

Gypsy Smith as a Boy

When Gypsy Smith was converted as a boy, he became interested in his Uncle Rodney's salvation and began to pray for him. In those days it was not considered proper for a child to speak to his elders unless he was spoken to, especially about spiritual matters. So the boy prayed and waited for his opportunity.

One day the uncle asked, "Laddie, why are your trousers almost worn out at the knees?"

The boy answered, "Uncle Rodney, they have been worn out through praying for you. I want so much for God to make you a Christian."

The uncle put his arms around the boy, and a few minutes later fell upon his knees and cried out to God for salvation.¹

¹W. Herschel Ford, *Sermons You Can Preach on John*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958), p. 338.