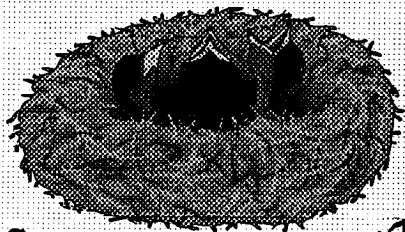
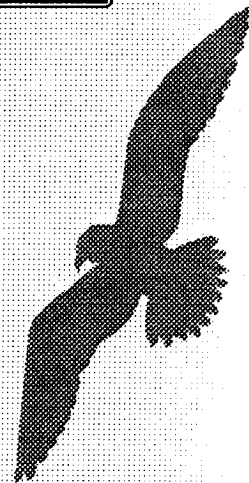


*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



AERY NUGGETS

GUIDE ME, OH LORD

Show me, oh Lord, Thy way,
For mine is black as night___
And sin looms all along my way___
I tremble at the sight.
Instead of only evil things,
Thyself I fain would see.
Thou hast shown other men the way___
Show me, oh Lord, show me.

Lead me, oh Lord, this day,
For I am blind, and lame___
I need Thy strong, supporting hand
To lead this stumbling frame.
Instead of pathways full of holes,
Thy road I want to see.
Thou hast, oh Lord, led other men___
Lead me, my God lead me.

Keep me, oh blessed Lord,
From all temptation strong.
Keep me within Thy sheltering arms,
Out of the reach of wrong.
Instead of kin to lust and greed,
Thine own I fain would be
Thou dost, each day, keep other men___
Keep me, dear Lord, keep me.

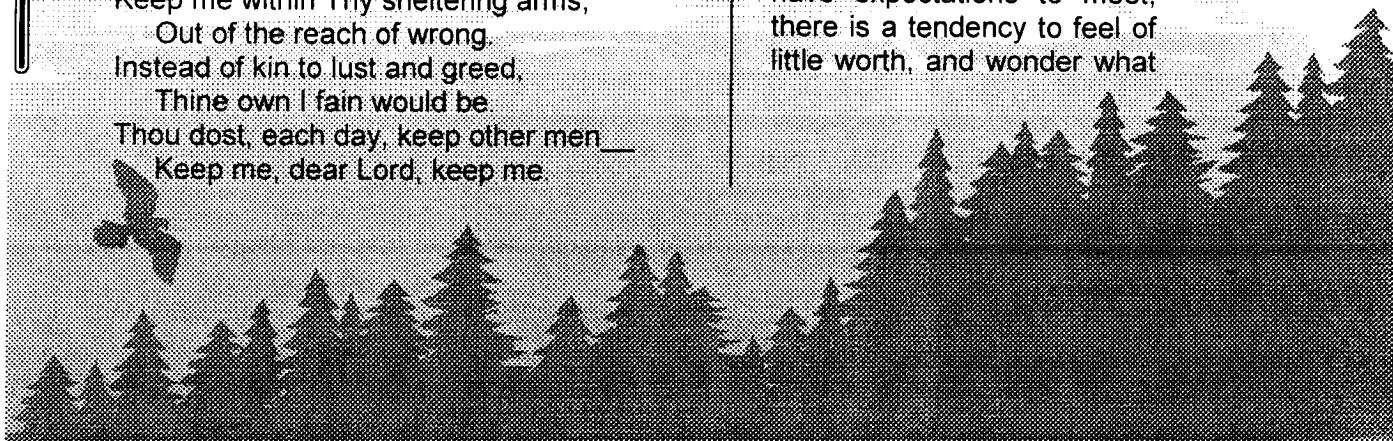
Enfolded in Thine arms___
Surrounded by Thy love___
Kept 'neath the shadow of Thy wings,
I long to dwell above.
Show me, oh Lord, Thy will.
Lead me in ways aright.
Keep me, dear Father, for thyself,
To walk in holy light.

—Muriel Anderson

Dear Aimless One,

It has occurred to me lately how much of our lives are directed by the expectations of others. First, childhood training by parents, followed by school years, and then perhaps fifty years of answering to the directions of our employers.. Finally for many, except for homemakers, comes retirement, when we are somewhat free to do as we choose, only what shall we choose?

Responsibility tends to invest us with a sense of being of value, and so when we lay aside our work-harness for the last time and don't have expectations to meet, there is a tendency to feel of little worth, and wonder what



there is left in life to accomplish.

One doesn't have to be old and retired to wonder what there is of value they can do. I am reminded of a young man, who after receiving a quality education from a renowned teacher, got caught up with a bunch of extremists, and in pursuing their course temporarily lost his eyesight. Through his humbling experience he was led to cry out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). And so, for the next approximately 33 years, until the time of his departure from this scene, the life of the apostle Paul bore witness to what the Lord would have him do.

How about my reader? Have you responded to the Lord Jesus' invitation, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me" (Matt. 11:29). In learning of Him, and His loving death for us, we also learn about ourselves, how, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom., 3:23), but also how we can become, "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Being inducted into the Lord's workforce, exposes future workman to His training. One accomplishment to be carried out in Paul's life of service is seen in the Lord's words, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). Not only do we learn obedience by the things we suffer, as mentioned of the Lord, Hebrews 5:8, though He was not a disobedient Son. But **our** example in suffering can be an example of the keeping power of the Lord to those who observe us (and they are out there).

When we first think of serving the Lord we might start to evaluate our material abilities and say, "I can't preach, or be a missionary, or write gospel tracts or the like". In writing to ordinary servants, who could very well have been slaves, Paul told them to glorify the tasks they performed when he said, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23). What a motive when washing dishes, mowing a lawn, or holding the door for someone handicapped.

God's call to Moses to be the leader of the children of Israel in bringing them out of the land of Egypt was met with objections and excuses, but God assured him, "Certainly I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12). The wisdom and stamina for the ensuing 40 years camp-out and all the problems that accompanied it were more than Moses could handle himself, but God was with him.

When the Lord Jesus wanted to enlist the help of a few good men, He didn't go to the local Synagogue or Sanhedrin, but went down by the sea shore and called unlearned fishermen to lay down their nets with the words, "Come ye after me, and I

will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:41). The effectiveness of the Lord's help is reflected on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached, "and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

In unbelief some men asked Jesus, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God", and he replied, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:28,29). God only uses family members to send on His bidding.

Once His, how do we know what He might want us to do? Actually, all we do should be for Him, but so often we lose sight of that fact; but God promises to do the same as you do with an attentive server in a restaurant. His Word declares, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: **I will guide thee with mine eyes**" (Psalm 32:8).

Each believer, who has accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and it is through Him that the Lord can impress us with the sense of His pleasure or displeasure with our actions, much as we would do with our eyes.

Jeremiah must have felt like we do many times, for he made this startling discovery, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man to direct his steps" (10:23).

The Psalmist expressed his insufficiency too in the request, "Order my steps in thy word" (119:133). Besides invoking the Lord's help, the writer of these words indicates another means of determining God's direction -- by His Word.

It has been my aim in the preceding words to pass on the thought that whatever our present life situation, in school, at work, in homemaking, retirement, or as a resident of an assisted living facility, the very way we live our lives, even above what we say, can be a work for, as well as of the Lord. "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12).

As formless clay gives honor to its potter when shaped into a beautiful and intricately formed vessel, so we by our lives when yielded to the Lord can manifest His glory and greatness. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

Under His guidance,

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