

as modernism represents it, there is no urge to spread its message. Sound missionary strategy requires that the Christian message be sounded out clearly and fearlessly not only abroad, but especially in the center from which missionary effort spreads. In His command to this man, our Lord has given an example for many of us. It is a command which we should well take to heart. The truest sort of missionary work is needed and greatly needed here at home. It is a vision which many should receive.

The third feature which we note about this man was that he was an effective witness. His testimony was heard and received. He did not have an easy place in which to do his work. His friends were smarting with the loss of the swine who had fallen into the sea. They saw their profits diminishing as a result of the good which Christ had done. Many a man is friendly to the gospel as long as it does not affect his own pocketbook. He is glad to have it come to improve conditions in his neighborhood, to make people more honest and more law abiding. He is glad to see it have its effect in the improvement of conditions in general. But let the spokesman for God touch upon his own sin, let him speak as Nathan did to David, when he interrupted David's declaration of horror at the wicked act of the man who had stolen his poor neighbor's one lamb with the statement "thou art the man," and he will want the witness stopped. In such a situation the messenger of Christ is faced with a problem. Shall he weaken his message, in order that he may be able to continue giving it? Shall he do a little evil, in order that a great deal of good may come? The temptation is very subtle and alas many fall before it. The man in our account was not bothered with this temptation. The people were already hostile. They had already suffered loss. He could not hope to win their favor by adulterating his message. There was no choice but to give the message clearly and fully, or not to give it at all. In the face of this difficult situation, he published throughout the whole city the great things that Jesus had done for him. In the face of a seemingly impossible situation his testimony proved singularly effective.

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