

Business Cares: How Carey Paid Expenses

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A characteristic incident is told about Dr. Carey, the pioneer missionary in India, who, before he left this country, was a shoemaker, or, rather, as he himself put it, a cobbler. He used to go about from village to village preaching, for his soul was filled with the love of God. One day a friend came to him and said: "Mr. Carey, I want to speak to you very seriously." "Well," said Carey, "What is it?" The friend replied, "By your going about preaching as you do you are neglecting your business. If you only attended to your business more you would be all right, and would soon get on and prosper, but as it is you are simply neglecting your business."

"Neglecting my business," said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses." --Gospel Herald