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WHAT HAVE I DONE TO MAKE MY CHURCH A SUCCESS?

1. Have I been as spiritual as I should have been?
2. Have I attended every service I possibly could?
3. Have I done my part in song, prayer and testimony?
4. Have I prayed as much in secret for the church as I should have prayed?
5. Have I been a faithful tither that my church might get along well financially?
6. Have I lived in such unity and harmony with every member of the church that it would help to maintain a pleasant atmosphere?
7. Have I so joined the whole church that I really feel that the local church and the general cause are mine, and I must faithfully stand by them?
8. Have I spoken well of my church to the outside world, so that what I say would be a contribution to the growth and success of the church, and not a hindrance?
9. Have I, as a parent, endeavored by precept and example to keep my children in Sunday school and church, and in no way prejudice them against the church, or any one in the church?
10. Have I kept my soul so sweetened with the grace of God that my life brings conviction to sinners and help to other Christians?
11. Have I prayed for and encouraged my pastor so as to make his burdens some lighter?
12. Have I endeavored to keep the vows I made to the church when I joined?

—Church Bulletin, High Point, N. C.

TOO BUSY

Too busy to read the Bible,
Too busy to wait and pray;
Too busy to speak out kindly
To someone by the way!
Too busy to care and struggle,
To think of the life to come;
Too busy building mansions here
To plan for that heavenly Home.

Too busy to help a brother
Who faces the winter blast;
Too busy to share his burden
When self in the balance is cast!
Too busy for all that is holy,
On earth, beneath the sky;
Too busy to serve the Master,
But—not too busy to die!

—Author Unknown

"One Clear Call"

Rev. Richard Traver

How does one know whether he is called to the ministry or missionary activity, or any other distinct type of Christian service? Here are some evidences that will appear in the lives of all who are genuinely called of God to some special line of service in His Kingdom. They may not all exist at the same time but sooner or later will put in their appearance, and may be used as means for test or reassurance.

1. First of all, and most important, is a direct, clear, definite, personal leading straight from God. An inner knowledge as plain and unmistakable as the witness to salvation, or the knowledge of personal identity. You need this. Without it, you will meet things while in service that will utterly defeat you. It may come at the first, like a flash, or it may come later, after a period of growing toward it; but my opinion is that you had better not consider seriously any special type of Christian service without it. If you are not certain yet, or the call has become confused in your mind, the following may help you find your way.

2. An abiding conviction that "this is the way for me". Satan may counterfeit the "flash" or the "revelation," but his false "call" will not remain as a steady, quiet, abiding conviction. It will make you feel queer and out of place, and you'll have to fight to keep yourself believing it. God's call remains and increases.

3. An increasing clearness as to what the call is and means—its content and limitations. Remember the ministry is a field, not a job.

4. There will be willingness to wait on the Lord. A false call allows you no time to wait or think or test or prepare.

5. Generally the Church (the genuinely spiritual people) will sense and approve and make room for the person's call. Notice that I said "generally." People may ask you about your call before God does.

6. A great sense of insufficiency and personal weakness. "Without me ye can do nothing."

7. The call will almost certainly be in line with your natural abilities, gifts, and limitations. Remember God may be aware of some aptitudes that you do not know you possess.

8. There will be divine assistance in doing the thing you're called to do. A measure of success. You'll be aware that "God is helping me do this."

9. A lift of spirit (in spite of your feeling of weakness) and encouragement from the Lord whenever you think and pray in harmony with that call. An inner approval and sanction.

10. Providential openings for the use and exercise of that call—sometimes before you feel ready, or when you'd rather they didn't come.

11. The Providential supply of your needs along this line, as regards both service in that calling, and preparation and training for that place of service.

Whatever happens, be neither impatient nor despondent—wait, pray, keep alert, do the next thing. Remember "He maketh a way when there is no way," and "he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have light enough to live by." Say "Thy will be

THE INADEQUATE PASTOR

A pastor could spend twelve hours a day, seven days a week calling on the lost and the unchurched. Or, he could spend those hours calling in the home of the members, sick and inactive.

Or, he might spend all of those waking hours doing organization work with the Sunday school. Youth groups, meeting with the dozens of other organizations that comprise a church. Or, he may spend his time ministering to the troubled, distressed humanity, somehow managing to handle funerals, weddings and countless other social obligations that come.

Or, he may spend twelve hours a day in his study with great profit to himself and his church. Denominational activities and meetings he must work in somewhere.

So, a pastor—any pastor—must forever remain inadequate. He can attempt to cover five fields of endeavor in part, devoting about twenty per cent of his time to each, leaving each job eighty per cent undone! Hence, the term "inadequate pastor."

Inadequate, desperately busy, always behind with his work, the preacher thinks his job is the best on earth. Pray for him and bear with him; he is the only member of the church who has no pastor.—Grace Broadcaster.

ARE WE PRAYING FOR REVIVAL?

Dark clouds hang on the horizon. Foreboding shadows seem to be casting a sense of terror of coming destruction. The civilized world seems to sway dangerously on the edge of the chasm of self destruction. Is there enough spiritual life left in our churches to stem the awful tide; to bring about a real revival in America? The question is one worthy of serious thought. We believe that the only kind of spiritual awakening that will answer the need is one that is sent from God, one that results in more than a weak decision. We need one that will bring genuine repentance for sin, departure from sin, and a consecration to holy living. For this the saints should pray with fervency. The hour is late; the need is great.—American Holiness Journal.

PRAYER

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answered prayer. Every prayer will be as almighty as God, because His nature will be in them. The difficulties we face at the present time will vanish, and we shall not speak as if God were bankrupt!

God will then be seen in our lives. His power will flow through us in flood-tides of blessings to others. Miracles will happen in every sphere that we touch. Every need will be met; and the devil will be defeated.

May this heaven-born flame be lighted afresh in the hearts of the regenerate throughout the world. Mark 11:24. Amen!—Herald of His Coming.

done," then do what you know of that will. He will do the rest.

This is, of course, merely an outline, and expansion and illustration in a service would improve it, but it may afford some questioner the key to his dilemma. God grant it.

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