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The Stone Inside

H. A. Ironside

I was talking to a little group of boys and girls in a Sunday school in San Francisco. "How sad to know, each time you say 'No' to the Lord Jesus, our heart gets a little harder, and if you keep on saying 'no,' the heart gets harder and harder until by-and-by God calls it a heart of stone, and you persist in spurning His grace, and you will therefore die in your sins." So I was pleading with those boys and girls to give their hearts to Jesus in their

early days.

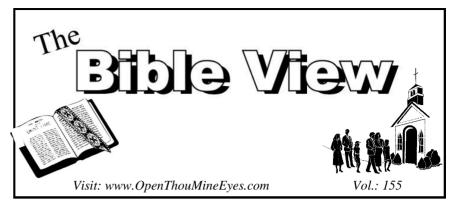
There was one dear little tot, only five years old. Her mother brought her to Sunday school and then took her home. The little one was thinking of her own dear father who never went to hear the Word of God. When she got to the house she darted into her father's arms, and said, "Daddy, Daddy, feel your heart! Is it getting like stone?"

He said, "What are you talking about?"

She said, "Well, the man at Continued on Page 3

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And What Did You Expect?

Bill Brinkworth

Truths in the field of botany can apply to our lives, too. One principle in this science is that you get what you plant. If you plant marigold seeds, you get marigolds. If you plant tomato seeds, you certainly would not expect a crop of corn. So it is in our lives:



? If you spent most of your life doing what you want, can you really expect to get the blessing of God in your life?

? If you do not pray, do not read your Bible, do little that is spiri-

tual, and purposely avoid doing what you know God wants you to do (going to church, reading your Bible, praying ...), why do you get angry and blame God when something terrible happens in your life?

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The Crossroads

Author Unknown

He came to the crossroads all alone,

With the sunrise in his face; He had no fear of the path

unknown,
He was set
for an
ambitious race.

The road stretched east, and the road stretched west,

The "Signboard" showed which way was the best;

But the boy turned wrong and went on down,

And lost the race and the victors's crown,

And fell at last into an ugly snare By choosing wrong at the crossroads there.

Another boy, on another day, At the selfsame crossroads stood, He paused a momemt to choose the way

Which would lead to the greater good.

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And What Did You ...

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- **?** Why do you curse or get angry with God for not answering the one prayer you have requested in many years?
- ? If you never get saved, why do you expect you will go to heaven rather than hell?
- ? Do you think your opinion or philosophy is more important than what God thinks or says and that He will change everything He has said just because of your thoughts?
- ? If you let your children do what they want and certainly do not encourage them to live the way the Lord tells them to, why do you blame God (or a church) when something terrible happens to them or their lives are headed in the wrong direction?
- ? If you allow your children to attend a secular school that teaches evolution, elevates ungodly lifestyles, allows the children to be exposed to ungodly examples and philosophies, why would you be surprised that their lives turn out to be ungodly, unfruitful, and unhappy?
- ? If you allow your children to listen to the music encouraging ungodly lifestyles, allow them to view television and movies that advertise sinful behavior, or hang around children that have ungodly behavior, why are you surprised that their lives are ruined by their wrong decisions?

- ? If you avoided studying, cheated when you could, and avoided many learning situations (playing video games or watching TV rather than studying). why are you surprised that you did not pass into the next grade, or have problems learning?
- ? If you do not take care of your health, why do you blame God when you get sick?
- ? If you succumbed to the sin of smoking, drinking, or drug taking, why are you surprised vou have an addiction, vour body has reaped the havoc of the sin's participation, or you have a ruined life because of the sin's side effects?
- ? If you covered up what was really happening in your life with lies and deception, why are you surprised that people in your life do not trust you or people "just don't understand you"?
- **?** If you sinned and even broke laws in the past, why are you surprised you were in jail or faced some other punishment?
- ? If you cheated God by not tithing and giving to Him in the past, why are you surprised your financial situation is not blessed by God?
- ? If you spent money you did not have, why are you surprised your debts are so high?
- ? If you lived with a boyfriend or girlfriend, without marrying them, why are you surprised that your relationship with them is in

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15

"There is a Godcreated vacuum in the heart of every man, which cannot be satisfied by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus **Christ."** — Blaise Pascal

turmoil or has failed? Did you really think God was going to bless such a relationship?

- ? If you spent time looking at other women, even though vou are married, why are you surprised when you find yourself in an adulterous relationship?
- ? If you allowed your eyes to see ungodly pictures or movies, why are your surprised when you have wrong thoughts and commit sin?

If you purchase, plant, and sow sin, sin is what you will reap!

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

Would you prefer a more joyful, God-directed life? If so, plant the right things in your life. Plant a God-approved spiritual crop!

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:8

The Crossroads

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The road stretched east, and the road stretched west. But the "Signboard" showed him which way was best. And the boy turned right and went on and on: He won the race and the victor's crown.

And came at last to the Mansions fair,

For choosing right at the crossroads there.

The Stone Inside

Continued from Page 4 Sunday school said if you say 'No' to Jesus you are going to get a stone inside. Oh, Daddy, I hope you haven't; for if you have, you can't be saved."

The father said angrily to the mother, "What have they been telling this child, any way?"

Then the mother explained a little more fully, and he saw tears in his wife's eyes and felt the arms of his little girl about his neck, and heard her saying, "Oh, Daddy, don't go on saving 'No' to Jesus."

He looked up and said. "Well. I think I had better settle this thing." He got down on his knees and yielded his life to Christ.

"I find the doing of the will of God, leaves me no time for disputing about His plans" — George MacDonald