

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO

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2 KINGS 4:1-7

LUKE 17:11-14

ACTS 27:21-26

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Sketches from the Life of Paul, 267.1

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Sketches from the Life of Paul, 267.1

God's promises are conditional. In order to make it possible for Him to bless us, we must do our part. We cannot expect that all His blessings will come to us naturally, if we fold our hands in inactivity.

TWO EXTREMES

Herein is revealed the outworking of the **divine principle of co-operation**, without which no true success can be attained. Human effort avails nothing without divine power; and without human endeavor, divine effort is with **many of no avail**. To make God's grace our own, we must act our part. His grace is given to work in us to will and to do, but **never as a substitute for our effort**.

Prophets and Kings, 486.3

Prayer and effort, effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. **You must pray as though the efficiency and praise were all due to God, and labor as though duty were all your own.** If you want power you may have it, as it is awaiting your draft upon it. Only believe in God, take Him at His word, act by faith, and blessings will come.

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 4, 538.2

WHAT DOES GOD DO?

- ▶ What we can't.

WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT US TO DO?

- ▶ What we can.

I saw evil angels contending for souls, and angels of God resisting them. The conflict was severe. Evil angels were corrupting the atmosphere with their poisonous influence, and crowding about these souls to stupefy their sensibilities. Holy angels were anxiously watching and waiting to drive back Satan's host. **But it is not the work of good angels to control the minds of men against their will.**

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 1, 345.2

If they yield to the enemy, and make no effort to resist him, then the angels of God can do but little more than hold in check the host of Satan, that they shall not destroy, until further light be given to those in peril, to move them to arouse and look to heaven for help. **Jesus will not commission holy angels to extricate those who make no effort to help themselves.**

Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. **Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians.** They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now **choose** to be Christians.

Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith.

Steps to Christ, 48.1

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