

get out of a Baptist church."

I said: "My business is to tell people how to find the Lord, and then get them into a Baptist church."

I knew what he wanted. He was breaking under the strain of money-making. He feared the next move. Fear of failure gripped him. A sense of frustration gnawed at his vitals. Guilt plagued him because he had sinned. He had forgotten God and was literally not "in" the church. He was caught and crushed. That is the inevitable vicious cycle—fear, frustration, and guilt!

A young man from a famous family came. His father is an English Baron and his mother boasts of royal French blood. He was out of the nation for four years. Two years ago he returned and found that his father was addicted to liquor and dope. Most of his millions had gone. The shock was too much for this 30-year-old man. After two years of patient counseling he is regaining his usefulness.

There are no revivals in counseling. Progress is slow. Patience is a "must." I have an ally in my work whom many psychiatrists and psychologists do not have—Jesus Christ. I work from the belief that "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature."

When I go to the office to meet a person for counsel, I know there is one word that I must deal with. That is the word *sin*. It must be dealt with in its four natural outlets: 1. Selfishness, 2. Fear, 3. Resentment, and 4. Guilt. As I listen to the first of these four, "selfishness," I have a sickening sense of the fact that we have made a miserable failure in preaching and teaching stewardship. Many of these people are in the mess they are in because of their money, and if they were right with their tithes and offerings, they would be right with many other things.

This is the playground of America. Would-be actors and actresses are often forced to compromise in morals, or go

back home and be dubbed failures. Many succumb to the temptations. Businessmen come to make money and the more they make the further away from God they get, until they find themselves spiritual bankrupts. Then they look for the counselor.

One year ago a prominent oil man who is an infidel, sought counsel. At first he refused to hear about the Bible, God, and prayer. He stamped out of the famous "Scandia," where we were dining one day, because I insisted that we have a prayer of thanks. Now he requests prayer when we are together. Cases of this kind are multitudinous. I am working with such men who, if they are willing to let God help them, could easily maintain one thousand missionaries on foreign fields.

The story is sordid, but hopeful. There is a "balm in Gilead" and there are many bright spots. Pray for these lonely, misguided people, and pray for us as we work with them.

Dr. John Daniel Brown, right, talks with Roy Stovall, one of the wealthy men of the Beverly Hills First Baptist Church, about enlisting others in Christian stewardship.

