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to Encourage
and Challenge***

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A Man of God

In 1922 a Christian farmer invited a recent Bible college graduate from Kansas, Rev. L.E. Maxwell, to come to Three Hills, Alberta, to teach God's Word to some Christian young people. There was no campus, nor was any planned. Seventy year later, on a 135-acre modern campus set in the heart of the rolling prairies of Alberta, Canada, Prairie Bible Institute consists of Prairie Bible College, Prairie Graduate School, and the General Education Division—kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high school. Today over 1,000 students from elementary through the graduate school study at Prairie each year.

Founder Leslie Maxwell went Home to be with his beloved Savior in 1984. His memorial consists not of land and buildings but eternal souls.

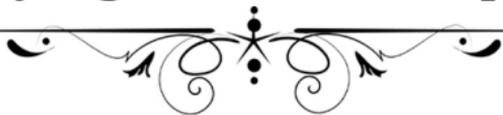
More than 12,000 graduates and under-

graduates of the college make up the Prairie Alumni Fellowship. Over 2,100 of these serve or have served in about 80 countries under more than 75 missionary organizations. Another 1,700 serve or have served as pastors and Christian workers in North America.

Action International Ministries is among the missions in which many Prairie graduates serve. ACTION began as an outgrowth of a national Christian organization in the Philippines, but now also has workers in over 20 countries. Endeavoring to fill the gaps in proclaiming the Gospel to those who have not heard it, ACTION maintains a focus on evangelism, discipleship, and development to the glory of God.

May God bless this small booklet in remembrance of L.E. Maxwell.

His Best Remembered Sayings from the Pulpit



———— 1 ————

The hardest thing in the world
is to keep balanced.

———— 2 ————

A man all wrapped up in himself
makes a mighty small package.

———— 3 ————

Suffering can make or break us.

———— 4 ————

Keep short accounts with God.

———— 5 ————

Faith is based on the highest reasoning.
Faith is reason taken to its
highest degree.

———— 6 ————

Faith and life always go together.
Believe and behave!

———— 7 ————

He is great, and he alone, who serves
a greatness not his own.

———— 8 ————

God does not fill us to make us great,
but to make us gracious.

———— 9 ————

Aim at nothing and you'll be sure to hit it!

———— 10 ————

If you save up for "rainy days."
God will see to it that you get them.

———— 11 ————

Hope for nothing! (Concerning serving
the Lord without taking thought
for material gain.)

———— 12 ————

You need a backbone instead of a wishbone

————— 13 —————

God help us to be better than
our body's inclinations.

————— 14 —————

Bless the women out there
who are doing a man's job.

————— 15 —————

Get ten men to do the work, rather than
trying to do the work of ten men!

————— 16 —————

There's no fool like an old fool.

————— 17 —————

Lord, save us from ourselves.

————— 18 —————

Wherever there is the indulgence of self,
there is sin, no matter in which of the many
departments of life.

————— 19 —————

God's way up is down.
Not do or die; do and die!

———— 20 ————

No cross, no crown.

———— 21 ————

Liberty is not license.

———— 22 ————

The greatest mission is submission.

———— 23 ————

The Lord guides whom he governs.

———— 24 ————

Heaven—a prepared place
for a prepared people.

———— 25 ————

Any dead fish will drift downstream,
but it takes a strong fish to fight the
current.

———— 26 ————

Keep on keeping on.

———— 27 ————

Most people want happiness
without holiness.

————— 28 —————

A lot of things don't need praying about,
they need obeying about!

————— 29 —————

Happiness depends upon what happens;
joy depends on the Holy Spirit.

————— 30 —————

The starts—and the stops
—are ordered of the Lord.

————— 31 —————

The only thing man learns from history is
that man learns nothing from history.

————— 32 —————

Lord, save us from being so right
that we are rough.

————— 33 —————

We don't read of the resolutions of the
apostles, but the Acts of the apostles.

————— 34 —————

An excuse is the skin of a reason
stuffed with a lie.

————— 35 —————

I may tremble on the Rock,
but the Rock never trembles under me.

————— 36 —————

Our consecration is not to service
but to Someone.

————— 37 —————

The Holy Spirit cannot guide where He
does not govern.

————— 38 —————

The parent who is fair and firm
is not a failure.

————— 39 —————

As long as you exist to give
and not to get, you'll be right.

————— 40 —————

Our plans should be so big
that if they fail, only we get the blame,
but if they succeed, only God gets the glory.

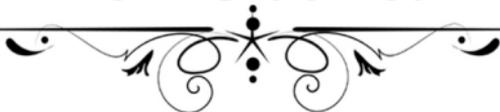
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The Christian life is not a goal
—it's a road.

————— 42 —————

Jesus didn't come to make bad men good;
He came to make dead men live.

From Mr. Maxwell's book "Born Crucified"



— 43 —

The Cross is the key to all situations as well as to all Scripture. If I lost that key, I miss the road not only in the Bible, but also in my whole life. (Pg.7)

— 44 —

God's way of deliverance is through death—through identification with our Substitute in His death and resurrection. (Pg.15)

— 45 —

The life that is identified with Christ will be a life of sufficiency and fullness and victory. (Pg.19)

————— 46 —————

Self can never cast out self. (Pg.23)

————— 47 —————

I must be either “dead in sins”
or “dead to sin.” (Pg.27)

————— 48 —————

How we abhor being counted eccentric!...
We are so worldly-minded
we would rather be indecent
than different. (Pg.37)

————— 49 —————

If the world can find in me no cause
to hate me and cast me from its company,
then I have betrayed Christ and crucified
Him afresh in the house of His friends.
(Pg.40)

————— 50 —————

Never had the Church so much influence
over the world as when she had
nothing to do with the world. (Pg.43)

————— 51 —————

The Cross contradicts human nature
at every point. (Pg.63)

————— 52 —————

Someone has said that there is nothing God
will not do through one who does not care
to whom the credit goes. (Pg.65,66)

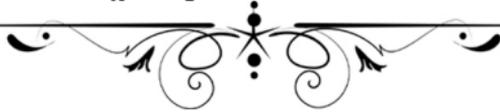
————— 53 —————

You are sensitive, “thin-skinned”?
Why not call it sinful pride? (Pg.88)

————— 54 —————

(Quoting a Christian worker of the
Dohnavur Fellowship.) “I feel more than
ever the need of the inner, private discipline
which defends the soul against sloth and
slackness,” (Pg.127)

**From Mr. Maxwell's book
"The Holy Spirit in Missions"**



————— 55 —————

To go forth in the energy of the flesh
is fatal. (Pg.7)

————— 56 —————

We cannot live in the flesh and do the work
of the Spirit. (Pg.8)

————— 57 —————

If we stay within the Scriptures,
we shall find no fanaticism there.

————— 58 —————

It is perilously possible to be fundamental
and yet fearful, to be correct and yet cold,
to be orthodox and yet dead. (Pg.9)

————— 59 —————

Another danger: Many of us would not mind being missionaries if we could be great missionaries. (Pg.16)

————— 60 —————

[Leadership needed in missions] is not made by education...not won by promotion, but only by many prayers and confessions of sin, and heart-searchings and humblings and self surrender before God and men.
(Pg.20)

**From Mr. Maxwell's book
"Crowded to Christ"**



— 61 —

If the world's mounting miseries
will crowd men to Christ and make hell the
emptier, they are better than sin. (Pg.15)

— 62 —

Faith works better when there is no
natural hope. (Pg.20)

— 63 —

In your weariest and weakest and most
bewildered moment, simply say, "Now,
Lord, here is my chance, and Thine—my
chance to die, Thy chance to manifest the
life of Jesus." (Pg.25)

————— 64 —————

God's first task at such times
[when caught in the storms of life]
is to kill the panic in His people,
for them how terrific is the word,
"Be still and know that I am God." (Pg.35)

————— 65 —————

It was right through the impassable Red
Sea that God chose His highway for the
redeemed. (Pg.38)

————— 66 —————

Two thousand years ago God consigned the
flesh to the cross. (Pg.207)

**From Mr. Maxwell's book
"World Missions—Total
Involvement"**



————— 67 —————

The Christian's calling is a summons, a call
to arms. (Pg.13)

————— 68 —————

By means of money we either blast men or
bless men. (Pg.20)

————— 69 —————

This Gospel is indeed good news, but good
only to the man who gets it. (Pg.44)

————— 70 —————

Christians must become convicted and
convinced that missions is the first
business of the Church. (Pg.48)

————— 71 —————

Quoting A.B. Simpson regarding the belief that God will not let the heathen be lost: “We are pillowing our conscience on a lie... If God could have saved men in any easier way, He would never have given His Son to the horrors of Calvary.” (Pg.81)

————— 72 —————

Missionary-minded pastors know that “the *going* church is the *growing* church.” (Pg.140)

————— 73 —————

Find your part in God’s plan of missions— then do it. (Pg.148)