

lay. It is of such importance that it must be done at once. Men agree that to-day is the time for doing anything of importance. The business man, if he has anything of importance to do, knows the sooner it is done the better. And this is just as true in working for God. Every day brings its own work and its own opportunities of doing good. These opportunities pass away and are gone never to return. If we look into the biographies of great men, who did good service for God, we will discover the secret of their being able to accomplish so much. It was in doing to-day's work when it should be done. They did the work as it was given them to do and so fulfilled the command of the Master. How different are their actions from those who are always going to do some work, but whose whole life is made up of good resolutions with no record of work accomplished. It is worthy of notice that in every call God addresses to man He always addresses them in the present time. He calls men to repentance in the present. He says, "now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." God's commands to serve Him were all present commands. Noah's call to build the ark was a present call. Abraham's call to offer up his son Isaac was to be obeyed at once. Jonas's call to go to Neuveh was a present call. Christ's call to his twelve apostles was a present call. It is thus clear that the scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament, teach that the present is the time to work for God. And thus it appears Christian work is never ended. It is always opening up anew. Each to-day brings new work, and each to-day must find the Christian faithfully performing it, so long as the Lord gives him strength and ability to do his work. The Christian is to hear the words of the apostle to encourage him in his work. "Be not weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." In other spheres of labor the longer a man works the more efficient he becomes in discharging the duties pertaining to them, until by age or sickness he is unfitted for work.

And so should it be with the Christian worker. The more he works for God, the more successful he becomes in doing the work He has given him to do. And thus the Christian, as long as he lives, is to hear the voice of Christ saying: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Let every Christian then at once begin to work in the harvest field. Let them no longer suffer their talent to lie buried, but put them to some use for the Master.

Let them look around for some opportunity of doing good. And if they only are willing to work the Lord will open their eyes to see their work, and then having found work, let them not push it away, but with glad hearts and willing minds let them do it with their might even as unto the Lord. One of the emperors of Rome was wont to write in his diary: "*diem perdidit*," "I have lost a day," if he allowed a day to pass without doing some good action. Should not every Christian who allows a day to pass without doing something