

my Father's business

"and He said to them, 'why did you seek Me? did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?'"
luke 2:49

we all have such a calling. i remember when my dear friend and mentor was about to leave the church we both attended, she said: "i must be about my Father's business." i don't she knew even then what all might be involved. as a result the "ministry of prayer" came into being.

a project to build homes offering temporary housing to abused women. a ministry of prayer and encouragement to those in need, and a world outreach one never could have imagined. reaching out to those near and far, having a lasting effect on people's lives. she was an example of what one person's vision can accomplish. she is gone now but has handed her vision forward to like minded souls.

i'll stay where You've put me;
i will, dear Lord, though i wanted so badly to go;
i was eager to march with the 'rank and file,'
yes, i wanted to lead them, You know.
i planned to keep step to the music loud,
to cheer when the banner unfurled,
to stand in the midst of the fight straight and proud,
but I'll stay where You've put me

i'll stay where You've put me; i'll work, dear Lord,
though the field be narrow and small,
and the ground be fallow, and the stones lie thick,

and there seems to be no life at all.
the field is Thine own, only give me the seed,
i'll sow it with never a fear;
i'll till the dry soil while I wait for the rain,
and rejoice when the green blades appear;
i'll work where You've put me.

i'll stay where You've put me; i will, dear Lord;
i'll bear the day's burden and heat,
always trusting Thee fully; when even has come
i'll lay heavy sheaves at Thy feet.
and then, when my earth work is ended and done,
in the light of eternity's glow,
life's record all closed, I surely shall find
it was better to stay than to go;
i'll stay where You've put me.

oh restless heart, that beat against your prison bars
of circumstances, yearning for a wider sphere of
usefulness, leave God to order all your days. patience
and trust, in the dullness of the routine of life, will
be the best preparation for a courageous bearing of the
tug and strain of the larger opportunity which God may
some time send you.

"i'm not interested in whether you've stood with the
great; i'm interested in whether you've sat with the
broken." that quote by sue fitzmaurice is one of my
favorites. it embodies the message Jesus sought to
teach us all. "for you see your calling, brethren,
that not many wise according to the flesh, not many
mighty, not many noble, are called." 1 cor 1:26 he
calls the humble of spirit. will you stay where He put
you?

