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SURE AND STEADFAST

"Give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if you do this ye shall never fail." (2 Pet. 10.)

Such an exhortation calls for continued diligent attention to be given to our spiritual experience and standing, thus assuring ourselves of steadfastness and victory. The preceding verse speaks of a person, once enlightened and forgiven, losing his spiritual vision, and even ceasing to appreciate the fact that he was once saved. The reason given for his backslidden condition was his lack of the spiritual graces Peter lists: Virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. And the reason suggested for his lack of them was his failure to supply them, or add them. Failing to add, he failed to have, and spiritual defeat was the result.

The word of warning is left for us, but a word of advice or exhortation is also given, in verses 5 to 8: "Besides this, giving all diligence, add . . ." The thought is, that besides being "made partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust," the basic spiritual experience, we need to continually add to our supply of blessing. We need to give all diligence to do so, thus making our calling and election sure, and keeping ourselves always triumphant. The basic experience of holiness, through cleansing from sin's corruption, and God's indwelling presence, is important, of course; but the need of continually adding must also be stressed. We need to keep on adding to what we have already added. "Besides this, giving all diligence add . . ." is ever a timely word. Have you been adding? Have you added today? E. W. T.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

We thank all who have responded to our recent appeal for HIGHWAY RENEWALS. Your response has given much needed help and encouragement. But the number is surprisingly small. There are still 400 from who we have had no word. We need your subscriptions, and we feel that you need the "Highway." Will you not write us right away? The yellow address label records your subscription expiry date. It is important that we hear from you. E. W. T.

THE HARD WAY

Sometimes taking the right way means taking the hard way. Jesus took the hard way—the way to the cross—deliberately, because He knew it was the right way.

The finest things in life come hard. Once, when he had finished a concert, Beethoven was surrounded by friends and admirers who praised and cheered him for his magic on the piano; one particularly enthusiastic woman said, "Oh, sir, if God had only given me that gift of genius." Beethoven replied, "It is not genius, madam, nor magic. All you have to do is to practice on your piano eight hours a day for forty years, and you'll be as good as I am!"

The way of fame in music is a hard way—a tedious almost painful way of unending practice and application and a way of loneliness and isolation from the ordinary pleasure of life. But the reward is rich.

The way to real accomplishment, the way to real and lasting faith, often comes through sacrifice and denial, through some "Garden of Gethsemane." Our freedom from sin came because Christ agonized in Gethsemane, endured the Cross of Calvary and rose triumphant over death. He took the hard way.

As His follower, what way do you take?

—Pastor's Gleanings, Philadelphia

Church Bulletin

OBEDIENCE TO GOD

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Him, "He owes his allegiance to me?" You will be without one supporting contention, you will be silent in the presence of the Judge of all the earth, because you missed your point of allegiance; and the crowd that wanted to have their way will have fled into the shadows and left you alone to face the terrors of God. When the death gurgle is in your throat, and your pulse is weak, and you are near the crossing, that crowd is not going to pray you into victory. We ought to obey God.

We know what obedience meant to Abraham. He shook himself loose from the land of his birth; and later he and Lot separated. Then as he scanned the horizon he saw by faith the city which has foundations, and he sojourned in the land of Canaan because he obeyed God.

The Scripture amazes us with this statement; speaking of Jesus Christ, it says: "Though he was a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." All through the marvelous life of the Man of Galilee, He was obedient; and when it came to the tragedy of the cross—when enemies laid their cruel hands upon Him, and led Him out as a common criminal, and mistreated Him—He was obedient to God. He refused to call archangels out of Heaven, who would have come to smite them to Hell. When He was lifted up between heaven and earth—as Peter said here, "Whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted to be a Prince"—He lifted up His voice in His dying hour and said, "It is finished."

If He had said, "I have failed," death would have held every saint locked in eternal silence, the grave would have been the goal, Hell would have gone into high carnival, the devil would have mounted the pulpit in perdition and delivered a dissertation on death, the

POLISHED BOOTS

The late Dr. J. Stuart Holden asked a British sergeant in Egypt, a Christian, how he was led to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Before we came here," the sergeant replied, "we were in Malta. A private in my company there was converted and was not ashamed to witness to the Lord. We gave that chap an awful time but it did not seem to matter to him.

"One night we all came to the barracks very wet from the rains, and very tired. Before getting into his bed, this man got on his knees and began to pray. I sure let him have it! My boots were heavy with damp mud, and I hit him on one side of his face with one of the boots, and on the other side with the other. He just kept on praying.

"The next morning," the sergeant continued, "I found those very boots lying by the side of my bed, beautifully polished. That was that private's response to my cruelty. It broke my heart. That very day I was saved.

We have no doubt that there are many of us who might do a better job in polishing the boots of those who are inimical to us and our lovely Lord.—Selected.

ravens of despair would have croaked the refrain of death on the tombstone of the Saviour, the angels would have dropped dead on the streets of Heaven, and God would have retreated into eternal silence, never to be heard of again in eternity. But He didn't say, "I have failed." He said, "It is finished." In other words, I have laid the corner stone, and I have laid the capstone, of an uttermost salvation. Tell all men there is a fountain open to the house of David for sin and for uncleanness.

We have enlisted under the triumphant banner of Him who was obedient even to the death of the cross. Because He made the trip alone, God has lifted Him to the highest place. Therefore, you have Him before you in your obedience to the sovereignty of the Son of God. Jesus Christ does not owe His princely position to any human suffrage, nor any human appointment. He did not acquire His throne by human votes, and He is not going to abdicate in favor of any little two-by-four that raises up his hand against God. Joe Stalin and all his hellish henchmen shall not dethrone the Son of God. All the political upheavals that take place in the earth and change the boundaries of nations shall not eliminate Jesus from the plan of the eternal God. He was present when the stars sang at the birth of the world. He wound up the clock of time, and started its ponderous pendulum swinging to measure off the moments and the months and the millenniums; and He will lay His white hands on it and stop it, and declare that time shall be no more. He will reign without a rival throughout all eternity, to the glory of God. You are on the winning side when you submit to the sovereignty of God, and you are on the losing side when you join the other crowd. Blessed be His name for evermore!

I do like to exalt Jesus. Climb down off the throne of your own little puny self-government. Meet the Man of Sorrows, the Saviour of the world, at the door of your personality,

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