

*“But all the Israelites Went Down To The Philistines, To Sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.”  
1 Samuel 13:20 KJV*



“We are engaged in a great war with the Philistines of evil. Every weapon within our reach must be used. Preaching, teaching, praying, giving, all must be brought into action, and talents which have been thought too mean for service, must now be employed. Coulter, and axe, and mattock, may all be useful in slaying Philistines; rough tools may deal hard blows, and killing need not be elegantly done, so long as it is done effectually. Each moment of time, in season or out of season; each fragment of ability, educated or untutored; each opportunity, favorable or unfavorable, must be used, for our foes are many and our force but slender. Most of our tools want sharpening; we need quickness of perception, tact, energy, promptness, in a word, complete adaptation for the Lord's work. Practical common sense is a very scarce thing among the conductors of Christian enterprises. We might learn from our enemies if we would, and so make the Philistines sharpen our weapons. Let us note enough to sharpen our zeal during this day by the aid of the Holy Spirit. See the energy of the Papists, how they compass sea and land to make one proselyte! Are they to monopolize all the earnestness? Mark the heathen devotees, what tortures they endure in the service of their idols! Are they alone to exhibit patience and self-sacrifice? Observe the prince of darkness, how persevering in his endeavors, how unabashed in his attempts, how daring in his plans, how thoughtful in his plots, how energetic in all! The devils are united as one man in their infamous rebellion, while we believers in Jesus are divided in our service of God, and scarcely ever work with unanimity. O, that from Satan's infernal industry we may learn to go about like good Samaritans, seeking whom we may bless!” –C. H. Spurgeon, “Morning and Evening.”

Your talent small do not disdain,  
But wield it strong in Jesus' name;  
The smallest stone upon the wall,  
Removed; will cause the wall to fall. –CGP

Today's muse was authored by Charles Spurgeon over a century ago and yet it still speaks bold Truth to this day and age proving Solomon's adage, *“There's nothing new under the sun.”* Circumstances and environments may change, but men do not. We must be alert and ready for *“the Philistines”* or we will surely be sorely wounded and souls will be lost. Fight evil's fire with the Spirit's flame! *“Sharpen”* your technology and presentation skills at the enemy's expense and turn them back on them for good. Use social media to spread the Gospel! Open an anonymous account if you are timid. Many folks spend their lives on their I-phone or PC, totally isolated. You may be their only witness – make it count! Don't sugar coat Truth – speak it straight. Quote God's Word as often as you can to others. God's Word *“Shall Not Return Unto [Him] void, But It Shall Accomplish That Which [He Pleases], And It Shall Prosper In The Thing Whereto [He] Sent It.”* If a verse comes to mind when in conversation, quote it. God Is Prompting you, because He Sees the heart of the other person and Knows what's needed! God's Word Is The Vehicle of Faith, not your arguments.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8 KJV*