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men will engage the services and pay handsomely the evangelist who will not mention their sins, dig them up, and make them feel badly with their pictures of heart depravity, the bottomless pit, and the changeless doom and destiny beyond the grave. When pleased oratorically, addressed complementarily, melted sympathetically through allusion and appeal to natural affections, while sin and salvation are both touched very lightly, then the leading men of the different denominations will pay down most handsomely. They pay to be let alone. They reward the Unjust Steward for writing fifty and eighty when they owe God the one hundred of a perfect consecration and a holy life.

Of course they receive them in their habitations, their city brownstone fronts and lovely country residences. Their guest, the Unjust Steward, has helped them out of a lot of repentance, restitution, consecration and dying out at the altar. In gratitude they entertain him, have him in their broad halls, at their mahogany dining tables, give him handsome presents, gold watches, beaver hats and boxes of Havana cigars. This is easily done out of the balance of fifty and remainder of twenty which belonged to God, and yet still keep ahead.

But, alas for the Unjust Steward, there is another day of reckoning coming. The day when his Lord cometh.

What a day it will be. What a time of wailing and woe. Which one of the tenants can help the Unjust Steward then? Every one of their houses is on fire. The earth itself is on fire. The heavens are rolling up like a scroll from fervent heat. Judgment has come at last, when truth will be laid to the line and righteousness to the plummet.

What hope, then, for the Unjust Steward? What chance for the man who mistaught and deceived his fellow man? And what shall be the sentence and doom of one who robbed and defrauded Almighty God of what was due to Him from the children of men?—*Christian Witness.*

#### MAKING A BOTCH OF IT.

A young sister in giving her testimony in the prayer meeting the other evening said: "When the Lord impresses me to do or say something for him, I get great blessing by obeying him, but if I try to do anything without him sending me, I make a botch of it." This is a big truth, and has a wide application. A man who is not sent of God will make a botch of preaching. If we go without being sent to urge people to surrender and come to the penitent bench, we make a botch of it, and a lot of folk who go to help seekers at the altar only confuse them and make a botch of it. People who are forward to help others when they are not right themselves, are sure to make a botch of it. People frequently say, "We want to do something." All can do something who are right with God; but the difficulty with many is they want to do the kind of service they are unfitted to do.

It takes grace given of God to take the little place and to patiently do what our Lord assigns to us; but if these duties are faithfully done, God will open up to us places of greater service as fast as we are able to fill them. Better to be successful in a small place than to make a botch of what we are unable to do.

### THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

#### WHAT CHRIST EXPECTS OF ME.

What does Christ expect of me  
At morning, noon and night?  
That, as He all my burden shares,  
I should my brothers' load of cares  
Strive ever to make light;  
And thus with glad heart clearly see  
The work His wisdom plans for me.

What does Christ expect of me  
When I with sad souls meet?  
That, by my sympathy and prayer,  
I would their sorrowing hearts prepare  
To lay at His dear feet  
Each heavy burden, and be free  
His love to sing where'er they be.

What does Christ expect of me  
As on through life I go?  
That I each day would clearly shine  
In darkened hearts the light Divine,  
That doubting souls may know  
The power of Him whose light so free  
Can cheer all hearts on land or sea.

What does Christ expect of me  
While on the earth I live?  
That every thought and vote of mine,  
Each act, each word, each written line,  
May to Him pleasure give,  
And find His smile life's golden fee  
For time and for eternity.

—Selected.

#### THE BIBLE.

This book reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, and the destiny of the righteous and the wicked.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

To be wise, read it; to be right, believe it; and to be holy, obey it gladly. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's armor and the Christian's charter.

Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell are disclosed. Christ is its grand subject.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

It is an exhaustless mine of wealth, a river of ever-deepening joy, and a mountain of exalted visions.

Its invitations are most gratuitous, its workings most solemn, its commandments most suggestive, and its rebukes most fearless.

It invokes the greatest responsibilities, offers the highest rewards and condemns all who trifle with its contents. It is given you in life, will be open in judgment and be remembered forever.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, and always with an open mind.—Selected.

One of the evidences of backsliding is when people let trifling things keep them away from the services of the church. If they have no excuse they make one and then try to make themselves believe it is true. If they let the same excuses keep them from their business they would end in bankruptcy.

#### TRAITORS TO THE TRUTH.

Bishop Latimer, in a letter to King Henry VIII. makes a statement that might be applicable to some preachers of the present day. He said: "The holy doctor, St. Augustine, in an epistle to Casalanus, saith, 'That he who for fear of any power hideth the truth, provoketh the wrath of God to come upon him; for he feareth men more than God.'" And according to the same, the holy man, St. John Chrysostom, saith, "That he is not only a traitor to the truth, who openly for truth teacheth a lie; but he also who doth not freely pronounce and show the truth that he knoweth." These sentences, most redoubted King, when I read now of late, and marked them earnestly in the inward parts of mine heart, they made me sore afraid, troubled, and grievously vexed me in my conscience and at the last drove me to this strait, that either I must shew forth such things as I have read and learned in Scripture, or else belong to those who provoke the wrath of God upon them and are traitors to truth; which thing, rather than it should happen, I had rather suffer extreme punishment. For what other thing is it to be a traitor unto the truth than to be a traitor and a Judas unto Christ, who is the very truth, and the cause of all truth, and who saith that, whosoever denieth me before men, him will I also deny before my Father and his angels.

The which denying ought more to be feared and dreaded than the loss of all temporal goods, honour and promotion, fame, prison, slander, hurts, banishments, and all manner of torments and cruelties; yea, and death itself, be it never so shameful and painful.—*From F. Book of Martyrs.*

#### HEART TALK WITH PASTORS.

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Every pastor faces great responsibilities; each year seems to produce added distractions; in fact, the drain is so great that many earnest, unselfish men became utterly discouraged, and hence lost their spiritual power largely.

Only a pastor knows what it means to face sinful church officials perhaps for years, Sabbath after Sabbath, and to have these men destroying as fast as he builds. But surely there is help. Our conquering Christ faced and fought deeply entrenched evil, until he uprooted it. How did he do it? Firstly, he lived a holy life; secondly, he prayed more than most of our successful soul winners, even vastly more than most of us do. Often we rise early to take a train or to go to a picnic. How often do we rise a great while before day and pray? In these days of superhuman tasks let's follow the God-man's example. The very air seems charged with evil spirits in the evening—it being Satan's busy time, the air is so pure and free from demon power before the break of day; let us arise and meet with Christ then, fortify ourselves for the fierce battles of the day.

Darkness may surround the man of prayer, but it only makes his light appear brighter. No age of the world has presented more overwhelming difficulties to the church than this present age. Unless we follow the example of Christ closely, we will meet certain defeat.

Oh, brethren, let us arise early, pray mightily and prove the power of our Leader. If we allow duties to increase until they crowd out prayer, we will be weak in faith and in people likewise. To your knees, oh, church of God!—*Pentecostal Herald.*