

instruction being given to people who had nothing whatever to do with the founding of that Divine Society? None at all.

Obedience is of the first importance in our work for God.

Where, then, men take upon themselves to direct, where they should obey, division and loss are sure to follow; and because obedience to the Divinely appointed methods of conducting the work of the Church of God, has been withheld, and personal opinion has been allowed to run riot, the Divinely ordered scheme—continued for 1500 years—has been broken into, and every man's opinion has become the sole authority for establishing a "church," until every phase of personal opinion has its expression in a so-called "church," and Christendom is confounded by over 500 different sects, all claiming to be Christian churches, and of equal authority with apostolic churches, though not one of them has the true scriptural marks of the Church of Christ; nor has one of them ever been recognized as a true branch of the Church by any Apostle! Church, they being simply and solely man-made churches, organized not by the authority of Christ, but by the prejudice or arrogance of some vain-glorious or disappointed man.

Read carefully the history of the origin of any one of the sects; and read the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, with this view of the matter before you, and see if these things be not so.

REMEMBER THIS, that your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great and your reward sure; therefore, faint not, hold on, and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and heaven shall make amends for all.—*Thomas Brookes.*

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JACK'S BIT OF STICK.

"WELL, Jack, and what are you going to make of that stick you are cutting away at so busy!" Don't know, father. I'm just cutting it for amusement; perhaps it will turn into something or other when I've done."

But it did not. It grew smaller and smaller under the boy's knife, till at last it was all gone into chips and shavings, no good to anybody.

Well, it was only a bit of wood, and not of much account. But still it might have been made into something useful if only Jack had tried to shape it, instead of chipping away at random.

Now, reader, are you quite sure you are not treating your life pretty much as Jack did his stick?—*S. P. C. K. Tract.*

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