

Secrets of Success

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A large corporation, engaged in the manufacture and service of various machinery has a sign in its repair shop that reads something like this, "When all else fails, read the manufacturer's instructions."

Tonight, I want to share with you some of the secrets of success that are given us in this wonderful Book. Everybody wants to be successful. Everybody could be. Very few are.

Let's turn to Joshua the first chapter verses seven and eight:

"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" Joshua 1:7-8.

Good success, if we'll listen and learn and live out of the law of God. Is that the recipe? These are the manufacturer's instructions.

Is God the One that made us body, mind and spirit? Is He our Creator? Does He know how we're put together? Does He know what will make us successful? You'd think everybody would be anxious to get the instructions and follow them, wouldn't you? Listen, learn and live according to the law of God.

Deuteronomy the 11th chapter verses 18-21:

"Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth" Deuteronomy 11:18-21.

Do you want heaven on earth? You can have it. Just listen to what God says, learn His program, live it. Fill your mind with the words of God, fill your hands with the works of God. Fill your heart with the love of God.

This evening, I'd like to study with you three areas of success: success in physical health, success in prosperity and material things, and success in the spiritual life. You'd think a man would be real happy that could be successful in all three of those, wouldn't you? Good health, financial and material prosperity, and spiritual victory.

Let's turn to the epistle of John, 3 John the second verse. Now, we're told by inspiration that this verse represents God's desire for every human being. Notice the three areas:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"
3 John 2.

Does God want our souls to prosper? Most people are aware that God is interested in their religious experience, their spiritual life. But isn't it wonderful that God is as interested in our physical health as He is the other?

Read that verse for me again, will you please?

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You see, God loves us. If you love somebody, you don't love part of him and not the others. God is interested in our total health, our total prosperity, our total spiritual life and happiness. I think that's wonderful, don't you?

Now, as we shall see, the recipe in all these is to listen to what He says, learn His principles. Live them in harmony with His law. That's the program. If we do it, we'll have the results.

Let's go to Exodus the 15th chapter and the 26th verse. We're on the health part right now. This is where they came to the waters of Marah, and the waters of Marah were what kind of water? Bitter. But God, in answer to Moses' prayer, showed him a tree. He cut down the tree and put it in, and the waters were made how? Sweet. That represented Jesus, who was bruised and cut down for us that we might be healed.

Notice now, this wonderful promise of healing to those who will meet the conditions:

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee” Exodus 15:26.

“I’m the Lord” that does what? “Heals you.” And “I’ll keep you from these diseases of the Egyptians” if you’ll do what? If you’ll just harken.

What does “harken” mean? It means to listen, listen. Is that the end of it? “Harken” and what? Harken and do, and then He repeats it.

So, we’re to listen, to learn and to live in harmony with His law. And if we’ll do it, the result is physical health.

Now, notice the agencies God uses, Exodus 23 verse 25. Could God keep us alive without using any agencies at all? Why, of course, but He’s chosen to use certain agencies. He has various reasons. One is so that we can show our cooperation with Him by learning His way and living it out.

“And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee” Exodus 23:25.

God’s health and healing program is a program of His blessing certain material agents or channels. What two are mentioned here? Bread and water, bread and water. Quite simple, isn’t it? But the blessing of God on bread and water (and bread, of course, stands there for all foods but particularly the staff of life), bread and water with God’s blessing will do what? Sustain life and restore life.

My point is it’s the blessing of God that does it, but He does it through and with and using these natural agents.

We like to talk about the eight remedies, pure air and sunlight and so forth. What’s the last one that’s mentioned in that list of eight? Trust in divine power.

Dr. Mervyn Hardinge has called our attention to the fact that that is not an anticlimax, that trust in divine power. Rather, it’s the cap sheaf of the whole thing. More than that, it must be *with* all the others, or they don’t work as they should. Let me illustrate it.

This is from *Ministry of Healing*, page 321. You’ll find it in *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, page 109:

“Some are continually anxious lest their food, however simple and healthful, may hurt them. To these let me say, Do not think that your food will injure you; do not think about it at all” *Ministry of Healing*, page 321.

What? Read that again.

“...Do not think about it at all” *Ibid.*

That is, while you’re eating.

Start at the beginning and I’ll try not to interrupt you this time.

“Some are continually anxious lest their food, however simple and healthful, may hurt them. To these let me say, Do not think that your food will injure you; do not think about it at all. Eat according to your best judgment; and when you have asked the Lord to bless the food for the strengthening of your body, believe that He hears your prayer, and be at rest” *Ibid.*

Thank the Lord, thank the Lord. Do you see how trust in divine power goes with one of the other eight remedies that’s proper diet? Without the trust, we may eat the best food but worry ourselves into ulcers or something worse, and interfere with digestion. Trust goes *with* eating.

Now, the Bible says:

“A merry heart does good like...” Proverbs 17:22.

What?

“...a medicine...” Proverbs 17:22.

Turn to Acts the 2nd chapter verses 46–47 and notice how the early church had their food. I like this one. It shows the kind of atmosphere when you sit down to eat.

“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 favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” Acts 2:46–47.

That’s the program, friends. They ate their meat, that is, their food with what?

“..Gladness and singleness of heart” Acts 2:46.

They weren’t worrying about a lot of things while they ate their breakfast, or their dinner, or their supper, whatever. It was a great soul-winning program going on, wasn’t it? Every day souls were accepting the message. But in the midst of that great revival, that great evangelism, thank God they had time to eat and they had time to eat with what? Gladness. You see, trust makes people happy.

When you go for a walk, is it possible to partially at least defeat the benefits of the exercise by worrying? Do you know the antidote for worry? It's trust. It's impossible to trust and worry in the same brain at the same time. Of course, you could alternate if you want to, but I don't recommend it. If you trust you don't worry, and if you worry you don't trust.

So, whatever we're doing, let's thank God for the privilege of uniting trust with the rest of the eight remedies, exercise, rest, diet, even the abstemiousness. What's another word for abstemiousness? Temperance, or moderation, self control, not overdoing. Some people overdo the abstemiousness in this way. They're always worrying about whether they've eaten too much, or worked too much, or not enough, and so they're defeating much of the purpose of it, aren't they? Trust in divine power, as I say, is part of the way of God in health. Let's learn to do it. What do you say?

Rest is another one of those divine remedies, along with exercise. We don't rest all the time; we don't work all the time. But suppose I rest and I can't sleep. Then what? Then is the time to do what? Trust, not worry.

The Lord's messenger to the remnant was taken through many experiences that like her Master and Redeemer she might be a faithful witness to others. When she was in Australia in 1892, she suffered for many weeks from pain in various nerves of her body. The result was she wasn't able to sleep.

She had special prayer and thought she'd, of course, be healed as she had been many times before, but she wasn't. But thank God her arm of faith reached up to lay hold on the promises of God, and when she couldn't sleep she went over the promises. And the result was she was able to write some of those beautiful passages in *Desire of Ages* that fill our hearts with joy and courage. Was it worth it? She thought so.

My point is this, friends. Whether it's eating, or working, or resting, or sleeping, or whatever, trust is the great absolute essential to get the optimum benefit of all these things of health.

Now, we're studying tonight the secrets of success. And success doesn't come through following just one of these. Success takes the whole package. And remember, when all else fails, do what? Read the manufacturer's instructions. That's what we're doing tonight. We're not exhausting them. The whole Bible is a manual on health of body and mind and soul. And thank God for the 50 volumes of the inspired counsels in these latter days that magnify these wonderful things in the Bible and bring them down to our needs today.

I thank God for what the health message has meant for me, dear friends. Oh, I praise God for these years of joy in serving Him. And while I'm not immortal yet, I'm getting ready to be. What about you? And thank God for something that's worth living forever about. Yes, we have lots to be thankful for.

Now, I promised you some secrets of success on prosperity. Are you interested in that? Is God interested in it? Yes. Just as in the matter of health of

body, there are certain laws, certain rules, certain principles that God wants us to follow. He wants us to live in cooperation with Him.

Brother Wilson brought us some very vital counsels a week ago tonight on this matter. He showed us that God wants us to be exact and careful in our work, and He wants us to be what? Prompt, prompt. Brother Wilson remembers what he said, and the rest of us do too, don't we? In other words, those are secrets of success.

Now, with this I'd like to bring some of the Bible principles concerning making all this a spiritual service. Let's turn to Malachi the 3rd chapter verses 10–12, God's recipe for prosperity, Malachi, that last little book of the Old Testament. Look at the recipe for prosperity. It's talking not just about spiritual things. It's talking about crops, very material, very practical.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts”
Malachi 3:10–12.

You know, the inspiration that has come to this people tells us that if the children of Israel had simply done what God told them to, they would have been the world's object lesson of health and prosperity. They would have been known all over the world. And that's what this says:

“And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts” Malachi 3:12.

And notice that the cornerstone of financial prosperity is the tithe. What is the tithe? How much? Ten percent of the increase. It's to be brought into what? The storehouse, so that there'll be food in God's house. Well, I suppose everybody here believes that; might be well to check up on it in our practical lives. But tithes and offerings, as well, are included.

And I wish you'd turn now to Isaiah the 58th chapter and notice another phase of this matter of financial prosperity. What's the last thing in this chapter of Isaiah 58? What's it talking about? Sabbath reform.

What is the main burden of most of the chapter of Isaiah 58 verses 6–9? Medical missionary work, somebody says. Let's take a look at that.

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and

to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward” Isaiah 58:6–8.

Tenth verse, please:

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not” Isaiah 58:10–11.

Health and prosperity depend upon sharing the good things that God gives us with others in need. That’s the program. Is that right?

Now, I want you to go back to that seventh verse and notice some of the details. What very practical things in that first line of the seventh verse? Bread. It’s talking about something made out of wheat, or barley, or rye, isn’t it? It’s not talking just spiritual. It’s talking about actual food for the hungry.

And bring the poor where? To your house. I thought you’d be interested in this little statement in *Welfare Ministry*, page 322. This is a statement by one who knew James White very well. I pick him out because he was the great leader at the beginning of this movement. I want you to notice how he carried out this instruction.

“Elder White was himself a very philanthropic man. He always lived in a large house, but there were no vacant rooms in it. Although his immediate family was small, his house was always filled with widows and their children, poor friends, poor brethren in the ministry, and those who need a home. His heart and his pocketbook were always open, and he was ready to help those who needed help. He certainly set a most noble example to our denomination in his large heartedness and liberality of spirit” *Welfare Ministry*, page 322.

This was written after his death by a man who knew him well. Sister White herself was a lifetime example of this. I have a very interesting story. You can read some more of them there in *Welfare Ministry* about both Elder White and Sister White. But I have something wonderful I want to share with you here.

This is *Letter 68*, 1898. I'm going to let Homer read it. This is a simple recital of what I think is a wonderful example of philanthropic interest in humanity, hospitality and love. And remember, God says if you and I will do it, our health will be improved and our prosperity.

"It is selfish actions that keep the soul in feebleness, and deprive it of its power.

"A lady who has just recently embraced the truth, and who conducted a large dressmaking establishment, thought she would be able to take treatment at our sanitarium in Sydney and then come to the school and be educated as a missionary. She remained there paying out her little hoard of means until she dared not remain longer. Then she went to the mission home where she was boarded for ten shillings per week. But money was going out and none coming in. It was thought that if she could get into the quiet of the country, into the pure air of Cooranbong, it would be beneficial to her. I invited her to my house and told her to make her home with me, although we had to crowd up our own family to do this. I could not see her pay out her last shilling for board. She is now located in my family, and is having all the opportunities she desires in riding out and sitting at my family board. She is treated as a member of my family without the cost to herself of a penny. I thought that Jesus would do just this" *Letter 68*, 1898.

Isn't that a sweet statement?

"I thought that Jesus would do just this" *Ibid*.

What do you say? All right. Read on.

"It had been thought that she would remain here only four weeks, and then return to the city. But she shall remain just as long as she pleases. I tell her that this is her home. We must do these works just as Christ would do them if He were in our place. We want to show Christian warmth and hardiness, not as though we were doing some wonderful thing, for this is just what we would expect any real Christian to do in our own case, were we placed in like circumstances" *Ibid*.

Isn't that wonderful? Now, turn, let's read it in the Bible, Deuteronomy the 15th chapter verses 7–11. And I want you to notice that in the plainest language, it links the promise of prosperity with this attitude and state of mind:

"If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy

God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought..." Deuteronomy 15:7–9.

Do you know what that means? Every seventh year, as the cycle went on, every seventh year the Jews had to forgive their brethren their debts.

And God says, "Now, be careful. If there's a poor man who needs help in the sixth year and you say, 'Well, I'd better not give him very much because I've got to forgive it all next year,'" God says that's a what kind of a heart? A wicked heart.

It says, "Be careful you don't listen to that sort of business."

Read on.

"Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto"
Deuteronomy 15:10.

Now, wait a minute. "Don't be grieved," he says. In the New Testament, Paul says God loves what kind of a giver? Cheerful giver. I do too, don't you? Wouldn't you hate to have somebody give you something and you knew they didn't want to—God's like that. I'm like that, too.

I tell my wife I'm so glad I have somebody around that I know loves me, cooks my meals and wash my dishes. I even help her sometimes. Love is like that, friends. Love is what makes it a happy thing. And God wants everything we do for our brothers and sisters and others in need to be cheerful and in love.

But now, notice, here is what we might call the bottom line. God says, "Don't be worried and fearful and anxious and grieved when you give because for this thing the Lord will" do what? "Bless you."

For what thing? For being generous with the needy, for helping them when they need help or bringing them to your home, or giving them food, or clothing, or whatever they need. Sometimes they need counsel and prayer more than they need anything material. But whatever it is to meet that need:

"...For this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee"
Deuteronomy 15:10.

If you want to be prosperous, General Motors doesn't know how. They made a lot of money this year, but they lost a lot last year, and they may lose a lot next year. But God knows how to make you prosperous according to His terms.

"Well," you say, "that means then that nobody will ever be poor."

Read the next verse.

"For the poor shall never cease out of the land..."
Deuteronomy 15:11.

"Well," you say, "I thought you were going to tell us how to be prosperous according to God's plan."

Do you know why God doesn't let the poor ever cease?

Read on.

"...Therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land" Deuteronomy 15:11.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if nobody was ever poor? No, it wouldn't be wonderful at all. Do you know what it would be like? I'll tell you what it would be like. It would be like if every part of this world was just as level as any other part. How many rivers would we have? How many waterfalls would we have? None. Ah friends, I'm thankful for God's plan.

Now, I'm going to read a divine comment on this from *Volume 4*, 551–552. This is an amazing statement, and I know you'll enjoy it. Listen carefully.

"It was not the purpose of God that poverty should ever leave the world. The ranks of society were never to be equalized, for the diversity of condition which characterizes our race is one of the means by which God has designed to prove and develop character"
Testimonies for the Church, Volume 4, pages 551–552.

What is happening? Character is being demonstrated, and it's being developed. Whenever somebody is brought in touch with me, and they need something I have and I'm better off than they are, what's it demonstrating in my life? Character.

But suppose it's the other way around. You know, there are people that say, "Well, I can give, but I hate to have anybody do things for me. I'm too independent."

The Bible says:

"...It is more blessed to..." Acts 20:35.

Do what?

“...give than to receive” Acts 20:35.

“So, I want to do all the giving.”

Listen, if everybody did all the giving, who'd do the receiving? Should I be willing whichever way God arranges it? Will God handle it all right? All right.

Read on.

“Many have urged with great enthusiasm that all men should have an equal share in the temporal blessings of God, but this was not the purpose of the Creator. Christ has said that we shall have the poor always with us... It would be the greatest misfortune that has ever befallen mankind if all were to be placed upon an equality in worldly possessions” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 4*, pages 551–552.

So, let's go over this together now. Back to this matter of health, no matter how fully we follow out the program of health that God has given us, do all people have an equal amount of endurance, of pep, of energy, of health? Do they? No. There are many things that affect it.

Does God intend that the stronger shall help the weak? Yes. I have an interesting statement on this in the book *Education*, page 268. Now, listen carefully to this statement. Somebody's going to get a reemphasis on something you already know, but to somebody here tonight, this will be the dawning of a new light on handicapped people.

“Whether in the home, the neighborhood, or the school, the presence of the poor, the afflicted, the ignorant, or the unfortunate should be regarded, not as a misfortune, but as affording precious opportunity for service”
Education, page 268.

What do you think of that? So, whether it's a physical handicap or financial poverty, whether the need is one of health, the need of ministry in sickness, or some other need, every time we meet a need, we should think of it not as a misfortune but as a what? A blessed, precious opportunity. Oh friends, how different this is from the viewpoint of this world. And for this thing, the Lord will do what? He'll bless you, He'll bless you, He'll bless you. I know it's true.

You know, my wife and I will soon have been married 50 years. The Lord willing, we'll celebrate our anniversary in a few weeks. But I want to tell you something. We're not in debt, and we've been in this work most all our lives. We're not in debt. We're not millionaires, but oh, we thank God that everything that He has given us through the years, we've held it in trust to go on into helping others. It's a happy way to live, friends.

Talk about prosperity. I wouldn't trade, and I say this thoughtfully, I wouldn't trade with the biggest billionaire on Wall Street. I've got something that many of them would give a lot to have, but they don't know how. I think we ought to be up there more with our restaurants and our Living Springs work to tell them. Don't you? But let's learn it in our little retreat here.

So, look around you and see if there's somebody that needs help, somebody that needs help you can give it. And remember, you don't have to be rich to help others. All you have to find is somebody that needs something you have.

Now, the spiritual side, the spiritual side, let's turn to Romans the fifth chapter and the first verse:

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 5:1.

We have what? Peace. That is spiritual prosperity, peace. How is it that we get this peace, does it say? We're justified by what? By faith, faith, trust, to simply accept what God says. This is His recipe for peace and joy.

Now, notice the next verse:

"By whom also we have access by faith..." Romans 5:2.

We have what? Access. What does "access" mean? We have a way to get in. We're invited to the throne room of the universe. We have an intercessor. We have an inside line with God and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

In other words, friends, putting it in the simplest language, to accept God's way of life means spiritual prosperity on these terms. We give Him our way, and He gives us His way. We give Him our sins, He gives us His righteousness. We surrender all that we have to Him, and we trust Him. I'm so glad that He's made it simple, aren't you?

Turn, please, to Titus the third chapter, verses four and five. I want Brother Barrett to read the third verse with it because some of us can relate to this.

"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish..."
Titus 3:3.

Anybody here (you don't need to raise your hand), anybody here who was ever foolish? All right. You're in this verse.

"...disobedient..." Titus 3:3.

Anybody here ever disobedient? Then, you can relate to this, and so on.

“...deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another” Titus 3:3.

Now, these people that have had all these unfortunate and disappointing experiences, something happens. What is it?

“But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” Titus 3:4–7.

That’s the program. We who have been out in the world of sin, and whether we were born in the message or born out in a cold, hard, selfish world, none of us are naturally Christians, friends. We all need the converting power of God.

But the same One who turned the waters of Marah from bitter to sweet, the same One who made the promises of health to those who would meet the conditions, has told us that if we’ll just listen and learn and live His way, we can be just as prosperous spiritually as what He wants us to be financially and in health. The whole program is one of conformity to His will. The good news, friends, is that while we’re learning, He counts us as having already attained, He counts us as having already attained.

Some of you have seen this wonderful little volume, *Faith and Works*. It came out just a few years ago. There’s one sentence here that I want to share with you on page 48:

“Through faith in Him Christ will make all our imperfect efforts acceptable to God” *Faith and Works*, page 48.

Isn’t that encouraging? Let me read it again:

“Through faith in Him Christ will make all our imperfect efforts acceptable to God” *Ibid*.

Let me read it once more, and then maybe you’d like to say it with me:

“Through faith in Him Christ will make all our imperfect efforts acceptable to God” *Ibid*.

All together:

“Through faith in Him Christ will make all our imperfect efforts acceptable to God” *Ibid*.

I think that's wonderful. So, this evening my heart is happy that God has a program for health, He has a program for the measure of prosperity that He sees is good for our characters. And He has, best of all and most of all and through it all, a program of spiritual victory which gives us peace in acceptance with God.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 5:1.

You can see that this program all the way through is so different from what the world has. There's a song that's been in my mind today as I've been thinking over some of these things. I asked Dona to sing it for the children and for any of us that like to hear the children's song. You'll note that the theme is the theme of our message this evening on giving.

"...For this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee..."
Deuteronomy 15:10.

[Dona singing.]

"Give," said the little stream, 'Give, oh, give; Give, oh, give,'
'Give,' said the little stream as it hurried down the hill.

'I am small, I know, but wherever I go, Give, oh, give; Give, oh, give,
I am small, I know, but wherever I go The fields grow greener still.'

Singing, singing all the day, 'Give, oh give; give, oh, give.'
Singing, singing all the day, 'Give, oh, give away.'

'Give,' said the Saviour dear, 'Give, oh, give; give, oh, give,'
'Give,' said the Savior dear, 'All your blessings come from Heav'n.'

More joy is ours as our gifts we share, Give, oh, give; give, oh, give,
More joy is ours as our gifts we share And give as God has giv'n.

Singing, singing all the day, 'Give, oh, give; give, oh, give.'
Singing, singing all the day, 'Give, oh, give away.'"

Time for Singing, #375.

It is more blessed, more happy, a greater experience in prosperity to give than to what? Receive. So, in heaven's balance sheet, the richest man is the one who gives away the most. Is that right? Ah, that's what Jesus did. And that's our experience if we enter in with Him.

Before we get through, friends, we're going to learn more and more of the faith of Jesus. You know, baptism represents all we've studied tonight. Most of you here have been baptized. There may be some that haven't. I hope you're thinking about it. But you who have been baptized and you who are thinking of it, think of it this way. Baptism means surrendering everything to Jesus and accept His life to cover our poor failures. Is that right? Is that what it means? Thank God.

And there is no true baptism unless we have made that full surrender and accepted Him by faith. And so tonight, let those of us who have been baptized renew our baptismal vows in a full dedication to the program of giving, giving not merely money or help but ourselves to Jesus and for Him and through Him to others.

If there are others who have not made that decision and want to, come up and talk with me about it after the meeting.

Shall we stand?

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee with all our hearts tonight that we can be like the little stream flowing down, down, down watering the earth, bringing the flowers and the grass fresh and sweet in the spring.

Make us like Jesus who laid aside His royal robes and became poor that we through His poverty might be rich. May we have the joy that He had of sharing with others in material things as medical missionaries and as evangelists, winning souls to Christ. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

Good night and God bless you.

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