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. . . . And for the evangelization of the world

Dedication

To my mother and father:

They loved me before I was born.

They cared for me when I was helpless.

Their commitment to each other gave me a firm foundation.

Their sacrifice and service propelled me in times of need.

And their example in parenting has been a guiding light.

On The Cover

The picture on the cover is Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyce Mouton on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Vignettes about them are pages 117, 119 and 121.

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INTRODUCTION

Personal Vignettes

"Vignette" (pronounced "veen-YET") comes from the French word for "vine." Its primary reference is to an ornamental border design on the page of a book. If an author wishes to enhance, or to draw attention to something which he has written, he can frame those words with an ornate border, much as an artist uses a picture frame. Those who initiated this practice frequently designed borders with tendrils, leaves, and clusters of grapes, hence the borders were called "vignettes."

The word, "vignette," is also used of short literary compositions which are characterized by compactness, subtleness, and delicacy. Rather than write an entire biography, for example, it is possible to write merely a brief synopsis which would epitomize the essence of a person's life. This compact, abbreviated history would serve as a picture frame, or "vignette" to draw attention to their lives and to enhance our interest and understanding.

This book is a compilation of "PERSONAL VIGNETTES." I pray that they will be of practical significance to you as you serve Jesus Christ. Some will read these words for their own personal

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enjoyment and inspiration. Others will find them a source of interesting illustrations to use in teaching and preaching the Word of God.

We have divided these stories into several broad classifications which may help you to utilize the illustrations in a more practical manner.

You are certainly encouraged to repeat, or to reproduce this material in any way that will advance the cause of Jesus Christ.

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work” (II Thess. 2:16-17).