



Stay in Your Field

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., is remembered for his one- sentence sermons and attention-getters, one of which is, “Stay in your field.”

In Philippians 3:13 Paul said, “This one thing I do. . . .” One of the secrets of Paul’s great life was the fact that he practiced a life of concentration. He did not spread himself too thin by getting involved in too many things. He was first and foremost a preacher and a soul winner.

Andrew Carnegie, addressing a group of young men, said, “Young men, you’ve heard it said, ‘Do not put all your eggs in one basket.’ But I say, ‘Do put all your eggs in one basket, and mind that basket’.”

Many a person fails in life because he takes on too many things. The secret of success is finding the one thing, the God-appointed thing, and giving it your very best shot. Have you ever noticed a lion tamer in a cage with a lion? He’ll usually have a whip in one hand and a chair in the other. He holds the back of the chair and punches the four legs toward the lion.

There’s a reason for this. Somewhere I read that it keeps the lion confused. He doesn’t know which leg of the chair to attack. He’ll hit at one and then the other and never really concentrate on ei-

ther. If the lion tamer used a broomstick, the lion would not be confused as to what to attack and would immediately slap the broomstick out of his hand.

When a golfer approaches the ball with two or three different clubs in his hand, it's not likely that he's going to have a good shot. Why? Because he hasn't made up his mind. He's undecided.

"Stay in your field" simply means to find God's will for your life, and don't be sidetracked into doing something else, but rather give your whole life to the God-appointed thing.

A man once boasted that he could whip anybody on his street. No one challenged him. Later he boasted that he could whip anyone in his community, and again no one challenged him. He then said, "I can whip anybody in this county." Still no one challenged him.

One day he boasted to his friends that he could whip anyone in the state. Word got out to surrounding counties, and a few days later a big, rough man from an adjoining county came, over and gave the man the whipping of his life.

A few days later a friend saw him. Both eyes were black. His face was bruised and swollen. His friend said, "What in the world happened to you?"

And the battered man said, "I took on too much territory."