

# BITS & PIECES

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#### GATEWAYS TO HELL

While this item was written a number of years ago, it is pertinent today: Martin Luther said concerning the universities, "I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the gateways to hell unless they diligently labor to explain the Scriptures and to engrave them on the hearts of the youth. I advise no one to put his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution where men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt." Cho En Lai was educated in Paris and was converted to communism. His personal secretary was trained at Harvard. Narayan, leader of India's Socialist Party was educated at Univ. of Wisconsin, etc. According to Who's Who, half of Red China's top leaders were educated in the United States. - Copied. Many of America's leading universities are still teaching socialism and communism.

#### GOOD FRUIT OR NO FRUIT?

**"Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me and I in you..."** ~John 15:3,4. There is such a thing as being weaned from this delusive world, and shut up with God. Human sympathy may be soothing to our aching hearts but it cannot meet the deepest needs of our nature. In a very deep and peculiar sense we must be saved from dependence upon people and walk alone with Jesus. If we do not abide in Him, it is not that we bear less fruit or inferior fruit, but apart from Him we can do nothing (v.5). It is either fruit - good, much and abiding, in which God is greatly glorified and man greatly benefited - or no fruit at all." -J. Hudson Taylor

#### WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS

"What the church needs today is not more and better machinery, not more organizations and more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use - men of prayer, mighty men of prayer." - E. M. Bounds. God has given us everything we need to serve Him. The problem is we forgo His powerful means of doing His work - the Holy Spirit and prayer - and try to accomplish eternal things in our own power. It simply won't work! **"Power belongeth unto God."**

#### FINDING OPPORTUNITY

Someone has said that the reason a lot of people cannot find opportunity is that it goes around disguised as hard work. I think it was Thomas Edison who said, "Inspiration is 90% perspiration." There is plenty to do in the Lord's work - what we need is workers. Jesus said, **"The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers into his harvest."** ~Luke 10:2. What are you doing in Christ's work?