

If you are to be an effective servant of Christ, you need to press on. You need to push forward. You need to look to see how you can accomplish for Him. You need to realize the fields are white to harvest. That the need is everywhere of the gospel. The opportunities are everywhere of reaching souls who need to know about Christ. Of helping those who know Christ to know how to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. The opportunities are everywhere.

I made a visit to Chillicothe, Ohio a few years ago. The man who was taking me there said, We are going to visit a church that you will be surprised at. He said, the minister here I don't think knows anything about grammar. I don't know how much he knows about education. But he said he has done a tremendous work here. When I got acquainted with the minister I found this man had greatly underestimated him. He had two years of seminary work. He had not completed his course, but he had gotten a good bibliography. He had gone out and studied himself for a time. He had a burden. His burden was to present Christ in a place where He was not known. So he looked around for a place where there was no Biblical witness that stood on the great teachings of Scripture. He got the idea this town there was like that.

He took his time and visited every church, everyone he could find there to see if he could hear the gospel. He did not find one. He decided here is where I want to try to reach people with the gospel. This man in addition to the amount of training in the Scripture he had. He was a very constant student although he didn't have a great deal of formal training he really worked at trying to understand the Scripture. But he had the advantage of being a trained cabinet maker. So he looked about for work, for the higher class of carpentry work and supported himself that way. Then he went from door to door asking people if they would like to start a Bible class to study the Word of God.

He got a small group that would meet with him. He met with them and taught them the Word of God. As time went on the group gradually grew until it became large enough and they found a place 10 miles south of the city where they could rent some facilities very easily. There they began meeting for a couple of years. His little group kept meeting with him as he tried to ground them in the Scripture and encourage them in reaching others for Christ.

Then they found a == the place was getting too small for them. They got out and got a lot about the same distance north of them, of the city. There they built a little church. These people were trained in presenting the Word of God, and solidly grounded in the Word of God and within the first few months their number multiplied by three or four. That wasn't a mushroom growth he got right away. It was a long process of preparing these people to be able when they were ready to go out to really build.

I admire the way that man stepped out to serve God in a place where Jesus Christ was not known, Where there was much formal