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INTRODUCTION

1. This dean of personal workers, Andrew, could be described as a "go-getter." It may be that some are not familiar with this kind of terminology in describing a personal worker. What is a "go-getter?" A "go-getter" is:
 1. A man who stops at nothing. In order to attain his ends he will remove mountains, cross oceans, turn the world inside out. *see matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6*
 2. A "go-getter" is a man who goes and gets what he desires. He does not give up under the guise that it is too costly. He wants it; he gets it.
 3. Finally, a "go-getter" is a man who can set a city on fire while others are stumbling around look for a match.
 4. Andrew, the brother of Peter, was such a man. John 1:40-42

THREE INITIAL STEPS TO THE GOLDEN THRONE OF SUCCESSFUL PERSONAL WORK

2. There are no short "cuts" that lead to a successful personal work. It is often a long, dreary, discouraging road over which we travel. We find ourselves confronted with the decision of whether to turn back or continue. The faint-hearted turn back. The three steps we all must climb to successful work are:
 1. COME AND SEE John 1:38, 39
 1. "Where dwellest (Livest) thou?" the two disciples asked. Jesus answered, "Come and see."
 - (1) "They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day." John 1:39
 - (2) We do not know the conversation that took place in that short visit with Jesus, but we do know that the visit with Christ sent Andrew out looking for his brother, Peter.
 2. To know Jesus well enough to sell him to some one else we are going to have to do some "come and see" work ourselves.
 3. GO AND SEE Mark 6:38
 1. This was on that occasion when Jesus fed the 5000 with the five loaves and two fishes.
 - (1) This was that time when of the great and hungry multitude Jesus had said to the disciples, "Give ye them to eat." Mark 6:37
 - (2) This command of Jesus "Give ye them to eat," caused great consternation and even confusion among the disciples. Shall we buy bread? It would take two hundred penny worth! Who has that much money? It was then that Jesus said, "Go and see."
 2. When they had settled down and were willing to "go and see" they found:
 - (1) A small boy who was willing to surrender his lunch that others might eat.
 - (2) How many of us are willing to surrender a lunch, or anything else that we would have to give up, that others might see and know Jesus?
 3. COME AND DINE John 21:1-13; Luke 5:1-11
 1. A nights fruitless toil had left them weary and discouraged. "We have toiled all night and have taken nothing," Peter said to Jesus. Luke 5:5
 2. But Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets." Luke 5:4
 3. Then Peter added, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." Luke 5:6
 1. We are afraid to "launch out into the deep."
 2. We like to wade around the edges of the deep. We do not like to get involved in the deep above the knees. Getting involved in the deep just could require some swimming: extra effort, extra money.
 4. The appearance of Jesus on the beach turned disaster and defeat in to triumph.
 - (1) Jesus kindled a fire and invited them to breakfast, COME AND DINE, and at that fire they discovered new strength which would, and did enable them to meet the demands of the future. They now have the strength, courage, and zeal necessary to a successful program of work for the Lord.

WHAT "COME AND SEE," "GO AND SEE," AND "COME AND DINE" MEANS

1. "Come and see" means to enroll in God's school.
2. "Go and see" means active and successful participation in every phase of God's School-church.
3. "Come and dine" means to graduate into a higher service on the basis of successful activity and completion of all work leading to a higher degree. We have a diploma, we are now ready for heaven itself.

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(1) The observance of Sabbath on the seventh day of the week is a commandment of God, and one of the principles of His Kingdom.

2. We are to keep the Sabbath day holy, and to abstain from all worldly pleasures and business on that day.

3. The Sabbath is a day of rest and refreshment, and is to be kept as a memorial of our redemption from Egypt.

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THE FIRST CHAPTER OF JOHN

This chapter is one among the famous personal work chapters of the Bible. Acts chapter 9 would be another great account of personal work being done: Paul starting on his great work, and Dorcas' example of a great personal work. There are three "findeths" in the first chapter of John. They are:

1. Andrew findeth his own brother Simon, or Peter. Verse 41. That was a truly great find.
2. Jesus findeth Philip, and sayeth unto him, Follow me. Verse 43.
3. Philip findeth Nathanel. Verse 45.

THREE THINGS THAT MADE ANDREWS PERSONAL WORK SUCCESSFUL . They are:1. A GREAT DISCOVERY. "We have found the Messiah." John 1:40-42

1. They had been looking for him. It was not an accidental discovery.

1. If we would find Christ, we must be looking for him, preparing for him.
2. When the fire from heaven descends upon the sacrifice to consume it, it does so because:

(1) The prophet had previously prepared the altar, and set the wood in order, and laid the sacrifice on the wood. 1 King 18:30-39

2. We cannot be content in simply knowing about Christ. Such is not to FIND the Messiah. To really discover him we must:

1. Learn to know him as the Son of God, the Lamb of God.
2. We must know him as a friend in sickness and sorrow and death. We must know him as the one who points us through death to life eternal. Then we will have made the GREAT DISCOVERY of the Messiah.
3. Anything short of this great discovery of the Messiah is but a shortlived opiates of an hour...affording us a little ease on the road to death.

2. A GREAT ENTHUSIASM. "He findeth first his own brother Simon." John 1:40-42

1. Andrew does not dream of keeping his great discovery to himself. His first thought is to tell some one else; in this instance his brother Simon.

2. He did not delay the matter by "putting it off" to another day...He started at once to spread the good tidings.

3. Andrew did not wait until the Master of personal workers, Jesus the Christ, gave him a full training course, supplied with him with two or three slide projectors, and some books on "How To Do Personal Work." He got up and started with imperfect knowledge.

1. With all of the equipment, slide projectors, movie cameras, books on personal work, nearly everything but the Bible, we say is needed to day, we have just about frightened people away from doing any personal work at all.

3. A GREAT SERVICE. "He brought him to Jesus." John 1:40-42

1. This was the kindest, and the greatest service that any one could do for another. You say, "I could work like that too if I were Andrew."

1. Andrew was no genius, he was just an ordinary man. As we read of Andrew he must have been more like the one-talented men who really use their one talent.

(1) God does not want us to fill any other man's place, or to do any other man's work.

(2) God wants us to improve our own opportunity with the possessions and the powers that he has given us.

(3) God asks no one of us to do more than this, nor has any one of us a right to do less.

THREE REMARKABLE QUALITIES IN THE LIFE OF THIS ORDINARY MAN: ANDREW .

1. Some one has said there is a reason for every success as well as a reason for every failure. Consider three necessary qualities to insure success:

1. COURAGE

1. Courage is that boldness that initiates, or takes the first step. We speak of:

1. Taking the first step, breaking the ice, shooting Niagara.

2. It takes real courage to take the first step forward, where none has gone before, of which none can foretell the consequences.

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THREE REMARKABLE QUALITIES, Continued:2. SYMPATHY

1. Andrew had the SYMPATHY which caused him to meditate.
2. The sympathy that Andrew had might be described as "Conductivity" of men in that such sympathy draws others together.
3. Andrew's sympathy did not take the form of "self-pity." His sympathy was the good kind...The sympathy that gets great things done for others...and by others.
4. What was his first impulse?:
 1. It was not the establishment of his own position with the Christ he had discovered.
 2. It was not the proclamation, or shouting from the house tops the nature of his GREAT DISCOVERY.
 3. His first impulse did not turn in toward self, or self-seeking in any, even in its highest, form.

3. HUMILITY

1. Courage and sympathy initiates communication with others. While humility obliterates self. Andrew had this qualitative humility. Consider his position:
 1. Andrew had been the disciple of John the Baptist. It would be within reason to think that Andrew had profited greatly by John's great lesson, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30
 2. Andrew had been one of the first called Apostles. He brought Peter to Christ. So it may be truly said:
 - (1) The world knows nothing of its greatest benefactors. WHY?
 - (2) They are lost in their work...they are lost behind others for their humility in their great work has put Christ first, all others second, and themselves last.
 3. So in this unique man, there was unique glory, the result of the three unique elements in his life: (1) Courage; (2) Sympathy; (3) Humility. These three elements in one's life will make tha one like Andrew.

THREE EXAMPLES OF ANDREW'S SPECIAL PERSONAL WORK

1. His great work in bringing his brother Peter to the Lord. John 1:41
 1. His work coupled with his brother Peter's work was so great that a city, Bethsaida, was spoken of as "The city of Andrew and Peter." John 1:44
2. Andrew discovers the lad with the loaves and fishes. John 6:1-14
 1. There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? John 6:9
 - (1) Other disciples stood round about regretting their inability to feed the crowd.
 - (2) Andrew was investigating the position when he discovered a small boy with a lunch in his hand.
 - (3) Andrew and this small boy pooled their resources, and with the help of Jesus they fed a multitude.
3. Andrew is called to introduce the strangers to Christ. John 12:20-22
 1. Philip seemd puzzled about the matter and set out to tell Andrew. These men were Gentiles.
 - (1) What do you think Andrew about introducing these Gentiles to Christ.
 2. We see their wisdom. Maybe they reason that two heads were better than one.
 1. They took their request to Jesus.
 2. It is not known whether or not the request of these men to see Jesus was granted.
 3. We have every reason to think that it was. For Jesus had said, in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PERSONAL WORK

1. See the life story of Dorcas in Acts 9:36-43

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