

## **I Lean That Way**

**By Austin Mobley**

"I'm not a member of the church of Christ, but I lean that way," a man told me some time ago. In reply I told him that it isn't enough to lean toward the Lord. It's whether we bend ourselves to do His work that counts, and quoted Matthew 7:24 - "Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." While it's true that many people do lean toward the church, it is also true that they will have to do more than just lean to be saved. However, the chief problem with leaners does not come from these, but from those on the inside leaning out! Some people who are members of the church, lean toward the world. They say they love the Lord's kingdom, but they lean toward the devil. Then, too, there are those who just lean on others. When there is work to be done, they lean on others to do it, refusing to bear their own burden. When the preacher touches upon their favorite sin, they lean aside and let the message pass to some other fellow. One elderly black preacher remarked that the fact that so many are leaning is what makes many churches topple over and fall. Any congregation in which only half the members are working is bound to have the other half leaning. Either we're bearing our share of the load, or we are resting our burden on others. Which are you? A leaner, or a worker? If you're not a worker, you're a leaner. One thing is certain. No one ever had a lien on everlasting life who had an everlasting lean of life!

### **Love the Child; Hate the Dirt**

Two men walking down the street saw a child who was dirty. One man says, "Look at that child... I believe her mother doesn't love her." The other man replied, "Oh, her mother probably loves her a lot; she just doesn't hate dirt. You on the other hand hate the dirt, but you don't love the child enough to do anything about it. Until a person is found who both hates the dirt and loves the child, she will remain in this condition."

The world is full of lost souls needing the cleansing power of the Gospel. Some professed Christians love the sinners but do not hate the sins enough to do anything about it. Many Christians hate the sins but do not love the sinners enough to do anything about it. Until a Christian comes along who loves the sinner and hates the sin, the lost will remain lost. Pity... so will the first two types of Christians.

### **Beauty Aids**

A dear old lady was asked what she used to make her complexion so beautiful and her whole being so bright and attractive. She answered:

"I use for my lips, truth;  
I use for my voice, kindness;  
I use for my eyes, compassion;  
I use for my hands, charity;  
I use for my figure, uprightness;  
I use for my heart, love;  
I use for any who do not like me, prayer."

### **Brilliance Without Wisdom**

"We have too many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved

brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living." (General Omar Bradley, Armistice Day Speech, 1948)

**Yes, Jesus Loves Me**  
(But He Can't Stand You)  
(As sung by the self-righteous)  
By John Hendrix

Jesus loves me of this I'm sure  
Because I'm so nice and true and pure,  
Don't you just wish you were like me too?  
Yes, Jesus loves me, but He can't stand you.

You don't measure up--in my mind--to me,  
Because you aren't near as good as I try to be,  
And your sins are many while mine are few.  
So Jesus loves me, but He can't stand you.

I know a lot more than you ever could,  
Because you don't study like I think you should.  
You ought to ask me what you need to do.  
Because Jesus loves me, but He can't stand you.

I give more, pray more, and sing louder too.  
If you asked me right out I'd tell you it's true  
I don't even like to sit on your pew.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, but He can't stand you.

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells  
His blood on the cross for me avails,  
But you--not a chance! I thought you knew,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, but He can't stand you.  
Luke 18:9-14

**A Moments Wisdom**

- A crooked stick will have a crooked shadow.
- You can tell what a man is by what he does when he hasn't anything to do.
- Charity sees the need, not the cause.
- He who would purposely cheat a man would also cheat his God.
- Steady cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom.
- He who takes a child by the hand, takes a mother by the heart.
- To compare is not to prove.
- There is a difference between one who does not misdeeds because of his conscience and one who is kept from wrongdoing by the presence of others.
- Help thy brother's boat across, and Lo! thine own has reached the shore also.
- The pleasure of what we enjoy is lost by coveting more.
- He who spares the guilty threatens the innocent.
- If you stop every time a dog barks, your journey will never end.

- Most knocking is done by people who don't know how to ring the bell.
- Find a cruel man and you will see a coward.
- Every time you lend money to a friend, you run the risk of damaging his memory.
- No one can be caught in places he does not visit.
- The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what they deserve.