

are greater. The heathen are hard to be won. The climate tells upon his body and his nerves and he often lacks that physical energy, which he had in his native land. The strain is more than he can bear, he must seek strength from God.

"Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer."

Then in order to do the Master's work effectually we must live very near to Him and be filled with His spirit. Can we touch the hearts of the perishing heathen by telling of God's love, if we do not know that love in our own hearts? If we would be successful in this great work we must imbibe the praying spirit of Christ.

Another fact we notice in Christ's life is that He worked hard. He lived in a country where men loved idleness, but He was ever busy. There is no doubt but that whether in Joseph's carpenter shop, or in the study of the Scriptures, the days of His youth were spent in toil, but the real hard work of His life began when He entered the ministry. We see Him weary, thirsty and hungry, sitting down upon Jacob's well at noon. We see Him asleep in the boat upon the stormy sea, resting His exhausted frame after a day of incessant labors. He never lost an opportunity. He never turned away one person who needed help. He was strengthened to-day by the thought that He had done yesterday's work well. If possible, as time wore away. He seemed to be more and more zealous. He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work." If the missionary would be Christlike he too must make the most of every opportunity. Satan is busy. The heathen are dying. The laborers are few. Our lives are short. We must realize that every moment is precious.

Another striking feature in the life of this great missionary is that He was in the habit of dealing with individuals. He talked with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, unfolded the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to the ruler of the Jews by night, and taught Mary of Bethany sitting at His feet. The secret of this careful attention to individuals is the value He set upon a single soul. We are apt when telling of Jesus to want a crowd rather than spend our time talking with one. A story is told of a Sabbath School teacher who left her class one Sunday morning and failed to provide a substitute. When asked about it she replied, "Oh, they are only five little boys!" Another story is told of a deacon, who, with sad face, came to the pastor and said, "Why is it that during the past year there has been only one person baptized and that a boy?" That boy was Robert Moffatt. The missionary needs the spirit of Christ to enable him to discover in the most degraded outcast, an immortal soul, worthy of his highest efforts and over whose repentance there would be "joy in the presence of the angels of God." As he stands before the most ignorant heathen let him realize that here is a being capable of being transformed into the image of Christ. Jesus was conscious of doing the work God had chosen for Him. He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me." "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." "As the Father has sent me, so

send I you." The thought that Christ has sent us gives encouragement in the darkest hour.

He was the best preacher in the world. In His preaching His authority and love were so mingled that one in no way destroyed the other, but each by the other was heightened and strengthened. In His denunciation of the Pharisees He pronounced upon them, "Woe! Woe!" and closed by saying, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, * * * * how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not." "Woe unto thee Chorazin! Woe unto thee Bethsaida! * * * * and thou, Capernaum, * * * shalt be thrust down to hell." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." While laboring especially for the good of the soul He did all in His power for the good of the body. Perhaps there is no way in which we can get nearer the perishing heathen than in relieving bodily distress. We cannot do all Christ did, but like him we can do all in our power. We must let them know we feel for them in their suffering.

In the use of illustrations Jesus is the model for the world. The pictures which He presented are the most common of the day. The people could understand them. He knew His fellowmen and used their habits and customs for illustrations. When He wished to illuminate a divine truth He took an example from their everyday life. The person whom we love to hear talk to-day is the one who tells us of familiar scenes and presents them in a new light. Here is a lesson for us. If the missionary would make his words attractive and forcible to those around him he must learn their habits and customs and use these habits and customs for illustrations in his preaching. Christ intended to reach the multitudes of the world through chosen men. Before He chose them we read "He continued all night in prayer to God." He realized what an important step it was. If the infallible One felt prayer so necessary when He chose His disciples, how much more should the fallible missionary pray over the selection and training of native workers. A preacher can do more harm by living an inconsistent life than he can do good by preaching. Christ understood His disciples. He studied their nature. He knew their thoughts, their weaknesses, and accordingly was ever able to speak to them the right word. Like his Master, the missionary must have wisdom in the training of those who are his helpers in this great work. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

"Work is but one-half of life; suffering is the other." Stalker says. Christ was a suffering missionary. His was "acquainted with grief, a man of sorrows." His great work was to bear the sins of the world. He came into the world to suffer and He expects those who follow Him to suffer also. "The disciple is not above his Master." "If any man will come after me let him take up his cross and follow me." Everyone who has the Spirit of Christ must suffer. Christ wept over the unbelief of the people around Him, and so will the missionary who is thoroughly in earnest in his work. His heart will break over the indifference and hardness of the multitude. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering."