

## THREE ROYAL RANGERS RECEIVE MEDAL OF VALOR

on his emotions, America would have far fewer divorces.

CHRIST LOVED the Church *aspiringly*. His aspiration for her is eventual perfection in love. He wishes "to present to himself" a church that is "holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

The very nature of a husband's aspiring love is to be close, very close to his beloved. Christ wanted unity with His church. And you want unity with your wife—a unity that controls your thoughts, your expressions, your conversations, your shared life with her.

Husbands, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and your wife as yourself!

Desire to present her to yourself *faultless*, because love has covered her blemishes; *holy*, because love has compelled you to sacrifice your own wishes to produce completeness; and *glorious*, because she will reflect your loving admiration and purpose to make her the sole object of your volitional love.

CHRIST LOVED the Church *unconditionally*. He absolutely, without limit and without reserve, continues to love His beloved Church. "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church" (Ephesians 5:28, 29).

Two people become so complementary to each other that they become a more beautiful one in true love. You love her, and she submits and reflects your love. You are her head, and she is your body. You two cannot coordinate successfully unless you unconditionally love her and look out for her best interests in everything.

Your Christian family—your wife, your son, your daughter—will be better equipped to live a life of love as you follow the command of the Word: "Husbands, love your wives."

Recently three Medal of Valor awards were made to Royal Rangers.

Since the beginning of the Royal Rangers program in 1961, 43 men and boys have received the Medal of Valor, the highest award for an act of bravery, from the National Royal Rangers Committee.

This medal is given only to those who have endangered their own lives in the process of saving the life of another. The high quality of the training received by the Royal Rangers is attested to by the recognition given.

THE MEDAL OF VALOR and a plaque were presented to James L. Travis II, 15, during the morning worship service at First Assembly, Mannington, New Jersey, by James L. Travis, his father and pastor.

The youth is credited with saving the life of his younger brother Tim, 13, during a summer vacation swimming incident.

During the Travis' family vacation at the Delaware State Seashore Park, Tim decided to go for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean, unaware that a heavy storm the day before had caused rough seas and a heavy undertow.

Tim was swept some 30 to 40 yards and panicked. Without a thought of his own safety, Jim fought the raging ocean to reach his brother. He managed to hold him up despite the brutal undertow and crashing breakers until the father was able to reach them and pull Tim to safety.

THE MEDAL OF VALOR was presented to Daniel Hash, 21, Pioneer outpost commander, of First Assembly, Hillsboro, Missouri.

Dan is credited with sparing the lives of 20 young people returning by bus from a Christ's Ambassadors rally on the night of October 21, 1974.

Rounding a curve near Lake Tishamingo, north of Hillsboro, the bus Dan was driving met a car weaving from side to side, and heading

straight for the bus. Dan had two choices: to swerve the bus—which would have endangered all the passengers—or to try to stop the bus, meaning a head-on collision, endangering only his own life.

Deciding to try and stop the bus, he tried to warn the other driver by sounding his horn. Never even touching his brakes, the driver of the car hit the bus head-on at 45 to 50 miles per hour.

When the wreckage started smoking, Dan led the passengers off the bus to safety.

Many of the young people had minor injuries, but only three of the 20 suffered any broken bones.

Dan's pastor, Jim Kitchen, believed Dan deserved the Medal of Valor as he stated, "Having ridden on the bus with Dan several times previous to the accident, I had confidence in his driving. The wise judgment he used on that night has strengthened that confidence. It is my opinion that Dan placed his own life in jeopardy to save the lives of others."

THE MEDAL OF VALOR was also presented to Douglas Roberts, 11, for saving the life of Chuck Healey, 9, during a fishing and swimming incident, at Valley Water Mill east of Springfield, Missouri.

Doug knew his friend could not swim, so as soon as he saw Chuck jump in, go under, surface, and try to cry for help, Doug went after him. Doug was willing to take the chance, even though it meant possible death. Chuck, in panic, kept forcing Doug under, but Doug finally managed to get Chuck to the bank.

Doug's reply when asked if he remembered to thank God was, "You bet we did." Doug attends Glad Tidings Assembly, Springfield, where E. S. Caldwell is pastor. 