

GOD PROVIDES

The Life of George Mueller

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Chapter 1 DEPRAVITY AND SALVATION

George heard the slam of the carriage door outside. It was his father. He stomped inside the front door and spied George on the stairs.



Show Illustration #1

“So, you aren’t even ashamed enough to hide! I would think you’d have learned some manners after spending a month in prison.”

George glared back at his father. “I learned that meals in

German jails are terrible, and I learned how much you care about me. You could have paid my fine a lot quicker.”

It wasn’t George’s first encounter with the law. This time he had tried to leave a village inn without paying his bill.

His father’s anger turned to grief for a moment. “You’re only 18 and already a common thief, George. If your mother were still alive . . . I’m glad she doesn’t have to see what you’ve become.”

“And what about you, father?” George shot back. “You’re nothing but a tax collector living off the government’s money.”

It was too much for his father. In a flash he grabbed a cane hanging on the wall.



“I’ll teach you some respect!”

The cane cut sharply through the air.

Any feelings of guilt George might have had were quickly forgotten as he returned to his old habits. He had given in to his father’s wishes for him to become a minister for the German state and was now studying at the university in Halle, Germany. However, most evenings he could be found avoiding his studies and relaxing in the village tavern surrounded by friends.

One such evening he was seated at a table telling a story when he noticed a stranger at the end—a stranger who looked familiar.

One of his companions spoke up. “Beta! Come up here and meet George Mueller! He’ll teach you how to really drink!”

“I know George Mueller already,” the stranger replied with a smile.

George’s mind raced. Where had he met him before? It was from school somewhere. Then he remembered.

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Gospel Points



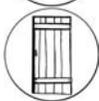
God’s unconditional love



Jesus has risen again!



Jesus is the only Perfect Son of God



Will you repent and accept Jesus as Saviour?



All have sinned.



Application for the believer



Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross

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However if this story is the only lesson being presented, please take advantage of this feature. Sow the gospel seed!



It certainly didn’t seem as if George and his father had a very loving relationship, did it? Do you know that there is someone who loves you very much? God loves you and He wants you to know Him.