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# Dating & Courtship

**Psalms 37:4** *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

**Genesis 2:18** *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

**Matthew 19:5** *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*

**I Corinthians 7:8 & 9** *I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.*

<sup>9</sup> *But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*

**I Corinthians 7:24-35** *Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.*

<sup>25</sup> *Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.*

<sup>26</sup> *I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be.*

<sup>27</sup> *Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.*

<sup>28</sup> *But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.*

<sup>29</sup> *But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;*

<sup>30</sup> *And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;*

<sup>31</sup> *And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.*

<sup>32</sup> *But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:*

<sup>33</sup> *But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*

<sup>34</sup> *There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*

<sup>35</sup> *And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.*

<sup>22</sup> And so I remember one day we were getting mar... When they were young, when I was just a little bitty fellow... Daddy was eighteen years old; mama was fifteen when I was born, just children. And we was children with them, growed up with them. I think that's a good thing. I do.

My little girl, when she gets to be any age, and she finds a good Christian boy that she wants to marry, I'd rather she marry him and settle down, be a lady, than be out in some of these road houses running around and what they call, "having a good time." That's right. The Bible said, "Let your daughters marry young."

Some's already turned aside after seventeen. Nineteen, he's a little bitty kids to get married now. Let you father and mother, they know. They're Christians; they can instruct you.

*E-22 LIFE.STORY PHOENIX.AZ 51-0415A*

<sup>31-121</sup> ...He said, "It's honorable; marriage is honorable among all; the bed's undefiled. It's good for a man to be married." He said, "I got a right to be married. Now, I could be married; I got a legal right to be married. But I just won't get married; I want to do another sacrifice to the Lord." See? Then he said, "Every man knows his calling. Let him do as... Some's eunuch for the Word of God's sake, and so forth."...

*31-121 Q.A.ON.GENESIS JEFF.IN COD 53-0729*

<sup>122-89</sup> ...And I asked her; I said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?"

She said, "Not yet, but I'm seeking It."

I said, "You get the Holy Ghost first, and He'll tell you what husband to have." That's right. See?

You--you've got... That's what it is. If you don't, you'll die spiritually...

*122-89 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E*

<sup>20</sup> So she was used to painting; she made herself a little butterfly. And brother, that's the kind that can jilt a many a good man. That's right. See them on the street with a little lip look like a rosebud and a whole lot of Max Factor's on that, but that'll never burn out the sin wrinkles. Don't you never think that. God looks right through it.

And so Jezebel knowed how to put it on to make it look nice. And so when Ahab, this young Jewish boy become king, she put the--the manicure on her eyes, or whatever you call it, you know, and she flapped them back and forth, and Ahab's heart went tumbling, because he didn't have God in there to teach him better. That's right. So my, what a--what a thing that was.



<sup>21</sup> Now, when she begin to flirt with Ahab, Ahab married her. He thought, "That's just the one for me."

And a many man's made a mistake like that. A many man has done it. You ought to see her on wash day, or when she gets cleaned up. Really, might change your mind altogether. Women shouldn't be married by looks anyhow, but by character. Let me tell you, boy, if you marry her and she's all painted up, one of these day she'll fade. Even if she's pretty, that'll fail one of these days. Wait till her first baby's born and the teeth will go to coming out. Little later on, wrinkles will come over her eyes, and the hair get gray. You'll wake up one morning and wonder what you married. That's right. I--I mean that, not for a joke. No, sir. That's true. I'm just laying a background here for something I want to say. See? That's right. But if you love her because there's something about her that you've prayed over, and God has joined you together, she can get old and wrinkled and be ugly; that won't make a bit of difference, you'll love her through eternity. "What God has joined together, no man could put asunder." That's right. So ask God first.

*E-20-21 PAINTED.FACE.JEZEBEL CHICAGO.IL 56-1005*

<sup>12</sup> ...But I hope and trust that every young man in this building and every young couples today... And when you get married, that your life will be just as happy together as she and I have been together the fifteen years nearly that we been married, been like heaven on earth. And if there's any credit to be given to the Branham family, give it to her. She's the one who deserves it. That's right. [Congregation applauds--Ed.] A real woman...

*E-12 WHAT.IS.THAT.IN.YOUR.HAND SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1120*

<sup>16</sup> Adam had done named all of the creation, everything else. But he wasn't nothing for himself, so He made Him a helpmate: took a rib from his side, closed up the gash, and made a helpmate to him. And man in his spirit was both man and woman. And a woman is just a part of a man.

And when a man takes to himself a wife, and if she's correctly his wife, a God-given wife, she'll be just to him as part of him.

That's the reason you have so many scruples in the marriage. Is because you go out and see some girl with pretty brown eyes, or blue eyes, or something like that, some pretty figure, and you fall for her. First time she has her first baby them teeth comes out, and she gets wrinkled and old, and then you want to kick her out.

And some of you women find some little boy with his hair slicked down, his mammy's lard can half dumped on it, and curly; it'll all fall out. I know that by experience. But what happens? What is it? You fall for that. You ought to pray first, 'cause a woman is part of you.

And if you've embraced a woman to your bosom, and taken her for your wife, and she makes an imprint on you... (We'll say it like this so you'll understand) and any other woman against that bosom won't fit that print. And God will hold you responsible for it. You just remember that.

*164 SERPENT'S.SEED JEFF.IN V-2 N-4 58-0928E*

<sup>5</sup> ...But Ahab had done this evil thing. And no doubt but what Jezebel was a beautiful woman. And he'd fell for what she looked like in the stead of what she was. That's... So many people make that same mistake to this day.

*5 BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD JEFF.IN V-5 N-12 59-0125*

<sup>21</sup> You have to make other decisions. Before you get married, you have to decide on what girl you're going to make your wife. And you women have to decide on what man's going to be your husband. You better not put it off too long; he might change his mind.

Like the woman was here some time ago; she had two men, they were both good men. And she couldn't make up her mind which one she was going to marry, and she lost them both.

So God wants immediate action. If you love Him, throw everything else aside and take Him. If you believe His Word, cast everything else away and take His Word. It's a time of decision. You have to make up your mind.

*E-21 TIME.OF.DECISION L.A.CA 59-0418*

<sup>39</sup> Some young men... A little painted-up Jezebel out there, you think she's cute. She might be--look like that on the outside; you ought to catch her when her face is washed; you might not think so much about her. Maybe a heart in her that's as black as the smutty walls of hell. You can't say... Now, don't look at that. That's old and will pass away.

Look for something that's real and genuine. See if that girl's borned again. If she isn't saved, then have nothing to do with her. And do the same thing by a young man.

*E-39 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE CHICAGO.IL 59-0613*

<sup>10</sup> For, she was a virgin, the beautiful Rebekah that married the righteous seed of God's promise, Isaac; that they were two consecrated, Spirit-filled believers on God, foreordained to the very marriage that they united together by. God foreknew it.

*10 HEAR.RECOGNIZE.ACT.ON.WORD JEFF.IN V-13 N-7 60-0221*

<sup>69</sup> These people'd go out and drink and carry on. But one young man they noticed. That young man, he didn't carry on like that. He lived clean; at nighttime he come home and went to bed. He lived like a gentleman should live. And one day the old caretaker said, "I like to take a walk with you, son."

He said, "All right." They started up the hill, walking together towards the setting of the sun.

And he said, "Young fellow, you came over with that bunch of Americans, didn't you?"

And he said, "Yes, sir, I did."

He said, "I want to ask you something."

He said, "All right."

He said, "Why is it that you don't go out, and drink, and carry on and lay out with the girls, and things, all through the night, and come in the next morning the way they do?"

He stopped, and put his arm around the old man. He said, "You see the way that sun is setting yonder in the west?"

He said, "Yes, sir, I do."

He said, "Beyond that setting of the sun, there's a certain state, in the New England states." And said, "In that certain state is a certain city. And in that certain city, is a certain house. And in that certain house, is a girl. And that girl, I vowed before I come here, to be true to her that when we--I return, we're going to be married. She made a vow to me, a promise. Therefore, sir, all of my attention is attracted, as far as it comes to women, towards that girl at that place." And he said, "I live today, for tomorrow to come." What a testimony.

*E-69 HEARING.RECOGNIZING.AND.ACTING CHATAUQUA.OH 60-0607*

<sup>8</sup> And I always tell my young couples like this: that happiness does not consist of how much of the world's goods you own, but how contented you make yourself with the portion that's 'lotted to you. That's right too.

I've seen couples that didn't have nothing. I married a couple here some years ago. I don't know how they ever asked me to marry them, but the boy was a friend of mine. His father worked the public service company with me, very sharp, intelligent-looking young man, and he married a millionaire's daughter. The door knobs was fourteen carat in their home. And I had to practice the--the ceremonies so long, going back in there, and throwing rice and stuff, and kneeling on a silk pillow. And oh, such a ceremony...

<sup>9</sup> But when I married them, about three months later, my brother said to me, he had a couple that was going to get married, only the boy didn't have enough money to get married on. He had a girl, but he didn't have the money to pay the preacher. And he said, "Well, my brother never charged nobody for nothing."

And I... You know, I'm fifty-one years old, been in ministry thirty-one years, and never took a offering in my life. Never took a off... Don't never intend to. So, I--I just don't do it. It's all right. It's got to be done. But I just... Whatever anybody gives me anything all right; if they don't, it's all right anyhow. He--He can rain food out of heaven, so I just let it go like that. So, I just believe Him. I've never missed any meals; I've postponed some, but I haven't--I haven't missed any as yet. But it's always been nice to know Him.

<sup>10</sup> So when--when this young couple come down, I looked at that boy standing there. During the time of that depression, he... Old washed-out pair of trousers, and an old shirt, one collar, piece of collar buttoned higher than the other... Hair cut, needed it bad. That little girl had hitched-hiked from Indianapolis down; her little feet was on the ground. I felt like buying that child a pair of shoes. Very pretty little girl...

And when I... I said, "Where you going to take her, son?"

He had an old boxcar down on the river, where there used to be an old Dial Ironworks, where they used to... They do the puddling there. Why, he was going to go down there and live in this boxcar.

And I said, "What are you going to do if this job runs out? You haven't got nothing; you don't even have nothing to eat?"

She said, "I--I'll love him just the same." That's right; that's it.

<sup>11</sup> Well, one day I went down, going to visit my friends that lived on Silver Hills. And Herman, I knew him real well, Herman Holtz, a very good friend mine, he married E. B. Knight's daughter. And they had a nice home; he didn't have to work no more, just had it made, because they had plenty of money, run the big sand companies and things on the river and so forth.

And I went up there to see him just at the right time, I suppose. One was setting in one corner and the other in the other, fussing. And they had been out to a dance the night before, some party, and there'd been some man to dance with her, and made her angry, or him angry. And so there it was; they was fussing.

<sup>12</sup> And when I come up on the porch, you know what they done? Run grab one anothers' hands, and come up to the door, and said, "Hello, Brother Branham." Now, that's painted fire. That don't last. That's no good.

I said, "I'm glad to see you all." I said, "Are you happy?"

"Oh, yes dear, aren't we?"

I knew right then; I'd done heard them when I come around the house. See? I knew they were fussing. Well, they went on and you could see it wasn't right, the spirit didn't feel right.

One day, I thought I'd find out what become of this couple I'd married and lived in a boxcar. So I was working for the public service company; I was a lineman there for seventeen years. I went out on the river and kinda played the part of a

hypocrite, put my spurs on and safety, and went walking down along the river like I was watching poles.

<sup>13</sup> I slipped up, and I seen his old Chevrolet out there with the headlights wired on with bailing wire. And I went up towards the door. I heard them talking. And he'd got him a job off the PWA, or what it was, they worked on there. And he had worked at some lumber company up there making about eight or ten dollars a week. That was pretty good money. And so, he had...

They had taken old box car and put newspapers up and tacky buttons. Who knows what a tacky button is? What part of Kentucky you from, son? Take cardboard, and put a tack in it, and just push it in the wall. See? And paper and newspapers...

He had brought down some old boxes, and they'd had a table made out of it. But, brother, if I ever found a heaven on earth, it was. She was setting on his lap. He had his old hat out, mashed the top of it in, had poured his pay check out. And they had so much laying here for food, and so much for the insurance, and so much for here.

He said, "Honey, I want to get you that dress so bad. I believe it was about a dollar and a quarter, something like that."

She said, "But, honey, we... I appreciate that." One arm around him like that...

And he looked up at her. And I was standing there like a hypocrite watching, you know. And, so, they begin to count this money, and they didn't have enough to go all the way around.

And he said, "Well, I worked till... I've been trying so hard. The little dress hangs in the window up there, it's a dollar and a quarter. Couldn't we just let the insurance go or something?"

She said, "No, honey, I appreciate it." Oh, he put his arms around her.

And I stood there and turned around this way and looked up on top of the hill, and I could see the home of the other, the steeples on top of the house. I thought, "Which is the rich man? Which one would you want to take, Billy, if you were going to take your choice?" Let me have a real true wife, one that loves me. Let me live down here in a boxcar. For I tell you, happiness and contentment money cannot buy. Money cannot buy love. That's the real things.

*E-8 – 13 DOOR.INSIDE.DOOR KLAMATH.FALLS.OR 60-0711*

<sup>45</sup> Yesterday morning, we were lying in bed a little late, and the children didn't have to go to school, and we got to speaking about different things, and how, "What was hatred?"

I said, "Hatred had a beginning so it has to have an end. Love had no beginning, so it has no end. Hatred is forever. Love is eternal. Hatred begins and hatred will end. Love never did begin and it never will end (See?), it's eternal.

And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that. But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why, but he loves her... And she finds the man that she loves, no matter what he looks like... He loves her. She loves him. That's an eternal mate in glory. They'll... Death nor nothing else can ever separate them. Because they are from eternity, and they stepped out into space of time, and will return back to eternity. Eternity has dropped down in a body called time, then it goes right back up into eternity again. It cannot perish.

<sup>48</sup> A woman that's beautiful, that beauty will fade just as sure... You give it a few years...

But did you know that well formed little figure that God has given that girl, may be rotten by this time next Sunday? That tall, dark and handsome man may be nothing but just a pile of rubbish by next Sunday? That all perishes. But that on the inside, God, love, lives for eternity. So watch the inside. Keep your eyes on the goal.

When I accepted Christ, I was turned out of my own home. When I accepted Christ, my boyfriends, girlfriends, everybody throwed me down. I went in with a bunch of old people that had the Holy Spirit and believed in God, serve Him. The girls was down there in that church was different than what the girls I'd been going with. They looked different. They acted different. They were strange, and I was scared of them. They were different people.

<sup>109</sup> ... "Don't go to another field. Stay right in his field. And maybe, someday, you might find grace with him."

And one day while she was out in the field, this rich young man by the name of Boaz, a ruler, a wealthy man, came by and he saw her. Oh, when he saw her, he fell in love with her. He thought she was a wonderful woman. He liked her character. You remember he said, "I know, and then the people knows, that thou art a virtuous woman." Made her decision clean and clear, come right back over and lived just exactly what she said she'd do.

*45, 48, 82, 109 KINSMAN.REDEEMER JEFF.IN V-6 N-8 60-1002*

<sup>118</sup> Let's take, also, home life is uncertainty. I tell you, I don't know what's happened to the moral fiber of our women. Divorce is on the move. Why, it's just terrible. And you see where the divorce courts are crowded. Where girls and boys will marry and live together, and have two or three kiddies, or something like that; and they'll separate, and get out and marry another, and marry another, and marry another, and marry another, and marry another. And their homes...

I was in a poor, real poor home the other night. The man said, "I'll tell you, I--I just don't know!" Said, "I just don't know how I'm going to make ends meet."

I looked around. He had worked. He had a little old wife there who was as true-blue as could be, and four or five little old dirty-faced kids around on the floor. And I said, "Boy, you're a millionaire!"

And he said, "Huh! Well, Brother Branham, I wouldn't dispute your word." He said, "Brother, I ain't got a dime."

And I said, "But you've got something that money can't buy." I said, "You got a little old wife here that probably hasn't got two dresses to her name." And--and if she did, it's some somebody gave her, 'cause the man just has a day's work, now and then. And I said, "Looky here, but she is just as loyal as loyal can be." I said, "There is many of multimillionaire, tonight, would give every penny he had to come home to a wife like that." Right. I said, "His wife is out with a bunch of man somewhere, or on a barroom somewhere, cussing, singing, smoking, night-riding around, and things like that. And yet he loves her, but look what he's got. All of his life wrapped in that woman, and look the way she is doing."

<sup>123</sup> And vice versa, a woman to man. See, there, there is no difference. It's come time, where all, everything is just--just one conglomeration of sin. A little woman at home, trying to take care of her kids, and her husband out somewhere, drunk and carrying on, running with other women. What would she give, if she had millions of dollars to see that husband really become a man? There is only one way for it to ever be: Jesus Christ is the Answer. There is no... nothing can ever do any good. It's at the end time. It's Christ, and Him alone. "

*118 – 123 UNCERTAIN.SOUND JEFF.IN V-16 N-3 60-1218*

<sup>12</sup> I was speaking today coming down with Brother Moore. I said, "Take like the love of--of the love, a natural love, affectionate love, called "phileo" love. Godly love's "Agapao." But in a phileo love, you go out... You see Mary and Martha. You're going with Martha, say, and--and you find Mary. There's something about Mary that's different from Martha, though Martha's the prettiest; but yet you love Mary the best. (Now, if there's a Mary or Martha here, I don't... I'm just using that as a... you know.) So... But you find it's the girl that you love--there's something about her, soon as you see her, you know you love her.

You think, "Oh, my, if I could only just get one date with that girl." Well, finally you do. You think it'd satisfy that feeling. It doesn't. Then you think, "If I could go with her steady, that would do it." Finally you get to go with her steady. It doesn't. "If she'd just let me kiss her good night sometime, that would do it." But finally that happens, and it doesn't. "Well, if she'd marry me, I know it would do it." It doesn't.

Even family relationship, you love her so much, feel like you could pull her all the way through you, and reach back and pull her back again, trying--trying to... That's a rude expression. I didn't mean it like that. See? But I--I mean... What I'm trying

to say, you love her, love her, love her; there's no place you can find... What is it? She's part of your soul. She's part of you. That's right.

<sup>13</sup> That's--that's... And if... That's the way God is. When you come and find Christ in your heart, there's no place you can stop. You just keep moving on, just needing that, needing this thing, that thing. It's "The love of God, how rich and pure, how fathomless and strong. It shall forevermore endure, the saints and angels song." Oh, I... People trying to measure God's love.

One of them wrote:

If we with ink the ocean fill,  
And was the skies of parchment made;  
Every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry (My.);  
And could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

What the love of God is... So that's what we believe in: love one another.

*E-12 – E-13 JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME BEAUMONT.TX 61-0118*

<sup>3</sup> ... I love to fish. And I go way high in the mountain sometimes to fish. Now, I got a lot of brothers here, I know the same thing; I just looked at them watch one another then. So, sister, don't argue with him. Let him fish; that's good for him. Go with him.

I said the other day that my little girls, Rebekah, she said, "I... When I get married I'll never marry a hunter. Hum." Said, "I see what my mother has went through." That's all right.

"Then marry a golf player, and let him get out there on the--out there with them half-dressed women, and everything all day long. Do that."

She thought about it, come back, said, "You know, daddy, I just happen change my mind." Said, "I want to marry a preacher, and let him be a hunter, then I want go with him." So she had it all figured out. But that's all right.

*E-3 FROM.THAT.TIME BLOOMINGTON.IL 61-0415B*

<sup>72</sup> Just like a love affair. If you was going with a girl because you knew it was a duty, or you going with a boy, when you were young. "Mama wants me to go with this guy, but I just can't stand him." You don't get nothing of him coming to see you. Or, if it's the same way about the girl to the boy, or boy to the girl. You go with her, she bores you; mama wants you to go with her because she is the type of



girl that mama likes. See, it bores you; no love affair. But you don't care, you don't want to clean up, you don't want to go see her. And it's a... Why, it's a horrible thing. And when he is coming to see you, my, you just wish he would hurry on, go home.

That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.

But when you really hang onto every Word, as the Spirit gave you warning this morning (See?), "Hanging onto every Word," That might be what He has been talking to you about. Holding on! It's Eternal Life, every Word of God. It's a joy to go to church, under any circumstance. Whether it's hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they are doing, it's still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. Then you're in love then with Christ (See?), you love to go to church.

*72 & 73 EVER.PRESENT.WATER JEFF.IN V-14 N-6 61-0723M*

<sup>1</sup> So amazed at the--our little teen-agers this morning, the little, you know, little "Fefe," and "Fifi," the little, the--you know, sixteen... And they come in the church... You know about--little girls about that age, they want to look pretty, you know. Them, you know, hair's all curled up on top their heads. I noticed them as I was preaching, just kept wilting down, wilting... And after while they was blowing it back out of their face. The curls all came...

<sup>2</sup> Sister Downing's little girl, and--and... I--I noticed her. And little--or little--little--Brother Collins' little... What's her name? Little... Betty--little... I kinda just laughed a little bit to myself, but I seen all the pretty, you know, all fixed up, and then directly it was...

Well, bless your hearts, Honey, you're pretty to me anyhow. That's right. Pretty is, is a pretty spirit that will come and set in meetings like that and listen to the Gospel. That's what makes a girl pretty. And I think any real boy that's worth marrying thinks the same thing. (Thank you, sir. That's good.) Somebody agree with me. That--that's right. All right. I believe that that is the truth.

<sup>65</sup> ...Then when he was there in his exaltation--or before his exaltation, his temptation... Remember, Joseph was put into prison because he was innocent. The Rome--or the Israelite general by the name of Potiphar... Potiphar went and--went away on a trip. He had a pretty wife, and his wife had Joseph come into the house to do something; and she tried to get Joseph to do something wrong. And he was loyal to God. I tell you, they always...

You women, I've hollered at you, now I'm going to take up for you in a minute. See? The woman is a weaker vessel. I know there can't be a bad man before there is a bad woman. But man who knows that, man who knows that you are a son of

God, and take advantage of a woman, shame on you! No matter what she does, she's a weaker vessel. And you know that. If she goes to acting unladylike, take her by the hand and talk to her like a sister. You're a son of God. Don't do them evil things. Look at Joseph; he was an example to you.

<sup>68</sup> And when Potiphar's wife, this beautiful woman, honorable, highest--one of the highest women there was in the country, begged him and persuaded him, and he turned... And she caught him and tried to hug him up to her, and he jerked till he even pulled his coat off and run from her. Yes, sir.

*1 & 2, 65 – 68 SIXFOLD.PURPOSE.GABRL.VST.DAN JEFF DA 45-88 61-0730E*

<sup>37</sup> I was telling my wife the other day how much I loved her. So, I don't guess she wants me to talk about this. But I do it in private so I guess I can do it in public right now. I was telling her how much I loved her, and how I always have loved her since the first beginning. I said, "It don't make any difference..."

She said, "Oh, Bill." She said how... talking about how fat she was getting and her hair turning gray.

I said, "Honey, you could be that wide and no hair, I'd still love you just the same." See? Because it has to be something there that you have to--has--you have to meet that you love somebody. And unless that person loves that other person...

<sup>38</sup> This is for you young girls that's not married (See?), and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and that's--you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or whether she's pretty or not pretty. That doesn't matter. But you love them just the same. Now, you'd better watch, kinda hold around close there, because that's--you're getting close to home there.

And I... it... A--a marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be successful. They'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say.

<sup>43</sup> Now, you understand what I mean? See? It's by faith we do everything. Believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job. Believe on the Lord to hunt--to give you the wife that you should have. Believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry. Believe on the Lord to send you some new furniture, or if the--if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food and the children are hungry. Believe on the Lord.

*37, 38, 43 THY.HOUSE TIFTON.GA 61-0808*

<sup>70</sup> ...Not only that, but the oneness between husband and wife was broken. I don't believe there's any marriage can be what it ought to be without a union between husband and wife and God. That's right. They'll bring up children in the

world, and make them illegitimates, give them cigarettes, whiskey, play cards in their sight, drink liquor before them. No matter how loyal they are to their marriage vows, that's sexually; that's flesh. But there's a spirit in there, that spirit of a sinner papa and mama, no matter how loyal to their children, will come wrong.

<sup>72</sup> Well, you say, "I know men and women that didn't teach their children that, and wasn't Christians." The very thing of not leading them to Christ was the wrongest thing they could ever do besides the other: not to lead them to Christ. See? So you can't have a correct union without it. The fellowship broken...

*70 - 72 ONENESS JEFF.IN V-10 N-2 62-0211*

<sup>197</sup> ... Eliezer, when he went to get the Bride of Christ--of--of Isaac, he sweated it out until he found character. Remember, Abraham put him responsible as God puts us responsible (That's right.), we ministers. "Hunt My Bride."

God bless your heart. I ain't looking for members; I'm looking for the pure in heart (See?), somebody that'll believe the Word.

Eliezer looked, and he thought, "Oh, I can't do this myself. There's too much responsibility. I'm realize the responsibility of finding Isaac..." Which, is type of the Church, you know, Christ; Rebekah, the type of the Bride... And Eliezer got down on his knees and said, "God, You--You just have to help me." And when he referred to God, God helped him. He got character.

*197 END.TIME.EVANGELISM JEFF.IN V-10 N-5 62-0603*

<sup>15</sup> I hope that every young man here, when he gets married, he'll get a wife, and you'll live as happy together as wife and I have these twenty-two years that we've been married.

"He who has found a wife has found a good thing." As Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown. An unrighteous one is water in his blood." And his blood stream's his life. So an unrighteous one is the worse thing he can get ahold of. And a righteous one is the best thing he can get ahold of, outside of salvation. If God could've give a man a better thing than a wife, He would've give it to him, 'cause God just gives His children the good things. And He gave him a wife, and I'm thankful for it.

*15 JEHOVAH,JIREH.PART.3 GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 107-140 62-0707*

<sup>8-1</sup> When you learn of Christ, there's something about Him that's so loving, you just try to get right into Him.

<sup>8-2</sup> Excuse this expression: I told my wife here not long ago that she--both getting old, and I said to her--I said, "Do you love me like you used to?"

She said, "I certainly do."

And I said, "You know, I love you so much till I would like to take you and pull you inside of me, so we could just be really be one." Boy, now that... Multiply that by a hundred million, and then you'll find out how that the believer who falls in love with Christ wants to get into Him, because it's a love. And here He's going to show us how that through these promises we might be partakers of Christ's Divine nature. These mortal bodies, how that we can be partakers...

<sup>8-4</sup> I might say something here. The reason I believe... Now, someone got me all wrong here not long ago. I got a letter from the Ministerial Association that said that I believed that there was--we were soul-mated; and we must leave our companions if we're not soul-mated to them, to marry another one that we were soul-mated to. Oh, my. I said, "I'm not guilty of a heresy like that." I've always been against that. I--I don't believe in that. And certainly not. I believe that God gives us a mate; that's true. And then we become part of each other. That's right. And before a man gets married, he should think these things over; study it.

<sup>8-5</sup> A young man asked me the other day, said, "You think I could--ought to get married, Brother Branham, to such-and-such a girl?"

I said, "How much do you think of her?"

He said, "Oh my, I just love her."

I said, "Well, if you're not going to live without her, you'd better marry her then. But if you can live without her, you better not, so the... But if it's going to kill you, you better--you better go ahead and get married." I said. And so what I was trying to get to him, this: that if you love her so much... Now, right now before you're married, everything's just fine and dandy. But after you get married, then the toils and trials of life come in. That's when you've got to be so in love that you understand one another. When you're disappointed in her, or she's disappointed in you, you still understand one another.

<sup>9-2</sup> That's the way it is with Christ. See, we've got to be so in love with Him till when we ask for something, and He doesn't give it to us, that doesn't shake us a bit. See, see? Why? And the only way you can do that is become partakers of His Divine nature. Then you'll understand the reason He can't give it to you: partakers of His Divine Nature.

*8-1 - 9-2 STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M*

<sup>403-5</sup> And so the next night he watched for her again. Finally, he was setting out there, and they all got to carrying on and everything, he--he set on the corral fence and watched for her to come, throw the dishwater out. And he watched her, and he said to her; he said, "You know my real purpose of being here?" She said, "No, sir, I don't."

He said, "My purpose of being here is hunting a wife." He said, "I find a character in you that they don't have." (I was thinking of the Church. You see?) Said, "Will you marry me?"

She said, "Me? Me? I--I can't think of such a thing. Me?" See, that's the main boss's son. He owned all the companies and ranches throughout the country, and everything. You see?

Said--said, "Yes," said, "I--I couldn't find one in Chicago. I--I want a real wife. I want a wife with character. And the things that I'm looking for, I see it in you."

Said, "Will you marry me?"

She said, "Well..." (It startled her.) She said, "Yes."

And he said, "Well," told her he would be back, said, "Now, you just make yourself ready, and a year from today I'll be back, and oh--and I'll get you, and I'll take you away from here. You won't have to work like this no more. I'll take you, and I'll go to Chicago, and I'll build you a home like you've never seen."

She said, "I don't never--never had a home, I'm an orphan." She said...

He said, "I'll build you a home, a real one"; said, "I'll be back."

*403-5 SIXTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0323*

<sup>E-25</sup> A young lady last night, in an interview, she said, "But," she said... A minister's daughter had had some kind of a little love affair, and--and she'd lost her mind about it. And she'd gone--a breakdown. A very beautiful young woman, and about twenty-three years old, and when she was a little girl, of about twelve she was in Chicago. And setting in the meeting--or at Elgin it was. And setting in the meeting, the Holy Spirit went out through the audience and called her, who she was, and said, "You've got a murmuring heart. The doctor says you can't live to fifteen years old. But THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed." And she's never even--never even felt a heart trouble since.

And last night she had a different type of a heart trouble. It was a spiritual heart trouble. Her lover had run off and married some other woman. And yet she was still in love. And this boy telling them that he was in love yet with her. And his father had caused it.

I said, "Oh, nonsense. He didn't have to marry the other girl. He did it because he failed to have the right kind of love for you." That's exactly.

*E-25 VICTORY.DAY SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 63-0421*

<sup>E-32</sup> Now, let's follow him a little bit. What happens when he turns away? He didn't listen to that voice of Christ. He went with his friends. Which, you kids, you're all fine kids, and you're bound to have friends. But watch what kind of friend you have. If that friend's following Christ, go with that friend. Follow Christ too. But if it don't, don't do it.

Let's look at him. We find out, he perhaps kept his friends. He become a great ruler. He was a ruler then. Later we find him so prosperous until he--he had to build extra barns to put his stuff in. And then he said to himself, after he got old, and the cares of young life and things has passed... All he done maybe, was entertain.

E-33 When... An old man and an old woman like me, my wife, your mothers and dads, there isn't hardly anything that they can think of. They can't--don't want to get out and--and run up and down the streets, you know, as young fellows would, and young women. Dates, and who's going to be your wife, or your husband, or... see, they don't have that in their mind. They--they got children, they're interested... That's going to be you all tomorrow, if there is a tomorrow.

*E-32 & E-33 COME.FOLLOW.ME TUCSON.AZ 63-0601*

15-2 The Life of the Messiah manifested making a church ready, a Bride... A woman marry a man and disagreeing with him, it would be some kind of a--a fuss continually. But when a man and his wife, his girl friend, his espoused, when they're in perfect harmony like one soul and one mind, because they're going to be one flesh... Then when the church can get in such harmony with God until the manifestation of the Bridegroom is manifested in the Bride, because they're going to be One... Oh, what a great lesson.

*15-2 THIRD.EXODUS JEFF.IN V-2 N-21 63-0630M*

58-3 But God's great mystery, what the eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then was given out down to His Church. What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ, Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her. You know how you tell your wife things, you know, the little girl you're going to marry. You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you, and love you and everything. You know how it is? That's what God--Christ is doing to the Church. See? He's letting Her know the secrets--just the secrets. Not these flirts; I mean His Wife. See? All right. Now, look. No.

*58-3 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728*

30 And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ."

I said, "That may be all right, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he is regenerated, borned again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make hell on earth for her, until

that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in. Then that will be a paradox in itself to take the very nature of a boy that's bred between father and mother. And yet, in his intellectuals, he is trying his best to overcome it. He can't do it. He'll never overcome it. Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in, then he's already overcome then. It'll be a perfect paradox, when a man is borned of the Spirit of God.

*30 PARADOX.A CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 63-0801*

<sup>59-5</sup> Love, love, love Him. See what He did for you. It's by love; love brings obedience; love brings courtship; love brings marriage; that's where we're headed: Marriage Supper of the Lamb. I hear my Saviour calling that He loves me too.

*59-5 TOKEN.THE JEFF.IN. V-2 N-19 63-0901M*

<sup>93</sup> Now, He covered His face because God is all holy, and He was crying, "Holy, holy, holy."

<sup>94</sup> Now let's take, secondarily, He had two covers of wings over His feet. What does that mean? Humility in His Presence.

That's the hard thing for a man that's got a position. That's the hard thing for the teen-age girl that's pretty. That's a hard thing for the teen-age boy that's popular in school, a star in basketball.

Oh, young fellow, how God could--could use you, if you'd just let Him do it! Young girl, you in your fine pretty little queenish looks that God gave you, why don't you use that influence to the Kingdom of God, to what God gave it to you for, that virtue of womanhood. Use it that way, you're--you're bound to come out right, then. But any other way, you've got to fail, see, you'll--you'll be a total failure. God made you, and nobody else can take your place, nobody can fill that place. You must be that way.

*93 & 94 INFLUENCE SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-8 63-1130B*

<sup>10</sup> You know, you men, if you're... if you're the right kind of a husband, there's no woman in world that you love like your wife. There might be other women might be more fair. There might be women that would be prettier women, and so forth. But something... if you really love your wife, there's something in there that you don't notice what she looks like. You love her. And you don't know why, but you love her.

And women, you the same to your husbands you love, and you young girls, to your boyfriends, boyfriends to girlfriends. If you've met that person that you know you love, there's something in there. You know you love them.

*10 CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE DENHAM.SP.LA 64-0319*

102 And you know, Lee, when I married her, I didn't have no money.

*E-102 AUDIO.LETTER.TO.LEE.VAYLE TUCSON.AZ 64-0500*

948-130 So we there got down on our knees and committed it to God. I said, "I know she's eighteen years old, will be in a few days, and she and a girl that age will think about boyfriends, and we've kept her in." I said, "I--I never wanted to see her get married. I want to put her in the office here, do the work. I want to see her filled with the Spirit and--and--and live like that. "

And she... Well, we all wanted that. She said, "Well, we can't do that." Said, "She just won't listen to it."

...We got down and committed it to God. Said we'd take our hands off it. That afternoon she come in; she said, "Well, I guess you're still saying I ain't going over there."

...Not long after that she met George; George is a Christian. That--that settled it then.

*948-130 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M*

1001-Q-280 **Very urgent: Brother Branham, knowing that time is ending and eternity setting in, what would be your advice for a couple planning marriage?**

Go right ahead and get married. See? Go right on just like if you was going to live for another hundred years here on earth. Just go right on; keep your heart set on Christ, not your hearts on these things of the world, but on Christ. See? Go right on; get married, children. God bless you in your wedding.

*1001-Q-280 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E*

1006-59 Look, my brethren. Listen to this. Do you know many times you get the wrong mate here in the earth? Some pretty pair of brown, or blue, or gray eyes vamps you into a place that you--that you shouldn't have listened. Many men realizes that.

A man getting married should first approach it prayerfully. You should not pick a woman by being beautiful on the outside, but beautiful on the inside, one that'll be a mother to your children.

*1006-59 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E*

1036-Q-313 Sure they're married. As long as they take that vow, they're married. Just like a boy, if a boy promises a girl to marry her under good faith, he's obligated to that girl. He's just as good as married her. The only thing the law does, is give you



a--a bill of rights to live together to keep from being common-law husband and wife. But when a man tells a woman, "I will marry you, Honey; I will take you for my wife. Will you take..." he's married.

Your vow is sacred; that's what marries you anyhow. There's not no preacher can marry you, no magistrate, or nothing else; it's your own vow to God and to this man. When you promise, you are married.

<sup>1036-195</sup> Looky. You say, "Brother Branham, is that...? You say... You said you'd only answer that by the Bible." Did you want the Bible on it? Raise your hands if you want it. Now, we got about six or eight minutes. All right.

"Joseph, her husband, being a just man (her espoused husband, already called her husband)... Joseph, her husband, being a just man, was 'mindedly' to put her away privately on this wise; but before they came together, she was found with a child of the Holy Ghost. (See?) And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and saying, 'Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee, Mary, thy wife.'" Already married, he'd already promised her.

<sup>1037-197</sup> And of... And little lady, if you promised to marry that boy, you're obligated to do it. If you marry another after that obligation, you will--from now on anyhow--you'll be living in adultery. And notice, the same thing to a boy promising to marry a woman...

Don't you make your vow to anybody 'less you mean to stick with it. Remember, there's the Bible for it. Joseph promised to marry Mary. And God said that that was...

Read the Old Testament laws on that. See? The Old Testament law, if you promised to marry a woman, and you married another one, you was committing adultery; and it throwed you out of the camp. Yes, sir. You have to keep your vows when you promise a woman that. She's a sacred little vessel, and that's to bring child life into the world again. So when you promise her, you must marry her.

*1036-Q-313 – 1037-197 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E*

<sup>1159-Q-390</sup> **390. Brother Branham, what achievement should we let our preteenage children participate in? (I beg your pardon, it's)--what activities should our preteen children anticipate-- participate in. Also, how should we go about helping them select their associates?**

Keep them in Christian company as long as you possibly can. Keep them with... If it's a girl, keep her with Christian girls; Christian boys, vice versa. If she's old enough to go with a boy, see that she keeps with the right kind of boy. Discourage her to any boy otherwise, or boy to a girl. If she's going with an unbeliever, try to encourage her to go with a believer, and vice versa. Make your home nice. Make your home a place where your daughter or son will not be ashamed to bring their

company before their father and mother, and into their house; and make home so happy that they'll be pleased in their home to stay there.

*1159-Q-390 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E*

<sup>48</sup> We got so many things we have to do, so much responsibility that we have to face. Everybody's got to face a certain responsibility.

When you--when you come to--to choose your wife, to get married, or choose your husband, you--you've got to take a responsibility. And then you must remember... Maybe you build a home; it's a nice pretty home. And then remember, as a married woman you got to think of the responsibility of raising children. You got to think that them pretty slick walls is going to have little, dirty hand prints all over them. Then you got the responsibility of educating your children. You got the responsibility of clothing and feeding. Everything is a responsibility. And so easy when responsibilities face us to shirk from them.

And we find out that marriage is a responsibility in all manners.

*48 MAN.RUNNING.FROM.PRESENCE JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 65-0217*

<sup>6-2</sup> There's another choice that we have in life. That's a life's companion. A young man or a young woman, stepping out on life has a--has been given a right to make a choice. The young man chooses, the young woman has a right to accept or reject it, but it's still a choice on both sides; both man and woman, they have a right to choice.

<sup>8-1</sup> Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife. A man... For the vows here is until death do we part. That's how we should keep it. And you take that vow before God that only death will separate you. And I think we should... A man in his right mind that's planning a future, that he should choose that wife very careful; be careful what you're doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing and especially in these days. A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.

<sup>8-3</sup> I think today what's got so many divorce cases now, that we lead the world in America, in divorce cases; we lead the rest of the world. There's more divorces here than anywhere else (this nation), and supposed to be, and thought of, a Christian nation. What a reproach: our divorce courts. I think the reason of it is because that men has got away from God, and women's got away from God.

And we find that if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter, not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders, or such as that, or some other worldly affection, but would look first to God and say, "God, is this Your plan?"...

*6-2, 8-1 - 8-3 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

<sup>8-6</sup> And if we would study what we were doing when we were going to get married, when we choose our wife or husband, if we'd study it over... A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life. Remember the vow is "Until death do we part." And he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice. But if he knows what he's making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault. If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, then that's your own fault after you know what's right and wrong. So you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

<sup>10-2</sup> So you must make the right choice. Again, the kind of a woman that a man would choose will reflect his ambition and his character. If a man chooses the wrong woman, it reflects his character. And what he ties himself to shows truly what's in him. A woman reflects what's in the man when he chooses her for wife. It shows what's down in him. No matter what he says outside, watch what he marries.

I go to a man's office and he says he's a Christian, pinups all around on the walls, that old boogie-woogie music going on, I don't care what he says; I don't believe his testimony; because his spirit's feeding on them things of the world. What say if he would marry a chorus girl, or what if he'd marry a sex queen, or just a pretty modern Ricketta? It reflects; it shows what he has in his mind of what his future home's going to be, because he took her to raise his children by, and whatever she is, that's the way she'll raise those children. So it reflects what's in the man. A man that takes a woman like that shows just what he is thinking of the future. Could you imagine a Christian doing a thing like that? No, sir, I could not.

A true Christian will not look for such beauty queens, and chorus girls, and sex queens. He'll look for Christian character.

<sup>10-4</sup> Now, you can't have all things. There might be one girl that's real pretty, and the other girl maybe she's a--her statue looks better than this one. And you might have to sacrifice one for the other. But if she's not the statue of a lady, of a woman, and she's... I don't care whether she's pretty or not, you'd better look at her character, whether she's pretty or not pretty.

Now... For it is becoming if a Christian would choose a wife, he ought to choose a genuine borned again woman. Regardless of what she looks like, it's what she is what makes her. And then again, that reflects his own godly character and reflects what's in his mind and what's going to be in the future, for his family will be raised by such a woman, for the future plans for his home. If he marries one of these little modern Rickettas, sex queens, what could he expect? What kind of home could a man expect to have?

If he marries a girl that ain't got enough moral about her to stay home and take care of a house and wants to work out in somebody's office, what kind of a housekeeper will she be? You'll have baby-setters and everything else. It's true.

*8-6, 10-2 – 10-4 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

<sup>11-2</sup> ...When God gave a man a wife, He gave him the best thing He could give him outside of salvation; but when one goes to trying to take a man's place, then she's about the worse thing that he could get ahold of...

<sup>11-5</sup> Now, we here see plainly the spiritual plan of God's planning for His future home with His future Bride comes into view now. If a man marries a sex queen, you see what he's looking for for the future. If a man marries a woman that won't stay home, you see what he's looking for in the future.

And I, one time... This sounds awful, and I--I just feel to say it, and I--I... Usually if I feel to say the thing, I ought to say it, and it--it's usually God's way.

I--I used to go with a rancher that I worked with to buy cattle. And I noticed the old fellow always looking right in the face of a heifer before he went to bidding. Then he turned her head and looked back and forth. I followed him along and watched him, and he looked her up and down. And if she looked all right in statue, then he'd turn and look her in the face, and sometime he'd shake his head and walk away.

I said, "Jeff, I want to ask you something."

He said, "Say on, Bill."

And I said, "Why do you always look that cow in the face?" I said, "She looks all right, a good--a good heavy cow."

He said, "I want to tell you, boy; you got a lot to learn." And I--I realized it after he told me. Said, "I don't care how she's made up; she might be beef plumb to the hoof; but if she's got that wild stare in her face, don't you never buy her."

I said, "Why so, Jeff?"

"Well," said, "the first thing is," said, "she'll never stay put." And he said, "The next thing is, she'll never be a mammy to her calf." And said, "They put her in a pen now, the reason that she's fat. You turn her loose with that wild stare, she'd run herself to death."

And I said, "You know, I kind of learned something. I believe that applies to women too."...?... That wild, starey, Ricketta look, better stay away from her, boy. All that there blue stuff over the top of her eyes, and I didn't--I wouldn't want that; I don't think that's becoming to a Christian. I don't care how much the television and paper says it's pretty; it's the most horrible looking, hideous sight that I ever seen in my life.

*11-2, 11-5 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

<sup>1006-61</sup> ...But that starey look in the face will always make a poor herd of cattle, if a man's trying to buy cattle."

I said, "Yes, sir. Thank you."

<sup>1007-63</sup> And the same thing applies by women. You take one of them painted-faced and starey-eyes, look like some kind of an animal, trying to disfigure herself from a human being, she'll never make anything. She'll run all the time. And Christianity is not beauty on the outside; it's on the inside: of peace, quiet, adorn themselves in a peaceful, quiet spirit, which is a great price before the Lord. That's what we want to look for on women, and on men, and whoever it is. Now...

*1006-61 – 1007-63 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E*

<sup>13-2</sup> But you know, you have to plan, and look, and pray when you're choosing. For we see by this, the Word of promise, she, the bride that a man would choose is going to reflect his character. It reflects what's in him. Now, could you imagine a man filled with the Holy Ghost take something like that to be a wife? I--I just don't see it, brother. Now, maybe I'm just an old crank, but you know, I--I just can't understand that. See?

Notice, for it's going to reflect what is in him. She's going to help him make his future home.

Now, then when we change back now for a moment to the spiritual side, and when you see a church that's in the world, acts like the world, anticipating in the world, partaking of the world, counting God's commandments as if He never had wrote them, then you--you can just imagine Christ ain't going to take a Bride like that. Could you imagine taking the modern church today for a Bride? Not my Lord. I don't--I could hardly see that. No.

<sup>13-4</sup> Remember now, a man and his wife are one. Would you join yourself to a person like that? If you would, it would certainly kinda disappoint my faith in you.

*13-2 – 13-4 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

<sup>15-4</sup> And I said to her, "Are you old enough to get married?"

She said, "Yes, sir." And she said, "I have my written permission from my father and mother." She said, "I had to show it to--to the court here to get my license."

I said, "All right." I said, "I'd like to talk to you a little bit before we perform this wedding." They set down. The boy kept looking around the room. He needed a haircut real bad. And he kept looking around the room. He wasn't listening to me.

I said, "Son, I want you to listen to what I'm saying."

Said, "Yes, sir."

And I said, "You love this girl?"

And he said, "Yes, sir, I do."

I said, "You love him?"

"Yes, sir, I do."

I said, "Now, have you got a place to take her after you're married?"

Said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "All right. Now," I said, "I want to ask you something. I understand that you are working up here on this P.W.A."

And he said, "Yes, sir." (That's about twelve dollars a week.)

And I said, "You think that you can make a living for her?"

He said, "I'll do all I can do."

And I said, "Well, that's all right." And I said, "Now, what if he gets out of... What if he loses his job, sister? What are you going to do, going to run back up home to mama and papa?"

She said, "No, sir, I'm going to stay with him."

And I said, "What, sir, if you have three or four children and nothing to feed them, and you haven't got any work, what are you going to do? Send her away?"

He said, "No, sir, I'll struggle right on. We'll make it some way."

I felt little, and I seen that he really loved her, and they loved one another. I married them.

<sup>20-1</sup> That has always stuck with me of how that was. One chose a beautiful girl; the other one chose character. Now, that's the only way you can choose. First look for character, and then if you love her, fine.

Notice, God's first Adam didn't have any choice for his wife. He didn't get a choice. God just made him one, and he didn't get to choose her. So we find out that she led him astray from God's Word. He didn't get to pray over the matter. He--he--he isn't like you or I. He didn't get a choice. And again, by doing that, she led him from his rightly position as being a son of God, and she did it by showing him a more modern way of living--something that they really shouldn't have done, but the character of her showed that she was wrong; her motives and objectives were simply wrong--and persuaded him by her reasoning that the modern new light that she'd found, which was contrary to God's Word, was a better way to live.

<sup>20-3</sup> And how many women today, and vice versa, men, that could pull a good woman away from God, or pull a good man away from God by trying to tell him this religion (you Pentecostal boys)... "That religion," they say, "oh, that is old-fashion; it is old fogy. Don't you believe that." You'd better pray hard before you marry that girl. I don't care how pretty she is: same thing to a man.

<sup>22-1</sup> When a man chooses a certain girl out of a family, he must not rely upon beauty, for beauty is deceiving, and beauty, modern worldly beauty is of the devil. Oh, I hear someone say out there, "Be careful here, preacher." I say that these things on this earth that's called beautiful is absolutely of the devil. I'll prove it to you. Then in the light of this remark, let's search God's holy Word to see if it's

right or not. And some of you women wants to be so pretty, see where it comes from.

In the beginning we find that Satan was so beautiful till he deceived angels, and he was the most beautiful angel of all of them. Shows it lays in the devil. Proverbs said... Solomon said, "Beauty is vain." That's right. Sin is beautiful. Certainly it is; it's attractive.

<sup>25-4</sup> If any Christian would marry a woman like that, it shows he's fallen from grace. His taste of God and his taste of a home (what a home ought to be) is far when he choose a woman like that. No, sir, she sure wouldn't fit a Christian's taste. Her spiritual character is the lowest ebb: dead in denominational beauty and lust of the world.

*15-4, 20-1, 20-3, 22-1, 25-4 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

<sup>48</sup> My last meeting, last meeting I had. This will be my first message, really, to preach since then. I was preaching in Los Angeles, at the Biltmore Auditorium, and I was speaking on a man choosing himself a wife. You probably got the tape of it. It's... I said, "It reflects his character and his ambition." That when a man takes a woman, he takes a young girl and to be his wife; he takes, you know, a modern girl that's a common Ricketta, it--it just shows what he's... If he marries a beauty queen or a sex queen, whatever it is, it shows his, what's really in the man. But a Christian, he looks for character in a woman because he's planning a future home with that woman. He plan, he gets a homemaker. And I said, "Then Christ, according to His Word here, tells us what our future home will be. What kind of a wife will He choose then, a denominational prostitute? Never. He'll choose a woman that's characterized by His Word; that'll be the Bride."

*48 ASHAMED.OF.HIM JEFF.IN V-3 N-9 65-0711*

<sup>36</sup> ...I seen four or five of them there, young men, young wives, fine women. I knowed how them boys loved their wives, so I said to them; I said, "Here's the way to test it. If your wife before you were married... Now, you go back, say you--this married life, you been dreaming you were married. You really wasn't married, but you dreamed you were. And you woke up, and you went and talked it over with your girl friend, and said, 'You know, I dreamed that we were married, and we had children, and we living happy, and--and waiting for the coming of the Lord and everything.'" And then, this girl would say to you, 'You know, I love another man better than I love you. I could be happier with the other man.' Could you from your heart love her well enough to say, 'God's blessings rest upon you, my dear. Go with this other man.' Now, now, check that, each of you men or you women. See? Well, if your love is correct you'd do that, for you are interested in her welfare. What... You know you could have her; you could live with her, you--

she's your wife--she will be, she'll marry you, but she won't be happy. She'd be happier... And then, if you love her, then you want her to be happy. Therefore, whatever the will of God is, let God's will be done whether I'm happy with it or not. I want to live so He will be pleased with what I do. Therefore, check your--your objective and your motive by that, you know whether you love God or not."...

*36 CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M*

<sup>60</sup> ...We could receive the Message as saying... If I was a young man and--and hunting for a wife, and I could find a wife, I said, "She's just perfect. She's a Christian. She's a lady. She's all this, I got confidence." No matter how much confidence, how much I think she's nice, I've got to receive her, she's got to receive me; see, upon these vows...

*60 COMMUNION TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 65-1212*



# Life Experiences

**Proverbs 23:26** *My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.*

**I Corinthians 4:17** *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*

<sup>106</sup> A young lady... When I was just a boy preacher, over here at a place I was preaching, she... I taken her to church one night. And she said, "Billy, we'll... After the church, can we go to the show? "

I said, "I don't go to shows."

She said, "Well," said, "could we--could we have a--an appointment or date to go out to some dance that was going to have?" And the girl was a Sunday school teacher.

And I said, "Why, no." Her brother was a minister. He don't live very far from right here. And he said, "Can we go to a--a--a dance? "

I said, "I don't dance."

And she said, "You don't?" Said, "Where do you ever have any fun?"

I said, "Come down to the church, I'll show you." Amen.

<sup>110</sup> And I'll tell you, brother, when I feel that resurrecting, transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ circling through a human body, that gives that perfect assurance, there's more joy in that in five minutes, than there is in all the worldly pleasure that could be given. That resurrected power...

Well, that night sinners came to the altar, she was setting back there crying too. I said, "Now, look, sis, you see where my joy is?" I said, "I'm happier right now than all the things that you could give in the world. The world and all of its power would never take the place of this." See souls coming, there's something in there.

Say, "Well, what is it? That's none of your business." Oh, yes, it is too. It's the business of every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God, to see Christians come into the Kingdom. It's your duty. It's your business. And what a joy it is when it's all happened and over, you see what a peace... Yes.

*106 – 110 MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH JEFF.IN V-26 N-15 55-0410S*

<sup>E-65</sup> What could I do? What could... Oh, yes, if sees these little kiddies here, I've had my little girlfriends, and slick my hair down, and put my windshield back on

my car, and went out with my date, I thought; but it just didn't satisfy. There's something you're lacking all the time.

I've seen the girl with the pretty brown eyes, and it would... You know how you feel, as the young folks, I thought that was just it. If I could only have the date with this young lady, it would just, it would--it would just take all my anxiety; that--that would just settle it. I'd have a date with her, be out with her fifteen minutes, and looking for someone else. It just doesn't satisfy.

E-66 Oh, there's nothing. But that blessed hour (Blessed be His Name.), yonder in that little old coal shed in the back of the building, kneeling on a old grass sack in an alley, where I knelt down there in the wet ground and said, "Lord Jesus, can You do something for me?"

That's when a peace that passes all understanding, twenty-four years ago anchored here in this heart of mine, and it's worth all there is and the whole world. I've seen nothing to compare with it.

Through the many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
It's grace that's brought me safe thus far,  
It's grace that'll take me on.

*65 & 66 GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD JEFF.IN 57-0407M*

E-59 I guess you wondered how I ever got married if I was that bashful; backwards. I...

Finally I met a girl was my boys' mother. If there ever was an angel, that was her. I love her yet. She was a lovely girl. I met her; she was going to church. I looked at her, there was something different from anyone else. I knowed nothing about Christianity; I was already about twenty-one years old. I looked at her; she seemed to be every speck of a lady, the way she carried herself, and the respect she had. She was going to a Baptist church.

And I--I went out with her and started going with her. And I was the... Kinda went to work for the public utilities of Indiana. And I--I'd gotten some more little money and I'd bought me an old car, and I thought, "Well, that was the real opportunity."

E-60 But her father was the President of the Brotherhood on the Pennsylvania Railroader. Many of you railroaders here might know him, Charlie Brumbach, just recently went to glory. And a very...He had a good job. And he made about five hundred dollars a month. I was making about twenty cents an hour in a ditch, digging. And me go with a girl like that, I thought, "Uh-oh, something wrong here."

So I went with her for awhile, and I seen that she was every bit of a lady. And I knowed I had to make my choice now. I--I couldn't let--take that girl's time. I

loved her too much for that, that I couldn't take her time, to me, because it wouldn't be right to--to spoil her life like that. It... I thought enough of her if I...

<sup>E-61</sup> As poor as I was, and I didn't have no dad at that time and so forth, and ten children to take care of, and... Dad left her nine, ten, with myself. And I thought, "How, then would I--would I ever be able to support someone like that?" And I thought, "I've got to make up my mind. I've--I've got to either ask her... to marry her, or I've got to let her go, and let some good boy that'll take a hold and she'll go with him, and marry her, and make her a good home and everything, and she'd be happy..."

And along in that time, I begin to study. And I just... While I was going with her I had come to Christ and had found Him as my Saviour, and was studying in the ministry, the Baptist church. Then, a little... an old... Time kept going on and I was ordained then as a local elder, the exhorter, then they had my ministerial license. And I thought, "Maybe, if I'd go to preaching altogether, could I make her a living?"

<sup>E-62</sup> So one day, I thought, "I--I believe..." Made up my mind, I was going to ask her if she... [Blank spot on tape--Ed.] how was I going to do it. That was the big problem, how was I going to ask her to marry me? So I said, "Well, I will ask her tonight."

Well, I'd go up, you know and I'd talk, and when I'd get right down to that spot, I--I just wilt away. I couldn't do it. I couldn't ask her to marry me; there's too many circumstances there. And I said... So I thought, "Well, how in the world will I ever get--get it over to her? Maybe I could ask somebody else to ask her if she would marry me. You see?" I thought, "That wouldn't be just exactly right. She might refuse me on them terms."

<sup>E-63</sup> So you know how I done it? I wrote her a letter and asked her if she would. So I wrote a letter. And now it wasn't "Dear Miss..." you know, it had a little more than that. It wasn't a business letter, yet it was in one way. But I wrote and told her how much I thought of her, and asked her if--if she would--she would marry me.

And then I thought I'll just hand it to her some night. And I thought, "No, I believe I will put it in the mail." So I put me a stamp on it, and I was going to work, and I stuck it in the mail box. I was to meet her on Wednesday, and that was on a Monday morning. So I wrote the letter, and put in the mailbox, went on to work.

<sup>E-64</sup> And all that week I was waiting for Wednesday to come to go get my girl friend. We was going to church. So that night, I remember, when I started up towards the place to where her people lived... They lived in a lovely big home up there. And I thought, "And here I lived. Oh, my. And I thought... Well, I--I drove up in front. And I thought..."

I knowed better than to blow the horn. I--I know her mother and dad would both be out on me. And I think that's right. That's cheap for you boys to go up blow the horn for the girl to come out. If you don't think enough of her to go in and talk to her, and bring her out, and talk to her mother and dad, you ain't--you oughtn't to be with her anyhow. That's right. Go, be a man.

So I walked up on the door, and I thought, "I will stay outside tonight." And I happened to get to thinking.

<sup>E-65</sup> Now, her father was, he--he was one of the finest men; and her mother is a good woman, and I'm not too sure, she might be setting here this afternoon. See? We don't live far from here. And if I say anything wrong, now Mrs. Brumbach, I don't mean to hurt your feelings, but I just want to tell this truth. You see? So if...

So I remember we were--we were... I went up on the porch.

Her mother, at that time... She likes me now, but she didn't care to much about me. And she was raised in one of those society churches, you know, that stands up, "Uh-huh," the doxology and oh, my. You know all that there is going on. Well, that was just a little bit too much; I couldn't digest that. So I... She thought that I was a just a little bit narrow-minded, I guess.

<sup>E-66</sup> So I thought now, happened to go to thinking, "What..." before I got to the house, "what if her mother happened to get a hold of that letter and read it, then what would happen?" Oh, my. And you know the devil's there to make me believe that she got the letter. So I said, "Oh, what will I do if--if--if she got that letter?" Hmm.

I thought, "You know what the best thing for me to do? Instead of ringing the doorbell tonight, I believe I will knock on the door and just leave my Ford set with the door open (See?), 'cause I was going to get away from there."

And I could just hear her say, "William Branham..." Brother, daddy, who was a fine Dutchman. And so I--I went up to the door, and I knocked on the door; and the first thing you know, here come Hope to the door. Her name was Hope. And so I... She come to the door, she said, "He-hello, Billy."

And I said, "Evening."

She said, "Won't you come in?"

I thought, "Oh, oh, she'd get me in there where your mother is at now, and you both been reading that letter. No."

I said, "Thank you. It's very warm," I said, "I will just set on the porch."

<sup>E-67</sup> She said, "Oh, step in." Said, "Mother and dad wants to see you." And oh, my. I knew then it was up. I thought, "Here it is."

"Won't you step in?"

And I said, "Well, hmm." I thought, "Oh, my, I know it's over now." So I said, "Thank you."

I stepped in, took my hat off, and stood at the door. She said, "Come on out in the kitchen where mother and dad is," said, "I will be ready just in a few minutes." And I thought, "Oh..." I walked out, I said, "How do you do, Mr. Brumbach. How do you do, Mrs. Brumbach?"

Said, "Hello, Billy. Won't you come out and have a glass of ice tea?"

I said, "Thank you," I said, "I will--I will sit in here if you don't mind."

"No, come out and set down."

<sup>E-68</sup> I thought, "Oh, my." My heart was just a jumping as hard as it could. In a few minutes I--I begin to see then. They never mentioned it; they was talking about something else. I thought, "She never got the letter. It's all right." Well, then I thought...

Now, the next thing, we better get to church. And so that night, Hope said, "Let's walk down to the church."

And I said, "Oh, oh."

So that night we walked on down to the church and went in. I never did hear nothing Dr. Davis said; He was preaching a good sermon. But I was sitting there wondering; I thought, "Boy, she got that letter. The reason she wanted me to walk is because she is going to tell me this is my last night. See? I know it. And I was setting there looking at her. I thought "Oh, I hate to give her up. My, but I guess she's right because I couldn't--I couldn't make her a living like her daddy could, and there it is." And I said, "She's got that letter."

<sup>E-69</sup> And oh, my, I never heard nothing the preacher said. I just set there wondering. And oh, I look at her, and she looked more beautiful than she ever did, and I knowed she was every whit a lady. And I thought the woman that... She doesn't smoke; she doesn't go to dances; she doesn't have... She doesn't use any kind of bad talk. She's just--she's just an angel. And I thought, "My, that was her, but I--I guess it's all over now."

So after church was over, I started going home, you know, walking along; she was walking along. And I was looking up, when we'd pass under the trees, and the moonlight come down upon her black hair and her brown eyes. I thought, "Oh, my, isn't she pretty?" Walking along. I thought...

Well, we begin to get kind of close to the house, and I got brave. I thought, "The letter hung up the box; none of them got it. See?" I was just feeling pretty good, you know. I said, "Nobody got that letter, so I'm all right. Say..." going on like that.

<sup>E-70</sup> And she was talking, you know. And I reached over and took a hold of her arm, you know, was walking along. Oh, my. And I thought, "I--I will have a little more grace. That letter, I hope it did hang up, and there wasn't nothing happened to it." And I was done made up my mind then that if she knowed anything about it, she'd done said something about it."

So we was getting pretty close to the home; directly she looked down to me; she said, "Billy?"

And I said, "Yes."

She said, "I--I got your letter."

Oh, I felt something move up and go down, you know, I thought... I said, "You did?"

She said, "Uh-huh." Just kept on walking, never said a word.

I thought, "Woman, say something before I faint. Do something now. I--I--I can't set like this all the time." We was getting too close to the house. She never said a word. I thought, "Well, I--I... Say something."

<sup>E-71</sup> She just... You know how woman can keep you. Excuse me. No, no, I mean--I mean, you know what I mean. So, never said a word, just walked along, you know, looking along up towards the moon and the stars. Oh, my, such suspense, and I said, "Did you read it?"

She said, "Uh-huh," kept walking on. That was all I could get out of her.

Well, I thought, "My, my, now what?" I said, "Did you appreciate it?"

She said, "Uh-huh." Uh-huh, that was all I could get out of her, just "Uh-huh."

Well, we got married. So there you are. We--we got married.

And I never will forget; she asked me just before we was... when we was... before I got her a ring. And I remember, I paid eight dollars for the set.

<sup>E-72</sup> And so, I was very happy about it though. My, I remember we drove out there under the tree, and I put that engagement ring on her finger; how happy I was. And had the other one down in my pocket and put me a great big catch pen there so it wouldn't get out. I was keeping her right there, boy. That one, she was going to be mine.

So I went on, you know. And she said, "Billy." Before I put the ring on her finger, she said, "don't you think it would be kind of gentleman-like if you'd ask dad and mother?"

I thought, "Oh, my. Here it goes again." And she said... I said, "Yes." I said, "Look, Hope, I want to tell you something." I said, "Now, when we get married, it's always to be a fifty-fifty, isn't it?"

She said, "That's right." She said, "I will keep my part."

I said, "I will mine." I said, "Let's start it now. See?"

She said, "What do you mean?"

I said, "You ask your mother, and I will ask your daddy." I could get by with her dad, but I didn't know about her mother.

She said, "All right. That's all right."

And I said, "Well, look," I said, "perhaps you let me ask your dad first." 'Cause I knowed if her dad said so, I had that much of a promise (See?), and I could hold to that.

So I remember she said, "Well, you better ask him tonight."

And I thought, "Oh, kind of quick, but I guess I better."

<sup>E-78</sup> She'd asked her mother. And I don't know what happened in there, but anyhow, we got married. So...

When we got married, it was--it was a marvelous little old... I remember we was married down here at Fort Wayne, Indiana; we went home. I didn't even have... You know what, we...

I rented a house for four dollars a month. You can imagine what kind of a house it was: four dollars a month. Someone give us an old folding bed. How many knows what an old folding bed is? My, I seen Brother Ryan put up his hand. He slept on it enough; he ought to know. So he give us an old folding bed, and mama give us a little old iron bed stead little later on. We... First we had two rooms.

And I went down to Sears and Roebuck and got me a--a breakfast set that didn't--was painted. I think it cost us about three or four dollars. And I painted it yellow with a great big green shamrock on each one. And she was laughing at me, I will never forget it, about being an Irishman, painting the shamrock on it, and so forth.

<sup>E-79</sup> And we didn't have very much of the worlds goods. I went over to Mr. Weber, a junk dealer, and I bought me a stove for seventy-five cents and it cost me a dollar and a quarter to put new grates in it. I fixed it up; we went to housekeeping. Well, we were happy. We didn't have very much of the world's goods, but we sure had one another, and the love of God was in our heart, and that's all we cared about. And I tell you, that's what really means something now. Yes, sir.

I look around; I'd hear somebody say, "Isn't that a beautiful home?"

<sup>E-80</sup> I said, "I don't know." Home is the not the house; it's the order of the house that makes the home. That's what makes home. No matter if it is a shanty, whatever it is, if--if--if the order is right on the inside, and godly, it's more of a home than if you had a palace somewhere. I'd rather live in a shanty and be happy, than to live in a palace and be unhappy. That's right.

So I remember then very well, we went ahead. And after while, God gave us one of the greatest little gifts about a year after we were married. My, poor little boy, which is standing in the back of the building now, he--little Billy Paul, he came into the world.

*E-59 – E-72, E-78 – E-79 LIFE.STORY HAMMOND.IN. 52-0720A*

<sup>30-5</sup> So I thought, "Well, the only thing for me to do is tell her that I--I--(she)--I--I just won't be back, because I thought too much of her to wreck her life and to let her fool along with me." And then I thought, "If somebody could get ahold of her

and marry her, make a lovely home. And maybe if I couldn't have her, I could--I could know that she was happy."

<sup>30-6</sup> And so I thought, "But I--I just--I just can't give her up!" And I--I was in an awful shape. And day after day I'd think about it. So I was to bashful to ask her to marry me. Every night I'd make up my mind, "I'm going to ask her." And, why, what is that, butterflies, or something you get in your...?... All you brethren out there probably had the same experience along that. And a real funny feeling, my face would get hot. I--I didn't know. I couldn't ask her.

<sup>33-3</sup> And she said, "Billy, I would love to do that. She said, "I love you." God bless her soul now, she's in Glory. She said, "I love you." Said, "I think we ought to tell our parent, the parents about it. Don't you think so?"

And I said, "Honey, listen, let's start this out with a fifty-fifty proposition." I said, "I'll tell your daddy if you'll tell your mother."

<sup>34-1</sup> ... He said, "Listen, Bill, I want to tell you." Said, "You know, happiness, don't altogether take money to be happy." Said, "Just be good to her. And I know you will."

I said, "Thank you, Charlie. I sure will do that."

*30-5 - 30-6, 33-3, 34-1 LIFE.STORY L.A.CA FOOT.PRINT.BOOK 59-0419A*

<sup>217</sup> There stood a girl that I used to go with years ago. Perhaps some of her people's setting here, Alice Lewis from Utica, very fine royal Christian girl. Got married a little late in life, and had her first baby, and died in childbirth: Alice Lewis. I walked into the funeral home to see her. I just got in home; I heard she was dead. I walked down there, was nobody in the room, I said, "Is there a woman here, Mrs..." Her name was Emmerke. She married a fine Christian boy, and she was a fine Christian girl. I've been with that girl everywhere, all kinds of places, and everything, as just kids, eighteen, nineteen years old, everywhere. Fine Christian, never knowed nothing about her but genuine Christianity. And I was a sinner. But I would go with her. I walked into... And her husband a born again Christian, real man. And I didn't know; I knowed she was died; I'd seen in the papers.

*217 ADOPTION.OR.PLACING JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E*

<sup>248</sup> Got a little story to say about my precious wife setting back there. I gave her a rough time before we was married; I've tried to make up for it after we was married. And I didn't know whether I wanted to be married again or not, and so she got all broke up. And I thought she was too good a girl just to leave go, let some good man marry her that'd take care of her. I thought I even wasn't worthy of it; and I am not, of her kindness, anyhow. So she was all tore up and didn't know what to do. This has been years ago, about twenty years ago. She got so tore



up, she started crying day and night. And I was trying to break away from her, not because I didn't love her, because I didn't want to take her time; 'cause, let her find somebody, some good person, 'cause she's too good a girl just to let go like that, and me take... and just go with her and things like that. And I--I thought she loved me, and I knowed I loved her. So then I thought, "Well, I'll just try to... I'll get a date with some other girl, and go out, and make her feel bad about me." I liked to killed her; I hated it awful bad afterwards; she got all broke up. I told her, I said, "You're too good a girl. I--I don't want to take your time like that."

And she said, "But I--I just love you, Bill, and that's the only one I can love." Said, "I--I've always loved you."

I said, I--I appreciate that. But I said, "You know," I said, "I'm a hermit." I said, "I'm--I'm just going to live like a hermit. See, I--I ain't going to get married at all."

<sup>251</sup> And she was so set on it, you know, poor little feller. And she went out to the shed. And she got out there, and she got down on her knees, and she said, "Lord, I don't know what to do. I--I don't want to disobey You, and yet I love Bill. And I don't know what to do. Lord, will You just give me a little bit of consolation? Will You just help me a little bit? I never did ask You this before in my life, Lord, and I hope I never have to ask You again," she said, "but if You'll just help me, and let me open up this Bible, and You give me a Scripture. I've heard people say You did that." And when she opened it up, it was Malachi 4:

Behold, I give unto... or send unto you Elijah the prophet before the... that terrible day of the LORD.

She said, "I got up from there just as well satisfied that we was going to get married as anything."

*248 – 251 PATMOS.VISION JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 60-1204E*

E-8 Now, this child, beautiful, her mother's a girl friend. I... My... Used to be one of my girl friends. She was a nice little lady, come out of a real strict Nazarene home, sweet little girl. And she's got a lovely husband. I know him too, real well, the boy that married her.

*E-8 BEYOND.THE.CURTAIN.OF.TIME JEFF.IN 61-0305*

E-4 Then thank you for saying happy birthday to my lovely little wife tonight. She got in too late to get to the meeting, but I'm going to take all that warm welcome and tell her about it when I get home over there. How she'll appreciate that. She is in... And that's one thing: Brother Joseph bragged a little about me, but he didn't over brag it on her, 'cause she--she really is worthy of everything could be said. She's forty-two years old today. She's just a kid. You see? I married a child, and so...

She--she has stood by me, though, like a real, real chum. And Billy, when his mother died, I was about twenty-five, twenty-six years old. And he had no mother, crying, and no one to take him to. And she was just a little girl, like, then--about seventeen, eighteen. She taken care of him.

<sup>E-5</sup> And later on in years, not even thinking no more about ever marrying that child than I would some strange person setting out there, not that much. Her father and I were hunting partners together, and we was just raised up. Why, her... I'd... She'd probably fuss at me, and I'd slap her for a piece of candy. So that's the way it was, you know, when we just come up, kids. So we just grewed up together like that, and I never thought about marrying her.

But I tell you: it was certainly a God-sent gift to me when I--when God gave me my wife. And thank you so much. And through there he's given me three lovely children.

*E-4 & E-5 MICALAH.THE.PROPHET CHICAGO.IL 61-0426*

<sup>45</sup> A lovely little girl that's recently... I used to go with her mother when we were young. And she was a lovely, beautiful woman. Her name is Huff now, her name was Lee before she was married. When I used to pastor the Milltown Baptist Church, they belonged to the United Brethren Church, but, oh, they liked me real well. And she... I used to go with her. They lived way back up behind Brother Wright's here. Too, and I used to go up to their house, and the little girl was a very sweet little girl, and she was a little girlfriend to me.

*45 YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M*

<sup>16-7</sup> ... And I want to be a loyal husband, and I hope that every young man in this building, when he gets married, gets a wife like my wife. I don't know how long we'll live that way, but I hope the rest of our days on the earth. We've been very happy together.

<sup>17-1</sup> God was the one who told me to marry her, at the same time (her not knowing) I was trying not to marry her. Not because I didn't love her, but because I didn't think I was able to make a living for her, and she was a fine woman; I just didn't deserve that. And she went out to pray and opened up the Bible, and He just... She said, "Lord, I've never done this before, but give me a Scripture that'll help me. If I've got to forget him, I've got to forget it." Opened the Bible... And she went out in a little shed and prayed, and when she opened the Bible up: Malachi 4, "Behold I send unto you Elijah the prophet, before the..." But that was--that was twenty something years ago, knowing nothing about the ministry of this day.

And I was...Couldn't... I was lying down on the river there, and He woke--woke me up one night; I heard Him standing there by the door. He said, "Go get her,

and your wedding shall be this coming October the twenty-third," and that's just exactly what I did. And we've lived happy; by the grace of God we've never had one word. She's been a sweetheart.

*16-7 – 17-1 LOOK.AWAY.TO.JESUS JEFF.IN V-2 N-17 63-1229E*

<sup>26-5</sup> What did it do? He was working from the outside now to this first man.

Said, "Now, look. You know when you was in a--few years ago, about two or three years ago before you accepted this, you was well thought of amongst the people. You lived a good clean life. Any girl in the city that wanted to go out would go out with you 'cause they felt clean and decent." I can stand before any of them. I never insulted one, never said anything. If she even acted smart, I'd take her home.

*26-5 KNOWETH.IT.NOT JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815*

# Unequally Yoked

**Genesis 24:3** *And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:*

<sup>4</sup> *But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.*

**II Corinthians 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

<sup>45</sup> Ahab was more or less that type of a person. Every way the wind blowed, Ahab had his sail set, if it was on this side or that side. His marriage got him all messed up, with a little woman which was a little princess, a king's daughter, a Jezebel. Very pretty to look at, very beautiful woman, but in her heart she was wicked. And she was an idolater, and she caused all Israel...

<sup>46</sup> Now, how I would like to border there just for a few minutes, as it was, and getting into the core of this on motherhood (See?), there. And when a man starts to get married, the type of a girl, woman that he... It's more than just look at beauty. You've got to get somebody, both soul and body joined together, somebody that's really going to be your friend and pal, that'll stick with you through thick and thin.

<sup>47</sup> Now, but Ahab, he just fell for her because she was pretty, I suppose, and marry. It couldn't be nothing else about her, because as wicked as she was. And she come over there. And then, 'course, being wrapped up with her like that, and loved her, why, he caused all Israel to sin and to go against God, and to tear down the altars of God, built the altars of Baalam. And they had Baal worship all through Israel at the time.

<sup>213</sup> You take a little bitty girl, little bitty boy, put them out here, let them live with somebody... You take a man, I can take my boy, let him be out for a day with somebody; let me come in, I can almost tell you who he's been with. Certainly. Watch, that environment, that spirit catches him.

You go into a church, where the people all... You go into Holy Ghost churches, or--or Pentecostal churches, they call it. Look everybody be... Oh, they run and jerk their head back and forth, the pastor does; watch the whole church begin to do the same thing. Let the men, the people, get up and--and just carry on terrible, or something another; watch the whole thing do that. Get into a place where the

pastor's real starchy and cold; watch the whole group do it. You come into that environment.

You take a man that's a good moral man, and let him marry a little old woman that ain't worth a dime; it isn't long till he ain't worth a dime either. That's what happened to Ahab. Take the same, vice versa, let a nice little woman marry an old man that ain't worth a dime; the first thing you know, she's doing the same thing he is.

How could I go, this morning, and point my hands on little broken up homes and things like that, where lovely little mothers come into a drinking dad, and things like that, and thought they could do something with them, and now the whole mother and all of them is a drinking and going on. It's environment.

*45 - 47, 213 INVASION.OF.THE.USA JEFF.IN V-26 N-1 54-0509*

E-16 You know, boys, I'm telling you tonight, and you young ladies, be careful who you marry; you'll have a broken home the first thing you know. And it's not good to--sinners and Christians to marry together. Don't be unequally yoked together, 'cause that's what got Ahab. She was pretty little thing, yes, paint all over her face, eyes like a lizard, but she was a... The thing of it was, that...

Did you know what? That's the truth. That's the... Ahab just fell for her, because she was, perhaps, pretty, because he couldn't have fell for her for character, 'cause she was a murderer; she was everything else. That's right. And Ahab fell for her because she was pretty. And then, he got hisself infatuated with her, and then she just ruled him with her finger.

*E-16 SEPARATION.FROM.UNBELIEF PHOENIX.AZ 55-0228*

E-24 Now, but when he come down and made fellowship with Ahab, then he got in trouble. Now, Ahab... And when you take the world that trying to find fellowship with you, just remember, there's a rabbit in the woodpile somewhere. When you take that little cigarette smoking boy, that wants to take you out at nighttime, young lady, you Pentecostal girls, that little drinker, and his hair combed down slick enough to hold his mouth open. Let me tell you something now; there's something in the making. And he says, "I marry you, dear, if... And then I'll join your church." He's a lying to you. If you loves you and loves the Lord, he will do it then; he don't have to take you. That's right.

And you men, you young boys with some of these little painted up Jezebels, the same way. You shouldn't do that. Shame on the pastors that fail to say that in their church. We are called out, separated, different people, sanctified to the Lord in Israel.

*E-24 FATHER.THE.HOUR.HAS.COME CHICAGO.IL 56-1002A*

E-18 But oh, my. Another thing, no wonder Ahab... His father was a backslider to begin with. And Ahab was a borderline, lukewarm believer, just a indebtedness to society of Christianity would be today, an indebtedness to the Kingdom of God in that day. He was just a man who was wishy-washy and not stabled at all.

But I imagine he was a handsome young man with his hair slicked down, you know, and kind of a little one of these boys that's going out with these here, what is it you call them, dragging hot rods, something on that order. You see? One of these little fellows that runs around like today...

And you know, it goes to show that he was that type of person or he wouldn't have fell for that type of woman. That's right. Israel was supposed to marry Israelites. They wasn't supposed to mix marriage. You know that's right. They wasn't... And you're not supposed to do it today either, yoke unbelievers with believers. That's against the law of God, against the Bible.

*E-18 PAINTED.FACE.JEZEBEL CHICAGO.IL 56-1005*

112-171 ... Separate yourself. Don't yoke yourself up with unbelievers." That's right. Young man getting married, marrying some girl that don't believe; or some young girl marrying a boy that don't believe. Shouldn't do that. I don't care how cute he is and--and... or how cute she is, and what those big eyes she's got; they'll all fade out one of these days. But, brother, your soul's going to live forever. You be careful what you're doing. She ain't a real believer or him a real believer, don't you yoke yourself up like that. Stay away from such, it'll cause you trouble down the road.

*112-171 HEBREWS CHAPTER 2 JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E*

294-39 What a blessed privilege that men has that challenge to follow the Lord Jesus, to separate himself from all his carnal associates, to follow the Lord. And if any person seems not to behave themselves rightly, and to present themselves as Christians but love the carnal things, it's best for you to hunt another partner right away. That's right. And if no one will walk with you, there's One Who promised to walk with you: that's the blessed Lord Jesus. He will walk with you.

*294-39 HEBREWS.CPT.7.PT.1 JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E*

349-352 ... And some of you--and some of you women look around at some little old guy with his hair slicked down, enough Vaseline on it to open his mouth. And then you...

349-357 Some little old girl here not long ago... This ain't a joke, 'cause I don't mean to tell it as a joke. But the people knows that this is no place to joke. But a little

old girl here, she was... There's fine boys here, Christian boys. A long time ago, when I was pastor here, we used to have a--just young man's classes. And I'd speak to the young women on Sunday afternoon about sex and things, then the next Sunday afternoon speak to the young men, and try to get those things curbed out.

<sup>349-358</sup> Some little old girl started going with some little old shrimp, downtown here, smoked cigarettes, and had a flask in his pocket, and he drove a little roadster car around town. I couldn't see what she seen in that boy. He wouldn't come to church. He'd set out there, put her in church out here, and then he'd set out there on the outside in his car and wait, wouldn't come in church. I said to her one day,... She lived in New Albany. I said, "I want to ask you something, girlie. What in the world do you see in that boy?" I said, "The first place, he hates the very religion that you--you have. He despises your Christ. He'd never make you a husband; he'd make you miserable all your life." And I said, "When these fine little Christian boys here that you could go with, and they're... Your daddy and mother despises the thoughts of you going out. But you go anyhow, and you think, 'I'm sweet sixteen.'"

<sup>350-359</sup> She started wearing makeup and running out, and first thing she was in roadhouses. She's gone on to eternity now. But then, she stood here and... You know what the excuse that girl give me back there that she loved that boy? She said, "He's got such cute little feet, and he smells so good." Could you imagine that? Perfuming himself up, that's a sissy, not a man.

"Look," I said, "Sister, I'd rather go with a Christian boy that had feet like gravel cars and smelled like a polecat, if he was absolutely a Christian." That's right. True. Yeah, that's excuse, "Such cute little feet and smells so good." The little roadhouse runner, finally ruined the life of the girl. It's a shame, disgraceful.

<sup>350-362</sup> Marriage is honorable, but it should be entered prayerfully and reverently. And genuine love for that woman will bind you together forever. "What you bind on the earth, I'll bind in heaven." When you walk down the street yonder, she may get old, and gray, and wrinkled, but that same love you had for her when she was a young beautiful woman, you'll still have it.

You may get stoop-shouldered, bald-headed, and wrinkled-faced, and everything else, but she'll love you just like you did when you stand with wide shoulders and curly hair, if it's really God. For you're looking to the time when you've crossed the river yonder, when you'll spring back again to young men and women, to live together forever. That's God's eternal promise. He said He would do it. He... Not only that, we'll get to it in a minute, He swore He'd do it.

*349-352 – 350-362 HEBREWS.CPT.7.CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922*

<sup>3-4</sup> Your boy goes with a Catholic girl. When they go to get married, they have to promise to raise the children Catholic (See?), vice versa. See, it's to break the power of the other. But what is it? The Bible claims the whole thing's a prostitute. Now, what are you going to do? That's right. And how the sins of the people would be visited...

*3-4 SERPENT'S.SEED JEFF.IN V-2 N-4 58-0928E*

<sup>E-12</sup> A few days ago I was listening to a program on the radio, coming to Sunday school, and it was a round table discussion with teen-agers in Louisville. A--what was one of the most important things, was a girl to find the boy with the curly hair, or the boy, the girl with the pretty blue or brown eyes? Did that make the difference? It seems like that that would be the great thing to a teen-ager. But that isn't the greatest thing. The greatest thing is find your God, your Maker.

Don't mix marry. Marry a boy that believes just exactly like you do, for after all, God is the main important thing that we are in the earth to do, is to serve Him. And if you do marry or anything contrary to that, you'll pay for it in the days that lays ahead of you. You must always remember, by faith and not by sight. The just shall live by faith. And we look at the Unseen.

*E-12 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN JEFF.IN 58-1003*

<sup>E-13</sup> And this time came, and Abraham was determined that he did not want his son to marry an unbeliever. That would be good decision for a Christians today, who are sons and daughters of Abraham, to make the same decision about their children.

Now, it didn't make any difference how pretty those unbelieving girls were, and how nice a women they were, but Abraham did not want his son connected with that kind of stuff. And so he had to make a time of decision on who he should marry.

*E-13 TIME.OF.DECISION CHICAGO.IL 59-0611*

<sup>26</sup> ...The hot winds of judgment was blowing upon a nation that had forgotten God. That was during the reign of Ahab, Israel's most cruel and wicked king. And he'd married a sinner, Jezebel, which was an idolater. And a mixed wedding like that never is successful; it just can't be; either the woman will come the man's way or the man will go the woman's way...

*26 ELIJAH.AND.MEAL.OFFERING PHX.AZ V-9 N-4 60-0310*

<sup>E-13</sup> I said, "It's not for me to say. The boss, government, said, 'Let it be what it is, permit them to marry, and so forth.'" I said, "That's--that's up to them. As an



American, I abide by the laws." To me, you ought to leave it the way God had it. He made white men, black men, brown men. He's a God of variety. Let them stay the way God made them. That's what I think. If I was a black man, I'd--I'd want--I'd want to stay in my class of people. If I was a Chinese, yellow, I'd want to stay that way. Being that I'm Anglo-Saxon, white, let me marry amongst the white, teach my children the same, and just stay the kind of a flower and the color that God made us at the beginning. After all, He's the One that made it.

*E-13 LIFE SALEM.OR 62-0717*

<sup>176</sup> Notice. The great masterpiece of the family. The husband and wife cannot be truly a family unless they are one. They have to be. If they're not, they're not a good family--wife pulling one way and the husband another. That'll make an awful family. But in agreement, with love one to the other, that's a family. And now, that was God's masterpiece; and all the true family here portrays that. See? And now the masterpiece family has come again--Christ and His Bride ready to come. The Second Adam, Second Eve, ready now to return back to their home. And the whole picture has been redemption, from where it was, bringing it back. See? Just exactly. Bringing it back again.

*176 MASTERPIECE.THE JEFF.IN V-4 N-7 64-0705*

<sup>1179-166</sup> Now, I don't believe in mixing marriages. I believe that a white man should not marry a colored girl, or a colored girl marry a white man, or a yellow marry a colored, or a white, or a... I believe the brown, black, white, and races of people are like a flower garden of God, and I do not believe they should be crossed up. I believe that's the way God made them, and I believe that's the way they should remain.

What... It fools me that I seen some real pretty colored girl, intelligent, nice looking kid, just as pretty as any woman you'd want to see... What does she want to marry a white man and have mulatto children? What would an intelligent colored girl want with such a thing as that? Is because that something... that communist... And how would a--a fine a-a-a colored man want to marry a white woman and have mulatto children?

I don't believe I... I believe you should stay just what we are. We--we're servants of Christ. And God made me... If He made me, my color black, I'd be happy to be a black man for God. If He made me yellow, I'd be a happy yellow man for Christ. If He made me white, I've a--happy white man for Christ. If He made me brown, or red, an Indian, whatever it is, I'd stay my same color. That would be me. I want to be like my Maker made me.

*1179-166 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E*

# Courtship Confidence

**Psalms 118:8** *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*

**Proverbs 3:26** *For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.*

**Proverbs 25:19** *Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.*

E-7 A man, when he chooses his life companion, he usually inquires of her life, and so forth, and what family she out of, and what's her background, so forth. It's... We have to have something like that to give a--a basis. You ask her. Now, only thing he can take is her word. That's all he can take and that's all she can take from him is his word. And there's no other way.

*E-7 FUNDAMENTAL.FOUNDATION.FOR.FAITH CHICAGO.IL 55-0113*

415-36 I've got to know what I'm doing before I can have faith in what I'm doing. Why'd you marry your wife? You had faith in her. You had tried her, watched her, seen what she come from, who she was.

*415-36 Q.A.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST JEFF.IN COD 59-1219*

E-25 A man, now days, getting married... You young fellows, you better pray a long time. Ask God to give you a companion. You young women, the same way, 'cause it is so uncertain...

*E-25 UNCERTAIN.SOUND MIDDLETOWN.OH 61-0315*

E-18 ...How would you go out and pick up... You gentlemen, young men here, would you walk out on the street and pick up a woman and marry her, just because you walked out and picked her up; she was a woman? I don't have much thoughts of your conception I'm sure, but see, first you got to know something about her, where she come from, her character... That's the way with a woman to her husband, the same way. You must think of those things, because it's your lifetime companionship. And this is our eternal life with God or be totally separated and annihilated in hell. It's one or the other. So we want to approach this upon the basis of Scripture, and know where we are, and then you'll have faith

to know. If you can see where you're going, then you have faith to go. But if you can't see where you're going (just stumbling through the dark), you don't know what you're doing.

*E-18 ABRAHAM'S.GRACE.COVENANT MIDDLETOWN.OH 61-0317*

E-17 You men here, that's married, why did you marry your wife? You had confidence and faith that she'd make a real wife and mother, and so forth. Women, back to your husbands, the same way... Sweethearts are thinking of marriage. You're studying the man you'll marry, or the girl you'll marry. You must have faith in them, or you better not marry them. See?

*E-17 JESUS.CHRIST.SAME GRAND.PRAIRIE.AL 61-0516A*

31-7 How could you ever marry a woman if that young girl had--had--had run out, and done everything, and lived in prostitution, and everything else; and--and yet, you went and got her in the house of prostitution; come out, and she was--she says, "Well, I'll--I'll try to be a--a better girl"? You can't have faith in that woman. See? You can't do it.

How can a woman have faith in a man that's did the same thing? You just can't build your faith there; there's nothing to build on. See? You can't do it.

*31-7 WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401*

11-2 You... when you got married, there had to wind back through your mind something, till you hit that tie post. And it should have been love for your wife or your husband. Well, maybe she isn't as pretty as John's wife; or she, well... she's not the... this, that, but there's something about her that you... it strikes you. You--you--you say, "She might not be as pretty as the other," or, "he might not be as handsome as the other;" but there has to be a absolute there that that person's different. And there's where you hold on to. And if that isn't there, you better not get married--that tie post, that absolute.

*11-2 ABSOLUTE.THE JEFF.IN V-3 N-18 62-1230M*

E-25 ... Any woman that's going to marry a man, and she's not certain of that man, she'd better leave him alone. And any man that's going to marry a woman, and not certain, you'd better leave her alone. You'd better pray through on it, until God gives you the answer. And then what God joins together let no man put asunder. But we--we... First we must pray through on that. Yes.

*E-25 UNCERTAIN.SOUND PHOENIX.AZ 63-0114*

E-9 When a young man is going to get married to a young woman, he must know the character of this young woman. Or the young woman must know the

character of the young man, something that she can hold to. Will this man be a just man? Will he make me the right type of husband? Will this woman give to me in life what I expect out of her, loyalty and so forth? And then it's got to be somewhere that they can base their vows upon, knowing that there is something that will hold. And that's the reason we bring them to the church, and to the Word of God, to get this absolute tied.

*E-9 ABSOLUTE.A HOUSTON.TX 63-0304*

<sup>127</sup> Here just like a young couple. You take a young man and a young woman, and they love--they fall in love with one another. And as they go along and begin to know one another more, their hearts just begin to beat as one. See? They're--they're... Yet they're not husband and wife, but their love binds them together, and they have confidence in one another. Now, if they really love one another, really love, and you know that this girl loves you and--and she knows that you love her, you've got confidence, faith in one another (See?), you got faith in one another; if you didn't, you'd better not marry her. See?

Notice, you got to have faith. And you separate them and put one in extreme south and one extreme north, there's still that love beats for one another, no matter where they're at. They're just as true to one another as they can be, because they love one another. And if you love the Lord, just not trying to dodge hell, but you love the Lord, then you have faith in God (See?), if you love Him.

*127 PERFECT.FAITH JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E*

# Courtship Contact

**I Corinthians 7:1 & 2** *Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.*

<sup>2</sup> *Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

**Ephesians 4:27** *Neither give place to the devil.*

**Ephesians 5:3** *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.*

**Hebrews 13:4** *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

<sup>216</sup> Some of you call these old Kentucky mothers up here, how "illiterate" Kentucky was. Them old mammies up there, with an old sunbonnet on like that, and talk about her being so illiterate and don't know her ABC's. She might not be so classy, but, I tell you, let one of her daughters come in like some of yours some night; clothes twisted off of her, and lipstick all over her face, and her hair all mangled up. She won't say, "Did you have a great time, darling?" She would grab a slat off of something, and she would--she would know the last time she went out. And then you call her, "illiteracy." Yeah. That's it.

216 UNCERTAIN.SOUND JEFF.IN V-16 N-3 60-1218

<sup>669-Q-156</sup> **156. Is it right for Christian men and women to kiss one another (Oh!) on greeting?**

No, sir. No indeedy. No, sir. You kiss one woman, brother, that's your wife (See?), or your--your child, or what... See?

**"Is it right for..." Let me see if I got that right. "Is it right for Christian men and women to kiss one another on greetings?"**

No, sir. No indeedy. That... Don't you never get that started. Yes, sir. No, sir. You keep away from women. Shun away from them. Exactly right.

Now, they're our sisters, but don't... Now, they got that. That in... That thing even got over in Pentecost, and it's called "free love." And when you do--get anything like that, you stay away from it. That's right.

I don't care how clean you are... You're my brother, and I--I believe that you're--you might be a good sanctified, holy man. I don't care how holy you are; you're still a man. And I don't care how holy she is; she's still a woman. Stay away from it till you're married. You just do that.

<sup>669-124</sup> Remember, the body... I'm going to speak double now, so that you older people will understand. It's a mixed group, but I'm your brother, and this was the question. See?

Each human being male and female have a different type of gland. A female has a female gland, sex gland. A male has a male gland, sex gland. And those glands lay in the human lips. That's right.

<sup>670-127</sup> ... Now-a-days, we shake hands with one another. If you want to... You got your arm around your brother, and kiss him on the neck, or he kisses you on the neck, that's all right. But don't you kiss that woman, and don't you let that woman kiss you. See? That's right. You take her by the hand, say, "Wait a minute, Sister, just a minute here (See?); let's get this straight!" And so, now you do that.

<sup>670-129</sup> Now, what did I tell you awhile ago when I first started? When you see any--a car coming down the road ninety miles an hour, get out of it's way. That's right. When you see the first twist in anything like that, get away from it; stay away from it. And just... That's the ground you should not be on. Satan will present something to you that'll wreck your soul and send you to hell. Stay away from it. Shun the very appearance of evil. That's right.

Be a man; be a woman, like... I'm going to take up for the women a minute. That's unusual, isn't it? But they--they say, "Oh, the woman caused it. Oh, it was the woman's fault. If she hadn't got out of her place, well, the man wouldn't got out of his." That's true. That... We'll say that's right. She gets out of her place. A man can't be bad 'less there's a bad woman; but remember there can't be a bad woman without being a bad man. That's right.

<sup>670-131</sup> And you who claim to be a son of God, where is your principles? If the woman ain't out of her place, aren't you a son of God? Aren't you the one that's a higher, stronger vessel? As the Bible says she's weaker, then if she's weaker, then show yourself a man of God. Tell her, say, "Sister, you're in the wrong." That's right. I've done it, and other Christians has done it. And you'll always do it as long as you're a Christian, but show yourself. You're a son of God. You're--you have more power over yourself than the woman does. If she is weaker, recognize her to be weaker. Understand her mistakes, and things like that, and try to correct her. Say, "Sister, we are Christians; shouldn't do that." See? Be a real man; be a son of God, and watch the women.

And there's where the great fall begin at the beginning. It was Satan with Eve. That's what brought the whole downfall of the human race is through that.

And if you're a son of God, be strong; be a real man. If you're not that way, stay at the altar till you become that. And shun the very appearance of evil. And don't start now greeting...

671-134 ...Women, young women, coming up and these men kissing these women. Don't you do that. Don't you... You keep away from there. You remember that. If she's young, single, or whatever she is; she'll be somebody's wife someday. And you haven't got no business doing that. Stay away from her. If you want to greet her, then be a son of God, shake her hand and say, "How do you do, sister." And let that settle it right there. See?

Stay away from those things; it's filth. And it'll soon get you into trouble. You just... Oh, that's just... Sin is so easy, and it's so appetizing, and so pleasant. It's so easy to fall right into it. The best thing to do is, the very even appearance of it, stay away from it. Get back. Be a real Christian.

*669-Q-156 – 671-134 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M*

378-3 ...When I was a sinner, I didn't run around with women. And so... But any man that lets a woman hug up into his arms (him being made up of cells of male and her a female), there's a sensation. I don't care who you are; now, don't tell me you're not if you're healthy as a person...

*378-3 FIFTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0322*

<sup>50</sup> I went to a certain place the other night to get something to eat, and the little boys and girls up there hugging and kissing like I don't know what. And do you know, my little sister, that that's potentially an adultery? When a man kisses you, he's potentially committed adultery with you. You should never let him kiss you until you're married, for the glands, both male and female glands, is in the lips. Do you understand? And when male and female glands come together, let it be where it may be, you have potentially committed adultery. And you shouldn't let a boy kiss you until that veil is raised on your face and you're his wife. Don't do that! It's committing adultery. It's mixing male and female glands.

Why don't a man kiss a man, woman kiss a woman in the lips? Because it don't cross the glands. Children is born by crossing glands. So it's almost a public adultery again, everywhere. Look on the screens and everything you see, a--a slobbering and a--a carrying on. No wonder immorality is on the--is on the incline. How can they do it and spurn themselves all up by kissing those women in the mouth, knowing that that's adultery, and God won't forgive it unless you repent.

*50 ODDBALL.THE JEFF.IN V-6 N-5 64-0614E*

1128-304 Did you get that Brother Neville? What does it pertain to? I just--I better--better go now, 'cause it's getting too late. You see? Seven--seven, nine... Let's see. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. All right. That's for just dirty living. Instead of a man, a boy, girl, or something or another when they're going together and--and they know that they should be married, go ahead and get married. I think you--you'd understand what I mean, don't you? See? Don't just live a dirty little life there, 'cause it's not right. You see? That's your sister in one sense, where if you're a Christian. Now, if it's the world, it's the world: dog eat dog. But this girl that you're going with, that's your sister too. That will be the mother of your--your children that will come. Don't live a dirty little life around her, show that you're a real Christian gentleman. Live like a Christian gentleman ought to. See? And treat her like your sister, and when you get married, still treat her that way.

*1128-304 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M*

201 Did you know any man that kisses a woman is morally obligated to marry her? Potentially it's a sex act. Sure, it is. Yes, sir. What is it? It's the male glands in a man's lip, and the female glands. When male and female glands comes together, it's sex.

*201 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP L.A.CA V-18 N-2 65-0425E*

13-6 Now, she has a sacred... One, I want to name three things here that she must not get away from. Now, I'm speaking, keep the church in mind while I'm speaking this to the natural woman, as Paul is here, in the 7th chapter of Romans. She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord: a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. That's right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue. If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right. Just the same as the church that was married to the law has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage; she has to confess that. If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.

"Joseph, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her if of the Holy Ghost." He was minded to put her away privately (See?), after he'd already engaged to her. When you are engaged to her, as far as God's concerned, you're married to her.

14-2 Notice. Now, she has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given to her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say, "yes" or "no." She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her that she must not break. The womanhood, I'm speaking of here, is her



conduct, her character around men, not letting every man... Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing and hugging and slopping around over these women. A woman does that is of a bad character. She might be virtuous otherwise, but, see, in her heart--when those glands... Sex glands are in the lips. A man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery.

<sup>14-3</sup> Sex glands are in the woman's lips and in the man's lips. He could kiss her on the hand, it wouldn't mix the--the sex glands, but the sex glands are in the lips. And see all this nonsense and the--the Hollywood today of all this slopping, and loving around with women, and so forth; and little girls looking at all that. No wonder our morals are rotten, and decayed, and filthy. See? Because it's put before the children. That's right. It has to be that way for the last days.

<sup>15-1</sup> She has this sacred womanhood. No wonder that men act around women the way they do. Is because women act around men the way they do. She characters herself out here with a pair of shorts on, and skin tight, and men's clothing and things out on the street, twisting around. No matter what she says... She might be as virtuous to her husband as she can be, but in the sight of God she is an adulteress. "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." And she presented herself to be that.

*13-6 – 14-3, 15-1 INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125*

<sup>34</sup> ... A young woman run up there, one of the most beautiful women, and she just threw her arms around me, and said, "Precious Brother." And when she passed by... Now, she was a woman. So... But in there, there'll never be sin. See, our glands are changed there. They won't raise children no more there. See? See, all the same.

What makes the difference, the sensation. That's the reason I don't believe in dancing on the floor. No man... I, before God and my Bible, I've lived clean, as that way through my life when I was a little boy, all through my young manhood. Any girl I ever went out with, I can walk right back to the Judgment with her. See? But there's no man; I don't care who you are, can let a woman (in the make of a woman) hug herself up close to you; if you're a true healthy man, there's a sensation. But it wasn't there; there's no glands; they're all the same gland. See? Just pure, unadulterated sisterly and brotherly love, more than it would be for your--even for your--hug your own little daughter. See? Your own daughter, yet she's made... She's female and you're a male. See, it could create something, but there it can't. Sin is done; it's all over: real, just real, holy Love.

*34 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.WORSHIP SHP.LA V-7 N-4 65-1128M*

# Character Of Man

E-19 Here it is. If I'm getting this right, so is it today. A man or a woman who really tries to live a Christian life, and abstain from the things of the world, the world backs off and says they're a fanatic. Every man that tries to trust God, his fellow man will call him, "Goody-goody," or, "a sissy," or something like that. Sissy? I don't judge man by the callous in his hands, it's by the bag of the knee in his pants, whether he bows and prays or not. Men's not judged by statue, he's judged by character. I seen men that weighed two hundred pounds, and didn't have an ounce of man in him: ravish a mother with a baby in her arm. A man's judged by character, what he is inside.

*E-19 EXPECTANCY OWENSBORO.KY 53-1108E*

E-44 There was no beauty we should desire Him. He was marred above every man. He was probably a little skinny, spindly looking Fellow, didn't look like the King. Many times that people judge people by the way they dress or by their statue. Man is not judged by how big he is and how strong's his muscles; man's judged by character and character alone. I've seen men that weighed two hundred pounds and didn't have an ounce of man about them. Man is judged by character, what he is in his heart. And Christ was not judged by physical strength, but He was judged by character.

And never a man ever lived like Him, or never a man could ever die like Him. Never a man could ascend up on high like Him, because He was God. "I am a no man." He made of Himself no reputation.

Did you ever think? The man that made an artificial eye, made a reputation. The man that made false teeth, made a reputation. The man that made a wooden arm, made a reputation for himself, but the Man Who made the original eye, the Man Who made the original arm made of Himself no reputation, but become a Servant, a Bondsman unto men who were sinners that He might win them back.

*E-44 MIGHTY.CONQUEROR JEFF.IN 56-0401*

E-41 Oh, brother, when the weakling's a preacher, got a meal ticket in view... You ought to have the cross in view and Christ in view to know God's going make you pay for your little old sissified ways you're doing. God wants men. That's right.

Man's not measured by how big his arm is or... Man's measured by character. Certainly. Big man's brute.

*E-41 WEDDING.SUPPER CHICAGO.IL 56-1006*

E-49 That... You see, we can't have a revival. That's the reason. Oh, certainly, it makes you hard--makes--goes down... But if it was wrong to begin with, it's wrong now. Something's happened. Here's where it's at. There's no foundation to lay a revival on. How can you do it when God forbids it?

Now, you say, "You're awful hard on us woman." All right, men, here you are. Any man that'll let his wife wear them kind of clothes and smoke cigarettes, that shows what you're made out of. I got little respect of you being a man. You're supposed to be the head of the house. What happened? Something went wrong.

*E-49 LIFE BANGOR.ME 58-0519*

E-11 ...It was during the time of the reign of Ahab, Israel's most wicked king. He had married a sinner, Jezebel, a beautiful modern movie star, very indifferent towards the Kingdom of God. And he, being one of these kind of husbands that lets the wife run the house, and run his business, showed that he was backslid. Then, being an Israelite, he give in to her idolatry. And between them, they had brought all the nation to idolatry.

E-59 Notice. This man stood and looked at Abraham. Women in them days wasn't like they are now. Every time somebody comes up in the yard, the woman's got to put on her--her little shorts, and go out in the yard, and see what her husband's talking about, butt into his business. Shame on you. Shame on you men. If you got more man about you to let your wife do that, it's all right, I guess. That was raw. But I... I--I don't take it back. That's the truth. Now, that's just the truth.

I got little respects for a man will let his wife do a thing like that: smoke cigarettes, and drink whiskey, and wear those kind of clothes.

*E-11 & E-59 BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD CLEVELAND.TN 59-0708E*

<sup>156</sup> I seen a men going down the street. Yesterday. I was going downtown for something, there I seen man after man, walking down the street, with his young pretty wife, with little old clothes on, looked horrible. That ain't a man; that's a sissy. Anybody would let his wife dress like that, ain't much of a man. Oh, he may have muscles like; that's brute; that's animal.

A man is "character." Jesus, the greatest Man ever lived, He was just a little bitty Guy, no beauty we should desire Him, but there never was a Character ever presented to the earth like Jesus Christ.

I've seen some men, weigh two hundred and fifty pounds, didn't have an ounce of man in them. When it come... [Blank spot on tape--Ed.]... never be as strong as a horse. Sometimes they haven't got a horse sense, so, a horse intelligence of things. Horse would know better. Now... Yeah, it's the truth. Now, you just try to let the male horse try to ravish the female and find out what happens. The horse has got better sense. See? And man ain't got as much sense as a horse has, when it comes to a lot of living.

*156 UNFAILING.REALITIES.OF.GOD JEFF.IN V-16 N-1 60-0626*

E-38 When God made a man first, he made him both male and female in spirit. He made him in His own image, and God is a Spirit. When He separated him, and put him in flesh, he put the masculine spirit in a man, and the feminist spirit in a woman. And if anything's contrary to that, there's a bit of perversion there. Exactly. You see a woman trying to act like a man, there's a little something wrong there. The cell's crossed up somewhere. That's right. You see a man so sissified that he won't preach against sin or nothing else like that, to hurt somebody's feelings, there's a cross up there somewhere too, not only his natural birth, but spiritual birth.

Oh, what we need today is that a man be a man, a woman be a lady. God didn't intend to be that way. Dress different.

Say, "You're hammering us women." Now I'm going to tell you about the man. Any man that'll let his wife smoke cigarettes, and wear them shorts, and act like that, there's very little man in him, to my opinion. That's right. I've got my opinion of a man that'll let his wife do that. I--I sure have.

*E-38 LAMB.AND.DOVE YAKIMA.WA 60-0805*

E-15 You never judge a man by how big his hands is, and how wide his shoulders is. I've heard them say, "Oh, isn't he a man." I've seen men that weighed two hundred pounds, didn't have an ounce of man in him. That's right. You don't measure a man by his size. That's brute. You measure him by his character. There never was a greater character Man than Jesus Christ.

A big body... A mule's stouter than any man, so he... or elephant. So that'd be brute. But a man's not how big a muscle he's got. I don't measure him by that, but how the bags is in the knees of his trousers, where he's been praying. That's the man that's to be measured: character.

Jesus was a small Man, little Fellow, probably stooped-shoulders. Thirty years old; He looked fifty, the Bible said. But there never was a man on earth like Him and never will be. He--He... The Bible said, "There was no beauty for Him that--that

we should desire Him. When we seen Him we hid as it was our face from Him," and all like that...

*E-15 WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0208*

*E-77* The maniac in Gadara one time, run out, a maniac who was strong. A lot of people call that man. See what he was, he was a maniac. Some people say, "Oh, he is a man. Look at the muscles he has got." That's not man; that's brute. Oh, I've seen men that weigh two hundred pounds, didn't have a ounce of man in them. A man is not measured by his muscles. He's measured by his character.

Seen a man weighed two hundred pounds, throw a baby out of a mother's arms and ravish her. Would you call that a man? That ain't a man; that's a brute.

This maniac could break chains. They couldn't--they couldn't tame him. He wanted to live in the graveyard. Break chains, just think, because the devil had complete trol--control of him. He was superpower. Because the devil had control. If the devil taking control of the person, can give him superpower, what could he do when God takes control? The lame can walk; the blind can see. The sinner could be made white. The wrongs will be made right when a man meets God. When that maniac met God, he was a changed man from then on.

*E-77 FROM.THAT.TIME DAWSON.CREEK.BC 61-0520*

*E-15* I'm thinking back in the beginning, as we can think of the great prophet Noah. He came from the family of Seth: righteousness, which was in humility. If you ever trace the genealogies of these lineages, we find out that--that Ham's children--or not Ham, I mean Cain's children, all become smart, educated, scientists, great business figures of the world. But Seth's children were humble servants of the earth. They was shepherders, and they were farmers, and men of humble character.

*E-15 PERSEVERANCE CHICAGO.IL 62-0520*

*E-89* A man who would let his wife go out and run around all night with some drunk, come in next morning, and say, "Yes, dearie, I hope you had a nice time," you're a poor excuse of a man. Any man'd let his wife get out there, and wear shorts, and these little old bathing suits, bikinis, or ever what it is, and lay out amongst these people. I got little hopes of you even being a man. That's right.

Man's not measured by how much his biceps are, how big a muscles he is. He's measured by his character. That's exactly right. And character comes from the Word of God, and that alone. And any preacher that claims to be a preacher, and

deny that Word, there's little character of God there to me. Amen. May be some hopes if he'll listen awhile. Yeah.

*E-89 ABSOLUTE.AN PHOENIX.AZ 63-0127*

<sup>52</sup> There seems to be something among man. Man don't seem to be, have that masculine touch that he used to have. Women don't have that feminish touch she used to have. You take man today, man don't seem to be burly like they used to be. It's all some sort of a... They want to wear suede shoes with purple, and--and they want to act like women. Now, that is true. It seems to be, more or less, like a perversion. A woman wants to cut off her hair and act like a--a man. And a man wants to act like a woman. See? And yet you can talk to them, and they're nice people to talk to, nice people, friendly, sociable people. What's caused this? It's that gross darkness upon the people, it's something that--that's pressed them into it.

*52 SHALOM SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 64-0112*

<sup>21-1</sup> ... They picture Judas as some old drunken sot out here on the street somewhere, mouth hanging with flies in it, and so forth, as Judas. Judas was handsome, strong, a deceiver. It ain't that guy to watch around you. It ain't a guy that--the old farmer come in with a pair of overalls on to watch around your wife; it's that slicker. He's the rascal.

Sin is beautiful to the eyes of the world. But God is not featured in that kind of beauty. Did you know that? God is featured in character, beautiful character.

<sup>21-6</sup> ...And Jesse, his wife, and all of them looked around and said, "Yes, our oldest son, he's a great, tall, handsome man. He'll look just right for the king's crown. He's smart, he's educated, he's a fine man. I know he'll be just right. He speaks his word proper."

When they brought him out, Samuel took the cruse of oil and went towards him; he said, "No, the Lord refused him." So he went all the way down to six sons, and the Lord refused every one of them. He said, "Isn't there another one?"

"Oh" he said, "yes, there's one. He's back out there herding the sheep. He just sets back there and plays songs, and sings it, and shouts, and goes on; but he's a little old stoop shouldered, ruddy-looking guy. He would never make a king."

He said, "Go get him!" And while David come in the sight of the prophet, the prophet run with the oil and poured it upon his head, said, "This is God's chosen." Not pretty, but character.

*21-1 & 21-6 MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M*

<sup>50</sup> ... How could you, a lady, knowing how sacred your body is and expose it out there to these lustful, sinful, devils that walk the streets of this day? If sons of God was all still sons of God, your husband was a son of God, he'd either make you put on clothes or leave you. If a boy was a son of God, he'd never marry such a thing...

*50 GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 65-0801M*

<sup>30</sup> Now, I'm rather slow in--in speaking, because I'm--I'm not a trained minister. I know there's people here that's smart, intelligent, intellectual, and have laid that aside to come over now and to break themselves down to--in humility. Great Paul, the apostle, I think of his words when he said that, "I did not come to you with the enticing words of men, because there you'd place your faith in that, but I come to you in the power of the Spirit." See, the great things that he knew he had, he laid aside. And I feel this morning, like men here, like Brother Hughy and sister, teacher here from the mission fields, and many of you people who are really intelligent and smart; and I--I feel very little to stand here with no more education than I have, before you. But I... And then to see that you people, like that, would--would humble yourselves to them things, lay it aside, and set down and listen to a person that hardly knows their abc's, that makes great people out of you. It isn't he that can stick his shoulders out, and walk out and... It's he that can humble himself.

I think, character, as measured by man, not by the muscles on his arm or by the callouses in his hands, but the bag in the knees of his trousers where he's prayed. I think that's what makes men.

*30 POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 65-1031M*

# Character Of Woman

**Proverbs 7:10-13** *And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.*

<sup>11</sup> *(She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:*

<sup>12</sup> *Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)*

<sup>13</sup> *So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him...*

**Proverbs 9:13** *A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.*

**Proverbs 11:16** *A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.*

**Proverbs 11:22** *As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.*

**Proverbs 12:4** *A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.*

**Proverbs 31:10-31** *Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

<sup>11</sup> *The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*

<sup>12</sup> *She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.*

<sup>13</sup> *She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.*

<sup>14</sup> *She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.*

<sup>15</sup> *She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.*

<sup>16</sup> *She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.*

<sup>17</sup> *She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.*

<sup>18</sup> *She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.*

<sup>19</sup> *She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.*

<sup>20</sup> *She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.*

<sup>21</sup> *She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.*

<sup>22</sup> *She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.*

<sup>23</sup> *Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.*

<sup>24</sup> *She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.*

<sup>25</sup> *Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.*

<sup>26</sup> *She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*

<sup>27</sup> *She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.*



<sup>28</sup> Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

<sup>29</sup> Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

<sup>30</sup> Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

<sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

**I Timothy 5:14** *I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*

<sup>E-40</sup> Abraham had to do it and call those things which were not as though they were; and he believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. What we need today is the wishbone out of a backbone put in Christianity. It's there; the thing we need is some borned again Christians, men and women, who'll when they see trouble rising, not slip off, not fall off, not run out this way be partakers of it, but a man and woman who will stand and show their color. Even your friends will appreciate you more if you'll do that.

What man is he, that don't appreciate a woman, let her be as ugly as a fence, made of mud and daubed with tadpoles. Let her be as ugly as she may be, but let her be lady and character enough to stand for the woman morals. Any man that comes along will take off his hat to her, if he's got an ounce of man in him. And if man face that being a fallen son of God, what will God, Himself, say to a man who will stand upon his convictions, call right, right and wrong, wrong.

*E-40 AT.KADESH.BARNEA JEFF.IN 56-0527*

<sup>27-6</sup> So, but now, a good woman is a jewel in a man's crown. She should be honored. She... My mother's a woman, my wife is, and they're lovely. And I've got thousands of Christian Sisters who I highly respect. But if--if they can respect what God made them, a motherhood and a real queen, that's all right. She's one of the best things that God could give a man, was a wife. Besides salvation, a wife is the best thing if she is a good wife. But if she isn't, Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown, but a--an ornery one or no-good one is water in his blood." And that's right, it's the worst thing could happen. So a good woman... If you've got a good wife, brother, you ought to respect her with the highest. That's right, you should do that. A real woman! And, children, if you've got a real mother that stays home and tries to take care of you, keeping your clothes clean, sends you to school, teaching you about Jesus, you should honor that sweet old mother with all that's in you. You should respect that woman, yes, sir, because she's a real mother.

*27-6 LIFE.STORY L.A.CA FOOT.PRINT.BOOK 59-0419A*

<sup>7-6</sup> Little Fannie will come up to mother, and she's going to go at the rock-and-roll. Mother tells her she can't do it. "But, oh, mother, you're cruel to me." Of course, you love Fannie, and you let her go. She'll get out amongst that bunch of hoodlums, on all that nonsense, come in and pucker up her little painted lips, and tell you a lie, that there's no harm in it. God have mercy to the man that'll marry something like that for a wife. Discerning right from wrong, we can't discern our own.

*7-6 DISCERNING.BODY.OF.LORD CHATAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 59-0812*

<sup>608-62</sup> Here sometime ago a man met me out here aside. I had a pianist here that had a little, short, little skirt, and wasn't just exactly, I guess, just right. And the lady had short hair, and she was just a babe in this Way, and she was playing the piano. And a man met me out there and just tearing me to pieces; he said, "And you're a Pentecostal preacher, and let that woman set up there, that short hair," and just going on like everything.

"Well," I said, "I think the woman has a good spirit in her. I certainly do not agree with that, you know, the skirt part up here, the two pieces; one of them is down here and one kind of up here; it's a shirt like they wear." And so it's real thin and shows that underneath garment that they have around there. I don't think that--that should be done. I--I don't like that; I really don't." Now, I can't say; they might be just as Spirit-filled as anybody else; I don't know; God knows that. But I wouldn't condemn that woman and say that she was going to hell by the sight.

This same person had in his church a lady who had long hair and wore long dresses, and had a temper enough to fight a buzz saw, and just as mean as she could be. Now, long hair and long skirts don't take you to heaven. No, sir. It's the Spirit that's in you takes you to heaven. But if you as a Christian...

<sup>609-66</sup> Then you should remember that many times pastors don't mention those things, and the people just automatically go on, think it's all right. But a pastor should really tear into that. And--and--and then the sisters of the church, those sisters who are in character standing, wearing their clothes neatly, they should be examples of sweetness, and--and motherly and sisterly-like.

And I think that any woman that's motherly and godly and sisterly ought to go to such a person, and with sweetness of the Spirit, just set down and talk to that lady. And if she is of God, the Holy Spirit will understand those things, and she'll correct herself. But when you real quickly condemn her and drive her away, you might harm that young born baby. See? So I--I wouldn't condemn the person.

*608-62 – 609-66 GOD.BEING.MISUNDERSTOOD JEFF COD 61-0723E*

<sup>44</sup> ...Look at the immorality of the world, never was in a lower state, hardly. I--I got an article here that I would just like to read a couple verses of it. It's found in

a--a paper, a Standard Bearer of Africa, says, "The death of modesty: feminine modesty, that beautiful quality that God has placed in the human family to safeguard its moral standard is dying today, as innocent mere women and girls have bowed their knees to the goddess of fashion and do not hesitate to confirm to the most extreme of shameful modern styles." I got about a page of it here, how I never heard such a thing. "And sex appeal is regarded as legitimate both among Christians and non-Christians."

<sup>46</sup> As this our precious Brother Arganbright and I came down the road early this morning, was talking about the subject. It's hard to find a girl with enough modesty to blush. They've heard so many dirty jokes and filth, and, why, you couldn't say nothing to make them blush. When a few years ago, no more than when I was a boy, a little thing wrong, their face would color up, a little thing pass by, and another little girl's little underneath skirt would showing in school, and I was standing, talk, and when she looked over and seen this little girl's underneath skirt showing, her little face turned red, and she walked away from me, a sixteen year old girl. Why, what a... That's the God-given quality to safeguard our morals. Then can you wonder why I cry out against such nonsense as we're getting today, calling ourselves Christians, and women dressing and acting, and men smoking cigarettes, and everything else, and carrying on like this. And ministers in the pulpit, compromising, and won't even let you come to their pulpit to preach against such stuff. Wonder if we're not doing a whole lot today like they did back two thousand years ago.

*44 - 46 FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD JEFF.IN V-10 N-6 62-1216*

<sup>379-1</sup> Although in the grace to be looked at, I think a--a woman, a nice woman that holds herself right and walks like a lady, she's a--she's an example of a jewel on earth. I--I like anything that's graceful, and I think a--a woman that holds her place and tries to be a lady is a--is a statue of honor. I do believe that; and I think one that isn't, it's just like the--the Christ and the antichrist: same thing. I--I like anything that's natural...

*379-1 FIFTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0322*

<sup>50</sup> Just like you notice man today, you don't find that genuineness in man. You don't find it in women. Now, I'm not talking about... Reason I'm basing this, is get to "Shalom." See?

<sup>51</sup> But you notice the women in our day, they don't seem to have that ladylike they once had. They're just like they--they want to, but there's something won't let them do it. It seems like there's a heaviness. That, you tell a--a lady that she should not do such-and-such a thing, and the lady looks upon That and believes That, she wants to believe That, but there's something that presses her the other way. See?

Poor thing, I--I--I feel sorry for her. She's so caught in such a web of Hollywood, and the advertisements in television, radio, newspaper, on the street, in--in the store windows, with modern dress and so forth, and the way that other women meet her. And it seems to be that there is something that they just can't pull away from; our young people, our old people, our middle age.

*50 & 51 SHALOM SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 64-0112*

<sup>20-5</sup> Now, there's nothing can stoop like her, and she is designed so that she can be deceiving. And Satan is really working on her today (in these last days) because he is her designer. I could prove that now, to go right back at the beginning. Who started to work on her, Adam or Satan? God or Satan? See? That's her designer. It's her chief weapon to throw man to her filth. Being a pretty woman, she can sway a man any way she wants to. Brother, it ain't the bootleg joint down here that gets the man; it's the pretty woman walking down the street twisting herself, half dressed. That's what takes... That's the deceiver right there. And she's deadly with it, absolutely deadly! You may question me about Satan being her designer, but that's the Truth. Satan designed her. He still does it.

<sup>20-6</sup> Let me show you something in the Scripture. I got to take you back to Scripture and you draw your opinion as you look at it today. Satan is the one who features that kind of beauty. If we'll notice, he was the most beautiful of all these Angels in heaven. Is that right? And he desired to make heaven a more beautiful place than the kingdom of Michael's. Is that right? Also to show that Cain was his son, he offered a more beautiful worship--decorated his altars with fruits and flowers and so forth. Is that right? Beautiful! Sin is beautiful--what we call beauty today. And sin is deceiving by beauty! You could never look at a woman going down the street and tell what's in her heart. See? But I wanted to say these things so that you could see why that Satan is her designer. That's exactly right. His own son proved it (Cain).

<sup>21-1</sup> Now, she's beautiful so she can deceive. The world is beautiful so it can deceive. I mean cosmos, the order of the world. It's beautiful so it can deceive--great fine places and luxury...

<sup>22-7</sup> Not pretty, but character. God looks at character. Man looks at natural beauty. It's deceiving. And that's why a woman was given that beauty for deception, to deceive. A beautiful woman, if she don't use it in the right way, it's a curse to her. That will send her to hell quicker than anything else I know of. If she just--if... She could be pretty, sure; as long as she stays with her husband and does what's right, and that--that's fine and dandy. But she can take that same thing and, my, how she can deceive with it, for it was give to her to do so.

Notice, now, but God is featured in character. There was no beauty we should desire Jesus, but there never was a character like Him on the earth...

29-6 So now, we see the whole picture of it unfolding to us. There she is. That's why God won't let her teach, won't let her do anything in the church but to set still with a veiled face.

Now, can you see why I have said the things and done the things that I have done, knowing all this in my heart, brethren, sisters? I know, sisters, I've--you've got your place (just a moment) and a wonderful character that God can mold in you, but I'm just trying to speak on the other side to show what you're actually from the beginning. Jesus told us to go back to the beginning to find it. That's what we're doing...

*20-5 – 29-6 MARRIAGE..AND.DIVORCE JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M*

19-5 And that little queen... And I backed off and looked up. I could see the--the steeple on the top of the other house, and I stood there and looked a few minutes. I thought, "Who is the rich man?" I thought, "If... Bill Branham, if you want to take which place, where would you go?" For me, I'd take, not the--that pretty thing up on top of the hill, but I'd take this character down here that is a real homemaker, somebody that loved me and stayed with me, somebody that tried to make a home without bleeding you for everything for fineries, and somebody that was with you--part of you.

27-5 ... While the true Bride attracts the attention of God by keeping His Word.

*19-5 & 27-5 CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE L.A.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E*

8-5 Notice this character. When you see women just go on the rampage, just doing anything they want to do, watch, the church is doing the same thing. See? Notice. But watch when the spiritual Bride when She begins to have a revival, when She begins to come back and line Herself up with the Word of God, watch then again (You see?), how that the Scriptures, at that time there'll be a message sweep out to catch that Bride, catch that woman, elect. For as the world... Satan the deceiver, who deceived the first bride to sinning against the--God by misbelieving His Word...

12-5 Marriage is the oldest institution in the world. Marriage was performed first, and instituted in the garden of Eden.

A woman is entrusted with certain characters that she must not defile. A woman is trusted to that. There's not a creature on the earth like a woman. There's no female dog; there's no female of any kind entrusted with a character that a woman is. A woman was not even in the--the beginning of the creation, because God knowed that she would fall. All other females could not commit adultery. She's the only one that can commit adultery. If she'd been made like the original, that would've been discomplementary to God's great wisdom. See, she was made a

byproduct of a man; but because she was cast over in that side, she has also been given a sacred charge from God for redemption.

She's got characters that she must not defile. If she would mar them, she's defiled for lifetime. No matter how much she's forgiven, she can't be justified. I'll strike that in a little bit. Got a Scripture on that in a few minutes. She can be forgiven for her defilement, but she cannot be justified in this life. It's always with her. Notice, now, she's been given this. She may be forgiven but not justified.

<sup>14-2</sup> Notice. Now, she has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given to her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say, "yes" or "no." She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her that she must not break. The womanhood, I'm speaking of here, is her conduct, her character around men, not letting every man... Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing and hugging and slopping around over these women. A woman does that is of a bad character. She might be virtuous otherwise, but, see, in her heart--when those glands... Sex glands are in the lips. A man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery.

<sup>16-1</sup> What a sacred trust, what a responsibility to a woman. Now, see why she is a type of the church, which has the same responsibility as a woman has a sacred responsibility to her motherhood, to her virtues, to her husband; the church has a sacred responsibility to prayer, and to the Word, and to Christ, just the same as the woman has.

<sup>17-1</sup> But now, look what Hollywood has took the virtuous things from our women...

*8-5 – 17-1 INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125*

# Character Is Moulded By

E-14 Now, Jezebel, that's a name makes everybody shiver, just to say Jezebel. That was just a common name, just a name like Martha, Ruth, or Mary, or--or some other name. But when they just hear the name Jezebel, it was all because of one woman that took the wrong road.

Now, I'd imagine Jezebel, just because she had the name of Jezebel didn't make her what she was. It wasn't her name that did that; it was her attitude. That's what made it. And the name shouldn't make us shiver like the attitude that she took ought to make you shiver. But you mention Jezebel, "Ooo, my," But mention some of her sin, "Oh well, that's all right." And it wasn't the... It wasn't the name that made her; it was her sin that made her--made her what she was. Your name don't make what you are. It's your character that makes you. Your character molds you and makes you what you are.

E-16 Now, Jezebel was perhaps just a lovely little girl at one time. She bounced around on her mother's knee and probably with her dad, and just like any other little girl. And never did that papa and mama ever think that her name would go down in history as one of the outstanding examples of cruelty and sin, one of the greatest among women names that's in the Bible, or in history of anywhere...

E-17 Little Jezebel, when she was a little girl hopping along around home, skipping, playing, jumping the rope, or whatever little girls did. Little did they ever know that she'd turn out that way.

But then what made her what she was was the kind of teaching she got at home. And she was a pagan. And what teachings that you get at home, that's what usually you are, is what kind of a teachings you listen to. She was taught to hate God, Jehovah, because she... her God was Baal. And she was taught to hate God and hate God's people. And that hatred for that in her heart, it made her what she was.

*E-14, E-16 – E-17 PAINTED.FACE.JEZEBEL CHICAGO.IL 56-1005*

E-17 ... And as his favorite thing was, before he was taking his afternoon nap, was to hear her tell stories of the Bible.

E-18 That seems to be so interested to any little boy that's got good character in them, the Bible stories. It's just too bad that mothers today, don't take more time to talk to their children on those things. I'm sure we wouldn't have so much juvenile delinquency if this was did.

And as his little bright eyes would look up into mama's face... And how he would enjoy the different stories that she would read from the Bible to him. (The Old Testament of course, 'cause that's all they had.)

*E-17 & E-18 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS LIMA.OH 57-0127E*

<sup>E-6</sup> And I want to speak on the subject for about twenty thirty minutes, of "Life" Life is what controls us. We are known by the life that we live. And it's been said that your life speaks so loud that I can't hear your testimony. So therefore, to live a sermon would much better, than to preach one. The life you live, shows what character you are, because your life always builds your character.

<sup>E-8</sup> Now, the Christian church should have real character then. And if the Life of Christ is in the church of Christ, then it's got to have the character of Christ. It'll produce the Life of Christ. It's just a no more than just what we call in the south, common sense. If the Life of the Spirit of Christ is in the church, it has to produce that Life, because the life that's in you, makes your character...

*E-6 & E-8 LIFE EVERETT.MA 58-0512*

<sup>34</sup> You know, a man like Moses, he... If I could credit anything to his character, it was because he had a God sent mother.

<sup>36</sup> And faith can take its stand on the rock, that the waves are beating the foundations out, and look straight into the face of death, and know that it'll be just in a little bit, but faith can look across the sea to Him that said, "I am the Resurrection and Life," and fail to even hear the waves a dashing.

That's the kind of faith that Moses' mother had. She taught him, and she reared him in the palace of Pharaoh, teaching him that he was born for a purpose, that Jehovah had answered her prayer. And, she... He could not have had a better teacher. That's what help mold the character that Moses was.

<sup>41</sup> But I might pass this on to the young people. Do you know Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, until he was after twenty-one years old but the Bible and the Foxe "Book Of The Martyrs." See? what you read molds the character that you are. No wonder we got a bunch of neurotics today. Little old fiction magazines, and vulgar, and nonsense is placed upon our newsstands. He owned the Bible and the Foxe "Book Of The Martyrs." Look what it made him. But in the face of all that, one day he made a statement like this. He said, "If there could be any good thing found in me, it's because of a godly mother," that reared him to serve the Lord.

<sup>60</sup> Then I think of when we see them standing yonder, our loved ones, our mothers, our kindreds, all our friends, and to see them in their immortal bodies, their celestial bodies, watching their character, seeing how they conduct themselves with that sweetness and quietness, no more nervousness or



frustrations. To see them in-standing in the likeness of the Lord Jesus, that'll be a wonderful day...

*34, 36, 41, 60 MOTHER'S.DAY JEFF.IN V-25 N-1 59-0510M*

<sup>29</sup> I believe, Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, till he was of age, but the Bible and... I think it was either the Foxe's "Book Of Martyrs"... I might not, it might've been another book. I think it was Pilgrim's Progress, to be right. It was Pilgrim's Progress, and--and the Bible. You see what kind of a character that molded?

Just let me go in your house and see what kind of pictures you got on your wall. Let me go to your home or your office, and let's see what kind of music is playing. See? What you read, what you look at, I can pretty well tell you what's on the inside of you, see, because it feeds on that. See? And, oh, to a home, if we made a home more lovely, children wouldn't want to run away. Make things more for them, where they feel welcome and nice and comfortable at home; where, home, they can't hardly wait till they get there. And that's the way home should be.

*29 INFLUENCE NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-9 63-1114*

<sup>27</sup> ...Our character molds us to the image of what we are, our character of life that's in us.

<sup>29</sup> Now, you take a little germ of life, and when... If it's a--if it's a germ of a--of a bird, it'll produce a bird. And if a germ of a--of a wheat, it'll produce wheat. If a germ of corn, it'll produce corn. See, the life that's in it molds the character of it. Then we find the same thing, like a life of a cancer (See?), a germ, cancer germ, it molds a cancer. It's a evil life. Life of a tumor would mold a tumor, so forth. You see, we... Our characters is molded by what's on the inside of us. And our outside only expresses what's on the inside. What we are, how we walk, no matter what we say, our life speaks louder than our words does. If we might say, "I am a believer in God."

And I'd say, "Well, do you believe all the Bible?"

"Well, I don't know." Then, you see, your--your--your lips, your very--the--your life is speaking louder then than what your words would be.

If you say, "I am a Christian. I do not believe in doing... And I believe all that God said is true." Then live any kind of a life after that (See?), your--your life speaks louder than what your testimony does.

<sup>34</sup> And you know, that's one of the greatest hindrance that the church of God has is... The bootlegger, the gambler, them people are... We--we all know which way they're headed, and they know themselves. But the fellow that professes to be a Christian, the woman that professes to be a Christian, and then lives something different, it's the greatest stumbling block that the outside world has got, that--

that--that there is in the outside world anywhere. It's worse than anything the world can produce, is a person that's supposed to be a Christian, and then lives something else different from that. Lying, stealing, cheating, and doing things that he ought not to do, it's a discredit to his testimony, when you take people that do those things there. And they are--they...

Our character is molded in there by the light that is in us.

<sup>39</sup> ... So it taken something that was not evil, that could produce a Character like Jesus Christ. And it was God looking upon His creation, and His own loving Character, seeing that lost, yet in His image, made for His glory, and see that lost, His own love projected Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. That was God manifesting Himself, not some other person, but Himself in a body form to redeem what had been lost. I wonder how sad that must have been, when God looked upon the earth, and it grieved Him that He ever made man.

<sup>47</sup> But oh, let me give you a more pitiful sight. It's to see men and women, who were made in the image of God to bear His Character, yet housed into things, and housed in by the traps of the world. See a beautiful young lady coming down the street, such a real--of her--her--such a pretty woman, and her pretty hair all cut off. See her face with--with a pretty-shaped face with so much paint on it you can't tell what she looks like. Looks like she's cankered with blue under her eyes--and eyes like a lizard, or a wolf, or something like that. And to see her with clothes on that she shouldn't be even caught into the--the bedroom herself with the doors locked with them on, and out on the street displaying herself like that. And to see sons of God, which ought to recognize that to be their sister, out on the street whistling and trying to pick her up to take her out for bad purposes. That's a pitiful sight to see, that Satan has caged in the human race.

There's nothing could save it, but a Character that could come over the top of all that, that that--there was nothing in it. And that had to come from that pure fountain of almighty God.

<sup>58</sup> But see, all that is, it's displaying, showing by type like the whole Bible, God coming together with a redeemed wife, a bride, that God had in His mind before the foundation of the world, that was the attributes of God being displayed. And now, to make a Character that could redeem this woman, it had to be something greater than her to redeem her. And did you ever notice... I--I... This may be...

Now, as some of my Arminian brothers are of doctrine, or that is legalists, would disagree, just let me... Just--just pardon me for a minute, I might project this.

<sup>61</sup> Now, this reflected His loving, noble Character, God reflected in a Man called Christ. He was only One that could do this. There was no other character in heaven could do it. See? It was God. He was the sinless Nature. He was the Word,

sinless Nature of God. He was the Word expressed, which the Word was the beginning...

<sup>80</sup> ... God lived in Christ. See? He become human in order to save us. And He took our--upon Him our form, that He might mold in us His Character.

And His Character was that He did everything that pleased God, and He stayed with the Word. That's what He mold us for; we'd stay with God's Word, find our place, and then knowed where we were at. Stay with His Word.

<sup>83</sup> And think of it. We are invited to shape our own character to His. Now, we're going to find out what we've done. Shape our character to His own by His own Spirit. Then we, by Him, are sons of God, just what I've expressed, by having His mind in us to shape our character to His. His mind, let the mind that was in Christ be in you. If that mind is in you, then, you see...

<sup>84</sup> You're invited to come and take His character. By having His character in you, it molds you into the same mind that He was. And His mind was always to do what the Father had ordained Him to do.

He said, "Search the Scripture. They testify of Me." In other words, "If I don't do exactly what the Scripture said I'm to do, then show Me where."

<sup>86</sup> Now, what if God stood on the platform today and said, "What's required of a Christian?" Then where would we all be. See? The character isn't expressing itself. His mind was to stay with the Father's Word. Their--their mind was to... The same mind was in them, was to be in us. And if His mind is in us, we'll do like He did. If His character's in us, we'll be as He was. Is that right? All the prophets had that. We know... We took--think about Noah, how he did in his day, Moses, how he did in his day, Daniel in his day, the Hebrew children, and so forth.

*27 - 86 IDENTIFICATION TULARE.CA V-22 N-14 64-0216*

<sup>116-2</sup> ...But God said that His love was "elective" love. The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth). He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled. As Job said, "He puts strength in us." (Job 23:6b) You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered. Hebrews 5:8-9, "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." In plain language, the very character of Jesus was

perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection. Why did He want this? James 1:2-4, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

<sup>117-1</sup> Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

<sup>117-2</sup> "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you." That is what Peter said. Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christ-like character that comes through suffering? No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that. The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it--it isn't of God. Heb. 12:6, "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

*116-2 – 117-2.SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4*

<sup>224-1</sup> "I know your faith." Now he does not say here as He did to the church in Pergamos, "you hold MY faith". He is not talking about His faith now, but He is commending them for their faithfulness. And as He does He also mentions their 'patience.' Now faithfulness and patience go together. In fact patience is the outcome of faithfulness, for it says in James 1:3, "The trying of your faith worketh patience." There is absolutely no other way in which to gain patience. It has to come by the trial of our faith. Romans 5:3, "Tribulation worketh patience." How highly God regards this outworking of our patience is seen in James 1:4, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire lacking nothing." God's will for us is Perfection. And that perfection is patience--waiting on God

and waiting for God. This is the process of character development. How highly God has commended these saints of the Dark Ages. Patient as lambs led to the slaughter, lovingly, faithfully they served God. That is all they wanted out of life, just service to their Lord. How great was to be their reward.

*224-1 THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.6*

<sup>351-1</sup> But, there is a gold of God. I Peter 1:7. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth." The gold of God is a Christ-like character produced in the fiery furnace of affliction. That is the right kind of gold.

<sup>351-3</sup> ...What that something is, is ALL we can take with us, nothing less and nothing more. So we had better be real careful now to see that we take something that will make us right before God. So, then, what will we take with us? We will take our CHARACTER, brother, that is what we will take with us. Now what kind of character will you take with you? Will it be like HIS Whose character was molded by suffering in the fiery furnace of affliction, or will it be the softness of this character-less Laodicean people? It is up to each one of us...

*351-1 & 351-3 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9*

# Two Types Of Character

E-23 Now, the believer today. Most people, say he's a good man, he pays tithings to the church; he's a good member. That's very fine. That's a moral life. Now, no one could speak evil of that. But that's not what I'm talking about. Jesus judged a man a believer, a different type of a character.

Jesus, the last Words that He said when He left the world, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Is that right? "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." Is that right?

*E-23 ATTITUDE.AND.WHO.IS.GOD? CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815*

140 And there come Cain, and he made his offering. He worshipped. He went to church. He's just as good as the next fellow.

Esau was the same. Esau, in his character, was a better man than Jacob, more of a gentleman. He loved his father; and the things that he done. But God chose Jacob.

*140 CRUELTY.OF.SIN JEFF.IN V-25 N-4 53-0403*

E-43 You might have the name of church, might have the name of Branham Tabernacle, or Methodist, or whatever church you go. That isn't it, friends. See, it's something different; it's your character; that's what God's a looking at. You might be Methodist; you might be Baptist; you might be Presbyterian. It's not that. It's character that God looks at, not just earthly character, but Holy Spirit character. "These signs shall follow them that believe," said Jesus in the 16th chapter of Saint Mark...

*E-43 SUDDEN.SECRET.GOING.AWAY.OF.CHURCH JEFF.IN 58-1012*

195 Peter had a sword. He pulled that sword was going to cut the high priest's ears off, and things like that; he did it. But when it come to real Christian courage, he didn't have it. He backed up and denied Him. Is that right? He could cut the high priest's ear off with his sword, sure, he knowed how to handle it. But when it come to the squeeze and time to stand on the Word of God, he didn't have the courage, and even denied he knowed Jesus.

That's where it is today. We got courage to build buildings and put millions of dollars in them. We got courage to put pipe organs, and plush seats, and everything, and go out and proselyte from place to place, and make the Methodists come Baptists, and so forth, back and forth like that. But when it comes to Christian courage to accept the Word and the message of God, and stand there on it, we are few. So what good's your stones without a stone mason again? That right?

*195 END.TIME.EVANGELISM JEFF.IN V-10 N-5 62-0603*

<sup>E-22</sup> There was only one thing left that did not fall, and that was God, the heavens. So something of the heavens had to come down to redeem this creation, because there was nothing here that could create it. And God's own love for the world created the character expressed in Christ.

He was God's character. He was God's expressed image. In Him was God, God in Christ revealing Himself to the world. And no love could ever be greater than that love, that such a person would become what He did in order to redeem what had been lost. That ought to... just that thought right there should set Phoenix and the whole world to a shame, to see what a condition that we have fallen into, and what... God projecting Himself to make a plan of redemption to redeem this fallen character of ours...

<sup>E-26</sup> And now God had to reveal Himself in his attributes into this person called Christ in order to take death upon Himself. As Jehovah, He could not die. So He had to create Himself a body. And no woman could produce that body. So His own character... Amen! Excuse me. When I think of it. His character projected that lovely person of Jesus Christ. No woman could bring it. Moses' mother, she... Jochebed... she was a great woman. And so was Rebekah and many other of the women. But none of them could produce this type of character because it was come through sex by a fallen people. But God projected his own body, his dwelling place. That's the reason He was the Son of God, 'cause nothing else could project it. But his own Divine character projected this tabernacle to express Himself in.

And yet He took Himself away from the great thing that He was. And at his birth He could have come with a full angel salute. He could have come with the chariots and angels of heaven, but He come by the way of a barn. That's his love, bringing Himself down to the lowest.

<sup>E-27</sup> Now, you study that character a little bit and then look at yourself, and I look at myself. But that's what He was, that's who He was, and that's why He was to save you. He took... He become you, that you might become Him. He took your load of sin. Therefore, when we come to meet Him we will not have to stand... we could not stand in the presence of God. There's no way for us to do it. But when

we stand in Him... See, He's already recognized the sacrifice. "This is my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased." He recognized it. There was no blemish on Him, and yet He suffered temptation like any other man. Yet was... He was scorned, He was made fun of, He was persecuted, from the hour He was born until the hour He died. And yet He returned good for evil.

<sup>E-28</sup> You cannot no way ever produce a character like that, only accepting that character in you. A church cannot do that. A creed cannot do that. A denomination cannot do that. An education cannot do that. It must be a birth. It's got to be a dying out, and let God in it. By the grace of Christ, mold this type of character in you--that you become Him. And your life and his is the same. Then you are sons and daughters of God.

<sup>E-34</sup> Criticism. Now, with our message, can we stand by the looking glass of God's Word and see Christ reflect in our own lives then? Then we bear such, and the reproach of the message that we're standing for here. Someone can say something about it, and yet you just don't open your mouth, and say nothing about it. He was an example, because God was reflecting his character in Him. And then if we're sons and daughters of God, God reflects his character in us. Then we become like Him. That's my heart's desire. I think that's every believer's desire, is to become more like Him.

<sup>E-49</sup> Oh, no other nature could do this. No, 'cause He was the molded perfect character of God. For it was a fallen character that all nature had. All man had a fallen character. Even everything that was under man fell. Everything's got a dying character. And He had a living character, so He expressed it in Christ, and He paid the price. And then because of his obedience He raised Him up on the third day. See? And then He gives to us... that gives to us the proof. It gives to us the assurance that as long as we're in Him we're already risen with Him.

We won't raise with Christ. We're already raised with Christ. We are in Christ now. And if Christ be risen from the dead, aren't we raised from the dead with Him? Amen. Now we're sitting together in heavenly places in Him. Oh, my. That ought to make you Presbyterians shout. Certainly. Expressed images of God, molded after the fashion of Christ, that the world can see Him in you. That's the looking glass to look at.

*E-22, E-26 – E-28, E-34, E-49 IDENTIFICATION PHOENIX.AZ 63-0123*

<sup>103</sup> This man was religious, he was by no means an infidel. And he had been taught by his mother how to do right, how to walk, how to dress himself. He had been taught by his father, a great business, and how to be a successful man; and his business was successful. And father and mother had been raised up in the church, and had pointed him to the priest. And the priest had made him a real religious man. Therefore he was a fine cultured man, he was a fine boy with good character.



<sup>104</sup> If Jesus Christ looked at him and loved him, there was something about the boy was real. That's right. For the Bible said here, we find out in Mark, "And Jesus beholding him, loved him." Yeah, "Jesus beholding him, loved him." So therefore there must be something real outstanding about this young fellow. He was a... had a good character, and a good character rating. He was a man that was raised right; intelligent, smart, intellectual, successful in business, and a religious man. He had a lot of good characteristics that was outstanding, so much that it attracted the attention of Jesus Christ the Saviour. But when he was confronted, being successful in all these other things...

<sup>107</sup> And he was religious as he could be, because Jesus, in questioning here, he said, "I have kept these commandments, observed them all from my youth." That's right.

See, he had been brought up right, taught right, and everything. But when he was confronted with the--the thought of Eternal Life... Now, I want you to notice, with all this character that he had, he yet knew he did not possess Eternal Life.

*103, 104, 107 LEADERSHIP COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 65-1207*

# Character Is Displayed By Conduct/Works

<sup>E-9</sup> ...And Elisha passing through this country, she taken notice to him that he was a holy man, a man of God. What a lesson we could get out of that, that we--our walk and our associations with people, that people would recognize that we were children of the King. God help us to be that way.

I believe the Scripture says that, "We are written epistles read of all men." And Elisha so conducted himself around in that Gentile country there, that this Shunammite woman realized that he was truly a servant of God. His character, his conduct, and the things that God did by him, that she recognized him to be a servant of the Lord. So she wanted to show some kindness to him. So she had him come over for dinner, or what more, give him a little offering, help him pay for something. Treated him kind, not because she wanted any reward.

*E-9 ELIJAH PHOENIX.AZ 55-0301*

<sup>E-19</sup> And a man's character is shown in his works. Or a man shows his--his character by his works. We know that. Just like a contractor, a contractor shows what he is by his work. For instance, if we was going to have a great building built here in the city of Chicago, the first thing the officials of the city board would do, they would try to select a contractor. Just not any one that run in and said, "Well, I can do the job, all right," they're going to get a contractor that's got a reputation. And now, because if they didn't, maybe another contractor would underbid that contractor. But he would put in the building bad material, and perhaps he would build it thousands of dollars less. And then we come to find out that the building collapsed. The first storm hit it, it went down. What do you think the city would think about that contractor? It would ruin his reputation forever. That's right.

Perhaps, what if it would have been a school building, or something where many little children was seated in the school, and the--the bad material that was put in the building gave away and collapsed and killed hundreds of little children? What would those parents think of that contractor, for the love of money, caring not about his reputation, and done a job like that? Oh, my, they'd think he was a horrible person. And he would be...

*E-19 INFALLIBLE.WORD.OF.GOD CHICAGO.IL 56-0406*

E-39 We're united then as one. We won't fuss no more then. We won't argue no more. We'll act like man. We'll dress like man. We'll dress like women. Sons and daughters of God, our character, our conduct, our faith will prove. When God says anything we'll say amen to it. If the Bible says for us to do certain things we'll do it. We won't argue back; we'll just go and do it. That's what God wants us united under. Oh, how we ought to act in this present day.

*E-39 UNITED.UNDER.ONE.HEAD MIDDLETOWN.OH 58-0326*

E-9 ...And in noticing them, then I come to this conclusion. No matter what you are, God's got to furnish the audience. And no matter, if I could stand here this morning and bring the dead to life, and to bring the cripples to their normal condition, and yet, God is not in the program it would go nowhere. God has to be in the program. And any man is known... His character is known by his works. No matter who he is, his works prove his character.

If you take a man, no matter how good he tries to be, if his works are evil, all his goodness won't mount to nothing. And a man's word is his characteristic. A man that his word is no good, then you'll never have confidence in that man, because his word's no good. So therefore God, our Father, His character and His works prove what He is.

E-46 A man's work declares his character. Christ was God's work. And Christ declared God's character, His feeling for the sick, His longing for saving of souls, till even He gave His own life. God's work... God's character was declared in Christ.

And if you can just empty your own intellectual thoughts out and give God the right of way, He can declare His character through the work of your yielding. Empty out; get the world, get your doubts out of the way.

If you come to the altar to be prayed for, say, "I'll go up and see if I get healed," God can never declare His works. You've got to get your own thoughts out of the way and let Him fill you.

E-69 Now, Father, here's our prayer; take us just now. Take our hearts into Thy hands and squeeze them real tight with love, pushing all the fear and unbelief from them, making them hollow and empty, and then fill them immediately with Thy Spirit, as the tar and pitch went into the ark to keep fear and doubt from ever coming to our hearts again. And make us of Thy workmanship, that You might declare Your character to the world through us as written epistles read of all men...

*E-9, E-46, E-69 BELIEVE.FROM.THE.HEART JEFF.IN 57-0623*

E-20 You see, a man's character is made known by his works. Whatever you are, your works prove what you are. No matter how much you testify, whatever you say, pro or con, that has nothing to do with it; your works tell what you are, tells what you are inside. Every job that you do manifests what you are. And you business men, if you just do a patched up job, see what I mean, just a halfway job, don't do that. If you can't do it right, don't do it at all. That's right.

When you come to Christ, if you can't absolutely sell out lock, stock, and barrel, and come to Christ, don't come at all. But when you really want to be a Christian, stand out, make it real. That's what God wants you to be. And that'll--that'll prove... Your works will prove what your character is. Your character is known by the works that you do.

*E-20 TIME.TESTED.MEMORIALS.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 57-0818*

E-47 ...Many people that call themselves Christians will stay home on Wednesday night from prayer meeting to hear this old, "We Love Suzy" or all kind of nonsense like that, instead of going to a church. Shows what's on the inside of you, what you're thirsting. That's your character, your conduct.

*E-47 LIFE BANGOR.ME 58-0519*

E-52 That's what the Pentecostal church ought to do, yet, we are made fun of and called every kind of a name that could be. We ought to conduct ourselves like sons and daughters of God, because God is our King. Women ought to dress and act like ladies. Men ought to be men, ought to be sons and daughters of God, our character, our testimony ought to stand high in the city.

The Bible said that, "You are the salt of the earth." The salt is the savior if it contacts. Put salt here, and meat there, it'll never save the meat. You got to put salt and meat together, and salt creates a thirst. I tell you what we need tonight, is to be so salty, till we make men and women thirst to be like you. Go on, say, "There--if there ever was a Christian, I don't go to here church, but she's really a Christian. There's the man; I don't go to his church; I go to another church, but if there ever was a Christian, there's one of them." That's what we want. That's the kind of a character that God wants the Holy Spirit to bring record to Him. Oh, if this boy was a good boy, his life of God reflected in him, life of his father reflected in Him.

*E-52 HEAR.YE.HIM YAKIMA.WA 60-0806*

E-19 So Abraham, where we first read of him (you marking in Scriptures, I see many of you)... And I say this reverently, I've watched last night and tonight, to a certain lady, here, I appreciate her. She's... reads that Bible; everywhere I turn in

Scripture she goes right to it. I like that. That's the way. Back it up! Then you know you've got, "Thus saith the Lord."

*E-19 ABRAHAM'S.GRACE.COVENANT MIDDLETOWN.OH 61-0317*

<sup>E-19</sup> Now Jesus gave us the example of what we ought to be looking at, when He reflected his life to us through the Word--what we should see. When we look into God's mirror, we should see ourself identified with Him. That is a perfect example.

Now, but we find out that as we go along through life that our character molds the image that we are. Each one knows that. As you live, so is... Your character molds you to what you are. Now, you have seen people that you just love to be around. Yet they might not exactly be in your bracket of society. And again, they might be of a different race--the colored, or the brown, or the yellow. But there's just something about that character, that you just love to be in their presence. Because each person is a little dynamo of their own, and you put out an atmosphere.

And then you see people that were noble people, but yet you were always glad to get away from them. It's just they create such an atmosphere around where you are. Nothing against them. They're nice people, but you just don't like that atmosphere they're in. And their character creates whatever they are, makes them what they are.

*E-19 IDENTIFICATION PHOENIX.AZ 63-0123*

<sup>224</sup> When men see you living like Him, when he sees your character and your conduct with the Word just exactly like He was, the Word being manifested, then men will see Jesus Christ. They won't have to look around anywhere else, say, "What does this creed teach, what does that creed teach?" They'll know what God is when they see you.

*224 SHALOM PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 64-0119*

<sup>8-3</sup> Always, if you'll watch; watch the conditions and the conduct of women, and you'll see where the church is. Now, this... Some of these remarks may seem strange to some of you, but it's complementary to the message that I have from the Lord that I'm trying to get to the people. See, you watch everything in the natural, how it's happening, nature, and watch it. It runs true with the spiritual also.

Now, if you'll see the conduct of women in the world today, watch the conduct of the worldly church today. Just watch. Of course now there's also the conduct of

the spiritual Bride, the church. See? Watch that also, because the natural so-called, claim to be Bride.

*8-3 INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125*

<sup>118-1</sup> The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

*118-1 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4*

# Christian Conduct

**Conversation:** manner of life, conduct, behaviour

**I Timothy 4:12** *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

**II Peter 3:11** *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

E-72 Now, if I be a Christian man, if the Spirit of God is in me, that is, the Spirit of Christ, then It'll make me conduct like Him, make me a Christian like Him. Then on--on top of that, if He has given a spiritual gift, or His Presence near, then He will be just like He was then. He could go right straight. See, He has no lips on earth but mine, ours, no hands, but ours, our eyes. He speaks through us, and looks through us, and sees through us. And is that right? That's right. You're...?... then. Our lips are His lips to preach the Gospel and what more...

E-72 EXPERIENCES ZION.IL 52-0726

E-31 ... You let down the bars; that's just simple. That's the only thing it is. They could join church today and live any kind of life or anything. But I tell you one thing; you can't be borned again and live any kind of a life. You'll live for Jesus Christ when you're borned again. And you'll act like a man. And you'll conduct yourself as a real Christian, if you're borned again of the Spirit of God.

E-31 EXPECTATION SHAWANO.WI 55-1001

E-34 One great plantation down there, it was asked one time, where they had over a hundred slaves. All of them were--you had to beat them around and everything else. But one young fellow kept his shoulders out; he was as gallant as he could be. And boy, as soon as his boss said something, he backed up to it, and he done his work good.

And some slave buyers come by one day, said, "Want to ask you something." Said, "What makes that young man like that?"

Did you make him a boss over the rest of them?"

The owner said, "No."

Said, "Well, do you feed him a little better than the rest of them, or give him a better place to sleep?"

Said, "No."

Said, "Well, what makes him so gallant? And what makes him so up-and-doing? What makes him conduct himself like that?"

He said, "Well, sir, I didn't know until just recently." Said, "I've come to find out that the tribe that he's from, he's the son of the king. And he still realizes that, though he's an alien. And he conducts himself before his brethren as a young coming king."

<sup>E-35</sup> God help us. Let's not be bold and ignorant about things. Let's conduct ourselves as sons of God. A daughter of God, don't go out here and live in beer joints, and paint her face up, and cut her hair off, and act like a prostitute. Conduct yourself as daughters of God. You're a daughter to the King. That's right.

Sons of God don't go out here and take the Bible and say, "Oh, the days of miracles is past," and that, all that kind of stuff. They stand up for everything that God said. We may be pilgrims, and strangers, and aliens, but we're sons and daughters of the King. Prick up your shoulders high, and live like men and women ought to. Live like real Christians. Amen.

*E-34 & E-35 COME.LET.US.REASON.TOGETHER CHICAGO.IL 55-1004*

<sup>E-89</sup> I want to say something now to, maybe, the member of a church. I didn't want to hurt your feelings. I want to tell you a little experience that happened about two weeks ago. There was a fine young lady who went to a wonderful church. And why, it was a Methodist church, a lovely little lady. And she got to go... I always doubted the woman's experience, because she just went because her mother and father went. Her father was a deacon in church. She learned to play the piano, and she was a very fine pianist.

A fine boy there, I believe the boy really had the Holy Ghost. And he fell in love with her, and they married. This happened in Louisville, Kentucky, no older than just a few weeks ago. And so, the--the lady... I knew the pastor real well, and so forth. And I kind of doubted that that woman--her experience. Well, well, long as she was with her mother and things, she walked a pretty good way, but she had that intellectual faith. Now, listen real close, now. This is seriously; souls are at stake.

<sup>E-90</sup> And I--I wondered. I wasn't to be her judge, but I just noticed the way she--she conducted herself, didn't seem to be very much Christian. So then, went on, and she moved out of the neighborhood a few years ago and moved into another neighborhood where the church was kinda worldly. And the ladies all didn't dress



very nice, wore these little clothes like they wear, you know, and get out and mow the yard, and things. Didn't look very ladylike.

So she begin to wonder, "Now, if they can do it and get by, well, they're just as much thought of as I am. So why can't I do it?"

Oh, don't never let that enter your mind. See? That shows there's been... Something's lacking down here. The Holy Spirit would teach you different, friend.

*E89, E90 WHERE.I.THINK.PENTECOST.FAILED SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1111*

<sup>E-32</sup> Job here, in the speaking of Him as a Redeemer, how that everything had gone wrong for him, seemingly... You know, God hasn't promised a flower bed of ease, but He's promised a lot of mountains, but He's promised grace to go over every one of them. I like Job speaking.

Watch. After Job went through his trials and testings, as they come upon every child of God, first has to be tried, tested. In other words, they have to be trained like child training, take some whippings, straighten up. You know how to act then, how to conduct yourself as a Christian. God gives you a little bit of whipping once in a while, turns you around a few times; you know what it's all about, lays you on your back, so you can look up. Sure.

*E-32 REDEMPTION SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1119*

<sup>E-89</sup> Men and women, we are alienate--alien here on this earth; we're aliens; we're pilgrims and strangers. Our God and our Christ is on the other side, and we're sons and daughters of the King. We ought to be conducting ourselves, not in gambling, not in smoking, not in drinking, not in picture shows, and television programs, and scandal, and lies, and carrying on. We should conduct ourselves as sons and daughters of God, walking with our heads up, living in the Light of the King. Yes, sir. It's yours if you want it. It's yours if you believe that you have to have it. It's yours tonight.

*E-89 INTER.VEIL STURGIS.MI 56-0121*

<sup>E-41</sup> So they had a little girl there. Now, I want to show you the force of a testimony of a child who lived in a nation, or perhaps a family, who was under the influence of God. She loved her master and her mistress. So when she seen Naaman, probably a good hearted, good natured man... As far as we know, according to history, Elijah had never healed a man with leprosy. There'd never been a leper case healed in his day.

But the little girl, being raised and brought up under the influence over in Israel, yet an alien, she was conducting herself as a believer. And that's the way we should do all the time, is conduct ourselves, no matter what our position is,

conduct ourselves as believers, ready at all times to give an answer for the hope that lieth within you. You see it?

*E-41 SUPERNATURAL.THE OWENSBORO.KY 56-0129*

E-70 What kind of men and women... Oh, my, my time's gone. What kind of men and women should we be? What kind of a person should we be? How will--should we conduct ourselves, ladies and gentlemen? How ought we to act in this present day? We ought to be real up and going Christians. We should stand out boldly for the testimony of the Lord Jesus. Do you believe that?

*E-70 WORKINGS.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT PRINCE.ALBERT.SK 56-0816*

E-19 What kind of people should we be, Holy-Ghost filled, though we are, pilgrims and strangers. How ought we to conduct our lives and selves, not like the rest of the world, but separate ourselves from the things of the world. Keep our chin up, as it was, because there's one thing we know: We are sons and daughters of the King. Now, a king's daughter doesn't act immorally, and she doesn't dress that way. She represents herself to the public in her dignity, because she's a king's daughter. Amen.

So there's a man when he is the king's son... There's the way back to the Azusa Street experience: Conduct ourselves as sons and daughters of God, not dress like the world, act like the world, and talk like the world, stay home on Wednesday night to see the--all these programs and so forth that Hollywood's putting on. We have nothing to do with Hollywood.

We are borned again Pentecostal experience. Hollywood has its place of entertainment. We have our place of entertainment. Theirs is in the world and ours is in Christ. But we can't pattern after them; let's pattern after Christ, and act like Him and love Him.

*E-19 LAMB.AND.THE.DOVE L.A.CA 56-0917*

E-33 Now, the only way people will see Jesus when they see--when they see Him in you. You are written epistles. If Christ's Spirit dwells in you and brings your conduct--conduct into subjection to His Spirit, and makes you act like Him, and talk like Him, walk like Him, live like Him. See? People see Jesus in you. There's the old song, "Let others see Jesus in you."

*E-33 ELISHA.THE.PROPHET CHICAGO.IL 56-1002E*

E-53 What ought a Christian to do then? We're pilgrims and strangers, but our Father is a King. How ought we to act and live in this present world? Not like this world, not to be drove around, and sign a ticket we'll come to church, and--and

we'll try our best to do this, and we'll go to the next prayer meeting. Brother, sister, we should conduct ourselves like sons and daughters of God.

*E-53 IMPERSONATION.OF.CHRISTIANITY LIMA.OH 57-0127A*

<sup>E-28</sup> ... "The deer as he thirsts for the water brook, so my soul thirsts after Thee, O God." Just take a drink from there. You'll never have to hear another sermon on morals, how to dress, and how to act, and how to conduct yourself.

<sup>E-30</sup> Oh, brother, my Father is rich with houses and land. He holds the wealth of this world in His hands. Of rubies, and diamonds, and silver, and gold, His coffers are full. He has riches untold.

If that would make an African Negro slave, realizing his that his father is a king, that he could throw out his chest as a slave, what ought it to do to a borned again man and woman? It ought to make you act like a daughter of God and a son of God.

And if you've ever tasted and become a child of God, I'm sure you'll do it. You'll conduct yourself as sons and daughters of the King. Think of it while we pray. Let us bow our heads just a minute.

*E-30 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE INDIANAPOLIS.IN 57-0613*

<sup>E-42</sup> What ought we to do? How should we act? How should we conduct ourselves? As sons and daughters of the King, we should dress, act, live, talk, testify like sons and daughters of God. Though we an alien, we're in a strange land amongst the dying world, but yet we're sons and daughters of the King, Jehovah God. We ought to agree with His Word. We ought to say "Amen" to His Spirit. We ought to unite ourselves together as brethren and as sisters and conduct ourselves as king's sons and daughters.

*E-42 UNITED.UNDER.ONE.HEAD MIDDLETOWN.OH 58-0326*

<sup>E-14</sup> Oh, what ought we to be as sons and daughters of God? How ought we to conduct ourselves in this present world of sin and slavery? Our characters and our conduct should be the highest to keep the moral of the rest of them moving, because we are aliens, and we are strangers and pilgrims, but our Father is the King. Oh, He's rich with houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hand. Oh, I'm so glad to be a son of that King.

<sup>E-29</sup> You might be as pure as a lily to your husband, or to your boyfriend, but when you put on clothes like that and walk out on the street, if a sinner looks at you and lusts after you, the Bible said that he has committed adultery with you in his heart. And at the judgment bar, you're going to answer for committing adultery, because you presented yourself to him like that. Jesus said that. Whose guilty, the sinner or

you? You are. He's a hog and a pig by nature. He's never been converted. But if he answers for committing adultery, who did he commit it with? Whosoever, sinner or saint, looks upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her in his heart already.

Think of it. "Oh," you say, "Brother Branham, that's the only kind of clothes they make." They still got sewing machines. There's no excuse for that. You know that's right. Does that act like a daughter of the King? "Well," you say, "The rest of them do." But you're different. You're an alien. You ought to conduct yourself like the daughter of the King.

*E-14 & E-29 LIFE EVERETT.MA 58-0512*

<sup>E-30</sup> No man has the right to take the pulpit to preach the gospel, unless he's had a backside of the desert experience. No man, no person has the right to call themselves a Christian until they've had a backside of the desert experience. It's still the backside of the desert; we call it "Upper Room," but it's still the backside of the desert too. It's where you meet God.

Oh, how ridiculous it is tonight to take people in the church, just by baptizing into water and putting their name on the book. Oh, we need an old fashion, Saint Paul's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost right into the church again, and a real old fashion meeting, an experience.

After you've had an experience, then you know what you're talking about. That's when you've got faith.

They might explain it and say, "Well now, you oughtn't to be a Methodist; you oughtn't to be Pentecostal." They might talk you out of that, but when it comes to a place for that sacred spot where you met God, brother, Satan can't put his dirty feet on that place. You know you've talked to Somebody there. You know something happened. Yes, sir. You were there. You know all about it. From then on, you can go and conduct yourself like a real Christian.

<sup>E-31</sup> Oh, the conduct today, of people calling themselves Christians... No wonder our poor women are painting their faces, and cutting off their hair, and wearing little shorts, and things. It's because they have failed to get that spot back there on that sacred sands yonder. That's right.

No wonder our men are permitting it, and smoking cigarettes, and things. They failed to find that sacred spot yonder, somewhere, where God and man meet together. That's right. That's what we need tonight...

*E-30 & E-31 TIME TESTED FAITH NEW YORK.NY 58-0530*

<sup>E-15</sup> And I thought, if a slave being away from home, knowing that he was a son of a tribal king, how much more ought the children of God to conduct themselves like sons and daughters of God while we're in this alienated world. How we ought

to embrace these promises of God. How we ought to cherish those things and hold them dear. It doesn't become a Christian to operate hisself around unbelief. A Christian should have his chin up. He should be ready to believe anything that God says, no matter what it is. It'll keep the morale of the rest of them up. It'll... We are sons and daughters of God. And we ought to conduct ourselves like that...

*E-15 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE L.A.CA 59-0414*

<sup>E-18</sup> ...I said, "Lord, let me beg. Let me drag, or let me suffer, or anything just as long as I've got Eternal Life."

Life is what conducts you. It's what makes your conduct. You just can't hide real life. There's no way to do it.

<sup>E-24</sup> What are Christians to do? We're aliens. But our Father is the King, and we are sons and daughters of God. We ought to conduct ourselves like sons and daughters of God.

When I see the church becoming so loose, and the women in their immoral dressing, and the men doing, it just grieves me, because we are sons and daughters of God, and we ought to act, and walk, and talk, and conduct ourselves like that. When we get away from that, I'm afraid there's something wrong in us. We've lost the vision, who we are. Because the life that's in us is what guides us and directs us.

*E-18 & E-24 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE CHICAGO.IL 59-0613*

<sup>E-27</sup> Oh, I thought no matter what we may have to go through with, if it's trials, if it's heartaches, if it's persecution, if it's to be laughed out and made fun of, what kind of a people ought we to be? We are sons and daughters of the King. Though we be in an unwelcome world, though we be to a place where we're hated, maybe called scandalous names like "holy-roller, pentecostal-tongue." What different does it make? We ought to have our chin up, our shoulders out, believing God's Word, because across the land yonder, our Father is the King.

And I think it's a ridiculous shame when I see King's daughters wearing the kind of clothes that they wear in these days. When I see King's sons smoking cigarettes, and drinking whiskey, and a little drinks of beer, how that's not becoming as the son of the King of heaven...

<sup>E-28</sup> No matter how poor we are, how we have to be run over, how the world talks about you, and says everything about you, it ought to make you keep head up for the mo--morales of the rest of them. We should never have words against one another. We should always say the highest thing about a brother or sister. If one is down in the gutter, don't never shove them any farther down. Pick him up; get him out of there as quick as you can, because it helps. We should be an example.

We should live an example, like we are sons and daughters of God, the Eternal King. We ought to conduct ourselves in that manner as sons and daughters of the King. We should never do nothing that would bring disgrace.

*E-27 & E-28 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE PHOENIX.AZ 60-0304*

E-32 What ought all our conduct to be? Not like the world, but we should act like sons and daughters of God, conduct ourselves like King's children, not like slaves of fashions, and slaves of passion, and slaves of pride. And we--we should be sons and daughters of God, and act like it, and conduct ourselves that way. Let our conversations and everything be seasoned with God's Spirit.

*E-32 JEHOVAH,JIREH TULARE.CA 61-0226*

E-76 ... The Word of God's a Circumciser, that's cut off surplus flesh. That's exactly what's right.

Just having a little clean, American fun: that don't go with the Kingdom of God, not associated with the Kingdom of God, not at all. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. We ought to conduct ourselves like servants of God. We ought...

E-79 ... If that would make a Negro, knowing his father is a king in Africa, to conduct himself among his people as a king's son, what ought it to do to you and I that's borned again of the Spirit of God? What kind of a life ought we to be? What kind of a way should we conduct ourselves? Not as a weakling and back off and be tossed about by everything, and halfway believing and things of the world and galloping in. Stick up our heads towards Calvary and believe every Word God said and every promise, and conduct ourselves like men and women of God. Don't dress like these Jezebels and--and act like them here. That's right. Don't you do that. It's pitiful.

E-80 There's only one woman ever painted herself to meet God, to... Never to meet God... In the Bible, there's one woman ever used paint, and that was Jezebel. God fed her to the dogs. So you see, she's just dog meat to begin with. So that--that in the sight of God, so just remember, brother...

*E-76, E-79, E-80 BE.NOT.AFRAID RICHMOND.VA 61-0311*

E-44 "Well, he was a good church member. He done good for the neighbors." That's fine. We believe that. That's good. I have nothing to say against that part.

But did you realize what kept the people out of the promised land? They were border line believers. They went so far, but wouldn't go any farther. That's the way men and women, people, do today. They'll go so far in God...

They'll say, "Yes, I'll believe. I'll be baptized. I'll do this, that, or the other--any rules the church has to lay down."

E-45 But when it comes to surrender everything to Christ, your life, and all... That's where the line lays. That's what makes people say, "Well, I look at the rest of them." And here to you older Christians, to the younger: the younger women look at the older women, the younger men look at the older men, and see the way you conduct yourself--to see what you do. And they presume that they're all right: is because you do the way you do.

*E-44 & E-45 PRESUMING PHX.AZ 62-0117*

E-98 Some few days ago wife and I, 'fore we come out here, went to a supermarket. We found a woman had a dress on. Meda said, "Isn't that strange, that lady?" She said, "Billy, I want to ask you." Said, "I know some of them women. They sing in choirs here in these denominational churches." Said, "Why is it our people..."

I said, "Honey. Look, look. We are not of the world. See? When I go to Germany, Germany has its way of doing. I go to Finland, it has its way of doing. I go to other nations, they have their way." And I said, "America, it has its way."

But I said... She said, "Well, aren't we Americans?"

I said, "No, honey. We're not Americans; we're Christians. We're living here, certainly. As a nation, this is ours." But I said, "We're from above. Then our women must act like up there. We must conduct ourselves like up there. That's the reason we don't act like the people of the world. We're different."

*E-98 FROM.THAT.TIME SPOKANE.WA 62-0713*

E-86 Now, if the law says you can shoot a fawn, remember, that's all right. I was game warden for years. And so, if the law says you can shoot a fawn, that's all right. It's not the--the size, sex, or whatever the animal is; it's whether they let you shoot it or not. Abraham killed a calf and fed it to God. See, nothing about the little part about it.

But just to be mean, that's a murder to me. That's right. Kill just for the fun of killing, that's not right. You should never take but what the law says, and take it decently and manly. Everything you do, do it right (That's right.), 'cause you're written epistles read of all men, the way you conduct yourself, and the things you do as Christians.

*E-86 BEHOLD.A.GREATER.THAN.ALL.IS.HERE SPOKANE.WA 62-0715*

E-18 Now, character... Always you... All you people of the church of God, live good, live right. People's watching the way you're living. And if there's anything that's a hindrance to Christianity today, is the way that professed Christians live: dishonest, dishonorable, and living any way. Don't do that. We are Christians.

Somebody's watching your life, correctly. Be honest. Let everybody know. Let your dealings be fair and square, and--and--and don't take nothing doesn't belong to you. Don't say nothing but what's the truth. And you can always tell the truth every time, and God will honor the truth. And always do what's right. Treat everybody right. If they don't treat you right, you treat them right anyhow. See? Jesus treated us right when we didn't treat Him right. And His Spirit in us...

*E-18 IT.IS.I.BE.NOT.AFRAID PORT.ALBERNI.BC 62-0726*

<sup>160</sup> Oh, if we are the sons and daughters of the King, the King of kings, let's conduct our character as Christians. That's right. Yes, we are aliens, we are pilgrims and we're strangers here. This is not our world. We are seeking a Kingdom that is to come. This is not our home. Though we be tossed about and made fun of, by the world, and called this, that, and the other, and "old fashion," and all like that, what do you care? You don't want to be patterning yourself after some kind of a movie star, or some television star, or something. You're a daughter of God. You're a son of God. Let's act like God. We are the children of God, we know, and we are sons and daughters of the King. Let our character reflect His Presence, no matter how rough it gets.

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?

They are building a palace for me over There!  
With rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,  
His coffers are full, He has riches untold.  
We're the children of the King!  
With Jesus our Saviour,  
I'm a child of the King!

Let's conduct ourselves like our Father. Knowing, someday, we will go home to be with Him. Yes. Yes.

*160 WORLD.IS.FALLING.APART NY.NY V-18 N-10 63-1115*

<sup>190</sup> What a rebuke to Christianity! We're supposed to represent God and Eternal Life. There's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's God. He alone has Eternal Life. And we are products of His, because we're genes of His Spirit. Then we should conduct ourself, women and man, like the Bible said for us to do. Not Jezebels of the street, and Rickies of the organization; but Christian gentlemen, sons and daughters of God, borned of the Spirit of God, manifesting the Light in our days and scattering It. That's exactly right.

*190 LEADERSHIP COVIN.A.CA V-7 N-7 65-1207*



# How To Find The Will Of The Lord

**Romans 12:2** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

<sup>15</sup> We'll start at the 8th verse, to get a little background.

Wherein he has abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence;

Having made known to us the mystery of his will...

"The mysteries of His will..." And remember how we hung on that? How many was here this morning? Let's see. How we stuck on that, "the mystery of His will." Now, it is not just a little thing; then it's a mystery. God's will is a mystery. And each man has to seek out the will of God for his or herself, God's mystery...

*15 ADOPTION.OR.PLACING JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E*

<sup>681-Q-163</sup> **163. How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord... How do you--how do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?**

**Now, let... I don't believe I... Let me see if I can get the continuity to it. "How do you feel is the best way (I see it should be a comma there, I suppose.)... How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?"**

I tell you, dear friend: the best way to find the will of God in some important matters is prayer. See?

Now, let me... Here's a wonderful little thing here. If you--if--if you have a matter that's very important... Now, here's the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it's always been my strength; I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And I just let myself neutral to it, don't take either side, and say, "Now, heavenly Father, it--it can..."

<sup>681-185</sup> 'Course now, in my case most of the time, if it's very important, I wait on a vision. But many people God doesn't deal with in visions. So therefore, I wouldn't advise you to do that. See? Because it's just some people that has visions and some does something else. Where you do something else that I couldn't do, maybe--in your way of serving the Lord, I do something that you couldn't do. See? God deals with us different.

And so I would if I was in your place and didn't have visions from before the Lord, I would just wait upon the Lord and say, "Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make." And then, way you feel led to do it, then wait just a little

bit, then wait a little while longer, and see which way, which side you lean towards, which way the Spirit... Say, "Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; but I--I want to know what You want to do about it."

That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kinda led to go this way or that way, then I follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; you're doing the best you can.

<sup>682-188</sup> And I believe this, my friends, as Paul was in the--in the New Testament in days gone by. He was between two straits, which way he should go. And he started on the wrong road, and he got a Macedonian call. And I believe if you are making a decision for God and do it the best that you can, I believe God will correct you and don't--see that you don't go wrong. I believe God will do it.

*681-Q-163 – 682-188 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M*

<sup>E-10</sup> Now, they went off in such a hurry, without even considering God. And when they found out the seven days was up, well, their water supply was cut off. They didn't have any water to drink. And there they was out there with their cattle, and with their animals, and their water supply was cut off. And looks like that it was just about the end for them.

Now, that's what we do. Sometimes we go off on a tantrum somewhere and not think about God, not pray over it, ask the Lord whether we should do it or not, and we find out that our supply of blessings is cut off. Then we wonder sometime, "Well, wonder why I can't have no more blessings." You don't watch, you let down in your prayer life. You say, "Well, I'm a Christian." Well, that's the more sign you should pray, more than ever. Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Don't make any decisions too harshly or too quickly, without first considering God about it. Ask Him, "Shall I do this, Father?" Ask Him, "Is it Your will for me to do this?" Then see what the Holy Spirit will speak to you. He might not give you a vision, but He will speak in some way to you, to let you know, if you'll be sincere and ask Him.

*E-10 PROPHET.ELISHA CHICAGO.IL 54-0723*



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