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HUMBLE YOURSELVES

When D. L. Moody preached in Birmingham, England, a noted Congregational preacher, R. W. Dale cooperated in the citywide campaign. Dale wrote in the denomination's magazine: "I told Mr. Moody that his work was mostly certainly of God, because I could see no real relation between him and what he had done. He laughed cheerily, and said he would be very sorry if it was otherwise." R. A. Torrey, who labored many years with Moody and knew him well, said that He had never met a more humble man than Moody and it was one of the secrets of his success. **"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."** ~1 Peter 5:6.

KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Someone penned these words: "The longer I live the more deeply I am convinced that the difference between one person and another, between the weak and the powerful, the great and the insignificant, is energy – it is determination. This quality will do what has to be done...and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make a one successful person without it." Of course, the writer was discounting God, but nonetheless, even a Christian will accomplish little or nothing of lasting value, without perseverance. We have too many quitters in the Christian ranks! Listen to God: **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."** ~1 Corinthians 15:58.

NEED OF REVIVAL

D. L. Moody said: "When God has revived His work, there has always been great need; it is darkest before the dawn. I think it is getting very dark, but don't think for a moment that I am a pessimist. If I should live ten thousand years, I could not be a pessimist. I haven't any doubt about the final outcome of things than I have of my existence. I believe Jesus is going to sway His scepter to the ends of the earth, the time is coming when God's will is going to be done on earth as it is in Heaven...I believe the time is coming when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Christ...If I look on the dark side it is to stir you up and get you to fighting. But it is getting dark; there is no doubt about that." What would Moody say about the spiritual darkness. We are seeing things like abortion, gross immorality and homosexual sexual advances that he no doubt ever dreamed of in America. Christian, **"It is high time to wake out of sleep."**

GREAT POWER – MOSTLY UNUSED

"Prayer is our highest privilege, our greatest responsibility, and the greatest power God has put in our hands." Yet, it is the least used power by God's people. I believe that the great majority of Christians would be ashamed if others knew how little they prayed. Jesus said, **"Men ought always to pray."** He also said, **"Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it,"** ~John 14:13,14.