participating in special Bible study, think seriously about becoming active in a regular Sabbath School class, if you are not already so. The faithful work of the editors of the *Helping Hand*, past and present, deserves consistent consideration.

To Grow Is To Share

Then, in your eagerness to share your newly found Christian growth experience, offer yourself as a Sabbath School teacher if you have the qualifications and the Lord leads you to do so.

To share humbly, yet effectively, one's Christian growth experience is one of the highest privileges of the growing Christian. Is this not part and parcel of the Christian witness?

Col. James Irwin, astronaut, has become more active in his work for the Lord. His trip to the moon accounts in part for his quickened experience. In an interview with Frank McGee and Joe Garagiola on the NBC "Today" program (Monday, Nov. 20, 1972) he described his overpowering realization of the smallness of the planet Earth, from space flight. At first it appeared to be the size of a medicine ball, becoming smaller and smaller, reaching the size of a baseball, a golf ball, then that of a marble. He was a praying man before he went on the space flight; he prayed in flight, and on the surface of the moon. Col. Irwin was

asked if on the moon he found God to be a personal God, or merely "a force." He replied that he found God to be personal, and as he prayed in emergency situations he received immediate answers. It is this reality of God's presence that he is eager to share with others.

If you want to experience the satisfaction of sharing the Word of God, hand a copy of "Good News for Modern Man" (The New Testament in Today's English Version) to an Armed Services man who with his wife becomes involved in a study group in an Army camp. If you want to meet an emergency need, have a copy of the Psalms, or some other Scripture portion, handy to pass on to an elderly person who has had to leave home suddenly. As you visit hospitals and nursing homes, be alert to Scripture-sharing opportunities. Above all, provide the members of your family with copies of their own.

There are so many ways of sharing the Word to the honor and glory of God. May He bless you and make you a blessing in this all-important ministry.

By Rev. Hurley S. Warren, retired Seventh Day Baptist minister, member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Wisdom for Modern Man

The American Bible Society is making progress in rendering the Old Testament in *Today's English Version*. *Wisdom for Modern Man*, a paper edition of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes is now available in addition to Psalms. Expressing the wisdom literature in simple, modern English is interesting and helpful.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 27, 1973

NO ALIBIS WITH GOD

Lesson Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:25 (KJV)

Vocation -- Minister

When I was a student in Salem College in the early 1940's, a vocational survey was made in our Sociology class. One of the questions was, "Which vocation do you think is the most helpful to mankind?" To my amazement all thirty students listed the Christian ministry as number one. It would be interesting to know the results if such a survey were made today. We presume that the choice of minister would not be unanimous and possibly not near the top. Yet there is profound respect for those who actually "come to minister." The facts are that several seminaries have record enrollments this semester. They are filled with men and women who have pledged their lives to serve God through the ministry.

The Christian ministry is an honorable profession. Only a person who is willing to serve his fellowmen, sometimes under very trying circumstances, is worthy of the call. Indeed, one does not hear the call to be a minister of the gospel unless he is willing to sacrifice comforts and even some so-called necessities.

The call to be a minister may cause one to forsake much of the temporal life when the call comes from the Lord to "follow me."

One may actually suffer spiritual and mental anguish, not always caused by unbelievers, but often by those of the household of God. However, experience has shown that the grace and love of God, the forbearance and love of the great majority of Christians, the satisfactions of a few successes make the ministry a most worthy vocation. It calls for the best that a person is, and for a willingness to seek to be better.

The *Christian Ministry* magazine lists some of the areas of a minister's work in this manner: "He is a communicator, a teacher, an organizer and planner, a healer and reconciler, and a manager." These categories may be broken down into many more, and the magnitude of the scope of duties may cause the weak-hearted to shy away from the ministry. But the average

youth who has the basic love for God and man in his very being can be taught to be a capable workman in all these areas, and even proficient in some.

Seven years of training beyond high school seems like a mighty long time. It would be if one thinks of it as a time-out period in his life, but when you consider the areas where you can serve while getting your formal education, it can be a highly productive and a very satisfying span of life. One will be a scholar if he keeps in mind his goal of proficiency in all areas. Some subjects will demand prolonged concentration and deep probing, but others will afford opportunities to put into practice, at the moment, what is being learned. College and seminary life need not be dull. A person need not be a "swinger" to find great enjoyment. Every moment can be packed with challenge, accomplishment and, most of all, solid growth.

Apparently, many youth feel that during their years of formal training they can forget their obligations to God and man. Not so a ministerial student. He will find constant reminders, both negative and positive, of the committed way of life — to love his Maker and Sustainer and his brother as himself.

There will be less disappointment both in preparation for the ministry, and later when available to serve full time, if a youth has some natural endowments: a pleasant, clear voice, a well-cared-for physique, an ability to read and to apply what is read, and a background of experiences from a family and church that have instilled a "feeling" for Christian service. But many native abilities may be quite mediocre if one is firmly committed to truth and life as exemplified by our Lord Jesus Christ, whose life set the perfect example of relationship to God and his fellowmen.

The Gospel Ministry Is Still Number One.

By Rev. Rex Zwiebel, Dean of the Center for Ministerial Training, Plainfield, N. J.

A Prayer for All Parents

Great Parent of mankind,
Help us in our divine task of parenthood; help us to see our children's problems through their eyes; keep ever before us our own childhood so that we will not expect too much.

Give us a sense of humor; give us the patience of the silent stars; help us to win them through love instead of compelling them through fear; help us to teach them to see straight and to play the game according to the rules; help us to live our own lives above doubt and skepticism.

Help us to teach them that every home is an altar and every wish a prayer; help us to radiate faith in the basic goodness of life; help us to keep the ideals of youth aglow in our own lives.

Help us to teach them to live bravely and to meet defeat courageously; help us to teach them that the value of their lives will be measured by the service they give.

Help us to make our lives go on in theirs, bigger, finer, nobler, than we ever dared to be. Amen

KEY FOR WORD PUZZLE

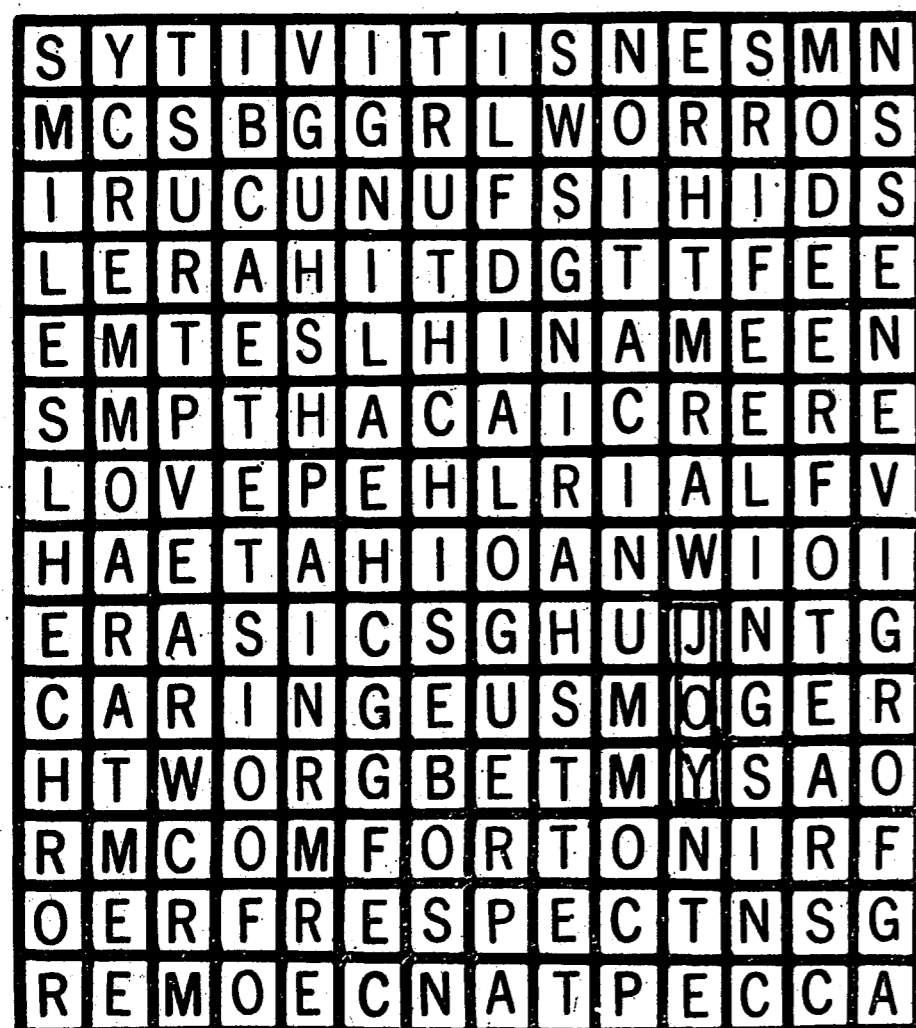
Sensitivity, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Reconciliation, Freedom, Communication, Warmth, Growth, Sorrow, Smiles, Caring, Trust, Respect, Feelings, Dialogue, Healing, Mercy, Hope, Love, Fun, Pain, Tears, Hug, Joy, Peace, Truth, Sharing.

The Sabbath is meant to be a blessing for all mankind. So be it.

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The Living God Discloses Himself Through Persons

How many words about person-to-person relationships can you find in this puzzle?



Words may be formed by moving your eyes in any direction on the puzzle sheet — horizontally (up or down) or vertically (backward as well as forward) or diagonally in any direction. Some letters in the puzzle are included in more than one word; some letters are not included in any word. There are about twenty-seven words relationships in the puzzle.

Check your answers with the list inside the cover.

Think about the words in the puzzle:

Which word in the puzzle is most significant to you? How did you come to know the meaning of that word?

Concentrate on several words in the puzzle. What personal experiences do these words bring to your mind?

How are these experiences you have recalled (and the words that symbolize them) related to the idea that God discloses himself through persons?

Be therefore followers of God, . . . and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.
Ephesians 5:1a, 2a.

