

# BITS & PIECES

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#### TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

When Cortez and his followers landed in the new world, they burned their ships and so eliminated all means of return to the homeland. Something like this a Christian must do when he sets out to follow the Lord. He must forget the things that are behind. He must let the dead bury the dead. He must put his hand to the plow and not look back. He must set his face like a flint. He must burn his bridges and his boats. -Copied. See Philippians 3:13; Luke 9:60 and 62.

#### IT COSTS TOO MUCH

Dr. R.G. Lee told of a lady who said, "The Church costs too much. I am sick and tired of it." Another standing near-by said, "Let me tell you a story. Several years ago a baby boy came to our house, and from the time he was born he cost me money. He cost me money everyday for food, clothing, toys, etc. When he went to school he cost even more. When he went to college the costs were greater. In his senior year, he died. Since then, he hasn't cost me one cent." The lesson is obvious. What has it cost you to support God's Church and serve the Lord Jesus Christ? Yes, the Church costs money, but it's only the carnal, selfish Christian that complains. Would you like to try to get along without the Church? Would there be a Church if everyone gave as you do?

#### THE ULTIMATE INSANITY

A new employee in a valve company was given a sensitive micrometer to measure parts to see if they conformed to the pattern. When the foreman came back, he found the man filing away on the micrometer. He said, "What are you doing with that expensive instrument?" The man replied, "Well, it just doesn't fit any of these parts so, I thought I'd make it fit." There is a far greater insanity abroad; the paring down of the Bible, God's perfect Word, to make it fit the faulty thinking of sinful human beings. I refer to all the modern versions and absurd paraphrases of the Bible. While man seeks to make a bible to suit himself, he has really changed nothing. Isaiah 40:8 says, **"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever,"**

#### FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST

A wealthy man was watching as a missionary nurse was attending to one of many lepers in China. They were not a very pretty sight. He said to her, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." The nurse quietly replied, "Neither would I. But I would do it for the love of Christ." Have you ever sacrificed for the love of Christ? Few of us really sacrifice to win sinners to Christ. **"For the love of Christ constraineth us..."** There are many unlovely sinners in this world - Christ loves them, died for them. He expects me to love them and seek to save them!