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### GAINING BY GIVING

The Gospel message enuciates the principle of gain by loss, life by death. In living and giving we are admonished to avoid the danger of losing what we have by trying to keep it, to beware of the calamity of poverty through unsanctified possessiveness. The difference between barrenness and fruitfulness, penury and poverty, in spiritual life and service, is the difference between "withholding more than is meet", and "scattering abroad".

In no area of Christian service is the consistency of this principle more obvious than in the Church programme of missionary evangelism. The young man or woman who will dedicate a life to God for missionary service, will arise from the place of consecration to discover a life that is fabulously rich and fruitful. The church that launches an intensive, self-sacrificing missionary programme, will reap a rich harvest in spiritual blessing, financial increase, and numerical gains.

Peculiar blessing attends the church of missionary spirit. There are many noteable instances and examples of this fact. When strong emphasis is given to missions in preaching, praying, and giving, the whole programme of the church is enlivened and invigorated. It is the testimony of many pastors that a strong missionary emphasis has produced remarkable results in other departments of church work. Dr. Oswald Smith's "People's Church," of Toronto, and Dr. Harold Ockenga's "Park Street Church", of Boston, are striking examples. Many other pastors and churches have tested and proven the magic and miracle of missionary emphasis in the local church. More and more of our own pastors and churches are making the discovery.

April 17th., Easter Sunday, is the day for special missionary emphasis and offerings again this year. A record-breaking offering this year is an urgent need with us. If your church is already carrying a strong missionary programme, you are challenged to aim at a new high in Easter Sunday missionary giving. If the missionary emphasis of your church has been minor and mediocre, the

opportunity is yours to make Easter Sunday of 1960 a day of new life and victory for your total church programme by promoting a venturesome plan for unreserved generosity in missionary giving.

#### THE Y. P. A. BIBLE QUIZ

Since the birth of our Young People's Association more than twenty-five years ago, many worth-while projects have been initiated and promoted by the organization. Every branch of our denominational work has felt the impact and influence of Y.P.A. activity. We are fortunate indeed to have such a fine group of young people, and fortunate also that the Y.P.A. programme is being directed by young people of high calibre. Leadership ability and spiritual fervency are well mixed in the youth now spear-heading an aggresive youth programme at the denominational level.

One of the very fine projects of the Y. P. A. is the denominational Bible Quiz. All who had the good fortune to see this plan in operation last year, either at the local church level, or at the Beulah Youth Rally, would be enthusiastic concerning the merits of the project.

Any plan that emphasizes Bible study is vitally important. No Bible study programme is more effective than one that simply bears down on personal perusal of the Word through careful reading and concentrated effort toward memorization. It is better to study the Bible, than to study about the Bible. It is better to concentrate our attention on what God has said, than to devote our time to extensive research on what man has said about what God has said.

The aspect of the Bible Quiz plan that appeals most strongly to me is its tendency to teach our young people what the Word itself contains. When one sits in on these "play-offs", at the local, district, or denominational level, the extensive and thorough knowledge that the contestants have of the section of the Bible that they have been studying comes to light. Many of these young people memorize long and difficult passages, some of them have a mental picture of the whole book.

Our young people and our Church cannot help but realize tremendous benefit from the Bible Quiz plan. It merits the enthusiastic support of every church member. What a fine thing it would be if every church in the denomination had a team representing it in this contest. In a sense, all will win. Whatever team or teams reach the finals, all who participate will benefit greatly.

A denomination-wide enlistment in this Gospel of John study plan would be heartening to the Y. P. A. leaders and helpful to all.

## IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those who remembered us during our "forced silence". Your words of encouragement, gifts, and the assurance that you were praying for me meant more to me than you could realize. The very gracious way in which a number of the ministers volunteered to supply my pulpit is deeply appreciated both by myself and the people of the Sussex Church.

We are now on quite a liberal "word ration" but my doctor warns against raising my voice for another month yet. This will bar me from preaching. However, it will be for only a short time now. The Lord has been especially near and we feel a deeper appreciation for true friends in the faith.

Again we say THANK YOU, R. H. Nicholson