

What Can I Do?

THERE are a great many Christians who are rendering no service to the Lord. They say, "I do not know what I can do," or, "I do not know *what* to do." We are morally sure that this, also, is an excuse; for any one who desires to serve God need not be a day without work to do, and plenty of it.

If any Christian is idle as to the Lord's work, on the ground that

he does not know what to do, it must be because he has not set his heart to serve the Lord. This growing habit of doing nothing in the vineyard of the Lord, no doubt arises partly from the idea

that there is no work to be done except that which is done by the wholly set apart ministry, such as pastors, evangelists and missionaries, and the deacons, elders and deaconesses of the Church, together with the Sabbath school teachers. But there is an amount of other work to be done besides this, which should fire every Christian with zeal to serve God. There is plenty of work to be done for the Lord by those who have eyes to see it. The work lies all about us, at our doors, at our very hands, waiting to be taken up and done. If you do not see it, it is probably because you are not looking for it and do not want to see it.

You need not preach, you need not teach in the Sunday school; and yet there is much that you can do. Do you ask us to point out some work for you to do? You might go and see that sick neighbour of yours. Or, you might speak to that brother who has for a long while back

lost his interest in spiritual things. Go to him and tell him how sorry you are that he has stopped coming to Church, and that he is no more interested in religious and spiritual things, and tell him that you hope to see him once more among the flock, worshipping and serving God. Or, there is another brother, who for a long while has ceased to come to the prayer meetings of the Church. You might go to him and tell him you are sorry to miss him from the house of God so often.

Or, there is that new family who has recently moved into your neighborhood.

You may be sure they are lonely in their new surroundings, and shy about going into a perfectly strange church. Just step over and make them a neighborly call, and give them a cordial welcome to the Church.

But perhaps you are cold and indifferent yourself. In that case we advise you to set yourself diligently to the business of building up your own spiritual life—lest you die.

—Dr. Pentecost.

[Remember, dear reader, that it is not the amount of work done, but the spirit which actuates you that finds a place in the record with God.

When Jesus sat at the Treasury He watched *how* they cast in their gifts, not *what* they cast in, else He had not seen the widow's gift. Their cost-

ly gifts never caused the slightest movement in their hearts, and as he looked not at the finger ends which held the coin, but at the heart which prompted the movements of the hand, He therefore commends the action of the poor widow, and says that her mite—all she possessed—is of more value than all the costly gifts of the rest.—Ed.]

