The King's Highway

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

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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PREACHING HIGH THINGS

Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, D. D.

It is a mistake for a preacher to dwell on the seamy side of life. That can be better attended to by others. A Christian congregation needs no description of the underworld. It has learned all about it from the newspapers and magazines and the movies. Paul's exhortation, "Seek the things that are above," is good advice for everybody, especially for preachers. When he says, "Set your mind on the things that are above," he says something which all preachers do well to heed. When he says, "Whatsoever things are true and honorable and just and pure and lovely and of good report, think on these things," his words ought to be caught up by every preacher in the land. If the people are to think high things the preacher must set them an example. He has no valid excuse for spending an hour Sunday morning in describing a cesspool or opening up a sewer. The preacher is called to a different sort of job. His specialty is good news. People should go from the house of God feeling cleansed and refreshed.

It is a mistake also to carry into the pulpit the names of men who habitually sneer at religion and scoff at the church. Why honor them by giving them public recognition? Irresponsible writers of third-rate ability are given a fictitious importance when the preacher proceeds to combat their theories and speculations. Why notice them? What difference does it make what they think or say? There is a horde of shallow-pated wiseacres now gabbling and scribbling for the public, and because some of them are clever in the use of words and enjoy a wide newspaper notoriety, many a preacher is tempted to give them a significance they do not deserve. Hreachers ought to take heed lest unknowingly they degenerate into pulpit book agents, increasing the sale of books which ought to be let die. Why should a preacher waste his time in sowing the ideas of popular, skeptical "smart Alecks" in the minds of those who otherwise might never hear them? The lecturers and authors who sniff at Christianity and ridicule the church do not deserve serious attention. Why should the preacher give them the publicity for which they hunger?—The Congregationalist.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE.

In every case where I have been asked about preachers for certain charges, they always ask about the preacher's wife. Is she a help to him, or is she a hindrance to him? Many times I have been put in an embarrassing position, because the preacher's wife is not a help to him. No one could be a greater blessing to a church, (aside from the preacher himself) than the preacher's wife, and on the other hand, no one can cripple his usefulness more than his wife. It is a sad day for a preacher when he marries a woman who is not in sympathy with his work. For an example of this read and study the book of Hosea.

When a preacher's famly has to depend on the church for their food and clothing, they certainly should not live in open rebellion to the teachings of the church. I know some preachers who were good men and talented too, who are on the shelf today because their wives were worldly, and insisted on dressing like the world when they ought to be an example to the young women of the church in modesty. One preacher I call to mind now who has been laid on the shelf because his wife wears a ring and thinks more of it than she does her husband's ministerial influence. The Church does not want such influence among its members.

A preacher's wife who has had her hair bobbed and goes and gets permanent waves, surely is unthoughtful or downright wicked. Many times the preacher wonders why he can't get a better charge and is held back in making advancement. All he needs to do is look at his wife on Sunday morning when she comes into the church. This is no time to let down and swing back toward the world. I wish every preacher's wife would be modest and plain in their dress, lay off their jewelry, let their hair grow out and help their husbands make his church a glowing success for God. If they will not do this I don't feel that I for one will be responsible for the results that will follow. Yours for victory.— John Clement, 311 Allred St., High Point, N. C.

WHAT MISSIONS MEAN TO US!

When we speak of missionaries, at once we are reminded of the first great missionary, Jesus Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Among the countless numbers who came with their different physical and spiritual needs His great heart of love and sympathy went out in the supplying of that need. Paul the Apostle who faithfully labored and preached the gospel, was persecuted that he might teach men the way of salvation and lead them to God was also a true type of missionary.

We remember those in the foreign lands who have not the great privilege we have in the gospel. How great our responsibility as young people. If the gospel reaches them much depends upon the professional Church of Christ in this gospel land.

God has chosen some to go to those in sin's dark night with the message of salvation. Those who may not be called to serve in this way must respond to service in other ways, namely, prayer, sacrifice of our time and means to further the spreading of the gospel. We all may have a share in this great work which is so important.

May God give us a vision of the needs of the foreign lands. Solomon said, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Prov. 29-18.

Every true Christian is a missionary, at least should be possessed with a missionary spirit for all about are needy souls, those who need help, sorrowing hearts who need sympathy, souls sick in sin who need to be guided to the Saviour. Dr. Brezee, the founder of the Nazarene movement, said, "I am a debtor to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as I have received it."

May we feel the same, and remember the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and the promise, Lo I am with you alway even to the end of the world."

HELEN DOYLE

DOING BY DISCERNMENT

A great deal may be done by severity, more by love, but most by clear discernment and impartial justice, which pays no respect to persons.