

Andrew Murray

Deeper and Wider



The name of Andrew Murray is one of the most widely known in evangelical Christian homes. This is due to the 240 books he authored in his 90 years, most of them teaching "The Deeper Christian Life."

But he was supportive of many of the Christian organizations of his day including D.L. Moody's evangelistic crusades and related ministries.

Some people have managed to suggest that evangelism and spiritual living aren't compatible. This Murray never recognized.

Early in his ministry he wrote, "Oh! How easy and content have I been living while souls have been perishing. How little have I felt the compassion with which Christ was moved when he wept over sinners. Love to sinners so filling the heart that we cannot rest because of them would lead us to be very different from what we are."

He was in great demand as an evangelist. He said, "The more I travel, the more I see that the great need of our church is evangelists. It appears terrible to let people go on in darkness. . . . Oh! why should not our hearts be filled with the love which wrestles for souls."

He reaped a wonderful harvest of souls even after he had attained an age when most feel their life's work is done.

His father was a minister in South Africa. Andrew studied in Scotland and Holland and wrote his parents when turning 18 that he had been born again.

Years later he wrote, "My justification was clear as noonday. I knew the hour when I received from God the joy of pardon." Like most of God's special people, Murray suffered. As a young man he suffered an enduring sickness that left him weak and exhausted. At the peak of his ministry a severe illness kept him from preaching for two years.

He spoke of his insidious battle with pride as, "that awful pride and self complacency which have hitherto ruled in my heart."

He said that his words, thoughts, actions, unfaithfulness, everything, troubled him. It was after the two years of sickness when he couldn't preach, that he saw more clearly the meaning of a life of full surrender and simple faith

He writes in *The Secret Of Adoration*, "Give God time to reveal Himself to you. Give yourself time to be silent and quiet before Him, waiting to receive, through the Spirit, the assurance of His presence with you, His power working in you. "Take time to read His Word as in His presence, that you may know what He asks of you and what He promises you. Let the Word create around you, create within you, a holy atmosphere in which your soul will be refreshed for the work of daily life."

"I have learnt to place myself before God every day, as a vessel to be filled with His Spirit. He has filled me with the blessed assurance that He, as the everlasting God, has guaranteed His work in me. If there is one lesson that I am learning day by day, it is this; that it is God who worketh all in all."

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