

Pray God to quiet our selfish or merely human feelings. In this situation, Miss Miller should have realized her longing to have her daughter near her was a natural feeling, but a selfish human feeling. If she truly loved the Lord she should not put this first in her calculation. Should not make it so prominent in her thinking.

I was talking with a man who became pastor of a fine Christian church. A church of considerable size. He told me they had a group of fine consecrated people working in the church when he came to it. These people who were employees of the church were to go and call, and whenever new people came to church to go and see and talk with them. He told me, I decided to put it on a more business-like basis. So I said, Everytime you call on someone and they come back to church we will give you an extra \$2. If in addition to coming to church the person you called on comes to prayer meeting or some of the other meetings than the Sunday morning service, we will give you an extra \$5.

And he said, ~~My~~ the way those folks worked. He said, We increased the size of that church tremendously in the next few weeks. I am not saying he was wrong in doing that. But I am saying, they were wrong in not working as hard when they were working for the Lord as they were when they were working to get a little extra money.

♣ Ask yourself before you feel critical of them, Suppose I were told that I would be given \$100 for every stranger that I lead to a sincere receiving of Christ as Saviour. Would you then speak to more people about the Lord. Would you reach more people for the Lord than you do now when you have only your love for Christ as a motive? Ask yourself that sincerely. Pray God to quiet our selfish or merely human feelings.

In 2 Kings 3 we read about when three kings went in order to attack Moab, and one of them was a godly king of Judah and the other one was a wicked king of Israel who was in charge of the expedition. They got out there into the desert and they found they were running out of water. They didn't find the water they had expected to find and it looked as if the army might have to turn back or they might die of thirst.

Jehoshaphat said, Is there a prophet of God here? whom we can consult. Someone said, Elisha from the northern kingdom is here. Ahab of the N. kgdm. was in charge of the expedition. Jehoshaphat was going to help him. They called Elisha in and said, Elisha, Can you give us some help on this situation? Can you tell us whether the Lord has brought us all out here to die of thirst or whether there will be a means by which we can find deliverance.

Elisha said, How can I speak the word of the Lord in front of that wicked king Ahab. How can I possibly do it? He said, If it were not for Jehoshaphat here, this godly king of Judah, I would not even look at him or say anything to him! Jehoshaphat