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EDITORIAL

HE PAID AND PRAYED

I am referring to Cornelius, of whom it is written in Acts 10:2: "A devout man—which gave much alms—and prayed to God always." He gave much and prayed much.

The order here is probably not important, for the 4th verse places his praying before his giving. It is likely that his praying resulted in his giving, and his giving was accompanied by and blessed through his praying. With him praying and paying were inseparable.

It is not my purpose at this time to write of the results as they are recorded throughout the chapter, although it is well to note that his praying and giving brought God to his help in an unusual way. They helped to bring another Pentecost.

It may be wise for us to consider the link between his prayers and his gifts. It is doubtful if one can truly pray and not freely give. That would suggest that the limited and joyless giving of many is abundant proof of their limited praying. When people pray much, like Cornelius, they pay much.

The word to some may be that it is not enough to give. Important as it is, it is not enough. For some paying is easier than praying, and so, while they give freely, prayer is neglected. Thus, while their gifts are needed and appreciated, they are less fruitful because they are not fully blessed through prayer. Praying not only results in giving, it also causes our giving to produce results.

Thinking again of Cornelius, it is doubtless true that his gifts helped to make possible the answers to some of his prayers. But particularly would I point out to you the Lord's message to him: "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up—before God." It is not difficult for most of us to believe that God takes notice of our prayers, but should not His words to Cornelius remind us that He pays as much attention to our giving? We think of Him as keeping a record of our prayers, but forget that He also keeps a record of what we give.

Some years ago, after preaching on Cornelius, and his praying and giving, I listened to a man pray and make this confession: "O Lord, I am short on my praying, and I'm short on my paying." A like confession might come from the lips of many of God's people. That partly explains the very limited advancement of God's important work. Cornelius was

assured by God that his prayers and gifts were well pleasing to Him. They ascended as a memorial before Him. But what of our praying and paying? Have we a like assurance? Have you?

E. W. T.

PRAYER AND HOLINESS

Prayer and a holy life are one. They mutually act and react. Neither can survive alone. The absence of the one is the absence of the other. The monk depraved prayer, substituted superstition for praying, mummeries and routine for a holy life. We are in danger of substituting churchly work and a ceaseless round of showy activities for prayer and holy living. A holy life does not live in a closet. If, by any chance, a prayer chamber should be established without a holy life, it would be a chamber without the presence of God in it.—Purpose in Prayer.

THINK IT OVER

Thomas Cook, of England, a flaming Methodist evangelist of the past century, who very humbly admitted that 120,000 souls sought God under his ministry, believed that the preaching of sanctification was the first condition of revival.

"Long ago," he said, "I learned the lesson that if we would convert sinners, we must revive saints. This is not only needful because the converts in a period of revival are almost certain to conform to the type of the average professor, but because the harboring of unkind feelings, the want of charity and forbearance, ill will, the indulgence of prejudices or animosities, prevent the outpouring of God's Spirit, without which all our efforts are in vain. The preaching of the doctrine of entire sanctification prepares the way of the Lord by welding His people together in unity and love as no other truth does. Indeed, it is as Wesley said, 'Wherever a work of sanctification breaks out, the work of God prospers.'"
—Selected.

THE MORNING PRAYER

"O God, for another day, for another morning, for another hour, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve Thee, I am truly grateful.

Do Thou this day free me—

From fear of the future;
From anxiety of the morrow;
From bitterness toward anyone;
From cowardice in face of danger;
From laziness in the face of work;
From failure before opportunity;
From weakness when Thy power is at hand.

But fill me with—

Love that knows no barrier;
Courage that cannot be shaken;
Faith strong enough for the darkness;
Strength sufficient for my tasks;
Loyalty to Thy kingdom's goal;
Wisdom to meet life's complexities;
Power to lift men to Thee.

Be Thou with me for another day and use me as Thou wilt;

In Christ's Name I pray. Amen."

—Herald of His Coming

STEPPING STONES

Hard places, hard tests, hard circumstances, are the battlefields on which, with subtle and persistent opposition, Satan stands against us; yet in these surroundings it is possible, through grace, to gain spoils.

The struggle will add strength. Hard places will reveal the hidden greatness of God, as we say, "I choose here to be true to God." Hard tests will produce unexpected riches if this be our aim, "I choose now to do the will of God, and I refuse the will which may proceed from any other source." Hard circumstances will work out larger purposes for the glory of God when, in answer to the pressure, we assert, "Here I choose, whatever it cost, to follow the Lamb."—Watt.

STEADFASTNESS

Strive to see God in all things without exception, and acquiesce in His will with absolute submission. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him by a mere upward glance, or by the overflowing of your heart towards Him. Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom. Whatsoever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God, trusting in His eternal love for you; and if you find that you have wandered forth from His shelter, recall your heart quietly and simply. Maintain a holy simplicity of mind, and do not smother yourself with a host of cares, wishes, or longings under any pretext.—Selected.

NOT CALLED!

Not called!" did you say? Not heard the call," I think you should say.

Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go and stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and master not to come there. And then look the Christ in the face, whose mercy you have professed to have received, and whose words you have promised to obey, and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in this march to publish His mercy to the world.

Get up! Shake yourself! Act! Do something! Do it at once! Go on doing it! Do it with all your might! Spare no pains! Never stop any more! Pray, talk, sing, give! Do anything you can—everything that will make the people know the truth about themselves and heaven and hell. God will help you. He helps those that help themselves, and especially when they are trying to help somebody else. He is pleased for you to help yourself to all the salvation He has to give you; but He is ten thousand times more pleased when you set to work to help other people.—General William Booth.