

Chapter 8

Helping Others

Jesus on this earth thought about other people. He helped them in any way He could and told them of His Father's love. "This was the one great aim of His life. Everything else was less important. To do God's will and to finish His work was like food and drink to Him. There was no thought of self in His work" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77).

The more we become like Jesus, the more we will think about things the way He does. "Love for Jesus will lead us to work as He worked for the blessing and uplifting of all people" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77). Anyone who becomes a converted Christian will have this same attitude.

"As soon as we come to Christ we want to tell everyone what a dear friend we have found in Jesus. The truth that saves us and changes our lives cannot be shut up in our hearts. If we have received Christ's robe of righteousness, we cannot stop telling others about it. When

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Áká Aníjilwo'go

Jesus éi diné yitaagháháadáá' bíla'ashdla'ii a'aa dadine'é ádaat'éii yíneedlí. T'áa ha'át'éegida bíká aníjilwo' nít'éé' áádóó haTaa' bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' bee bił hahodzisne'. "Díi t'éí bíká ájít'íid. Ha'át'íhída náána éi akéé' góne' baa nitsizkééz. HaTaa' íinízinii baa nijgháago bee jiiná; nihí bááh dóó tó bee dahinii'nánigi át'éego bee jiináa nít'éé'. HaTaa' binaanish ałtso ádeeshlíił t'éí jinízin. T'áadoo t'áa hó t'éiyá ádaa nitsídzíkeesí tázhdíyá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77).

Jesus bikéé' nikizhdiighaahgo, hó ałdó' binitsékeesígi át'éego nitsídzíkees doo. "Jesus bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' hwii' hólóogo índa, diné la'ígíi yaa bił dahózhóogo dóó bá yá'adaat'éehgo náadadoodleeł biniyé dahinii'náa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77). T'áa ákót'éego baa tsízdookos, t'áa aaníi ajoosdlaadóó bik'iji'.

"Jesus bíi' dzizlíi'go t'áa áko hái shíi Jesus bee bił hojilne' dooleeł lá; dooládó' bí éi ak'is nilíi da baa tsízdookos. Díigi át'éego jinízingo, hane' yá'át'éehii hajéi t'óó bií' hólóogo, t'áadoo baa yájíłti'ígo doo há bohónéedzää da doo. Christ bit'áa ákwii át'éii bee nijgháago, dóó Níłch'i Diyinii bibee íł

we are filled with the joy of His Spirit, we must share it. We have something wonderful to tell because we have learned that the Lord is good" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 77-78).

So how can we help others and be a witness for Jesus? "We must not wait for some important time to work for God. Nor should we wait until we are able to do a greater work" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 82).

"[Jesus] worked and walked with His neighbors who did not know that He was the Son of God. Jesus was as faithfully doing His Father's work while laboring in the shop as when He was healing the sick. Working as a carpenter was as much His duty as was quieting the stormy waves of Galilee. We too may be working with Jesus as we do our humble duties. We may walk with Him wherever we are" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 81). "Our daily life must show that our faith is pure and sincere. If people see that we want to help them, our work will do some good" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 82-83).

hózhó hwii' hólóogo, díí baa háádzídzih doo. T'áá hó, Bóhólníihii éí yá'át'éehii nilínígíí baa ákozniizíí'go, diné náánála' bee bił hojilne'go bízhneel'ąą doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 77-78).

Shígo éiyá ts'ídá hait'éego áká anáshwo' dóo Jesus baa yáshti' doo, nínízin daats'í. "T'áadoo áłtsé nínízini; t'áá bííníghahígo Jesus baa nahólne' " (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 82).

"Ániid naagháhąądáá' Jesus éí diné baa dahojoo'ba'ígíí dóo bíla' yee nidaalnishígíí yitaagháago, doo baa ákodaniizíí' da. Bí éí bíla' yee naalnishgo biyaa hoo'a'. Ákót'íigo biTaa' yá naal'a'. Áádóo índá biyaa hazlíí'go ąąą dah dahaz'áanii hadaalt'é ánídayiidlaa dóo Galilee hoolyéedi tooh bíishgháán yikáá' naayá, áko t'ahdii biTaa' yá naas'a'. Nihí ałdó', azhá hojoo'ba'ígo neiidáah nidi áádóo doo ílíígóo ádaa nitsídeikees da shíí nidi, Jesus nihił naakai dóo nihitah naalnish, áko bá nideiil'a' " (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 81). "T'áá ákwíí jí jiinánígi át'éego hwe'oodla' bee bééhózin lá. Éí t'áá aaníí oosdlaąą dahó'níigo dóo ayóo áká análwo' dahó'níi dooleet lá, áko ákót'éego Diyin éí bá nijil'a'go doo ch'ééh ájít'íi da doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 82-83).

Christ was not selfish. He lived to bless others long ago and when He lives in your heart by faith He is still the same. He doesn't change. Through your life and influence He still wants to bless others. Actually, helping other people is a blessing to you as well as to them. "God wants us, for our own good, to have a part to act in His plan of redemption. He gives us hearts that are changed by His Spirit so that we can be His helpers and pass on to others the blessings we receive. Working with Him is the highest honor and the greatest joy God can give us. Those who do this work of love are brought nearest to the Creator" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 78).

The only way we can grow in grace is by doing the work Christ has asked us to do. This work is not something we do for ourselves. It does not save us. Jesus saves us. Instead our work is for others, so they can be saved. "Christ has given His church the job of carrying to the world the story of Jesus and His love. To tell this story is the duty of all

Christ éi doo t'áá bí t'éiyá ádaa nitsékeesgo hináa da nít'ée'. Diné háí shíí hajooba' ínízinígíí bíká anáshwo' doo, nízingo hináá nít'ée' lá. Áádóó díish jíígóó Christ hwii' hólóogo t'ah nidi díigi át'éego jinaa doo. Jesus doo lahgo áneeh da lá. Áko hayi'di hólóogo t'ahdii náána'la' diné bik'ináájídlíi doo. Jó díigi át'éego baa nitsídzíkeesgo ałdó' t'áá hó nidi hak'ihojídlíi doo. "Diyin God éi naanish nihaidiní'á. Diné ayóó'ájó'núigo bíká azhdoolwołígíí biniyé nihíí'laad. Díi naanishígíí binijilnishgo háí shíí bíká anáshwo' doo, jini. Diyin God éi naanish haidí'ááh dóó bá nijilnishgo ts'ídá binóoshónigo ílínígíí át'é. Diyin bá nijilnishgo be'ayóó'ó'ni' dóó bił hojooba'ii hoł bééhooził; Diyin binaanish kót'éego binijilnishgo ts'ídá t'áadoo bináánałt'éhí da lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 78).

Diyin k'ehgo jinooséłgi éi díi kót'é – t'áadoo ádaa nitsídzíkeesgo Christ binaanish haidí'ánígíí éi binijilnishgo t'éiyá. Díi naanishígíí doo t'áá hó bee yisdázhdoogáał da. Jesus bee yisdázhdoogáał. Diné náána'lahjí bíká ajilyeedgo, áko daabí éi yisdáhidoookah. "Diyin éi oodłání danilíinii diné la'í yisdáhidoookah biniyé chodao'íi doo, yá laanaa nízin. Bidine'é binaanish éi t'áá altsogóó hane' yá'át'éehii yaa dahalne'go át'é. Díi naanishígíí da'oodłání ts'ídá t'áá altsó bídeet'i'. T'áála'í nitínigo, há bohónéedzāají' dóó

Christians. All of us are to do this work as well as we can [to the extent of our talent and opportunity]. Because God's love has been shown to us, we have a debt to pass it on to those who do not know Him. God has given us light, not for ourselves alone but to give to others" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 80).

Jesus says, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

bízhneel'áajì', Christ binaanish ha'nínéę binijilnish doo. Diné t'áá ałtso Christ doo yéedahósinii bee bił dahozhdoolnih, bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' hazłji'go hwee hoł bééhoozinígíí binahji'. T'áá aaníinii hak'iji' adiníłdínígíí doo t'áá hó t'éi há dooleet da; bíla'ashdla'ii t'áá ałtso bá át'éeé lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 80).

Jesus ání, "Nihaa dadeest'ánígíí t'áá jíik'e nihaa dadeest'á, áko t'áá jíik'e bee ádaahnííł" (Matthew 10:8).