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EDITORIALS

NEEDED — A TEACHING MINISTRY

Teaching had a prominent place in the ministry of Christ and His apostles. Careful instruction in things pertaining to God was a prime concern of the early Church.

God charged Moses and the Israelites with the responsibility of a careful and faithful ministry of instruction: "... and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children ..." Deut. 6:6,7. The prophets and seers of the Old Testament period devoted themselves to teaching the people concerning the things of God. So "Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments", Ezra 7:10. And in Isaiah 54:12 is the command: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" ... Jesus is appropriately designated as "The Great Teacher". With the people gathered around Him on the hillside, "... He opened His mouth and taught them..." Matt. 5:2. And He "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues..." Matt. 4:23. Nicodemus reported to Christ that in the opinion of the Jewish Council, He was "a teacher come from God ..." John 3:2. The command of Jesus to His apostles was "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ..." Matt. 28:19. The leaders of the New Testament Church "ceased not to teach ... Jesus Christ", Acts 5:42, and frequent references are made to the ministry of teaching in the Pauline epistles.

Teaching comes before preaching. Before the child is capable of assimilating truth in sermon form, we may teach them the great doctrines of God's Word. In fact, good instruction to children in the formative pre-school and elementary school years will prepare the heart and mind for the preacher's presentation of the Gospel. The line upon line, precept upon precept method of instruction in the fundamentals, will have a profound effect upon the thinking and outlook of the child. Thorough training in the Bible, the Catechism, and other helpful literature, will make the truth to become a part of the mind and soul of the one who is taught.

We need a programme of Christian education in the home and in the church. Parents and ministers, Sunday School teachers and Junior Group leaders, should work out a co-operative plan designed to build into the minds of our children a solid, well developed structure of truth. In time of crisis it would serve as a veritable fortress against the assaults of those who propagate error and skepticism.

The veteran preacher Paul, writing to the youthful preacher Timothy, advised: "... the servant of the Lord must ... be gentle unto all men, apt to teach (a skilful teacher. Weymouth) ..." A preaching ministry without a teaching emphasis, is a preaching ministry with a vital weakness. Sermons that are born out of a careful and prayerful study of the Bible, will be faith-building, soul-strengthening messages. A church that promotes Bible reading and Bible study will produce people of solid Christian character and strong Christian convictions.

A teaching ministry, whether from the pulpit, in the Sunday School, with the junior or senior youth groups, is not a work that brings results quickly, or perhaps dramatically, but it is the type of service that becomes richly rewarding.

IN APPRECIATION

The Editor of the Highway wishes to express deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy received following the death of his father. The wonderful tributes from so many from all walks of life have been most significant and comforting. Our thanks to all for kindnesses that we shall always remember. B. C.

MARKS OF A HOLINESS CHURCH

Dr. O. G. Wilson

Among the many distinguishing marks of a holiness church the following will be found.

A holiness church believes in the inspiration of the Bible.

A holiness church believes in the power and superintendency of the Holy Spirit.

A holiness church contends for the faith with skill and zeal.

A holiness church is militant in its attitude toward evil.

A holiness church is a praying church.

A holiness church is a singing church.

A holiness church is a witnessing church.

A holiness church is a plainly dressed church.

A holiness church is a liberal church.

A holiness church produces holiness preachers.

A holiness church is evangelistic and missionary.

A holiness church is not of this world, lives with heaven in view and is ready for the rapture without a moment's notice.

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was soon turned upside down.

"In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh." This same anointing awaits those who will refuse to be turned aside—those who will not remain in the unsettled place; those who are not content to be mere attendants at the house of God; those who are not satisfied with just having a life filled with the fragrance of Christian virtues; those who are not afraid to face the crucifixion of self. These come to God weak and powerless, with a heavy, seeking heart, and leave filled with His power.

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