

It's Up To You

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Albany Kiwanis

IT'S UP TO YOU

I. Point of contact

A. I am not unaware of the terrific problems facing our world

B. But today I want to talk to you about the importance of your place in your ~~church~~ community.

C. American can never bring its actual life up to its ideal except through you.

II. We spend far too much time planning big things and not enough time executing trivial things.

A. "A man's career and the total worth of the work of his life are determined far less by the plans which he consciously makes than by his almost unheeded response to the apparently trivial experiences of daily life."

B. Walter Duranty in USSR.

"Trotsky's failure to come to

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Lenin's funeral dealt a fatal blow to his prestige."

C. Fitchburg, Mass--a Rockefeller buy's a car.

D. Sometimes we throw too many stones at one bird.

E. Policeman at Division & Market in Amsterdam.

F. I'll show you the way to heaven--Aw go on you don't even know the way to the post office.

G. A college professor who wanted to write--no ~~time~~ recalled the advice of his old piano teacher.

"Don't practice in long stretches. Practice in minute--five or ten. When you grow up time won't come in long stretches.

So whenever he had five minutes unoccupied he wrote a hundred words or so.

Prof. of English at Columbia skilled pianist--write of novels and poems--
John Erskine.

III. You are your community

A. Your business is judged not by its grand plans and policies but by one person who meets me at the door.

B. -----is judged not by its history, not by the ideals of its organizations but by you as you meet people.

C. Story of Pegasus

1. I don't want to live in Broadalbin
2. Jimmy Hannah's store.

D. Bishop McDowell's woodpecker

E. Palace of Music

F. You live in the house you build

G. Here with the golden window

Boston--the cop
the hotel clerk
Durgin Park

~~The palace of Music~~

~~You live in the house you build~~

Introduction at Frankfurt

St. Peter and the devil

WHAT ABOUT THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? ...
Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord:" I Chronicles 29:5,9

The book of Chronicles gives us an ideal account of the character of David representing the view of later generations than his contemporaries. In this book the last days of David's life are represented as being spent largely in preparation for the building of the temple. This preparation consists not only in making plans for organization of the priests and Levites and the temple choirs but also in the accumulation of the means to provide for the building of the temple.

I like to read of David's final appeal, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" And then to feel the thrill of the instantaneous response and see the multitudes bringing their gifts.

But the greatest thrill of all comes when we read what happened to the people that day. "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord."

It is many years since that first Temple was built. Since that time men have built many buildings. Somehow it is easy to take a collection for a building. That is something you can see, and use, and become acquainted with it. It is a concrete evidence of an offering made to the Lord.

This morning we are going to build a temple! At least we are going to build a part of it. It is going to be the biggest temple that was ever built. We might as well do things in a large way.

We must dig deep for the foundation--we must go right down to solid rock--our temple is going to be built on the foundation of the Love of God, as that love relates itself to the needs of men.

Upon that foundation shall be built our walls. Solid walls which will shut out hunger, and cold, and pain. People will enter our temple to find warmth, and comfort and relief from their suffering. They will come from the darkness to the light.

The old temple about which we talked this morning contained much gold and precious stones, and silver and other costly ornaments. Our temple will be ornamented with kindly deeds, and loving lives.

A mighty altar of sacrifice was built in the old temple. In the temple which we are building there will be an altar too but the sacrifice which is offered will be the sacrifice of our hearts. Our temple is as large as the world. It is being built to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to free the minds and spirits of the ignorant, the underprivileged, the driven and the dispossessed.

Used at Trinity Church

Tennyson once wrote:

"I dreamed,
That stone by stone I reared a sacred fane,
A temple, neither pagod, mosque nor church,
But simpler, loftier,
Always open doored to every breath from heaven
And truth, and peace, and love and justice
came and dwelt therein."

That is what you and I are doing. There is much building going on in our world and there will be much more before our shattered world is reconstructed. We are urged to build planes, and ships, and now to create more shells. This morning I am asking you, "What about the Lord's house?" I am asking you to help build something that will be permanent.

John Ruskin once wrote, "When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, See! this our Fathers did for us."

This structure of kindness and mercy will reach into more than fifty countries in all parts of the world. But it starts at home with you and me. It begins in the intimacy of the mind, heart and soul of every one of us.

I wish this morning I could I ~~bring~~ ~~into~~ this church representatives of the many millions who will be helped by this temple of kindness which we are building.

*Outline the Relief and reconstruction
program of the Crusade.*

*We must remember that Jesus' test
of character is based on our response to
human need.*

I saw Lord Christ tonight
Walking the streets of my town,
With hair blown wild with the winter wind,
With the wild rain beating down.

I am hungry and bitter cold,
Hungry and cold, he said.
What? cried I, have your folk denied
Shelter to you, and bread?

What is hunger to Me,
And what is the lashing rain,
Who died on a Tree on Calvary,
Sharing the ultimate pain?

But the folk in the fetid slum,
Neglected in alleys old,
These go unfed with the living Bread,
Blue with a starved soul's cold.

So I walk the streets in pain,
More pain than I knew on the Tree
Inasmuch as ye did it not to them
Ye did it not to Me.

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C. Robert Browning writes:

"The common problem, yours, mine, every-
one's

Is--not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be,--but finding
first

What may be, then find how to make it
fair

Up to our means:"

D. I am saying, this morning, that
regardless of the future--a future
over which you and I have little
control--that future will be made much
brighter if we develop qualities of
friendliness.

E. You do not need to walk into the
future alone

1. There are other factors in life
beside Russia, or China, or - - -

2. It is the Christians who will
hold the world together by the
redeeming power of friendliness

III. In these days of darkness and stress
and anxiety and heartbreak do not forget
the power of Jesus Christ.

A. One of Jesus' chief characteris-
tics is friendliness

B. He once said to his Disciples--
"I have called you friends."

C. This you and I can do.

1. We can accept His friendship
2. We can accept the obligation
which goes with it to be
friendly people.

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D. What is friendliness?

1. It is good will toward all
men
2. It is sympathetic understanding
3. It seeks the well being of all
other people
4. It recognizes the right of the
other person to maintain his
individuality, yes, even his
peculiarities.

5. In Christianity friendliness
may lead to a cross

When Jesus Calls - three
things should be noted

A. It involves an act of
our own will

1. We do not have to
say yes.

2. We do not have to
answer at all.

3. One of the significant
things about Christianity
is that it respects
your own individuality
and your own personality.

4. The fact of the matter
is - the appalling fact is
that thousands of
people disregard Christ's
will every day.

5. That is true in the
realm of

- a. Truth
- b. Beauty
- c. Art
- d. Music
- e. Friendship