

EULOGY FOR MY GRANDFATHER REVEREND C. C. CUTRIGHT

It seems altogether fitting and proper for some good things to be said about Rev. C.C. Cutright at such a time and place as this. Not that he needs them to be said, for his true Christian character and wonderful spirit spoke more truth during his lifetime than you or I could ever think to say if we dared to try.

No, he does not need kind words to be said for him, but perhaps it is we who need to say them and to hear them said. For the adage is true that we do not fully appreciate the things which we enjoy until they are taken away or are no longer with us. So, if for no other reason than this, it is necessary for us to recall some of Rev. Cutright's traits of character.

But there is a more worthy and more rewarding motive for recalling the character of this great man. The apostle Paul had a similar motive when in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews he recalled the heroes of the faith from Abraham and Moses down to his day. Paul pointed out in each life that persons unwavering faith in Almighty God, and how God used that person to proclaim the greatness and goodness of a loving Father. As Paul recalls each one of these heroes he recalls the reason for their being included in this list, and what great things God did with and through them.

This is the motive which should be ours today—to recall the things that made Reverend Cutright a man of God, and to seek to make these things a part of our own lives with a prayer to God that we will be faithful as he was faithful.

And this was the secret of his life—he had great faith in God. My first ~~an~~and most lasting impression of my grandfather was this—here is a man who knows God and loves Him, one who has faith in Him! He accepted God's word by faith, and by faith in God he lived out that faith.

This was another thing that made him worthy of our remembrance—he loved God's word and studied it diligently, making it a part of his daily life. You didn't talk to Reverend Cutright for very long without getting around to a discussion of the Scriptures. And when he talked, you could tell that he loved his Bible—God's word, and he knew that every word of it was true.

One of the most important secrets of his life was prayer. He was more than “on speaking terms” with God. He knew God and communed with him as friend with friend.

So here are the things that made Reverend Cutright a great man—a deep and abiding faith in God, a love for and a knowledge of His Holy Word, and an effective prayer life. Is this not an accurate description of the Christian life lived to the fullest? How would you measure up if your life were placed alongside that of Reverend Cutright's? For after all, the old saying is true whether we want to admit it or not, “Only what's done for Christ will last.

What better tribute could be paid to Reverend Cutright than for his children, his children's children, and for all who knew him to follow in his steps: to love God, to love His word, and to seek to serve him all their days. I feel sure that this would mean more to him than any flowery speeches, any material tribute that we could erect in his memory. May God grant this to be so of each of us, and may we seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we do that which we know to be right.

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