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I Will Go as a Servant!

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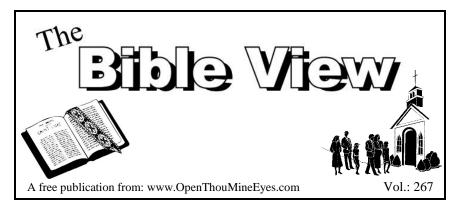
Robert Morrison, the noted missionary to China wrote to his friends in England, asking for an assistant. In response, a young man from the country offered himself. After an interview, the members of the board decided that though he was an earnest Christian he was too rough and unpolished and they gave him this decision; "We do not think you fit to be a missionary, but if you would like to go out as a ser-

vant to the missionary, we will send you."

After hearing this answer, he said, "Well, sir, if the gentlemen don't think me fit to be a missionary, I will go as a servant. I am willing to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, or do anything to help the cause of my Heavenly Master."

He was sent out as a servant, but he soon became a missionary and turned out to be Dr. Milne, one of the best missionaries that ever went to that country.

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Silent under Insult

Alexander Whyte

"It is a mark of the deepest and truest humility," said a great saint, "to see ourselves condemned without cause, and to be silent under it. To be silent under insult and wrong is a very noble imitation of our Lord. O my Lord, when I remember in how many ways Thou didst suffer, who in no way deserved it, I know not where my senses are when I am in such a haste to defend and excuse myself.

"Is it possible I should desire anyone to speak any good of me, or to think it, when so many ill things are thought and spoken of Thee? What about being blamed by all men, if only we stand at last blameless before Thee!"

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:8

"Humility — if you know you have it, then you've lost it!"

Washington's Humility

Watchman-Examiner

A rider on horseback, many years ago, came across a squad of soldiers who were trying to move a heavy piece of timber. A corpo-

ral stood by, giving lordly orders to "heave". The piece of timber was too heavy for the squad to move.



"Why don't you help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse to the supervising soldier.

"Me? Why, I'm a corporal, sir!" he responded.

Dismounting, the stranger carefully took his place with the soldiers. "Now, all together, boys — heave!" he said. The big piece of timber slid into place. The stranger mounted his horse and addressed the corporal.

"The next time you have a piece of timber for your men to handle, corporal, send for the commander-in-chief." The horseman that got down to work with the other soldiers was General George Washington.

He Did Menial Work

Christian Herald

Hsu Chu, a lad of eighteen from a wealthy Chinese family, came to a China Inland Mission hospital to train as a nurse. Elegantly and becomingly clothed, he was a model of Chinese nobility. A few days after he had begun training, the superintendent was called to deal with him.

He had been asked to clean some shoes, and indignantly refused, saying he was a gentleman and a scholar a n d wouldn't do such menial work.

The wise superintendent took the boots and cleaned them herself, while Hsu Chu looked sullenly on. Then leading the lad to the office, she asked him to read for her John's Gospel, chapter 12. When he came to verse 14, his face flushed, and his eyes filled with tears as he laid the Book down, and said, "May Jesus forgive me. He did menial work, too."

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet;

ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15

From that day on, no one scrubbed floors, cleaned shoes, or any other humble task more joyfully than Hsu Chu, who followed in the footsteps of his divine Master.

That God May Have All the Glory

Tom Olson, The Sunday School Times

"I am by birth," said a converted Hindu, when addressing a number of his countrymen, "of an insignificant and contemptible caste; so low, that if a Brahman should chance to touch me. he must go and bathe in the Ganges for the purpose of purification. Yet, God has been pleased to call me not only to a knowledge of the Gospel, but to the high privilege of teaching it to others. My friends, do you know the reason for God's conduct? It is this: if God had selected a learned Brahman and made him the preacher, bystanders might have said it was the amazing learning of the Brahman and his great weight of

"Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:5-7

character that made him a fruitful soul-winner. But now, when anyone is convinced by my instrumentality, no one thinks of ascribing praise to me, and God, as is His due, has all the glory."

Be Clothed with Humility

Dr. A. Simpson

Humility will save you from self-consciousness. It will take away from you the shadow of yourself and the constant sense of your own importance. It will save you from self-assertion and from thrusting your own personality upon the thoughts and attention of others. It will save you from the desire for display, from being prominent, from occupying the center of the stage, from being the object of observation and attention, and having the eyes of the world turned upon you.

Full Heads Bow Lowest

Oliver Branch, Gospel Herald A farmer and his young son went into the wheat fields at harvest As they time. looked across the waving fields of golden grain the boy exclaimed, 'Look, Father, at those wheat heads that hold themselves up

Being a hamble instrument in the hands of our
beavenly Father, I desire
that all my words and acts
may be according to His
will; and that it may be so,
I give thanks to the Al
mighty, and seek His aid."

— Abraham Lincoln

proudly. They must be the ones that are filled with grain, and I would suppose that those with their heads bowed down are of no account."

"How foolish you are, my son!" the farmer said, and taking some of the heads into his hands, he showed the boy that the heads that stood up so proudly had only a few, poor, shriveled grains, or were completely empty; while those that bowed their heads humbly were filled with large, full, golden kernels of wheat.

Why God Chooses Us

Sunday School Times

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary leader, once said, when someone asked him how he was chosen for the work in China; that God chose a little man, so that men might see what a great God we have.

"Humility is an ongoing choice to credit God for the gifts He has given us."

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