

excuse for that christian sister who pays from *ten to twenty* dollars for a shawl or some such article of dress, when one just as useful could be procured for one quarter the sum; nor for that young brother who carries a gold watch worth a hundred—either of whom, if called upon for *five* dollars to aid a faithful proclaimer of the gospel to sound out that law that came from Zion, and the word of the Lord first announced in Jerusalem, would give a most emphatic *no!* It is not for such we apologize. Far be it from us to encourage such selfishness. Those who do not study economy in their expenditures, and are not willing to make any sacrifice that the cause of God and humanity righteously demand, are unworthy the name of a disciple of Him who sacrificed every thing for the salvation of man. Those who will not spend their time and money in teaching men the way of salvation, who cannot be persuaded to leave their families, even for a few days, to persuade sinners to flee from the wrath to come, ought certainly to be willing to contribute, as the Lord has prospered them, 'o those who would teach and preach, but are unable to do so, extensively, for the want of means.

But although it is a trite saying "that two wrongs can never make one right," it is nevertheless true. Preachers should remember that the want of liberality on the part of others can never be an excuse for not doing all in their power to advance the cause of the Lord. Every intelligent herald of salvation, in the enjoyment of health, can, not only maintain himself and family, as well as his neighbors in similar circumstances, but he can on the Lord's day, and frequently during long evenings, sound out the word of the Lord; and the very fact that he depends on no man for temporal support will arm him with a degree of independence and zeal which the hireling knows nothing of. In a word, the man who acts from principle, who loves God and his fellow man, who preaches to glorify God and save souls, will even in Sodom and Gomorrah gather some around him who will shine as lights in the world. Is it, however, said that many even after all this are neglected; that many faithful preachers toil not only for their daily bread, but to teach the truth by precept and example, and yet are neglected, and even despised because they labor with their hands! If any preacher of the gospel has had the misfortune to enter such a barren, sterile field, we would say, "up get ye out of such a congregation," the sooner it is scattered and brought to nought the better! It is wicked to labor for the union and upbuilding of such a mass of corruption. Enter some other field of labor. There are good fields for all faithful laborers; for all who are *capable* of teaching the truth, and who are willing to devote *all* their energies to the service of God and humanity. Fields too where they that feed the flock shall eat of the milk thereof, where the mouth of the ox that treads out the corn shall not be muzzled. But they must be *workmen* who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each his portion in due season. Hundreds of such men are wanted, and the Lord's people are able and willing to feed and clothe them, while they are wholly devoted to his service. A preacher to be useful for any length of time, must have a good *reputation* for morality among those that are without, even among the enemies of the gospel. He must have received the truth in the love of it, and evince it in his life