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"BUT YE HAVE MADE IT"

"But ye have made it." Strictly speaking, those are words of accusation. They were first spoken to those who were misusing the temple. Having stated God's purpose for His house, saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer," Jesus addressed certain people declaring, "But ye have made it a den of thieves."

It is hardly likely that such serious words need to be spoken to those who read this short meditation. Yet they must not be dismissed as having no message for us. "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer" needs little if any explanation. It is a plain statement of God's will. It is true that prayer is not the only ministry to be performed. Preaching, teaching, and various soul-winning efforts have their rightful place in the worship and service of God's house. But does not the statement of Jesus stress the importance of the ministry of prayer, and mean that our churches ought to specialize in that ministry? "My house shall be called the house of prayer" is a clear revelation of God's purpose.

The message of "But ye have made it" is that the responsibility of fulfilling or thwarting that divine purpose is ours. We can make God's house what He desires it to be, or we fail to do so. The sad truth is that all too many are careless concerning their personal responsibility in this important matter. The church prayer meetings are the proof. The prayer responsibility of the churches are accepted by the few. Faithfully do they strive to fulfill God's purpose. They do it for His glory and in the interests of His kingdom. The important question is, do we belong to those who are faithful?

"But ye have made it" can be a commendation or a condemnation. There is a very real sense in which our churches are what we have made them. The purpose of God for His house has not changed. He still desires it to be a house of prayer. Will you help to make your church after the divine pattern?

E. W. T.

"THE CAMPUS CORNER"

"The Campus Corner" is another addition to The Highway we are glad to present. It will be another regular feature, bringing to

us news and views from Bethany Bible College. By means of it the work, the progress, and the needs of the college can be kept before us, making it possible for us to pray intelligently and give that extra support when it is needed.

The impressions of the President in this issue will be appreciated by every interested reader. The growth of the school reported is reason for further thanksgiving to God, and calls for sincere appreciation of the labours of those who have toiled so faithfully, and the gifts and prayers of the many, making possible its establishment and development.

The present quite urgent needs mentioned by the President ought to become the concern of us all. The least we can do is pray definitely about them. Some may be able to do more than that. Here is a wonderful way to "lay up treasure in heaven."

Be sure to read "The Campus Corner" regularly and encourage others to do the same.

—E. W. T.

USING OUR BLESSINGS

We should not fail to ask ourselves now and then what we are doing with our blessings. We think of our talents, very rightly, as gifts which should be wisely employed that others may gain thereby; but are not our blessings all too often kept for our own satisfaction? Sharing our blessings very often means giving a little bit of that which is nearest and dearest to us. It calls for service of the most unselfish, devoted nature. With some, it might even suggest a surrender of all the established habits of one's life.

When Paul saw the vision on the road to Damascus, he decided to leave all. Home ties, business engagements and ambitions were allowed to lapse, with no prospect that they would be resumed. His was a surrender that laid every blessing, as well as each talent, at the feet of his Lord. It was his willingness to do just this with his blessings that enabled God to use him so mightily.

The next time we are thanking God for our blessings, let us stop for a bit and think how we are using those blessings. There is only one way that we can use them, if our lives are to be filled with the Spirit of God. That way is to bring those very blessings, with all else that we have, and lay them all as an offering at His feet.—Author Unknown.

SIX VITAL THINGS

1. Have a time and place for prayer and shape all your social and business life so that such a time will be observed religiously.

2. Practise His presence constantly; live each day with the thought uppermost in your mind that His glorious appearing might occur today.

3. Be courteous in act, generous in praise, kind in criticism, and helpful in service.

4. Strike the word "compromise" from your vocabulary. Do not hesitate to make war on all forms of sin and the devil. Give out a tract; make an opportunity to speak to another about Jesus.

5. Do not trust your feelings, but lean on the Word of God. Know the Bible; practice the Bible, teach the Bible.

6. Receive the Holy Spirit, honor Him; follow His leadership; walk in His strength.

"If you do these things, ye shall never fall."
—Wesleyan Youth.

SANCTIFICATION

"Christian holiness theoretically and experimentally is no greater mystery than regeneration, neither is it removed any farther from the laws of human thought, but is as plain as any other fact of consciousness. The provisions and the possibilities of grace in this regard are alike adapted to all, needed by all, and free to all. Christ, 'by the grace of God tasted death for every man,' and every man may taste the joys and sweet delight of full salvation. There are three things that are distinct in this experience:

"1. There is a consciousness of inbred sin and moral deficiency after conversion, and more devoted and faithful the justified soul the clearer and stronger this conviction.

"2. There is conviction, in the light of gospel provisions, of the duty and privilege of being 'cleansed from all sin' and made 'pure in heart.'

"3. It is prayerfully sought and experienced need as an instantaneous cleansing by faith in the blood of Christ. These three items of experimental knowledge will be found in every clear case of entire sanctification."

NONETHICAL HOLINESS: NO SUCH THING!

Holiness devoid of ethics never can be the fruit of the Spirit. No one can have the fullness of the Spirit apart from holy ethics. The second trip to the altar is not an end in itself. Sanctification is only the threshold of a more exacting life. From that moment every act and every thought must be examined in the light of one's complete committal to the full will of God. The ethical implications of every choice are enlarged by one's entire consecration. This involves a careful appraisal of everything that a sanctified person does. At no time can the standard of holy ethics be modified or suspended. A sanctified person always does what he feels is right.—James Whitworth, Nazarene elder, Ashland, Kentucky.

GOD IS LIVING

God is living—why be sinful?

He can save you from all sin,

Cleanse your heart and soul and spirit,

Give you grace and strength within

That shall make your life successful,

Like the great men of the past,

Who have left a source of blessing

That through years of time shall last.

God is living—why be thoughtless

As you live through years of time,

With no plan or purpose noble

That would make your life sublime;

Then go down unwept, unhonoured,

With the multitudes unknown,

Who, if they lived for Jesus,

Could have reached life's highest throne?

God is living—then go forward

To the work He has for you,

As a hero strong in purpose,

With a will to dare and do;

Praying as you journey onward,

With your faith in God above,

—Sel.