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The front cover:

Top, Left: Our good work horse,
"Clyde."

Top, Right: Joy's ram, "Ginomeo."

Bottom, Left: Hen with little chicks.

Bottom, Right: One of our Cats,
"Cleophas."

All these pictures are from Luke Martin's Farm.



Editor's Desk



Dear Boys,

Lately I've been thinking about insurance. Do we, as Christians, need insurance? Are insurance premiums a good way to spend our money? Most people nowadays have insurance. Is that good? Well, here are my thoughts on this subject.

First, and most important, we need to have faith in God. God will take care of us. God will supply all our needs. **"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** Philippians 4:19

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 We can trust in God and concentrate on pleasing him instead of worrying about ourselves. Also, read Psalms 21 and Matthew 6:24-34; especially verse 29, man can never come close, meet, or exceed what God can do. Insurance is man's attempt to do this.

God is more powerful than all the insurance companies put together. **"...Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."** Revelation 19:6^b

"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God." Psalms 62:11

We are responsible to help our brothers that are in need.

"Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." Act 11:29-30 Also read Acts 2:43-47, 4:34-37, 20:35, Romans 12:13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, 2 Corinthians 8:13-15, and 1 John 3:14-18.

My conclusion is that insurance may indicate a lack of faith and trust in God's power and should only be used where law requires it.

In his service,
Melvin Martin



Rules for Good order in Conversation



#1. In whatever you do, see to it that no one (and particularly yourself) disturbs your inner peace and rest in God. **“Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them.”** Psalms 119:165

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” James 1:19-20

#2. Speak of your enemies only out of love, honour for God, and for their best. Matthew 5:44

#3. Do not endeavor to speak too much. However, if God gives you the opportunity to speak, speak with reverence, good thoughts, gentleness, with precise clear words, orderly and with good discretion, without repetition wherever necessity does not demand it. James 1:19-20

#4. Do not speak of the things of this world unless by such speech God will be honored, your neighbor aided, or your

own need provided. **“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”** Colossians 3:17

#5. See to it that your speech is not biting or sarcastic. Shun all abusive and senseless words and manners of speech that can bring about contention.

Cursing is a grave sin. The person who curses; curses himself and all that belongs to him.

#6. If you would speak about God and your Savior, speak with reverence. Do so as if you were in his presence.

#7. In giving account of yourself or a situation, be very careful, not to lie. Be careful in the telling of a story to be as accurate as you can remember, do not yield to the temptation to add color, or to emphasize and so distort the truth. If you forget something, do not be ashamed or afraid to correct yourself.

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

#8. In speaking of yourself, beware of pride.

#9. In a conversation remember your listener, be precise and thorough, but don't be a bore. Also, don't run one conversation into another without a clear break. In other words, be clear so your listener doesn't get confused.

#10. Many conversations are good, but they are not carried out in the proper place. In church, even the best statements can be an offense. Ecclesiastics 3:1-9

#11. Do not speak secretly or whisper into the ear or in another language in the presence of others. Such an act raises contention, and the other person will think you do not trust him.

#12. When others are speaking who wish to be heard, (like a preacher or teacher) do not begin to speak to another alone.

#13. Do not repeat what someone else shared with you if you think they would rather you didn't.

#14. If someone begins to speak while you are speaking, hold your peace. 1 Corinthians 14:30

#15. If someone else is speaking, do not cut him off even if you think you know what he is

saying.

#16. If someone contradicts you, be on your guard for this is an opportunity for you to sin. Unless the honour of God or the good of someone else suffers, let it go by. People often struggle, but when the struggle is over, neither side is more enlightened than before. Be gentle and modest.

#17. If you must rebuke others for their sins, do not put it off because of fear or shyness. Fear or shyness must be conquered just as any other mental turmoil must be. Rebuke with love and foresight and modesty so that the other person might be convinced in his conscience in whatever manner he has not done right. Christ rebuked Peter with a glance when Peter denied him and Peter repented. But, Christ also rebuked with words. In this, love must be your teacher.

#18. If others are laughing over offensive and obscene stories and jokes, don't laugh at them or you have sinned as well. Ephesians 5:4, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

#19. If others are mistaken in what they say or wander from the correct path, endeavor to bring the conversation back on

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The Old Time Farmer

Taken from, "The Farmers', Gardeners' and Stock-Raisers' Guide." (1850)

are the gold dust of time. Of all the portions of our life, they are the most

Black Paint made from Potatoes

The American Mechanic says, on the authority of an old painter, that potatoes being baked moderately at first in a close vessel from which air is excluded, and exposed to increased heat until they are completely charred through, they may be ground in oil, and thus produce a beautiful black, superior in many respects to any other black in use.

Convenient Preparation for Glue

Upon every household and farm establishment, there is occasion at times for the use of good glue. The difficulty is, that it is wanted so seldom, most farmers are not induced to keep it on hand in good condition. The following mode of preparing it obviates the difficulty: Instead of dissolving it in water, and heating it over the fire every time it is needed, dissolve it in whisky; then it will remain any time in a fluid state and fit for application without being heated except in the coldest weather, when it should be a little warmed. When dissolved, it should be put into a tight vessel to prevent the evaporation of the spirit. This may be done in a tin vessel with a cover fitted over it. If corked up in a bottle, the stopper would become tight and immovable.

Ed: The glue that they are probably talking of is glue made by boiling cattle skins, horns, hair, etc. in water over a fire until they are soft. Then boiling the extra water away until it is stiff. As a by-product, you will get neat's-foot oil.

Uses of Corn-Husks

The outside husks of Indian corn, neatly plaited, with the braids stitched together from the center to the edge, make excellent, durable door-mats. The inner husks, when coarsely hetcheled, and freed from the end of the cob, can be made into comfortable mattresses, that many people prefer to those made of curled hair.

A great deal of pride obscures, or blemishes, a thousand good qualities.

"Sands," said Young, "made the mountain, and moments made the year." Truly, spare minutes

faithful in good or evil. They are gaps through which temptations find the easiest access to the heart.

Young People of the Bible

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Samuel

Not Despising Small Beginnings

In fulfillment of a vow she had made to God before he was born, Hannah had left her son, Samuel, with Eli, the high priest, so that Samuel could assist Eli in the tabernacle. One night God spoke to Samuel, who was still a child, and gave him a message for Eli. It was a brief message but a disturbing one. Eli and his sons were to be judged by God because of the sons' wickedness and Eli's indulgence of them. Samuel did not wish to relate the message to Eli; but when Samuel was asked by Eli, he told him the whole thing and kept nothing back (1 Samuel 3).

God was, I believe, testing Samuel at this time, as well as giving a message to Eli; for Eli had heard a similar message before from another source (1 Samuel 2:27-36). God wanted to make sure Samuel could be trusted to deliver His Word faithfully and without flinching. Samuel later was the judge of Israel and a prophet of the Lord for many years, but his work started with this brief message delivered to Eli.

What is the lesson for us from this incident that occurred in Samuel's youth? I would say it is this: do not despise small beginnings. What if Samuel had neglected or refused to give Eli the message either out of fear or because he did not think such a brief

message mattered? Could God have used him as he did later on? Would he have been the leader of the people and the one to anoint two kings of Israel, including the earthly ancestor of the King of kings? I think not. God would have chosen someone else as His messenger.

God does not start His servants out in a big way. He gradually builds up the responsibilities he gives them according to their faithfulness in carrying out the ones they already have. If God has given you a small work, do it well, and he will guide you into larger fields as you become ready for them.

"Then came the first, saying, Lord, Thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities" (Luke 19:16,17).

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The Calling Of:

Ivan King

1. Tell us about yourself.

My name is Ivan Omer King. I am 18 years old. My birthday is May 13, 1984. I have brown eyes and blond hair and I am 5 feet 11 inches tall.

2. Tell us about your family.

Starting at the top is Omer (Dad) 49, and then Emma (Mom) is 47. I also have two brothers and three sisters. Emanuel 27, (married to Janet Troyer) 22, Sarah 23, Emma 21, Esther 11, Omer Junior 8, and 1 little niece, Anna, age 2.



3. What is it like where you live?

We live near Greene, which is a nice, medium sized town of southern New York; about 45 minutes from Pennsylvania. There is a lot of woodland in our area with plenty of wildlife. The landscape is rather hilly with some ridges, but not very many

high mountains. The weather is about perfect in the summer, maybe a little cold in the winter, and often chilly and wet in the spring and fall.

4. Tell us about your schooling experience.

I completed my first three grades in an Amish, one room school. Fourth grade was in Summitview Christian School and fifth grade through part of eighth grade was Shavers Creek Christian school. I then finished in home schooling. I think I enjoyed all of my school years.

5. Tell us about your faith.

I believe that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23) and would be doomed for hell, if the Lord would not have loved us so much, that he sent his son Jesus to die on the cross in our stead. And now if we repent

from our sins, turn back to the Lord, and believe on him, we will be able to dwell with the Lord Eternally, when he comes to receive us. (John 14:3).

6. What is a scripture that is meaningful to you and why?

James 4:8^A, “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” This verse is a promise, that when times seem tough, and the Lord seems far away, all we have to do is draw near to the Lord and he will come and be with us.

7. Tell us about your church.

We have a home fellowship of about four families. Our services start at 10:00 in the morning, and everyone is welcome to come and worship the Lord with us.

8. Tell us about your work.

I help Dad on our dairy farm. We are milking approximately 55 cows, and also have around 40 young stock, 30 chickens, and some turkeys and peacocks. We are farming some 200+ acres of land, which is mostly in grass or corn. I also have a small hobby business where I raise and sell bobwhite quail.

9. Tell us what activities you enjoy doing in your spare time.

I enjoy hunting, fishing, and hiking, small personal projects, or most any kind of sports.

10. Please share with us a song, quote, or poem that is meaningful to you.

This is a quote that I am often guilty of doing, “How many of us spend much of our time wishing or dreaming of doing some great service for the Lord, and bypass all the daily opportunities He bestows upon us?”

11. Tell us about your plans (Lord willing) for the future.

Well, I have not made up my mind what I will do for certain yet, but I will most likely continue in the dairy farm and also raise game birds.

Questions and Answers

Q. #1. Imagine that you've died, and are standing before the judgment throne, and God asked you, "What have you done to get to heaven?" What would your answer be?

Q. #2. What does it mean to walk by faith?

Q. #3. ---Brain Teaser---

90% of the time the "shun" sound is spelled "tion." How many other ways can you find to spell the "shun" sound? Give an example for each:

Example: 1. tion vacation

Submitted by: Jane Demers
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Answers to questions from the last issue:

Question: What is greater than God, more evil than the devil? The rich need it and the poor have it. And if you eat it, you will die.

Answer: Nothing

Question: Is it right to serve as a Juror?

Answer: I got no answer, but here are a few thoughts that I had based on the very little I know about Jury.

If I condemn someone else, then I am as good as condemning myself. **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"** Romans 3:23 **"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."** Matthew 6:14-15

Also, I think that we are stepping out of our place when we start to condemn and punish others; for the Bible says, **"Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."** Romans 12:19^b

You need to be sworn in to be a juror; which is in violation of what the Bible says in James 5:12, **"But above all things, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by the earth, or with any oth-**

er oath. Let your 'yes' be simply 'yes,' and your 'no' be simply 'no;' that you may not come under condemnation.”

Instead, we should be proclaiming the good news of God’s mercy to us. **“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by (grace ye are saved;)”** Ephesians 2:4-5, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey every command which I have given you. And remember, I am with you always, day by day, until the Close of the Age.”** Matthew 28:19-20

This is my experience with Jurors:

The Commissioner of Jurors sent me a questionnaire this spring. I filled it out and sent it back with the article I wrote titled “Christians and Government,” (printed in the Fall 2001 issue). This is what they sent back:

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for returning your completed Juror Qualification Questionnaire. I read the letter which you attached to the Questionnaire. While I do not share your interpretation of the Word of God, I have no desire to debate the matter with you.

I have granted you a discretionary permanent excusal from jury service, since I believe it would be a waste of time for you, me, and the Court to try to enforce your civic obligation to serve as a juror. If you should receive a questionnaire in the future, I would appreciate it if you would call my office so that we can note the duplication in our computer data base.

Sincerely,
Commissioner of Jurors

Please send us your questions and answers:

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The Children's Challenge

To Charity and Cheerfulness

Marble, a Cat That Persevered

"Here kitty, kitty." I called. I dumped the table scraps in the cat's dish while half a dozen or so cats came running. I noticed they were all there, except for Marble. *She's probably out somewhere hunting for mice*, I thought.

Marble was a good cat. She was often gone, somewhere in the barn or nearby fields, hunting for mice. She did her share of keeping the pesky mice under control.



The next day Marble wasn't at the cat's dish, nor the next and the next. I realized I hadn't seen her at all. "Did anybody see Marble lately?" Nobody had seen the gray and white cat. More days went by without any sight of Marble. We sadly concluded something bad happened to her and we would never see her again.

I was a little girl at the time and I do not remember how many days it was that Marble was missing. Then one day I saw her! She was slowly coming toward the cat's dish. But what was

wrong. I ran to her and saw that her two hind legs were gone! The ends of the upper part of her legs that were still there were healed. "Poor Marble! What happened to you?" We took her in to show the rest of the family.

"Probably the sickle bar mower caught her when Uncle Ammon was mowing hay."

"But how did she survive such an injury without any attention?"

"She won't be able to catch mice anymore."

"Or take care of kittens."

“The poor thing!” We discussed the situation and marveled that God must have given her body an amazing ability to heal and an instinct to know what to do.

To get around, Marble had to move her front legs and drag her body after. When we fed the cats and saw her coming slowly behind the other cats, we would carry her to the dish. One person in the family that never took care of Marble was my Daddy. The reason was that he could not walk at all.

I can faintly remember my Daddy using a walker to help him walk, but mostly I remember him

Happiness lies not in how much we have but in what we do with what we have.

being in a wheelchair when he was not in bed. My Daddy did not lose his legs, but he could not use them. He had a disease called multiple sclerosis. He gradually lost the use of his legs until he had to be on a wheel chair. By using his hands and his mind, he was able to earn money and provide for his family as long as he lived. He kept going and did what he could with what he had.

Marble also persevered.

She successfully raised several litters of kittens after her accident! And she still went out to hunt mice!

If you can walk, be sure to thank God. If you have hands to work with and a mind to think, thank God. Some people have lost both the use of their legs and their hands. They use their minds and their mouth to paint beautiful pictures, write, and encourage others. I hope you do not have to face such trials. But everybody meets some kind of problems as they go through life.

Whenever anything happens to hinder you from doing things you should and

want to do, remember Marble, the cat and my Daddy. God helped them and He can help you, no matter how big or little your problem is. Thank him for what you do have and use what you have to serve God.

Rachel Martin

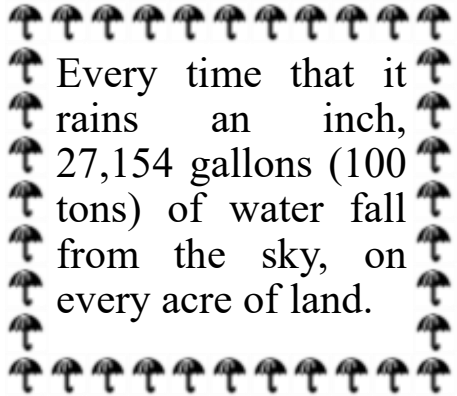
Proverbs

3:13-26

Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her. The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not

stumble. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

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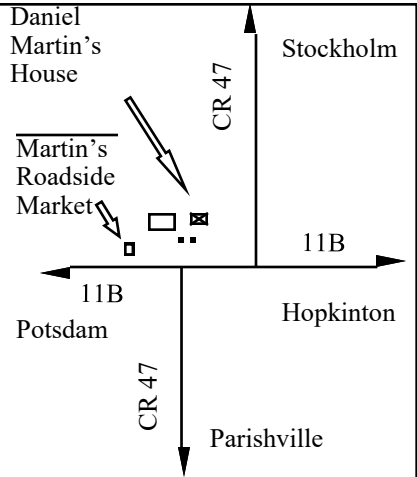
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track in a reasonable order.

#20. Don't try to have the last say. Remember love is humble.

#21. Honour everyone, but fear none. But, do fear God.

#22. Do not be sad among people, but be joyous and loving, for joy and love enliven everyone.

#23. If you see that it is not necessary for you to be in society, that the honour of God might be better increased in some other ways, or that love does not press you to serve your neighbor in your neighbor's presence, then do not wish to remain in society. You must not be in society for one moment, if you have no other purpose to be there than to pass the time. If the time a Christian spends with God is

tedious, it is a mark of his shortcomings. To "hang out" is to waste time; often many useless words are spoken and many useless activities are undertaken which later trouble their souls.

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The fear of the LORD *is*
the beginning of wis-
dom: a good under-
standing have all they
that do *his command-*
ments: his praise en-
dureth forever. Psalms 111:10