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## FBI Chief Writes Book On His Faith

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has discussed his personal religious faith in a church-published booklet entitled "J. Edgar Hoover Testifies."

The 24-page booklet was published by the radio department of the Assemblies of God. It was based on an interview granted by the FBI chief to the speaker on the denomination's radio program, "Revival-time," broadcast by 630 stations.

"Throughout my career in law enforcement I have been strengthened and comforted by personal faith in Christ," Mr. Hoover stated.

"This faith has supported me whether I am awaiting word about a desperate criminal fighting it out with FBI agents, hoping for the safe return of a kidnaped child, or making a decision involving the security of our country."

Mr. Hoover, now 75, warned against the dangers of materialism. "In too many families," he said, "children are provided every material request, but are denied the spiritual training and guidance so essential to constructive living."

A correlation between disrespect for parental authority and disrespect for law was noted by the FBI director. He said lack of discipline in the home was an important factor.



**J. EDGAR HOOVER**  
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"Young people who have never had to obey parents can hardly be expected to have any respect for the law," he reasoned. "If the child is allowed to treat his mother and father impudently, why should we expect him to treat a police officer differently? ... Parents who fail to realize the deadly harm they do by setting a shoddy standard for their children, contribute to the lawlessness."

Mr. Hoover called for renewed adherence in the nation to the principles of "justice, freedom, respect for others and dignity of the individual." He said these qualities "are the keystones for the greatness of this nation."

"J. Edgar Hoover Testifies" is one in a series of booklets in the faith of American leaders published for distribution to listeners of the Assemblies' radio broadcasts.