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EDITORIAL

PRAYER AND PENTECOST

What brings a Pentecost? Chiefly prayer, according to the New Testament records. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication," is written of the one hundred and twenty who waited for the coming of the Holy Ghost, and who were present in the upper room when the day of Pentecost was fully come. "And when they had prayed . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost," is the statement of Acts 4:31. Then prayer and fasting on the part of both Peter and Cornelius preceded the Pentecost recorded in Acts 10:44.

Not that prayer alone is sufficient, but all else that is necessary is most likely to be forthcoming from those who give themselves to prayer and supplication. On the other hand, all else we may do minus the praying will leave us without the Holy Spirit and His all-powerful working.

Prayer then is the basic thing. Are we persevering in prayer and supplication? Are you?

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

In this issue of The Highway there is a third announcement and appeal concerning D.V.B.S. work. We are being faithfully urged upon to plan and prepare now for a Daily Vacation Bible School in every church, and we are not being approached too soon or too often. D.V.B.S. time will soon be here.

The importance of this work cannot be over emphasized. We give all too little time to the enlightenment and evangelizing of our girls and boys. Many churches do little or nothing for them outside of the Sunday school hour.

Summer is not a time to slacken our efforts among the young or the old. Indeed, summer provides us with special opportunities for soulwinning work. Our D.V.B.S. last summer resulted in a Junior Young People's with an enrollment of seventy or more, and a very high weekly average attendance. The summer effort itself was definitely blessed of God, and the church has continued to benefit through the fall and winter months.

The need, then, is to plan now, as we are being urged to do. Secure the needed workers, send for the necessary materials, and prayerfully prepare for a God blessed D.V.B.S. in your church.

Let the pastors give the necessary leadership, and let all who are able offer themselves willingly to help as required in this important work.—E. W. T.

STABILITY OF CHARACTER

How many Christians have to lament their proneness to vacillation! They are so easily led away, at least in heart: they deplore their heart-wanderings, their littleness of love.

Entire consecration strikes at the root of these evils, and there is no other way of having them cured: any other mode of cure is but slightly healing over the wound, while the disease rankles beneath. But when Christ takes entire possession of the heart, erects His throne, and casts out His enemies, then the believer can sing with the Psalmist, "O God, my heart is fixed, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise."

There is, then, no hankering after forbidden objects; but his language is, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

—Jane Scott.

I GAVE THEM MYSELF

Said a mother to me one day: "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them, myself, so I spared no pains to talk with them, to read to them, to teach them, to pray with them, to be a loving companion and friend to my children. I had to neglect my house often. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I would have liked to do. I was so busy adorning their minds and cultivating their hearts with affections that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times.

I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the Gospel: my grown up daughter is a Christian woman. I have plenty of time now to sit down and rest and keep my house in order. Plenty of time to go about my Master's business, wherever He has need of me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me now that they have gone out into the world. I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God called them to do."—Selected.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

A young minister had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by one of the laymen in his church. The man said to him: "You do not seem to be a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you."

The young man saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand persons, all praying weekly for their pastor. He was J. Wilbur Chapman, who grew to become one of the greatest preachers America has ever known.

—Selected.

CONSISTENCY . . .

"Let those who will, back down, compromise, condemn the good old methods, and try to seek out some more popular way, if they choose, but we have the truth. We have the Lord Jesus. We have the Holy Bible. We have the Holy Spirit sanctifying and witnessing. We have full salvation for the present and heaven for all eternity. Let those who will, ridicule and find fault, but let the holiness people keep steady on their way without fear or compromise for one moment. God is with us. This does not mean for a moment that we shall separate ourselves from our brethren, be unneighbourly, boastful, or self-righteous; but it does mean we shall be uncompromising, unswerving, and fearless in tetsifying to the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, as a second, distinct work of grace, purifying our hearts."—H. C. Morrison.

OBEDIENCE

We can never make up for our lack of obedience by giving extra ministry, or by becoming more enthusiastic in some particular sphere. The Lord wants obedience, and if we yield ourselves to Him for a life of obedience, He will look after our character and build it up into the likeness of His Son; and there will be no doubt about conquest in the realm of ministry.

PURITY OF HEART

John Wesley says: "the pure in heart are those whose hearts God has purified even as He is pure, who are purified through the blood of Jesus from every unholy affection, who, being cleansed from all fifthness of the flesh and spirit, perfect holiness in the fear of God. They are, through the power of grace, purified from anger, from every unkind or turbulent passion . . . from every desire but to please and to enjoy God."

"Purity of heart means the control of the imagination and the rigorous care of the affections."—B. F. Meyer.

DIVINE GUIDANCE

The quiet restfulness of God's unhurried presence acts as a solace to fretful and anxious hearts; moreover, in such an atmosphere the human spirit is made sensitive to the movements of the Divine Spirit, and confidence that He will not fail is engendered. It is those who thus wait, who find strength to continue waiting for His moment, which assuredly will come.—Thomas Fitch.

PENTECOSTAL POWER

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ens as we pray." The disciples continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

We often speak and act as if it were the most difficult thing in the world to obtain this fullness of the Spirit, and yet it is certain that there is no blessing which the Father is so ready to bestow upon those who ask Him as this very gift. More willing is He to give the Holy Spirit to each believer than a mother to give the healing medicine to her dying child, or a father to give food and raiment to his soldier son who has just returned from the war. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"