

# Church of Christ

## ... Heart to Heart ...

“In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (II Cor. 4: 4) *“The god of this world,”* the devil, blinds the minds of unbelievers. He keeps them from seeing the true light, Christ! People chase things, hoping to find contentment and happiness, but end up frustrated and lonely. People turn to the world for answers of life, turning to those who are blinded by *the god of this world!* They end up with no answers and miserable. Many turn to the very things that can’t solve their problems, but they believe they are solving them! That’s the power of the devil!

A fellow by the name of Charles Proteus Steinmetz was physically deformed, but had one of the most brilliant minds in the field of electricity. He immigrated to the United States in 1889 as a political refugee from Germany and was hired by GE in Schenectady, New York. As an engineer, Steinmetz designed the massive turbine generators used by GE. One day, without warning, those generators broke down and the plant came to a complete halt. The plant manager brought in ordinary mechanics and technicians to save money, but they could not get the generators going. Frustrations were growing and with each passing hour, GE was losing money. Finally, they called in Steinmetz. The electrical wizard came to the plant, pattered around a few hours, and then threw the switch. The lights blinked on and the turbines began to turn. GE was back in operation.

A few days later, GE received a bill from Steinmetz for \$10,000. The managers at GE were taken aback! They felt the bill was excessive for the amount of work that had been done. They returned the bill with a note: *“Charlie, isn’t this bill just a little high for a few hours of ‘tinkering around’ on those motors?”* Steinmetz returned the corrected bill to GE. This time it read: *“For ‘tinkering around’ on the motors - \$1. For knowing where to ‘tinker’ - \$9,999. Total: \$10,000.”* GE paid the bill!

What do we learn? We are always looking everywhere for answers except to the One who has the answers! Or we mix God’s answers with the world’s answers, which voids the power of God. God provided all His answers in His Son and nowhere else. “In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.” (John 1:4) There is no life apart from Christ so why do we look away from Him for answers to life? All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Jesus (Col. 2:3). If we look elsewhere, we will be lifeless and in darkness. Have we been blinded? “Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness...” (II Pet. 1:3) Think about it!!!

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