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Our Keynote: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." — Micah 6:8.

(The text for to-day was suggested by Rev. W. L. Greene of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. That for next week will be suggested by Rev. W. H. Smith of the Andover Methodist Church.)

LEADERSHIP

IN ONE of the great cities a large factory building caught fire. Hundreds of girls, working on the upper floors, were in danger of death. The whole floor was in flames and the blazes were rolling up the fire escapes, cutting off all avenue of escape.

The crowd stood on the outside waiting for the firemen to arrive.

In that crowd was a young man who was different from all the others. He took in the situation, hurriedly measured the distance with his eyes from the burning building to another building just across the alley, then, just as if he were in full charge, he began to give orders to the bystanders and in a few moments he'd rustled a crew of six strong men.

He led the way and they followed him to the top of the adjoining building. On his way up he picked up a rope and his six followers had torn down a bill board and carried the planks to the top of the other building.

This self-appointed leader threw one end of the rope to a woman in the window of the burning building and instructed her to fasten it. He scaled the rope, carrying one end of a plank with him. His six helpers pushed out the boards they had carried up and soon they had completed a very substantial bridge from one building to the other.

When the firemen arrived nearly one-third of the occupants of the burning building were out of danger.

No one invited this young man to become a leader.

Leadership is something which seldom comes by invitation. It is something which you must invite yourself into. In every business there is a fine opening for a first-class leader. But, he must be a man who is willing to do the thing that ought to be done without someone telling him to do it.

One of the men who stood in the little crowd of people and watched the flames as they threatened the women in the building, in speaking of the incident afterward, said, "Aw, that was nuthin'; anybody could a done that if he'd a tried!"

And he was right! Anybody could have had that glorious job as leader merely by stepping up and taking it, but the fact remains that ONLY ONE man out of the whole crowd saw the opportunity and was willing to take the risk that went with it.

Leadership means responsibilities, it is true, but the most profitable work usually is that which shoulders the greatest responsibility on a man.

Wherever there is work to be done you can find a chance to become a leader. It may be humble leadership, at first, but the leadership becomes a habit and soon the most humble becomes a powerful man of action and he is then sought for greater leadership.

Look back down the ages and history will tell you that leadership was the quality which thrust greatness upon the men of the past.

Washington, Lincoln, Patrick Henry, Roosevelt, Dewey, Foch, Haig and Woodrow Wilson — leaders, all!

None of these were invited to become leaders. They stepped into leadership by their own aggressiveness. None of them started at the top. Most of them began in the most lowly capacity, but, they formed the habit of doing that which needed to be done, "whether it was their job to do it or not; whether they were paid for it or not!"

If you are one of the great majority who have made up their minds not to do anything which is not their job, and for which they are not paid, there is no hope of leadership crowning your efforts.

Frank A. Vanderbilt was a stenographer not so many years ago. We do not know for sure, but we suspect that he did not confine his efforts to the work which his stenographic position required, for if he had he would never have been the leader of finance which he is to-day.

James J. Hill was a telegraph operator, but had he insisted on working union hours only, and had he delivered no more service than was required to hold the job of telegrapher he doubtless never would have been the great railroad builder that he is.

Leadership! What a wonderful privilege it is to be a leader. What a wonderful opportunity there is in every shop, factory, crossroads, grocery store and business establishment, to become a leader by merely doing the thing that ought to be done whether you are told to do it or not.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

AS USUAL, apples have been rotting on the ground in Michigan and other states because the growers could not secure a price for them sufficient to pay the cost of marketing. At the same time consumers in the cities have been paying fancy prices or doing without.

And still, speculators blandly disclaim any thot of profiteering.

And that reminds us. Have you ever noticed how a speculating profiteer will squeeze every penny possible out of an article that he handles and then weep because there is no more blood to be sucked?

And have you noticed how that same profiteer will rage over the prices of things that he has to buy for his own use?

What kind of a duck would you call him, anyway?

WE'RE not so bad off in this country, after all.

We have strikes and suspensions of business, it is true. But we have plenty of money, plenty to eat and wear, and present indications are that we will have plenty to heat this winter. Then, too, our currency is the most valuable in the world.

In the old world they also have strikes and suspensions of business, or no business at all. And they have internal troubles, and food is scarce and prohibitive in price, and millions of them wear rags and will shiver in the cold this winter, and their currency is sadly depreciated or almost worthless.

No, not so bad. Therefore, cheer up and cheer others.

NOW that the children are back in school again, what are we doing to encourage them? Or are we doing anything at all.

Possibly the children, irresponsible in their youth, do not expect anything from us, but that does not excuse us in the least.

They are entitled to moral and spoken encouragement in their efforts to secure an education that will fit them for successful stations in life.

A few years hence they will be able to understand what we do or do not do to aid them to-day.

Will they consider that we did, or that we didn't?

IF YOU were to see a beautiful woman walking along the street would you steal her purse? Of course not. It is absurd to even think of such an act.

And yet, when some one makes a suggestive remark about her, and some other fellow enlarges upon it and passes it along, both are committing an even greater offense. They are robbing her of her good name.

She can buy a new purse. She cannot buy another reputation.

WE KNOW a man who thinks carefully before he answers a leading question. His judgment is invariably sound.

We know of another who answers "right off the bat." His judgment is seldom accepted.

That's all — but it's a lot.

BABIES often cry without knowing why they are crying.

Some men cuss without really knowing why they are cussing.

The baby is a long way from being a man, but man often comes distressingly near to being a baby.

A FEW years ago the bicycle was all the rage, but now it is a back number. The automobile is king to-day, but to-morrow it may be pushed to the rear by aerial navigation. In time, perhaps, the Lord will provide us with wings.

The government has duly and officially decreed that woman is man's equal, but we venture the prediction that she will not insist upon her new rights when it comes time to build the fire on a cold winter morning.

Some people insist that George Washington never told a lit. No comment.

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