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A BIG DIFFERENCE

There is a big difference between the early Christians and we modern day believers in Jesus Christ. In spite of great persecution, here is how they prayed: **“Lord, behold their threatenings 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 with boldness.”** It is commonly reported that not more than 5% of modern day Christians seriously try to win someone to Christ. 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 Corinthians 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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 POWER OF THE WORD

One day an infidel by the name of William Hone met a small boy who was reading his Bible. Hone said unto him, “Why do you spend your time reading a worthless book like that?” The lad responded, “Because it is the only thing that gives my sick mother any comfort.” The man was moved by the boy’s simply comment and decided to read the Bible for himself. As he did, God’s Spirit spoke to his heart. Sometime later he wrote the following words on one of the pages of his Bible: “The proudest heart that ever beat, hath been subdued in me; The wildest will that ever rose, to scorn Thy cause or aid Thy foes, Is quelled my God by Thee. William Hone’s life was transformed by the Word of God. - Copied

WHY GOD SAVED YOU

“God didn’t save you to make you happy. That’s a by-product. He died to make you holy. You were predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.” - Vance Havner. **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.”** ~I Peter 1:15. Holiness (sanctification) is a lost doctrine in most Fundamental churches!

