

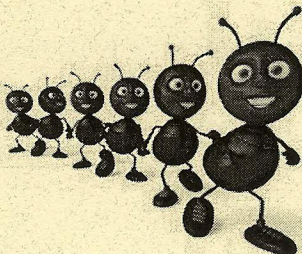
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## Perry Hill Road Bulletin

### Ants! The Church Can Learn From Them

They get into everything; they are bothersome, contrary, persistent, and, on top of all of these things, they hurt! Especially, the fire ants. However, the inspired writer stated, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6). Thus, we "go to the ant" for some guidance, some instruction, and some motivation. Let's first consider:



#### ANTS DON'T QUIT

I guess some would call it cruel; however, I placed my boot between a line of ants which were guilty of "criminal trespass" in my house. What was interesting was this: they searched and found a way around and over my Python boots! They found a way!

We, in the Lord's church, must also have such energy, tenacity, and endurance. We need to always understand that the Lord is on our side! Consider these brief texts: "What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31); "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4); "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"(John 16:33).

With these inspired truths before us, how can we quit? How can we faint? Christians are followers of Christ, and if Christ overcame the world, and he did, then how can we even consider giving up?

Sure, there are problems in the body of Christ, but hasn't it just about always been that way? We have men, women, and young people who study, learn, and make mistakes, then learn from those mistakes, yet they never give up, never give up. They stand for the truth, live for the truth, and love according to the truth. *Continued on the next page*

