

# Hidden Workers

by Charles E. Cowman

---

*The sermon emphasizes the value of hidden workers who serve God faithfully in obscurity, reflecting Christ's love through their everyday actions.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 83:3, Matthew 5:16, Luke 14:23, John 10:41, 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Topics:** "Humility In Service", "Faithful Witness"

---

## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the significance of living a great life even in mediocrity, drawing inspiration from John the Baptist who did no miracles but bore witness to the Light. He encourages being content with being a voice that points others to Christ, doing common tasks with excellence, and allowing mistakes to bring forth strength and sweetness. Cowman emphasizes the impact of sowing seeds of faith and love, leading others to know Christ through our words and actions, even if we remain hidden and unnoticed.

---

## Transcript

"John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true" (John 10:41).

You may be very discontented with yourself. You are no genius, have no brilliant gifts, and are inconspicuous for any special faculty. Mediocrity is the law of your existence. Your days are remarkable for nothing but sameness and insipidity. Yet you may live a great life.

John did no miracle, but Jesus said that among those born of women there had not appeared a greater than he.

John's main business was to bear witness to the Light, and this may be yours and mine. John was content to be only a voice, if men would think of Christ.

Be willing to be only a voice, heard but not seen; a mirror whose surface is lost to view, because it reflects the dazzling glory of the sun; a breeze that springs up just before daylight, and says, "The dawn! the dawn!" and then dies away.

Do the commonest and smallest things as beneath His eye. If you must live with uncongenial people, set to their conquest by love. If you have made a great mistake in your life, do not let it becloud all of it; but, locking the secret in your breast, compel it to yield strength and sweetness.

We are doing more good than we know, sowing seeds, starting streamlets, giving men true thoughts of Christ, to which they will refer one day as the first things that started them thinking of Him; and, of my part, I shall be satisfied if no great mausoleum is raised over my grave, but that simple souls shall gather there when I am gone, and say,

"He was a good man; he wrought no miracles, but he spake words about Christ, which led me to know Him for myself." --George Matheson

"THY HIDDEN ONES" (Psa. 83:3)

"Thick green leaves from the soft brown earth,

Happy springtime hath called them forth;

First faint promise of summer bloom

Breathes from the fragrant, sweet perfume,

Under the leaves.

"Lift them! what marvelous beauty lies

Hidden beneath, from our thoughtless eyes!

Mayflowers, rosy or purest white,

Lift their cups to the sudden light,

Under the leaves.

"Are there no lives whose holy deeds--

Seen by no eye save His who reads

Motive and action--in silence grow

Into rare beauty, and bud and blow

Under the leaves?

"Fair white flowers of faith and trust,

Springing from spirits bruised and crushed;

Blossoms of love, rose-tinted and bright,

Touched and painted with Heaven's own light

Under the leaves.

"Full fresh clusters of duty borne,

Fairest of all in that shadow grown;

Wondrous the fragrance that sweet and rare  
Comes from the flower-cups hidden there  
Under the leaves.

"Though unseen by our vision dim,  
Bud and blossom are known to Him;  
Wait we content for His heavenly ray--  
Wait till our Master Himself one day  
Lifteth the leaves."

"God calls many of His most valued workers from the unknown multitude" (Luke 14:23).

---

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/charles-e-cowman/hidden-workers/>

# *Grow in Your Walk with Christ*

---

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

**[www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)**