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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Robert Atherton, who was raised in luxury, gave \$5,000,000 to the work of the Lord. He did not do it without sacrificial living. A letter which arrived from a missionary in China read: "Were I in England again, I would gladly live in one room, make the floor my bed, a box my chair and another my table, rather than that the heathen should perish for lack of a knowledge of Christ." Atherton followed these suggestions almost to the letter for the rest of his life. -Copied. I believe if the truth were known, very few Christians know anything about sacrificial giving. I am afraid that most Christians give what they do not miss. For many, God has so blessed them that to give a tithe to the Church is only a fraction of what they ought to be giving. Read II Corinthians 8:1-5. If you truly give yourself, as those Macedonians, sacrificial giving will not be a problem.

THE SIN OF BACKBITING

"...Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that backbiteth not with his tongue." ~*Psalm 15:1,3*. Backbiting is not always done with the teeth. It is all too often done with the tongue. The tongue feels soft compared to the teeth, but it is twice as sharp. (Psalm 57:4). A backbiter is not a person who bites back but one who bites behind your back. I once stopped at a farmhouse to ask directions. A harmless looking Cocker Spaniel greeted me. But the moment I turned my back, he nipped me without warning. I know some people like that. I can say with David, "I have heard the slander of many." (Psalm 31:13). - Copied. I wonder if you ever noticed all the times that misuse of the tongue it mentioned in the Book of Psalms? Next time you read through Psalms take note of that; I believe you will be surprised.

GOD'S WORK HAS ENEMIES

"I want to call your attention to this fact, that there never has been anything good from the time that God put Adam and Eve into Eden that didn't have enemies - bitter enemies. We must expect opposition. If a work has no enemies, God is not in it. Everything that has been good in the world has had its bitter enemies." - D. L. Moody. You may be sure of this, if you are doing anything for God that is worthwhile, the devil will surely get on your case. Jesus said, **"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."** ~*John 16:33*.

THE CURSE OF ALCOHOL

Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other poisonous scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world. - Evangeline Booth. I have heard and read a thousand times that Prohibition didn't work; that there were bootleggers, speak-easies, etc. Believe me it did work! What the bootleggers sold was only a fraction of the liquor trade. The problem is man wanted his sin and he got it back and we are all paying for it one way or another. **"Be sure your sin will find you out!"**