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Is Mission Work Optional?

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IS MISSION WORK OPTIONAL?

I. There are many things in life where "I can or can't."

- A. Get married.
- B. Vote.
- C. Attend this dinner.

II. There are other things that are not optional.

- A. Baptism & its mode.
- B. Music in the church.
- C. Loving God & man.
- D. Mission work.

Matt. 28 - "Go."

Acts 13 "Separate."

Mk. 16 Every creature.

(Clearer than Zech. quote)

III. Let me use a Titus passage.

Titus 3:8 "This is a f. ... these things affirm

A. "This is a faithful saying" - previous 4 verses taught.

- 1. Kindness & love of God our Savior toward man appeared.
- 2. Not by works of rt. but according to his mercy he saved us.
- 3. By washing of regeneration & Renewing of Holy Ghost shed on us abundantly thru Jesus.

Jn. 3:5 Water & spirit.

a.) Faith, repentance, baptism.

b.) Gift of Holy Spirit.

c.) Bath (lit.) of regeneration is baptism.

d.) Regeneration only here & Matt. 19:28.

4. Justified by his grace, made heirs, according to hope of eternal life.

5. Thus 4 great things in faithful saying.

B. Obligation imposed.

1. These things I will that thou affirm constantly.

a.) Saved by gospel.

b.) Live holy life.

c.) Rabbit hunting - taking shots.

2. Maintain good works for all that God decrees is good & profitable unto men.

a.) You are a constant blessing if you live & teach the Word.

b.) You need to be careful to maintain.

(1) Take good care of our name - O. Henry.

(2) Nervous Bank robber, "Don't stick c me - this is a mess up."

3. This is the best & finest way I know to do mission work.


a.) Erickson - Radio sermons & plea for donation - have to do c sermon-on-the-amount.

b.) Conwell sermon.

c.) Brocher on Stress.

*Western Europe mission teams Dinner 3-26-82
Hermitage House*

Dr. TOBIAS H. BROCHER, Director, Menninger Clinic's Center for Applied Behavioral Sciences: "The biggest stressor is the feeling that 'somebody else is controlling my life.' For example, business managers, given enough latitude, don't suffer half as much as secretaries. Similarly, surgeons often aren't under stress, but nurses sure are. People who feel independent and in control, as a rule, don't suffer."



Rom Tyers, one of my high school classmates, occasionally took a day off from school to go rabbit hunting. He always signed his absence blank with the excuse, "Taking shots."—M. DALE BAUGHMAN, "Mostly Miscellany," *Contemporary Education*, 4-71

LOU ERICKSON: "Have you noticed that many radio evangelists end their programs with a plea for donations? Too many sermons have to do with a sermon-on-the amount."

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Such a perversion was spectacularly popular earlier in this century. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Philadelphia and founder of Temple University, before his death in 1925 had for 40 years preached his famous "Acres of Diamonds" sermons 6,000 times from coast to coast. It is not hard to explain its popularity: "Get rich, young man, for money is power," Conwell proclaimed. "I say you **have** no right to be poor.... Love is the grandest thing on God's earth, but fortunate is the lover who has plenty of money...." This, the most popular sermon ever preached in America, sounds not at all like Jesus' instructions to the young **man** who had plenty of money.

"The New Testament Church Then and Now" - By LeRoy Lawson

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The Pulpit Commentary closes its comments on the Book of Zechariah with this note. This closes our sketches of the prophecy of Zechariah. We confess that going through it *seriatim* we have found in various passages, expressions and illusions to which we were utterly unable to put any clear and intelligent interpretation. There is a haze more or less over the whole book, and our endeavor has been wherever we have caught a glimpse of a great practical truth to bring it out and work it into the service of soul culture. Though we may have failed to give the true meaning to many passages, we know that we have not intentionally misrepresented any utterance, or turned a phrase or a word to any theological or ecclesiastical predilection, if indeed any such we have.

Word

Harry H. Kreuner tells a story about O. Henry, in his book, "Specifically To Youth." O Henry's real name was Sydney Porter. He was put in jail for embezzlement when he was a young man. While in prison, Porter met a guard named Oren Henry. When the time came for him to leave prison, rather than take his old name which was badly besmirched by his crime, he took the name of the guard and called himself O. Henry. His marvelous stories were written under that name. As he left the prison, the old guard waved to him and said, "Take good care of our name! "

What is our name? Our name is Man. We are made in the likeness of God. He is our Father. "Take good care of our name," he says.

"Happiness is Still Home Made" - By T. Cecil Myers - Pp. 94-95