## 1 Cor. 3:10-15

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the Word. He taught them how to win people to the Lord. He gave them a solid foundation in the central truths of the Christian faith. Then after 2 or 3 years of training about 200 people thoroughly, they decided now they were ready to plan. They looked around and they found a place 5 miles North of Chilocothexwkier where there was a very accessible lot they could get easily. They built on it a nice little church. These people whom he had trained set to work to reach people in the neighborhood.

Within a year he had several hundred people coming regularly to his work. He was no longer needing to act as a cabinent maker. He needed all his time. I met some of the people, and I've never met people more --with a more earnest Christian desire to serve the Lord.

The fields are white to harvest. Nowhere is the need greater than in the U.S.A. Oh, how many people are spending their time haggling over secondary matters, or are feeling they have got to have an established situation to go in where there is an established salary and a form of government that exactly follows out on certain principles. There's nothing wrong with that, but when that is made a necessity. When a person cannot serve the Lord because they do not immediately find a situation where they have that, I would say that such a person is certainly not worthy of the Name of Christ.

We had a graduate a few years ago who went up into New England. Up there he found an area in which there was just no preaching of the Word of God. He g began selling cemetery lots. He went about from door to door selling cemetery lots. He made his living that way. As he did it he would try to lead people to the Lord. He organized a Bible class. In a couple of years he was able to discontinue his selling work, and to give himself full time to that work that he had organized.

I believe personally that the division of the world into home work and foreign work is a false division. The world is one. The need is great everywhere. The Lord wants all of us to be interested in the work in all parts of His vineyard. I understnad understand that about 80% of the support of foreign missions comes at present from the U.S.A. and Canada. 80%. Here at the place from which most of the workers come, and from which most of the money comes for foreign missions, here in churches our big churches are deteriorating because they are filled with modernism, with preachers who once thought they were called to serve the Lord but who were led in their college or seminary to **isa** loose their interest.

Oh, the fields are white to the harvest. Jesus had a compassion on the multitude. Do you have a compassion? I think of Herman Eckelman, one of our graduates who did a work thatto my mind is one of the finest works I've seen anywhere. He had a burden for one of the most neglected groups in our society as far as Christian teaching is concerned, the student in college.

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