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*My Brother's Keeper*

## What Is God Trying To Do?

The Bible describes God as an eternal King: "The Lord is king forever" (Psalm 10:16). It also declares that He is sovereign over all things: "His Kingdom rules over all" (Psalm 103:19). So, from the beginning to the present, God is in full control.

In the operation of his Kingdom God rules by the principle of delegated authority. The central facet of God's grand design is that the crown of creation, human beings, reflect his love. The problem is that all of the descendants of Adam have the same problem as their ancestor—they cannot even be trusted with a piece of fruit! The sin nature with which all are born, and our personal choices of sins, have left the world with a "counterfeit kingdom".

Nonetheless, God is working everyday to effect his plan of salvation in the world. His great heart of Grace rises with the morning sun and He goes forth to redeem the lost world to himself. Whenever He finds someone willing to accept it, God's act of

salvation accomplishes a two-fold purpose:

**1. The sinner is restored to a right relationship with his creator.**

God knew that we were powerless to save ourselves. So, He devised a plan whereby the victory over the counterfeit kingdom would come from him alone. Salvation requires God's action using the depth and power of his greatest attribute – LOVE.

**2. The Believer joins with God in his plan to bless the Nations.**

God said to Abraham, I will make you a great nation, I will bless you and I will make your name great. Not one of these three promises of blessing was intended for Abraham's self-aggrandizement. Salvation accomplishes the two-fold purpose in a singular transaction. This principle still applies to everyone who works within the authentic Kingdom of God. To do otherwise is to remain in the "counterfeit Kingdom".

Haldor Lillenas emigrated to

America in the 1880's. After his family settled in Ore-

gon he studied music and theology at Deets Pacific Bible College in Los Angeles. In 1910 Haldor married Bertha Mae Wilson, a songwriter like himself. At first the couple worked in evangelism and then later in pastoring several churches, all the while continuing to write Christian music. In 1918, needing an instrument on which to compose, Haldor bought an old organ from his neighbor for \$5. The couple edited their first collection of hymns in 1922 and then sold the Copyright for \$5. Haldor used that money to start The Lillenas Music Company which was bought by The Nazarene Publishing Company in 1930.

In his lifetime Haldor Lillenas wrote over 4,000 hymns. One of his best know works is titled "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Composed on that five dollar

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organ, the words and their inspiration teach us the difference between the "counterfeit kingdom" and the authentic Kingdom of God:

*"Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

*Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
all sufficient for me, even me.*

*Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame,  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,  
Praise his name!"*

So, what is God trying to do? Through all who believe God is working "to make his way known upon the earth and his salvation among all the nations" (Psalm 67:2). Your continuing prayers and financial support enables CWO to share the Good News.

Sincerely,  
Clark Ivey, President

*"All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you."*

– Matthew 28:18-20

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In a lake near Bruhl, Germany IMB Missionary Steven Jett (far left) and Bible Seminary Bonn student Dennis Wiens (third from right) prepare to baptize new Christians on May 22, 2011. In June, 2009, a CWO Mission Team helped the Jett's prepare for a new church plant in Bruhl by prayer walking and making demographic studies of the neighborhoods. Please remember to pray for CWO as we continue networking for discipleship in the US (Georgia, Wyoming) and other countries of the world (Germany, Spain, Sierra Leone, South Africa and The Phillipines).

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# Attempt Great Things for Who?

By Dr. Sam Cash

“Expect great things: attempt great things.”

Originally spoken in his sermon to the Baptist Association meeting in Northampton, England, May 30, 1792, William Carey, the “father” of the modern missionary movement, used the citation to urge his Baptist colleagues to enter the missionary enterprise. It formed the twofold division of his sermon, framing the challenge he set before them. Today, we see the quote paraphrased often as “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”

I believe this admonition is extremely relevant for today. Isn't the single-most important focus for believers today to attempt great things for the cause of Christ? There might be a hindrance, however; attempting great things for God elicits the common inclination to focus on accomplishments. The pride slips in – “Look what I have done.” We may get impatient – “I've done all the right things.” Even material gain enters the picture – “If we attempt this, we will certainly get

more results and we can do more stuff.”

When attempting great things for the cause of Christ, let's be careful to observe our motives and attitudes. These reveal a good deal about our relationship with the Lord and whether we are motivated spiritually rather than fleshly. Here are some wise things to consider about the things we attempt:

## **1. The ways of success should not be reduced to a formula.**

Dependence on past successes leads to an independent spirit, rather than a dependent spirit where you are looking to God for purpose and direction.

## **2. When we mimic the successful strategies of others, we eliminate our need to be problem-solvers, to think reflectively, and to look for solutions from the Lord.**

Be the person God made you to be. You are more effective when you share from your heart rather than using a formula that someone else has used with success. Have we not forgotten that we

are fearfully and wonderfully made and that God knows the plans He has for us?

## **3. God is more concerned about our character than our accomplishments.**

Accomplishments are outward, character is inward. If you see someone attempting great things for the cause of Christ, check to see if it comes from inward motivation or from the desire to be in a position of being noticed by others.

## **4. Experiencing failure does not mean we are not accomplishing something.**

When we gain a holistic view of our life and when we do not compartmentalize our faith, then every component of life with its attempts and accomplishments and failures comes under the Lordship of Christ. As expressed in Romans 8:29, we are being conformed to the likeness of Christ.

Expect great things and keep on attempting great things for the cause of Christ!

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*“All Christians ought heartily to concur with God in promoting his glorious designs, for he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.”*

– William Carey (1792)

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