

Eph-6:10

"Live in the joy of your —
strength — and not in the
shame of your weakness"

we are glad to see you young people here to-day and to know that you are making this to Church idea an annual affair

God forbid that I say anything to-day that would lead you wrong — our prayer and aim is to give you proper guidance

as I stand before you to-day I can see the strength that can be yours. I was once a boy 15, 16, and 17 years of age — I do not remember just when it was but some where along the road I have come I most likely passed those mile posts —

as far back as I can remember I saw pictures of angels and they were beautiful — they had wings — I do not remember any of my teen age friends or myself ever sprouting angel wings — my memory may serve me wrong but if I am not mistaken some of them sprouted horns — In fact

I had some cousins named Tom-

At times we were ventursome - the self wild hale - we would venture to swim at race to see who could beat across - one day one boy was missing and we found him under our feet -

Sometimes we would see whose horse could beat down to cross Reed's school house - Horse stumbles through ~~big~~ into bushes - Racing was dangerous in those days -

That ventur some spirit is usually found with teen agers in every generation - I just wonder if it has come down in your teen age boys who have auto - miles?

Facial expressions from some of you are saying to me that it is here as well as in my generation - and a publican can almost caricature the ventur some in some of teen agers now - one officer told me that some were racing back word - that reminds me of some of my Church members - they seem to be racing to see who can go backword the fastest in their Church -

I think I could say 4-day that we are not guilty of heraus crimes - not thieves - nor traitors - But some how in spite of our virtues we find ourselves at odds with our selves and others.

What then is the matter with us? Jesus talked about the real issues in men's lives and not ours they never committed. Maybe they had been saying "we never kill" we never commit adultery" we are guiltless - Jesus might have said "you are right no outward act has been committed but look deep into your selves and talk about the likenesses you want rub out -

"you have heard that it hath been said

1. thou shalt not commit adultery
2. " but I say love your enemy

a. what is it that keeps us from being the sort of men, women, boys & girls that we ought to ^{have} been?

we have likenesses and weaknesses we never shut or fenced in - sand hail at times of high water

b. what is it that keeps us from being the kind of person we wish we were?

that question is still on this side of hope - any thing that still remains

some folks want the preacher to say it is all right to this

on the other hand that does not mean to say

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Wrough our dreams may cross the
threshold of reality tomorrow

c. what is it that keeps us from being
the sort of persons we know we can
be - It is because we do not want to go
through the painful experience of
getting rid of our blemishes -

a man whose marriage went on
the rocks said, "I was not meant
for marriage - That's silly -

Every man is meant for that which
he can reach - whether it be hunter,
doctor, merchant or teacher

we speak of our weaknesses as flaws -
little things that do not amount to much

Flaws in cables wont hold the Maiden Hair Bridge
" " mathematical problems
" " an balance sheet
" " unimportant in precious stones

Suppose a flaw had been in Jesus - the
course of empires would have been changed



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It is usually little flaws that tear frame
apart - short patience and long resent-
ments -