

read your Bible though your companions may scoff at you, for principle is better than earthly gain ; and if you remain faithful to Christ, He will not forget your devotion, and will compensate you with His grace and love. Paul was ready to be a faithful minister in the fashionable city of Corinth, where the people loved pleasure more than God ; and the highest place for a man of God may be the most difficult field, where rewards are few. It is easy to serve God in a quiet village among pious people, but your place may be to magnify Christ in the city with its alluring temptations while you are surrounded by fashionable companions. The saintly Chrysostom boldly denounced the crimes of the rulers of the empire, and was banished for his faithfulness ; but he enjoyed serenity of mind by the presence of Christ, though his sufferings were great. Savonarola exposed the libertinism of the politicians of Florence, and was sent to the stake for his zeal ; but the dungeon and fire were greater blessings than ease and position with a troubled conscience.

Paul was ready to go to Rome. "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." Foreign service for Christ has its burdens and joys. The spirit of Paul is willingness to go to China or the North Pole in search of souls. Some men select their mission field because of the fascination of the country or people, but the