

Character Qualification for True Gospel Medical missionaries

Romans 12

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present **your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The medical missionary workers are to be purified, sanctified, ennobled. They are to rise to the highest point of excellence. **They are to be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude.** Then they will see that health reform and medical missionary work are to be bound up with the preaching of the gospel. {8T 168

The Spirit of the Lord has presented to me things which I now present to you. There needs to be a deeper work of grace among God's workers. **Their minds, their spirit, and their characters need to be molded and fashioned after the similitude of his divine character before he can work in and through them. Less of self and more of Jesus Christ must be seen in their lives.** Close and trying tests are coming to all and the religion of the Bible must be interwoven with all that we do and say. All business transactions are to become a fragrance as from God, because of the presence of God, which is to be mingled with every action. {SpM 87.1}

Characters qualifications of Medical missionaries

1. Purity of life

Purity of life is one of the principles of heaven that Jesus urged on the minds of his disciples.

- ✚ Mathew 5:8 Blessed [are] the **pure in heart:** for they shall see God.
- ✚ Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all [men], and **holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord**
- ✚ **A Medical missionary should always strive to be pure. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”**
- ✚ **-speak pure elevating words “Matthew 12:36 ”**
- ✚ **The men and women who care for the sick in our institutions need to keep their minds pure and uplifted.** {SpTB15 9.4}
- ✚ **Avoid trifling words. Let all see that you are attaining to a high standard of Christian experience. Let them see that you refuse to indulge in careless and trifling words.** {SpTB15 9.3}
- ✚ **Refinement and Delicacy:** Among Christian physicians there should ever be a striving for the maintenance of the **highest order of true refinement and delicacy**, a preservation of those barriers of reserve that should exist between men and women. {SpTB15 13.1}

- ✚ There is need of **greater refinement, both in thought and association.** There is need of Christians being more elevated, and delicate in words and deportment. {SpTB15 13.2}
- ✚ Physicians are to reveal the attributes of Christ, steadfastly persevering in the work God has given them to do. To those who do this work in faithfulness, angels are commissioned to give enlarged views of the character and work of Christ and His power, grace, and love. {SpTB15 23.2}
- ✚ **Avoid all commonness in your conversations.** The physician(Gospel medical missionary) should **guard carefully his speech, and avoid all commonness in his conversation.** Every patient he treats is reading the traits of his character and the tone of his morals by his actions and conversation. {SpTB15 13.3}
- ✚ **Guide diligently the laws of chastity.** Some medical men are unfit to act as physicians to women because of the attitude they assume toward them. They take liberties until it becomes a common thing with them to transgress the laws of chastity. Our physicians should have the highest regard for the direction given by God to His church when they were delivered from Egypt. This will keep them from becoming loose in manners and careless in regard to the laws of chastity. All who live by the laws given by God from Sinai may be safely trusted. {SpTB15 14.4}
- ✚ We must be chaste and so free from the trait of defilement that we can correct these evils and bring the poor souls up to the Bible standard of purity. The only safety for men and women, married or unmarried, is to shun **love-sick sentimentalism**, and all **undue familiarity**. These things have produced great evil in the world. {SpTB16 4.1}

Points of moral decency amongst Gospel medical missionaries

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The light given me of the Lord regarding this matter is that as far as possible lady physicians should care for lady patients, and gentleman physicians have the care of gentleman patients. Every physician should respect the delicacy of the patients. Any unnecessary exposure of ladies before male physicians is wrong. Its influence is detrimental. {SpTB15 13.4}

Delicate treatments should not be given by male physicians to women in our institutions. Never should a lady patient be alone with a gentlemen physician, either for special examination or for treatment. Let the physicians be faithful in preserving delicacy and modesty under all circumstances. {SpTB15 13.5}

Experienced women Practitioners

In our medical institutions there ought always to be women of mature age and good experience who have been trained to give treatments to the lady patients. Women should be educated and qualified just as thoroughly as

possible to become practitioners in the delicate diseases which afflict women, that their secret parts should not be exposed to the notice of men. There should be a much larger number of lady physicians, educated not only to act as trained nurses, but also as physicians. It is a most horrible practice, this revealing the secret parts of women to men, or men being treated by women. {SpTB15 13.6}

Privacy in working with Patients

Women physicians should utterly refuse to look upon the secret parts of men. Women should be thoroughly educated to work for women, and men to work for men. Let men know that they must go to their own sex, and not apply to lady physicians. It is an insult to women, and God looks upon these things of commonness with abhorrence. {SpTB15 14.1}

While physicians are called upon to teach social purity, let them practice that delicacy which is a constant lesson in practical purity. Women may do a noble work as practicing physicians; but when men ask a lady physician to give them examinations and treatments which demand the exposure of private parts, let her refuse decidedly to do this work. {SpTB15 14.2}

Some of these statements were written for those working in institutions and so we may give a damn what they say, that they are not applicable to individuals not attached to any institutions. That is not so, these principles applies to all medical missionaries who have been called to the work. Let's take care.

2. Consecration

CONSECRATION, n.

- 1. The act or ceremony of separating from a common to a sacred use, or of devoting and dedicating a person or thing to the service and worship of God, by certain rites or solemnities. Consecration does not make a person or thing really holy, but declares it to be sacred, that is, devoted to God or to divine service; as the consecration of the priests among the Israelites; the consecration of the vessels used in the temple; the consecration of a bishop.*
- 2. Canonization; the act of translating into heaven, and enrolling or numbering among the saints or gods; the ceremony of the apotheosis of an emperor.*
- 3. The benediction of the elements in the eucharist; the act of setting apart and blessing the elements in the communion.*

A gospel medical missionary must give himself or herself fully to the work. All the mind should be absorbed in the work.

We are coming into a crisis, which, more than any previous time since the world began, will demand the entire consecration of every one that has named the name of Christ. **God's work demands all there is of us.** But our people will never make this consecration until their hearts are changed. **They need conversion as much as did Peter.** When they have been thus quickened, Christ can say to them, "Strengthen thy brethren," "Feed my sheep," "Feed my lambs." {RH, December 15, 1885 par. 7}

Let's all pray for the spirit of consecration. Just as Christ was in His Father's business, so are we to be completely absorbed into the finishing work making it first and last and best in our lives?

3. Self-denial

Luke 9

23And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily**, and follow me.**24**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25**For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26**For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, **and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angels.**

A gospel medical missionary must learn to carry the cross of service. Denying the charms of the world and get yoked with Christ in offering supreme service to God, and having goodwill to men.

Self-denial means to rule the spirit when passion is seeking for the mastery; to resist the temptation to censure and to speak fault-finding words; to have patience with the child that is dull, and whose conduct is grievous and trying; to stand at the post of duty when others may fail; to lift responsibilities wherever and whenever you can, not for the purpose of applause, not for policy, but for the sake of the Master, who has given you a work to be done with unwavering fidelity; when you might praise yourself, to keep silent and let other lips praise you. Self-denial is **to do good to others where inclination would lead you to serve and please yourself. Although your fellow-men may never appreciate your efforts, you are to work on.** {RH, January 8, 1880 par. 8}

Willingness to spent and be spent for the course of Restoration

- ✚ There are many who will spend and be spent to win souls to Christ.
- ✚ In obedience to the great commission, they will go forth to work for the Master. Under the ministration of angels ordinary men will be moved by the Spirit of God to warn people in the highways and byways.
- ✚ Humble men, who do not trust in their gifts, but who work in simplicity, trusting always in God, will share in the joy of the Saviour as their persevering prayers bring souls to the cross.
- ✚ We would say to them, Go forth, brethren; do your best humbly and sincerely, and God will work with you.

- ✚ They should be strengthened and encouraged, and as fast as possible fitted for labor, that success may crown their efforts.

- ✚ They harmonize with unseen, heavenly instrumentalities.

- ✚ They are workers together with God, and their brethren should bid them Godspeed, and pray for them as they labor in Christ's name.

No one is authorized to hinder such workers. They should be treated with great respect. No one should speak a disparaging word of them as in the rough places of the earth they sow the gospel seed. {SpM 195.2}

4. Truthfulness and honesty

Ephesians 4

***23**And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24**And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is **created in righteousness and true holiness. 25**Wherefore **putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26**Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:**27**Neither give place to the devil.**28**Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29**Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31**Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32**And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

This is the kind of missionary spirit that God will use to demonstrate his character to the world.

- ✚ The only way for us to become truly courteous, without affectation, without undue familiarity, is to drink in the spirit of Christ, to heed the injunction, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." If we act upon the principles laid down in the word of God, we shall have no inclination to indulge in undue familiarity. {PH066 38.1}

- ✚ **Avoid favoritism:** There should be no giving of special favors or special attentions to a few, no preferring of one above another. This has been done and is displeasing to God. **There are worthy persons who are afflicted and suffering but do not complain, who are in need of special attention.** These men and women are often passed by with indifference and with a hardness of heart that is more like Satan's character than like Christ's, while, young forward misses, who in no way need or deserve favors, receive special attention. All this neglect is written in the books of heaven. All these things are developing character. . . . {SpTB16 9.2}

- ✚ When you pass by one who is in need of sympathy, of your kindly acts, and you give him none, but turn to the forward ones, and bestow

upon them, remember that Jesus is insulted in the persons of His afflicted ones. . . . {SpTB16 10.1}

✚ **Show good example by being compassionate:** A right spirit and a holy life are a constant instruction to others. The hollow-hearted courtesy of the fashionable world is of no value in the sight of Him by whom actions are weighed. There should be no partiality and no hypocrisy. The physician should be ready for every good work. If his life is hid with Christ in God, he will be a missionary in the highest sense.

✚ **Be prompt to your duties:** Ever be true to your word, prompt in meeting your appointments; for this means much to the sick. {SpTB15 12.5}

✚ Physicians and nurses should ever **be kind and cheerful**, putting away all gloom and sadness. Let faith grasp the hand of Christ for his healing touch. {RH, February 2, 1905 par. 10}

✚ **Be a faithful tithe payer.** Humility, self-denial, benevolence, and the payment of a faithful tithe, these show that the grace of God is working in the heart. {SpTB15 20.4}

We need a thorough conversion in this points , may God give us grace.

5. Religion of living Faith

Fellow Christian, Satan knows your weakness; therefore cling to Jesus. Abiding in God's love, you may stand every test.

The righteousness of Christ alone can give you power to stand against the tide of evil that is sweeping over the world.

Bring faith into your experience. Faith lightens every burden, relieves every weariness.

Providences that are now mysterious you may solve by continued trust in God. It is when God's people see no way of advance, when the Red Sea is before them and the pursuing army behind, that God bids them go forward.

Thus he tests their faith. When such experiences come to you, go forward, trusting in Christ. Walk by faith in the path he marks out. Trials will come; but go forward.

This will strengthen your faith in God, and fit you for service.

The records of sacred history are written not merely that we might read and wonder, but that the same faith which wrought in God's servants of old may work in us. In no less marked a manner than he wrought then will he work now wherever there are hearts of faith to be channels of his power. {RH, October 30, 1913 par. 12}

- ✚ **Be prayerful:** Neglect of prayer causes the Christian to become weak, to lose self-control, to give rein to impure thoughts and impulses.
- ✚ The Lord will hear and answer the prayer of the Christian physician, and he may reach an elevated standard if he will but lay hold upon the hand of Christ, and determine that he will not let go.
- ✚ Golden opportunities are open to the Christian physician; for he may exert a precious influence upon those with whom he is brought in contact.
- ✚ He may guide and mold and fashion the lives of his patients by holding before them heavenly principles.
- ✚ **Live like Christ lived:** He lived, prayed and thought. COL 139
- ✚ Spent time studying the word of God so that you can have words to speak in season to those who are tempted and weary of sin and its consequences.
- ✚ **Ask for wisdom from God:** The true medical missionary will be wise in the treatment of the sick, using the remedies that Nature provides. And then he will look to Christ as the true Healer of disease. The principles of health reform brought into the life of the patient, the use of Nature's remedies, and the cooperation of divine agencies in behalf of the suffering, will bring success. {LLM 545.2}
- ✚ **Take regular hours of rest:** Of all men, the physician should, as far as possible, take regular hours for rest. This will give him power of endurance to bear the taxing burdens of his work. In his busy life the physician will find that the searching of the Scriptures and earnest prayer will give vigor of mind and stability of character. {SpTB15 12.1}
- ✚ **Be strengthened if you meet bitter disappointments:** *When we have prayed for the recovery of the sick, whatever the outcome of the case, let us not lose faith in God.* If we are called upon to meet bereavement, let us accept the bitter cup, remembering that a Father's hand holds it to our lips. But should health be restored, it should not be forgotten that the recipient of healing mercy is placed under renewed obligation to the Creator. When the ten lepers were cleansed, only one returned to find Jesus and give Him glory. Let none of us be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17. {MH 233.2}

Concluding remark

"The first essential to right giving of our substance is the giving of ourselves. The Lord looks upon the heart. **The heart must be right before the act can be acceptable.** We ourselves are of more value to God than any

material offering we can bring to him. **He wants us.** The devotement of all that we are to God must precede the devotement of all that we have. Persons before possessions. 'And this they did, not as we expected, but first gave their own selves to the Lord.' **'Personal consecration must come before purse,' consecration, self-consecration before wealth consecration.** It is not the gold that sanctifies the temple, but the temple that sanctifies the gold.' This is one point at which the great body of believers need to be put right. We have too 'readily supposed that we have discharged our whole duty and met our obligations when we have made liberal offerings to the Lord. But to give our possessions and not to give our own selves is a very faulty sort of consecration. The giving of money, however much, can never be accepted by God as a substitute for the giving of ourselves. Nor, on the other hand, is our consecration complete if, with the giving of ourselves to Christ, there is no surrender of our property and possessions to him. He who gives himself and does not give his property is dangerously near becoming a follower of Ananias.'" {1920 WWP, TDOC 245.4}