

## READING THE BIBLE

It is one thing to read the Bible through,  
And another to read to learn and do.  
Some read it as their "duty" once a week,  
But no instruction from the Bible seek.  
One reads to "bring himself into repute",  
By showing others how he can "dispute".  
Some read because their neighbors do,  
Others to time their reading it through.  
Some read it for the wonders there,  
Like, how David killed the lion and bear.  
While others read it with uncommon care,  
Hoping to find a contradiction there.  
One reads with father's specks on head,  
And finds the things as father said.  
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,  
Hence understand little of what they read.  
For every passage in the Book they bend,  
To make it suit their all-important end.  
So many in these latter days,  
Have read His words in different ways.  
And few can tell which way is best,  
For every "party" contradicts the rest.  
But read it prayerfully and you will see,  
Although men dispute, God's word agrees.  
For what the early prophets wrote,  
Christ and His church must quote.  
So trust no creed that trembles to recall,  
What was penned by God must be verified by all.  
...Author unknown

I read once about a man who was trying to find out how little food his horse could get by on. The experiment failed because, just when he had taught the poor beast to get by on one straw a day the ungrateful thing died. AND SO WILL YOUR SOUL ON THE POOR DIET YOU SOMETIMES GIVE IT. It's your soul and it's your responsibility to assure it has a good nourishing diet of God's word, that by which a man lives (Matt. 4:4).

## I'M A GAMBLER

I'm a gambler. Oh, not the kind that frequents places behind doors in some secluded spot. Nor, do I "Play the ponies" or bet on sporting games. You see, I gamble with my soul as the stake. I'm betting that I can live a life of indifference, a life of neglect of those things that are of the Lord, and still receive His blessings.

I'm gambling with the souls of my children as the stake as well. Although I neither live righteously nor influence them toward unrighteousness, I'm betting their souls on the hope that they will have wisdom to guide their own lives unto the Lord.

I'm betting that I can remain indifferent to Christ's teachings, that I can fail to attend services regularly, fail to give as prospered, fail to even try to lead others to eternal salvation and that God will still bless me eternally. I'm betting I can still have a nonchalant attitude toward the lost, and still please God.

Yes, I'm a gambler, the most reckless type. I'M A LUKEWARM CHRISTIAN!

...Many

## FOR SALE

--One cross. Nearly new. I cannot carry it and keep up with the world and it's crowd.

--One talent. New, except slightly shelf-worn. It has been laid away for years in a napkin.

--One five-piece Armor. All pieces are in good shape; only needs polishing.

--One bundle of Christian opportunities. Contained in this bundle is one of the greatest opportunities in the world, and this is attending the services of the church each week. Another is the opportunity of being a soul sinner. I seldom use these opportunities, so I have decided to let them go for sale.

--One badly-used Christian influence. Buyer may be able to repair this influence if carefully handled.

The above mentioned articles are stored in the basement of my home, located on the corner of Careless Avenue and Neglect Street.

Signed,

A. Lotta Christians