

ing voices tell us that to follow Jesus, literally, absolutely and unqualifiedly—is impossible. But it is possible! The church can have power only when it dares to be true to the commands, teachings, example and spirit of her Lord.

Sixth. The average Christian is not disposed to risk much on his own favorite schemes for the world's redemption. When a Methodist conference in England assigned William Booth to an appointment which would mean a regular congregation of about forty persons on Sunday after Sunday, his wife, leaning down over the gallery rail, whispered to him in a determined under tone: "William, don't accept that appointment!" So William Booth went forth into the world to engage in a colossal work of evangelization without a single invitation to point the way and without a dollar in his pocket to pay the current expenses of his home. He was willing to venture something for God. How unusual! But the unusual man achieved an unusual result.

Seventh. The average Christian regards his religion as an accident policy. A splendid thing to have in case of danger. Where is the joy which made the history of the early church so glorious—joy in sacrifice, joy in privation, joy in persecution, joy in exile, joy in martyrdom and joy in the hour of death. May God grant us a gracious revival of religion—and a church crowned with spiritual power.

