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99 PER CENT BUSINESSMEN TRY LIVING BY GOLDEN RULE;  
ONLY 26 PER CENT THINK THEMSELVES GOOD CHRISTIANS

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Do you make a consistent effort to follow the Golden Rule in your business dealing? Will you state frankly whether you believe yourself to be a good Christian? Do you read the Bible? Does it help in business? In personal affairs? How much money do you give to churches? Do you go to church weekly? Do you pray?

These are some of the questions Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, recently asked 240 business and labor leaders of his town. A total of 126 of them answered. Dr. Adams conducted his survey on the basis of a similar national investigation made by Forbes magazine.

In Richmond 99 per cent of the business men answering claimed to make a consistent effort to follow the Golden Rule in business dealings. On the same question 88 per cent of the labor leaders answered yes.

On the question of consistent Christian living the score was not as encouraging. Only 26 per cent of the business leaders and 12 per cent of the labor leaders thought themselves good Christians. This compared to 41 per cent for national business leaders and 39 per cent for national labor leaders, as discovered by a survey by Forbes magazine.

Richmond business and labor leaders read the Bible the same with 25 per cent reading it frequently. However, 80 per cent thinks the Bible helps them in attaining their personal goals. 88 per cent of the labor leaders find that it helps. It helps about the same in attaining business goals.

Richmond leaders are more liberal with churches. All of them give as much as 10 per cent. Only 88 per cent of the national business leaders give as much as 10 per cent and 95 per cent of the labor leaders give that amount or more.

Business goes to church better in Richmond where 53 per cent goes weekly as compared to 41 per cent nationally. Labor does better nationally with 50 per cent as compared to 38 per cent in Richmond. Both labor and business pray better than they go to church. In Richmond 73 per cent of business and 63 per cent of labor prays daily. This compares nationally to 76 per cent of business and 61 per cent of labor.

Dr. Adams used the findings of the survey to preach a sermon on business and labor. Principal value of the survey, he said, was to bring the church and the business world into closer relationship.

BAYLOR GETS \$100,000  
NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

WACO, Texas—(BP)—Baylor University received a New Year's present of \$100,000 provided they will raise a matching \$100,000 in 1950. The money will be applied on the J. B. Tidwell Bible Building. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor, made the announcement.

The gift came from Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth. The Flemings recently gave \$400,000 to Southwestern Seminary for the new Memorial Building.

The J. B. Tidwell Building is to cost \$600,000. Already \$413,000 has been secured. It will be ten floors tall and will house the Baylor school of religion and radio school. The front will be designed to give a solid shaft of light from top to bottom. J. B. Tidwell was professor of Bible at Baylor for many years.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS NOW HAVE  
712 FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Southern Baptists now carry on foreign mission work in 120 strategic world centers, located in 24 different countries. These mission stations are staffed with 712 active missionaries. The announcement was made by Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, in the January issue of The Commission, the board's news journal.

The 120 strategic centers, Dr. Rankin said, "Reach out to great areas and vast populations through 2,000 churches and 3,000 preaching stations, with between 175,000 and 200,000 members;...2,500 Sunday schools with 150,000 pupils, through 1,700 woman's missionary societies with 30,000 members, through Christian leaders that are being trained in eighteen theological institutions with 600 students, through the influence of 474 academic schools from kindergarten to university grade with 49,608 pupils...."

Plans are being laid for a total of 1,750 missionaries supported by a foreign mission budget of \$10,000,000.

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CHURCH HAS 581 TITHERS

OWENSBORO, Ky.—(BP)—The First Baptist Church here has 581 tithers, according to Robert Humphrey, pastor. The church recently conducted a stewardship campaign climaxed with two messages on tithing by Dr. Duk K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

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SEVEN OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS CONDUCT  
MISSION TOUR OF BAHAMA ISLANDS

NASSAU, Bahama Islands—(BP)—A real estate man, a newspaper editor, an educational director, and four ministers, all of them white, are conducting an eight-day preaching mission among the Negroes of the Bahama Islands. Their leader is Dr. Guy Bellamy, superintendent of Negro missions for Southern Baptists. They were invited here by the 100 struggling Negro Baptist churches of the islands. Divided into teams they are going from island to island conducting evangelistic services in each church.

All of the group are from Oklahoma. The Women's Missionary Union of Oklahoma County gathered 4,500 pounds of usable clothing to be distributed by the men in their tour.

Included in the party are Dr. Bellamy, C. B. Warr, a real estate man; Thurmon Jordon, editor, the News Bulletin; Dr. J. B. Rounds, Leland Hall, Harold Lassiter, and E. L. Smith, all of Oklahoma City; and Albert Kondy of Pawhuska.

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HOME LIFE MAGAZINE  
ENTERS FOURTH YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Home Life has entered its fourth year with a circulation of 338,693. Total distribution of the twelve issues in 1949 was over four million. The magazine is designed to portray family life at its best.

Growth of Home Life in three years, according to the editor, Joe W. Burton, is due to "the cooperation of leaders to create and circulate a magazine to meet a critical need" and "the effectiveness of Baptist organizations to circulate such a publication in the homes of the people."

The human interest approach in Home Life will continue, the editor stated. Major emphasis will also be given to family worship as the need in every home.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER DIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. Warner G. Rutledge, 45, state Sunday school secretary for Tennessee Baptists died of a heart attack on December 20. He had been in the position for five years. Prior to that he had been pastor of the church at Bartlett, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and had attended Southern Seminary. Survivors include his wife, the former Ada Williams. His successor has not yet been named.

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