

# Report of Visits to Prisons Hospitals Homes

by Frank Knox

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*Frank Knox's sermon challenges believers to examine their spiritual lives and actively engage in serving others while maintaining a close relationship with God.*

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## Description

In this sermon transcript, the speaker emphasizes the importance of actively spreading the word of God. They mention their husband's joy in evangelizing and visiting 20,000 houses. The speaker criticizes engaging in recreational activities that they deem as a waste of time and not beneficial for the soul. They also mention the consolation and secret things of God, questioning their significance. The sermon concludes with a reminder to be proactive in sharing the message of God and preparing for His coming.

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## Transcript

Two verses only, 15th chapter of Job, verse 11. Are the consolations of God small with thee? Is there any secret thing with thee? I don't thine heart shudder thee away, One part to the night's winter. Somebody says, I wonder what he's going to preach about, so do I. Three hundred and twenty questions in the book of Job, the best way to find that out is to go home and count them.

I did that once when I asked the doctor, will you allow me to read a little, he said, what is a little? Oh, that's not much. So when I got on my way I read the first part of Job before dinner and the other part afterwards. Three hundred and twenty questions.

In various parts of the Bible, particularly the prophecy of Isaiah, you get four questions asked in quick succession. But this is the only place in the Bible that I know of where you get four questions in quick succession, the one answering the other. That is, the second one answering the first one, and the fourth one answering the third one.

You didn't notice that because you were too big a hurry. And for a few moments only, I'm not going to say how long, but I do say I won't be long. As you will see, I'll keep my promise.

I will apply these questions to all of us in the meeting tonight, myself included. Are the contradictions of God small with you? Are you as happy in your soul as you used to be? Do you still enjoy reading the Holy

Scriptures and speaking to the Lord in prayer? I'm not asking you, are you doing that? I'm taking that for granted. But I'm asking you, are you enjoying you doing that? If not, you ought to be.

And it certainly isn't the Lord's fault, it must be yours. There may be a fly in the ointment some place it wears a nasty smell. Or there may be a little fox in some place about your home.

I want to ask you kindly, as one who would like to see it doing well spiritually, and living for Christ in a dark, doomed world like this. And now is the time, and this is the occasion, it will soon be over. Are the contradictions of God small with you? Are you living right at home in your own house? I'm not right there, I'm not right any place.

Are you a good neighbour? Do they know where to go when they want advice or a little help? Did you ever visit them? You take it from one that knows there's nothing that'll be a blessing to your soul Let's try and visit sick people, cross people, people that's angry with you. Get in and don't go out until you pray with them. I did that this afternoon.

Now, are the contradictions of God small with you? Tell me this, are you thinking about giving up the Sunday school class? I said that in some place, I think it was a tent. And the lady come and said, who told you Mr Knox? Nobody told me, I don't want any of you to tell me anything. No.

Are you thinking about giving up the Sunday school class? Are you? The Lord never put that in his head. No. Is there something else taking the place? What are you reading? Do you look to read the Bible? Do you like to talk to Jesus? You do so.

But I feel with many of God's people, I'm sure of it, without going any further than we are, what peaceful hours I once enjoyed, how sweet the memories stay, that they have left an aching void the world can never fill. No, the world never can fill an aching void in the heart of a believer where they've been living carelessly, carelessly, thoughtlessly. Are you good gossip? You're certainly not a happy man or woman, there's no question about that.

But the danger is you can get used to the things so that you're doing it unconsciously, let me ask you again. For I won't belong at the consolation of God's small willy. Do you really long to get along with the blessed Lord Himself? There is absolutely no substitution.

All the conflict in the world won't take the place of a little talk with Jesus. How it surely helps me onward when I'm ashamed beneath the Lord, when the heart is crushed with sorrow, and the eyes with tears are dimmed, does not can help me onward like a little talk with Him. I often feel impatient and I'm on His long delay.

I never can be settled while He remains away, but He answers me so sweetly in tones of tenderness. Lord, I'm coming soon to take Thee from my happy home above. Ah, this is what I'm wanting, this blessed face to see.

And I'm not ashamed to say it, for I know He's wanting me. He gave His life for ransom to make me all His own. And it's time for His promise to me, this precious one.

Do you like to talk to Jesus, Mother? Do you pray with your children, Mother? So, then you're not a good mother. And don't you get it into your foolish head that a good mother is a mother that gives her children all at once. You're not a good mother, you're very foolish.

No. My advice to you, and most of you know, I'm not an old bachelor, nor a young one either. I want to tell you, there's nothing I'd be more blessing to, and your family, to go and put your hand on a little head or on a little shoulder, and say, God save this little boy.

God save this little girl. And save them while they're young, and save them from a wicked world, and save them from hell. Do you pray with your children? Do you, Father? No, you are not a good father.

The next one is a consolation of God's memory. Any secret thing with you? Coming over the border once, the inspector said, Anything in your pockets? I said, yes, sir. What else, sir? Plenty of money.

Anything dutiful? No, sir, I've nothing dutiful. Would you like to check my pockets? He said, no, I wouldn't like to. You don't need to check your pockets.

I'd like a little gospel book. You know what a kind of a man he was, and he took it. But thank God he took it.

Are you afraid of the overseers finding out something about you? Are you not getting one well in your assembly? Is there any secret thing with you? Are the consolations of God small with you? God doesn't intend it to be that. He tends you to be a happy Christian, enjoy God's salvation on the road to heaven, and be attached to all the poor sinners by the very fact that you live. Are the consolations of God small with you? You don't get encouragement now reading the Bible? No.

You're not thinking about what you're reading? No. There's something annoying you today. Could you put that thing right? Could you not try to put it right? No.

Well, couldn't you ask the blessed God to open up the way for you to get it put right for you're not enjoying God and His Word in some degree? You're not a happy Christian, and likely you won't be a blessing to anyone. You may be a stumbling block to somebody. Are the consolations of God small with you? Any secret thing with you? Any letters in your house that somebody else sent to you whenever they were in a bad temper? Torn up.

Torn up as quick as you can. Very pleased for it. Do you do that? I do.

Ah, it's these little, it's these little things that does the harm. You know, you might have one of the best shoes in the city of Belfast on your foot, and there might be a little bit of a nail in it. That's the trouble.

My dear brethren and sisters in Christ, specifically tell me, are you young people keeping company with an unconverted person? Whenever you say it's your fault, you ought to get on all right. I said in a conference way down County Antrim in the tent, I said, are you keeping company with an unsaved young man? Or are you keeping company with an unsaved young woman? I said, if you are, God break your legs for you. And a lady came to me at the basis, really Mr. Knox, did you mean that? I certainly did.

What should I, little man broken legs in hospitals and never can amend a blasted life. And an equal youth, married and equal youth, make a blasted life that you'll probably never recover that may ask you again of the consolation of God. Small with ease.

Is there any secret thing with you? What have you got in your pockets? Some of you will say, it's none of your business. Well, believe it or not, no. Put in an ice-breaker.

All right. Little things you know that you wouldn't do after God saved you. Your conscience was clean and fresh and tender.

You wouldn't do them then. Do you do them now? God's Word hasn't changed and God's grace hasn't changed. I'm only trying to encourage you to get down to fast tonight that you and I may get our souls restored and be happier believers in what we are and always ready to run to do something for the blessed Lord Jesus Christ by night or by day.

Brethren, time is short was written to the epistles of Indians. We haven't long to stay. There'll be no sick people to visit in heaven.

The judgment seat of Christ is not a place for to put things right and to make adjustments. Now is the time and this is the place for whenever you breathe your last, your britches are closed on us never to be opened again until the judgment seat of Christ where we must all be appealed or manifested as a better world. Anybody here not spiritual now? You used to.

You used to be happy in your soul as everybody knew it. What's the secret thing with you? Ah, you get rid of that tonight. You get rid of it before you sleep.

I remember speaking on this verse another place and the next day, no, the next day but one, I got a letter from a young woman, never seen her, don't know her, like they never will. She said, dear Mother Knox, I don't know you, but I was in the tent on Saturday when you were speaking on Job 15 and she said, I went home immediately and broke off all my adjustments with an ungodly young man. Could you do that? Are you sure you're mentally great? Can you keep company with an unconverted young man or woman with the object in getting married? I say again, God break your leg for you.

And you do that. He loves you too well to go on that way. The other woman referred to, she didn't get her legs broke, but she fell off her bicycle and broke her arm.

She said, Mother Knox, the Lord wasn't as hard on me as what you would be, but you see, I've got my soul restored anyway. And she gave up an ungodly young man. Now then, are the consolations of God small with you? Is there any secret thing with you? There should be nothing secret, neither in the home nor in the pocket of a child of God.

I should always be ready for anybody to come and search my pocket or search my home. You can do it, but I'll do yours in return. I don't run to the door to hide something when I see a preacher come in.

No, no. Now then, are the consolations of God small with you? Pity, pity, pity, terrible pity. Is there any secret thing with you? Get rid of it, get rid of it, get rid of it.

Wait till I find how to carry you away. What do you mean to wink at? I say, you can wink at things now. You couldn't wink at after God saved you.

Your conscience was more tender then than it is now. What a pity. Only one life it will soon be past.

Look at little lady Fluffy whose life was full of trouble and then end up in a mental home. Only one life it will soon be past. And only what's done for Christ will last.

And I've got a long to do, and a short. And how many of us may be in our last conference in the city of Belfast. We thank you for the conference.

We thank God for good meetings. We thank God for a good report. But, there was just one thing wrong with the report meeting.

Do you know what it was? They didn't leave me any room at all. God bless them everyone. Now, I'm going to see the Mass on you all.

And I know my brethren will forgive me. And I know if they don't, the Lord will. What is it? I'm going to take you 10 minutes to tell you that I was in jail 17 times during the year.

That meant that about twice two persons each time was looking for prisoners. And my, I tell you, you go in there and you talk to young people. Rare, rare in a Christian home.

You Christian parents will you in God's name go in for the salvation of this family. If you not, do not. You're losing your life.

And it may be the lady of school, their child that you adore for not been right with them. I was in jail 17 times. Thankful to get in and thankful to get out.

And whenever I get in, they're very, very simple to me, the wardens. And they help me every way they can. If I'm in with a bad case, the warden stays with me.

If it's only a mental case, they watch me through the door. And I always, before I get down to pray with them, never leave without praying. By all means.

I always offer them a little bouquet. The wardens and the prisoners. Now then, the reason I do that is if the warden refuses a bouquet, then I know he's a Catholic.

And when they get down to pray, I pray a whole lot of things about what St. Peter said. And he's bound to take it in. 1 Peter 2, 24, 3, 18, 1, 18.

That's the way you get the Gospel into him. And he has to listen to you, whether or not. I was in the hospitals.

We had 17 hospitals in Belfast. And 3,000 people waiting on the bed. So you didn't rush it.

And I went in. I had 66 visits to the hospitals. Different days and different times.

That meant about over 90 patients. Then all my work during the year, nearly all, was speaking to believers, Bible services, prayer meetings, and five weeks in Cumber, a week in Lourdes. Helping God's people and a little small assembly that are being rejected.

And then in my spare time I visited 20,000 houses. You all hear that? Some of you say, how do you do it? How do you do anything? You just begin. If you don't begin, you'll not go on.

And if you don't go on, you'll not get finished. So you just begin and go on and get finished. And I want to tell you, it means a whole lot to my health to get walking up and down the back streets of Belfast, the Lord said, go down the low, give them a little bootcage.

I was at 20,000 houses. It's real good Christian recreation because it's not only good for your body, it's good for your soul as well. It makes you happy.

You'll always meet somebody that longs to be sold, as I did today. You'll always meet somebody that's able to help in some little way. Keep 20 of tax in your pocket.

And keep two or three for the Lord's dear people. And keep some for the children as you go along. And try and get something done for God and eternity, for the Lord's coming dear.

Let us be open like a drum and a cymbal. Time to start the week and it'll never be back again. So, in my spare time, I visited 20,000 houses.

Splendid recreation and certainly much better and more profitable than going down a big tree with a big stick beating a wee ball. That's what a child would do. Now, that's not for the child of God on the road to heaven at all.

It's wasted time. And if you come under the heading of bad at the judgment feet of Christ, 2 Corinthians 5.10, though bad means nothing at all to do with no guilt that's settled forever. But it means bad, rubbishy.

There was nothing in it for Christ before His glory. I'm going to sit down now because I believe in keeping the promise of the consolation of God small with ease. Is there any secret thing with ease? What did the eyes wink at? Why does the heart carry the way and conclusion of this? God bless you.

I stepped off the bus at Cumming Square the other day and on the wall were sitting two big, big, duffy corner boys. I had a good idea of where they went on Sunday. So I went right over and I looked right in their face and I think, you know, the trouble is they all take me to be a priest now.

And they squared themselves up a little bit and I said, I'm going to say a thing that you never heard in your life before. And they looked at me and said, what is it? I said, God bless you. And they went on the bus and left.

It was like that too, on the wall.

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