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### WHEN PAUL APOLOGIZED FOR HIS WRONG DOING

By the Editor

Forgive me this wrong, II. Cor. 12-13.

The apostle Paul did great things because he was a great soul. He was great because God made him great. He said, I am what I am by the grace of God: Men of the world often become great in the eyes of other men, because they DO great things, not because they necessarily are great souls.

Sometimes wealthy men contribute large sums of money to some educational or charitable institution, but as commendable as an act of that kind is, that alone cannot make them great.

Paul said: Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity (love) it profiteth me nothing, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing.

So we see that good works alone are not necessarily indicative of true greatness; neither does the absence of what the world calls great, in men, prove that a soul is not great in God's sight. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." I. Sam. 16-7.

The two mites given by the poor widow from her want was greater in the eyes of Jesus than the large amounts given by the rich, from their abundance. It was the heart of love back of the act that Jesus saw which made the poor woman's gift great.

It was this same great heart of love which Paul possessed that made him truly great, and is also necessary to make any man great in the sight of God. A love for God and his cause which is begotten and shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. Rom. 5-5.

We don't mean to imply that great souls do not do great works. No! Jesus said a good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good: Good deeds flow spontaneously from a good heart.

The reason that the apostle found it necessary to apologize for his wrong, seems to be because he did not check the spontaneous flow of love from his heart, that love which expressed itself in kindness toward others; that spirit of self denial on his part, which caused him to do without some of the things needful for his own welfare and comfort, rather than to let the church at Corinth supply those necessary things because he said, he did not want to be burdensome to them, but would preach the gospel of God freely, and because his enemies had accused him of

preaching the gospel for money.

He preferred to work with his hands, and be self-supporting notwithstanding he knew and told them that God had ordained that they that preach the gospel should live by the gospel. I. Cor. 9:14.

He was over indulgent with that church and deprived them of the blessing of giving to the support of their pastor, and the gospel of God: For said He: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and the Lord loveth the cheerful giver.

We have many people in our churches who know the blessedness of giving of their money to support the cause for which Jesus died: But there are still many professors of religion who have not been so taught, and are robbing God of tithes and offerings, and as a result they are very dry and lean in their souls. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11-25.

But we say again that Paul was a great soul, and one way that he expressed this fact was by his willingness to apologize when he saw that he was wrong. Great souls can and will do this; little souls never do. Some one has said that the hardest sentence in the English language to utter is composed of three words, viz., "I WAS WRONG."

Doubtless there are many souls who will be lost in hell because they will not admit or confess that they are wrong. The Word says: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," but they will not do so.

Again James writes to the brethren, the Church of Jesus Christ: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another that ye may be healed." But not many are inclined to do so; they are ready and willing to confess the other fellow's faults, gossip and back bite other church members and neighbors, which thing God's Word strongly condemns. But little lean, shrivelled souls never will confess their own faults or admit that they are wrong.

One old man whom I called upon several years ago and tried to help a short while before he died told me that for 50 years he had lived the life of holiness (or words to that effect) and had never wavered from the straight line. This man who was his pastor had reason to believe he was not telling the truth when he said it. A son of his, who never came to church and was a dishonest, wicked, godless man, took suddenly sick, was afraid he was going to die, sent for me, and told me he was going to be a better man. I was glad and tried to help him. I tried to get him to pray.

He always asked to be excused, said he was too weak—he could talk without any apparent

difficulty. I determined to be faithful to him as a preacher of the gospel. I quoted and read scripture to him, and told him that most all people who sought salvation found that they had some things to confess to God, and their fellow man, whom they had sinned against. But notwithstanding that man lived for several months, and one good man whom he had sinned against went in to see him and pray with him, he told me he had nothing to confess, for God had not showed him anything, and he died game? as his old father did. Little lost souls.

There are many souls living beneath their privileges in grace, and don't seem to be making any progress in their spiritual lives. We think that they would be greatly helped, and blest if they would confess publicly their need of a clean heart and seek the experience of heart holiness, and not rest until they receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire, as is promised in the scriptures. May the good Lord help us to be big enough to confess our need when we see our lack, our need of the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. I fear, friends, we will all need this blessing to get us safely past the Judgment.

Let us pray. H. S. D.

### THE CHRISTIAN IS HAPPY

It is a current idea, especially among young people, that being a Christian is a very drab and unhappy type of life. This is due in part to those who, though professing to be Christian, do not live a victorious life. Joy is not the keynote of their life. But there is a deeper reason. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned". 1 Cor. 2:14. The person who is living in sin does not and cannot understand the joy of the Christian. Nevertheless, he is often dissatisfied and longs for something deeper and richer. A girl in her teens who recently took her own life left a note declaring that she had tried all the thrills that life had to offer and yet was unhappy.

The Christian life is one of joy. Paul, the apostle, rejoiced even in tribulation and exhorted others to do so. His letter to the Philippines written from a Roman dungeon has as its keyword, "People". "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice."

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? He said to His disciples, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full". The Christian life is one of blessedness, happiness, and rejoicing which shall have its culmination in heaven with the eternal God, His holy angels and the redeemed saints of all ages.

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