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## EDITORIAL

### "YE SHALL REAP IF . . ."

We are once more in harvest season. The fruitful yield of the earth is being gathered in. The labourer's toil is rewarded in the storing or marketing of vegetables and grain. The planning and planting of springtime, the care and cultivating of summer, watered and warmed by heaven's rain and sunshine, have combined to produce delectable, nutritious fruits for the pleasure and sustenance of the farmer and his fellow men.

Harvests are always the result of co-operation with divinely-established order in the realms of nature. The process is always the same, and has been since the world began. The land must be prepared, seed must be sown, soil culture must be faithfully attended to, and God must send moisture and heat. The planting-harvesting process is the world's most ancient demonstration of the harmony and benefit resulting from co-operative effort between God and man.

And there is the parallel in spiritual service. "The field is the world", said the Master . . . the seed is the life-giving Word of God, those who proclaim that Word are the sowers, and "God giveth the increase".

I fear that we sometimes seek and expect a spiritual harvest without due regard for the order established by divine wisdom. There may be the sowing of good seed without the necessary preparation of the soil; or, the order reversed, we may fail in careful selection and consistent scattering of the seed. The care and patience which is required of the successful husbandman (James 5:7) may cause us to faint before the time of harvest.

The soul soil must be prepared for the life-giving seed. The hardened ground must be broken up, the stony land must be cleared and cleaned, the weed-infested earth must be carefully and diligently worked, or the labourer's reward will be disappointment and frustration. Prayerful patience is required of the workmen of the Kingdom, "long patience", James calls it. Lacking this element, or running short of it, we shall fail to see the results for which we have worked, prayed, and longed.

Brief revival campaigns seldom produce great results, short-term pastorates are rarely productive of abundant harvest. The strategy of successful evangelists of the

church was to campaign until God came in power, and not until a certain day or date on the calendar. The week-end and ten-day type of evangelism may be inspirational and helpful, but Holy Ghost revivals seldom attend such efforts. After the novelty of pastoral service wears away, some feel it is time to move to another field. In some such instances, the work is only well begun when the labourer lays aside his implements of service, or carries them off to another vineyard. And so the process continues.

Plainly written in God's Word is the truth "ye shall reap if . . .". The promise and prospect of increase is sure, if we adhere to the laws which operate in the realm of the spirit, (Psalm 126:6). There is no scriptural ground for yielding up the hope of revival because the two or three-week campaign has ended without the desired results. There is no good reason for deciding that it is time to move to some other field because we have served three, four, five or more years, without reaping the harvest we had hoped to.

— It is God's will to give us fruit for our labours, it is our work to keep at the job until he does!

## WHAT ABOUT LOYALTY?

Rev. G. B. Williamson, D. D., in "Herald of Holiness"

Loyalty is a priceless virtue. It shines like a polished diamond with many facets. The possession of this characteristic makes charity for pardonable faults easy. Its absence places all other commendable traits under serious discount. It is defined as "faithfulness to country, friend, promise, or duty." It can be applied to any group to which one belongs by choice. It has most appropriate reference to one's devotion to his church, its doctrines, ideals, and leaders.

Loyalty cannot be an assumed state of mind. The foundation for it is laid in confidence, respect, and unfeigned love. Integrity and justice are reasonable expectations. Intelligence and soundness of purpose must be demonstrated. True loyalty flows from pure motives. Any protest of allegiance which is born of self-interest is tainted with hypocrisy.

Infallibility cannot be considered a condition for loyalty. Fidelity is to be evidenced in spite of many faults and failures. The love that inspires constancy is not blind. The most devoted friend and the most dependable yoke-fellow is the one who is not indiscriminate and prodigal in his abandon, but rather the one who points out errors in discharge of a painful duty and presents an opposing viewpoint to bring about sound judgments and wise direction.

Loyalty is seldom the result of complete agreement in every detail. Mutual acceptance of broad and basic principles is sufficient cause for full co-operation. There are times when a minority remains at variance with the majority. Such a minority, if loyal, may prove to be a saving factor in a group. When moral principles are not at stake, all can support the cause even with some reservations to the final outcome. The judgment of the minority has good chance of being proved right. On the other hand, the faithful minority may succeed to leadership because their vision was clear and their motives pure.

Sound judgments are usually reached by a meeting of minds. Often the best decisions are a blend of opinions which once seemed irreconcilable. Able men, faithful to God and motivated by love, may be unwilling to rubber-stamp all that others propose but are ready to lose themselves and submerge personal views for the sake of great achievement. This is a demonstration of loyalty.

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