IT IS WRITTEN

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GOD'S PLAN

Since God's plan is divine, then the word of God must be our sole guide. Phil. 3:16. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us mind the same thing. First, the Church of Christ is a divine church not made by man. Matt. 16:18. And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. See, also Eph. 3:10, 11. To have more than one church is sin. 1 Cor. 1:10. Now, I beseech you brothren by the name of Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. The church is composed of those who obey what he has said for us to do. Heb. 5:8. Though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

The things we must do first, we find in Acts 3:22. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me, him you shall hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. If we don't do what he tells us we will be destroyed. v. 23. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.

Second, we must believe. Heb. 11:6. But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Next, we must repent of our sins. Acts 3:19. Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out. Next, we must confess. Matt. 10:32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my father which is in Heaven. Next, we must be baptized. Acts 2:28. Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. Acts 22:16. Rom. 6:4. 1 Peter 3:21.

Now, God's plan has us in the church. Let us study the plan more and see how we must live in the church. First, we must let

our light shine. Matt. 5: 1 6. Let your lights shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven. We are to study God's plan and we are to live according so that there is no fault about us in the way of sin. Next, we muse live after the Spirit. Rom. 8:14. For as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God. Next, we should not forsake the assembling of ourseleves together. Heb. 10:25. Next, God's plan for worship in the church is that we meet on the first day of the week.
Acts 20:7.. And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ready to depart on the morrow and continued his speech until midnight. Next, we must commune. 1 Cor. 11:23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread (v. 24), and when he had given thanks, he break it and said take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me. v. 25. After the same manner, also, he took the cup when he had supped saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood. This do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me. Next, we must lay by in store. 1 Cor. 16:2. Now concerning the collection for the saints as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do ye. v. 2. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay be in store as God hath prospered him that there be no gathering when I come. We should pray. 1 Thes. 5:18. In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. We should sing Eph. 5:19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Not a word is mentioned about instrumental music. We should teach. 2 Tim. 2:15. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. Last of all, we must not add to God's plan nor take any from his plan. Rev. 22:16, 19. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add to these things God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book. Now, friends, this is God's plan. Any other is not his plan when we add cups, classes, bread pinching, women teachers or any thing that is not written in his word. So, let us stay with God's plan that will take us to Heaven.

Written in love for the truth,

Willie Doan, Route 1, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

NOTICE

Our meeting here at Broken Bow, Oklahoma came to a close Tuesday night, August 13. Brother W. H. Francis of Mangum, Oklahoma was in charge of the teaching and delivered some good gospel lessons, which strengthened the church. Attendance was

fair with some outside interest. There were no additions, but we believe there was much good done for the cause and we hope that the seed sown will in time yield fruits. We also had some visiting brethren from Lorenzo and Crosbyton, Texas, which we were very proud to have and we enjoyed their visit with us very much.

Yours in Christ,W. E. Daniels, in behalf of the Church of Christ in Broken Bow, Oklahoma

FAITHFULNESS

Rom. 10:17. So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 14:23.Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. 1 Jno. 3:4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law. Since that which is not of faith is sin, and sin is the transgression of the law; then we can easily understand Heb. 11:6. Without faith, it is im-possible to please God. Since our Faith comes by hearing the word of God, it could not be faith if it were not in God's word. If we are faithful, we must practice things we can read in the word of God. Would God consider me or anyone else faithful, if I willingly forsaked the assembling? If I did this, it would not be faith. If I am present for all the services of the church then follow after things of the world which are not becoming for Christians, would I be faithful? The faithfulness which pleases God is the faith that comes by hearing his word, and it must continue until death. Rev. 2:10. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life. What does it mean to be faithful. Webster gives its definition as full of faith, trustworthy, truthful, honest, loyal, Christians in full communion. We must be Loyal and as faith comes by hearing the word of God, we must be loyal to the word of God, and is plainly says not to forsake the assemly. Heb. 10:25. It also says to keep yourselves unspotted from the world. One transgression of God's law is unfaithfulness, the same as any other sin. James 2:10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law and offend in one point, he is guilty of the whole. Why are we guilty of all? Because we transgressed the law. Condemnation is conditioned on transgression of the law. Neglect of duty is unfaithfulness and we can't please God if we fall short. If we were faithful, we must be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58. We must not neglect our duty, and let us not forget to fight the good fight of faith that Paul wrote Timothy of in Rev. 2:10, so that we have eternal life.

James tells us to show our faith by our works, James 2:18, He also said faith without works is dead. Would God consider us faithful, if we had a dead faith? The devil had faith, James 2:19. Would he be counted faithful? No, I would hardly think so. Then, we had better show our faith by our works, and those works should be directed by the word of God. 11 Tim. 3, 16, 17. All scrioture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man

of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Ps. 119:105. by word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. James 4:17. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way. If it is not in God's precepts, it is a false way to be hated, but we can look into God's precepts and see and know what our duty is, but if we fail to do good, James says it is sin. To fail to do good when we know to do good is sin, and therefore is unfaithfulness. Brethren, let us work as we have never before worked. Read Matt. 25:14-28. Then ask ourselves this question. Are we using our talent, or have we buried it? Those who use their talents are good and faithful and Jesus said, Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. Rev. 2:10. We read again in Rev. 22:14. Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gate into the city. We learn from those scriptures that being faithful unto death and doing his commands are equal, and that brings out the fact that faithfulness is doing God's will. So, we can't be faithful unless we do his commandments, some of which are, not to forsake the assembly, keep ourselves unspotted from the world, James 1:27, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58. Yours in Christ, W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

PASS I N G AWAY

One generation passeth away and another generation cometh. Eccl. 1:4. The preaching of the Gospel and the leadership of the church has been in the hands of several generations since the days of the apostles. One generation passing away and another arising. Today, we look about and see the gray heads of gospel preachers and faithful leaders passing away, and we look again and wonder who will take our places? Is the arising generation preparing to step into the line of battle for the cause of Christ? We might compare this to a man's family, in which the man was nearing the end of his life. He might be prepared to go, while on the other hand, what would become of his family? Would anyone be prepared to take his place to guide them, to see that they had the necessities of life? I do not doubt that this thought has come into minds of many who have fought the good fight of faith and are finishing their course. Brethren, let us do all we can to prepare the younger brethren to take our places, and to the younger brethren, let me persuade you to do all you can to make yourselves ready to step into line of battle at the earliest possible time. One generation passeth away and another cometh, but who will carry on the fight for the cause?

In love of the faith, I remain yours in Christ,

W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

THE WAY OF LIFE

Prov. 15:24

In the long ago, that wisest of all mortal men wrote this: "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." When we look upon the fleeting life of all mankind this scripture should be a solemn consideration to all. Indeed to those of us who are spiritually wise, it is a profound fact. As we are only pilgrims and strangers on the earth, Heb. 11:13, and can only make this pilgrimage once, Heb. 9:27, this should make all responsible people want to make ready to leave here and face the judgment in a prepared state. Amos. 4:12. In order to be scripturally prepared, one should have the proper vision through God's word, so as not to perish after the judgment, Prov. 29:18. As our vision of the scene after this life is wholly governed by our faith in God's word, 2 Cor. 5:7, we would do well to be more careful to avoid any false walk or action in our religious life. Then, too, since our faith comes wholly from God's word, Rom. 10:17, we are made to wonder why religious people could even imagine they were walking so as to please God. when much of their life is carried on in a way which cannot be read in God's book. In our daily living, we, must be ever so careful that we walk in the footsteps of the Master, Luke 9:23, and 1 Pet. 2:21. To follow him is to be led by his divine word, Psalms 1 19:105, and only that part of his word found in the New Testament, Heb. 10:7, 8:13. When God's children openly do and say thinas which not only are not in the New Testament, but are contradictory to the word of God, then it is time to sound out the warning that such will not lead to heaven. Daily exhortation then is surely in order, Heb. 3:12-13.

Brethren in Christ, let us not enter into any profession where we cannot take and keep Christ in his spirit of approval. Surely, then in our worship and public services this would be even more true. Yet, brethren who claim to be true Christians are entering organizations and practicing things which cannot be read in the scriptures and are openly violating God's will. How, may I ask can we expect our light to be worthwhile to the lost world when we do these things? What would we be doing more than our denominational friends do, if we enter into these unscriptural ways and practices? When the Sunday School, with its plurality of classes and teachers, with some of these teachers women, is carried on in the public way, how can those who practice such, reprove the denominational world which enters into churches, wears names, and practices things, none of which are mentioned in the Holy scriptures. That reminds us of the saying of Jesus, of the "mote and beam" in Matt. 7:3-5. Then, too, the practice of some of using a plurality of cups in the Lord's Supper when only one can be read in the scriptures, and that "one cup" is said plainly to be "The New Covenant," after thanks have been given for it. How many original New Covenants does our Father have? Also, a plurality of cups in the Lord's supper would necessitate more than one volume "of the fruit of the vine" as the drink element to be qualified by the same thanks to become

our saviour's blood, for his followers to drink. Just a wee bit of study on our part makes us know that our Saviour had only one volume of blood to shed, and did just this when he gave it all on the cross. Careful reading of the accounts of the Lord's supper found in Luke 22:20 and 1 Cor. 11:25 is enough to convince any one of the above facts. Could people be said to be in God's way of Life without vision enough of His Word to carry out the above as the pattern has been shown? Then, there is the practice of the one at the Lord's table presiding, and instead of taking the bread, breaking it, and giving it to the disciples to eat, they or the one officiating at the table changes the scriptural way and takes bread, gives thanks, then breaks off a piece (a small piece), eats it, then gives the remainder the disciples to each take off a piece and eat it. To cap it all off, they then make the absurd claim that no breaking of our Lord's body takes place in such a practice, even though many different ones take off a portion for each to eat.

So goes the way of life to the unwise and yet, they claim to speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent, and then refuse to affirm their practice can be read in the New Testament scriptures. Brethren, the scriptures do guide our Lord's true followers and if things are practiced religiously which are not in the New Testament, how could they who practice such be wise and walk by the faith which comes by hearing the word of God?

To all of the great number of denominational churches with theft unscriptural church names and member names—also the great number of practices of each of them, none of which are found in the New Testament, how could you be in the wise way of Life that leads above, and be and do such? Do you deny the New Testament scriptures to be man's only guide from here to heaven? If you do not, let us hear from you and come and reason together, and reason until we get "wise unto salvation," 2 Tim. 3:15.

Yours for one who wants to have chapter and verse for everything we practice and claim to do and be religiously or as an act of worship. (Chapter and verse in the *Scriptures,* too.)

I am about to close a good meeting with the church at Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Interest and attendance has been very good and a number of visitors have come from near and far. Six brethren from the Crosbyton, Texas church came for four days of the meeting and were so much help in every way. We are to be with the Crosbyton church in a meeting the latter part of August, about August 20th if the church there agrees on this date. The meeting will hold on until the fifth Sunday meeting, which begins August 27th to go over August 29th. I am to do the preaching in their regular meeting and seven or more other gospel preachers are to preach in the fifth Sunday meeting. I hope to meet a great number of our brethren and others too, from near and far at the Crosbyton effort.

I am improving greatly from my physical disability, which I have been having for a year and I believe I am able to answer calls to go anywhere to try to spread the gospel of Christ as best I can.

I have no definate time or places set for meeting work until I go to Crosbyton. May I help you anywhere to try to save lost souls and strengthen each other if it is yous and our Lord's will.

In love of all the truth—not more or less—Write me at:

423 West Tyler, Mangum, Oklahoma, W. H. Francis

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FROM WHENCE CAME CONFUSION, STRIFE, AND DIVISION IN THE CHURCH ?

Since the above conditions have existed from the early existence of the Church and are at the present disturbing the peace and unity, we shall notice a few scriptures pertaining to those items. First, the Doctrine of Circumcision. Acts 15:1-2 This demanded the attention of the Elders and apostles. Paul teaches us that in Christ that Circumcision availeth anything nor uncireurncision, Faith that worketh by Love. So let us take a look at some prophecies by the Apostles that are being fulfilled today.

Acts 20-29-30 Verse 29: Paul warns us, that greivious wolves would enter in. Now the purpose of the wolves is to destroy the flock, or Church. They are in the Church, they are those who were obedient to the first principles and then turned away from them. Verse 30: Paul says that they will rise up among us and will speak perverse thungs.

The purpose is to draw away disciples, therefore causing confusion and division and that destroys the Unity and divides the Body of Christ or the Church.

Is it not a fact that this condition exists today? and has for years. Again the Apostle Peter writes, (Peter 2 1-2) That there would be false teachers among us, who Privately bring in damnable heresies, and many who would follow their pernicious ways.) and the ways of truth would be evil spoken of And we know that this is true anyone who insists that to speak the things that we can read in the Scriptures and teach that Bible things are to be done as the Scriptures read. The false teachers are ready to say it is wrong. Although they will admit that the Scriptures read that way, but they say it is not as good as they call their more modern way. Why do they thus contend? Because the Bible teachings condemn their high standard of living as they call it.

Now all confusion, strife, and division that ever has molested the Church has had its origin within the Church. The denominations as they are known never have caused any trouble in the Church of Christ. Nor has the world, because the world does not care how or what we do. They show no interest in the church whatsoever. So Paul tells Timothy. (Tim. 4-1-2) That some would depart from the Truth and would speak lies that mean they will teach things that they cannot read in the New Testament. Also that they would be some that would not endure sound doctrine, but would turn away from the Truth. And be turned into fables. Notice Paul said, that it was their own lust or their desire to be. So

then we should beware, of who we support and follow. As James tells us: Try every Spirit and also that if we receive them And they bring not the True Doctrine, to bid them God's speed, for if we receive them we partake of their evil deeds.

Now all things that have caused division such as the Sunday School or Bible study as it is sometimes called. The plurality of cups, the breaking off a piece of the bread and the wine theories all were started by those in the Church. These things were and are being taught and cannot be read in the New Testament.

Written in Love of the Truth.

E. H. Cavin, 12560 E. Persing Dr., Whittier, California



THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

Many of our b r e t h re n who contend for strong wine in the Lord's Supper. Being not able to find nothing in the New Testament to sustain their theory. Quickly turn to 1 Cor. 11:21. One is hungry and another is drunken. Drunken they say denotes intoxication. Therefore they must of been drinking strong wine. On the surface this looks pretty. But a more can did investigation causes some question to arise in our minds. First if they used one cup. How could anyone get enough wine to become intoxicated? Does not verse 22 teach that what they were eating and drinking should have been done at home? Does not verse 23, teach that they were eating their own Supper. Does not verse 20 teach in fact that they did not meet to eat the Lord's Supper.

Drunken does not necessary mean intoxication. Wilson PP. 583 Transulates Methuein, as satisfide, verse 21, is a clear cut contrast: Notice some had houses to eat and drink in. And some had none verse 22. One was hungry and another was full. The fact of the case is that when this congregation come together it was not to eat the Lord's Supper. verse 22. But that each might eat his own supper verse 21. Note, his own supper. What did Paul think of this? He would not praise them verse 22. This is a poor Christian for anyone to try to follow in their worship, when these brethren came forth with some facts to prove their position they will have more than there is found in 1 Cor. 11:22. Yours in Christ.

J. D. Logan, Route 2, Box 548, Ceres, California

THE BEST THING TO DO

When some one comes into the congregation full of hobbies, set him down. We are two slack on those matters. And many times give false teachers a chance to sow discord among the Church and many times cause divisions. Any man thats not in harmony with the church or Gods word is not fit to put up in the Church for a teacher, or a preacher. We have got to watch as well as pray. There is many false teachers gone into the world today that will preach anything. Just to get the contribution on Lords Day. Go

right over to the next place, even in our town and sugar coat the scriptures to suit that Church, I say watch all the time. For the devil is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whoni he may devour. And in these last days don't think he is not devouring many. Not only many, but by the thousands are falling into his pits. As I have said before that many ditches has been dug along that straight and narrow way in the last fifty years and many have fallen into them. And many will be dug in the future. I am sure that God his self has been surprised at what man will do. He said that it grieved him that he made man. You can read 1 Cor. 11. Some will take that to be true. 1 Cor. 14. Just a few will take that. You can read Rom. 1, 2, 4-5, not over one out of 100 will except that. Next you can read Col. 1:18. Not over one out of a hundred will except that.

You can read Acts 2:38, and they will tell you that you can be saved without baptism. You can read Matt. 26:26, to them and they will tell you that Christ ate and drank when he inistuted his supper. And that he brake off a piece of the bread and ate first. And if you brake it more than once you will brake his bones. Yet fifty of them can brake that same bread and won't brake a single bone. And another will say that the drink eliment must be fermented wine but the word of God says nothing of the kind. They condemn the different Churches for their unscriptural practice. But what about theirs? Which is just as unscriptural as theirs. Whats the consequence. What is such religion coming to. Its dividing the Church of Christ, and the scripture tells us to mark them that cause division. Thats all we can do. R. C. C.

A LITTLE EXPLANATION

Brethren I want to make a little explanation concerning why I ask the Churches not to send in so much money. First it was because it was not needed, we have no need of two or three hundred dollars stacked up on our hands to may be lost in some way, and then there is many ways that it could be destroyed, and at that time there was some trouble in the bank here, and no one knew the trouble but the ones in the bank, so that's the reason I made the request, and I though that I was using good judgment. I lost everything I had in the banks twice, and I think I am entitle to be uneasy. And the financial report was made out for the paper in June, but I failed to send it, and some more articles to the publisher the first time and the last time I guess it came in to late. But here is the report for the month:

Balance 5-15-54	$35.92	
6-2, Plainview, Texas	6.00	
Extra stamps cost		$1.00
Return Postage	.....	2.00
6-4, D. B. Smith	5.00	
C. of C., Somerton, Arizona	10.00	

TOTAL	$56.92
Less stamps and paper	49.72
Balance June the 15-54	7.20
Bro. J. H. Robertson Kennewick, Wash.	1.00
Somerton C. of C., Somerton, Arizona	10.00
Church of Christ, Carlebad, N. M.	5.00
Brother D. B. Smith	5.00
Brother Ed Stout, Broken Bow, Okla.	1.00
Brother Howard McCay	2.00
Brother W. R. Farrar	10.00
Total July the 18th	- $41.20
750 papers, stamps	35.50
Balance July the 18-54	$ 5.70

Brethren I have cut the Number of Papers down on the account of several being returned with no address being left to forward them to.

R. C. Clements

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Invitation to Attend a Series of

GOSPEL MEETINGS

To be held in the Church of Christ Meeting House at Crosbyton, Texas, August 20th thru August 29th, 1954.

THE SCHEDULED PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

August 20th thru August 26th meeting by W. H. Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma.

Friday, August 27, 8 P. M. Sermon by Brother Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Saturday, August 28, 10 A. M. Sermon by Brother A. H. Howell, Elk City, Oklahoma.

Saturday Noon, August 28, Lunch at Meeting House.

Saturday, August 28, 2:30 P. M. Sermon By Brother J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Oklahoma.

Saturday, August 28,'8 P. M. Sermon By Brother W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Sunday, August 29, 10 A. M. Scripture Reading and comments by Brother W. H. Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma.

Sunday, August 29, 11 A. M. Sermon By Brother J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Oklahoma.

Sunday, Aug. 29, 11:45 A. M. Communion followed by Giving.

Sunday Noon, August 29, Lunch in the Meeting House.

Sunday, August 29, 2:30 P. M. Sermon by Brother S. J. Wallace, Abilene, Texas.

Sunday, August 29, 8 P. M. Sermon by Brother A. H. Howell, Elk City, Okla. Dosing remarks by Bro. W. H. Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma.

Possibly other visiting Brothers will give lessons too. Congregational Singing will be led by visiting brethren. Come, attend and enjoy these services and possibly meet brethren you do not know and hear the lessons by preachers you may not have heard.

Attend the "Church of Christ's Choice," Matt. 16:18, Eph. 5:23-27; where God, is worshipped "In Spirit and in Truth," Jno. 4:24. Sponsored by The Church of Christ which meets at Crosbyton, Texas. Homes for the visitors will be provided by the Church.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IDENTIFIED

The Church of Christ was established on Pentacost. After the resurection of Christ. Any inistution with a different birthday cannot be the true church.

The Church of Christ was established in Jerusalem by Jesus Christ. Any inistution built by any other person cannot be the true church.

The Church of Christ has but one head, Christ. Any inistution in heaven or on earth with a different head cannot be the true church.

The Church of Christ is entered by gospel obedience. The Lord adds the saved person to it. Any inistution entered upon other conditions or upon other authority cannot be the true church.

The Church of Christ wears every name entered by inspiration to address her and she uses none other. Any inistution rejecting scriptural names or having names not recorded in the scripture cannot be scriptural in name.

The Church of Christ has no other creed other than Christ. Any inistution receiving any other creed cannot be scriptural.

The Church of Christ has but one disciplin, the word of Christ. Any inistution holding to any other cannot be the true church.

The Church of Christ comes together on the first day of the week to worship God by singing, praying, communing with one cup. The one at the table breaking the bread, giving it to the other disciples to eat just as Christ did. Laying by in store as you have been prospered. Any church claiming to be the Church of Christ carrying on any other way is not the Church of Christ but a deception. Brethren why do you not lay down those things that you say is such a small thing to divide the church over and all be one in Christ. Without any divisions among us as of sixty years ago.

Church of Christ, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, (Selected)

NOT WHAT I WOULD BUT WHAT I SHOULD

When tempted sore to turn aside,
As at some by-path I have stood;
The thought has helped me to decide,
Not what I WOULD, but what I SHOULD.

In daily life comes many a test
To those who purpose to be good;
To such, this motto I suggest,
Not what I WOULD, but what I SHOULD.

Life's little span by God is planned:
I would not change it, if I could,
My course is guided by His hand—
Not what I WOULD, but what I SHOULD.

"Not my will, Father, Thine be done,"
Said One Who was superemely good:
Here's strength for those who evil shun,
Not what I WOULD, but what I SHOULD.

If in my heart aught lurketh still,
To keep me from Thy highest good,
Cleanse every thought, control my will,
Till what I SHOULD I WOULD.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The vain and the young
May attend for a while
But thanks be to Jesus
For his Spirit to guide.

Let us fancy those things
That will never decay,
Nor listen to all that
Deceivers may say.

Written by my mother, Mrs. Mattie Clements, of Bonham, Texas, about 1890. R. C. Clements, Box 731, Broken Bow, Oklahoma