

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 Aníjílwo'go

Jesus éí diné yitaagháháqadáq' bíla'ashdla'ii ał'aq dadine'é ádaat'éii yíneedlí. T'áá ha'át'éegida bíká aníjílwo' nít'éé' áádóó haTaa' bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' bee bił hahodzisne'. "Díí t'éí bíká ájíít'jid. Ha'át'ihída nááná éí akéé' góne' baa nitsizkééz. HaTaa' íinízinii baa nijigháago bee jiiná; nihí bááh dóó tó bee dahinii'nánígi át'éego bee jiináá nít'éé'. HaTaa' binaanish ałtso ádeeshkííł t'éí jinízin. T'áadoo t'áá hó t'éiyá áadaa nitsídzíkeesí tázhdíiyá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77).

Jesus bikéé' nikizhdiighaahgo, hó ałdó' binitsekeesígi át'éego nitsídzíkees doo. "Jesus bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' hwii' hólqogo índa, diné ła'ígíí yaa bił dahózhqogo dóó bá yá'ádaat'éehgo náádadoodleeł biniyé dahinii'náa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 77). T'áá ákót'éego baa tsízdidookos, t'áá aaní ajoosdląądóó bik'iji'.

"Jesus bíí' dzizlígí'go t'áá áko háí shíí Jesus bee bił hojilne' dooleeł lá; dooládó' bí éí ak'is nilígí da baa tsízdookos. Díigi át'éego jinízingo, hane' yá'át'éehii hajéí t'óó bii' hólqogo, t'áadoo baa yájílti'igo doo há bohónéedzqáa da doo. Christ bit'áá ákwii át'éii bee nijigháago, dóó Níłch'i Diyinii bibee ił

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' hólqogo, díí baa háádzídzh doo. T'áá hó, Bóhólníihii éí yá'át'éehii nilnígíí baa ákozniizíí'go, diné náánála' bee bił hojilne'go bízhneel'áa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 77-78).

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

"Ániid naagháháqadáá' Jesus éí diné baa dahojooba'ígíí dóó bíla' yee nidaalnishígíí yitaagháago, doo baa ákodaniizíí' da. Bí éí bíla' yee naalnishgo biyaa hoo'a'. Ákót'íigo biTaa' yá naal'a'. Áádóó índa biyaa hazlíí'go bąąh dah dahaz'áanii hadaałt'é ánídayiidlaa dóó Galilee hoolyéedi tooh bíshgháán yikáá' naayá, áko t'ahdii biTaa' yá naas'a'. Nihí ałdó', azhá hojooba'igo neiidáah nidi áádóó doo llíigóó áadaa nitsídeiikees da shíí nidi, Jesus nihił naakai dóó nihitah naalnish, áko bá nideiil'a" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 81). "T'áá ákwíí jí jiinánígi át'éego hwe'oodlą' bee bééhózin lá. Éí t'áá aaníí oosdląąd dahó'níigo dóó ayóó áká análwo' dahó'níi dooleeł lá, áko ákót'íego Diyin éí bá nijil'a'go doo ch'ééh ájít'íí 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 éí doo t'áá bí t'éiyá ádaa nitsékeesgo hináa da nít'éé'. Diné háí shíí hajooba' íinízinígíí bíká anáshwo' doo, nízingo hináá nít'éé' lá. Áadóó díísh jíigóó Christ hwii' hólqogo t'ah nidi díigi át'éego jiináa doo. Jesus doo łahgo ánéeh da lá. Áko hayi'di hólqogo t'ahdii náánála' diné bik'ináájídlíi doo. Jó díigi át'éego baa nitsídzíkeesgo ałdó' t'áá hó nidi hak'ihojídlíi doo. "Diyin God éí naanish nihaidiní'á. Diné ayóó'ájó'níigo bíká azhdoolwolígíí biniyé nihííł'aad. Díí naanishígíí binijilnishgo háí shíí bíká anáshwo' doo, jiní. Diyin God éí naanish haidí'áah dóó bá nijilnishgo ts'ídá binóoshónígo ílínígíí át'é. Diyin bá nijilnishgo be'ayóó'ó'ó'ní' dóó bił hojooba'ii hoł bééhoozíjh; Diyin binaanish kót'éego binijilnishgo ts'ídá t'áadoo bináánáłt'éhí da lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 78).

Diyin k'ehgo jinooséelgi éí díí kót'é – t'áadoo ádaa nitsídzíkeesgo Christ binaanish haidí'ánígíí éí binijilnishgo t'éiyá. Díí naanishígíí doo t'áá hó bee yisdázhdoogááł da. Jesus bee yisdázhdoogááł. Diné náánálahjí bíká ajilyeedgo, áko daabí éí yisdáhidookah. "Diyin éí oodlání daniliinii diné la'í yisdáhidookah biniyé chodao'ji doo, yá laanaa nízin. Bidine'é binaanish éí t'áá ałtsogóó hane' yá'át'éehii yaa dahalne'go át'é. Díí naanishígíí da'oodlání ts'ídá t'áá ałtso bídeet'i'. T'áálá'í nitínigo, há bohónéedzqájí' 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'áqjí', Christ binaanish ha'nínéę binijilnish doo. Diné t'áá ałtso Christ doo yéédahósini bee bił dahožhdoolnih, bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' hazlígí'go hwée hoł bééhoozinígíí binahjí'. T'áá aaníinii hak'ijí' adiníldínígíí doo t'áá hó t'éí há dooleeł da; bíla'ashdla'ii t'áá ałtso bá át'éé lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 80).

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