

Life Lessons

In Touch and Out of Step

Solomon wrote: ***“He that walks with wise men shall be wise” (Prov. 13:20).*** Hebrews 11 speak of great men and women of faith ***“of whom the world was not worthy,”*** nevertheless as an act of God’s great grace, they were given to the world as servants of God and reflections of His glory. Such a person was Amy Carmichael (1867-1951). The reports that flowed from her work, particularly in India were such that many responded by saying, “Such things simply cannot be!” But, they were!

Here are just a few of the unbelievable facts about her ministry at as missionary.

- She never asked for financial support, yet every need was met on time.
- When people offered to sponsor her work she suggested other ministries.
- She frequently risked imprisonment to rescue children sold into temple prostitution – boys and girls – many as young as seven.
- Though she was a virtual invalid for the last twenty years of her life, she continued to direct her ministry from her bedside.
- Her missionary associates earned no salary and yet she rejected many of the numerous applicants as a result of the Lord’s leadership in her prayer life.
- Miraculous moments of protection and provision were as common in her ministry as in the Acts of the Apostles in the N.T.
- She authored thirty-five books, still stirring the hearts of many today.

We can learn much from her application of John 15:7 in trusting God to meet their needs. ***“(1) We don’t need to explain to our Father things that are known to Him. (2) We don’t need to press Him, as if we had to deal with an unwilling God. (3) We don’t need to suggest to Him what to do, for He Himself knows what to do.”***

So then what is left? In prayer, praise the burden-bearer do not rehash the burden. Make yourself available to Him who will always make you able to do what He calls you to do. Dare to take God at His Word. Dare to sacrifice in service. Dare to be in touch with Him even if it means being out of step with others.