

Christ commended the faithful servant in these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Paul says by the Spirit: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Thus we see it is clearly taught that all Christians must be workers. Not only the highly gifted must work, but those who may only have one talent are to use their one talent to the glory of God. To every member of the church of Christ, the call is plain, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

It would almost seem a work of supererogation to prove that every Christian should be a worker, were it not plain that this truth is not carried out by many so-called Christians. Have they as Christians obeyed the Lord's call to work? Have they cried out as Paul did: "What wilt Thou have me to do?" If not, let them realize now, there is work to be done, and let them be willing to do it.

But we notice next that Christ gives to every man his work. Christ is the Master, and He assigns to every individual his own work to perform. He is the householder who has gone away and has left to each of us our work. This teaches us there is variety in Christian work. We find variety in every sphere where work is to be done. For example, we find wonderful variety in the vegetable kingdom. We discover that each species has a way of working peculiarly its own. Some plants are adapted for carrying on the work of nutrition on land, others in water. Some are adapted for carrying on the work of growth in warm climates, others in temperate climates; some on rich soil, others on poor soil. So in the work of Christ to which believers are called we find the greatest variety. We find to each is given his work, and Christ expects every man to do the work to which he has been called. When we look into the work of God we see what wonderful variety there is in the work of God. All are called to work, but all are not called to the same work; they are, however, all called to work for the same Master. All men are not called to be preachers, all are not called to be teachers, but to each is given his own work. Let us look at some examples from the Scriptures. Noah was called to be a preacher of righteousness and to build an ark for the saving of himself and his house. Abraham was called to leave his home and kindred and to go into a land which God would show him. Moses was called to be a leader and law-giver to Israel. Joshua was called to fight the battles of the Lord against the Canaanites. Elijah was called to be a prophet. The little captive maid was called to testify if the power of God was able to heal her master. Mary was called to anoint the body of Christ with the box of precious ointment as a preparation for his burial. Dorcas was called to work for Christ with her needle by making garments for the poor. The rich disciples of the early Christian church were called to give their lands and money for