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EDITORIAL

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim. 2:15.

The above exhortation of the great apostle to Timothy seems to be quite appropriate to all preachers for all time. It suggests to us three things about a preacher's calling. First he is called to be a workman. No man ever made a greater mistake than the one who enters the gospel ministry thinking he can be successful, and have a soft easy time, or avoid work. It is exceedingly bad for a preacher when he gives people the impression that he does not like to work. Most people will excuse his shortcomings in performance of duty, or his limitations in education, or ability to preach, if they know that he is industrious, studious, and is working hard to improve his talent, and give the people his best in return for what they give him. The word of God has nothing good to say about slothful people, but it enjoins upon all men to be industrious, zealous, of good works, etc. The wise man said: "The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour". The second thing suggested in the text is the workman is amenable to God. Hence he must study to show himself approved by God: not to be a man pleaser. The apostle said: "If I yet please men I am not the servant of Christ." Howbeit the preacher who pleases God will also please God's people, or as the postle Peter puts it, he will "feed the flock of God". If his preaching is the kind that grieves or wounds the spiritual people of his congregation: he would do well to change their diet, and give them something that is more nourishing, which would mean probably a change in his own spirit., although he may continue to preach the same word. He may need to pray like the Psalmist. "Create in me a clean heart, O God! and renew a right spirit within me."

Third. He must study to rightly divide the word of truth. And this last suggests to us a flat field for thought which time or space would not permit us to cover. Of course he must study the Word of God and good books as already implied in the text. Some parts of the Bible such as some commands apply only to one dispensation, or to a certain time, and not as other commands do to all men at all times. Hence if we try to apply certain commands which God gave to the Jews under the old dispensation to all men today, we make a mistake and put unnecessary burdens on people, for we have not rightly divided the word of truth. God commanded all male children among the Jews to be circumcised. He commanded his people to appear at Jerusa-

lem to offer clean beasts on his altars as an act of worship. He commanded them to eat certain kinds of flesh for food, and to abstain from eating other kinds. He commanded certain men who took the vows of a Nazarite to abstain from eating grapes or raisins, and also to let their hair grow, and not to cut their beards, and a great many other such like commands were enjoined upon them, but who will say that we are under obligations to observe them today in order to please God.

Again Jesus gave some commands in his day which are not binding upon us. For instance when Jesus sent out the twelve he commanded them saying. "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not". Matt. 10:5. Furthermore he commanded them to take no shoes, nor two coats for their journey. You can see beloved if evangelists tried to obey these commands of Jesus now, they would be likely to suffer with cold bodies and frozen feet, especially in this country of ours at this time of the year. No, those commands were for the twelve at that particular time in his ministry. Let us note, that later he commanded them to go: not only to the house of Israel, "but, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And we Gentiles are praising the Lord for that last command. He also commanded his disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until the day of Pentecost which feast day came fifty days after the Passover feast, and said they should receive the promise of the Father, and he baptized with the Holy Ghost. Now let us ask shall we have to go to Jerusalem and tarry until Pentecost in order to be baptized with the Holy Ghost? No, thank God! We don't have to go to Jerusalem, neither do we have to tarry ten days for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The day of Pentecost is past and we shall never have another, we do not need another no more than we need another crucifixion of Jesus. The Holy Spirit came on that day and assumed his official capacity in the work of saving men. So now it is the privilege of every truly converted child of God to seek and obtain the blessed baptism with the Spirit if he gives his all, and himself to God according to Rom. 12:1-2-3, and looks to Him by faith in Jesus' cleansing blood, and he also may know that same power to purify his heart. For Peter says that is what took place at Pentecost. God purified their hearts by faith. Acts 15:9.

The preacher must also study the spiritual needs of his congregation. And preach enough on such subjects as sin, repentance, and faith in Jesus for salvation to make the unsaved feel their need of the Saviour. He ought to preach on such subjects as holiness, consecration, sanctification, perfect love, until the truly converted see their privilege of seeking, and obtaining the baptism with the Holy Ghost to cleanse their hearts from all unrighteousness. He needs also to preach the strong meat of the Word to feed the flock of God that all may grow thereby and when he preaches the whole gospel which meets all the spiritual needs of men, and also touches every other phase of man's life as well, if he rightly divides the word of truth.

He will be a workman approved unto God that needeth not to be ashamed.

NOTE:—If any of the brethren want an extra copy of this issue of the Highway with the revisions in it made by our recording secretary, Rev. H. C. Archer, we will send you one if you write and let us know.—H. S. DOW.

Love is a spiritual coupling of two souls.—B. Johnson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Norton, N. B.

Brother Dow:

You asked me to write something for the Highway. I fear it would be more suitable for the waste basket than the Highway, yet, while looking over the pages I see the different requests and different reports and my heart was stirred. If I could only put on paper something that would arrest the attention of God's people to the privilege of partaking of the life of Christ, for as it says in Col. 3:4 that "when Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Can we say when we shall meet Him that he really has been our life? It is life we all need.

When the Shunamite woman came to Elisha, she would not be turned away, she said, "as the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." It was the life of her son she wanted restored and nothing but life would satisfy and this is all that will satisfy the soul that has found Christ. Many years ago when I first found Christ as my Saviour I went to church and listened to them tell their story, I would say in my heart, why do they not tell something about partaking of the life of Christ, my heart hungered for the Bread that comes down from heaven that we can eat of and not die. In the Psalm of David it says "as the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God." I fear that some of the hungry ones, think some of us are where I thought they were at that time. Oh, Lord, give us a good appetite for the Bread that comes down from heaven that we may eat and not die. John 44 and 55. Whoso eateth my flesh, drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed.

Paul says in Gal. 2 and 20: I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live. Ye^t not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me when we enter the great experience where we are sanctified wholly and filled with the Holy Ghost language such as Paul expresses makes our hearts leap with joy knowing that it is our privilege to be partakers of the life that gives us a foretaste of the resurrected life just beyond. II. Peter 1 and 4. Hereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. W. R. CARSON

Dear Highway Readers:

It has been a long time since we have reported through the Highway. We have enjoyed our work here at Fort Fairfield and God has blessed our own souls as we have tried to minister to the spiritual needs of our flock. We had two gracious revivals in the past two years and we are looking to God for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit and a mighty ingathering of precious souls. Our meetings are scheduled from Feb. 5th to 24th with Rev. H. E. Mullen as the evangelist. We solicit the prayers of God's children.

Our Sunday School grew the first two years we were here. This year on account of depression some of our regular attendants at church and Sunday School were obliged to move away. This cut our number down considerably for a time. However, we kept