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Do You Have It?

\$ome people have a knack for finding potential. A Texas cotton farmer realized that something was amiss on his farm when he noticed that irrigation pipes were disappearing from his field at night. Eventually the police caught the culprit and discovered that the industrious snitch was cutting the pipe into three-foot lengths to make it transportable. I say industrious because he cut that steel with a *handsaw*. When the farmer heard that, he told the authorities, “Any man with such persistence must be a good worker.” So instead of pressing charges, the farmer hired him! And the farmer was right. The pipe thief became a good worker.

So who found potential? They both did. The thief found potential profit in the farmer’s field, but the farmer found better treasure. He discovered a trait in a man’s heart so rare that he took the risk of converting a thief into an employee!

Sound foolish? What about Saul of Tarsus?

This enemy of the church who went about “breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord” was harsh, even cruel.

But God saw this man was wholehearted. Paul says of himself in 1 Cor. 15:10, “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace

which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” God gave the grace, and Paul didn’t squander. After Paul’s conversion, he labored hard and steady, year after year. When the Jews stoned him at Lystra and dragged his body into the countryside, leaving him for dead, he stood up and traveled the next day to Derbe and preached again. Oh, and where did he travel to next? Back to Lystra! He went “confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” Acts 14:22.

Wholeheartedness. Paul had it, and God wanted Paul. Yes, Paul was a sinner needing a thorough

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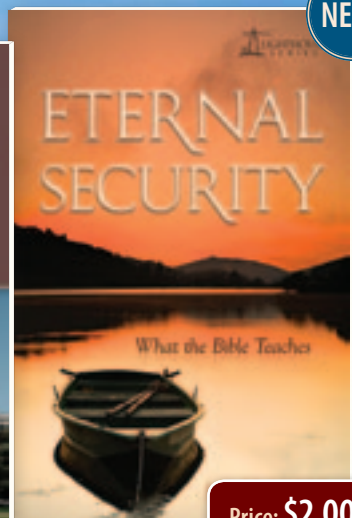
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conversion, but God had a special work for him.

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God wanted a man who was willing to suffer, day after day, year after year, and not get offended and throw in the towel.

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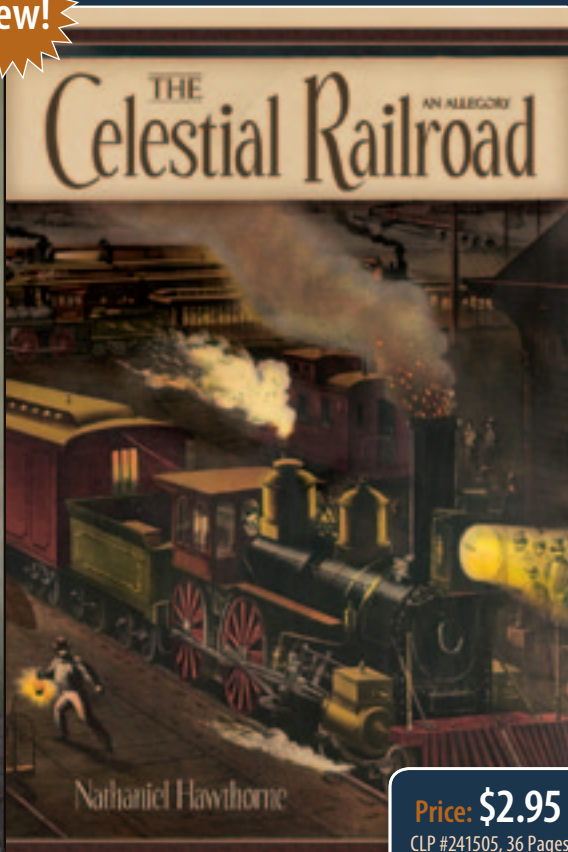
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