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THE KIND OF CHURCH MEMBERS WE NEED

Rowland Hill hired a horse and buggy to take his wife for a ride. He told the liver man: "My wife deserves the best. I want your best horse." As the man trotted out the horse, he tried to sell it to Pastor Hill. He said, "This horse is well nigh perfect. He will obey every order; he is willing, gentle, ready, never balks, anticipates your wishes and would die to please you." Dr. Hill said, "I cannot buy your horse, but do you suppose I could get him to join my Church? That's just the kind of members I'm looking for." There are some good qualities for God's people there.

RECKONIZING OPPORTUNITY

Thomas Edison said this - and he certainly knew what he was taking about: "*The reason a lot of people cannot recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing coveralls looking like hard work.*" I think he also was the one who said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." Laziness is truly a sin and the Bible teaches that a person ought to work. Jesus said, "**The laborers are few.**" What are you doing for God and His Church?

MULTI-CULTURAL NONSENSE

Politically correct ideology says that multi-culturalism is a wonderful thing. It is promoted in America by many politicians and others. However, in reality it is not good but bad. During the First World War, Teddy Roosevelt thundered out against what he called hyphenated Americans, people who had a divided loyalty. He said, "America is not a polyglot boarding house. If you are an American and something else, you are not an American." No nation can long tolerate, much less promote the idea that people can have a divided loyalty. By the way, no Christian can long survive if he is trying to be loyal to Christ and His Church and some other philosophy or organization. "**Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**"

HOW TO TREAT THE BIBLE

A man came up to Gypsy Smith on one occasion after he finished preaching. He said that he received no inspiration from the Bible though he had gone through it several times. The Evangelist replied: "Let it go through you once and you will tell a different story." You will never get much out of the Word of God if you read it like the newspaper or a novel. You need to read it seriously asking God to reveal its truths to you. The Bible says, "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**" ~// *Timothy 2:15*. there's one more thing required; you must be prepared to obey it! (See James 1:22). God has no time for trifler! If you are going to get anything from God, you will have to be serious. I fear that many true believers in Christ, only read the Bible casually, if at all. Perhaps they once did, but they are backslidden and careless to the things of God.