

otherwise, it is very evident they have not remained so, especially from a financial standpoint. Why this is we will not now stop and discuss. The fact that it is so is sufficient for the purpose in view. If I am more fortunate than my neighbor, and succeed in laying in store some of this world's goods, and because of failure of crops or other causes for which he is not responsible, I *know* my neighbor is in great need of help, would it be naught but *practical* Christianity for me to take of that I have in store, administer to his necessities and thus lighten his burden? Or by sacrificing a little time I might find employment for another, the result of which would relieve the suffering of others dependent on him. If we would "bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ," we must be willing to sacrifice our time, our strength, our money, yea, even our *lives*, for duty's sake.

Shall we then make this an individual matter, and each one ask him or herself the question, am I doing all I can to make brighter and better the lives of those around me? What have I sacrificed, what am I sacrificing *now* of all that I have, to lighten the burden of some weary pilgrim. Are there any strangers within our community to whom I have never spoken, whose hand I have never grasped in Christian fellowship, into whose home I have never entered, and with words of cheer and consolation, made brighter and happier the life of that weary though patient wife and mother, who, because of family cares or circumstances beyond her power to control, must remain at home? In that heart there is a *void* which can only be filled, in that soul there is a *longing* which can only be satisfied by the Christian fellowship of those about her.

Then, dear friends, are we not responsible for suffering in any form, which may be caused by thoughtlessness or negligence on our part? Can we hope to be excused because the fact was not *known* to us? Are we

not enjoined to *inspect* the circumstances of any who appear likely to need aid? Does responsibility cease with the doing of *known* duty? Are we not responsible for that we *ought* to know?

Few there are who would not be willing to stop and relieve the suffering of a friend or neighbor if he happened to be in their line of march along the highway of life, but he who, with a heart full of love and tender compassion for downfallen and suffering humanity, turns from his course into the byways and along the hedges to seek and to save the poor and degraded, is the good Samaritan, and best exemplifies the life and teachings of Jesus. Since with God there is no past nor future, but only the living present, let us resolve *now* to be more thoughtful, more earnest, and more solicitous, for the welfare of those with whom we associate, that not only by precept and example, but by good deeds done in His name, we may so influence their lives that many may be brought to know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal.

What a high and precious privilege is ours to be co workers with the great God of Heaven and Lord of earth in this grand and noble work of saving precious souls, and it is only by thus faithfully watching, humbly trusting, and constantly *doing* of the will of God, that we are enabled to work out our own soul's salvation, and continue to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord," and thus, day by day, year by year, unconsciously yet surely, we become more and more like Him "who came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost," the immaculate Christ, whose mission was love, and whose highest aim was to do the will of Him who sent Him.

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If you cannot mind your own business, do not think that the Lord will entrust you with His.