

# BITS & PIECES

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#### LEARN TO GIVE WAY

“Me first”, or self will, is the essence of human nature. In the summer of 1986, two ships collided in the Black Sea, causing the tragic loss of life. An investigation revealed the cause of the accident which hurled hundreds of passengers into the icy waters. The tragedy was not traced to some major problem like a breakdown in radar or a thick fog. The blame was attributed to human stubbornness. Each captain was aware of the other’s presence, Both could have taken evasive action to avert the collision. But according to the news reports, neither wanted to give way to the other. It seems that each was too proud to yield and make the first move. This is often the problem when members of the church “collide.” How often church squabbles could be avoided if one of the parties would just humble himself. In Philippians 4:5 it says, **“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”** Moderation means *reasonableness or the ability to yield.*

#### THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING GOD

Testimony of a true servant of Christ – David Livingstone: “People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which simply pays back a small part of the great debt we owe God? Is anything a sacrifice when it brings its own blessed reward in beautiful activity, consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with such a thought – It is not a sacrifice but a privilege.” **“To me to live if Christ, and to die is gain.”** ~*Philippians 1:21.*

#### GIVING TO GOD

William Carey, the consecrated cobbler, gave \$400,000 to missions (Which was a great deal more than today) during his years as a missionary in India. How was he able to give such a large sum for his day? Carey went to India with a salary of \$250 a year. While in India, he was hired by the government as a teacher in a university at \$7,500 per year. Carey continued to live on the \$250 he received as a missionary, giving all of the rest to the work of the Lord. My Friend, that is what you call dedication! No wonder he was so wonderfully used of God.

#### THE WORST SIN TODAY

“The worst sin today is to say that you agree with the Christian faith and believe in the Bible, but then make common cause with those who deny the basic facts of Christianity. Never was it more obviously true that he that is not with Christ is against Him.” –Dr. J. Gresham Machen