

commission was the place where Jesus had appointed them. In the same way it is, as we are in that condition and that place where the Lord who would have us to be, that we receive His teaching and His blessing. He who has said "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," has, in giving us this command, given us still more universal assurance, upon which it is based, that all power has been given unto Him in heaven and in earth, and has left us also an equally universal promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He shall experience the fulfillment of this, as we obey the injunction to teach the observance of all things that He hath commanded us, being careful to observe these ourselves.

By living with the Lord, we get into His spirit, and become partakers of the same yearning for the lost that He has, and this becomes as a fire in the heart. We are apt to query, "What is my gift?" and we often lament that it is so small. But, dear Friends, it is not our gifts that the Lord want, so much as ourselves. When God wish to give His best gift to the world, He sent His Son, who was made in the likeness of men. In the same way God's best outward gift to the world to day are consecrated men and women. These are better than any gift. Consecrate thyself to the Lord, and He will bestow gifts upon thee. We have been reminded of the needs of our smaller meetings situated isolated localities, and of our responsibilities in regard to them in the way of visiting and encouraging them. In every congregation there are gifts often undeveloped, that are designed to be used for the building up of the church in that place and for the ingathering of souls. It is our duty to arouse the individual members to a sense of these things, that they may feel their responsibility and privilege, and be willing to serve the Lord according to His will. A living ministry is of the greatest importance in every meeting: but it does not necessarily come through an acknowledged minister.

In the work of building up a church, too much importance can not be attached to the training of the children. Let them be brought to our meetings,

both for worship and discipline, and be made to feel that meetings are not dull, but happy places.

Let us be careful also to sympathize with each other's gifts and service. Our sympathy should not only be passive, but active; not silent, but out spoken; so that those around us may realize and be benefited by it.

Our gifts have a two fold aspect. They are for God and for men. We are to be like Israel, princes, having power with God and with men, and prevailing. God hath not given unto us the spirit of fear; but of love and of power and of a sound mind. As He hath put all things under the feet of the Lord Jesus; so will He, as we become united to Him, put all things that would interfere with our experience under our feet. Let us recognize our two fold power - power with God in prayer, especially united prayer, and power with men, as we speak to them with the power of God, reaching the witness in their hearts. Therefore let us yield ourselves to the Lord, and be ready to carry unto men the glad news of salvation. The message that we have to bring is indeed "The old, old story"; but it is nevertheless ever new; for as we dwell in Him, we have the latest news to tell. This news is to be proclaimed not only by officially recognized preachers. These are not numerous enough to effect the result. As the spirit is continually saying unto men, "Come", so must the Church. Her invitation should be co-extensive with that of the spirit, and in order for this to be the case, it is necessary for every one who hears, to say "Come", that so men may be reached by the two-fold pressure of the inward invitation of the Spirit, and the outward invitation of the human voice. Let not those who feel that they have not been called to the public preaching of the Word be discouraged, as though theirs were a gift to be despised. The Ministry of the life is often more forcible than that of words. Sympathy, love, a humble, consistent life - how often have these, together with simple words spoken in private, opened the heart to receive the preached word. No one can measure the influence of a mother, or of a sister in a family, important as large gifts are, there is one thing that is still more important and that is love. This is the more excellent way that the