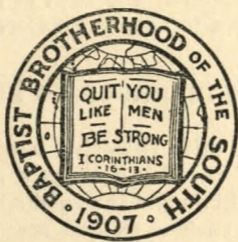


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A Study Course for Men  
 - - in - -  
 Stewardship and  
 Missions



"STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF  
 APPROVED UNTO GOD."  
 II TIM. II:15

"Giving all diligence, add to your faith  
 virtue; and to virtue knowledge."  
 —II Peter 1:5.

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## TWO-FOLD NEED

A thoughtful writer has said that the need of laymen is "a deep spiritual life instructed in the things of God." The heart needs to be warmed and the head informed. The saying of the prophet to Israel is in large measure applicable to laymen today: "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint." The trouble is compound, but not complex; in treating one, we indirectly help the other. A deepening of spirituality creates a thirst for knowledge of the Kingdom; a growth in spiritual knowledge is conducive to deeper consecration.

## GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING

Recognizing this two-fold need, the Baptist Brotherhood of the South urges a daily devotional reading of the Bible and the reading of the denominational paper each week and month. The object of this leaflet, however, is to stress the importance of a study of stewardship and missions by the laymen, and to outline a course of study.

## TURN ON THE LIGHT

Those who know most of God's will and the achievements of the Kingdom, other things being equal, are the people most deeply interested in the progress of the Kingdom. The Lord's work will stand investigation; we can afford to "turn on the light." If a christian man is not "up" on Missions, he is likely to be "down" on Missions. The christian who keeps himself informed regarding the marvelous triumphs of the Gospel is usually hearty and generous in his support of Kingdom enterprises.

Course of study includes books on the following subjects:

- (1) Stewardship.
- (2) Church Efficiency.
- (3) Scriptural Finance.
- (4) The Deacon.
- (5) Home Missions.
- (6) Foreign Missions.

While the teacher and class may adopt the book they prefer, the following are suggested.

(1) "The Larger Stewardship" (Cook); "Christian Stewardship" (Cox); "The Stewardship of Life" (Agar).

(2) "This Is My Church" (Brown); "The Efficient Church" (Dobbins).

(3) "Financing a Church" (Henderson); "Stewardship Applied in Church Finance" (Lawrence).

(4) "The Office of Deacon" (Henderson); "Honoring the Deaconship" (Burroughs).

(5) "The New Challenge of Home Missions" (Alldredge); "Heart of Home Missions" (Lawrence).

(6) "Today's Supreme Challenge to America" (Love); "Only a Missionary" (Ray).

The teacher and class will know of other good books on each subject and they may feel free to select any one of them. Those above have the full approval, however, of the Baptist Brotherhood.

## AWARDS

While it is considered best to study the books in the order in which they appear in the course outlined above, a certificate with one seal will be awarded on the completion of any one of the books announced. As the other books are taken, an additional seal will be affixed for each book. There will also be a seal for those who agree to tithe.

## CONDITIONS OF GRANTING AWARDS

The laymen are not required to take a formal examination; business men might be averse to such a requirement, and besides it is thought that the following is a more satisfactory plan: Let every applicant make the statement that he has read the book at least once carefully, has attended the class meetings and has participated in the discussions. When it is impracticable for a layman to attend every class meeting, a teacher may issue the certificate if he has attended at least half the class discussions and the teacher is convinced that he has mastered the book. The certificate and seals may be furnished by the South Wide or State Headquarters; each certificate, however, will carry the signatures of the officials of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, as well as those of the State leaders.

## WHEN TAKE THIS COURSE

The pastor, as the leader of the church, may suggest a suitable time in connection with the regular activities of the church. Either he or a capable layman should be teacher. This class might meet on Sunday evening prior to the regular worship, or on Wednesday evening in advance of the prayer meeting. In connection with a training school under the auspices of the Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. leaders, at least one class of men should take a book in this course. A Church School for the study of Stewardship and Missions by all classes of the membership is the ideal. The details are left to the wisdom of the pastor and laymen in the local church