

# New Year Rededication

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It is a wonderful thing to know that if we are willing, we can give just as much as He gave. I mean by that, of course, that He gave everything. When we give everything, we have given, in that sense, as much as He gave. If He had given any less than everything, it would not have been sufficient to redeem us. And if we give any less than everything, He will not be able to accomplish His loving purpose in and through us. I say, it is a wonderful thing that we can match our infinitely small everything with His infinitely great everything. Don't you think so? Repeat with me that wonderful verse that contains the Gospel all in one verse:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16.

What did love lead God to do? Give. What will love lead *us* to do? Give. And when God gave, He did not look around to see what he could spare. When God gave, He gave everything in one gift, for in Christ Jesus was comprehended all of Heaven's resources.

Here tonight, friends, something very important is going to take place. Decisions are going to be made. Decisions that Heaven is very much interested in. Decisions that involve our service and our means, our time and our money. Say it very frankly and deliberately without the slightest thought of, shall I say, stealing upon us unawares, no. I find the Savior was very definite and frank with people. While He sought to have them see the beauty of His way, there was no guile in the sense of scheming, no enticement or allurement based upon an appeal to selfish or transitory motive. No. He constantly sought to attract men to Himself and His program by appealing to the great love which He Himself had put, and was willing to put more of, into the hearts of men—that great love.

You remember in Matthew 19 is the wonderful story of that young man that came to Jesus. Mark tells about it also in chapter ten. Some details are in Matthew and some in Mark. This young man had been attracted to Jesus. He saw the loving way in which He blessed the children, and the thought came into his young heart, oh, I wish I could be blessed that way. So he came running to Jesus and said, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

Jesus told him to keep the commandments, and named some of them. He said he had kept all those. “What lack I yet?”

Jesus said he lacked one thing.

Only one thing?

What might that be?

Jesus said that if you would be perfect, go and sell all that you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven, and come and take up the cross and follow Me.

The young man stood there weighing the matter.

Judas stood there, shall I say, on pins and needles. Judas, you remember, was treasurer of the disciple's company. He handled the money that came into the Savior's hands and was dispersed for the expenses of the disciples and in caring for the poor. He knew this young man was a wealthy man. Ah, he thought that if Jesus were only a bit more cautious, a bit more skillful, a bit more tactful, and a bit more diplomatic. Jesus didn't have to ask that young man for so much at first. It would be much better (so thought Judas) to get him into the program, and then gradually, some [money] would come in. There may be times for that.

But the Master who knew the hearts of men dealt very definitely and directly with that young man. He did not appeal to self-aggrandizement. He did not appeal to any selfish motive. Quite the contrary, He cut selfish motives right at the root. He offered him fellowship with Himself. He said, "Come, take up the cross and follow Me."

"Ah my Lord, is there no way I can follow Thee without carrying a cross? Is there no way I may have fellowship with Thee on any other terms than these?"

No, no other way. Why? Let me tell you why, my dear friends, because love and selfishness are as far apart as the poles. Anyone who goes in one direction is going from the other. Satan, of course, has tried to confuse things. His constant sales talk for 6,000 years is that you can have both worlds. You can get some of the joy of love and some of the joy of selfishness. But let me tell you, my dear friends...

Well, I'll tell you the illustration that comes to my mind. When Sister Sodder here was a superintendent of nurses several years ago at Loma Linda, and I was a student training there in medical missionary work, I was sent up onto the hill where the cottages are above the new hospital, sister. There was a man I was to nurse. I nursed him for a while. This man didn't have the full use of his mental faculties. I was caring for a number of other patients, but I used to carry him his meal.

Do you know what that man would do? Well, he had a bowl about so big. He would take the food from his tray—the hot soup and roast and salad and ice cream—and throw it all into the bowl. Then he would eat it. That wasn't the only thing he did that made people think he needed to be under somebody else's care. He did a number of other things that showed his mental processes were not, as we say today, just right on the beam.

I have often thought of that man through the years. I say to you, my dear friends, that many of the people of this world who are trying to mix what they think are the joys of Heaven with the allurements of hell are getting something that is just as insipid as a mixture of hot soup and ice cream—just as insipid. They wonder why

life is so unsatisfying. They wonder why they do not arrive at that which is truly satisfying.

The joys of Heaven are dulled and spoiled by the taint of the selfishness of this world. Whatever pleasure there may be in hell, God knows I don't want to be fully informed on the subject. But I tell you this much, friends, I know this much about sin. I know that whatever pleasure there is in sin (the Bible speaks of the pleasures of sin) is to a greater or less extent spoiled by any part being mixed with the love and unselfishness of Heaven. Each one spoils the other.

So tonight, in this first Sabbath of the new year, I believe that God would be pleased to have us come face to face with the decision that young man faced with Jesus that day in Judea. Which way are we going? All out with love or all out with selfishness? He chose to go all out with selfishness, and the record says he went away sorrowful. Sorrowful? Hanging onto his possessions? Yes. He was sorry he could not get all that the disciples and Jesus had, and at the same time keep all that he had.

Even God could not arrange that for him. It's impossible. No one can drink deep of the joy of unselfishness and yet enjoy selfishness. Each one spoils the other. And you know that is why God has invited us into this wonderful work that He might deliver us from the bondage of selfishness.

There are two things you and I have. One is our time and the other is our money. Of time we all have exactly the same amount—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Of money, no two of us are alike. If somebody has more than you have, there is somebody who has less. But time and money are both called for by our blessed Lord.

You know, friends, I am so glad that when I ask, in my Master's name, for people's time or people's money, I have no apology to make. No apology whatsoever. Neither do I have any pressure to exert. Not at all. The Bible tells us that God loveth a *cheerful* giver. I wonder why? Well, you know why because cheerful giving is a sign of love. It is the expression of love. And that is the only thing that God is interested in.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Don't give grudgingly whether it's time or money. Don't do it. We're told that God is not pleased to have His treasurer replenished with forced offerings. Not at all. He is longing for love—the love that is expressed in willing offerings of time and money.

I love to think of the little boy, who years ago, as the deacons were passing the plates, the minister had given the plea for the work of God, the little boy saw the deacon coming nearer and nearer to the place where he was, and he didn't have a penny. Somehow the Spirit of God touched his heart, and when the deacon came to him, he whispered to please put the offering plate lower. Since he was a little fellow,

the deacon thought he couldn't reach up to where the older people were putting their offering, so he put it a bit lower. But he whispered, "Lower," and still lower. Finally, all the deacon could do was to put it on the floor. Then, the little fella got into the plate himself.

Oh my friends, I pray that you and I shall get into the plate tonight—body, mind, and soul, that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable to God. And do it with joy. There is nothing that makes a loving heart glad like giving. I notice it as I watch people, young and old. It makes people happy to give. Why should I apologize then for giving them a chance to be happy? I wouldn't.

I want to devote several minutes tonight to keeping people from giving. I am very anxious that nobody gives tonight, shall I say, if they can keep from it.

I have just read that some people don't need to give because they would give grudgingly or of necessity. In other words, nobody has to. And do not think you have to. Do not think that you have to do it because of what somebody else might think. It will be handled in a way that will not in any way embarrass you if you do not give. In fact, it will be made most easy for you to keep from giving. You will have to make an effort to give. You'll not have to make any effort not to give. I want to keep you from giving unless there is something that moves you to give that cannot be quenched, that cannot be squelched, that cannot be broken or dampened—not grudgingly nor of necessity.

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In the army of the United States today, there are some men who are volunteers, and there are others who are drafted. And even of those who are volunteers, some of them are there because they thought that unless they did volunteer, they would be drafted. Is that right? Yes. But in this we are studying tonight, in either time or money, there is no draft and no danger of a draft. No possibility of a draft. So, nobody needs to volunteer, thinking that if they do not, they will be forced anyway. No, nothing like that. There if no draft coming up. There is no selective service.

If you give in time or money, it is because of a great love for Jesus and a great conviction that there is something that Jesus wants you to do.

"God designs that the exercise of benevolence shall be purely voluntary not having recourse even to eloquent appeals to excite sympathy. 'God loveth a cheerful giver.' He is not pleased to have His treasury replenished with forced supplies... The plan of redemption was entirely voluntary on the part of our Redeemer, and it was the purpose of Christ that all our benevolence shall be freewill offerings." *Ibid.*

I will tell you another class of people who do not need to give tonight. Those who are already doing all they can or should in another directions. Somebody says

that means me. Well, all right, that means you. That's perfectly all right. Not only is God not interested in forced offerings or offerings grudgingly given, but God also is never interested in robbing Peter to pay Paul. You don't have to do that.

If you are already doing all you can in other directions, and you are doing it to the glory of God, and you are using what God has put into your hands in time or money in the way that uses up what you have, why, my dear friends, just be happy about it. Be happy that God has called you to that fellowship. And do not feel under the slightest burden about what I shall present tonight. Do not let it worry you. Do not let it even make you feel, shall I say, uncomfortable because you cannot participate in this. No.

If you have a burden in another direction, that's all right. After all, my friends, there are many ways to work for God and many channels through which to give to God. Are there not thousands of them? And ah, there is no one channel that I can present to you tonight into which all one's time and money should flow.

It may be God has called you to another work—to another channel of beneficence. If He has, pray a prayer for the blessing of the work which I bring to your attention. But do not let it in any disturb or unsettle the burden God has laid upon your heart in some other direction. No.

I say I want to make it easy for people not to give tonight. Somehow, as I have thought about it this week and rolled it over in my mind, I have felt definitely led that this first Sabbath of the new year was the time to present a glorious opportunity to give our lives to this program and our money to this program, I have felt a great longing that this precious ointment of gratitude expressed in loving service and in gifts of means, that in that precious ointment there should be no dead flies that cause the ointment to send forth a stinking savor as Solomon said.

And what would a dead fly be? Ah, my friend, one offering coming from an unwilling heart, one offering pressed, one offering given grudgingly, one offering given without the moving love of the Spirit of God would be like a dead fly in the ointment. And I would rather see \$50 raised here tonight, my friends, from loving motives than to see \$50,000 raised through sales pressure methods or any method other than the appeal of the loving spirit of God. What do you say?

I know my Savior, and I know that God is going to do some things here tonight which are absolutely marvelous and miraculous. Let me give you an example of it in Bible times. Let's go over here to the second chapter of Acts. You remember that on the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured out in mighty power, and 3,000 souls came forward and cast in their lot with the apostles. They were baptized. At once, many of them were thrown out of their homes and jobs. They lost everything because they were ostracized by the prevailing religion of that time. So, there came a great emergency in that early church.

What did God do? Oh my friends, the Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of those new believers. Some of them had only been in the truth, as we say, for 24 hours. But listen to what happened:

“And all that believed were together, and had all things common: And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” Acts 2:44–46.

Think of it. They were coming in droves. Every day new converts were flocking in. Will it ever happen again? Oh yes, it is coming. Do you see the influence it had? It got deeper than this, my dear friends. It got clear down into the pocketbooks. It reached into the safes and the security and trust offices. People sold their possessions. They sold their houses and land. They brought the money and laid it down at the apostles’ feet. Nobody had to go around and collect it. They brought it in. Nobody told them to do it. They wanted to do it.

Why? Because they loved. They loved that One Who had died upon the cross for them. They loved those who had brought the message of the crucified and risen and ascended Lord. They loved their brothers and sisters, fellows in persecution. And they loved the cost of the program they had espoused. They loved the mission that God had committed to them.

For them to live was just one thing—to get that work done, to get that message carried, to get the knowledge of that Savior to *every* human soul. My friends, within 40 years, they had carried that message to every creature under Heaven. The Bible says so. Amazing! That was the spirit.

You know, superficial readers have pointed to what I have just read as an example of communism. My, my, my friends, what a travesty! It doesn’t say anything here about taking anything *away* from anybody. The people came themselves and gave voluntarily. There was no tribute enforced, no tax collected. It was no arbitrary breaking up of the estates—nothing of the kind. People simply said, “Look here, here is a need. I have a place over there. I have got some money in the bank yonder. I have got this house, that land. It is going to be sold, and the money is going to come right in. And it happened, and the results were that they met the emergency.

Now come on over to the fourth chapter. It lasted more than a day, friends. In between what I’ve read here in the second chapter and what I’m going to read in the fourth chapter, you’ll find that the leaders got thrown into prison. When God gets working in a powerful way, especially when men’s purses loosen up, you can depend that the Devil is going to get really excited. So, Peter and John were put into prison and beaten and so forth. They were glad to have that experience for Jesus’ sake if He permitted it. They were finally let loose and came back and reported what God had done for them and what had happened to them. They were having miracles. You remember that the lame man was healed and all that. Wonderful story! But now, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter, and the 31<sup>st</sup> verse:

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul...”

Think of it, friends! Just one heart and one soul—if you saw one, you saw them all.

“...Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need” Acts 4:31–35.

Isn’t that wonderful? Wouldn’t you like to see something like that? Wouldn’t you, or would you? Well friends, I would. I think that is wonderful! And it is going to happen. Before we get through with the message God has given us, friends, the things of this world are going to grow less and less until finally, the material things of this world will so recede that they will seem very small, and any of the world’s goods we have will be valued only as a means to accomplish something for God. That’s all they are good for.

And the things of Heaven will get bigger and bigger and bigger in our thinking until there will only be one thing that will make us happy, and that will be the love that fills Heaven that is filling our hearts. It will just make us happy to do things for others—to help Jesus finish His work.

Well, I thank God, friends, for being connected with a message and a program that knows something of what we are reading here tonight. We may not be as far along as they were, but thank God we are on the way.

“The experience of apostolic days will come to us if men will be worked by the Holy Spirit...”

Is it coming again? Yes.

“...The Lord will withdraw His blessing where selfish interests are indulged, but He will put His people in possession of goods throughout the world if they will unselfishly use their ability for the uplifting of humanity. His work is to be a sign of His benevolence, a sign that will win the confidence of the world and bring in resources for the advancement of the gospel”

*A Call to Medical Evangelism, page 22.*

I am so thankful to be in a program that is built on sacrifice. It took sacrifice to put these buildings on this place. It took sacrifice to get this work started, and it takes sacrifice to keep it going.

I have sometimes thought, and I think that I have said a time or two, that if this place and this program gets to the point where it doesn't need any sacrifice, any prayer, any miracles to keep it going, I would like to have some other people care for it, and I would take my little suitcase and go down the road someplace and find something new to do for God that takes sacrifice and miracles and faith and prayer.

But I don't need to pack my suitcase yet. There is plenty of need for miracles, my dear friends, plenty of need for sacrifice and faith and prayer right here. Thank God, the joy of it is filling the hearts of various ones. Have you tasted of it? Is it sweet? Would you like some more?

Well, you can have some more. You can have some more. You can have some more opportunities to sacrifice, to give yourself, your time, your money, like those disciples back there. You know, friends, I'll tell you something, there is something very relaxing about giving everything to the Master. If you give any less than everything, you are wondering just how much to give, and then you're wondering if you shouldn't give more. But when you have given everything, it is very relaxing that there is nothing more you can give. Then you can sit back, shall I say, and enjoy it. Enjoy the blessed results. That's the truth.

Now don't misunderstand me. I don't mean by any means that we should have that, shall I say, carefree, happy-go-lucky attitude, in which the collection plate is passed, and we simply open our purses and throw in whatever loose change there is and wonder what we will have for breakfast tomorrow. No. That is not what I am talking about. When we give everything to God—our time, money, property, ourselves, everything—then God appoints us His stewards, His cashiers, His disbursing agents. If we look to Him, He will give us wisdom.

It makes a world of difference whether our disbursements are at His command and direction or whether they come from wrestling with our selfish selves. It is quite a hard thing to get selfish covetousness to consent to give very much. If I were you, I would not argue with him, friends. I would dismiss it. Tell him that he is a nuisance to have around—selfish-covetousness. Don't listen to him when he argues with you. Say to him, "Look here, if you are arguing with me, I will simply tell you, I am giving not merely a tenth, a fourth, a half. I am giving everything. There is nothing left for you to argue about. Get on down the road."

And to the man who has made that decision, there is only one thing left to find out at any time—what does God want me to do with the time I have today? What does God want me to do with the money I have today? Through the history of this message, God has at different times impressed people to sell property and put the money into the work, but He has plainly told us He doesn't want everybody to do that at once. We need to have our hearts open to the Spirit of God and our ears alert to the leading of God.



There is a time for everything. There is a time to sell and a time not to sell, my friends. Only God knows when that is. There's a time to give to a certain thing, and there's a time not to. And only God knows when that is.

You notice I am not attempting to make it seem necessary for everybody to give tonight—quite the contrary. I want any giving tonight to be because you see in it a specific call from Jesus to your heart at this particular time. Of course, I invite all of you this first Sabbath of the new year to reconsecrate your life to Jesus, fully and completely, and to give Him all the time and money you have and ever will have. I invite you to do that without reserve.

But specifically, the program that I wish to present tonight is this program here at Wildwood—a program of caring for suffering humanity in the spirit of Jesus. A program of training students to give their lives to unselfish ministry. To me, friends, those objectives are worthy of all that I have. And then when I recognize that underlying those two things and reaching, shall I say, far beyond them, is the great basic objective of preparing a people for the coming of Christ. Then friends, I see these things as something that calls for all the energies of my soul. Think of those things: to help suffering humanity; to train students to give their lives to this unselfish ministry; to make ready a people (workers, teachers, students, patients, friends, everybody who will listen) for the coming of Jesus. To get them ready to live forever in the mansions of the blessed. Oh friends, isn't it a wonderful thing?

Why you know, just a few evenings ago, Brother Boykin and I were in Chattanooga to see a man we have worked for through the years from time to time, seeking to help him. He has been here as a patient at the sanitarium. Habits of sin have held him down, but gradually the light of God's love has been getting into his soul. He has been getting nearer and closer.

As Brother Boykin and I sat talking to him, he volunteered this. He said, "There is just one thing that stands between me and the fellowship in this church."

I knew what he meant. He told us that it was just one habit—the tobacco habit. Well, we began to open the Bible and read the promises of God. We began to read some of those precious things we studied here two weeks ago tonight about the cross. And before we left, that dear man knelt down with Bill and me and gave his heart fully to Jesus, and gave up that habit that had held him for years and years and years and years. The Lord gave him the victory and deliverance. Aren't you glad?

That is the kind of thing, friends, that I choose to live for. But remember, it took all of us together to do it. God blessed the sanitarium for ministering to that man time after time after time ministering to that man. When under the influence of alcohol, he came to get help and relief. Ah friends, some of the best men in this world—I mean best in the sense of their potential, their natural talent. Some of the best men in this world come under the domineering slavery of alcohol. And oh, I thank God we have a place where a man or woman can come and get help from God. Not merely prayer, that is important, but some hydrotherapy, diet, and spiritual ministry. It takes the whole program together, friends. Yes.

Just yesterday, my wife and I went to visit a dear woman who has studied this message for years but who had been held in slavery to tobacco. Again and again, she has tried. But ah, dear friends, yesterday as we presented the cross, as we presented the love of Jesus and how it hurts the Savior when we in any way turn from His path, the love of God got hold of her heart.

We knelt together, and that dear woman prayed one of the most beautiful and earnest prayers I have ever heard come from the lips of a soul in need. Bless the Lord, friends, she got the victory, and she is on her way to Canaan. This is the thing we are interested in. But it takes the whole program: the medical part, the educational part. It takes it all.

I thank the Lord for our agricultural program. Just a few days ago, two of our young men were visiting in Chattanooga with a family with whom they had been studying. A young man who recently returned from the service of his country listened to what they were saying. He was interested in what they were telling about our agriculture out here. He thought he might be interested in something like that. He decided to come out for a few days. He was here this week. Some of you met him. We are praying that this young man will find his way into this farm program. Do you think that will be better than working in a factory or clerking in a store or something like that that puts him with the world all the time? What do you think about it, friends. Are you glad there is a city of refuge where young people can come? Yes, I am.

But all of this—this medical program, this agriculture program, this educational program, this evangelistic program—takes money. It takes money to put up these buildings. It takes money to buy tractors and plows. It takes money to buy treatment equipment. It takes money for operating expenses of this institution earned from week to week by the united labors of teachers and students.

Teachers and students have worked together to put up these buildings. But the income we receive here is not sufficient, never has been, nor ever thought it would be sufficient. These buildings are all put up with the gifts of the loving labors of teachers and students, the loving gifts of friends—those in the program and those outside the program.

Do you know how much money has poured into this place? Almost all of it unsolicited. Almost all of it came just because God impressed people that here was something He wanted them to put money into. Do you know how much money has poured into this place in the last sixteen years? I don't have the exact figure, but it would crowd a \$150,000, friends. And the end is not yet. It will take more. And I am glad of it.

I'm glad for a chance to give my time and money to something I know is worth every hour of service and every dollar that I can get my hands on. I am thankful for a part in it. So with joy I invite you tonight.

A year ago, we had a little service like we are having tonight. We gave opportunity. You know what we did? We raised \$1,000 in pledges. Much was paid

monthly, just little pledges coming in. A dollar from this one and five dollars from that one, maybe ten cents from somebody else.

I always like to encourage the children. If all you can give is a nickel a month, Jesus can multiply it like He did the two mites that the widow gave. The size of our offering is not the important thing at all, my friends, because, remember what are we doing it all for? For Jesus—to show Him we love Him. We like to do it. As I say, don't let anybody think they need to. Oh, no, no. God can get along without it. He has a thousand ways of which we know nothing about.

I am so glad He lets me have a chance to put my life and money into it. I would just say this, friends, as a worker, and if you're a worker, you can just think about it yourself. Wouldn't it be strange if something worth putting my life into wouldn't be worth putting my money into? I think that would be the strangest thing I ever heard about. Why no, Jesus said that where your treasure is, your heart will be there also, and it works the other way too—where your heart is, there your treasure will be also. So tonight, I'm going to give an opportunity. But as I say, I have no desire for anybody to give tonight only as the Spirit of God with the motive of loving, unselfish ministry shall work upon your heart.

Some of you here tonight may be impressed that God is calling you to make a decision that involves far more than money—your own life service. May I tell you the story with which the gospel church began? You remember that Jesus was baptized in Jordan at the age of thirty. He went out and was tempted, and came back to be presented to the multitude by John the Baptist. He made some disciples. But for a while, those disciples spent part of their time with Jesus and part of the time out making a living—catching fish in other words.

One morning, Jesus, by the Sea of Galilee, met Peter and James and John and Andrew in their boats. They had toiled all night and caught nothing. He told them to cast their nets on the right side, and they drew in the nets filled with fish. Then Jesus said a strange thing, "I want you to leave all those nets and all those fish and all those boats, and come and follow Me."

What did they do? They did it. Foolish men? No, wise men. Did He offer them a greater salary? No. Did He offer them a greater position? No. Did He offer them security? No, none of those things. He offered them fellowship with Himself, and the greatest work in the world—the medical missionary training program. That's what He offered them, friends, and they took it.

What did it lead them to do? It led them to be martyrs. Well, that wasn't so good, was it? They thought it was good. They rejoiced that they were able to give their lives in service year after year and then cap it all by giving their lives as martyrs. One was crucified. Another had his head cut off with a sword. Others were killed in other ways. After a life of service, some met martyrdom at Rome.

Was it worth it? They thought so. They thought so. So tonight, I say to you, there may be somebody here who is facing a decision that involves far more than money. Tonight, the Savior may be calling some man or woman to put your *life* into His program; to put your life into the work of soul-winning; to put your life into the

gospel-medical work of getting men and women ready for the kingdom of God. Brother, sister, if God is calling you to do that, it's a decision that involves far more than money and is worth far more than money. Let me tell you, it takes more than money to do something. Why if somebody would lay a million dollars down here before us tonight, unless we could get people to go with the schools and sanitariums it would build, what would it be worth?

Oh, young men, young women, and older ones, God needs *you*. Your money? Yes. But He needs *you*. Oh, will you not do what Peter and James and John did? Will you not quit dallying around the edges with your feet, just sort of in shallow water? Oh, will not some man, some woman, here tonight, who hears the call of God and say, "Yes, I'm going to plunge for God. I'm going to give God my *life* for His work and for this program." Oh, there are men and women here tonight that if God could put that in their souls, they could have stars in their crowns throughout eternity.

Listen, don't let the Devil tell you God cannot use you. Don't let the Devil tell you that you are too young or too old. You know, the Devil doesn't care which he gets you off on. He will tell some of you that you are too young. He will tell some of you that you are too old. He is a liar either way. Don't believe him, friends. He will tell some of you that you are too good to be used this way. He will tell others you are not good enough. He is a liar either way, friends. Don't listen to him, whatever argument he gives you, if the Spirit of God is calling you to put your life into this program.

God needs you. He will use you like He did Peter and John and Matthew and Thomas and all the rest. He has a work for you to do. And I would like to have you think of it—some of you who are students, some of you who are visitors—I would like to have you think of it, not as something to do for six months or a year, or two or three years. I'd like to have you think of it as something to do for *life*.

When the war began between the states nearly a hundred years ago, President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers for three months, and men sprang to arms. But listen, friends, what happened before three months were over? The nation saw that three months wasn't even going to get a good start. And do you know that they began to ask for enlistments for the duration of the war? That is something different, isn't it?

How long are you enlisted for?

"Oh, I'm going to enlist for six months."

Well, thank you. How long are you going to enlist for?

"Three years."

Fine. That's several times better.

But how long are *you* going to enlist for?

“Oh, I’m going to enlist for the duration of the war.”

That’s better yet. That’s what God is looking for. And that’s what it is going to take to put this thing over for God. Isn’t it?

And so tonight, as I say, it’s a joy to me to give the precious opportunity that came two thousand years ago to those who believed in the Savior, Give your life, give your service, give your money. Shall we bow our heads?

Precious Jesus, move upon our hearts here tonight and let the Spirit that was expressed in our Lord’s sacrifice on Calvary be expressed here tonight. May we as little moons reflect the glory of Thy Son of righteousness. May we catch the beams of light and love and glory and cause them to shine back upon others.

Impress our hearts as to what You would have us do. Make Thy call clear and plain to our hearts. If there are men and women, old or young, here tonight that Thou art calling to make the decision to put their lives into this program, help them, Lord, to do it and not be sorry. If there are those, dear Lord, who have money, You would like to have come into this program, put it into their hearts. Let nothing be done grudgingly nor of necessity, but let love open our hearts, our purses, our hands. Let the apostolic experience be restored to us, we pray. We ask it in Jesus’ name, amen.

The head that wears no thorns,  
Shall wear no crown,  
For hands that lift no cross,  
No scepter is found.  
Only the one who with the Savior hears sighs for the sinner,  
Shall His kingdom share.  
The voice that cries no agony of woe,  
No note will add to Heaven’s oratorial.  
Only the man who fastens to his tree, dies daily here,  
Shall live eternally.

That great paradox of the Gospel,  
We keep what we give away.  
We lose what we grasp.  
He that findeth his life, shall lose it,  
But he that loseth his life for My sake, and the Gospel’s,  
The same shall save it.

[Elder Frazee makes appeals]

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