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It is not the deed we do, Though the deed be never so fair, But the leve that the dear Lord looketh for, Hidden with holy care In the heart of the deed so fair.

The love is a priceless thing, The treasure our treasure must hold. Or ever the Lord will take the gift, Or tell the worth of the gold-By the love that cannot be told.

Behold us, the rich and the poor, Dear Lord, in Thy strvice draw near One con ecrateth a precious coin, One droppeth only a tear: Look Master—the love is here! -- Harriet McEwen Kimball

Should the Pastor Be His Own Evangelist?

BY H. N. MCKINNEY.

There are those who contend that the pastor ought always to be his own evangelist, and forever bar the doors against any outside assistance in the Jesus. They argue that no one else the congregation, and that this knowledge fits him for evangelistic work, in that he knows how best to approach the individual; that his acquaintance gives him not only special opportunity, in the way that will best secure attention and thought, and that acquaintance with and regard for him ensure attention that would not be given a stranger.

the pastor ought never to be his own for outside help, seek it intelligently. him so much that they are familiar with his presentation of the truth, and ant one because of this definition. this very familiarity reduces his power, and that a new voice and a new way of stating the matter will be more ef-

of God, called of God to tell of God If this be a right definition, how it lifts the profession above all thought other than the winning of souls to God and the training of the souls thus won for the service of God. Questions of population, wide reputation, scholary ability, magnificent church buildings, ave no place in the thought of such a pastor beyond their power to add to the glory of God.

As pastor of the church, he is responsible, first to God, and next to his church, for what is said or taught in his church. It does not follow, how ever, that his special strength is in evangelistic work. Long ago, Paul, the wonderful preacher, teacher, and student of human nature, was divinely i nspired to write the Ephesian Christians: "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."

methods; and therefore to his follow ers he gave different gifts that by these very differences all men might be reached with the truth.

One man is so constituted that he must be reached with the thought of the love of Christ, another by the sacrifice of Christ, another by the fear of the penalty for violation of the law and to few men has God given such a power to these different minds.

constituted, but pastors are as much so, and God's work could not be carried on were it otherwise. It is not all of a pastor's work to win souls, - the teaching and training after conversion is of vital importance. Therefore some pastors are gifted in teaching the truth of God's word, to some are given great power in preaching, to some special power in winning souls, and each is owned and honored of God. Under these varying conditions, and with these varying abilities, does it not necessarily follow that there are but few pastors who cannot with great benefit sometimes use outside evangelistic help, provided the right help can be secured?

Yet, even if this be so, there is a sense in which the pastor is, and always neust be, his own evangelist. He is pastor of the church, -God put him there as his special representative (if God didn't put him there, then the sooner he leaves the better for himself is a soldier and the Church an army. and the church), and he is responsible The banner under which his army for anybody and everybody that is church work.

He is no right to allow an incompetent man to conduct a service because he is a saint out of a job and needs help, - he has no right to allow an evangelist to come unless he has made careful investigation, and is satisfied that he is the right man for that particular time and place. More than one pastor has brought to his church a worker whose only claim was that he needed times with one and sometimes with help; and not only has precious time been wasted, but souls have been harden d and driven farther away from God because of his incompetency.

and knowingly employ an incompetent workman who is in need, or if, in the kindness of my heart, I choose to pay one man more than another would charge for doing the work equally well, that is my right, and it might be to my credit. But if I am chairman of the building committee of a church, work of winning souls to the Lord I have no right to indulge such feelings, for the money I am handling is can so well know the individuality of not mine; it is a trust fund, and with strictest honesty and business judgment must I use every cent

If business methods are right in business matters they are right in spiritual matters, and the souls under a but enables him to say what is needed | pastor's care are there "in trust." He has no right to be influenced by pleasure, comfort, or even love, in the selection of those whom he brings, or allows to come. Not only must be refuse admission to many who seek to There are others who contend that come, but he must, if he sees the need

evangelist, and that whenever any I say "intelligently" with a purpose special effort to win souls is to be for too many evangelists are not intelmade he should step aside and bring ligently sought. Right here comes to his aid one who devotes his time to, the question, "Who is an evangelist that particular line of work. They in this thought?" Is it the man who pray themselves. They wish that all argue that the very fact of close ac- devotes his life to the special work of their kindred may be religious, bequaintance with the people is a hin- winning souls, passing from place to drance, - that his congregation hears | place in this effort? To many people the term "evangelist" is an unpleas-

An evangelist is one who makes a business of inducing men and women, boys and girls, to accept a partnership with the Lord Jesus Christ. It does What is a pastor? Can better an- not necessarily mean that he does not swer be given than that he is a man devote more or less time to other parts very often is, a pastor of a church of God, made up his mind to terminhimself, to whom God has given special ate a relation which had brought him power in this direction.

But it does mean that when in evangelistic work he makes that his business, -I use the word "business" in its worldly sense, that we may get a better and perhaps new view of what evangelistic work should be.

A successful salesmen is one who can rightly and quickly measure his prospective customers, and present his case to him on the customer's level. The salesman is there for a purpose,to sell something; he concentrates all his power of thought and speech in such presentation of his goods as will secure a sale. He wastes no time on outside themes; he believes in his wares, and uses such arguments as will cause the buyer to share that belief.

The successful evangelist is one whose business it is to tell dying souls of their need of a Saviour, and to ine troduce them to that Saviour. He had banished him from his father's knows himself of the need; he knows When God made many men of many of a Saviour intimately, so intimately years have not sufficed to obliterate minds he knew that these various men that the burning love of Christ fills could only be reached by varied his heart and mouth, and the message that he is to give fellowmen is so im portant that he can and does have but one thought,—the winning of souls He never thinks, much less tells of how successful he was in some distant town or land, of how some great man was their father, but many years after it reached by him, how some noted Christian worker owed much to him. He doesn't tell affecting stories that he may have a weeping audience, or measdiversity of gifts, or such complete ure his work by the falling tears. If knowledge of human nature, as to be his heart is full of Christ, if his work able to present the gospel with equal is really the Lord's business, he cannot trifle thus with human souls and Not only are the hearers differently flying minutes, but with the intensity of conviction he presses home to heart and conscience the truth that does appeal to men and women when thus

laymen alike, - to us is given the power to become the sons of God; and if there is in us filial worship we shall all be evangelists, whose main business in life is the living and telling of the need and power of God's love. As we feel more and more fully the responsibility that rests on us for the winning to God of the unsaved souls with whom we come in daily contact, we shall, with deeper humility, ask him for such intensity of love and devotion to him as will give us an earnestness that shall be resistless as we plead with men to epter into partnership with our Friend and Saviour. - S. S. Times.

The conquest of the world for Jesus Christ is a military undertaking. It is for this very purpose that the Christian him. But his worst enemy is within. marches is the Cross, its Commanding General is the Lord Jesus Christ, and brought by him to take part in the all orders issued to it come from head.

A Day of Trouble.

John was in trouble. For twenty years he had lived and transacted business with his father-in-law, Laban and they did not get on well together. Many men do not get on smoothly with their relations. When there are misunderstandings the fault is somethe other, but more frequently with both. Jacob was not the easiest man in the world to deal with. He was a consummate schemer. He seems to But, do you say, shall not a pastor have inherited this trait from his thus help a brother in Christ? I say, mother, and to have transmitted it to his descendants throughout many gen-If I am building a house for myself | erations. He had unbounded confidence in his own abilities, but was not overscrupulous as to his methods. He was a godly man, after a fashion. He believed in the God of his fathers, and prayed and made vows and sacrifices to Him. For the times in which he lived he was a good man, but measured But one flowering does not exhaust the by modern standards he was far below the stature of a good man or even a Laban, his father-in-law, was still

more worldly-minded and selfish. He looked with favor on religion in others but did not make much use of it for himse f. He was willing to have men associated with himself who were on good terms with the Almighty, but he seems to have had little person dealing with the supreme Being. H gladly availed himself of the advan tages of the prayers and piety of other but did not care to be at the troub of practicing those religious princip which he admired in others. Man such men live now. They respect r ligion and think it should be patron ized and encouraged. They like to associate with praying men, but never cause they hope that thereby some benefit may come to them also; but they will not be religious, themselves. They would :nake a gain of godliness. but do not know anything about the real nature, power, and profit of

Laban had wronged his son-in-law beyond endurance, even after having profited greatly from his services. of the Lorl's work; he may be, and Jacob, believing himself to be called so much disappointment and pain: By a characteristic stratagem he left Laban's house by stealth and carried away with him all his effects and his household. So soon as Laban discovered what had taken place he pursued after Jacob. not being willing even to part from him in peace. But Laban was outwitted, and decided to accept the situation and return home. No sooner had he disappeared over the hills which were ever after to separate the two families, than another antagonist threatened Jacob. He was more formidable and dreadful than Laban

Esau, Jacob's brother, now comes upon the scene to vex the soul of the patriarch. Jacob must now settle an old score. Twenty years before he had wronged his brother, and his sin house and his fatherland. Twenty the memory or the guilt of the crime, nor to prevent its awful consequences. 'Be sure your sin will find you out' Neither time nor space can hide it. Joseph's brothers thought they had effectually covered the sin which they committed against their brother and confronted them like a ghost, and they said. "We are verily guilty." Something within told them vengeance was on their track. Jacob had to face his old sin.

Here was a family quarrel which threatened to result in a bloody tragedy Great is the pity that ever the stars his brother Abel it has been thus. clouds of vengeance on his brow cruel murder in his heart. Family quarrels, Church quarrels, national quarrels have deluged the earth with blood. Only God can settle such deadly feuds. It was God that settled this one.

Jasob owel all his trouble to himself. It was his own sin that banished him from his father's house. It was his own sin that kindled the flames of had mady foes, but his worst foe was himself. It is usually so. A man may be surrounded by enemies. Some of them may be members of his own household. The world, the flesh and the devil may combine to destroy Surely it was a day of trouble for Jacob. "Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed." And Jacob prayed mightily unto the God of his father.-Chris. Advocate.

Many Pentecosts.

Bishop Warren, in the Sunday School Times, shows that since Jesus lives and reigns on high, his promise to give the Holy Spirit included many Pentecosts before its final fulfilment:

"Jesus having gone to heaven, to its perfect state, its bright angelic choirs, and his Father's love, what relation does he keep to us? His promise on departure was to give the Holy Spirit, who should even exceed his ministry, prepare a mansion, etc. See how the deed follows the word.

The progress of the world is not cataclysmic, but epochal,-first the blade, then suddenly the flower, and after due preparation the fruit. Individual lives that have no epochs are apt to be dead levels.

The ugly century-plant blossoms at length into marvelous beauty. The human race blossoms into Pentecost. rose, the race, nor the residue of the Spirit. This one Pentecost does not fulfil the prophecy to pour out the Spirit upon all flesh. Every part of the world needs the outpouring, and the heavens are full of Pentecosts. It is the nature of prophecy to be gen eric and be fulfilled repeatedly, with enlarged significance and increasing lower. How many times has that early prophecy (Gen. 3: 15) of the sneaking way of Satan lying in wait to bite the heel, and the effective way of man's striking at Satan's head, been fulfilled? How many times will it be fulfilled, up to the final and fatal consummation? So of the pouring out of the Spirit. Since these things are so. we are less interested in history than possibility. The preparation for Pentecost was a sine qua non of its coming. Since God's laws are eternal, like causes produce like effects through all

Is Temptation a Gain, or a Loss?

How is it about temptation? In our Lord's Prayer we are taught to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Again he taught, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.' Yet again we are taught by words of inspiration. "Count it all joy when ye fall into manifold temptations," and "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation." Are these teachings in conflict? Of course they are not. We are to shrink from temptation while we can avoid it, or make our choice. Yet if, in the providence of God, we fall into temptation, while we are seeking to do God's will, we can rejoice that he who has permitted us to fall into those temptations will surely enable us to triumph over all that tempts us. It is so in material conflicts as in spiritual. A true soldier shrinks from a fight while he has the choice, but when the fight comes he expects to have victory. All of us must be ready for the conflicts that meet us in God's service. - S. S.

EASING THE CHEST.

It is the cold on the chest that scares people and makes them s ck and sore. The cough that accompanies the chest cold is racking. When the cold is a hard one and the cough correspondingly severe every coughing spell strains the whole system. We teel sure that if we could only stop coughing for a day or so we could get over the cold, but we try everything we know of or can hear of in the shape of medicine. We take big doses of uinine until the head buzzes and roars; we try to sweat it out ; we take big draughts of whiskey, but the thing that has its grip on the chest hangs on; and won't be shaken loose.

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