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EDITORIAL

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"MORE OF GOOD."

Some years ago, when travelling our first circuit in the ministry, we were in touch with that godly young man, Rev. A. C. Showers, of the Pittsburgh Conference. At one time when we were conversing together with regard to some difficulties we were having to meet in the work of our calling, he placed his hand on our shoulder and remarked with some emphasis, "Brother Easton, the cure for these things is more of God." Soon afterwards our young brother passed on to his reward, but the impression made upon us by his statement has never left us.

"More of God!" How significant! Is there anything like having more of God to cure the evils and overcome the ills of this life?

One feature of having more of God is very encouraging. It is that there is enough in God to meet all the demands of human nature, and also to satisfy the desires of the soul. There is a divine fulness in God, an all-sufficiency of grace for every individual.

As we look around about us we are convinced that if the saints of God overcome in the conflict of life it will be because they have more of God than they had in the beginning of the Christian warfare. There must be an increase, or there will be a diminishing and finally an absence altogether of the grace of God in the heart.

If the Church of this age and generation accomplishes her mission in the world, it must be through experiencing the fulness of God's grace and love that is realized only in the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon her.

If the ministry succeeds in building up the church in her most holy faith, and in winning many souls to Christ, it must be through having much of the presence and help of God.

All classes who are engaged in God's work must have more of God continually if they fulfil the place and accomplish the work God has given them to do. All who will meet the conditions may have more and more of God's help according to their needs and demands that are made upon them in their fields of labor.

Negatively considered, having more of God may mean with some, deliverance from selfishness. The fulness of God in the heart can not be experienced where there is selfishness in the life. The composer of a hymn has portrayed the condition of the heart where there is all of self and none of God; then also a condition where there is some of self and some of God; again, a condition where there is none of self and all of God. How thankful we should be that through the shed blood of Christ we can be delivered from the principle of selfishness in the heart!

If the Church in general would have more of God's presence and power manifest in her midst, she must give less attention to the temporalities of life and more attention to her spiritual interests. The Spirit of God can not take full possession of the heart where the worldly spirit dwells. Earthly mindedness has prevented many from having the mind and Spirit of Christ.

If we would have much of God manifest in our lives we can not live for the mere gratification of our physical senses. There is too much waste in high living with some to see much of the power of God manifest. The people who live in the indulgence of their appetites and passions with no self-denial and no control of themselves, not only do not have God's power resting upon them, but sooner or later they reap the consequences of such a course of physical suffering. Living up to the times and beyond one's means hinders the cause of Christ. How often is it the case that the more one has of this world, although through their wastefulness they have nothing to show for it, they have less and less of God. Waste of goods, as with the prodigal son, tends to a state of wretchedness, and will eventually bring one to sorrow if not to repentance. Strong Christian character can never be developed in self-indulgent practices.

Positively, more of God with some implies more faithful use of the means appointed to grow in grace. Continued study and adherence to the teaching of the Scripture is essential to grow in grace. Many have lost out spiritually and become backslidden in heart through the neglect of God's Word. On the other hand we become stronger as we increase in the knowledge of spiritual things. Many times if we would have more of God there must be more prayer in our lives, more communion with God. Some receive little because they are little with God in prayer. Of others it could be said, they often say their prayers but seldom do they pray. Real prayer requires time and energy, at least an energetic faith. How few are willing to use either! If prayer is as important as Scripture example and teaching sets it forth, then those who would be godly can not afford to slight it.

More of God with others means a more ready response to God's bidding. If souls were more prompt in walking in the light and doing the will of God, it would bring greater spiritual blessings to them. It is this hesitating and faltering spirit when God shows us what He would have us be and do, that deprives the soul of His help in the time of need. The manner of our obedience has much to do with the manifest presence of God with us.

With many, more of God means to be more fully given over to God. If we would

have God's power manifest in us we must consecrate ourselves fully to His service. Some keep a retainer on their consecration; when God would make any special requirement of them they draw back what they have assumed to give, then God withholds His bestowment and they are devoid of power.

To have more of God means to seek earnestly to have God's love possess our hearts at all times and to be filled with the Spirit of God. Those only who are filled with the Spirit have God greatly manifest in their lives; they alone are supernaturally qualified to fulfill their mission.

More of God requires the giving out of that which God has given to us to bless others. Both of temporal and spiritual possessions. The spirit of true Christianity is that of benevolence. It is only as we share with others our blessings and do our utmost to spread the light of truth and holiness, that we may expect God's blessings to be copiously showered upon us. He who robs God by withholding that which is His, or by taking unto himself that which belongs to the support of God's work in general is greatly lacking either in the spirit of grace or the power of God.

Finally, if we would have more of God we should show our appreciation of what He has done for us by offering thanksgiving and praise to Him who is the giver of all blessings. In the evening and morning, and on all special occasions we should offer the sacrifice of praise to God as a sweet smelling savor. That God is pleased with such offerings is evidenced by the glory of God so often seen in the sanctuary when praise is given.

More of God is the great necessity of the age in which we live.
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A RECEPTION.

Our lot seems to have fallen in pleasant places, judging by the kind reception we have received from our church and congregation. Thursday evening, the 10th inst., about seventy of our friends came to the parsonage to welcome their new pastor and family.

The evening was spent very pleasantly. A programme was carried on consisting of solos, duets and choruses, readings, recitations and speeches. One feature of the evening was a beautiful reading by Sister S. Hayden Shaw (who is visiting us), entitled "John the Divine," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Sister Morrell read the address of welcome, after which Brother Patterson on behalf of those present, presented us with \$35.00 as a token of their good-will and to half defray the expenses of moving. All of which we are very grateful, and endeavored to express our thanks and appreciation. The ladies served refreshments after which prayer was offered for the blessing of the Lord to rest and abide upon each one as they separated for their homes.

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