

mon interest—their hearts are one; no wearying of the daily routine, for, where the service of God is the chief care, every day brings some new and delightful task to be done for the Lord of love, and some new token of His gracious presence.

*Thus saith the Holy Ghost*, v. 11. Once, during the earlier attempts of Pizarro to conquer Peru, there came a time when all

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his followers were about to desert him. Drawing his sword, he traced a line with it from east to west. Then turning toward the south, he said: "Friends and comrades, on that side are toil, hunger, nakedness, the drenching storm, desertion, death; on this side are ease and pleasure. There lies Peru with its riches; here Panama with its poverty. For my part, I go to the south." So saying, he stepped across the line, and, one after another, his men followed him. To us, as to Paul, the Holy Ghost may speak, bidding us enter upon a path leading to toil and danger, and perhaps even death. But no one ever made a mistake in following that Leader. For He guides to the truest success and highest joy.

*For the name of the Lord Jesus*, v. 13. A beautiful story of Lady Augusta Stanley has often been told. One day she was

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dressed for a reception at the Queen's palace, when a messenger came to her in great haste from one of the hospitals. A poor woman, whom she had often visited and comforted, was about to undergo a serious operation. She begged that Lady Augusta should be

sent for. "If she will hold my hand", said the woman, "I can endure it." Lady Stanley at once threw a cloak over her rich dress, and hastened to the hospital. There she spoke a few brave words of cheer to the sufferer, and then held her hand until the operation was over. In the summons from the poor, sick woman, the noble lady heard the summons of Jesus, and His bidding must be done first, even though the Queen was waiting. So should it be in our lives. Any pleasure, any engagement, should be set aside, when our Lord calls.

### Lesson Points

The company we seek is an index to the character we possess. v. 4.

With the key of prayer the poorest Christian can unlock the treasures of heaven to enrich the lives of others. v. 5.

It is for the Master to choose our place in life; our concern should be to fill it well. v. 6.

Nothing unites a family more closely than the service of a common Lord. v. 9.

Every trial which God sends is a help and not a hindrance to His highest purposes for us. v. 11.

Divine revelations should be carefully distinguished from human inferences. v. 12.

The tenderest heart may dwell in the same breast with the most resolute will. v. 13.

We make the noblest use of our freedom when we surrender ourselves to God. v. 14.

Wherever the servant of Christ is welcomed the Master will also come. v. 15.

Those who truly love the Lord are sure also to love one another. v. 17.

### TEACHING HINTS

This section embraces teaching material for the various grades in the School.

#### For Teachers of the Older Scholars and Bible Classes

Tearing himself away from the loved ones at Miletus, Paul, with his companions, embarked in a coasting vessel, to go to Jerusalem. Imagine how restful and enjoyable it must have been to the little company of disciples, as they sailed over that enchanted sea and touched at those beautiful islands,—what sweet fellowship together, what talks together, what prayers. Why does Luke not

give us something about the experiences of that week at sea with Paul? These things are outside the purpose of the Book he is writing, the *Acts* of the Apostles.

1. Seven Days at Tyre, vs. 3-6. How did Paul and his friends spend their time while the ship was unloading? Did they go over to the mainland (the Tyre of Paul's day was on an island), and seat themselves on the bare rocks, where the ancient city of Tyre stood, and read Ezekiel's prophecy (Ezek. 26:3-5), and talk about the God of history? We think that they must have done so. We know that they hunted up the Christians who were