

ery and going at a rapid rate of speed to meet him in hell. Oftentimes the possessions for which a man sacrifices his soul, misses heaven, and that leads him to hell, he leaves behind as a curse to his family instead of a blessing. You realize this is a truth that you have observed in your neighborhood or your community.

God expects everybody who is able to work, able to earn a livelihood to go forth and earn it honestly. Every person that is physically and mentally capable should not desire to go through life idly or in a lazy and trifling way, and let others feed and clothe them. What we have in the way of material things that are necessary for a living should be earned honestly. Our output of labor, physical or mental, should be equivalent to what we receive from our fellowmen. Our work should be important. It should be that which is absolutely necessary, that which is to feed and clothe the human family and to bless mankind, never that which is a curse to mankind, though one may earn money and a living thereby. But it is a very sad fact that multitudes of people get a living by working at that which is a curse to humanity and not a blessing. This is a serious thing. However, no man has a God-given right, even though his work is absolutely important, to let that come between his soul and God. God gives no man justified liberty to lay up his treasures here below and neglect his soul's salvation, in the meantime leaving Christ out of his life. It is true that men can do this, and God doesn't compel them not to, but they do it at the sacrifice of their souls.

The rich fool might have made an honest living; Jesus didn't say that he was dishonest. His work might have been vitally important for the body, as we must have food and raiment. But this man let his earthly possessions come between him and God, between his soul and heaven. This is the serious thing, the tragic thing about it all, and people by multitudes are doing this very thing all over the earth today no doubt. They live for money, land, houses and lots, finery, pleasure, amusement, gratification of the flesh, self, and in the meantime are poor, very poor, toward God. They are making no preparation for hereafter so far as their soul is concerned. All they want is money, luxury, ease, a gay time, worldly possessions, and whatever they can buy with which to gratify and satisfy the flesh. Poor soul! Oh, how poor are people like that toward God! How they miss life's best! How they grasp the counterfeit, the shadow, but leave the pearl of great price out of their lives, namely, God and vital salvation!

Oh, the danger of earthly possessions! Few people can have much of this world's goods and be godly in the meantime. It is next to impossible to be rich in a material way and have God in the heart and soul at the same time. Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. He also warned mankind not to lay up for themselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt and thieves break through and steal, but lay up for themselves treasures in heaven. It always pays to obey God and our Lord Jesus Christ. We never go wrong when we live in absolute obedience to what God requires of us, and what God warns us against, and what He advises us to do. His standard is always best. It is safe and sound. We gain

life's best when we live to do His will.

Oh, how selfish, how absolutely stingy, multitudes of people are! They live for self, think of self, and lay up possessions for self. They let the cause of God go dragging in the dust, limping and halting along, but they care nothing about it. They never build churches and send missionaries to the foreign fields. They do not feed nor clothe the orphans. They do not support ministers of the Gospel who are giving their very lives to the cause of God. They let churches rot down in their midst, even though their children are growing up in such a community, or village, or countryside. They pamper themselves, oftentimes gorging their bodies with dainties, but let their poor souls starve absolutely to death for salvation, also let their children likewise starve. It is pitiful; it is pathetic. God is greatly displeased with it. But dear man, dear woman, when you have gained your earthly possessions, set your affections upon them, loved and cherished them, and then come down to die, "whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" You certainly and positively cannot take one dollar with you, nor one acre of land, nor one house, nor anything else material. You are going to leave these possessions some day, and who shall own them? And where shall your poor soul be? No doubt it is all right to own a home, to own a farm, to own something material as long as it doesn't come between one's soul and God, and as long as one gives liberally and cheerfully to one is godly, righteous, and spiritual, and as God's blessed cause.

No professed Christian should think of getting by with less than one-tenth of his income given faithfully and cheerfully to God's cause. This is God's financial plan for carrying on His work. Nothing has ever worked satisfactorily but this. Even sinners should tithe their income to God. It is only fair and right, since God gives them health and strength with which to work and make a living. No person that is able to work should think of getting by with less than the tithe, or tenth, of what he earns devoted to God's blessed cause. In fact, we are to give something out of the remaining nine-tenths. This is the offering we should make to God. But when a man is too stingy to tithe after God has blessed him with health and strength, sunshine and rain, soil and fertility, and with all that it takes to feed and clothe him, I don't know how it will be with his soul when he comes to meet his God, especially if he has had the light on tithing. God calls him a robber. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Then comes in the command and the promise in Malachi 3:10-11. Read and heed it. Oh, the stingy, selfish people all over the land today! So stingy, so stingy until they even rob Almighty God who gives them every blessing they possess. How their poor souls are stunted, dwarfed and starved! Simply perishing, perishing for the bread and water of salvation. They are so close, so close, and care nothing for God, their fellow men and God's blessed cause, until one almost wonders why He permits them to live.

As a consequence of America's, and all nations', robbing God across the centuries, we are plunged into the most horrible war of all history. It is costing billions upon top of

billions of dollars and millions of precious lives and souls. And along with the billions the nations of earth are paying out on account of sin and wickedness—robbing God of their lives, their souls, time, talent, and earthly substance—crime is rolling mountain high, and this likewise is costing many billions of dollars. Just as sure as men and nations rob God, live selfishly and stingy, they have to pay for it. They not only lose it in money, and far more than their tithes and offerings would be, but they pay for it in heartache, hunger sorrow, tears, lamentation, and with their lives and souls. "Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" O dear ones, take heed to the truth and the warning, lest it soon be forever too late!—Christian Witness.

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan

Another great servant of God has finished his course with joy. G. Campbell Morgan, English preacher and Bible teacher, went to be with the Lord May 17th at the age of eighty-one years.

When a young man Dr. Morgan sought to enter the ministry of the Methodist church, but was refused because he was "unpromising." He later became a minister of the Congregational Church and became known around the world as an able preacher and writer, and a great divine.

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On June 4th Rev. Joseph H. Smith celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

Three-quarters of a century ago, Joseph Smith was a mischievous, problem-boy in the church which he attended. Some favoured drastic action, even to the point of expulsion, of the young trouble-maker. Mercy prevailed over judgment, however, and happily. Soon after the boy Smith found Christ as his Saviour, and, as he had yielded himself unreservedly to the careless and reckless ways of the world, so now he gave himself fully to the Lord Jesus. His record as a minister and saint of God is well known to many of our readers. For over sixty-five years Rev. Joseph H. Smith has ministered in the Word, and for many years has been recognized as an outstanding expositor of full salvation. He ministered at Beulah Camp of July, 1915. We rejoice that God has been pleased to add so many years to the life as His servant, and pray that the closing days may be peaceful and blessed.

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Recently Rev. Leslie Ray Marston, Bishop of the Free Methodist Church, was re-elected President of the Union of Evangelicals, an interdenominational organization of the U. S. A. The Union of Evangelicals is one of the largest organizations of its kind on the Continent, and Bishop Marston's election to the Presidency speaks well for the group which he represents, and likewise for the truly evangelical spirit of the Union itself.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

Success in life goes to the man with character who can stand up to the buffetings of the world, to the man who can accept knocks with a smile, to the man who takes the rough with the smooth without whining, to the tolerant man, and, above all, to the man who can co-operate loyally and with good-humor with his fellow-men.—Selected.