

Mission's recommendation upon such case. However every missionary should remember that insight into a language and mastery of it sometimes come suddenly and often in response to believing prayer, God has given freedom to tongues that seemed tied. Yet when all is said, competence in the language is indispensable, and no missionary should be content until it has been obtained.

8. Relations to Governments:

Missions and missionaries should cultivate friendly and understanding relationships with government officials but should carefully abstain from all interference with the political affairs and institutions of the people among whom they labor, and from prosecution and defense of lawsuits. Good offices may be used among any people to promote a just and peaceful settlement of difficulties and often great and lasting good has resulted from the efforts of missionaries along this line. Nevertheless, extreme caution should be used in all these matters. We are not in foreign countries to engage in politics but to promote the Gospel of Christ, and in every proper sense, to be all things to all men, that we may save some.

9. In Times of Crisis:

Times of crisis come to practically every mission land. In such times danger often threatens both missionary and native Christian. We have seen such crises in China, in Korea and in Japan and they have occurred in many countries. When such times come, one needs to realize beforehand, that life itself may need to be given to maintain the witness to Christ unsullied. Martyrdom may be the price of faithfulness, yet the fathers were right when they declared that martyrdom for the sake of Christ is a great prize; and God often uses a witness that counts life not dear to its possessor for the conversion and inspiration of thousands of His Elect.