

last 200 yrs., and it is only in Christian countries that you find much of a *social* conscience either. Winning people to the Lord, and getting them to study the Word and to grow in grace will do more for the improvement of the social life of the community than anything else you can possibly do. So I say this is the Christian's first duty, the second duty of course is wherever you can give help, give it. Have an interest in people's well fare, and where you can improve the condition, improve the organization, cast your vote and your influence in that direction, but think it through and be sure it really is an improvement. I would say more important than anything we can do to improve social conditions today is what we can do to prevent the efforts of those people who are undercutting that which has made social conditions as good as they are. Who are advancing ideas which undercut that which has provided our present civilization. Who are advancing impractical ideas like that of having the government give everybody sufficient money for all their needs, which would reduce us to a condition of 600 yrs. ago, or earlier, and would result in war, tumult, turmoil, upset. If we ever developed again to the present situation it would take 1000 yrs. to do it. So I say, the Christian has a grt. responsibility in relation to social conditions, but the major way he shows it is through preaching the Gospel, through extending the knowledge of the Lord which will do more than anything else. But secondly, be on the look out for ways you can help, for ways to help others. Do not like James says, say Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled. But help wherever you can. Improve the system where you can, but ~~more~~ more important than this latter, be on the watch for those who would undermine the system. And thus you help all people in your country, more I believe today, than by any improvement you could possibly make in the system. Sin is in the background of all the miseries of life. And there is one way to deal with sin, and that is through presenting the Word. of God. Let us Pray. Our Father we thank you that J. C. came to bear our sins on the Cross. And Oh our God we thank you for the amelioration of conditions, for the improvement, for the practical advances that have been made in the area where Christainaty has been dominate. And we would indeed bring these advances to other parts of the world. We would indeed ~~bring~~ bring material blessings wherever we can.

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