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Welcome to the eighth issue of the Christian Chronicle! May it be a blessing to you.

This issue deals with something that probably every girl faces: infatuation. It is seen by the world—and even by some Christians—as a harmless, normal fancy of youth girls. It's not. Giving in to infatuation is wrong! We are to give God our whole heart. To place our heart's fleeting affections on some guy is a dangerous folly! It's not worth it—it has consequences.

I hope that this issue's articles and interview are as helpful in your life as they were in mine!

Included with this issue is a [small sheet of tests](#) to put everything under. I put mine on my wall, and every time I question something, I can look at it and at the Scriptures to see if it is acceptable. I hope the list is helpful to you as well. ♥

-Karissa

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Beautiful Girlhood

(From Mabel Hale's Beautiful Girlhood: A Timeless Guide for Christian Adolescence)

"Boyfriends" Mabel Hale

*Discretion shall preserve thee,
understanding shall keep thee.*

It is a strange experience in the life of any girl when she begins to realize that there is a difference in the way she feels toward boys and girls. While she enjoys being with her girl friends, yet there is a peculiar enjoyment and exhilaration in the company that includes a few boys. When she was but ten she could be her happiest with never a boy about, and if they did come and wished to join in her play with the girls, she felt angry about it. She said they were always teasing and tormenting, and the girls were better off with the boys away. Now, since she is in her teens, the addition of a boy or two make the company much more lively.

All through her teens, the girl's friendship with the boys should be frank and open, with nothing in it lover-like. This age is the "gang" age, and boys and girls like to run together in "bunches." Parties and picnics are much enjoyed, and the girl's home

seems often to fairly ring with the good times she and her friends have.

These "good times" are all right if they are always carried on with some older person present. The parties and picnics, the hikes and hayrides should all include one or more persons who are older, and under whose charge the younger ones are. And it is better is a girl's own mother or father is always along. "Good times" that are spoiled by proper chaperoning are to be condemned always. I know sometimes it seems as though parents think their children will never grow up and keep looking after them till they are entirely through their teens, but in every case it is all the better for the young people.

It is right that the girl should have opportunity for this pleasant social life, and parents will give them the opportunity as far as they are able.

In these friendships that thus spring up between boys and girls, there should be nothing personal, but they should be just common to all. When the boy and girl in their teens begin to speak of each other and to act toward each other as if they were sweethearts, then friendship has given place to something that is very foolish and very dangerous. At that age neither of them has been wakened in the affection long enough to understand what they are about. True love does not begin that way; the feelings they have for each other are immature. Fruit that is immature we call green, and the same expression can rightly be given to young people who give way to this early, immature love. It is never beautiful, but always offensive and silly. Do not be guilty.

But if a girl can have a jolly, frank friendship with her boy acquaintances, and yet keep herself from forming any silly attachments, then she will have a chance to know boys as they are. She can see their faults and virtues in their true light. She can notice the difference between the boys who smoke and those who do not, between those who are coarse and vulgar in their speech and manners and those who are pure and clean, between those who respect women and girls and always treat them with deference and those who do not, and seeing these differences she can form her ideals of manhood and nobility.

Girls have more influence with boys than often they realize. A boy who is rough and rowdy in the presence of one girl will be gentlemanly when with another girl, all because of the girl. If she is "loud" and boisterous, and will laugh at his silly and offensive remarks, he will act on that level; but when he is with a girl who never smiles at that which is rude and vulgar, who is always quiet and modest in her way, he will act as he knows pleases her. He may seem to have the better time with the first girl, but he respects the other girl more. No girl is doing herself justice if she allows the boys any familiarities with her. She can so conduct herself that they will not be taking liberties. Girls should not scuffle with the boys, nor allow them to put their arms about them, to kiss them, nor to hold hands in a silly, sentimental way. Kissing games are foolish and harmful. It is not the proper thing for girls to be seeking, nor to be ready to receive, compliments from the boys. Be reserved and careful, and though you do not seem to be so popular as the forward, giddy girl who is always "cutting up" with the boys, you will have the respect of the best boys and young men, and she will not.

If girls could always wait till they are eighteen or twenty before they have

steady company, or allow themselves to have a real sweetheart, they could choose much better, and would often save themselves from doing foolish and silly things.

It is not best for a girl to seek to be what is sometimes called "a good pal" with the boys, being interested most in boys' games and doings. Men and boys expect women and girls to be different from themselves, and when they find one who is always aping their ways and manners and acting as if trying to be one of them, it cheapens that girl and her femininity in the boys' eyes. We do not like the "sissy" boy nor the "womanish" man, nor do they want us to act "mannish." A girl can be a good friend and an interested comrade with her brother and his boy friends without in the least making herself "common." ♥

"Waking of the Love-Nature"

Mabel Hale

Love is of God.

Every real woman loves. Her first love is that of the little child for its mother. Once, to lie in her mother's arms and to look up into the dear face filled all her little heart. After a while she was conscious of her father and her brothers and sisters, and gradually they began to fill a large place in her affections. By and by, her widening circle of love took in her little friends, and older people who were kind to her, until at last the schoolgirl of ten or twelve, if her childhood had been what it should have been, stood at the door of beautiful girlhood with a wealth of love in her own heart, and with just as bountiful a measure of love bestowed upon her by others.

It is at this time that another love-nature begins to waken, something the little girl has heard about, but never has felt before. The cause of this awakening lies in the changes that are taking place in her body. Organs that have been asleep all these years begin now to rouse from their stupor and to stir into

growth and action, her whole body grows very rapidly and takes on a new form, and new feelings and emotions thrill her very soul.

This change in the body is so rapid, and it affects the disposition so greatly, that the girl gets all out of harmony with herself. It is as if she should come home some evening, to the very house where she had been living all the time, and, going in, should find the rugs and curtains all changed and considerable new furniture sitting about, but nobody present to tell her what it all meant.

How bewildered she would feel as she stood for a while trying to understand, and how awkward and confused she would feel. At such a time she would very likely call out for her mother, that she might understand the changes that had taken place in the home.

Just so it is with the girl of twelve or thirteen. It is her same body, and she is herself, but for reasons that she cannot fathom, everything seems different. New feelings and emotions have come into her heart like new furniture while her love for her dolls and many childlike games seem to have been set back out of the way. If the girl at this time will call out to her mother for explanation and guidance, she will get along all right, but some girls turn resolutely from their mother just now when they need her most and get themselves into tangles that almost spoil their young lives.

One of the strongest new emotions that come to furnish this house the girl is to live in is her new love-nature. By this nature I mean that affection which comes between boys and girls, and which is meant in time to prepare them to properly chose a companion for life. The effects of this awakening are peculiar. The boy becomes bashful and painfully self-conscious. He feels awkward and ill at ease and has a great dread of strangers, especially if they are women or girls, keeping himself out of sight at such times as much as possible.

The girl, on the other hand, is liable to be more bold, and you will see her, if she is not properly guided by a wise mother, doing many things that are bold and daring. She dresses her hair in new and extravagant ways, is very particular about her dress, and studies her face to make it as beautiful as possible, all that she may be attractive and pleasing. Often she is unconscious that her attitude toward the boys has anything to do with her extreme care as to appearance, but it has a great deal to do with it. Her new nature is waking.

This new love-nature wants someone to love and is soon reaching out to find that one; but it is not wise to allow it to have its own way, or the purpose of God will be frustrated. This nature is intended to assist in the choice of a lifemate when the girl has grown older. Now it should be guarded carefully and allowed to grow and develop until the girl is capable of loving in a true, womanly manner. It is impossible to understandingly choose for life while yet in extreme youth, and those who are wise wait till they are older.

If girls allow themselves to fancy they are in love when they are yet very young, they will form extreme attachments, imagining they are desperately in love, only to have this passion pass away to give place to a new fancy. Thus in a few years the store of love that should have been saved till the good time when they should have a husband and home is frittered away on this one and that, and they are left almost without ability to love.

This new nature that is waking should be thought of as a beautiful plant given of God to be protected and cherished till it has become large and strong. If you had a delicate houseplant that was meant to be handled carefully and kept from the wind and heat, would you not be foolish to carry it out with you exhibiting it to everyone you met, letting it feel the hot sun, the sharp wind, and even the bitter cold? Your

plant would either soon die entirely or be stunted and never become perfect in beauty. So it is with this new nature within you. If it is kept carefully as a sacred trust, it will grow into strong, warm affection that will be a rich store of joy and happiness for you by and by, but if brought out now and allowed to go to this one and that one, it will wear itself away and lose its warmth and ardor.

Mary Wells often thought that her life was made hard because she was not allowed to go into young company as Bessie Wilson did. They were about the same age, neither of the girls being yet sixteen. Mary was treated as a little girl in that she seldom was allowed out at night, never "went with the boys," was kept regularly in school, and was referred to as Mr. Wells's little daughter. Bessie, on the other hand, dressed like a young woman, was often out to parties and theaters, had a sweetheart, and passed among the older girls as one of them. In school Mary was ahead of Bessie, who was just ready to quit because she was "tired of school" and had so little time for it.

"Papa," said Mary one day, "I am as old as Bessie Wilson, I am in a higher class in school, and I am as tall as she is, yet I may never do the things she does, but have to look and act like a child. When are you going to let me grow up?"

"Mary, do you remember that lily that blossomed here in the window so early this spring?"

"Yes, but it is dead now. It seemed to give its whole strength to make that one blossom. It looked pretty then, but really those which blossomed at the right time were prettier," said Mary.

"That is just what I wanted you to remember. That lily was pretty, but it was forced along too fast, blossomed before its time, and died. That is the way with many girls. They blossom before their time. I want my daughter to come to her full, mature beauty."

"Do you mean that Bessie is blossoming too young?" asked Mary.

"When you come to the fullness of your youth, when you are like a rose in full bloom, poor Bessie will already be fading."

Mary said no more, but she watched, and her father's prophecy was true. When Mary came to the full beauty of her young womanhood, Bessie was already a disappointed young wife, with her health gone.

Girls who are guided properly through the age of first love are more strictly guarded by their parents than in their childhood, and are reserved and careful. It is not always easy for a girl to submit to the advice of Father and Mother, to keep out of the social whirl, to remain a 'little' girl, to dress modestly and act as quietly as she should, but every girl who will bring herself into obedience now will have much to be thankful for in coming years. At no time in a girl's life does she need her mother's oversight as much as in those years when the love-nature is waking.

A girl should not go out alone with boy company, nor should she be one of a crowd of boys and girls out at night or off on a long hike or hayride unless they are properly chaperoned. All these safeguards about a girl are like a wall of protection to her.

"You act as though you cannot trust me," said on girl because her mother insisted that during these years she should be carefully guarded.

"I do trust you, Daughter, but I would not have you placed in a position in which I could not personally vouch for your conduct if any question should come up. You are not yet old enough to be safe in relying wholly on your own judgment."

Generally when a girl has passed her sixteenth birthday she begins to see things more clearly, is not so broken up in her nature, and possible begins to understand what a blessing her

mother's care has been to her. If she is a girl of ordinarily good judgment, she will in another year or two begin to look at things from the standpoint of a young woman, not with the excited eyes of a child. ♥

Bible Challenge

THE WHOLE HEART

The LORD looketh on the heart¹...Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart²...Serve Him with a perfect heart³...And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD⁴...For God maketh my heart soft⁵...Thou hast put gladness in my heart⁶...I will praise Thee, O LORD, with my whole heart⁷...Thou hast proved mine heart⁸...Let the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight⁹...My heart shall not fear¹⁰...He knoweth the secrets of the heart¹¹...Create in me a clean heart, O God¹²...A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise¹³...I will praise the LORD with my whole heart¹⁴...Blessed are they that seek Him with the whole heart¹⁵...With my whole heart have I sought Thee¹⁶...Thy word have I hid in mine heart¹⁷...I shall observe [Thy law] with my whole heart¹⁸...Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies¹⁹...I intreated Thy favor with my whole heart²⁰...I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart²¹...Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes²²...[Thy testimonies] are the rejoicing of my heart²³...I have inclined mine heart to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end²⁴...I cried with my whole heart²⁵...My heart standeth in awe of Thy word²⁶...Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life²⁷...Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD²⁸...For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he²⁹...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine³⁰...My son, give me thine heart³¹...A wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment³²...O LORD that triest the reins and the heart³³...The heart is deceitful above all things, and

desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart³⁴...And I will give them an heart to know me, for they shall return unto me with their whole heart³⁵...And I will give them one heart³⁶...Make you a new heart³⁷...And rend your heart, and turn unto the LORD your God³⁸...Blessed are the pure in heart³⁹...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also⁴⁰...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh⁴¹...Their heart is far from Me⁴²...And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart⁴³...Let not your heart be troubled⁴⁴...For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness⁴⁵...That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith⁴⁶...Making melody in your heart to the Lord⁴⁷...And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts⁴⁸...In singleness of heart, fearing God⁴⁹...And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God⁵⁰...Let us draw near with a true heart, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience⁵¹.

¹I Sam. 16:7 ²1 Kings 3:9 ³1 Chr. 28:9 ⁴II Chr. 17:6 ⁵Job 23:16 ⁶Ps. 4:7 ⁷Ps. 9:1 ⁸Ps. 17:3 ⁹Ps. 19:14 ¹⁰Ps. 27:3 ¹¹Ps. 44:21 ¹²Ps. 51:10 ¹³Ps. 51:17 ¹⁴Ps. 111:1 ¹⁵Ps. 119:2 ¹⁶10 ¹⁷11 ¹⁸34 ¹⁹36 ²⁰58 ²¹69 ²²80 ²³111 ²⁴112 ²⁵145 ²⁶161 ²⁷Prov. 4:23 ²⁸Prov. 16:5 ²⁹Prov. 23:7 ³⁰Prov. 17:22 ³¹Prov. 23:26 ³²Eccl. 8:5 ³³Jer. 11:20 ³⁴Jer. 17:9,10 ³⁵Jer. 24:7 ³⁶Ezek. 11:19 ³⁷Ezek. 18:31 ³⁸Joel 2:13 ³⁹Matt. 5:8 ⁴⁰Matt. 6:21 ⁴¹Matt. 12:34 ⁴²Matt. 15:8 ⁴³Mark 12:30 ⁴⁴John 14:1 ⁴⁵Rom. 10:10 ⁴⁶Eph. 3:17 ⁴⁷Eph. 5:19 ⁴⁸Phil. 4:7 ⁴⁹Col. 3:22 ⁵⁰II Thess. 3:5 ⁵¹Heb. 10:22 ♥

Featured Articles

Desire: Frustration or Fulfillment?

Lisa Bode

She is fourteen years old. She is at the airport. She came here with the rest of her family to pick up her dad from his business trip. As she waits, she notices a young woman across the hallway. Stylish. Smiling. Confident. Just a few years older than she is.

Her brothers and sisters start to yell that they "see Dad", and she looks up. But she doesn't see her dad. She sees

the guy walking behind him. Wow. He is attractive. Young. Tall.

He walks over to the stylish young woman, as if drawn by a magnet. They beam at each other. They embrace. They walk away, still beaming, holding hands, both talking at once.

She comes to. Her dad just said hello, and would she hold her little brother's hand so he doesn't get lost? Her family clamors around her, and they move toward the exit.

All she feels is – ouch. Overwhelming desire consumes her. This couple, so happy, so young...So many others like them, flitting through the airports and shopping malls of the world...So many songs and stories and pictures, all forming a tantalizing symbol of what she longs to have, but can't. Like a chocolate bar dangling just out of reach.

Craving desire fills her, and she doesn't know what to do with it. She is only fourteen; this is ridiculous; she is far too young – no, that doesn't help. The scolding thoughts don't take away the sudden ache of want.

Only a few years ago, "no boys allowed" was the rule when she played with her friends. Just a few months ago, in the excitement of high school beginning and ambition blossoming, she wanted to stay single forever. Or at least for a long time.

And that still seems sensible – but what to do with these feelings? How to handle this desire, this growing, gnawing want?

Are you this girl? Maybe you are a little younger, but you still know these feelings. Maybe you are far past fourteen, but realizing that since its awakening, your desire has only grown.

Maybe you are infatuated – the guy across the aisle at church or in class, who fills your dreams, whose only fault is that he doesn't appreciate your existence. Or maybe there isn't anyone, yet you're fingering the idea, fantasizing, wishing, wanting.

Either way, you have a problem. It can be kind of an embarrassing problem to share with other people, yet it can consume your life.

You have a desire. And it's not being fulfilled. And that can hurt.

Your feelings are crying out for love, romance, attention, and your mind is telling you that right now – and maybe for the next several years – it's impossible. Maybe you're too young. Maybe you haven't met the right one. Maybe you're called to single ministry right now.

But maybe you are fighting those facts. Has your desire grown so strong, seemed so unbearable, that you want to jump out of God's will and seek fulfillment on your own? Are you considering throwing away your standards and recklessly pursuing romance, in the hope that then you will be perfectly happy?

Girls, it would be very wrong, and you know that in your heart. It would also be incredibly dangerous. And you wouldn't be happy for long. Your pursuit would end not in ultimate fulfillment, but in destruction and desolation. The chocolate may be dangling just out of reach, but when you jump across the boundaries of right and wrong in order to get it, you find out that it's poisoned. Sin does not satisfy. It leaves you badly hurt. Very badly hurt. Don't do it.

Okay, you won't do that. You'll wait for God's plan; you'll stay in His will. You'll follow your family out of the airport and go home and do the dishes and complete another lesson of algebra. But you still have this desire, unfulfilled. Back to square one. Problem identified, solution needed.

Why does God do this to us? It seems so unfair. He created romance; this was His idea; and here we are dealing with feelings that cannot currently be gratified. You would think it would be easier if we never wanted friendship until the day we met someone, if we

never wanted romance until the day it blossomed, if we never wanted marriage until the day we wed. Before that day we could be so focused, so happy.

But we know that's not how life is. We desire before, sometimes long before, the fulfillment. Usually we do not live 24/7 continually crushed by secret longing. But all of us would probably acknowledge that those moments do come, when desire rushes in like a runaway train and our only coherent response is – ouch.

Why does God do this to us?

Why does He give desire without fulfillment?

Because of His great love.

Listen very closely. Are you infatuated? Are you dreaming? Are you wanting?

Your natural desire for love and romance is not wrong. It can lead to great wrong, and the devil would steer you in that direction, but your desire in itself is not wrong.

Your infatuation is your opportunity. Your desire can become your journey to a deep and beautiful friendship with the Lord of the universe.

What the devil would turn to impure rebellion, or discontent frustration, God would transform into sweet satisfaction.

That is why He allows the desire before the fulfillment. Because ultimately, we can only be fulfilled in God and God alone. Our desire should propel us to seek Him.

Maybe you met someone who turned your world upside down, yet never noticed you. Or maybe you woke up this morning with that ache again of longing unfulfilled. What do you do?

This is the message God has built in my life. In reading and applying it, I pray that we would find together the fulfillment of desire.

Pour out your heart to God. Jesus became a human being – fully God and fully man. He understands how you

feel! He is longing for you to stop keeping your feelings to yourself and to pour them out to Him. "...Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." – Psalm 62:8.

This means that if you're busy, you must make the time in your schedule to push everything else aside and talk to God and listen to Him. This means if you've been staring out the window blinking dreamily and humming romantic music, you need to get down on your knees and open your Bible! Communicate with God! He will not force His solution on you, but He's right there waiting for you to reach up to Him.

You know that need you have sometimes to just spill to someone? Spill to God! "Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee." – Psalm 38:9. Rest in the knowledge that He knows, that He cares, that He loves you. He doesn't think you're silly or ridiculous. He won't reject you. So tell Him all about it.

Desire reveals to us our weakness, our need, our distraction. We can't hide that from God; we can't pretend we're strong and awesome and doing okay when in reality we feel like our lives are giving way. We must come to God in our weakness and honestly share with Him our need, and He will meet us there in a very special way.

Give God all your heart. You must make the conscious choice to give God all your heart, not to give pieces of it away to different guys you know, not to imagine falling in love with your mental image of Prince Charming, but to willingly kneel down and to say with all that is in you, "God, here is my heart."

With your heart you are giving to God your affections, your feelings, your future, your every relationship, your entire life. You are taking what is most precious, most important to you, and laying it on the altar.

“My [daughter], give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.” – Proverbs 23:26.

Have you heard of the concept of guarding your heart? “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” – Proverbs 4:23. Where is your heart more protected, more guarded, than in God’s safekeeping? If you give Him your heart, He will take care of it, and satisfy it, and protect it from others’ misguided designs and from your own fumbling plans.

Giving your heart to God is a continual process. It means that you daily choose to love God with your affections first and foremost. “...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...” – Luke 10:27a.

It means that you accept whatever He says “yes” to, and leave behind those things to which He says “no”. It means that you make sure everything coming in or going out of your heart, every influence and decision and relationship, is okay with Him.

What is keeping you from giving your heart to God? Are you afraid He will smash it to bits? Are you afraid He’ll burn to ashes what you lay on the altar? Are you afraid to take your hands off the most precious things of life, afraid that if you ask God to handle the details, He’ll handle them the wrong way? Are you afraid to trust Him?

We fear desolation, and we long for our own happiness. So carefully contrast these two verses:

“Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God....” – Hosea 13:16.

“...none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.” – Psalm 34:22.

Rebellion will lead to desolation; trust will not! Giving your heart to God is the best way to guarantee its joy.

Choose to be satisfied in God. God is the only One who can satisfy you. No one else can even come close. “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth

the hungry soul with goodness.” – Psalm 107:9.

If your dream Prince Charming would appear today and fall madly in love with you, you would find that he couldn’t satisfy your deepest desires. Your heart would still cry out for more, for God, for a deep, abiding friendship with Him.

Romance was never meant to be our ultimate fulfillment. If God brings it into your life, it will be simply one more aspect of your life calling, and you will have one more sinner to love.

Girls, this means that you’ve already met the greatest Love of your life, and you already have all you need to be completely fulfilled!

Do you believe that? It is true.

The way to find out that it is true is to try it. Choose to seek God. Read His Word. Ask for the grace to desire Him first. Decide that you will be satisfied in Him.

Give yourself this test. You pick – which would you like? Circle the letter of your choice.

A) God

B) Your Prince Charming, real or imaginary

Choose God! Let your dream guy go! Choosing God does not necessarily mean that you will never experience romance. But it does mean that you will experience God’s best for you, and that may very well include romance in God’s time, God’s way, with God’s choice.

When you feel hungry with desire, when your longing becomes a gnawing ache, find satisfaction in God! He fashioned you for a purpose and created you with an idea. He is writing a beautiful story for your life. Only He can make you who you should be.

He determines your personal value not by how many guys like you. He set your value at the life of His Son, and He loves you with an everlasting love and sees you as a precious jewel.

Psalms 62 and 63 give deep insight to the one who is desiring. “My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation...In God is my salvation and my glory...” – Psalm 62:5-7

“...My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee, in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is...My soul shall be satisfied...” – Psalm 63:1,5.

Rejoice in God’s gift for today. Today are you married? Rejoice! Are you single? Rejoice! Are you about to go on a fun outing with friends? Rejoice! Do you face a long, lonely day of work? Rejoice!

Do you get the idea? Rejoice – not in denial of tough reality, but in faith that God loves you so much, that He knows what is best for you, that His way really is perfect, that as you walk uprightly He won’t withhold from you any good thing (see Psalm 84:11). Today, if you are walking in His will, He will not withhold from you any good thing!

So stick with Him through thick and thin, and rejoice in whatever He gives. (Is there anyone else you would rather follow? Another way you would choose? Ever feel like the disciples? “...Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.” – John 6:68.)

Every day God gives you a perfect gift of this day. God’s best for you may mean that you stay single your whole life – or maybe just for the next ten months, or the next ten years. (What’s that you said? “Ten years! I’m dying!”) God is not going to give you grace for the next ten years today. But today God will give you grace to rejoice in today. Tomorrow God will give grace for tomorrow. So claim God’s grace and rejoice in His gift for today!

This is my application of Lamentations 3:21-25. (Look up the actual verses and study them as well.)

“Today I choose to think on this; therefore I do have hope. Today the

Lord's lovingkindnesses will never cease. Today His compassions will never fail. They are new this morning. Great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion. [I choose God, remember?] Therefore I have hope in Him. He is good to me when I wait for Him, when I seek Him today."

Are you following your family out of the airport and leaving a beautiful happy couple behind? That can be tough. But remember the God you're following. And make the choice to rejoice.

Do not let feelings rule! We've already determined that we have romantic feelings, and that these feelings are not wrong. However, we can – and we must – keep these feelings under control.

Do not surrender to your feelings. Do not become their servant. Do not let your feelings run wild down any path. They can, and they probably will if you let them!

You are able by God's grace to control your feelings, and controlling your feelings is a good thing. "...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". – 2 Corinthians 10:5.

Never let your feelings go down the path of impure thinking. You know how impure thinking begins – so innocent, and the next thing you know, you're shocked at what's going through your mind. Don't get close to the line. Don't go there. Impure thinking is sin. If you find yourself there, stop, confess it, ask God's forgiveness, be cleansed by Him, and don't go there again.

Don't let your feelings go down the path of fantasy. Fantasy can be defined as imagining what your life could be like, but isn't – what could happen a week or a year from now, but isn't happening today. Fantasy can seem so sweet and fun, to stare out the window making up a scenario of your meeting Mr. Wonderful in some exotic place,

and he said, and you said, and then, and then, and then...

And what you are thinking may not be wrong, as in evilly sinful. Maybe you're making up a really nice, pure, Christian love story. But is this fantasy God's best for you? Does it help you live today fully? Does it help you become who God wants you to be? Does it help you reach out in love to those God has put in your life today? Does it help you get a good grade on the algebra you're supposed to be doing while you're staring out the window?

Fantasy can be a snare of the devil to literally paralyze us today with daydreaming about tomorrow. Fantasy can consume your life. Don't go there. Leave it to God to write the story of your future. "...And in Thy book all my members were written...when as yet there was none of them." – Psalm 139:16.

Don't let your feelings go down the path of premature romance. Remember, romance is not wrong. But for many of us, romance is not God's will for us today.

It's like each of us has a romantic person inside of us. Sometimes this person silently sleeps, patiently waits, while we focus on other aspects of life that are God's will for us today. But every so often – maybe very often in your case – the person wakes up and croons something like, "Oh, he is so adorable. He is so sweet. He is so...." Stop it! And say to your romantic person what you may say to a little child. "It is not time to wake up yet. Go back to bed, and I will tell you when you may wake up. And be completely quiet so you can sleep."

And this romantic person probably responds like a little child. In a few minutes you will hear, "Can I wake up now?" No. Keep it asleep until God's time. It is possible by God's grace.

Avoid those things that feed impurity, fantasy, or premature romance. It makes no sense to inundate your life

with music, books, pictures, or relationships that draw you in the direction of impurity, fantasy, or premature romance, while at the same time you are determining to control your feelings in these areas. It just doesn't work!

In our culture we are surrounded by an emphasis on romance – maybe because the world is seeking fulfillment and has chosen romance as a disappointing substitute for God. Many things in our culture are obviously very wrong. These you should definitely avoid, always and forever!

But other things, like a pure and honorable love story, or a sweet wedding song, or even a Christian how-to-do-courtship book – these things do not strike us as sinful. In the right situation they could be helpful and good. (Remember, romance is not wrong!)

But the question is, will this help you live God's will for you today, or will this cause you to become distracted? You know your own weakness. If you are struggling with an infatuation, then quite frankly, listening to a wedding song or reading a romantic story may be the last thing you need! Switch the CD and find a new book! A biography of Amy Carmichael might be a nice place to start.

Galatians 5:16 gives an interesting insight: "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." You don't want to carry out the desire of the flesh? Replace the bad with good! Focus on walking by the Spirit, on living life fully, one day at a time, in God's will. Fill your thoughts with God's Word; fill your relationships with genuine love and service; fill your schedule with good works.

Advice to the infatuated: do focus on what God has given you to do today. It can be tough, because we are human, but God gives grace one day at a time. Stop looking out the window and start doing that algebra lesson!

Do sleep at night. Meditate on this verse: “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” – Isaiah 26:3.

Do eat, even if you’re not hungry.

Do find someone to serve. Start with your family and then go beyond your home, building positive relationships through loving service. This gives you something worthwhile on which to focus.

Do not give yourself away! Are you infatuated? Keep it to yourself. Avoid the girlfriend discussions of “Ooh, ooh, who likes who?” These are very silly, and can get you in all kinds of trouble.

Does this mean you don’t tell a soul if you’re struggling? It means you evaluate your motives. Don’t create a sensational story out of your infatuation. But, it is often a good idea to open up and share your struggles with a carefully selected, very few people – only people whom you can tell in confidence and whom you know will pray for you, keep you accountable, counsel you wisely, and help lift you up. Your parents should be the first people you consider.

Now what about the guy in all this? He’s the one who unwittingly caused all this trouble in the first place, right? How do you act toward him?

Do not tell him how you feel. Do not flirt. Do not pursue him. God created men to initiate and women to respond. Do not make the first move.

Do you want to split hairs with a question like, “Well, what is flirting?” Evaluate your motives. Is it okay to ask a guy how his school is going? Well, why are you asking him? The answer to your question is probably found in your motive. Be honest with yourself.

Acting selfishly – to get someone’s attention, to pursue your own fulfillment, to attain your own fun – is never God’s best. God’s best is agape love, patient, kind, selfless, and all those other beautiful descriptions you

find in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Read them. Find out what true love really is, and you’ll realize that love is not what the world paints it to be.

Love is not aching desire or sudden infatuation.

Love is God meeting the needs of others through you. And love begins with Him.

Desire – an aching longing that consumes your youth in discontent frustration or distracted infatuation? Or an opportunity to get to know, and find fulfillment in, the God who is Love?

You choose.

Read the choice that one girl made: “The desires and dreams – all of it went on the altar, out of my hands, into God’s capable hands, for Him to do as He pleases. I know He is capable of everything. This means no more worry and doubt and fear and trying to work it all out. This means no fantasy, but focus. This means no exhausting pursuit of fulfillment, but love for everyone God puts in my path. And the funny paradox is that giving up is the way to gain. Take my hands off and it actually works. Stop pursuing fulfillment and I find it.” ♥

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“A Heart Wholly His” Practical Help for Dealing with Infatuation Ruth Roebke

Ohhh! (sigh) There he is. Is he looking this way? Oh, he is! Stay calm...smile... So far, so good. Here he comes! I can hardly believe this is happening to me. The nicest guy I know is walking straight towards me!

...and walking, right past me. Why can’t he stop and just say – hello? Doesn’t he know I exist?

Does this sound familiar? Have you ever had a similar conversation with yourself? Your knees were knocking, your brain was spinning, and your

heart was doing those funny little flip-flops. You may have added a spark of personal flair. Did you faint perhaps? Or maybe there was less drama, but the focus was still the same: him.

Through the years I have noticed that there are varying degrees of the intensity of such emotions, but it is the rare exception that never develops a crush on some member of the male species. The reasons vary as do the circumstances, but the result remains the same: choosing the trinket of infatuation over the treasure of God’s best.

It would be naïve of me to attempt to exhort you to never have such feelings. It would almost be like telling you not to scream on the two-hundred-foot drop of a roller coaster. So, the issue is not so much whether you experience bouts of infatuation. Holiness in this area does not stem from the absence of these emotions. If we are going to experience the type of holiness God speaks of for the unmarried woman, we must dig deeper.

In 1 Corinthians 7, God speaks of the differences between those who are married and those who are not. “...The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit...” – verse 34.

There is a purity that is all-encompassing – a purity of spirit. I still remember asking myself, “Am I pure in my spirit?” At the time the answer was an obvious no. But in the years since, the Lord has brought purity to my spirit. This is freedom!

Yet such a freedom does not happen instantly and it requires constant diligence. “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” – Proverbs 4:23. You are waiting for a treasure. You can settle for the trinkets. They will bring pleasure and enjoyment, but you will miss the sweet satisfaction of God’s best.

This choice is certainly not the easy road. There will be times when you will

seemingly miss out on all the fun. In other words, your heart simply is too vulnerable. You could go to that dinner or Bible study – it would not be a horrible, dark, lascivious sin to sit across the table from the cute dark-haired boy – but your heart would be at risk.

This type of constant diligence requires honesty with ourselves. I can think of numerous times when I have made decisions, choosing what appeared to be an unnecessary standard, to protect my heart or someone else's heart. I have no regrets. The treasure is worth it.

I think often of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. She does her husband good all the days of her life – all of them. (See Proverbs 31:12.) For this reason he is able to trust her. If you are married, are you doing your husband good today?

If you're single, you can develop a trustworthy heart right now. This perspective will increase your capacity for the greatest gift you can give – genuine love. The focus of genuine love is to give.

But we have a problem. Have you noticed? Most of us won't be getting married in the next couple of weeks. So what do we do? We wait.

I can hear the cries now. "Wait?! I can't wait!"

This time of waiting is not a curse – it is a gift. You are covered with the covering of the Lord. You have the opportunity to enter into intimate fellowship with Him. This is the treasure of today, while you wait for the treasure of tomorrow. The Beloved longs for you to seek Him with all your heart. (See Jeremiah 29:13.)

As young men with good looks, charm, personality, character, and love for the Lord come into your life, you can develop a crush or you can develop your relationship with the Lord. He

knows your thoughts, so talk with Him about what you see and feel. Then turn your focus to Him.

Worship Him! Some of my sweetest times with the Lord have been in just such times.

Within the gift of waiting is the gift of time. You have the time to develop friendships, time to love your family, time to disciple other young ladies, time to learn skills and seek ministry opportunities. Most importantly, though, you have time to love the Lord.

If you learn to direct your desires to the Lord, you will lead a life of delight. Write love letters to Him; take walks with Him; share your secret thoughts with Him.

Bind your heart with His heart. Ask Him to spread His covering over you; become His. Choose to delight in Him, and He will become your desire. (See Psalm 37:4.)

Then the young men you meet will begin to be just that – young men, not the objects of your daydreams. And one day the Lord will whisper in your heart, "This is the one I have for you." And your joy will be first and foremost in the Giver. "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine...." – Song of Solomon 6:3.

The more time I spend with the Lord talking over the issue of romance, the more I am assured of His having a perfect will. He can be trusted to bring romance to your life in His time and His way.

And so it is my prayer that someday you will find yourself saying, Ohhh, He is here. I can hardly believe it. Be still... delight in Him. So far, so good. Lord, it is true: You are my Beloved. My heart wholly belongs to You. I love You with all of my heart! ♥

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Interview

"Dealing with Infatuation"

Miss Nicole Hiebert

KH: As a young adult, in what ways, if any, have you struggled with infatuation?

NH: First of all, let me say that, thanks to my very faithful, diligent, and discerning parents, I was spared from a lot of the grief that comes from a constant struggle with infatuation and "crushes". However, they can't fight every battle for me, and I have had to learn how to fix my heart and emotions on the Lord and not on every good-looking guy that crosses my path. I have had to come to the point of desiring God's will, not my own, and realizing that obsession with fantasy and romance creates a rift between me and God and opens me up further to Satan's attacks.

KH: Your parents have set high standards for you to follow, and they have done their best to help you guard your heart. Some girls don't have such protective, loving parents to guide them. How would you suggest that such girls keep their hearts and emotions in check and avoid infatuation?

NH: Avoid anything that will feed infatuation. Romance novels and romantic movies play with the emotions in a dangerous way and should be rejected. Avoid spending much time with the opposite sex - not because guys are bad, but to protect yourself from feeling a premature and unnecessary attachment to any of them. Hard as this may sound, I am so thankful to my parents for keeping me out of mixed groups of young people, regardless of how sincere and godly the other guys and girls may have been, and regardless of the adult influence and protection which may have been present. I am convinced that a huge factor in my relative freedom in the

area of infatuation has been the direct result of avoiding peer groups.

KH: How do you define infatuation and integrity?

NH: The first thoughts that came to mind when I considered these two words have formulated themselves into the following definitions:

Infatuation: a premature obsession, in this case with a member of the opposite sex or with the idea of romance, which takes over one's will and emotions.

Integrity: The state of walking above reproach in the eyes of God and mankind with a clear conscience, and with our primary focus stayed on Jesus Christ and our responsibility to Him.

KH: I am certain that almost every girl has struggled with infatuation at some point. What are some practical ways of dealing with it?

NH: First and foremost, strive to come to the point of realizing that you are totally fulfilled and satisfied in Jesus. I read recently that if you struggle with infatuation it means there is a void in your life. Human romantic love can't ever replace or compare with a living daily relationship with Jesus Christ. Cultivate the best in your life, and infatuation's addictive effect will lose its grasp. Fill your life with the Lord and His Word, with biographies of great men and women of God (be prepared to get challenged and inspired!), with constructive, creative skills and hobbies, and with your family. Develop relationships with siblings and parents - invest in them, be a part of them, let them be a part of you. In the past two and a half years of my life, I can honestly say that I have fallen in love with my family! Also, check out what I said earlier about ways of avoiding infatuation before it begins.

KH: Even though girls in fundamental circles may avoid recreational dating, many still have the dating spirit. What are your thoughts on this danger?

NH: The dating spirit definitely cultivates the danger of infatuation and

feeds on it. Girls struggling with fantasy and infatuation are fighting a losing battle as long as they continue to flirt and try to catch the eye of the boys they come into contact with. Developing a meek and quiet spirit is what every Christian girl and woman should be striving for (I admit to still being far from achieving this goal yet), and it is the exact opposite of the unsavory dating spirit. There is a sermon available on cassette which may offer some practical and eye-opening insights. Titled The Spirit of a Harlot, it can be ordered free of charge from Charity Gospel Tape Ministry (400 W. Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522 1-800-227-7902 tapes@charityministries.org).

KH: Do you have any additional comments or advice?

NH: I debated whether or not to share this last thought, but decided to pass it on because it proved to be helpful in my own experience.

One thing that always concerned me when I was in the delicious, dangerous depths of an infatuation was the thought, "What if I die, or the Lord comes before I get out of this daydream, this fantasy?" At the judgment, everything secret and hidden will be revealed and our thoughts and motives will be openly judged. That scared me. All my private likes and my thoughts about those likes would be revealed. Although, at the time, my greatest dread was sheer embarrassment, it did help deter me! © Even now, in all walks of life - not just the romantic side - it is healthy to bear in mind that there will come a reckoning - a day in which we must give account of ourselves. If there is any cause for shame on that day, the blame will be ours.

Remember, girls, this world is not our home. We are seeking a better country, a heavenly one, Let's get our gaze onto our Redeemer and eternity, and focus on walking with the Lord on a day-to-day basis and serving Him with our time, instead of wasting our lives on

empty dreams which will only serve to hurt ourselves and others.

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Poetic Praises

"We kneel –
and all about us seems to lower;
We rise –
and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline,
brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak!
We rise, how full of power!"
–Richard Chenevix Trench ♥

Practical Applications

- 1) Ask God to forgive you for any and all times you have allowed your heart to wander from Him through infatuation. Ask God to cleanse your heart and mind.
- 2) Give God your heart—wholly and sincerely.
- 3) Ask Him daily for grace to keep your focus wholly on Him. When someone teases you about guys, tell them, "I've committed my life to Jesus and to His choice for my life, so I'm not interested in that." (Dr. S. M. Davis)
- 4) Get rid of anything that feeds your romantic desires (i.e. romance books) and avoid flirting in any form. Guard your heart.
- 5) Make this commitment: "I'm now committing myself to wait for God's choice for my life, and to not plant any other seeds of disintegration by following or encouraging others to follow the boyfriend/girlfriend philosophy [or dating spirit]." (Dr. S. M. Davis) ♥

Reputable Reviews

“Victory Over the Dating Spirit”
A Message by
Dr. S. M. Davis

This has to be one of the best messages I know of pertaining to infatuation. Dr. S.M. Davis explains the dangers of the dating spirit—which tends to be infatuated quickly. Their description:

“A dating spirit is a deceitful thing. It is manifested in a guy or girl who has made good commitments, but they still allow their hearts to wander emotionally toward some person. Like ‘Sally Christian,’ a girl may give her heart away a piece at a time, until it seems impossible to stand at the marriage altar and give her whole heart to her mate. Here are seven things for parents to do and eight things for youth to do to help reach God’s goal of one serious relationship for life.”

This message is a must-hear for every young adult who desires to follow the Saviour!

You can order this audio cassette from Park Meadows Baptist Church, 800 Memorial Park Road, Lincoln, IL 62656, 1-800-500-8853. Also see Seeds of Disintegration Planted by the Boyfriend/Girlfriend Philosophy.♥

Tenable Tales

“FORTY MEN FOR GOD”
Elmo Stoll

Down through the ages the Christian church has often been a persecuted church. Christianity was still very young when it found itself under attack from the political forces of the Roman Empire. Christians were loyal to only one God, the true God, while all about them people worshiped idols and images.

In this story which took place only a century and a half after the time of Christ, you will get a glimpse of

persecution under the rule of the Romans.

PART ONE

“What do you desire to have done with those pestilent Christians we chained yesterday, mighty Emperor?”

“Do they still persist in their obstinate foolishness?”

“Yes.”

“And refuse to bow down to my images?”

“They do. They say there is but one God and they will pay homage to none other. Do you wish to have their case decided in court?”

“No!” exploded the angry emperor. “I will decide their punishment myself. The only reason I haven’t already done so is because I have not been able to come up with anything bad enough for the miserable dogs. But I’ll think of it, and when I do it’ll be perfect.”

The emperor Marcus Aurelius spat contemptuously. “How I hate those Christians,” he added. Then he dismissed the men with a wave of his hand. But one of them lingered. It was a captain and he seemed to be gathering courage to speak.

“But Emperor,” he protested weakly, “they are harmless men—they did not resist when they were apprehended.”

“Be quiet at once, and leave the room,” roared the emperor. “I have no time for such foolish prattle.”

As the captain slunk out of the door, the emperor ordered slaves and his litter brought in. “I shall go bathe an hour or two,” he decided. “it will refresh my mind and I shall be able to think more clearly.”

Several days later the emperor decided on a punishment for the imprisoned Christians. Feeling very pleased with himself for having devised such a clever plan, he immediately summoned the captain.

“I have decided what is to be done with the Christians,” announced the emperor.

The captain’s face fell at the news; he struggled to hide his feelings.

“Why don’t you ask what it is?” growled the emperor, watching the captain’s face, angered by what he saw there.

The captain tried to keep his voice calm. “What is it?” he asked quietly.

“Tonight at dusk they will be taken to the shore of the lake just below the temple. They will march out on the ice and will be forced to remain there until they are ready to do as I say. I think they will soon change their minds about not worshiping images. I am going to assign you to see that my plan is carried out.”

“But what if they refuse to surrender?” asked the captain weakly, shrinking from the task before him.

“They will surrender,” bellowed the emperor, “or they will remain on the ice until they are frozen.”

“Is there one sentence for all of them?”

“Yes, all of them. All forty of them. One is no better than the other; they are all dogs. See that my words are obeyed and that you show them no mercy unless they are willing to leave their Jesus-talk.”

(The previous issue contained Part I of this story.)

PART TWO

It was winter and it was night. Forty men were lined up on the shores of the frozen lake. Emperor Aurelius was on hand to see that everything he had ordered was carried out to the letter. He had not forgotten the unwilling tone in the captain’s voice nor that strange look on his face. No, he was too wise to take any chances of having the captain spoil his plans.

Emperor Aurelius turned to the companion at his side. He knew he had a kindred spirit in Lucius Verus. Lucius would understand, for he shared the emperor’s contempt for the Christians.

“You know why it is necessary for us to be on hand tonight, friend Lucius?”

said Aurelius. “You heard what happened when Polycarp was sentenced to be burned?”

“No, I don’t believe I did.”

“When they tied him to the stake, Polycarp offered, ‘I will stand willingly. Please leave me unbound.’ His request was granted, but when the fagots were lit, the fire roared on all sides of him but he wasn’t burned. We had to order the executioner to pierce him with the sword before he would die. And Attalus—you haven’t heard about him either?”

“Attalus?” asked Lucius. “Was that the one who wouldn’t disclose the name of his God but only said, ‘Where there are many gods, they must be distinguished by names, but where there is one God no name is necessary’?”

“That’s the fool,” Marcus growled. “He paid dearly for it too, though I can’t understand why the lions acted so strangely. Never before have those hungry beasts refused to dine on Christians when they had the chance.”

“You don’t suppose it was because Attalus was placed in an iron chair and suspended above a fire before he was thrown to the lions?”

“He should have been more tasty, being half-roasted. No, I can’t believe it was that.” Emperor Marcus Aurelius pulled his warm, luxurious robe more tightly around himself.

“Well,” he said, rubbing his hands together, “it is time we get down to the job at hand or these forty Christians will think this is all their punishment will be, just standing in line on the shore of this lake.”

The emperor lowered his voice and leaned toward Lucius. “But keep a sharp eye on the captain; I don’t trust him,” he hissed through his teeth. Then both men strode to where the captain and the guards stood watching the forty men lined up straight and tall before them.

“Strip to the skin,” the emperor commanded. The forty men did so.

“Now go and stand on the frozen lake,” he ordered, “until you are prepared to abandon your Nazarene God.”

Forty men marched obediently forward. The icy blast of the howling storm tore at their bodies. Forty men took their places on the ice. Forty men on their knees lifted their voices and sang:

“Our lives are offered up to Thee,
With gladness they are given;
We only pray for victory,
And eternal life in heaven.”

An angry gust of wind flung stinging particles of snow and ice against their faces, already sensitive to the cold. Someone moaned. One of the forty men stirred. Suddenly he was on his feet.

The emperor and Lucius were straining to see. Their attendants and slaves were watching. The captain of the guards was watching with his men.

They saw the man break into a run. They saw him draw near the heathen temple and enter its open doors. They watched as he prostrated himself before the image of the emperor.

The emperor was beside himself with glee. “Ha, ha, what brave men!” he shouted. “One whimpering cur has gone slinking into the temple already. Watch the rest follow him. Ha, ha.”

The captain was standing with his head bowed. His lips moved slightly. Suddenly he jerked his head erect. The emperor was watching him. Their eyes met. The emperor sneered; his face was ugly with hate and contempt.

The captain took a step forward. His heart had been touched by the way these Christians loved one another. He had been moved by the sight of forty figures marching forward in the dark. His spirit was stirred by the bravery of forty voices ringing out in the icy blackness. Forty men who dared to live and die for the God they loved. Forty men? But one...

“God in heaven,” he gasped. “Let there yet be forty!”

Without a glance behind him, the captain tore off his helmet. He threw down his spear. He stripped off his clothes.

The startled emperor watched in amazement as the captain ran forward

on the ice and joined in the singing—to take the place of the man who had weakened and fallen.

As the dawn of day broke, there were forty frozen bodies on the ice. ♥

Wondrous Words

Psalm 37:4—“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

Proverbs 4:23—“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” ♥

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This issue of this publication has been approved by my parents (Abe and Bernice Hiebert).♥

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