

Upon the other hand there is another duty which is essential to the success of any pastorate, and that is family visitation. Preaching is one thing, visiting is another; Preaching is essential, so is visiting. The one is not enough; one goes with the other. The missionary *must* visit. He may find many cogent reasons why he cannot visit, but all reasons and apologies and excuses are of no avail. In order to preach so as to reach the needs and hearts of the hearers, the preacher must be on friendly and intimate relations with his congregation personally. Take an interest in the careless and the careless will soon take an interest in you and your work. What a powerful influence the faithful pastor exercises in a community, moulding the destiny of the young, sympathizing with the burdened, the tempted and the mourning; giving a word of counsel or a word of comfort; winning first the hearts to himself and thereby winning souls for Christ. Every minister and missionary of experience bears testimony to the fact that regular pastoral visitation is attended with wonderful results and blessing. It is wearisome, it is laborious, but it tells, it is effective. True, there is visiting and visiting. What is the aim and object—to know people, to sympathize with them, to win their friendship in order to lead them into the way of eternal life. With such an aim in view, will any faithful pastor fail to find out a method which will attain it?

Is there any record of failure upon the part of any missionary who has faithfully discharged his duty in preaching and pastoral visitation? If so, such cases were very exceptional. All things to all men, that thereby we may win some. Souls can be won, and are there any better methods than the above? What

is the use of preaching without a congregation? What is the use of visiting without preaching? Who was it that preached when 5,000 were converted? We read, too, that "One of the ten which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." "He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and he brought him to Jesus." The day following Jesus findeth Philip, then Philip findeth Nathanel, and so it is to-day.

It is lovely and beautiful and comfortable to be a minister with only one preaching station and fifteen or twenty families within a radius of half a mile to attend and care for, and receive a competent salary and other perquisites; no travelling in the cold and wet and mud; no expense for carriage or horse; no roughing it. If people would only come to church and never trouble the minister by staying away until the ministers seeks them out; never grumble or complain; never criticise, but praise the sermons and pay the salary, it would make the minister's life as that of an angel; but alas, the men and women of to-day are human, and things will be what they are to a very great degree so long as people are human. No man can go soldiering unless he is willing to endure hardness; no cross, no crown.

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Our mission here is doing very well. The number of our families is small, but it is surprising what a few earnest people can do. The people promised \$100 for the support of the missionary, and it will be all paid by the first of April, three months in advance. The Sabbath school has been kept open throughout the winter. The people think that if Presbytery will send them a