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These are two articles I wrote awhile again that I wanted to share.

Hearts of love and eyes with tears

In the day and age in which we live we have a great deal of things. Many of us have nice jobs which provide for our nice homes and our nice cars. We have lovely little churches on every corner that work tirelessly to accommodate our weekly social needs. Yet in a day of such physical prosperity, there is much spiritual bankruptcy. How many of those who go to church on Sunday are also at the club on Fridays? Let us get honest. We have hearts of sin and eyes of lust but I am telling you that the Lord is calling us to have hearts of love and eyes with tears!

Jesus wept over that which He loved and He weeps for us today because we are not weeping for ourselves. How can it be that our hearts are not in torments living in this mad world where the single greatest threat to an unborn child is its own parents? How do our hearts not ache over the thousands of souls who have yet come to even an understanding of the gospel? May our hearts fill with the love of God and may our eyes flow with the tears of God! May we be the open channel in which God can transform the world! I have soaked myself in many tears in public and private. Even while preaching open air I have cried in front of those perishing souls who are heading for the wrath of a Holy God. But it is going to take more! Forgive me for being the one who says it but whatever we have been doing hasn't been working.

In the early days of the Salvation Army certain women tried everything they could and labored every way they knew how to until they finally were on the verge of quitting their work all together. Then William Booth sent them two words: "Try tears." They did and they saw revival. Church lets try the one thing we haven't yet tried. Lets finally do the one thing we've been avoiding. Let's try tears. Wake up! Is it possible that the only reason your own neighborhood is going to hell is because you've been sleeping when you should have been weeping? Come on let us answer the question.

Make sure you hear me correctly: if anyone should have secrets it's Christians. Let the hypocritical showmen do as they please parading themselves all around. They have their reward. But let us live secret lives of prayer which is known only to God. It is the private prayers of the Saints and not the public ministries of the showmen that deliver souls from death. I don't believe in making promises that I can not keep and neither does God. You have God's promise that if you show in tears, you will reap in joy. Let's take God up on the deal.

The Burden of the Lord

"We want people that God can share His burdens with. O, roll your burden on the Lord. Who does He roll His burdens on?....Get to the place where you say 'God what's your burden for me in life?' Leonard Ravenhill. If any disciple does not ask our Lord this question then his discipleship is in question. I asked the Lord this question numerous times and I continually received the same answer. "Preach the gospel."

Do you know what the Lord's burden is for you in your life? What are you going to work for? Like the scripture says "what is your life?" The fire is going to try every believer's works. I had a thought once while I was on a plane looking out on all the houses. How many of us only work for money, for a nice home, for a nice car, for nice things? When the fire comes to these things I guarantee they are going to burn and many will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the life they have wasted. Maybe the one thing the church has forgotten is eternity. In the site of eternity is what you're laboring for going to matter? Do the angels get excited about what you're doing?

Can the Lord give you His burdens or do you just shove them back at Him? The Lord was able to share them with His prophets. It says "The burden of the Lord came to... (Nahum 1:1, Habakkuk 1:1, Malachi 1:1, Zechariah 9:1, KJV) Has the burden of the Lord come to you? Have you tossed and turned and sweated at night because the multitudes are going to hell? Do you cry and get angry at the fact that Satan is playing monopoly with the souls of men? What will you do? How will your life matter? Let us all live with eternities values in view. May the Lord's priorities be our priorities and His burdens be ours.