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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness-Isa. 35-8

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"And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the 'rewards of divination' in their hand." Oh, the subtilty of these "rewards of divination!" How the mighty have fallen because of this age-old temptation! Balak said to Balaam, "I will promote thee unto very great honor." In 1 Sam. 2:30 we read, "For them that honor me I will honor." Can those who are conscious of the sacred obligations of the ministry turn lightly from the rewards and honor that God has promised to the shallow and uncertain promises of an apostate church? No doubt because of a partial consideration to Balak's offer Balaam had the sad experience of being rebuked by the voice of a dumb ass.

The days of our visitation require the ministers of God to keep their hearts so sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit that we can be depended upon in these days of national, material, and spiritual crisis. Kings, dictators, presidents, and statesman are in a mighty maelstrom of hopeless confusion. God has the only way out and He is depending upon His true servants to stand upon the crumbling walls of civilization and sound forth the mighty message of God. May we have the spirit of Balaam where he said, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad for mine own mind: but what the Lord saith, that will I speak."

Does our responsibility as ministers lessen because of the increase of atheism, crime, and lawlessness? According to the Word of God we are to look for such conditions during the closing of this dispensation. These facts should stir us to an increased prayerfulness, personal and public evangelism; also see to it that our messages are Spirit-filled and fire-baptized. Sin of the present day, though popular, will damn souls in hell the same as in the past. The fearful results of sin are not lessened even if church members and religious leaders compromise and condone it. Our business is to cry aloud and spare not. Dear fellow ministers, let us seek a fresh renewal of our commission. How gripping when first the call of God was made known to us! Is there not a danger of our settling down in our conception of this divine call to where we will consider it only as a life's profession? God deliver us from such a dangerous state! The church of our choice will suffer irreparable loss and precious souls will plunge into a sinners' hell if ever the ministry loses the fear of "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

By An Evangelist

Many years of careful observation have taught us that a degree of precaution was necessary in regard to our conduct in the various homes in which we stopped for entertainment. There are several things one needs to guard against : therefore for the benefit of the reader, we will mention just a few. 1. We have realized that if we were not careful we would become too sociable, and thus make ourselves common with the inmates, and thereby lose our influence with them for good. In order for them to be properly impressed by our sermons at church, it is necessary that they should first be impressed with our conduct in the home. 2. We also realize that in order to get them hungry for the blessing which we possess, we have to be careful and not let too much light on them at one time, by telling them of all the dealings of the Lord with us during our twenty-four-year walk with Him. Some workers are not wise at this point, and as a result hinder more souls than they help. 3. The next point at which we saw it necessary to use a great deal of discretion was not to have too much to say about our scruples along the line of eating, i. e., as to whether we ate pork or drank tea and coffee. If anything was placed upon the table that we could not eat or drink with a clear conscience, we refused it in a quiet way, without expressing ourselves. 4. The next point at which we see it is necessary to be extremely careful is, not to speak to them of our needs, or solicit money among them for any purpose. For we have long since learned that soul winning and soliciting money for personal needs do not go toA rich man was down a river front waiting for the departure of an occan liner. He was joined by an acquaintance, who said to him, "You seem to be much pleased about something."

"Yes", said the man, "I do feel unusually good today. Do you see that vessel at anchor in the North River? Well, I have on that vessel ten thousand dollars worth of equipment for a hospital in China, and I just came down to see the vessel safely off."

"Well, that is interesting, and I am glad you made that gift", said the friend. "But you know I also have a gift on that ship. My only daughter is on that vessel, going to China to give her life as a missionary."

The wealthy man looked touchingly into the eyes of his friend and exclaimed, "My dear brother, I feel as though I have given nothing as I think of what this sacrifice means to you." —Selected.

FOUR STEPS IN A SERMON

J. H. Jowett says the path over which the sermon must travel to produce action is:

First-Enlighten the mind.

Second-Captivate the judgment.

Third—Arouse the conscience.

Fourth—Conquer the will.

When you are complimented for a message, don't be too well satisfied. Somebody says, "I learned some new things today." That is only the first step. Another says, "I see that truth clearer, you have convinced me." That is only step number two. You see a man moved to tears and he shakes with emotion under the message. He is aroused, he is stirred, but the one thing most needful is for him to yield—to obey—to act. Soul-winning preaching aims at action.— Selected.

Be still, sad heart, and cease repining. Behind the clouds the sun is shining; Thy fate is the common fate of all, Into each life some rain must fall, Some days must be dark and dreary. —Longfellow

Self-control is the daughter of faith.

gether, but rather hinder the work of God. Numbers of preachers and gospel workers have been unwise at this point, and thereby brought disrepute upon the cause of God.—From Worker's Secret of Unction.

IN WHO'S WHO

In a study made by Prof. Stephen S. Visher of Indiana university, it is stated that among the 24,278 biographies in Who's Who, it required 48,000 unskilled laborers to furnish one son eminent enough to be included. Among carpenters, plumbers, mechanics and other skilled laborers, one out of 1600 furnished a son or daughter for Who's Who. The farmers did better with one notable child from 800. But the astonishing fact is that among the clergy, one out of every twenty has a child listed among these distinguished persons.—Religious Telescope.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

Every year in the United States there are an average of 11,000 homicides, 23,000 suicides, 36,000 autocides, 4,000 maternal deaths through abortions, and 700,000 aborted lives. All this is achieved despite the law of the state as well as the commandment of religion.—Foster in "Living Church".

A NEW HEART

What is the use of an apple tree if it never bears any apples?

And what is the use of calling yourself a Christian if there is no fruit seen in your life, no change in your conduct?

A boy went home from a meeting one evening, and told his little sister that he had got a new heart.

"Have you", she innocently replied, "then please show it to me!"

And that is just what all Christians have to do, to show in their changed life and conduct that they have got a new heart.—The Home Evangel.

It has been well said that no man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is wehn tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear.—George MacDonald.

Have the courage to dare to be true at all times.