

could catch glimpses of a few men and women striving to stem the mighty current. Occasionally one or more drops out, and there is a cry for help, as the remaining ones struggle against the oncoming waves. Sooner or later the vacant places are filled, but the average number of toilers is but slightly increased, and the progress made is so slow, that the many on the banks, become perhaps, impatient or careless and the few who have been doing their utmost, continue their efforts with aching and sometimes, almost fainting hearts. Can you not shut your eyes and see all of this, and does not your heart say, it is true ?

We talk a great deal about money, or the lack of it ; but is there not a need back of that, which if supplied would do away with all this spirit, which perhaps, does not make for the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ ? He did not talk about it; he did not tell his disciples to plan ways and means of getting it. If He considered the matter, which so perplexes us, He did not mention it when he committed the work he had begun to others. He did say, "ALL authority is given unto me, go ye therefore ;" he also said, "tarry till ye are endued with power from on high." Did he mean that this power from on high was to be the basal thing in the church for the evangelization of the world ? That with it all minor needs would be supplied ; that without it, all other possessions, be what they may would accomplish little.

Is it because our churches have failed to make as prominent as they should, the first great qualification for service, that they are so weak, and the work out here so poorly furnished with men? This preparation is not for ministers and a few others, who, some would say, should be especially good, but it is for all; for those in the pulpit, and those in the pew, for men and for women, and WHO CAN ESCAPE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF NOT HAVING IT, when it is free to all, and is absolutely necessary to the work of God.

In Isaiah we read "for the work of my hands command ye me". Dear Sisters, for months, the thought has been growing in my mind, that if the woman of our Churches would really go to praying about this, many of our perplexities would disappear. Will you think about this power from on high? Pray about it, pray about it every day, as you go about your work and ask God to give it to you personally, and to us all as his people. It will furnish the men and provide the money, and turn the hearts of these idolators to the living God. This power will let light into the darkness; it will right your method of work, and ours, it will give our Board and its Secretary new courage, it will transform us all into an active living people, and the pleasure of the Lord will prosper in our hands.

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