FABLES FOR OUR TIME

II Tim. 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust, they will walk away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Some time ago I was talking to a friend concerning the teaching of some groups on demons. These groups teach that a man is a vessel and that a vessel with a number of pebbles or stones in the bottom can be filled to overflow but there are still stones in the bottom which must be removed. These are according to them areas of demonic activity which need exorcism. II Cor. 5:17 says "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." To me this means that if a person has given his life to Jesus Christ and has asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit everything has become new.

As I listened to the believer still has areas of demonic activity (stones or pebbles) that must be exercised. I remember Aesop's Fable of the Pitcher and the Crow. A crow ready to die with thirst seen with joy to a pitcher which he beheld at some distance. When he came he found water in it indeed but so near the bottom that with all his stooping and straining he was not able to reach it. He tried to overturn the pitcher but his strength was not sufficient. At last seeing some pebbles nearby he cast them one by one into the pitcher and raised the water to the brim and satisfied his thirst. What we cannot accomplish by force, we may by invention and industry." Here we see the idea that the vessel can be made to overflow if there are sufficient pebbles.

It seems to me that some of the teachings of these groups are taken from fables rather than from the Word of God. These same groups are teaching that we are to obey our "shepherds" even though we know they are wrong. This also applies to wives being submissive to husbands even though the husband may be unwise and insisting that the wife do something immoral or wrong, (See the many Aesop Fables concerning shepherds and sheep). It seems to me that the Charismatic movement has suddenly been invaded by the kind of prediction which St. Paul makes to Timothy in that the various members of the movement have been heaping unto themselves teachers because they have itching ears to hear things and eyes itching to see phenomena. Thus they have turned away from the Bible and its teachings and have turned unto fables. Some of the fables mentioned above indicate the kind of twisting of truth which certain self-appointed teachers have utilized to take away the great thrust of the move of the Holy Spirit in the preparation of God's people for his soon coming and to interest the Body of Christ in the building up of all private kingdoms based largely on carnality—not allowing the Holy Spirit to act on the spirits of men but basing their activities upon the sensual desires of carnal minds.

Finally a word about Mrs. Gerald Ford. Although I did not hear the telecast "60 Minutes" on which Mrs. Ford came out in favor of abortion and in general the recognition of pre-marital sex and the use of marijuana as a fact we have to live with, I am sure that much of this was a result of the clever interrogation of Wesley Safer who is an expert in dragging the kind of statement out of a person that he personally desires to do. Actually the telecast has done President Ford and his family and the nation a great deal of harm. Mrs. Ford and the President need our prayers and certainly Mrs. Ford needs to read the Word of God and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she would be able to discern truth from error just as any of us. Beyond this, the television industry needs to be removed from Satanic orientation, in which it is so obviously involved and subjected to the kind of moral censorship which at one time characterized the movies from Hollywood. Conservatism and vital Christianity gave President Nixon an overwhelming victory in the election three years ago. Although it was decimated by Watergate the strength of moral Christian America is still extremely vital. What we Christians need to do is stop following after fables, to get grounded in the Word of God, to support our local churches, to inject Christianity into our professions and our home lives as well as our politics. True believers of all faiths need to unite and to plunge forward into a great revival with a great shout of liberty for all people in 1976.

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We are praying that the Lord will stir up hearts and that the Holy Spirit will make the CCF family willing to give the Lord's offering to the on-going work of CCF and the Bethesda building project. With our building here filled to overflow we need more room. We envisage a building which will glorify the Holy Name of Jesus and the work of His Holy Spirit.

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MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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DAILY PRAYERS 1 PM IN THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION CHAPEL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

MONDAY - Every Monday - 6:30 AM. Men's Prayer Breakfast at CMF House. No reservations necessary. COME!!!

TUESDAY - Every Tuesday - 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. Bring a sandwich, please. Kay is now teaching Luke's Gospel. The Clinical Correlation of the Gospel by Dr. Reed at 1 PM. Healing Service at 2 PM.

WEDNESDAY - Sept. 3 - 11 AM. Kay Reed speaking to Calvary Episcopal Church Women, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla. Contact: Myrtle McClintic, 1-584-0635.

FRIDAY - Sept. 5 - 12 Noon. Dr. Reed at MacDill Air Force Base Chapel, Tampa, Fla. Contact: Chaplain B. G. Roberts, Jr., 830-3621.

THURSDAY - Sept. 11 - 8 PM. Dr. Reed will make a television appearance on the 700 Club of the Christian Broadcasting Network, Portsmouth, Va.

FRIDAY - Sept. 19 - 8 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings & Loan, 83rd Ave. at 9th St., St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - Sept. 20 - 8 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - Sept. 20 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

FRIDAY - Sept. 26 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings & Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call 305/647-4667, 445-2511, or 894-6150 and not First Federal Savings & Loan.

SATURDAY - Sept. 27 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity-by-The-Sea, North Grandview at Oak, Daytona Beach, Fla. Call Father David Dillon, Jr., 904/252-8997. Dr. Reed speaking.

OCTOBER 2-5, 1975 - Third Annual Physicians' Conference on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine - The Treatment of the Whole Person. At CMF Center and Host Airport Hotel, Tampa, Fla. All Physicians and wives are invited!!!!!!!

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SPECIAL NOTE: A dear friend wrote today and enclosed the following from her church bulletin: (The other morning I was reading in Exodus 35 about the people bringing their gifts for the building of the Tabernacle. In verse 21 we read, "And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his Spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the Tabernacle." (Continued on bottom of opposite side)}