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INT. Lesson in support of Southside's emphasis for the next few months: Dedication of OURSELVES/and COMMITMENT of our GIFTS to the LORD.

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spot!*

1. Request you indulge me/by tolerating a seemingly-foolish question: "Did you bring your HANDS to this worship service?" (Request: Hold hands; palms toward you; and look at them.)
2. Question: WHOSE hands are they? How many say: "MINE!" How many say: "They belong to another?" THIS: is the POINT of this lesson tonight.

## I. Were HANDS AN important subject in the Bible?

A. The words: HAND, HANDS, HIS HANDS, MINE HANDS, OUR HANDS, RIGHT HANDS, LEFT HANDS ETC. In the Singular: 891. Plural: 334. Total: 1,225 times

B. QUESTION: What connection does MY HANDS have with Salvation, the Church, my Christian Life, and Spr. Matters???

Ans: May I let a famous poet answer this question: \*HANDS !! →

← Ans: "RICHARD Le GALLIENNE" has said: "By many hands the Work of God is done! (Leaves of Gold, P. 123).

C. Ans: An introspection into my ministry for Jesus: What part have YOUR hands played? They are not spiritual. They are are fleshly, carnal and physical--yet dedicated to directly and indirectly: Serving the Lord.

Ill. \* Something like "Mrs. Billy Graham's" <sup>years ago</sup> printed statement above her sink in the KITCHEN: "Dishes washed in this sink daily in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Col. 3:17.

D. My reflections of over 50 years in the Lord's ministry:

1. Mowed yards--church's & widows in the name of Jesus.
2. Fixed plumbing (light stuff) in Mississippi for members and neighbors. Was plumber's assistant at Harding 1 yr.
3. Changed light bulbs and smoke detectors for widows and aged and infirm men, in and out of the church.
4. Assembled a walker for a neighbor when he became an invalid. Member of the Body. *black silk!?*
5. Rinsed a ~~sister's~~ sister's brand-new jacket in ER AT All-Sts. hosp. when she fell and bloodied her R. arm.
6. Etc. Etc. Bragging? Not at all. Just exemplifying Matt. 5:16.

Ill.\* Besides: Dizzy Dean said, "If its so,/it aint braggin!"

II. Now: let's switch on the <sup>projectors</sup> "Motion Pictures" of our Mind in Scriptures to get a graphic-view of the Mission and Life of Jesus and the employment of His hands in His love for Mankind. Three of them:

A. \*Acts 10:38. \*Matt. <sup>(1)</sup>4:23-25. \*Matt. <sup>(2)</sup>9:35.

III. LETS...taking a trip into "Jesus-Land" seeing His Hands at work.

A. SEE: the Lord's "HEALING HANDS" <sup>(3)</sup>\*MATT. 8:1-3. LEPER.

B. SEE: Jesus' GENTLE HANDS. <sup>(4)</sup>\*MATT. 8:14-17. M. in Law.

C. SEE: Christ's "Life-giving" Hands, <sup>(5)</sup>\*MATT. 9:18-19--23-26.  
AARuler's daughter-dead.

D. SEE: the Master's COMPASSIONATE HANDS. <sup>(6)</sup>\*MATT. 9:27-31. <sup>"2"</sup> blind men.  
(THREE OTHER: 1. Spittle of clay. J-9. 2. Bethsaida: 1 man. Spit on his eyes & laid hands. Mk. 8. 3. Jerico. 2 men. Touched their eyes. Matt. 20.

E. -SEE the Savior's COMFORTING HANDS <sup>(7)</sup>\*MATT. 19:13-15.

F. SEE The Lamb's SOUL-SAVING HANDS <sup>(8)</sup>\*MATT. 27: Little children.  
32-37. PIERCED-HANDS.

IV. Can you imagine what Jesus could have said with the last breath of His Life?

1. \*POEM: WHAT I WAS GIVEN!

← V. INVITATION:

1. I believe God expects some kind of response from each one of us here tonight. A response to what Jesus has Given for us.
2. I can imagine three possibilities:
  - a. "That was a nice little story." "Rather pretty." I guess I'm doing my part in the church. You know, as much as anybody else.
  - b. I claim to be a good Christian. And I do a lot of church work. I enjoy it. BUT.....I'm going to take another look and see if I can do a little more.....and maybe even a little more ----with the good Lord's help.
  - c. I'm not even a Christian! I haven't given Him anything! I believe pretty strong. But I haven't even been Baptized yet. I guess I need to think about it more. MAYBE TONIGHT!

WE WILL STAND AND SING OUR INVITATION SONG IN JUST ONE MOMENT.

In our RESPONSE we will SHOW whose hands we have with us tonight!!

\* POEM: THESE HANDS.