

# **BITS & PIECES**

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### **GET SERIOUS ABOUT GOD'S WORK**

The work is solemn - therefore do not trifle. The task is difficult - therefore do not relax. The opportunity is brief - therefore do not delay. The path is narrow - therefore do not wander. The prize is glorious - therefore do not faint. - Copied. "**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**" ~*I Corinthians 15:58*

### **TAKE IT BY FAITH**

Ever wonder why prescriptions are written in Latin? Did you think it was because the doctor didn't want you to know what is prescribed? Dr. M. R. DeHaan (a doctor before conversion) said there are two reasons: first, because Latin is more precise than English, etc. and second, because it is a dead language - it does not change. So, he said, "Just take it by faith." That's what we are supposed to do with the Bible. We don't understand everything in the Scriptures, but we take it by faith! "**Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...But without faith, it is impossible to please him.**" ~*Hebrews 11:3,6.*

### **SPURGEON ON DEFENDING THE FAITH**

Must we not defend the faith...? It is very pretty to read of Luther and his brave deeds. Yes, yes, everybody admires Luther, but you don't want anybody to do the same today. When you go to the Zoo, you all admire the bear, but you would not want a bear wandering the streets. That would be unbearable! We admire a man who was firm in the faith 400 years ago; the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage, but such a man is a nuisance today, and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot and give him a worse name. Yet imagine in those past ages if Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. had said, "The world is out of order, but if we try to set it right we shall only make a great row, and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our night caps and sleep over the bad times and perhaps when we wake up things will be better." Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps. These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well. - C. H. Spurgeon.

### **THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

Spurgeon wrote the following: "We believe that one reason the Church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the Church - Worldliness has gone a long way to destroy the Church of God. I judge it to be the worst cancer worm that assails us." My Friend, what would Spurgeon and others of former days say if they saw the average Bible-believing Church and its members today?