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Dear Friend:

I have yours of 2-3-23  
an an explanation (?) as to your attitude  
etc. I note that you state you "would  
be very glad to see them continue  
with the Old Order church provided  
they can be at peace there and work  
in the masters vineyard to deepen  
spirituality and spread the Gospel  
as they have opportunity to those who  
are wandering in the Wilderness. Amen"

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I can see no reason whatever  
on the part of the Old Order church, why  
that they could not do this with the church  
they have been, and if they are not able to do  
so, I must conclude that the fault would be  
with them, as we have always plenty of work  
to do along this line, for all those who are  
willing, to take up the Cross of Christ and follow  
him, But in this connection it may be well  
to consider a few references, 1. Sam 15: 22, 23,  
Math. 5: 16, 20, 23, 27. Chap. 23: 16; Rom. 2: 17, 22  
1 Peter 3: 1, 2.

However these References are not given,  
as to apply them to any individual, but only  
in a general sense.

I would also not be understood  
that I am writing you specially.  
I only wanted your personal view  
of the matter.

I do also not wish to in any  
way discourage or say anything  
against, Missionary work, if along  
Gospel lines, but it appears rather  
odd that the so called missionary  
spirit is so often manifested by the  
disloyal members.

Respectfully,

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