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EDITORIAL

ARE YOU BUDGET MINDED?

The above question was suggested to me by a radio commentator who used the expression, "budget minded." I did not listen to her talk. She probably spoke to housewives about being budget minded, as many of them doubtless need to be. But her expression suggested to me the caption, Are you budget minded?

We speak of people being missionary minded, and mean that they have the work of missions at heart, and so pray much, and give regularly and liberally, for the support of missions. In like manner ought we to be budget minded, thus praying, planning and giving to pay our denominational budgets. Only as we are can the various departments of the denominational work be financed.

Important work and busy workers depend upon our faithfulness. Unpaid budgets may mean unpaid bills and unpaid missionaries, ministers and teachers.

The church year is fast slipping away. We shall soon be entering the last quarter. Pastors and people, let us be budget minded and go to the Alliance to report all budgets fully paid.

E. W. T.

CALLS TO PRAYER

"And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God."

The new need was a call to prayer, and the Jerusalem Church responded. The report of the Apostles concerning the new problems confronting the Church resulted in a new prayer meeting, and the new prayer meeting brought new blessing and victory.

That sort of thing was characteristic of the Early Church. New demands or challenges were met with new seasons of prayer. Today we have our one-a-week prayer meetings, with the prayer space reduced to a minimum, and comparatively few attending, and expect God's special blessing. Why is it that the threatenings, the challenges, and the demands of this important hour find us continuing that way, and not responding with extra and special prayer sessions? Surely "it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and reign righteousness upon (us)." — E. W. T.

"The possibilities of prayer are bounded by the promises of God."—E. M. Bounds.

NO SUBSTITUTE WILL DO

One of the greatest mistakes that a Christian can make is to imagine that increased social or spiritual activity can be any compensation for the lack of secret communion with God. A prayerful life is a powerful life; and a prayerless life is always a powerless life. If we cannot pray aright, we really can do nothing aright but how slow we are to believe that.—Selected.

PRAYER AND FASTING

Fasting represents an attitude of detachment from the things of time and sense, whether it be food or pleasure or lawful ambition. Prayer represents the complementary attitude of attachment to the things of God. We shall shall readily determine, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what particular forms our fastings shall take, thus helping spiritual development.—Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas.

OUR USE OF TIME

We insensibly trifle away time, while we seem to have enough of it; and are so strangely amused as in a great measure to lose a sense of the holiness and blessed qualifications necessary to prepare us to be inhabitants of the heavenly paradise.

But, O dear sir, a dying bed, if we enjoy our reason clearly, will give another view of things. Oh, of what vast importance has a holy spiritual life appeared to be at this season! I have longed to call upon all my friends, to make it their business to live to God; and especially all that are designed for, or engaged in, the service of the sanctuary.

O dear sir, do not think it enough to live at the rate of common Christains. Alas, to how little purpose do they often converse when they meet together! The visits, even of those who are called Christians indeed, are frequently extremely barren, and conscience cannot but condemn us for the misimprovement of time while we have been conversant with them.—David Brainerd.

SOUL BURDEN

A farmer brother told me not long ago that he remembered the time, before the days of autos, when he quit his work in the middle of the day, hitched up his horse and drove twenty miles to pray with a man whom he felt was drifting from God. "I could scarcely help it." he said, "my love and concern for him was so great I could not rest until I had done my best to bring him to God." That is the thing! That is what our preachers and the rank and file of the church must recover.—Rev. F. A. Daw.

ALL AND EVERY DAY!

Every day brings its message to us from God. Some days call us to energy and work. Some days call us to be patient and brave. Some days bring us a call to sympathy, and self-denial. We cannot choose the day's message. It is not always what suits our desire. But only by accepting it will we reach the experience that God means us to have.—Dr. J. R. Miller.

NO BLOOD-AND NO LIFE

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41). I was holding a series of meetings in a Western town, and one night a committee came in from a very distinguished church of our denomination. I did not know of their presence. That night I preached on the judgment. They came back, unknown to me, and I preached on hell, and the next night they came again, unknown to me, and I preached on the blood. Shortly after, this committee of twenty-seven had a meeting and I got two votes, and when they wrote me about it, here is what they said: "We are glad to have had you here in our midst," and the like, "but your theology has too much blood in it, and your sermons too much law. We are living today under love, and not under law." I began to make some investigations about that church, and found that they had not received a soul on profession of faith in over three years. I was not surprised. Men must be made to feel that something is the matter before they see the need of a Saviour.—L. G. Broughton.

PROGRESSIVE BLESSINGS

God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. It is thus that God allures us to saintliness and victory. Not giving anything till we have dared to act—that He may test us. Not giving everything at first—that He may not overwhelm us. And always keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing. Oh, the unexplored remainders of God! Who ever saw His last star—Dr. F. B. Meyer.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in God not only means trustful confidence in a living, loving, known Person. It also means **obedience** to that Person's will. Faith **rests** in the joyous confidence which such acceptance brings. But faith is also **active** in response to all the revealed will of God concerning us in this life.—Colin C. Kerr.

A CHAINED EAGLE

A hunter in the Alleghanies one day shot a large bald eagle. The bird measured seven feet two inches across the wings. When the sportsman went to examine his prize, he was astonished to find one of the eagle's claws held firmly in a powerful steel trap to which was attached a steel chain five feet long. Trap and chain had many marks of vicious blows from the eagle's bill, showing how he had vainly endeavored to free himself from them. While they had not been heavy enough to prevent his flying, the hunter believed that they had so impeded and wearied him as to be the cause of bringing the great bird within the reach of his rifle.

Many a fine man with brain and imagination and heart capable of high-soaring flight has been brought within reach of the enemy's gun by some trap of vicious appetite or passion that has held him down from his place among the stars.

How wise the admonition in Hebrews: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth beset us.—The Fellowship News.