

Standing on the Promises

The late Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald* and president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, told of being in Boston when he received word that young Clark was desperately ill. He rushed home to discover his son needed surgery.

The boy was afraid. Finally, the little fellow said, "Daddy, I will do it if you stay with me." Poling promised him he would.

Clark was wheeled into the operating room. The doctors and nurses assured Poling his son would be all right, and for him to wait outside. They did not want him in the operating room. But he persisted and stayed with his son.

Later, as Clark roused from anesthesia, his first words were: "Daddy, did you stay by?"

"Dear Lord," Poling recalled. "Suppose I hadn't?"

What about you today? Are you standing by promises you may have made to your residents? Are you standing by promises you may have made to co-workers? Are you standing by promises you have made to yourself?

Finally, and most importantly, are you standing by promises you have made to God?

Never discount the power and the result of keeping our word.

--Beecher Hunter