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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

William Carey, the consecrated cobbler, gave \$400,000 to missions (Which was a great deal more than today) during his years as a missionary in India. How was he able to give such a large sum for his day? Carey went to India with a salary of \$250 a year. While in India, he was hired by the government as a teacher in a university at \$7,500 per year. Carey continued to live on the \$250 he received as a missionary, giving all of the rest to the work of the Lord. My Friend, that is what you call dedication! No wonder he was so wonderfully used of God.

YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP GROWING

It is a wonderful thing to be “born again,” to have life, but that is only the beginning; you are supposed to keep on growing. When a child stops growing the mother becomes alarmed – she becomes quite alarmed and seeks a physician. I have personally seen this and indeed is a very sorrowful situation. I have also seen many a professing Christian grow in spiritual things for a little while and then stop growing. The sad thing is, at least in most cases, neither the person himself, nor anyone else seems to be too concerned. God says, “...**be no more children, tossed to and fro...But...grow up into Him in all things...**” ~*Ephesians 4:14,15*. Furthermore, we read in II Peter 3:18: “**But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...**”

WHAT'S WRONG WITH WE CHRISTIANS?

Some years ago in a wealthy residential section of Richmond, some new home owners complained that the singing from a small Christian Church nearby disturbed them. A petition to be presented to the City Council was circulated. Someone brought it to a Jewish resident. He read it and said, Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed as do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it on the housetops and on every street in Richmond and nobody could stop me.” What’s wrong with we “Bible believers.” Didn’t Jesus command us: “**Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature...**” ~*Mark 16:15*. Fellow Christian, have you spoken to anyone lately about the Savior?

TOUCH NOT!

A hundred years or so ago, A. B. Simpson wrote: “**Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm**” ~*I Chronicles 16:22*. I would rather play with the forked lightning or take in my hand live wires, with their fiery current, than to speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others – to the hurt of their own souls and bodies. You may often wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, why your spirit is not filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost or your life blessed and prosperous. It may be some dart you have flung with angry voice, or in an idle hour of thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its way as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came – every idle and evil word. Let us remember that when we persecute or hurt God’s prophets and children of God, we are but hurting Him, and hurting ourselves far more than that the person of whom we are evil speaking. “**But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**” ~*Matthew 12:36*.