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Personal Effort for the Salvation of Souls.

ONE of the most hopeful signs of the times is found in the fact that believers generally are beginning to realize more fully their obligation to do what they can to rescue the perishing. The fact is working its way into the consciousness of Christians that the Church is a great soul-saving institution, in which there is a place for everyone and a work for everyone to do. It begins to be seen, as probably it was never seen since the days of the Apostles, except in the early days of the Wesleyan revival, that the evangelistic work of the Church is not all to be done by ministers alone, but that everyone who has been made the partaker of the saving grace of God has received a commission to become an instrument of grace and

salvation to others. The Lord's people are not yet indeed all prophets, but they are coming to feel more and more that if they have been put in possession of the secret of salvation, it is that they may communicate it to others.

There is, probably, more direct personal effort for the salvation of souls made by private Christians just now than there had been for many years. Christians, as in the days of the persecution which arose about Stephen, are going everywhere preaching the word. From all this sowing a glorious harvest in the near future may reasonably be expected, especially if the work is done wisely. There is nothing, however, in which, in order to the largest possible success, so much prudence and discretion, or so much patience and perseverance, is necessary. It requires, moreover, tenderness and tact, as well as wisdom and courage, to enable one to succeed in this most important of all works in an eminent degree.

All these, however, are God-given qualities, spiritual gifts which may be received by the humblest Christian, in answer to the prayer of faith, if he have but a single eye. The Lord teaches the hands of his people to war and their fingers to fight. Let them only set about the work in the spirit of entire consecration, with singleness of purpose, and with absolute trust in divine guidance and help, and they shall not be without success. Those who work successfully for the salvation of souls must be in alliance with God. This work of the reconstruction and renewal of the fallen souls of men is in a peculiar sense God's own work. It is a new creation, and no power inferior to that which made the soul at the first can re-make it again in the image of God. At best we are but instruments in the part we play in the accomplishment of this work. The power is of God, and on it alone we must depend for success.

WHAT motive should we urge upon our pupils in soliciting contributions to the missionary cause? Shall we urge emulation? This is the devil's weapon, not to be lawfully used in fighting Immanuel's battles. Shall we urge the probable damnation of the heathen without this knowledge? Of this we know nothing. Shall we speak of the blessedness in this life if men receive the glad tidings? In many lands the first converts to the faith have been called to lay aside the joys of home, sometimes to pass by means of a martyr's death to the heavenly inheritance. Is there any motive we dare urge but obedience to the Captain's command? Back of us is the Infinite "Go." That is enough.

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