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TEST OF SPIRITUAL CHARACTER

The tongue is the test of spiritual character. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body."

A man's tongue reveals his original condition. His words reveal his character. A good man cannot be bitter. A man who is constantly imputing bad motives to others is simply describing his own state of mind.

The tongue is the tell-tale of the soul; the index of the dial of character and life. The secret therefore of right speech is a sanctified, Spirit-filled heart.

The sins of evil-speaking, tale-bearing and hearsay are some of the greatest hindrances to the spiritual growth of the individual and to the progress of the Church of God.

Dr. McLean tells how he was rebuked and humbled on a certain occasion when he repeated a grave matter he had heard to a friend. His friend opened his Bible to Deuteronomy 13:14 and read: "If thou shalt hear say . . . then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain that such abomination is wrought among you . . ."

"Then his friend turned quietly to him and asked:

"Have you, dear brother, 'enquired'?"

"Have you 'made search'?"

"Did you 'ask diligently'?"

"Did you try and find out if the story is true?"

"And the thing 'certain'?"

"Is it certain that 'such abomination is wrought among you'?"

Dr. McLean says he could only acknowledge regretfully that he had not fulfilled one of the six conditions and was repeating the tale from hearsay without making the slightest attempt to act thereon in a Spiritual way.

SPEAK EVIL OF NO MAN

A godly minister was approached by one of his church members who wanted to repeat to him some of the wrong-doings of others. The pastor said: "Does anybody else know this but you?" "No, sir." "Have you told it to anybody else?" "No." "Then," said the good man, "go home and hide it away at the feet of Jesus, and never speak of it again unless God leads you to speak to the man himself. If the Lord wants to bring scandal upon His Church, let Him do it; but don't you be the instrument to cause it."—Selected.

DEATH — THE PENALTY FOR UNBLOWN TRUMPETS

Ezekiel 33

By Robert Kerby

One of the most solemn and searching portrayals of the responsibilities of the prophetic office found in God's Word is His charge to the prophet Ezekiel. In this charge God likens the prophet or minister to a watchman who takes up his lonely vigil on the walls of the city.

If danger approaches the watchman is to blow a blast from his trumpet to arouse and alarm the inhabitants of the city. If the people take no warning at the sounding of the watchman's trumpet and perish at the hands of the invading army their blood is upon their own heads.

If, on the contrary, the watchman sees the danger and blows not his trumpet he must answer for the blood of the slain. Thus God declares that the penalty for the "unblown trumpet" is death.

Christendom at the present hour is ringed around with maddened foes. Communism, Modernism and a thousand subtle evils fill the scene with gravest peril. Danger piles upon danger. Crisis looms on crisis. The international sky is darkening ominously. The judgments of a sin-hating God come on apace and the midnight of the Age draws near.

Added to this fearful state of affairs is the fact that teachers and ministers of the people

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of God do not seem to see the danger—and their trumpets are sounding no alarm. Trumpets which one day gave forth a clear and compelling sound now blow so uncertainly that the people are not preparing for the battle now crowding our doors.

A Call To War

The gravest responsibility of the ministry of today is a clear evaluation of the perilous times in which we live — that their souls, spurred by the sense of need, will sound the battle-cry of the Cross and prepare God's people for the conflict and crisis in the day just ahead.

Evil now has reached such a flood in the world that only a revival of such proportions as would make the Day of Pentecost look small by comparison, will serve to turn back the godless flood that is rising over the whole earth. News Commentators and military men declare that the end of the present age is at hand. What a tragedy that the watchmen in Zion lag far behind these men in vision and insight and give no faithful warning to the imperiled people of God!

The desperate need of this fearful hour is for those clear, insistent, hill-stirring, valley-filling notes of the trumpet which will sound the alarm in Zion and bring men and women to the realization of the present situation, spiritually, nationally and internationally. The command of the Lord to Joel was, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1. He commanded Hosea to "set the trumpet to thy mouth" and this command is still binding upon all watchmen whether in pulpit or pew.

There is no surer sign of spiritual decay than the presence of unblown trumpets. These unused instruments of warning will bring down the judgments of God upon us as few things will. Today the watchman's trumpet is laid aside. While the armies of the invading aliens are filling our skyline, God's people, by their own preference, are choosing to listen to the soothing flute instead of the shrill blast of the watchman's trumpet.

Hear The Word At My Mouth,

And Warn Them From Me

"And I said unto the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, the work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet resort ye thither unto us: Our God shall fight for us."—Nehemiah 4:19, 20.—Midnight Cry.