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THE GREATEST OF ALL THINGS.

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A. J. Gordon said of **John Vassar** the great soul winner: *“He was the Lord’s shepherd dog. He followed souls with the keen scent and swift pace of the hound upon the track of game - tiring not, resting not - till he had won the object of his pursuit.”* **George Whitefield** said, *“I would often have nested, but God has not permitted me to do so, for He has always put a thorn in my nest. Ranging seems to be my province. I am prepared to hunt for souls until all England is evangelized.”* One of **John Wesley’s** biographers said, *“He was out of breath pursuing souls.”* **D. L. Moody** said, *“I must speak to one soul about Christ each day.”* **C. H. Spurgeon** said, *“I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unpick all the mysteries of the divine Word, for salvation is the one thing we are to live for.”* **William Booth**, during an audience with the King, said, *“Some men’s passion is for gold. Some is for fame. But my passion, Your Majesty, is for souls.”* When **Dr. Lyman Beecher** lay dying, a ministerial friend said to him, “Dr. Beecher, you know a great deal. Tell us what is the greatest of all things.” The dying preacher replied, *“It is not teaching theology, It is not engaging in controversy. It is winning souls.”* Yes, that is the greatest thing - often called the Great Commission given by Jesus to His disciples before going back to heaven. But why is it that so few of God’s people seem to have much interest in soul winning?

We are told that only about five percent of Christians earnestly seek to win someone to Christ. I remember a man saying that he could be around a lodge man for only a few minutes before he heard about the lodge, but he could be around a Christian for weeks before he ever found out about it. Why is this? Can it be that we do not care whether others go to hell or not? Why is it that there are many believers who fall into the class of whom it is said **“no man cared for my soul!”**? Can it be that we are totally indifferent to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to **“preach the Gospel to every creature.”**? Can it be that we no longer believe in hellfire? No, I am sure all fundamentalists still believe in the reality of eternal judgment as described by Jesus in Luke 16 and other portions of Scripture. I may be wrong, but my years of service for the Lord lead me to believe there is one overwhelming reason. Beloved, let’s be honest; it is pride! We are afraid what others will say. Maybe they’ll be upset. We are afraid people will think that we are a little fanatical...maybe even a little unbalanced. We are more concerned with what people will think of us than we are with what the Lord Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father think of us! We are ashamed of the Saviour who suffered and bled and died for our sins! Shame on us!

If you are not a witness for Christ I beg of you to get on your knees and confess your sin of silence to the Saviour. Then, tell Him that you will no longer be ashamed of Him and that you will begin immediately to tell others His saving message. *Then do it!* Do you want Him to be ashamed of you? Remember, He said, **“For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his father’s, and of the holy angels.” ~Luke 9:26.**