

Editorial - - -

You don't have to work with test tubes or electricity to think like an inventor. You can be a schoolteacher, preacher, office worker, or farmer and make the taking of practice shots your way of thinking.

Suppose a half dozen of us are seated around the walls of a dark room. We are told that somewhere in the open middle space is a chair. Who will find it? Not those of us who sat and philosophized about where chairs are placed.

The fellow who would locate it is one who'd get up, then walk and stumble around until he discovered it. Nobody ever found anything while sitting down.

So don't be afraid to stumble! Any inventor will tell you that you don't follow a plan far before you strike a snag. If, out of 100 ideas, you get one that works, it's enough.

—the late Charles F. Kettering

71.1 Per Cent of U.S. Corn Growers Vote For No Control-Low Support

Producers in the 26-state commercial corn - producing area voting in the Nov. 25 referendum favored by 71.1 percent a program calling for the elimination of corn acreage allotments and for a new method of setting support prices for the 1959 and succeeding crops.

Preliminary tabulation of the vote shows 246,702 voting for the new program and 100,274 voting for a continuation of the allotment program in effect on the 1958 crop. A simple majority of the 346,976 votes cast determined the program to be in effect.

Under the new program, there will be no restrictions on acreages planted to corn in 1959 and later years.

Price supports on a national average basis will be 90 percent of the preceding three-year average price received by producers for corn, but not less than 65 percent of parity (for the 1959 crop, it is estimated that the average support price will be between \$1.12 and \$1.15 per bushel).

The new program dispenses with commercial and non-commercial producing areas. Corn produced anywhere in the U. S. that meets quality and storage requirements will be supported at the same national average level.

The program in effect for 1958-crop corn providing for acreage allotments, a commercial corn-producing area, support in the commercial

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Newest Research

A recent report from the South Carolina Experiment Station, Clemson, says that experiments are underway there on processing methods for curing smoked turkey.

The process being tried is somewhat similar to that for curing hams or other meat. The cured turkey flavor is a little more delicate.

Consumer-type tests at Clemson show that the product is well liked.

area, ranging between 75 and 90 per cent of parity depending on supply, and support in the non-commercial area at 75 percent of the commercial rate, was favored by 289 percent of the producers voting in the referendum.

The vote (preliminary) by States follows:

State	For New Prgm	For Old Program Allotments)	Total	Percent Favoring New Prgm
Alabama	7,333	639	7,972	92.0
Arkansas	780	358	1,138	68.5
Delaware	269	159	428	62.9
Florida	1,235	29	1,314	97.8
Georgia	6,509	523	7,032	92.6
Illinois	48,943	10,870	59,813	81.8
Indiana	38,596	8,346	46,942	82.2
Iowa	40,934	16,249	57,233	71.6
Kansas	4,602	1,440	6,042	76.2
Kentucky	1,990	4,555	6,545	30.4
Maryland	767	362	1,129	67.9
Michigan	7,897	2,088	9,985	79.1
Minnesota	13,715	13,072	26,787	51.2
Missouri	11,208	6,243	17,451	64.2
Nebraska	23,211	9,681	32,892	70.6
New Jersey	237	150	387	61.2
North Carolina	5,053	10,873	15,926	31.7
North Dakota	277	210	487	56.9
Ohio	14,398	4,179	18,577	77.5
Pennsylvania	2,030	556	2,586	78.5
South Carolina	2,122	66	2,188	97.0
South Dakota	6,565	4,636	11,221	58.5
Tennessee	2,674	2,408	5,082	52.6
Virginia	855	678	1,533	55.8
West Virginia	135	13	148	91.2
Wisconsin	4,137	1,871	6,188	69.8
Total	246,702	100,274	346,976	71.1

THIS WEEK - in Washington with Clinton Davidson

POWER IN CONGRESS

The Congress which will convene in January will be among the most powerful ever to assemble in Washington. It will have more say-so over government policies than any Congress since the Civil War.

That will be because no President in recent American history has ever had a Congress composed of so large a majority of members of the opposition party.

Both parties have had a larger majority in Congress, but never at a time when the other party was in control of the Administrative branch of government. We'll have a truly two-party government, at least until 1961.

This imposes an unusually heavy responsibility on the leadership of the overwhelming Democratic majorities in both the Senate and the House, and on the chairmen of the various committees which will have the responsibility of developing legislation.

Most of the chairmen of the important congressional committees will be from Southern states. Nearly all of them have a long congressional record of Democratic conservatism on both domestic and foreign issues.

The fact that Southern Democrats will be considerably out-numbered by Northern, Midwestern and Western Democrats, mostly with a more "liberal" attitude toward government policies, poses a problem for the leaders of the South. How well can they control a majority that sometimes disagrees with them?

The most serious clash could be expected to come over labor legislation, taxes and spending. Many of the Northern and Eastern Democrats were elected with the financial support of organized labor. Few of the Southern Democrats had labor support. Southerners, too, are more conservative on taxes and spending.

Most people who are unfamiliar with the inner workings of Washington assume that aside from the President the most influential men in the Nation's Capital are the members of the President's Cabinet.

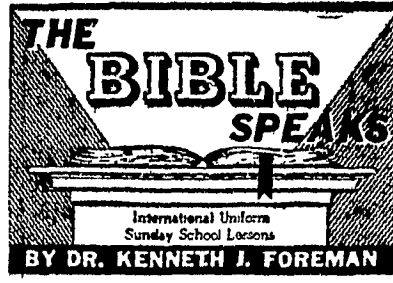
They credit the Secretary of Defense, for example, with having more influence than he actually has over military matters; or the Secretary of the Treasury with greater power than anyone else over spending and taxes.

Far more influential in the direction of military matters are Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, long-time chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Carl Vinson, also of Georgia, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

On matters involving taxes and spending two other Southern Democrats have more influence than the Secretary of the Treasury. They are Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, known for many years as the watchdog of the Treasury, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Brent Spence of Kentucky, veteran chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

We will report on chairmen of other important committees in subsequent articles on the incoming 86th Congress in the near future.

An inch of water on an acre weighs more than 100 tons. It contains 27,000 gallons.



Bible Material: Mark 4:35-5:43.
Devotional Reading: Colossians 1:15-23.

Power for Life

Lesson for December 7, 1958

THE CHRISTIAN religion is not and never was simply a set of ideas. Being a Christian is not being an ordinary person who believes some extra things that other people don't.

The Christian religion is not simply a way of living, or a new set of rules for behavior, mostly Don't's. The Christian is not a person with peculiar habits and nothing else to recommend him. The Christian religion does include ideas, radical and profound. It does involve a way, a pattern for living, but one which comes from the spirit and intent of love, divine love, rather than from a set of rules carefully memorized.



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Besides these, the Christian religion is power—not power "over" but power "for". The Christian religion is supernatural, and this most strikingly in the power Christ gives to enable men to live above their ordinary selves.

Giving A Man Back

The story of Jesus and the man calling himself "Legion"—a military word which might be translated "Regiment"—has some very spectacular features. Aside from these, which have seldom if ever been repeated, the story is typical of what the power of Christ can do for a man.

First of all, Jesus gave the man back to himself. He had not belonged to himself while he was "Legion." He belonged to any one of the countless devils that plagued him. He did not even know his own right name. He could not "call his soul his own." But after Jesus was done with him, he was a man in his right mind, under control, a single person with a single mind. Second, Jesus gave the man back to society (That particular society, alas, did not want him; they would rather have kept their pigs. But that is

another story) He was now able to live with other people and to take his share of the world's work on his shoulders. If his home town would not have him, there were others that would. And in the third place, Jesus gave the man back to God. His instructions were to go and tell what the Lord had done for him.

A Modern Demon

We do not have demons sitting in cemeteries nowadays, not in the ancient style. But as any minister, lawyer or social worker can tell you, there is a modern demon that gets control of millions of our fellow-citizens and takes away their citizenship, reducing them to helpless slavery. This is the demon of alcoholism. Our forefathers had an uglier word for it: the drunk habit. It is the fourth most fatal disease in America; and alone among diseases (if we agree it is a disease) it is entirely preventable, it is one of the few diseases known to man which a man can definitely make up his mind not to have. (But of course he can do this only by being a non-drinker. No drinker can resolve not to become an alcoholic; the very next cocktail party may tip him over the edge). But any one who knows alcoholics, actual or potential, knows how such people are "not themselves" as the kindly phrase puts it. They are no more masters of themselves than that poor maniac in Galilee driven mad by his own demons.

Modern Miracles

Yet the alcoholic is not beyond rescue. Every week some one of these pitiable people is pulled out of the quicksand and his feet set on a rock, by the power of Christ. Men and women find a super-natural power that is great enough to accomplish what good resolutions and many preachments and pleadings have not accomplished. Such a man is given back to himself, back to society and back to God. Cured alcoholics are most likely to stay cured when they devote themselves to helping others as they themselves have been helped. The most effective helper of others is likely to be the one who can say himself, "I know what the Lord has done for me." And this is true not only of alcoholics, but of those who are devil-ridden by other destroyers, pride, envy, lust and all the rest. No evil, no combination of evils, that attack and destroy man, can be a match for the Son of God if only the victim is willing to be rescued!

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Now Is The Time . . .

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TO LIGHT UP THE HOMESTEAD—Winter-time brings additional hours of darkness for the routine farm chores; a few properly installed flood lights are an asset to any farm and brings additional protection from the safety angle. Locate the light on the corner of a building in order to light both angles. The PAR 38 outdoor lamp is one of the best for this purpose.

TO PREVENT FROZEN WATER PIPES—The recent cold spell reminded many farmers that prevention is better than the cure when trying to thaw out frozen water pipes on a cold morning. The pipes may be buried at least two feet under the ground and in exposed places they may be covered with straw manure, or better yet, use electric heating cable and wrap the pipes. Don't use open flame to thaw out frozen pipes; this too is dangerous from the standpoint of fire. Wrap the pipes with bags or rags and soak with boiling hot water.

TO PREVENT RABBIT DAMAGE—Rabbits chew the bark of trees and shrubs during the winter months when the ground is snow covered; in some cases the injury is so severe that the tree dies. The tree may be protected by hardware cloth or heavy water-proof paper, or spray the tree to make the bark distasteful to the animal. A material called Ringwood works very well or ordinary lime-sulphur paste or spray makes the tree less attractive.

TO PREVENT MASTITIS—Proper management is the important thing in keeping down or eradicating mastitis problems. Stalls that the well bedded, draft free, long enough for the cow, are essential to prevent udder injury; high sills, stones, or any objects where the udder may be injured could bring on the trouble. Managed milking with a machine carrying proper vacuum and allowed on the cow only as long as milk flows is important. Whether or not the herd has trouble with mastitis is largely due to the management of the animals.