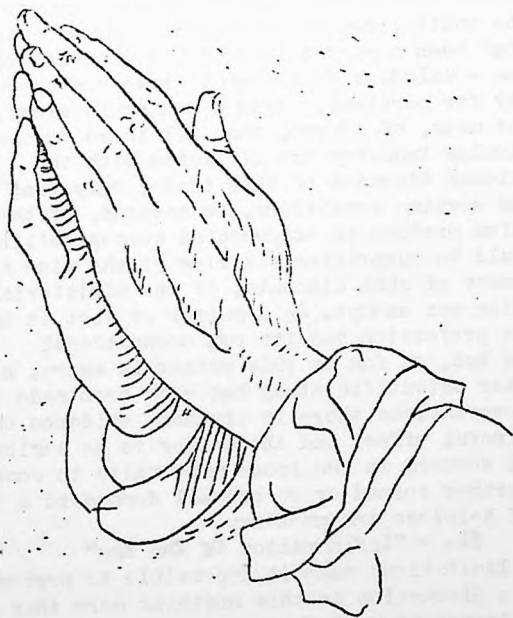

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"My House Shall Be Called A House
OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE" /Isa. 56:7



* OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES OF THE MINISTRY *

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It is one of the tragedies of modern industry that, with the multiplication of machines and processes, there has been a marked increase in occupational diseases - maladies that seem to have some peculiar affinity for particular trades and professions. This does not mean, of course, that all those engaged in a particular industry are afflicted with the occupational diseases of that trade; only that the peculiar working conditions, or hazards, of the occupation produce an exaggerated susceptibility.

It would be surprising, in view of the wide-spread appearances of such ailments, if the ministerial profession was exempt. As a matter of fact it is not. The profession has its own occupational diseases but, as far as this writer is aware, no particular scientific study has ever been made of them. Nevertheless there is abundant evidence of their direful effect and the matter is so serious that all workers in the trade must unite to combat their further spread or we are all doomed to a state of helpless incompetency.

#1. - "Inflammation Of The Ego"

Space limitations make it impossible to present in such a discussion as this anything more than a hurried description of the symptoms and, so far as is known, there is not yet perfected any system of immunization by which the profession can be protected. Each cure must be an individual matter, worked out by personal effort and private

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for the progress made, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

- Ulysses S. Grant.



SOME BIBLICAL THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP

"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"
Psalm 29:2

Need Of Worship:

For Personal Healing and Strength, Romans 7:18
and Psalm 51:10.

For Service, Psalm 25:7.

Longing For Worship: Psalm 84:2, Psalm 63:1,2.

Invitation To Worship: Matthew 11:28.

Whom Shall We Worship? Romans 14:11, Psalm 65:2.

How Worship: John 4:24, 1 Chronicles 16:29.

Where Worship: Malachi 1:11, 1 Timothy 2:8.

Our Joy In Worship: Psalm 84:1-4, Psalm 100.

Our Duty In Worship: Psalm 96:9, Revelation 14:7.

Rewards Of Worship: Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 27:14.

Private Worship: Matthew 6:6.

Family Worship: Deuteronomy 4:10, 6:5-9.

Public Worship: Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:46,47.

A Contrast Between Worshipers:

Matthew 6:1-18, Luke 18:9-14.



GOD'S GOLD AND MAN'S

God wields His mighty brush
O'er nature's fading green,
And golden is the hush
Of Autumn's silent scene.
How skilfully He blends
The radiance of woods;
Each dying ember lends
Now glory to His moods.

Would that the gold of man
Could join both hand and heart
To make His mighty plan
Of Peace the counterpart.
In every human scene
And every earthly view,
Man's gold with envy, green,
Is false while God's is true.



All of us probably feel the need these days for a strengthening of our devotional life. It is imperative that we find some inner peace and certainty, for the very reason that there is so little peace and certainty in the world outside. But how shall we spend a daily period of devotion to best advantage?

The pattern suggested here has proved helpful to some individuals. It can include reading of the Bible, or not. It can include articulate prayer, or not. It can be finished in two minutes, or consume half an hour. There are four steps in this plan for meditation, the initial letters forming the word T - R - U - E .

1. Think about God. Deliberately direct attention away from the tragic passing show of life as well as from one's own little affairs to God Himself, who stands within the shadows keeping watch above His own.

2. Remember His Goodness To Us. "Count your blessings, name them one by one" - food, clothing, life itself, friendship, opportunities to learn and to serve.

3. Undertake To Do Something For Him. This should be specific, immediate, and highly personal. Each must discover for himself what he must do in order that his little life may fit more perfectly into the majestic purposes of God.

4. Entrust Oneself To His Care. Faith in God will not prevent calamities, but it can prevent them from overwhelming us. Neither private misfortune nor world catastrophe - no, nor death itself - can take us out of the Father's hands nor separate us from the love of God which we have seen in the face of Jesus.

... DEVOTIONAL READINGS ...
for the
Coming Weeks

Nov. 5, Acts 1:1-9.	Nov. 12, Luke 11:1-10.
6, 1 Cor. 1:17-25.	13, John 19:16-24.
7, Hebrews 10:19-25.	14, Matt. 26:57-68
8, Col. 3:12-24.	15, Matt. 26:69-75
9, 1 John 4:7-21.	16, Matt. 27:1-10.
10, Psalm 51:1-10.	17, John 18:28-38.
11, Matt. 26:36-46.	18, Luke 23:4-16.



* OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES OF THE MINISTRY *
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initiative "in the secret place of the Most High."

One of the most dangerous diseases to which the clergy is exposed is the inflammation of the ego. On every hand the minister is assured that he is working too hard, that he "looks tired", or that he must be careful not to impair his health. Women inquire about him solicitously saying, "You are not looking as well as usual", and men stand aghast saying "I would'nt have your job for anything in the world".

Everywhere the preacher goes he is the recipient of special favors and courtesies. Department stores give him ten percent off, railroads issue him passes, theaters give him complimentary tickets, lodges and lunch clubs refund him his initiation fee, publishers present him with books in exchange for his commendations, friends give him inside "tips" on the stock market or real estate developments. His whims are catered to respectfully and his rudeness and crudeness are forgiven because "he is the preacher".

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-Thru the Key-hole-

Dilliard seemed to feel sad this past weekend while Davis was in Indiana. We wonder if it wasn't the fact that the number 1 pinochle team was broken up. Wahler didn't want to lose any time on Friday so he came to class with his hunting shoes on. He probably bought them with money that he made by selling pants pressers. He is quite a salesman, as he even sold one to our domestic Feather. Robb preached at Faith Church on Sunday evening. Andreas taught Strunk's S.S. class at St. Andrew's while the latter was on a very friendly visit to N.C. Haas is resting comfortably after having had his appendix removed by Dr. S.G. Pontius at the Lanc. General Hospital on Sat. night at 10:00. We all hope he will be back in the brotherhood very soon. Rubright made a very astounding statement when he asked Dr. Frantz a question and then said, "Of course, I suppose that you know more about this than I do." Staudt is working at Garvin's. Some one said that Schmoor looks more like a bartender than a waiter. (We must admit he does have the build)?? Dr. DeLong remembered Hallowe'en by having the traditional candlelit pumkin in the front window. Garner gave a very interesting talk on "My views on the war and its consequences" to St. Luke's Y.P. Last week-end Buege decided to stay here which was an experience which he admitted was quite dead and we probably won't have the pleasure of his presence for some time. We thought that German was an easy language, but Wimer must not think so. He betrayed the German on Dr. Herman's board when he came to class with a bit of the black and orange straw, which was used to make the nest on the desk, hanging on his sweater. The Millde class members were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Bair on Wed. evening. The Senior class had another Drop-in party. This time they visited Dr. and Mrs. Frantz. Some of the Reformed Churches dispensed with services on Sun. evening so the people could go to First Church to hear a "fine-fellow". It was Dr. Bair. The good Doctor says that if John L. Lewis quits his job, "I'll sing the Gloria in Excelsis." (We look forward to quite a solo).

- CHAPEL SCHEDULE -

Nov. 5,	Staudt	Nov. 14,	Antol
6,	Dr. DeLong	15,	Banks
7,	Strauch	16,	Bartholomew
8,	Wohler	19,	Billmeyer
11,	Weimer	20,	Dr. Frantz
12,	Andreas	21,	Boltz
13,	Dr. Dunn	22,	Gathers



November 5th - at 7 P.M. - The work of the Welfare Federation.

November 7, 8, 9 - The Middle Atlantic Interseminary Conference at New Brunswick, N.J. The following are official delegates to the Conference:

Snodgrass, '41. Dilliard, '42.

Schlicher, '41. Buege, '42.

Rehrbaugh, '43.

November 19th - Dr. William L. Mudge, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Council of Churches.