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## EDITORIAL

### CONCENTRATION IN SPIRITUAL THINGS

Many men in professional and business life have learned that if they would attain the largest measure of success and render the best service to humanity they must concentrate, or specialize on some one subject or phase of business. Hence we have a great many specialists among the professional men of this age. For example take the medical profession. We have eye specialists, ear specialists, throat specialists, specialists on every organ of the human body, making a special study of them and of the diseases which afflict them, so they are able to better understand them, and to find remedies to combat their troubles.

Now I have said the foregoing, that I might say this. The scriptures also furnish us with examples of specialists in spiritual things. Men who became outstanding Christian characters in past days were specialists, or seemed to confine their efforts to emphasizing some one phase of religious life or experience. When we go back to the days of David, we hear him saying, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple." The psalmist's great desire seemed to be to know God better, to become better acquainted with Him. Hence he must seek Him in the secret place of prayer, and meditation, and there he would behold, "The beauty of the Lord." God has said "In the day you seek me with all your heart I will be found of you." Note again the thought of concentration in those words, "seek me with all your heart." Jesus also emphasized this thought in His teachings. He said to Martha, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things. One thing is needful." Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her. Because of Martha's desire to give her highly esteemed guests many things for their comfort and entertainment, which was very commendable in itself, and because of her sister's seeming lack of interest in those things while Martha was trying to do the work alone, she became fretful and impatient with Mary who seemed to be greatly delighted to just sit at the feet of the great teacher, and listen intently to those wonderful words which fell from His generous lips. There was a rankle in Martha's spirit which caused her to complain bitterly to Jesus because of her

sister's lack of help and also of her Lord's lack of concern. She cried to Him, "Care'st thou not that she help me, bid her that she help me." Because of her strong desire to have her own way, and have things to set before her guests, instead of being content with one thing for their physical needs, and then, like Mary give more attention to soul culture: she would disrupt the peace of the home, grieve the heart of Jesus, and deprive her own soul of the blessing that His presence would bring to her; because she did not concentrate on one thing needful.

Jesus loved the rich young ruler that came to Him asking what he must do to inherit eternal life; but in spite of his morality and good traits of character which our Lord no doubt recognized, He told him he lacked one thing which would make him perfect; that no doubt was perfect love, or loving God more than anything else. Our Lord also taught that when men seek the gift of the Holy Ghost they must concentrate, or be specific in their seeking. In Luke 11, where He is teaching His disciples how to pray, and why, and what to pray for, He said, "If a man shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? Or if he ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Seekers often fail I fear to get what they need from God because they do not seek definitely, and name the blessing they need which is often to be sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. They generalize too much, and ask for more love, more faith, more patience, or courage, etc., instead of concentrating their prayers and faith on the one thing which we have already mentioned.

The apostle in his letter to the church at Corinth said, "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He believed evidently that if he would emphasize that great truth in his preaching, that it would take care of all their spiritual ills. There is a very great danger of preachers generalizing too much in their preaching, and just entertaining the hearers, with no definite object in view. Hence no one gets definitely saved under their preaching.

Again, the Apostle, in his letter to the Philippians, I believe, gives us the secret of a successful Christian life, which is concentration. He wrote: This ONE THING I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark.

He had one objective, one desire and purpose, that was to obey and glorify Jesus, and to that objective he sacrificed everything else. He said what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ, etc. That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death: He was surely a specialist in spiritual things and succeeded. We can think of some men in more modern times who mightily moved men for God. Men like Martin Luther who specialized in his preaching on Justification by faith, and became the great reformer. Also John Wesley, author of the great holiness movement of modern times, preached specifically on sanctification as a second work of grace obtainable by faith which he termed the Second

Blessing, which was the beginning of a Spiritual work which has been the means of bringing multiplied thousands into the experience of holiness throughout the world. Let us be spiritual specialists.

## HOLINESS

Rev. John Clement

One of the sad things in the holiness movement is that we have developed the theory of holiness to a higher degree than we have the practice of holiness. This scripture (I. Peter 1:14-16 R. V.) sets forth holiness as a practical way and takes it into every part of life. The Revised Version says, "All manner of daily living." He begins in verse 14 with the words, "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts," not eternally backsliding like some holiness professors I know, but practicing holiness three hundred and sixty-five days in a year. Holiness should be practiced in the following ways:

In our moral life. Moral standards are at low ebb now. People can do anything and claim to be a Christian. People practice what they used to frown on. Light once is light forever.

In our thought life. No man is ever purer than His secret thoughts. "As a man thinketh, so is he." Our holiness will show itself in the literature we read and in songs we sing.

Holiness in our business life—how we deal with our fellowman in the business world. Show the Golden Rule here and do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Holiness in our political life. I like to see holiness people vote like holiness people. I believe if I cast my vote on the side with evil I will share in the destruction and the reward for that evil.

Holiness in our domestic life. Here is where holiness should shine the brightest. I had rather my home folk have confidence in me than any one else.

Holiness in social life. Here is where a number of people let down. I am sorry for a preacher that mixes in worldly things to try to have an influence.

Man has a relation to God, to his fellowman, and to himself. He should be holy in all these relations. The Bible surely teaches holiness: why not also the Church? You answer that question, Paul gives seventy references to "holiness" in his writings alone: (1) nine in prayers; (2) fourteen in commands; (3) sixteen times in verb "sanctify;" (4) nine times in the noun "sanctification;" (5) eight times in "righteousness;" (6) seven times in "perfect;" (7) five times in holiness;" (8) four times in "holy;" (9) two times in "cleansed;" "without blemish;" "unblameable;" "holy;" "godliness;" "without spot;" "a pure heart;" "complete;" "saved to the uttermost." If we will preach the Bible God will honor our preaching and give us a real revival. Let's make holiness our battle cry!—The Vanguard.

## I KNOW HIS CARE

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fringed palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.  
And so beside the silent sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore. —Whittier