Claiming the Power of the Holy Spirit

The Grand Finale

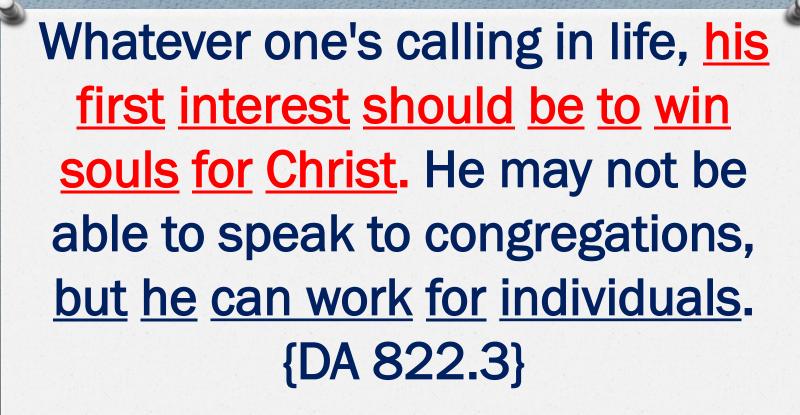
Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...

In the word "ye" Christ included all believers to the very end of time {5BC-557}

It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister.

All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men.

For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ. {DA 822.2}

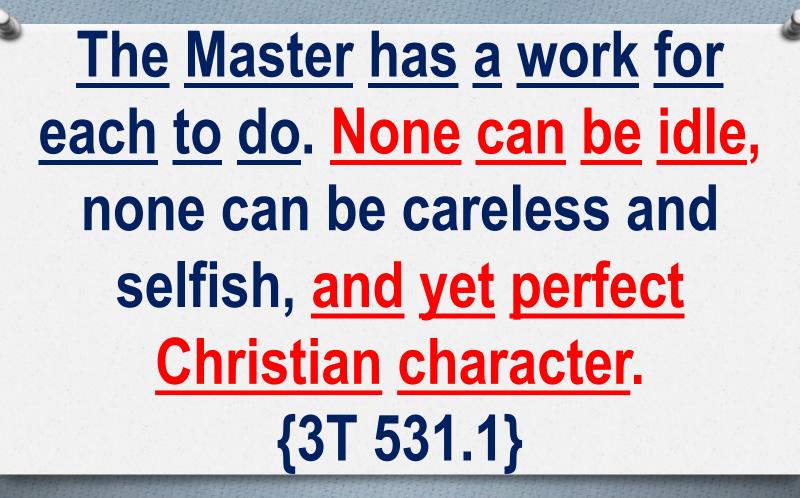


We are living in a special period of this earth's history. A great work must be done in a very short time, and every Christian is to act a part in sustaining this work.

God is calling for men/women who will consecrate themselves to the work of soulsaving. {9T 125.4}

Those who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with Him in the great, grand work of soulsaving.

Testimonies for the Church 7:19



1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are laborers together with God...

Man cannot be towed to Heaven; he cannot go as a passive passenger. He must himself use the oars, and work as a laborer together with God. {OHC 310.2}

Luke 10:2

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Let church members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them. They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not be ashamed. {9T 48.1}

Matthew 4:19 Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

We are not, as Christians, doing one-twentieth part that we might do in winning souls to Christ.

There is a world to be warned, and every sincere Christian will be a guide and an example to others in faithfulness, in cross-bearing, in prompt and vigorous action, in unswerving fidelity to the cause of truth, and sacrifices and labors to promote the cause of God. {Review and Herald, Aug. 23, 1881}

In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men.

Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love. {Testimonies for the Church 7:21}

Apart from Christ our work is fruitless...

John 15:5 Without me ye can do nothing.

But when we labor under His direction, we rejoice in the evidence of His power. He whose word could gather fishes from the sea can also impress human hearts and draw them so that His servants may become "fishers of men." {HLv 158.5}

We are co-workers with Christ, or co-workers with the enemy. We are decided, wholehearted Christians, or none at all. {1T 126.1}

Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

"The concept of an inactive church member is an oxymoron. Biblically, no such church member really exists."

Oxymorons are figures of speech often used as literary devices to draw attention to the absurdity of the statement. For too long, churches have accepted the absurdity of an inactive church member as something normal.

An inactive church member is a contradiction in terms. One cannot be a biblical church member and be inactive.

What will many answer in the day of God, when He inquires, "What have ye done for Me?" The donothings will be speechless in that day. They will see the sin of their neglect.

They have robbed God of the service of a lifetime. They have not influenced any for good. They have not brought one soul to Jesus.

They felt content to do nothing for the Master; and they meet no reward, but eternal loss.

They perish with the wicked, although they professed to be followers of Christ. {The Review and Herald, March 14, 1878}

Isaiah 6:8 Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?

To the call, "Whom shall I send?" there have been few to respond, "Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8) {9T 46.1}

Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying, "Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8) {Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 49}

Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents-the members of the church-to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. {9T 46.3}

All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for our Lord and Master. Every day we are to point souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. **{9T 48.2}**

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. {The Acts of the Apostles, p. 111}

Matthew 25:14-18 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Matthew 25:30 Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Cast ye: In the great final day of judgment those who have drifted along, dodging opportunities and shirking responsibilities, will be classed by the great Judge with evildoers. {5BC-511}

Delivered unto them: Christ has committed the work of the gospel to men in order to advance the interests of His kingdom on earth and to train His servants for increased responsibilities. {5BC-

Talents: The talents represent special gifts of the Spirit, together with all natural endowments. {5BC-510}

To every man: Each of us has a work to do for God. Though there are varying degrees of responsibility, none are altogether exempt from responsibility. {5BC-510}

On the morning of October 23, 1879, about two o'clock, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I beheld scenes in the coming judgment. {4T 384.1}

The great day of the execution of God's judgment seemed to have come. Ten thousand times ten thousand were assembled before a large throne, upon which was seated a person of majestic appearance. Several books were before Him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire: "Ledger of Heaven."

One of these books, containing the names of those who claim to believe the truth, was then opened. As these persons were named, one by one, and their good deeds mentioned, their countenances would light up with a holy joy that was reflected in every direction. But this did not seem to rest upon my mind with the greatest force. {4T 384.2}

Another book was opened, wherein were recorded the sins of those who profess the truth. {4T 384.3}

Under covetousness came falsehood, theft, robbery, fraud, and avarice; under ambition came pride and extravagance; jealousy stood at the head of malice, envy, and hatred; and intemperance headed a long list of fearful crimes, such as lasciviousness, adultery, indulgence of animal passions, etc.

As I beheld I was filled with inexpressible anguish and exclaimed: "Who can be saved? **{4T 385.1}**

Every eye is riveted upon the face of the One upon the throne; and as His solemn, searching eye sweeps over that company, there is a quaking of heart; for they are self-condemned without one word being uttered.

In anguish of soul each declares his own guilt and with terrible vividness sees that by sinning he has thrown away the precious boon of eternal life. {4T 385.2}

One class were registered as cumberers of the ground. As the piercing eye of the Judge rested upon these, their sins of neglect were distinctly revealed. With pale, quivering lips they acknowledged that they had been traitors to their holy trust. {4T 385.3}

Although professing to be servants of Christ, they brought no souls to Him. {4T 386.1}

Revelation 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

There will be no one saved in Heaven with a starless crown. If you enter, there will be some soul in the courts of glory that has found an entrance there through your instrumentality. {ST, June 6, 1892 par. 2}

Revelation 3:1 I know thy works...

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

We are to be justified by faith, and judged by our works. {GCB October 1, 1896, Art. B, par. 16}

The work above all work,—the business above all others which should draw and engage the energies of the soul,—is the work of saving souls for whom Christ has died.

Make this the main, the important work of your life. Make it your special life work. Co-operate with Christ in this grand and noble work... The Youth's Instructor, May 4, 1893}

God calls upon every church member to enter His service. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active, missionary agency. {HP 317.4}

A distinct work is assigned to every Christian. {Southern Watchman, Aug. 2, 1904}

Every day you are to be under the supervision of God. He has a work for you to do...{8T 172.1}

God requires everyone to be a worker in His vineyard. {Bible Echo, June 10, 1901}

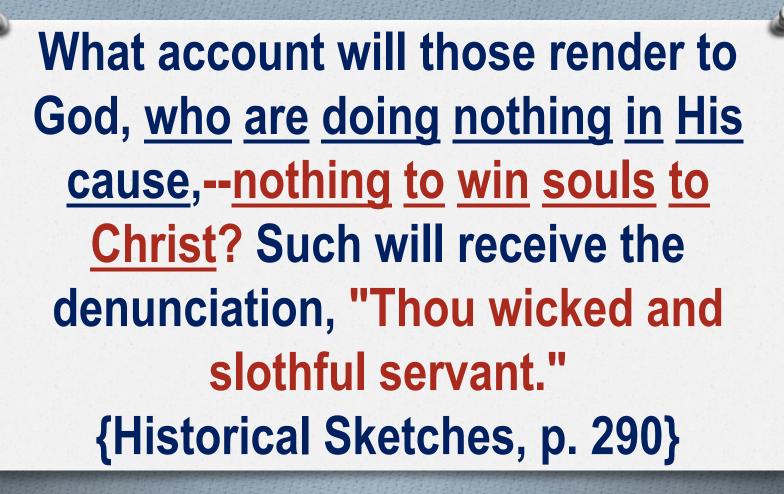
Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost. This work had been neglected in Israel. Is it not neglected today by those who profess to be Christ's followers? {Christ's Object Lessons, p. 191}

Proverbs 11:30 He that winneth souls is wise.

That man or that woman whose soul is drawn out in compassion and love for the erring, and who labors to bring them to the fold of the Great Shepherd, is engaged in a blessed work.

When one sinner is thus reclaimed, there is more joy in Heaven than over ninety and nine just persons! {LS 187.5}

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?



The secret of winning souls can be learned only from the great Teacher. As the dew and the still showers fall gently on the withering plant, so our words are to fall gently and lovingly on the souls we are seeking to win.

Keep the heart uplifted in prayer that God may help us to speak the right word at the right time.

When an opportunity presents itself, let no excuse lead you to neglect it; for its improvement may mean the salvation of a soul from death. {The Youth's Instructor, February 6, 1902}

Now that Jesus has ascended to Heaven, His disciples are His representatives among men, and one of the most effective ways of winning souls to Him is in exemplifying His character in our daily life.

Our influence upon others depends not so much upon what we say as upon what we are. {DA 141.5}

John 13:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.