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EDITORIAL

"BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW"

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow." And Luke states that "the seed is the word of God." Thus the sower went forth to sow the seed of God's word. Doubtless the words refer first to Christ who spoke them. Yet they have been fulfilled unnumbered times in all those who, following the example of their Master, and heeding His call, have gone forth to give the Gospel to needy men.

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow." There you have the divine method of soulwinning. Perhaps not the only method, but probably His first and most successful method. There is a sense in which it may include all others. At least, with those who are worthy followers of the divine Sower who went forth to sow. I have in mind that before the sowing, and preparatory to it, is the procuring of the Seed, and the prayerful preparation of the sower for his most important task. Then behind that is the burden and concern that constrains the sower in his preparation and in his going forth to sow. The Psalmist's words somewhat express my thought: "He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicings, bringing his sheaves with him." All that must be understood as we think of Christ's words, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow."

Those words could be applied to many of us. We do it often. It is our God given task. Let us be sure that the seed we sow is God's word. Let us prayerfully prepare ourselves before we go forth to sow. Let us be faithful in our work. It is God's method of soulwinning.

It is true that not all the seed sown will bear fruit. Much will fall on stony, and thorny, and shallow ground, but some will fall into good soil, and bring forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold.
—E. W. T.

The preaching of the gospel is not a barren statement of mere evangelical doctrine, a certain form of words enunciated over and over again in wearisome routine. Far from it. To preach the gospel is really to unfold the heart of God, the Person of Christ, and all this by the present energy of the Holy Spirit, from the exhaustless treasury of the Holy Scriptures.—Selected.

IMPACT!

If Christians and churches really believed their own doctrine, they would turn their communities inside out and upside down. When any number of people in a community are soundly converted and get down to business for God, they make an impact on everything around them. Such is the story of the Acts of the Apostles.

Because we are a minority in America, and the world, is no excuse for despairing of making any impression on the nation and the nations. Mankind has been moved again and again by minorities. God and one man make a majority. The early church was a minority. The Christians of the Reformation and the days of Wesley were a minority group, but they moved the world.

We are making very little impact on the community and the world because we have not felt the impact of the Gospel in our own hearts. In foreign fields the Gospel makes fresh impact, and missionaries on furlough often long to get back where the salt has not lost its savor.—Vance Havner.

WHAT WOULD HE SAY? . . .

If Jesus should come today,
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today,
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim,
(I had not even looked for Him)—
What would He say?

If He should come today,
And find I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend,
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today,
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for all,
And none, thro' me, had heard His call,
What would He say?
—The Message

A SELFLESS, BLEEDING CHRISTIANITY

The Church must adopt austerity measures if she is to match the brand of communistic consecration that is changing a world. Suffering, personal sacrifice, and sentimentalism are nothing to communists. A revitalized, bleeding, sacrificing, selfless, praying, militant Christianity is the only answer to the world's need of Christ and Him crucified.

A battle of ideologists is on and the fate of the world trembles in the balance with communism about to take over. We must match sacrifice with sacrifice, zeal with zeal, self-denial with self-denial if the tide of communistic aggression is to be stemmed.—Clay Cooper.

The richness of our Christian experience is measured by our consecration.

Faithfulness is the watchword of the Christian life.—James A. Bain.

MISLOCATING OUR ENEMIES

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" James 4:1.

James rebukes these early Christians because of their bickerings among themselves. He tells them that their quarreling is a symptom of inner ill health. They need to yield themselves entirely and unreservedly to the Spirit of God, who will give them holy and healthy desires in place of those which are petty and selfish.

What a stupid and evil thing it is for Christian people to be at strife with each other when they ought to be battling against the forces of antichrist in their community!

It is said that Lord Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, came on board his flagship and found two of his officers quarreling. He rebuked them with one deft sentence: "Gentlemen, there is only one enemy—France!"

James, in effect, is saying just that to these first-century Christians. He locates their real enemy in verse 4, where he says, "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God," and again in verse 7, where he exhorts, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

In a western town two church members quarreled over a line fence between their properties. They split the church and carried on litigation for years. Think of what the same amount of energy, time, and money might have done if used to fight superstition on the mission field or to battle intemperance in the local community!

Friend! don't mislocate your enemy!

Dear Father, help us that we'll not be guilty of biting the sheep when we should battle the wolves.—Amen.—Dr. Paul S. Rees.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

Prayer will make the presence of God real to us. We become conscious of the power of God in our daily life. It will make the will of God clear to us. Before we pray we are often perplexed as to what to do, and after we have prayed our perceptions have become purified, and we are prevented from doing what is wrong, and enabled to see what is right.—Dr. Griffith Thomas.

FASTING

"Appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret."—Matt. 6:18.

Fasting is the voluntary disuse of anything innocent in itself, with a view to spiritual culture. It does not apply to food alone. It applies to everything which a man may desire. There is no nobler sight anywhere than to behold a man thus quietly and resolutely put aside the lower that the higher may come in to him. To put aside everything that hinders the highest from coming to us, and then to call to us that highest which—nay, Who is always waiting to come—fasting and prayer, this, as the habit and tenor of a life, is noble. A short special communion with the unseen and eternal prevents the soul from ever being again so completely the slave of the things of sense and time . . . Perhaps as we tell God of what little sorrow for sins we have, our sorrow for our sins may be increased; and while we stand there in His presence, the fasting may gather a truer reality of repentance behind it. Phillips Brooks.