

# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Let's think about the future. Only God knows exactly what each moment holds in our future, but look at the following scales and mark each of them where you believe it best describes your own outlook for the future:

## Your personal future?

Full of promise \_\_\_\_\_ Gloomy

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." — 2 Timothy 1:12

## God's Church?

Full of promise \_\_\_\_\_ Gloomy

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." — 1 Corinthians 2:9

## The World?

Full of promise \_\_\_\_\_ Gloomy

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him." — Psalm 37:37-40

The newspapers are filled with stories of crime, poverty, abuse, fires, earthquakes, wars, and other terrible things happening in our world, but God's Word tells us that "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

What does the Gospel offer to people for their future? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can a Christian do to give hope to people who think their future is bleak? \_\_\_\_\_

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Remember, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

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Heart



Tongue



Feet



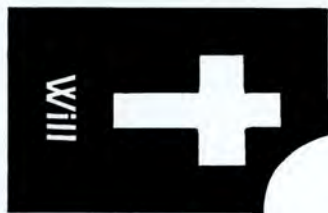
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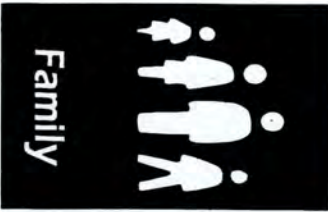
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Mind



Relationships



Family



Money



Time



Future



## "It's All Yours, Lord"

On December 13, 1918, in the state of Tennessee, a baby boy was born. When he was seventeen years old, he told his dad that he wanted to join the CCC. That stood for Civilian Conservation Corp. and was a type of service for our country. Within the week he had joined. He was stationed in Tennessee for two years and then moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

**HEART** While he was in Oregon, a minister (who had been holding church services for the CCC boys) made it possible for this young man to attend a church camp meeting in Forland. At that camp meeting, he gave his heart and life to Jesus.

**HANDS** During the next year he received his sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He truly desired to do for the Lord what his hands found to do. Among other things, at the next camp meeting he saw that he could help by unloading the grocery trucks at the camp with other Christian brothers.

**EYES** He was going to be out of the CCC in March of 1939, and he, along with his minister, prayed that he could get a job in Oregon rather than return to Tennessee. The prayer was answered and he stayed in Oregon.

**RELATIONSHIPS** He met many new people, and one family was especially kind to him. He and one of their sons became best of friends. And on December 14, 1940, one of their daughters became his wife. The Lord blessed them with three daughters. It wasn't always smooth sailing for them because they moved many times.

**TONGUE** When he was twenty-five years old, this young man was asked to preach his first sermon at a young peoples meeting. He was told to keep it a secret all week, and he was so nervous he lost five pounds! But he did it—he heard the call of God and answered willingly.

**MIND** His mind was on God's work. When he was asked to move his little family to Los Angeles, California, to help in the work there, he did it. There was no promise of a job, and for the first three weeks the family had to live in the only place available—the women's restroom of the church! But it was God's work and they knew He would care for them. In 1947, the family again moved to Forland, Oregon. In 1948, this young man was asked to be the pastor of our church in Dallas, Oregon. He was twenty-nine years old then and had already moved more times than most people do in a lifetime. But it was God's work, and when God said to go, this family was on their feet and moving. In 1949, he was sent to San Francisco, California, and then in 1952, he returned to Los Angeles to become the pastor there. In 1956, he was sent to Medford, Oregon, and was the pastor in that church for nine years. No matter if it was for a few months or for a few years, he considered his time to be God's time.

**FEET** He knew his future was in God's hands, and whatever God had for him to do, that was OK with him. The future held more than he had expected, because in 1965 he became the overseer of all the churches in the Apostolic Faith organization. He served God faithfully in that capacity, until his retirement in 1993. On March 10, 1996, this wonderful man stepped into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**TIME** Maybe you have guessed by now that this report has been about our beloved brother, Reverend Loyce Carver. Jesus was able to use Brother Carver, because he gave his ALL to Jesus.

**FUTURE** What does your future hold? What does God have for you? Give God ALL of your life, and discover the wonderful blessings He has in store for you.

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How much of yourself should you give to the work of the Lord? Check the right answer.

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