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EDITORIAL

YOURS OR GOD'S?

The successful farmer of whom Jesus told, spoke of "my fruits," "my goods," and "my barns." Everything was his, and he thought only of ways to preserve it for his own personal use and enjoyment. He evidently forgot the God whose favour and blessing had made possible his abundance, and the people less privileged who needed to share it, or benefit by it. He had no sense of obligation to God or man.

Contrast that with this: The late Dr. George Truett told of preaching to the cattle men of the West from the text, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit which are His." At the conclusion of the service, one of the men who had been a Christian but a short while, asked the preacher to take a walk with him. After they had walked some distance they stopped, and the man said: "I did not know until this morning that all these cattle I have called my own are not mine at all, but belong to Christ. Now I see that every one is His, and that every acre of this land is His, and I want to take my true place in God's cause." He said: "I want you to tell God that I will be His trustee from this day on. I will be the administrator of His estate." They then knelt together while the preacher prayed a prayer of dedication and the man himself told God he had given Him his property as well as himself, and would, henceforth, be a faithful steward.

This subject of stewardship is well presented in the following article taken from the Star of Hope:

"The question of stewardship is engaging the serious attention of all evangelical denominations. They have come to see that a revival of stewardship is one of the most urgent needs of the hour. Such revival can come only as the principles of Christian stewardship are understood and put into practice by God's people.

The church has in a great measure lost consciousness of its stewardship of the grace of God. Apparently only a small portion of God's people realize they are stewards. Christian stewardship is more than a question of giving money: it relates to the whole life.

A steward is one who has been entrusted with the management of an estate or affairs not his own. He is a trustee. Stewardship is trustee-ship. He has charge of and administers that which belongs to another. The steward's duty is to make the best possible use

of the possessions, not for his own profit, but primarily for the owner. The Christian's is truly a stewardship of the Gospel and is all-inclusive. It takes in all we are, all we have, all we do, and all we acquire. It is a stewardship of personality, time, opportunity and property or wealth to be used so as to promote the ongoing of Christ's kingdom in the world."

David Livingstone, the great missionary to Africa, said: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I may promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time or eternity."

Doubtless a new day would dawn in the work of God if the Church regained that lost consciousness of stewardship. Yet the matter is a personal one, demanding prayerful and practical consideration. It is easier to talk and profess consecration than to practice it. True consecration means faithful stewardship. It means faithful administering of all God has entrusted to us for His use.—E. W. T.

AN APPEAL FOR BETHANY

A few days ago we were talking with the president of Bethany Bible College and gathered that the response to the recent appeal for budget payments was small. That means that the financial need at the school is still not supplied. Out of a total budget of \$8000.00 less than half has been paid, and by the time this appeal is read, nine months of the church year will have passed.

We feel we can put in this word for Bethany because the church we pastor has fully paid its budget to the school. In fact, we have over paid all our budgets. We would earnestly appeal to our pastors and people to rally and give the needed financial support to our workers and work at Bethany. Unpaid budgets can only mean unpaid salaries and bills, and that ought not to be. We believe the pastor is always the key man, and with his leadership and a ready response on the part of the people, the depleted school treasury can be replenished. Let us all co-operate. Let our churches give this matter immediate attention.—E. W. T.

THE EMPTY PEW

To the treasurer it shouts: "Look out for a deficit." To a stranger who is looking for a church home it suggests, "You had better wait a while." To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday, too?" The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight: the occupied pew is a wing. "Thou wilt be missed because thy seat will be empty." (I. Sam. 20:18).—Selected.

LOVED YET LACKED

You say, this young man lacked only one thing! Yes, but what a thing! A watch may lack only a main spring; a motor car may lack only an engine; but of what use are watch and car? The one thing which the man lacked was the thing that mattered first and last, **for time and eternity**. What is the good of gold if you miss God?

—Dr. W. Graham Scroggie

"Holiness Preaching"

W. L. FERNLEY

Many faults can be placed at the door of the Holiness Preacher. Some are legitimate, others uncalled for. Of all preachers the Holiness preacher, has the most difficult tasks to perform, hence his failure in some things. No preacher is infallible, no preacher can render perfect service, thus he should be given the same considerations that are afforded others who preach a lower standard than he. He ought to receive from those whom he seeks to serve a loving and gracious attitude at all times. If criticism is to be made it should be made to him personally. A Holiness Preacher is able to take criticism and profit by it. If in the wrong he is willing to say so and to make whatever adjustment is necessary. All this being true it is surprising how many people do not see this. Pastor and people can easily become estranged because of the failure of both parties to practice that which is fundamental in Christian charity. After all, if we preach and accept Perfect Love as our criterion then it will work out in practice.

Holiness preachers, need not fear that they are getting away from the message of Holiness, because they are told that they do not preach like the early Holiness men. The preaching of their Forefathers constituted what the Scriptures contain of the message of Holiness. The frame work of their message was indicative of what they believed. It is so today. We preach Holiness as it is and was and always will be. And in essence it is Perfect Love. Search through the records of sermons, songs, and biographies of the early Holiness preachers and we see clearly revealed the message in its entirety, "Holiness Unto the Lord." The principle of Holiness is deeply embedded in the soul when the Holy Spirit comes to Cleanse the Heart. He sweeps carnality out and puts Himself within.

There is no such thing as NON ESSENTIALS when it comes to the preaching of the message. People will catalogue things that are essential and things not essential in matters of dress and fashion, each person reserves that right but, I don't know of any Holiness person who correctly led of the Spirit will err in this particular matter. Paint, powder, feathers, ties, jewelry, and a host of other things can be strung before the eyes of Holiness people and not appeal to them a bit. The ministry of the Spirit will lead us to decipher that which be-speaks of Holiness and we will follow His direction on matters of this nature. Might I say this, "It is not possible for a person who is Sanctified and filled with the Spirit of God to go wrong on this matter." Worldliness and its affects upon the witness of the Christian needs to be stressed, we cannot be worldly and be a Christian, yet these things are taken care of as we walk in the Light of Truth illuminated by the Spirit of God.

I do not find any one who is sanctified in the Scriptural sense catering to the world. All that is considered worldly has gone. It goes because that worldly disposition ceases to exist in the heart of the Sanctified. If the Spirit of God removes from us all that is detrimental to Holiness it certainly takes away the worldly disposition. The people we have trouble with

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