

# The King's Highway

## An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

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### THE SUCCESSFUL PASTOR

For a number of years I have been taking notice of ministers of the gospel and their manner of working among the people; of the successful and unsuccessful ones. When I say successful, I mean those who gathered the greatest number into the fold of Christ, also established the people of God in the most holy faith. We refer to those who fully believe God has called them into the ministry. With such we believe it is. "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," and no doubt they long to be successful and going forth under the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire. They should and would if they followed the example of the Apostle Paul, as we have it in Acts 20:17-38. The crying need of the day is for such men.

Ministers have come into my home, and you would feel that something more than human was there. When they prayed you were brought into the presence of God. They made it their business to find out the spiritual standing of every one in the home, and warned, instructed, or exhorted as the case might require. They realized they were our spiritual physician and had our case at heart. We felt secular matters had to be laid aside, also joking, idle chit-chat, or religious gossip, while they were present. The children received special attention. If they had been recently converted, they were encouraged, exhorted to steadfastness, and warned of the many snares that would be laid for their feet. Often when gathered around the family board at meal-time, we would hear them groaning and praying in an adjoining room. In warm weather, in the barn, stable, or field, we would often hear them wrestling with God for souls, especially during revival meetings. I remember them in busy times, coming to the field, exhorting us for a few minutes, getting us on our knees for prayer, and passing on, leaving us feeling almost as though an angel had dropped in among us for awhile.

Nothing seemed to hinder them—hard cases, poor circuits, or those of different religious views. Like Wesley, they felt the world was their parish. They were careful to show no partiality on account of social standing or wealth. Souls they were after, and souls they had.

When one of them got up to preach, I tell you, you could smell the fragrant flowers of heaven, and the stifling smoke of hell. Glory, Glory to God forever! Oh, Lord, repeat the scenes of old. Amen.

The unsuccessful pastor is too well known among us to require much description. He neglects the important house-to-house visiting and individual work. We find, though he preach like Paul, it would not make up for this lack. Sometimes they mix up in secular affairs; some take on an agency, others will gather a stock about them almost equal to a small farmer; and the poor fellows work away

trying to turn both cranks at the same time. They didn't succeed—how could they? 2 Tim. 2:4. Wesley told his ministers they had nothing to do but save souls. It is a high, holy, and separate calling, and it doesn't mix. The Lord deliver us from a time-serving ministry, and send us "The Successful Pastor."—M. Hazzard in the Christian Standard.

### GOD TRIED TO WORK BUT

If God could always have His perfect way, what blessed results would follow! But there are certain hindrances.

SATAN: Even the mighty Apostle said: "We would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again, but Satan hindered us."

THE WORLD: The spirit of worldly minded people hinders the progress of the Gospel.

CARNALITY: Were it not for carnal contentions and divisions among christians, the work of God would go by leaps and bounds.

HUMAN EFFORT: While the above are great hindrances, we sometimes wonder if our own inconsistencies do not hinder more.

1. God tried to save that overly nice person, but I was too severe and he never came again.

2. God tried to use the evangelist, but his ego-personality and sarcastic flings crippled his usefulness.

3. God tried to wake up that sleepy congregation, but the preacher became harsh and drove them away.

4. God tried to use the messenger, but his long sermons killed the appeal and only a few responded.

5. God tried to save that opposer, but I got into an argument with him and he was disgusted and turned away.

6. God tried to use the singer, but he knew it all and no one could suggest an improvement lest he flare up, pout and quit.

7. God tried to save my loved ones, but I was so over exacting and queer around home, that I became offensive, rather than winsome.

8. God tried to break through at the after service, but the leader insisted on a certain method and the blessed Holy Ghost was crowded out.

9. God wanted to heal that poor derelict of his wounds, but my instruments were rusty and lacked oil, hence he died on the operating table.

10. God wanted to cure that rich man of his spiritual cancer, but I used sweet oil and court-plaster, "crying peace, peace." He was only "healed slightly," and soon passed away without God.

11. God tried to lead me into a life of prayer and rich communion, but I allowed petty cares and home duties to crowd in and I remained just an ordinary Christian.

12. God wanted to use some of my money for missions and worthy causes, but I gave

less than my share and souls will be forever lost, because of stinginess.

13. God tried to get into that big convention but the programme was too "cut and dried." Then God conceit held the reins so tightly that there was little or no room for the Super-natural.

14. God longed to reap something worth while out of my pen and brain power, but laziness, licentiousness and loquacity have so sapped my spirituality that now I drop into a lower rank and become a mere intaker, instead of an outputter, a consumer, but not a producer.

15. What a pity that we cannot be so emptied, then filled, that God can get all the Glory out of us that He originally planned, had we always kept in the Spirit and believed Him fully! And now what shall I do about it? By prayer and fasting, humble myself before God and others until I am completely broken, melted and moulded, then go forth with weeping, beseeching men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God. I will, so help me God! —E. E. Shelhamer

### THE PREACHER'S BEATITUDES

1. Blessed is the preacher who knows how to preach.

3. Blessed is the preacher who varies the introduction.

3. Blessed is the preached who varies the pitch of his voice and rarely shouts.

4. Blessed is the preacher who knows when he's through.

5. Blessed is the preacher who preaches to himself.

6. Blessed is the preacher who preaches on great themes.

7. Blessed is the preacher whose sermons are articulate and progressive.

8. Blessed is the preacher whose sermon is a unity with a definite aim and every superfluous word cut out.

9. Blessed is the preacher who occasionally permits the congregation to sing an entire hymn expurgated.

10. Blessed is the preacher who rarely uses the pronoun "I."

11. Blessed is the preacher who is not constantly coaching the congregation to rise up and when to sit down.

12. Blessed is the preacher who knows that the object is the end and the subject only the means to an end.—The Christian Century.

Kind words are the brightest flowers of earth's existence; they make a very paradise of the humblest home that the world can show. Use them, and especially around the fireside circle. They are jewels beyond price, and more precious to heal the wounded heart, and make the weighed down spirit more glad than all the other blessings the world can give.—Zion's Watchman.

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