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### THE POINT OF VIEW

These chapters are written from the point of view that the missionary life and spirit are natural and essential characteristics of all Christian living. Loving God and our fellow men is the sum of the commandments. This point of view rejects the possibility of a man's being a real Christian at all unless he is vitally missionary—yes, unless he is vitally a missionary—that is, unless he has a genuine regard for the needs of all God's children and a passion for the spread of the gospel of "good news," and gives himself in some way to the task, even unto sacrifice. The ultimate missionary motive is a complete and satisfying personal religious experience—one so rich and so dynamic that the believer craves for the whole world the same blessing. No person can be a missionary until he himself has taken voluntarily the high purposes of God for his own personal life.

If we all agree that the missionary spirit is