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EDITORIAL

Three things were very much in evidence in the early church: Great fellowship, Acts 2:42; Great power, Acts 4:33; Great Liberality, Acts 2:45 and 4:34, 35. These were what gave the work the great impetus, for those who believed had all things common, that is to say, there was no strife or divisions among them; they were like one great loving family; the folk loved all the preachers, and the preachers loved all the folk. There were probably many things, if they had allowed them place, that would have caused friction, but they overlooked those, for they had the love that covered a multitude of faults. They dwelt on the essentials of salvation and retained the fellowship.

They had great power in witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. This was a vital point; when persecution arose and they were scattered they went everywhere witnessing for that same Jesus.

They had great power in giving; they gave themselves and all they had. When the need arose someone was willing to sell all they had and put it into the treasury to forward the cause. We plead for the simplicity of the old-time gospel or we may say the essentials of salvation; we have got too many irons in the fire; too many are like the Corinthian church, everyone seemed to have a different hobby. What we need is the pure and simple gospel that saves, purifies and establishes in God.

KNOW THY WORK—DO IT

Every man and every woman has a work to do for God in this world. No two have the same work to do, but each has his or her own individual sphere with its accompanying work. No one person can successfully do the work of any other person, and there is sadness in the thought that if any one fails in the accomplishment of

that which has been allotted, it must remain forever undone.

Carlyle says: "The latest Gospel is know thy work and do it." Many fail because of lack of consideration of the purpose and meaning of life. The old catechism question, "What is the chief end of man?" with its answer, "The chief end of man is to glorify God," etc., should settle every difficulty on this matter. All work and service should be subservient to this. The final test should be, "Does it glorify God?" In all our work it should not be the easy things, nor the pleasing, attractive ones that should bring the decision, but "Where and how can I best glorify God?" Only thus can we fill the place God has ordained. It is man's highest privilege, and first duty to find out what is God's plan and purpose for life for him. To find this out and to do it is to live for the only great purpose. No life is insignificant or worthless. Nothing was created in vain. Every link in every chain has its place and work. The smallest cog in the smallest wheel of every piece of machinery has its place and purpose.

Many fail because they under-estimate their worth and work. Your life is worth something to God. If you will surrender all you have to Him and let Him have full control, your ability plus His grace and blessing can accomplish great things. Do not be depressed with your littleness, for no one is small who is on God's side. "He always wins who sides with God." It makes little difference what work is assigned us of God so long as we do that work faithfully and well. There's surely somewhere a lowly place on earth's wide harvest field where there is work to be accomplished for God.

To one man is given one talent, to another man an entirely different one. God has divided to each one as it seemed good in His sight, and it is up to each to cultivate and develop this special faculty feeling that his work is God-given. If God assigns to one the evangelization of a certain district, and to another the caretaking of His house, and if each does the work assigned, faithfully and well, each will be equally rewarded and commended by Him who sent them. Heaven will disclose heroes and heroines whom this world never knew. Many of them will have come from humble homes and obscure corners.

"God is the boss of us fellows, every man all of us."—Thus "Old Jake," an Indian guide in Alaska, expressed the first item of his faith which he had learned at the mission school. It was a good declaration of the sovereignty of God—a truth too much neglected these days.—Heart and Life.

What is the sanctified life? Would I say "It is a life founded on holiness that begins with the second blessing?" I might say that. But more. It is a life lived looking at one thing. The whole secret of walking with God is to keep steadily "looking unto Jesus." It is difficult to look at two things at once. Oh! You may do it in a sense—simply taking in indistinctly the second thing. But there is one thing upon which the gaze is fixed. The true Christian life is one where the gaze is fixed on Jesus Christ.—Dr. De Lona.

LEFT ALONE

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." (Gen. 32:24).

Left alone! What different sensations those words conjure up to each one of us. To some they spell loneliness and desolation; to others rest and quiet. To be left alone *without God*, would be too awful for words, but to be left alone *with Him* is a foretaste of Heaven. If His followers spent more time alone with Him, we should have spiritual giants again.

The Master set us an example. Note how often He went to be *alone with God*; and He had a mighty purpose behind the command, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray."

The greatest miracles of Elijah and Elisha took place when they were alone with God. It was alone with God that Jacob became a prince; and just there that we, too, may become princes—"men (ay, women too!) wondered at." (Zech. 3:8). Joshua was alone when the Lord came to him. (Josh. 1:1). Gideon and Jephthah were by themselves when commissioned to save Israel. (Judges 6:11 and 11:19). Moses was by himself at the wilderness bush. (Exod. 3:1-5). Cornelius was praying by himself when the angel came to him. (Acts 10:2). No one was with Peter on the house top, when he was instructed to go to the Gentiles. (Acts 10:9). John the Baptist was alone in the wilderness (Luke 1:80) and John the Beloved alone in Patmos, when nearest God. (Rev. 1:9).

Covet to get alone with God. If we neglect it, we not only rob ourselves, but others, too, of blessing, since when we are blessed we are able to pass on blessing to others. It may mean less outside work; it must mean more depth and power, and the consequence, too, will be "they saw no man save Jesus only."

To be alone with God in prayer cannot be over-emphasized.

"If chosen men had never been alone,

In deep mid silence open-doored to God,

No greatness ever had been dreamed or done." *Streams in the Desert.*

THE PRECIOUS PLACE.

Bitter and bleak the winter day,
Rocky and steep my mountain way,
Danger ahead on the treacherous trail,
As shadows over the hills prevail;
Trembling, I stop on the path dismayed,
And stretch out my hands like a child
afraid.

Some One comes through the lowering
night,

Bearing a welcome beacon bright;
Some One firmly grasps my hand,
And leads me through an alien land;
My matchless Comrade, my peerless
Friend,

He sees me safe to the journey's end.

Shelter and warmth and rest at last,
Dangers and darkness safely passed;
But as I kneel by the friendly fire
My thoughts to God like the sparks aspire;
And the perilous path was a precious
place

Where I met my Saviour face to face.

—Mary Davis in S. S. Times.

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."—Paul.