

In the doubtful places, therefore, our question must be: How will the course that issues from this action or that measure up to our standard, to the life of Jesus Christ? The answer must determine the way in which we shall go. It is not that this question must be asked definitely about every detail of life. That, fortunately, is not necessary. For, if we come to know our standard, Jesus and His life, intimately, we shall judge many things by it and judge aright without conscious effort in so doing, just as one who associates with a pure, honorable friend instinctively recoils from impurity and deceit,—in reality he is judging by his friend's true manliness. But we must keep our standard before us consciously, too, His example ever clearly in mind, ready to be applied to each problem that concerns our duty to God and our fellows. At each parting of the ways, we must hold firm to the conviction that a life lived in the spirit of Jesus alone is worthy of us.

The one who does this, finds in Jesus not merely the clearest possible light on life's problems; he finds strength too, strength to do that which knowledge of his standard convinces him is right. For one thoroughly established fact of Christian experience is, that the power of God which made the Man of Nazareth what He was, is ready at hand to lift up the one who follows where the Man of Nazareth led. And so Jesus Christ proves Himself to be not merely life's perfect standard, but, to the man who adopts that standard, the very "power of God."

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In the Major Key

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I once heard it stated that nearly all the sounds of nature were in the minor key, the note of pain. Is it not truer—it is certainly more comforting—that the music of nature is in the major key, the note of gladness? The divine Musician, the Lord of Nature, knows the way to tune our hearts so that we will hear, not the sounds of sadness, but the notes of gladness that are vocal on every hand.

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Without Purses

By Rev. F. W. Murray, M.A.

"FOR THOSE WHO LABOR WHERE THE
'SINEWS OF WAR' ARE NOT
ABUNDANT"

Seventy preachers were sent out on a missionary journey over 1900 years ago without purses. There was no organized Church at the time. There were no houses with prophet's chambers for these preachers. And yet the Master sent His servants forth without purses. They lacked what seemed then and what often seems now the very sinews of war in the campaign upon which they were entering.

The seventy went out on the journey. It may well have been that they did not go "nothing doubting." But they obeyed.

The point for the present day is that they came back with joy, reporting that even the devils were subject unto them "through Thy name."

A good many preachers, teachers, nurses, deaconesses and other laborers in the kingdom would choose to have purses. They, in their short sightedness, feel that they could accomplish their mission better—feed the poor, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and give sight to the blind—with purses to draw on.

But the Master, who knows the work and the worker, and the field, chooses yet to send out the laborers without purses.

And the sequel seems strange to men yet. These laborers come back with joy. They report that even the very devils are subject through the Name.

They report that they are feeding hungry hosts in India, healing sick in China, opening prison doors in Russia, lifting up the fallen in Canada—that the devils which possess the hearts of evil men, are fleeing before the power of the Name.

These laborers, without purses, have found that in answer to their prayers and their pleadings that the Master is still unlocking hearts and opening homes and purses for the needs of His consecrated laborers.

Is the absence of a purse, then, a cause to fear? The purse and the scrip and the shoes—can He not provide them all? May