



CHARLES SPURGEON

1834-1892

A Worker of the Word of Truth

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2 Timothy 2:15

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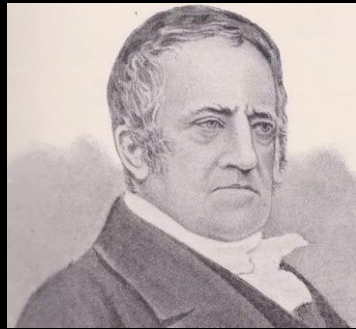


How did Spurgeon do his best
to present himself to God?

1) Do your best to present yourself to God

Spiritual education

- 1-year old Spurgeon came to live with his grandparents
- Academic, spiritual education from his mother



Grandfather



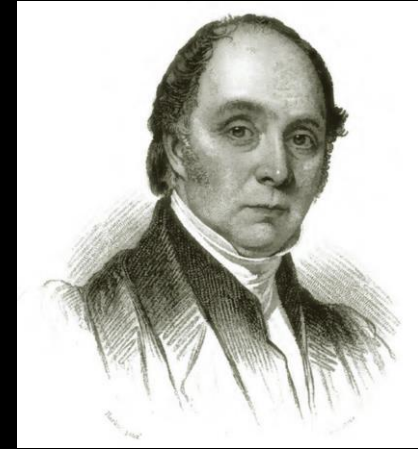
Father



Mother

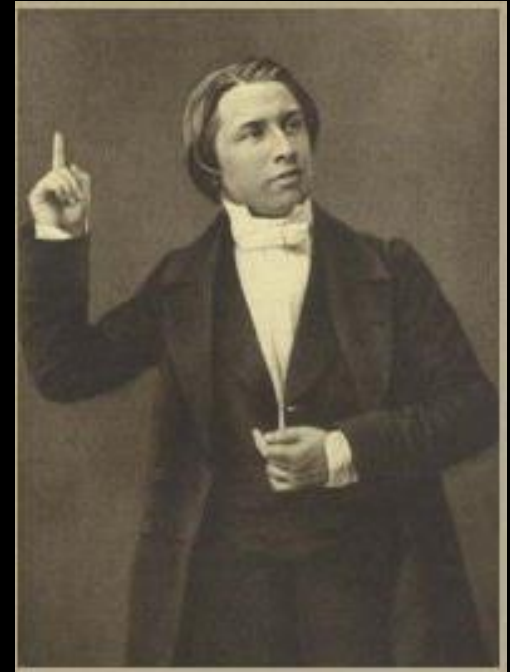
Spiritual education

- 10-year old Spurgeon had Richard Knill as his Bible teacher
- 14-year old Spurgeon learned the true meaning of baptism from a spiritual teacher



Passion for the Word of God

- He was best at Newmarket Academy, where he became an assistant teacher
- He pursued his Bible studies intensively
- His zeal for Christ grew despite all professional duties



Do your best to present yourself to God

- He refused any theological education to avoid human recognition
- Jeremiah 45:5: „*Should you then seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them.*“

„I would rather be poor in His service than be rich in my own. I already have everything my heart desires, God gives me even more than I desire.“



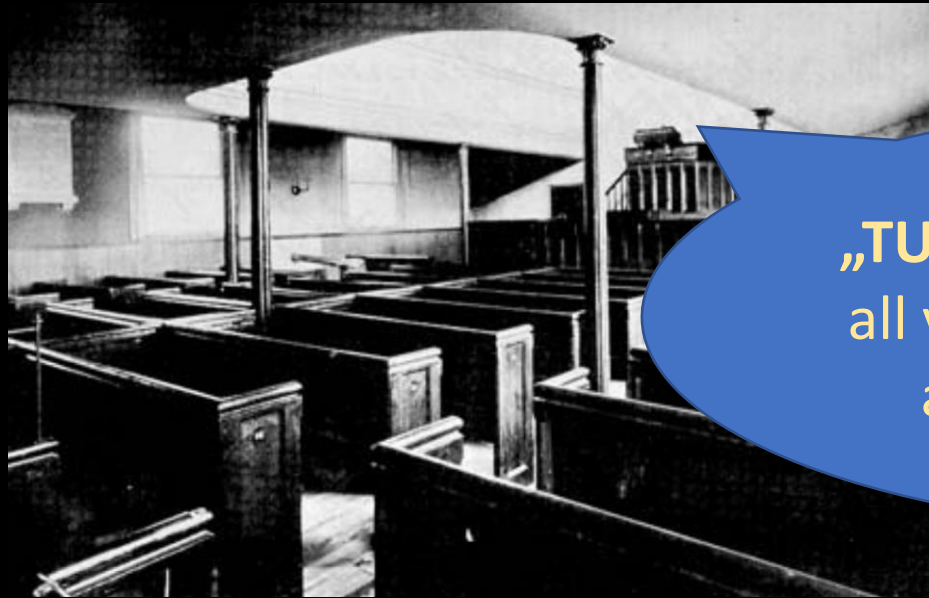
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- He did not seek the spotlight, fame and popularity
- Rejection of offers from America with big amounts
- „You can't buy me for money!“



2) Be an approved, unashamed worker

Conversion at the Age of 15 on January 6, 1850



Artillery Street Evangelical Church

Isaiah 45:22
„TURN TO ME AND BE SAVED,
all you ends of the earth; for I
am God, and there is no
other.“

Not ashamed of the gospel

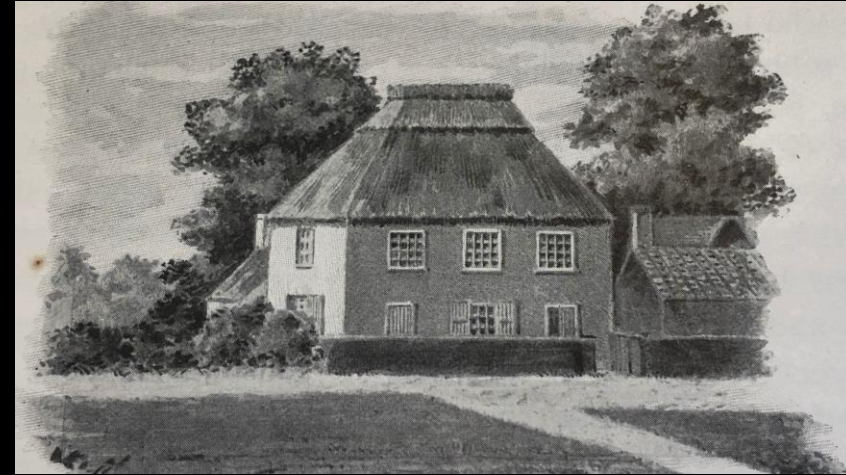
- He shared tracts on the streets, to children and adults in church
- He always delivered an evangelistic message to unsaved sinners

„I believe that a preacher, who can preach without addressing his sermon to sinners, doesn't know anything about preaching.“



Message of repentance led to a revival in Waterbeach

- The church grew from 40 to 450 attendants
- It was notorious for obscenity and drunkenness
- Those, who were a curse to the church, became a blessing



3) Correctly handle the word of truth

Struggle with the word of God

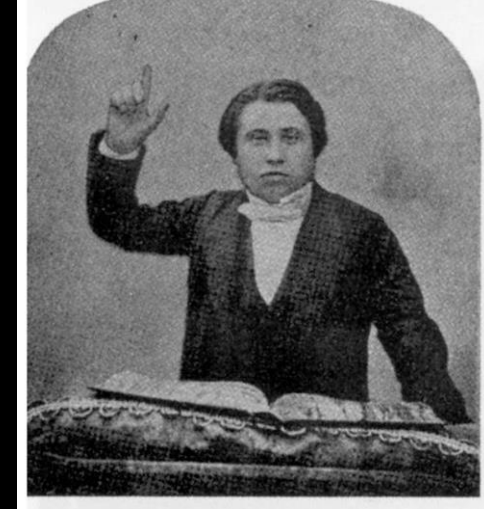
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- He preached more than 600 times before he turned 20



NEW PARK STREET CHAPEL AS IT IS NOW (1899). 15

Struggle against the spirit of the time in London

- Alcoholism proliferated among these poorest of the poor
- Criminality increased steadily, became ever threatening
- Spiritual and church states looked desolate
- **Spurgeon preached with enthusiasm and great zeal for God**



With all his heart, with all his soul, with all his strength

- He had to endure public mockery and slander
- He experienced imminent physical harm
- **He preached with passion with mouth, eyes, hands, feet, whole body**



The message moved the hearts of the people

- 1857: 23 year-old Spurgeon preached to 23,654 people without modern amplifiers or PA systems



Pastors College

- He trained gospel workers among young people



Big impact through Pastors College

- Until his death in 1892 this college trained 863 men, 627 among them served in Baptist denominations as pastors
- Over half of the new churches founded in his denomination 1865-1877, were pastored by men trained by Spurgeon at the college



He Did His Best to Present Himself to God

- He did his best in preparing gospel messages, publishing the truth in books and tracts, training pastors, preachers, church leaders, and caring for needy people
- God made him a blessing for a whole city, a whole country, entire Europe, to America, to Australia, to the ends of the earth

Spurgeon's impact after his death

- The message of Jesus was transported through him in all five continents, without radio, broadcaster or communication satellite
- With his loud voice, he could reach 30,000 people in a congregation
- Through the printed word, he reached millions of people in many countries



CONCLUSION



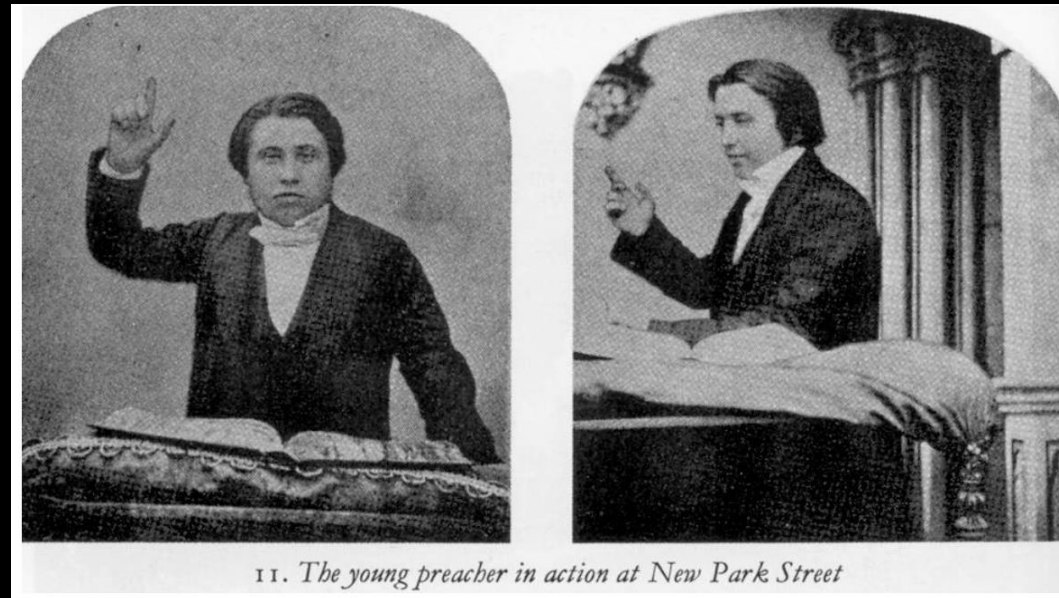
1) Spurgeon did his best to present himself to God

- Despite all his professional duties, he set the word of God as first priority
- He did not look for human recognition but glorified God by devoting all his heart, all his mind, and all his soul to the study of God's word



2) Spurgeon was an approved, unashamed worker

- After having received Jesus as his personal savior, Spurgeon was not ashamed of the gospel anymore, but he led numerous people to repentance through his messages



3) Spurgeon correctly handled the word of truth

- He preached 3 times on Sundays, 5 times a week and more than 600 times before he turned 20
- Despite slanders and public mockery, despite diseases and physical pain, he stood firm, even to the point of death
- He gave all his heart to deliver God's messages, using his whole body.
- He devoted to disciple-making ministry by training many young men as workers of the word of truth

The Hope and Vision of God for me

- My parents pray that I may grow as a servant of God's word
- My shepherd trains me as a worker of the word of truth
- God is disciplining me as a servant of his word
- Preach the gospel with shepherd heart to save lost souls

The Hope and Vision of God for NG

- Do your best to present yourself to God
 - Priority on God's word through DB, (1:1)-BS, IBS, Testimony W&S
 - Messenger training/struggle with shepherd heart for salvation of lost souls
 - In all circumstances and despite professional duties

May God use You as
Bible Teachers, Disciple Makers, Shepherds,
Messengers and Messenger Trainers,
Servants of His Word!

Do your best to present yourselves to God
by redeeming the young people on campus
from the power of sin and
making them a vast army!

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