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WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH TWO GOOD LEGS?

I once read the story of a poor crippled man in South America who was led to Christ. One leg was completely useless and the other far from good. He said that he wanted to go over the mountains, where none had yet gone with the Gospel, to tell his people the Good News of salvation. He was urged not to go, but he went anyway, dragging himself over the rugged terrain. It was a long arduous journey, but he went and led hundreds to the Lord. My friend, what are you doing to bring others to Christ with two good legs? Jesus said, **“Go YE into all the world and preach the Gospel...”** Away with excuses! Do you think that God will accept them? Let us yield our wills and go out and obey our blessed Savior. There are plenty right here who’ve not heard.

ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

Some Christians think (I believe all too many) that 80% or 90% faithfulness to the Lord and His Church is pretty good. But they are sadly mistaken. If your car started 80% of the time would you consider it faithful? If your watch was right only 90% of the time would you consider it faithful? If your druggist filled your prescription correctly 90% of the time, would you say he was faithful? If your spouse was faithful 90% of the time would you call it being faithful? What does God think of your idea of faithfulness? The Lord Jesus Christ, after all he has done for us, deserves our best - our all! **“It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”** Yes, 100% faithful!

SELF WILLED CHURCH MEMBERS

Vance Havner said, “A. J. Gordon once classified some obstreperous church members as ‘figureheads, soreheads, and deadheads.’ He might have added ‘hotheads,’ of which there is always an abundance.” All of these are evidences of SELF! We would all do well to remember that some day we are going to give an account of ourselves to the Head of the Church. There is no place in the Church of God for self will. It ought to always be **“Not my will but Thine be done.”** There’s only one way to have that: **“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”** ~Galatians 2:20.

A BIG DIFFERENCE

There is a big difference between the early Christians and us modern day believers in Jesus Christ. In spite of great persecution, here is how they prayed: **“Lord, behold their threatening: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word... And when they had prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake the word of God with boldness.”** It is commonly reported that not more than 5% of modern day Christians seriously try to win someone to Christ. I must confess that I believe this is true; it may well be less. Two causes strike me: There is not sufficient love for Christ to motivate us (II Cor.5:14) and we do not have compassion on poor lost sinners like our Savior does. We need revival, but it will not come without repentance. Have you ever won one soul to Christ? Do you consistently seek to bring others to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you at least invite others to Church so they can hear the Word of God and be saved?