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WHY MUST WE SPEND SO MUCH FOR MISSION WORK

Matthew 28:18-20

I. "Why are you forever asking us to give?"

"It's always something else you want!" We hear said in disgust. *Money we spend not our LORD'S!!!*

A. I'm glad the church is active. It must be expensive. But why do we have to give so much? *WE \$2750⁰⁰ per mo \$33,000 per yr.*

II. The answer. *Jesus spoke on Money!*

A. The simplest I know is "God said do it."

Matt. 1:21 "She shall bring forth a son

Eph. 3:11

Rom. 1:16 "For I am not ashamed

Rom. 10:13-15 "Whosoever shall call on the

Matt. 28:18-20 "All authority has been

B. From this last we note "4 alls."

Authority-Nations-Things-Ways!

1. We've got the spiritual power.

2. We've got the world wide scope--the vision of a lovely leader.

3. We've got the goods to deliver.

4. Timeless, dynasty of Jesus--ever staying with us.

III. Have we done our job? *Clip on Are You Spreading?*

A. This fact startle.

1. 135 nations of the world.

2. U.S. makes up 7% of world's 2.7 billions.

3. Church here is 2 million strong.

4. For the 93% of world we've sent 404 missionaries (counts men & women) to 40 nations.

a. 198 men not counting wives are on field.

b. ~~We've sent 1 miss. to every 15,000 to 20,000 folk.~~

- c. We've sent 1 miss. to 50 million--its like having 3 in all America.
- d. There are 25,000 members in Nigeria--our greatest stronghold. 40,000 others---put them all in a football stadium.
- e. In 1940 we had missionaries in 15 countries. Today there are 1400 churches in 70 countries, 60,000 members out of U.S., 5600 reported baptisms in 1959.

B. Others.

- 1. Mormons $1\frac{1}{2}$ million--send out 5 Mr missionaries. Have more in Denmark than we entire world.
- 2. Park St. Congregational (Boston) & 1st Bapt. Dallas send more than the brotherhood!
- 3. Mort Witson clip.

IV. Yes we need to spend.

A. Our ability demands it. (Roy Williams clip)

- 1. If only 1,600,000 members & 1 out of 8
 - smoke 1 packet cig. = 60,000.00
 - 1 out of 8 drink coffee break 20,000.00
 - 1 out of 8 chew gum 5¢ 10,000.00
 - Per day wasted----- \$ 90,000.00
 - 365 x 90M = \$32,850,000.00

2. Clip on "Hold for a Day"

Crime cost 22 billion per yr. = 125.72 per person. chr. spends 84¢ per yr fatherless

B. Our shame cries out for correction.

- 1. It is something we all must do--today.
 - a. Clip on say "we".

C. Our Lord demands we accomplish the task. Can the heathen be saved without gospel? May never answer. But I have it--can I be saved without going? *Church 1 generation from extenction!*

*Western 3/6/60
Post 3/26/60
Linda Roberts Dept.*

90% in non-Chr. In America 1 preacher per 600
One to 20,000 in Africa; 1 to 150M in SE Asia.

ivities in which YOU are willing to serve. Rather than think up some frivolous EXCUSE as to why YOU are not NOW attending Sunday Bible Study and Sunday night worship and Wednesday Bible Study -- WHY not move that obstacle out of the way and MAKE ROOM for Jesus? We either MOVE THESE HINDRANCES or suffer the consequence of the wrath of God! What a pity it is to fail to "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!"

World War II cost \$2200 per sec., \$132M per min
\$7,932,000 per hr
190,080,000 per dz

NEWS & NOTES

MISS MELISSA LOWE is to undergo a tonsillectomy this Thursday at Lee Memorial in Fort Myers. She is the five year old daughter of Jim and Jackie Lowe. N.Y. Times

AL (Bud) BROWN was out Sunday due to sickness and was missed by all. Bud is one of our Bible School Supervisors and is presently enrolled in the TRAINING FOR SERVICE Class. 1 dz. would pay 6 yrs preaching of everyone!

SIS. ALBERTA DAVIDSON is now at home being released from the Naples Community Hospital last Saturday. She is much improved and able to be up and about.

Men To Serve

After 50 generations 35% of world have heard the gospel.

Are YOU Helping to Spread the Gospel?

Over half of the world's 2,734,000,000 people have never been evangelized by any religious body.

1 Miss to 55M
WHERE ARE THEY?

1 Miss. to 20M

LOOK

AT

THE 1 to 83M

FIELD

THAT 1 Miss to 100M

NEEDS

HARVESTING!

60 million in Latin Amer.

70 million in Africa

75 million in South America

35 million in the islands of the sea

50 million in Japan

250 million in China

250 million in India

40 million in Southeast Asia

34 million in Central Asia - closed

250 million in Europe

~~1700 languages w/o scripture~~

At least 2,000 tribes have NO WRITTEN LANGUAGES, thus, no Bible.

Of the 3,076 different languages, a minimum of 2000 have none of God's Word.

~~29 million unevangelized in island world~~

~~150 " " "~~

via THE PURSUER ~~Europe~~

S. Miami, Fla.

< 10% increase

to 50 million more in world ~~200 million~~ 100M Purds. Chr. land

CHURCH SURVEY ON GIVING

Broadway & Walnut was one of fifty congregations in the nation whose yearly budget was used in a religious survey recently completed by Bro. Mont Whitson of Lubbock, Texas. According to this survey the Church of Christ is listed No. 7 among Protestant bodies with 26% of the yearly contribution going to preaching the gospel overseas. (From the Santa Ana, Church of Christ Bulletin) Santa Ana, Calif.

TO HOLD FOR A DAY. A prosperous businessman was recalling experiences of his childhood in Sweden where he had grown up in poverty. His special task was to tend the cattle. One day, as he wished to be away, he persuaded his sister to do his work, promising that in return she would be permitted to hold for the day a small coin. To be sure, it had little value, but as money was scarce in the home, she consented, worked hard all day, and at night returned the coin, well content with her wages.

After the businessman---who was so gleeful over his sister's simplicity---had related the incident, a Christian in the audience replied, "That is all you get; you hold your wealth to the end of the day of your life; then you give it up and have as little as before,

...and the whole of your life is gone."

A startled look spread over the man's face, for he had never thought of it in that light.

Stewards are we---not possessors.

...from "The Ministers Manual for 1958"
page 268

Brother Roy Williams was in East Tennessee one time attending the services there. He saw that there was a great need for assistance, so decided the best thing for him to do was drop a twenty dollar bill in the basket. As the service was winding up, the men noticed that a twenty dollar bill was in the collection plate. One of the brethren picked it up and waved it before the audience and said, "Here's a twenty dollar bill, I'm sure someone dropped it in by mistake. Whose is it? Did anyone give it by mistake?"

Brother Ijams told me this story to illustrate how much leadership we need and how little sometime is the concept of our sphere of service.

An old-fashioned story with a timely point comes to us from the days when organs were supplied the needed oxygen through the bellows by the pumping of a bellows boy. A great artist was playing the organ most skillfully and when the intermission came he was roundly applauded. As he left the stage, he was met by the little bellows boy. "Say, mister, we certainly went over all right, didn't we?" he beamed. The organist replied rather stiffly, "What do you mean, 'we'? I'm doing the playing."

After the intermission, the organist came forward to play again. But to his amazement and disgust no sound was forthcoming from the organ. Exasperated, he whispered to the boy: "What's the matter back there?"

Why don't I get any sound?" Not a word in reply. The organist started fingering the keys again. Still there was no music. "Come on, boy, let's get going," he whispered hoarsely, while beads of perspiration broke out on his brow. Then came the shrill voice from behind the organ, "Say we, mister, and she'll play."