



SINCE I LET GOD TAKE OVER

I WAS BROUGHT UP in a religious home. Later I became a church member and for years was more or less active in religious affairs. Yet, I never really understood how the power of God applies to my everyday affairs. Like thousands of others, I went my own way and depended solely upon myself. I was reasonably successful, and many friends and associates looked upon me as one who was making good in life. Yet I was never satisfied; I was inwardly worried and I longed for happiness and peace.

I had created and organized a \$300,000-a-year manufacturing business. In 1931, during the de-

pression, this business failed, and I had to make a new start in life.

Today, fourteen years later, I have a prosperous business and a well-equipped farm. I am making what I believe is a success in life. I am happy, in good health, free from debt, free from worry. I have a host of friends, and I really enjoy life.

I began to think seriously about my personal life and affairs about ten years ago. Believing that there must be a correct way to live and enjoy life, I decided to take my problems to God. I asked Him to show me how I could get the most out of my life. A few days later I received in the mail a religious book-



let (I never knew who sent it to me), which seemed to have the answer.

It gave me an entirely new slant on life. I began to realize that actually I had never wholly believed in the power of God to help me in my daily problems, difficulties and worries. I simply lacked sufficient confidence or faith in the thing I professed to believe in. So, with absolute confidence in the result, I decided to let God run my affairs.

After some experiences in which wisdom and sound judgment in making decisions were needed, I realized that I must have more poise and better self-control in the presence of other people. My solution was a resolve to look for the good in every person with whom I come in contact. Whenever I meet a person, I say to myself, "I see the good in you and I thank God for this." Also, in whatever work I have to do, I look for the good in that.

To look for the good in everyone I meet and to find good in everything I do required practice.

I had to acquire new habits of thought. When I attained them, a great change had been made in my life. No longer do I experience petty annoyances when meeting people, and they appear to sense this. I have poise, self-control, and a feeling of relaxation which relieves me of all tenseness.

My business is to sell two manufacturers' products in Greater New York. In the morning I am usually the first to reach my office. I ask God to guide my efforts during the day, and I thank Him in advance for answer to my prayer.

Before starting out to interview prospective customers it is my practice to pray by name for each man. I do not pray that I may make a sale, for emphasis upon self interest would tend to break the circuit. It would be dictating to God who may not want a sale made on that particular visit, or on any other visit for that matter. I merely pray for my customer as a man

asking that God may bless him in all his problems.

The result is that we meet in an atmosphere of friendliness and confidence. I have often noted that we are strangely attuned. Naturally sales result often far beyond my expectations. New accounts come to me in amazing and unexpected ways.

Moreover, I have been privileged to help people whom otherwise I would never have contacted. It lifts business above money-making to the plane of human understanding. Of course, this procedure results ultimately in material blessings, not through any mysterious process but simply by being right with God and man. If a train runs on the track it gets where it is going. If a man runs his

life and his business on the track, if he goes forward in harmony with God's laws, he too will get where he is headed for—or where God intends he shall go.

Even in these days, when the

problem is not to stimulate sales but to get merchandise to sell, this formula of trust and guidance also works. I am able to keep calm and handle each problem as it arises, and in strange ways overcome difficulties which in former years would have floored me completely.

For example, several years ago I visited a western city to see the president of a large manufacturing corporation regarding a business transaction of thousands of dollars. Three weeks before he had flatly rejected a proposal I had outlined in a letter. I had utmost confidence that my plan was sound in principle; therefore, on the journey west I prayed with faith about it. I asked God to direct me, to put the mind and heart of this man in a receptive attitude to reconsider his decision; and I actually believed that He would do this for me.

Five minutes after I entered his office, the president of the company suddenly reversed himself and said: "All right, I'll go along with you on this, and I'll leave it up to you to carry out the details."

Fifteen minutes before my arrival he had advised the general

GOD HAS HELPED ME...

- Solve My Problems*
- Meet All Difficulties*
- Eliminate Fear and Worry*
- Succeed in Business*
- Have a New Faith in Prayer*
- Become Happy and Contented*
- Look for the Good in Others*
- Continue Strong in Mind and Body*
- Gain Self-Confidence*
- Maintain a Positive Attitude Toward Life*



manager that he was still opposed to my plan. Of course, the corporation's officers were simply amazed at this sudden change of mind. To them, it was a miracle. To me, it was a direct answer to my prayers.

This and many similar experiences have given me great faith in the practical results of prayer. They give me courage and self-confidence. Prayer relieves me of tension; it enables me to think clearly and to maintain a calm and confident attitude toward life.

Prayer has made me more tolerant of other folks. I have learned to expect and find the good in them. This has helped me to work more in harmony with my associates. I find that now they put more confidence in me.

As God reveals Himself and His power to me more and more every day, I truly believe that I have found the secret of life. He keeps me cheerful, happy, confident, forward-looking, and free from negative thoughts. Of course, one must play fair with God when asking favors of Him; and that I have tried to do. Through all this experience my devoted wife shared the same belief and faith, and this has been added inspiration.

The same opportunity is open to everyone who is willing to trust in God, and to put one's affairs entirely in His care. Are you willing to let God take over?

THE AUTHOR of this inspiring letter is well known to the editor. He is the New York representative of a successful manufacturing business. He reveals marked evidence of personal spiritual power and is a sincere believer in the principles set forth in his article.

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