

people can't afford to pay anything more than the small amount they were ~~giving~~ giving. I said, then you will have to tell them you will have to stop. You'll have to stop and get a job somewhere. You've got to pay your board bill, and as a student you've got to eat in the dining room.

About 3 days later I received a phone call. It was from someone in the church. They said, Dr. MacRae won't you let \_\_\_\_\_ preach for us. We just love his preaching. It means so much. And at the end of his sermon he told us he was going to have to stop, that you had told him he must not continue preaching for us.' I explained it to him. Oh, he said. How stupid we've been. How foolish! Of course we should pay him enough to take care of his expenses. They immediately raised enough to pay off his whole back board bill for those 2 or 3 months. They immediately gave him a raise that would pay his transportation and his necessary expenses. The people were so grateful for their having this called to their attention! Now that was an unusual way to have it called to their attention. Very unusual way!

I don't think Paul is saying here that Christian workders should require full recompense for their work. Must of it they do not get full recompense for compared to what ~~pe~~ people get in worldly occupations. In fact, Paul very strenuously disclaims this. He says he has the right but he has not claimed the right. He has not used it.

But I do believe it is something that needs to be emphasized in a proper way among Christian people that they have a duty to give of their material things to support those who are bringing the Word of life to them.

We notice Paul chose not to exercise that right. How nicely he expressed it. In the presentation in the previous point I think it was very good how it worked out--the Lord caused it to work out. But in this case, Paul has beautifully stressed the duty of the people to support their Christian workders yet how in his particular case he was not using this right but he was working to support himself. Why was it Paul felt that way? Why was he willing to sork and support himsefl and do everything he possiblëy ~~xxx~~ could to spread the gospel?

I wonder how many of you have seen the book about Onisimus and Philemon written by Miss St. John. It gives a beautiful picture of the way she imagined Paul met Onesimus. You get a picture which I am sure is true to the facts how Paul aabored day and ~~at~~ night to reach souls for the Lord and to teach them how to grow in grace. Paul made everything subordinate to his primary purpose. He stresses it in vv.19-23--"though I am free from the law.... yet I make myself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. . . . I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings."

Why doesn't God take us to heaven as soon as we are saved? God leaves us here for a definite purpose. He leaves us here because he has a plan for our development. He also leaves us here because he wants to use us as His instruments. There is no distinction in Scripture between those who are holy people and those