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The Forward Look!

St. Paul says, 'Reaching forth to those things which are before, this one thing I do, I press toward the prize for the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus." Too many of us look backward, and rest in the victories of the past year too often, it is indeed encouraging to be able to look back on the past as a year of victory, but it is better to have a forward look, and a vision of the needs and the possibilities that lie within our reach, and gird ourselves to the battle, and "press toward the mark." The need was never so great, nor the possibilities so wonderful as the new year's sun is rising. Like Mr. Wesley said about his own field of labor once: 'The whole world is my parish." I say it with all kindness to our sister organizations that the hope of a great revival lies within the activities of the holiness ranks; the holiness preachers are about the only men that carry a real burden for a lost world, and are the only ones that are preaching complete, full salvation that meets the needs of every life. Merely regeneration does not give us a vision and burden for a lost world, nor power to do service for the Master as He desires, and that we need, or He would never have commanded us to tarry in Jerusalem for the endowment of power. He says, "And ye shall receive power with the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses (martyrs) unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts 1:8. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and made meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work.—Sec. Tim. 2:21. It takes the baptism with the Holy Ghost to cleanse the heart, thus removing all inward hinderances, and empowering one for service. The baptism with the Holy Ghost also gives an enlarged vision of the world condition, and needs, and an enlarged vision gives one a burden that drives the soul to travail which brings forth results in the salvation of souls. It also gives one a forward look, and a divine inward urge to ever be "reaching forth to those things which are before," rather than looking backward and being content with past victories and achievements. We do not pride ourselves in what we have accomplished, but we have such zeal for the cause of our Master that we are inspired to look forward, and to expect greater accomplishments in the future. One who has the forward look knows that all of his best days are not behind him, nor is all of his best revivals in the past, but his sky is luminous with the stars of hope, and his faith is not a dead faith, which his activities will prove. The forward look will cause one to talk faith, encouragement, hope, and enlargement, and prosperous times to come. When a man or woman in natural life begins to live in the past, and talk of childhood days, and relate what occurred fifty or sixty years ago, and delight in those things altogether, and has but

little hope for the future, you may know that old age is upon them, and that they will not accomplish but very little more in life. When pastors, churches and evangelists, and missionaries begin to live in the past, and to talk of the good revivals they used to have, and the accomplishments of the past, and the great and gloricus days in the springtime of their religious work, and delight more in the past than in the hopes and prospects of the future, you may know that they have no forward look, no vision, and that their work is done. It takes fresh anointings and deeper digging, and an inward urge to keep one looking forward to greater and bigger things in the work of God. May the Lord give all of the preachers who read this short article a new anointing, impetus and vision, and a forward look, and cause them to 'reach forth to those things which are before" and with a great sacrifice" press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Brethren and sisters, let us make the coming 1927 a year that will take us far beyond that of 1926. God is able, the task is ours, and God is depending upon us 'possessing the land." Let us not disappoint Him. Looking forward, I say good-bye to the past so far as relying upon it to bring victory to me for the future, and I say gooumorning to the future, with a faith and forward look that enables me to hope for greater things. We can win if we will. Glory to God!

FATHER TO SON.

My boy, I pray, although at times you doubt me,

Think this one thought unto the end about me:

I, as you father, serve no selfish pleasure. You and your interests are my dearest treasure.

'Tis not to kill your happiness I check

I know how swiftly storms may come to wreck you.

I hold you back not merely to enslave you.

I cause you grief, from greater grief to save you.

You'll live to walk with skillful men and clever,

Men who can do the things which I could never.

But, oh, my son, know this, though others charm you;

I am the one friend who will never harm you.

I will not hurt you, wrong you, or deceive you.

I will not take all you can give and leave you.

I may be sterner far than people do,

But no one lives who loves you more than I do.

My boy, I ask but this whene'er you doubt me:

Always remember this one fact about me:
When all my little faults and whims
you've noted,

I am your friend, unselfishly devoted.

The greatness of a sacrifice does not always depend upon the giving of large amounts nor the expenditure of much time, but rather the amount of love and prayer we put with them.—Religious Herald.

We say "Blessed" to those who are receiving continually. Jesus, with a deeper insight into human nature, said, "Blessed" to those who are giving continually of their substance or their service or their life.—Advance.

Accomplish the little things well. Do your best; simply, sweetly, quietly, and quickly; do it not for self, but to the Lord. Strive not after great things; not after that which is of self-love and desire of applause, and is not pleasing to God.—Stephen Merritt.