

"Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

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EDITORIAL

"JUST A TENTH"

The question of Christian giving has always been a subject of concern among the true followers of God. A person who has been Born Again and endeavouring to walk with the Lord, finds that the matter of his giving to God continually comes before him. How much should I give? How should I give? To what should I give? Will my money do any good? are some of the questions that come to the soul that has tasted of the Gift of God.

It is my conviction and practice to preach and teach the necessity of the paying of the Tithe to God. We do not need to recite Scriptural texts to prove that God requires His people to tithe. As far as the Scripture goes we have evidence enough that the Christian ought to tithe. Some times we come across good Christian people who say, "Tithing is not a New Testament doctrine therefore is not binding upon the Christian." In part that is true. There are no hard and fast rules laid down for us to follow in this respect, yet the emphasis of Jesus and the Apostles was a giving of all to God, which exceeds the rendering to God of a Tenth of our income. The person who has given all to God, never looks at ten cents of a dollar and says, "Well, I suppose I'll have to give this to God, for the preacher says I ought." He rather looks at the dollar and says, "How much can I give to God and have enough left to live on?" Most of us could give 50% more than we do give and still have many luxuries to heap upon ourselves. We sing, "All for Jesus"—"Take my Silver and my God"—"I'd rather have Jesus than anything"—how much do we mean of that which we sing? To be consistent we must practise what we sing, or let us not sing, for we shall be judged by our words.

How should I give? is an important question. "God loveth a cheerful giver." The Spirit in which we give is very important. Cheerfulness in giving ensures that we are loved by God. When the collection is taken in church we should wear a smile as we place our gift to God upon the offering plate. The cold formal way in which people give is strange to behold some times. If expressions mean anything then some folk do not give cheerfully. I think perhaps it would help us to sing as we give. A good song of praise as the offering is being taken would perhaps dispel the "blues" as we are relieved of our wealth! It seems to me, to mention giving usually tones down a service, whereas it should enliven and enrich it.

To what should I give? needs only one consideration, viz., "The cause of Jesus Christ." Everything that comes under that cause should find us ready to give. Of course it is obvious we cannot give to every needy cause, for we would find our pockets empty all the time. The safest way to give is into the Treasury of the Church to which you go, and then you will be sure that your money will be expended in the right channels. Church expenses and budget payments could be solved if every Christian gave to his church as he ought.

Will my money do any good? Next to Sal-

IT'S EASY TO LAUGH

It's easy to laugh when the skies are blue
And the sun is shining bright;
Yes, easy to laugh when your friends are true
And there's happiness in sight;

But when hope has fled and the skies are gray,
And the friends of the past have turned away,
Ah, then, indeed, it's a hero's feat
To conjure a smile in the face of defeat.

It's easy to laugh when the storm is o'er
And your ship is safe in port;
Yes, easy to laugh when you're on the shore
Secure from the tempest's sport;

But when wild waves wash o'er the storm-swept deck
And your gallant ship is a battered wreck,
Ah, that is the time when it is worth while
To look in the face of defeat with a smile.

"It's easy to laugh when the battle's fought
And you know that the victory's won;
Yes, easy to laugh when the prize you sought
Is yours when the race is run;

But here's to the man who can laugh when the blast
Of adversity blows; he will conquer at last,
For the hardest man in the world to beat
Is the man who can laugh in the face of defeat."

—Selected

WHO WILL MAN THE LIFEBOAT?

"Who will man the lifeboat? Who the storm will brave?

Many souls are drifting helpless on the wave;
See their hands uplifted, hear their bitter cry:
"Save us ere we perish, save us ere we die."

Who will man the lifeboat? who will launch away?

Who will help to rescue dying souls today?
Who will man the lifeboat? who will breast the wave?

All its dangers braving precious souls to save.

See! Amid the breakers yonder vessel tost!
Onward to the rescue; haste, or all is lost!
Waves that dash around us cannot overwhelm,
While our faithful Pilot standeth at the helm.

Darker yet, and darker grows the fearful night;
Sound the trump of mercy, flash the signal light!

Bear the joyful message o'er the raging wave,
Christ, the heavenly Pilot, comes the lost to save!"

vation money is the most useful commodity that God has given us. Your money will do good to yourself, to God and to others. In fact when I give I am the greatest benefited. It gives me a good feeling. It blesses the work of God. God keeps a record of it. I am assured of Eternal reward.

Were we going to speak about the Tithe? I am sorry. When I get to thinking about giving God "Just a Tenth," I abhor myself, and repent in sackcloth and ashes!!

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Little Things to Think About:

AS GOD SEES

By Viola E. Hodge

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart (I. Sam. 16:7).

Did it ever occur to you that the person who irks you, and whose attitudes and mannerisms are repulsive to you, may be just as precious in God's sight as you are? That He loves this offensive person just as much as He does you and me is a thought that has stopped me more than once!

The fact is, God looks beneath the attitudes and mannerisms and sees what is in the heart. Perhaps He finds there a sincere and selfless love, a keen desire to serve and please Him, and maybe a greater loyalty to the Master than exists under the polished exterior of a more congenial person.

Perhaps if our eyes were more loving they would also be more discerning; perhaps we would see a hunger for friendship and a need for understanding.

Possibly a little loving thoughtfulness applied in the right time and way would transform unloveliness into beauty that even we could see, and make articulate the awkward attempts at self-expression. If nothing else, the giver would be blest—for God never overlooks any attempts on our part to please Him and bring happiness to another.

Love is a mighty transforming power, and doubtless the most far-reaching prayer that any of us can utter is to pray for more love to be manifest in our lives. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity [love] . . . but the greatest of these is charity [love]."

THE SON OF A KING

In slavery days a visitor at a plantation was watching a group of slaves slouching and shuffling off to their work in the field. He noticed in the midst of the group one tall, broad-shouldered fellow marching with head erect and with bearing and rhythm in his step. "How is that?" the visitor asked one standing by. "Oh, he's the son of an African king," was the reply, "and he never forgets that." Let us never forget that we are children of the Heavenly King. When temptation comes to neglect duty or to engage in something doubtful, let us remember who we are.—Preacher's Magazine.

DISCIPLESHIP

If we are going to live as disciples of Jesus, we have to remember that all noble things are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but the difficulty of it does not make us faint or cave in, it rouses us up to overcome it. Do we so appreciate the marvellous salvation of Jesus that we do our utmost for His highest.—Oswald Chambers.

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."