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EDITORIAL

THINGS WORTH WHILE

Every great business enterprise these days is planning on an expansion of trade. To this end they have times when their salesmen come together to hold conferences or conventions to study methods and advance and examine new ideas for the promotion of business. At times it seems advisable to absorb or amalgamate other concerns to eliminate competition. They plan not to have division among their staff, but to have all absorbed and enthused with the thought of unity of effort to greater attainments. The Church at Corinth was an example of division; they were torn in shreds, so to speak, and the apostle Paul writes to shame them for such a condition. He tries to tell them the things they were divided over were not the main issues, for who was Paul or Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed. They each had their place and were doing their part for the extension and expansion of the work of God. What great failures have taken place in the past on account of a lack of unity among members of so called holiness churches. God wants the wood, hay and stubble burned up. These things will not make for the permanency of the structure, and so must be gotten rid of. What is needed is the real sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, to destroy carnality, and thus promote unity. Every holiness church should be united to spread holiness, for that is the call of God. He wants that vital godliness shall continue in this old world and it can only continue as the Holy Ghost has his way in the lives of the members of the body of Christ.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion City of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode:

On the Rock of Ages founded,

Who can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

So wrote J. Newton. The challenge is to the holiness church today. Nothing can impede the progress, if all are united for one purpose, for "all are yours, and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's."

This man who came with nothing but love in His heart stirred up more towering hate than any other man in history.—Rev. S. Shoemaker, Jr.

WASTING LIFE

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour

If a man wastes money he may get more, although it is wrong to be a spendthrift. If he wastes foodstuff he may be able to get plenty from the groceryman, or from his farm, and still have enough to eat, while we are conscious it is nothing short of a sin to cook up more than is necessary from day to day and throw it out. The time may come and oftentimes does, when those who are so thoughtless and wasteful come to want.

However, a man may waste lots of things, and get more back in place of what he throws away, or lets perish on his hands. But there is one thing absolutely certain and sure, he cannot waste life and get it back. It cannot be regained. He can't live it over. Once gone, it is forever gone. Regret it as he may, repent of it as he should, grieve over it as long as possible, nevertheless it doesn't bring life back. When life and time go by they never, never return. Then, how careful we should be to make the very best of life, time and talent as we journey through this world! We have no time to lose, no substance to waste, no talent to throw away, no talent to bury, no life to waste, and no soul to lose.

Nothing is so wasteful as to waste life. It is exceedingly wrong. God gave us life for His glory; and to waste it, idle it away, spend it in sin and the service of the devil, destroy much good, pull down his cause and kingdom rather than build and establish it, hurt and injure our fellow-man, wield the wrong influence, dishonor God and grieve the Holy Spirit, is indeed a great sin. What could be worse? Multitudes need to stop and think. Millions are living wrong. They are travelling on the wrong road, going with the wrong crowd, keeping the wrong company, thinking the wrong thoughts, speaking the wrong words, doing the wrong deeds, and going to the wrong place. O fellow pilgrim, eternity bound, stop and think. Think!

It is alarming and astonishing to see the great multitudes of mankind journeying through life without an aim and a purpose. They seem to be just trifling. They have no goal to which they are sailing, no prize for which they are striving. They seem to be satisfied to drift with the tide. They value life very little. Time to them seems cheap. They are content to idle it away. They talk of doing things to "pass off the time." Oftentimes what they do is detrimental, evil, sinful, wicked and mean. It doesn't pay. Life to them is cheap, whereas it should be the most priceless and valuable thing on earth and in much they have lost until they lose their heaven. Multitudes will never know how much they have lost until they lose their soul, after having spent life in sin and folly.

I have just received a card from a dear old man, 86 years of age, telling me that he is in trouble about his soul, wanting to know what the unpardonable sin is. I suppose he thinks, in all probability, that he has committed the unpardonable sin. Poor man! I feel sorry for him and have written him a good letter, telling him to repent of all his sins, call mightily upon God, have faith, trust him, and perhaps he can yet be saved. It is the only thing to be done. Better late than never. But, O how sad to come down to old age and decrepitude and feel troubled and uneasy about one's soul! It should be the time of life when one is happy and ready to

exchange worlds. Let thousands of our readers breathe a sincere prayer for this dear, old, tottering man. Perhaps the very fact that he is in trouble about his soul is proof that he has not committed the unpardonable sin. Let young people take warning. Do you blame me for writing so much to the young of our land and warning them of sin and wickedness, of mispending their precious lives and coming down to old age, if they ever get there, or coming down to death, without God? I feel it my indispensable duty to warn the young people. May God help them.

If one lives in the service of the devil his life is wasted. He may repent and be saved by the "skin of his teeth" at the last days, hours and moments of his earthly life, but his life is a blank and a failure. Even if his soul should be saved through deep repentance, with a godly sorrow for sin, yet his life is lost in usefulness to the world. What a sad and deplorable thing! I begrudge the lives of men and women, boys and girls, to the devil. I know they are going to suffer for it sometime, somewhere. They are going to be sorry, but it may be forever too late.

To spend life in folly is to waste it. Foolishness gets you nowhere toward success and the best. It takes you in just the opposite direction. O the foolish jesting, talking, acting and living we see everywhere! It seems that the height of the aim and aspiration of the multitudes is to indulge in foolishness, have a jolly time, and what some call a "big time," going merrily and thoughtlessly, carelessly and heedlessly down the broad and beaten way of the sinful world to eternity. They age going without God. Going without making any preparation to meet God. They seem to think it fun, think it big, think it great, think it wise, think it manly and womanly to go with the crowd. But I will assure you, the crowd is not pleasing God, neither are they going heavenward. "Follow not a multitude to do evil." Don't think because the crowd is going your way, or you are going the way the crowd goes, you are all right. It is a positive proof that you are wrong. The crowd has never gone right; it never will. And the crowd does not love the few that are pulling and travelling in the opposite direction. That is the reason holiness and righteousness, sanctification and redemption through the blood of Jesus, and separation from the world and the devil, are so unpopular. But, bless God, the time is coming when it will be popular, but it will be too late for the multitudes to obtain it.

I think Noah was quite unpopular when he was building the ark. But he was wise. It is always wise to do the best thing, the right thing—the thing that pleases God, and which God commands and requires of us. The reason I know holiness is right is because the world hates it so, the ungodly church member hates it so, the devil hates it so, and because God and his redeemed, sanctified people love it so. Whatever the devil hates is good. It is of God and worth while. Amen! So the saved, sanctified people of God are going to come out at the right end of the road some sweet day, and go up to meet the Lord in the air, have the marriage supper of the Lamb, rejoice and shout as the cycles of eternity roll on, and be forever with the Lord. Glory!

To spend life in idleness is also to waste it. That is what so many are doing. Lots of our boys and girls who go through high school,