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LOST IN THE WOULDs

Some folks are “lost in the woulds.” We hear them lament from time to time: They say, I *would* go to Sunday School, but Sunday is my only day to sleep in; I *would* go to church but it is my only day off; I *would* come to the evening service but I’m just too tired after a long day; I *would* tithe but I just cannot afford it; I *would* go to Prayer Meeting but it just makes me rush too much; I *would* go soul winning but I have a hard time speaking to others. And there are many other *woulds*. If these people who are lost in the *woulds* were lost in the woods, they would be very concerned about their condition, but it doesn’t seem to bother them that they are lost in the *woulds*. These people never seem to consider they are backslidden and that God is not happy with all their excuses.

GOD HAS NOT MOVED!

An old farmer and his wife were driving to town one Saturday. As they traveled the wife sat by the door on the passenger’s side. As they went along, seeing a young couple in front of them sitting close together, she remarked: “Honey, remember when we were first married how we sat close together like that. But look at us now.” He looked lovingly at her and answered: “Dear, guess who has moved.” Someone once said if you are not as close to God as you once were, you are backslidden. Are you as close to God as you used to be? If not, guess who has moved?

“QUIT YE LIKE MEN”

David Otis Fuller said: “The French Foreign Legion is world famous for its *esprit de corps* and daredevil spirit. It has a motto: ‘If I falter - push me on. If I stumble - pick me up. If I retreat - shoot me.’ A far cry from the soft and silken ways of the average Christian of our day.” I have read somewhere that two hundred years ago was a time of wooden ships and iron men but we are now living in the days of iron ships and wooden men. We need to remember that we are not on a beautiful cruise ship to Heaven, but we are on a battleship; we are in a war! We are called to **“endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.”**

SPURGEON ON DEFENDING THE FAITH

Must we not defend the faith...? It is very pretty to read of Luther and his brave deeds. Yes, yes, everybody admires Luther, but you don’t want anybody to do the same today. When you go to the Zoo, you all admire the bear, but you would not want a bear wandering the streets. That would be unbearable! We admire a man who was firm in the faith 400 years ago; the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage, but such a man is a nuisance today, and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot and give him a worse name. Yet imagine in those past ages if Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. had said, “The world is out of order, but if we try to set it right we shall only make a great row, and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our night caps and sleep over the bad times and perhaps when we wake up things will be better.” Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps. These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well.