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"And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

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WE MUST GO DEEPER

We have reached a period in the history of our movement when we need to take our spiritual bearings and consider our situation. Generally, we are on the right course, our sense of direction is good, and we are having some passing success. But, in the light of the great need everywhere, the multitudes of unsaved people and their almost total indifference to the church, we must examine ourselves, our motives, and our methods to see if we may not have greater success in reaching them for Christ. The question which should confront us all, laymen and ministers alike, is "Are we doing our reasonable best to reach the people of this day with the gospel and to win them to Christ?"

Have we been living too much on the surface of religious matters to make very much of a lasting spiritual impression upon the people of this age? We have been interested in our church making a good showing, in our making a favorable impression with our statistics, raising money, church membership increases, Sunday-school attendance going forward, having a large number of seekers at the altar, and the like; yet have we stressed with equal insistence the deeper and more essential matters of the spiritual life? There was a group around the Corinthian church which Paul said "glory in appearance, and not in heart;" or as Dr. Moffatt translates it, they "are proud of externals instead of the inward reality" (2 Cor. 5:12).

Making all due allowances for needful recreation and physical exercises, there are among us some—preachers as well as laymen who are more familiar with the latest hunting and fishing equipment than they are with the message of much of God's Word; some who are more interested in making a par score on the golf links than they are in being up to par in spiritual matters; some who are better acquainted with the standing of baseball clubs and the ratings of players than they are with the spiritual needs of their own people; some who are better qualified to talk about automobiles, suits of clothes, ties, hats, and the like, than they are about good religious books or important phases of the spiritual life. We may by such procedure be able to keep up a good showing in the externals of church work, but we still fall far short on these matters of inward reality.

If our church is to fulfill its mission to this day; if we are to fill the place in our generation which God desires us to fill, we must go deeper in spiritual things. Nothing superficial or easy, nothing of the passing moment, or that which is purely external in religion, will meet the need of this day.

If the church reaches the people of this age, there must be an appeal which comes from the heart. This age is familiar with the superficial, the insincere, the sham, the chaffy; they see it in the theater, in the movies, they hear it over the radio, they practice it largely in their relations with others. Certainly they will not be attracted by religious pretenses and insincerity within the church. The people of the world look for genuine love, absolute honesty, and a sincere interest from the church.

We must go deeper if we make any impression upon this age. We must learn anew what it means to be crucified with Christ, to be dead to self, dead to ease, dead to office and place-seeking, dead to personal ambitions and pleasures, dead to all that is superficial, dead to sin. We must be alive indeed unto God. Only ministers and lay leaders who are crucified with Christ can meet the spiritual demands of this age.

We must discover anew what it means to intercede in prayer for God to work among us. We must learn anew what the old prophet meant when he said, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." We must learn again the meaning of soul burden, of fasting and prayer, of sleepless nights spent wrestling with God in prayer for a spiritual revival.

We must come to a new realization of what Jesus meant when He told His people to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; we must realize that the world begins under our feet and not beyond the borders of our nation; we must recognize our individual responsibility for winning people to Christ by any method which is usable—personal work in the homes as well as working with them in the church services.

We must go deeper in the Holy Spirit until we have new enduements, rich outpourings, fresh infillings, new inspiration and blessing of His presence and power. We must live in such a vital relation with Him as to be more and more conscious of His leadership, of His anointing and blessing in our lives and upon our services.

We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God; confess our shallowness, repent of our indifference and of our superficial ways of living, acknowledge the loss of first love, and be spiritually revived within our hearts. We must have a more intense desire for the things that are spiritual, a greater faithfulness in meeting God in the secret place of prayer, in taking a new interest in the reading and meditation upon His Word, and of having a greater concern for His work. These are activities, not so much of the externals of which many are proud, but of those

inward realities which are so needful in spiritual life—activities of the secret place. If we as a church ever fill the place that God would have us fill in this day, we must pray through to a new consciousness of God and of His vital relationship with us in all phases of life—we must go deeper!

The above article is from the pen of D. Shelby Corlett, retiring editor of The Herald of Holiness. We regret to learn that Dr. Corlett has been forced to relinquish his editorial work due to ill-health. We pray that he may be granted a renewal of strength and recovery of health and may soon be back at the pulpit and desk to continue his useful ministry.—Editor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCUSED

Former U. S. District Court Judge, Albert Levitt, of Santa Monica, California, threw a serious charge into the hopper of the House Committee on Un-American Activities when he asked for an investigation of the political activities of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

In a letter addressed to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee, Judge Levitt said: "I am willing to appear before your committee and present under oath, so as to be subject to the pains and penalties of perjury, conclusive documentary proof that the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is engaged in subversive activities which are undermining our American form of government and are designed to destroy the political and religious freedom of our people."—United Evangelical Action.

EVANGELIZE

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle-cry, a flaming breath,
That calls to conquest or to death;
A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed her Master's high behest.
The call is given: "Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is EVANGELIZE!"

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the world in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies—
"EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!"
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace.
The world that now in darkness lies,
EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!

—Henry Crocker