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"THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP."

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Of course, this was said of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was totally consumed; He was filled with zeal, in the service of God! What is zeal? I believe you know; it is enthusiasm, a burning desire to accomplish something! I do not believe that I am being unkind or harsh when I say that it cannot be said of too many of Jesus' followers today, that they have a zeal for souls and the things of God! We often excuse ourselves by saying that He was God. True, but did He not say **"Be ye followers of me."** While we are far from perfect, can we not throw ourselves completely into His work! That is what the apostle Paul did. He said, **"I am become all things to all men that I might by all means save some."** In spite of opposition that we cannot even relate to, he said, **"None of these things move me."** Of the early Christians (not just preachers) it was said, **"Daily in the Temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."** Paul said of the Corinthians, **"Your zeal hath provoked many."** It is appalling to me how many lackadaisical, lazy Christians there are while multitudes go to hell right at our doorstep. Many do not have enough zeal to attend all the services of the church, never mind going soul winning, special meetings, etc. There are many professed believers who have plenty of time and energy for the things of the world. How many believers are all wrapped up in sports, entertainment (TV and Internet, etc.), and other worldly pursuits. Many are zealous in business; great effort for gold, little for God. Beloved, I do not judge you, I hope to help you. Ask yourself what the Lord Jesus Christ thinks of such conduct. **"The world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."**

A man of zeal is usually a man of one thing! A man who was a zealot was considered a fanatic! One thing consumed him. This is true even in the world; consider Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Ford, etc. Many of God's greatest servants were men of ordinary ability but extraordinary zeal. Wm. Carey said he was a man of common abilities, but stated, *"I can plod."* David Livingstone considered himself a man of ordinary capabilities and he said, *"I have found I have no unusual endowments of intellect, but I this day resolved that I would be an uncommon Christian."* He also stated: *"I will go anywhere as long as it is forward."* On being commended by the King of England, for his untiring work in the slums of London, Wm. Booth said, *"Sir, some men's passion is for gold, my passion is for souls."* C.T. Studd was one of the greatest cricketers England ever had. He got saved and gave it up for a life of unselfish service to Christ in China. While there, his father, a wealthy man, died and Studd inherited a huge fortune. He gave it all away though others tried to persuade him to use some for himself. When your life is over, what will there be for a testimony that you loved and served the Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for you? Have you lost your first love? God says, **"Be zealous therefore and repent!"** Someone has written: *"Let us wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, and never give up or let up, or back up, until the cause of Christ in the church and in the world is built up."* God give us some Christians who have a zeal for Thee and Thine house! The apostle Paul said, **"This one thing I do..."**

THE CURSE ON AMERICA.

Hugh Ply wrote: "Dr. John R. Rice had his famous message on 'The Double Curse of Booze.' Billy Sunday dried up whole towns with his great preaching against strong drink. Sam Morris had the cooperation of many preachers in his crusades against beer, wine and whiskey. How can we expect God to bless America when we license, applaud, encourage and advertise the damnable devil in liquid form? We've just had several fatal wrecks in our part of Florida where alcohol blazed its deadly path. (Over 40,000 are killed every year, in or by automobiles driven by drunk drivers). Politicians, the media, even most parents and a lot of foolish preachers say nothing against drink. I believe every preacher in America ought to be crying out against the advertising of liquor on TV. Preachers today might not have the success Billy Sunday had, but we're surely going to answer to God for blood on our hands if we don't try!" It is amazing how many preachers are silent on alcohol. Booze wrecks more lives, kills more people than all the drugs people use. It is truly a curse! There's been some effort, to limit the damage done by cigarettes, but nothing is said about booze and it is infinitely more destructive. Someone said: "Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog; yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor. Does that make any sense?" God bless America? God help America!

YOUTH CORNER

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SPEND IT!

A little boy entered a candy store with his mother. He went from case to case looking at the candy. His mother said, "Hurry, Son, spend your money. We must be going." He replied, "But Mamma, I've only got one penny and I have to spend it careful." There's a lesson here for all, but young people especially need to consider this; many older folks are too set in their ways to make much of a change. You only have one life and you need to be very careful how you spend it! God says, "**What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**" A long life is short in the light of eternity. Most people waste their lives. Everyone who is not saved is really wasting his life for he has done nothing for eternity. Many Christians waste their lives also by living to please themselves and not Jesus. What about you? Someone wrote:

"Only one life, t'will soon be past;

Only what's done for Christ will last!"

Is that the way you look at life? Is that your goal? If not, you are wasting the most precious thing you have.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye
stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye
know that your labor is not in vain in the
Lord. ~I Corinthians 15:58

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- ❖ He who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else.
- ❖ Don't try to change the message; let the message change you.
- ❖ Exercise daily - Walk with the Lord.
- ❖ He who kneels before God can stand before anyone!
- ❖ Watch your step carefully; everyone else does.
- ❖ Don't give God instructions; just report for duty!
- ❖ Have a problem with truth decay? Better brush up on your Bible.

DON'T QUIT!

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you are traveling seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the bills are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must - but don't you quit!

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt-
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit!

When I was young they used to say: "Quitters never win
and winners never quit!" It's still true! **Philippians 3:14.**



HOW DO YOU TAKE REBUKE?

“Souls that really love Jesus do not grow angry when faithfully rebuked. Brethren, do you approve of the sermon that cuts you up root and branches? Are you thankful for a ministry that smites your faults? I was told of a man and wife who attended the Tabernacle. The wife said she liked to go to another church, but the husband preferred to come here. What do you think were the reasons for the choice of each? The woman said, ‘Spurgeon is too plain.’ ‘That is why I like him.’ said the man. ‘He is too personal,’ said the wife; ‘I do not think people ought to be talked to in that way.’ The husband replied, ‘That is the reason I like him! We want to have the truth brought home to us. What good is it to go where there is nothing really said to us?’ That is just so... Some admire a preacher who can send a stone so high that it never hits anything, but we need a preacher that can sling a stone to a hair’s breadth and not miss the target of conscience. Are you of a teachable heart? I have known true servants of Jesus Christ whom the people have driven forth from them because they were fickle...I believe God resents these things. When He sends ministers with His message, He expects them to be treated with respect and kindness.” -C.H. Spurgeon. Jesus often rebuked the disciples. Paul rebuked Peter. Scripture says, **“Preach the Word; Be instant in season and out of season; reprove, *rebuke*, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”** Everyone one needs correction sometime, but very few will accept it in the proper spirit.

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IT COSTS SOMETHING!

Yes, it costs something to have a Church. I have often said if we just want to save money, all we have to do is close the Church. We could save hundreds of thousands of dollars! It costs money to have a building. It costs something to have a preacher, an assistant preacher. It costs something to have a school and missionaries, literature, youth work, special meetings, etc. Dr. R.G. Lee told of a church member who said, “Our church costs too much. I am getting sick and tired of it!” One who heard him replied, “You’re right, our church costs a lot, but I want to tell you a story out of my own life. Some time ago a baby boy came into our home, and from the time he was born, he cost me something. I had to buy food and clothing and furniture and medicine, etc. After a while it was toys and a puppy dog, and athletic equipment and a bicycle - and on and on. When he started to school, he cost me more and more. When he went to college, the costs were greater and greater. Then, in his senior year, he suddenly took ill and shortly thereafter, he died. And you know, since then, he hasn’t cost me one cent.” Dr. Lee added, *“If your religion is alive, it will cost you something - money, time, energy, sacrifice...a will that is totally yielded to God. But you will be glad to pay the price!”* Before you complain about what it costs to be a Christian and have a good Fundamental church, think about what your salvation cost the Lord Jesus Christ! **“Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.”** ~II Corinthians 8:9.