



“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...”**

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SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Some Christians are all head and no heart; then, there are some who are all heart and no head.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.

There are many things we can do after we pray, but there is nothing we can do before we pray.

It is well to remember: God is going to have the last word!

Difficult experiences of life can make you bitter or they can make you better.

Those who are eager to give you a piece of their mind are usually the ones who can least afford it.

A DIFFICULT LESSON. A famous Harvard professor was asked by a student, "Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?" Prof. Copeland replied, "Yes, there is one thing and if you listen, I will tell you." For several moments there was silence. Then, the student said, "I'm listening, Professor." "You see," said Copeland, "You are learning already." God's Word says, "**Wherefore, my beloved brethren, Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.**" ~James 1:19. Personally, I think that we all like to speak a whole lot more than we like to listen. It just seems to be a part of human nature. Remember, when you are talking, you are not learning.

GOD'S WILL

It is God's will that I should cast

My care on Him each day,

He also asks me not to cast

My confidence away.

But, oh, how stupidly I act

When taken unawares;

I cast away my confidence,

And carry all my cares. -T. Baird

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LEFT BRAIN, RIGHT BRAIN... A new study involving analysis of brain scans in more than 1,000 people has called into question the long-held view that individuals tend to use one side of their brain more than the other, with observable effects on their personality. The now discredited theory held that people's brains have dominant sides, and that right-brained people tend to be logical and precise, while left-brained people tend to be creative and emotional. However, after examining thousands of brain regions researchers could not find that study participants used one side of the brain more than the other. The researchers said their findings suggest that personality types have nothing to do with one brain hemisphere being more active, stronger or connected more than the other. -PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter (March-April 2014). Ed. We do not believe in the psychology of this world. It is nothing but the speculation of men. So called Christian Psychology is a misnomer; it is the mixture of the world's wisdom and the Word of God! Like oil and water, they do not mix!

PALESTINIAN LEADER SAYS ALLAH IS BRINGING JEWS TO PALESTINE TO KILL THEM. Speaking on the official PA (Palestinian Authority) TV, senior Palestinian official Abbas Zaki said that Israelis "are an advanced instrument of evil" and that "Allah will gather them so that we can kill them" (Mar. 12, 2014). He said that he was informing Israel President Benjamin Netanyahu of "his death" ("Senior Palestinian Official," *Palestinian Media Watch*, Mar. 13, 2014). Zaki is a close associate of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who met with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House five days after making the previous statement. The PA has refused to recognize Israel as "the Jewish state," and on March 13 U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told the House Committee on Foreign Affairs that it is a mistake to require them to do so. In 2011, Zaki said on Al-Jazeera TV that their goal is for Israel to be "removed from existence" and that they try to keep this a secret from the world press. -FBIS (3/21/14)

WORLD VISION AND HOMOSEXUAL WORKERS. World Vision president Richard Stearns earlier this week announced that after seven years of prayer, the board had voted to begin hiring "gay Christians" who married in states where it's legal. But 48 hours later, World Vision admitted it had made a "mistake" and reversed itself, saying it was never the board's intent to undermine the charity's commitment to biblical authority. (Read Stearn's statement [here](#)). Tim

Wildmon, president of the [American Family Association](#), believes the leaders at World Vision heard the outcry, loud and clear, from its constituents. "World Vision got an avalanche of negative response from both their artists who support them and Christians who have children sponsored through them and just the general Christian public – and [as a result] they [reversed course](#)," says the AFA president. "In my opinion, they had no choice if they were going to survive." Matt Barber, vice president of [Liberty Counsel Action](#) and founder of [Barbwire.com](#), also believes World vision faced huge pressure from Christians and Christian leaders. "It's good to see the Body of Christ at work and World Vision respond to discipline, because that's what happened here," he explains. "They stepped out of line with the Holy Scriptures. In fact, they ran directly afoul of the biblical admonition against partnering with sin and defending sin and facilitating sin." Barber encourages his fellow Christians to be forgiving of what he calls World Vision's "brief flirtation with sexual immorality and apostasy" on a highly contentious issue. "Lord knows that not one of us is righteous and that we all fall short of the glory of God," the Christian columnist remarks. "We also encourage other Christian organizations and individuals to learn from World Vision's nearly disastrous mistake and to remain faithful to the absolute truth of God's Word as he remains faithful to us." Russell Moore, president of the [Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission](#) of the Southern Baptist Convention, who had loudly criticized the initial change in World Vision's policy, applauded the reversal. OneNewsNow (3/27/14), Ed. Even though they reversed their decision, the decision to hire homosexuals shows the real nature of the work. World Vision get 100's of millions of dollars from the U.S. government for their humanitarian work. I read years ago where some of it was used to provide birth control devices for women in Africa.

MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING IS NOT A REALITY. The following is excerpted from "Earth Is Safe," BreitBart.com, Mar. 8, 2014: "The planet is not in danger of catastrophic man made global warming. Even if we burn all the world's recoverable fossil fuels it will still only result in a temperature rise of less than 1.2 degrees C. So say The Right Climate Stuff Research Team, a group of retired NASA Apollo scientists and engineers--the men who put Neil Armstrong on the moon--in a new report. 'It's an embarrassment to those of us who put NASA's name on the map to have people like James Hansen popping off about global warming,' says the project's leader Hal Doiron. -Copied

WHAT ARE YOU MADE OF?

Take a piece of wax, a piece of meat, some sand, some clay, some wood shavings and place them over a fire separately, and see how they react. Each one of them is being acted upon by the same agent, and yet the results are all different. The heat melts the wax, the meat fries, the sand dries up, the clay hardens and the wood shavings burst into flames. So, it is in the affairs of life. Under the identical influence of circumstances and environment one person is made better and stronger, while another becomes weaker, and still another just withers away. Under identical circumstances people will react differently. What is the reason for this? Why it is simple, it all depends upon what you are made of. One thinks of the Apostle Paul and all the severe trials that he endured. In spite of life threatening experiences, he could say, **“We faint not,”** and **“None of these things move me.”** And yet under the same set of conditions, Demas quit and went back to the world (where things would perhaps be easier - at least for a time). Paul was made of the right stuff. One thinks of all the trials which came upon Joseph, even when he was just a teenager. He was made of the right stuff. A lesser man would have caved in. To come out right in the Christian life, one must truly believe God and say, **“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”** The Spirit filled believer can declare, **“I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”** His outlook is according to Philippians 3:14: **“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** What are you made of?

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TAKING THE FIRST STEP

A Pastor was speaking with a religious man after a Gospel service. The man said, “I do not see any necessity for the blood of Christ in my salvation. I believe I can be saved without all that talk about the blood.” The preacher said, “Very well. How then, do you intend to be saved?” The man said, “Why, simply by following Jesus’ example. That is all anyone must do.” The Pastor replied, “Then, you propose to follow the example of Christ, and that will lead you to Heaven. In other words, you are just going to follow in the steps of Jesus.” The man answered, “That is what I intend to do.” “Well,” said the preacher, “Can you take the first step?” “What is that?” The man of God said, “The Bible tells us the following concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: **‘Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.’** I suppose that you can say the same about yourself, you have done no sin.” The man replied, “Well, I cannot say that. I have sinned sometimes.” The Pastor responded, “In that case, you need a Savior, not an example.” Yes, Everyone needs a Savior! **“There is none righteous, no not one!”** Maybe you are considered a ‘good person’ but the fact remains, you are a sinner. **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** No one is good enough! You need a Savior. You need Someone to pay for your sins. That is what Christ did 2,000 years ago. God says, **“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.”** The Bible says, **“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”** God has made it very simple - **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”**