

# BITS & PIECES

## CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### **MEN WANTED!**

Wanted: Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over eighteen. Must be expert riders willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25 per week. Apply Control Overland Express. Alton Building... - Advertisement San Francisco papers March 1860. Wanted: Young men and women of all ages. Must be committed to Christ, willing to die daily. Wages mostly held for payment in eternity. Apply by looking up to Jesus and then going out to do what he says in whatever circumstances you find yourself. -Advertisement in New Testament. The Pony Express no longer seeks more recruits. The Lord Jesus Christ is still calling to earnest Christians, "**Follow me.**" -Copied. Who will answer His call? What about you?

#### **DELIVER ME FROM MYSELF**

One November night when D.L. Moody was 34 years of age, he walked the streets of New York sobbing, "Oh, God, why don't you compel me to walk close to Thee always? Deliver me from myself! Take absolute sway! Give me Thy Holy Spirit!" So mightily did the Spirit of God come upon him that he had to rush to the home of a friend if he might have a room where he could be alone, where he spent hours of which it is unlawful to speak. And he seldom did. -Wilbur Smith

#### **BEWARE SELF-CENTERED GOSPEL**

A. W. Tozer wrote: "A dreamy, sentimental faith which ignores the judgments of God against us and listens to the affirmations of the soul is as deadly as cyanide. *A faith which passively accepts all of the pleasant texts of the Bible while it overlooks or rejects the stern warnings and commandments of those same Scriptures is not the faith of which Christ and the apostles spoke!*" There is a lot of false interpretation of Scripture today which satisfies the flesh, but is not pleasing to God! God is not in favor of the self esteem gospel! "**Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...**" ~Hebrews 10:22.

#### **CULTIVATING THE CULTURE**

We who preach the Gospel must not think of ourselves as public relation agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves to be commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum. -A.W. Tozer in *Man: The Dwelling Place of God*.