

and save the lost. He was profoundly interested in people, went where they were, talked to them, worked with them and urged them to follow Him for their own spiritual good. He made them feel their vital need, and also that their real help was in Himself. It was the personal attitude and interest, sympathetic, faithful and persistent. His passion was personal, seeking the lost, teaching the saved. His attitude to speculative, abstract, intellectual questions, dogmatic and doctrinal issues, was altogether secondary, and when such were presented to him he immediately turned the discussion to personal responsibility and opportunity. This leads us to the open door of spiritual leadership, the fundamental and all-absorbing passion for the spiritual welfare of the people. Is the ministry profoundly interested in people for their salvation, or merely interested in subjects, in themes, in doctrines, in Church organizations and Church programmes? Are the members of the Church interested in the lost? Sweeping statements are surely not warranted in this connection, but judging from the conduct of the ordinary Church member, can we say that he is vitally interested in the things which were the heart of Jesus' activities? Yet it is clear that if Christian people are not personally interested in the lost and needy, they cannot win them, and hence cannot lead them. Here is one of the weaknesses of the modern Church, and here also is the starting point for regaining spiritual leadership. As Jesus' spirit and method made him the world's Saviour by being the world's servant, that same spirit and method will confer spiritual leadership upon the Church. This passion is the real missionary spirit, whether at home or abroad. The connecting link between Jesus' almighty power and the inefficiency of the Church is the Master's love for the lost and delight in the saved. Reinstating this in the Church, and every congregation will become the centre of the most aggressive and sane evangelism and the home of the communion of saints and a real brotherhood. Such a Church would abound in joy, harmony, brightness, heroic service and power. It will be so attractive that every normal man and woman, boy and girl will be eager to become partners in such a life. To accomplish our great aim we must make spiritual realities interesting to the people. To do this we must interest ourselves in the people to whom we would preach the gospel. In the New Testament story the secret is fully unfolded. The disciples did not come to their power by simply holding certain views, but by beholding Jesus Christ. He was the one who appeared to them in the indefinable charm and attractiveness of a divine revelation. The uplift of life was in and from Him and they followed with undying enthusiasm. It is ever thus. Jesus Christ fascinates the life that beholds Him. He wins and holds the life that enters into His life. Christian enthusiasm is not something originating in some view or theory or