



# George Müller

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A MAN OF FAITH

1805-1898

# His early life

Would you trust someone who not only stole money from his own friends but also from his parents?

George Müller was selfish and totally untrustworthy

Even going to prison couldn't change him

# What changed him?

One evening he was invited to a meeting in a friend's house

At the meeting his friends:

- *read the Bible*
- *talked about the Bible*
- *prayed*

# God began to change him

*“...that evening was the turning point in my life...”*

*“For I have not the least doubt that on that evening  
He began a work of grace in me...”*

# God began to change him

*"Now my life became very different..."*

He lost his love of drinking, gambling, lying and cheating

He now preferred to spend time with his new Christian friends reading and talking about the Bible

And telling other people about his new friend - Jesus

# George comes to England

Hoping to be sent as a missionary to the Jews

Becomes very ill and thinks he will soon die

But God was again at work in his life

# God works again in his life

*Looking back on his life George wrote this:*

*“I gave myself fully to the Lord. Honours, pleasures, money, my physical powers, my mental powers, all were laid down at the feet of Jesus, and I became a great lover of the Word of God. I found my all in God, and thus in all my trials of a temporal and spiritual character, it has remained for sixty-six years.”*

# Orphans in Victorian times



Lonely



Unwanted



Unloved



# First orphanage opens



April 1836      26 children cared for

November      2<sup>nd</sup> house is opened

October 1837    3<sup>rd</sup> house is opened

July 1843      4<sup>th</sup> house is opened

**111 children!**

# Time to move on

George wants to build a home for 300 children

**So he.... Prayed and prayed and prayed and kept on praying**

God faithfully answered his prayers in many ways

Not one penny asked for.....but the building fund just grew  
and grew

# Ashley Down Orphanage Opens



# The Orphanage gets bigger!

First 'house'	1849	118 children	
Second 'house'	1857		
Third 'house'	1862		
Fourth 'house'	1868		
Fifth 'house'	1870	2050 children	112 staff

When the homes closed in 1958 more than  
18,000 children had been cared for

# That's a lot of bricks!

51,000 tons of stone  
10,000 tons of timber  
10 acres of plastering  
2 acres of tiles  
3 miles of drain pipes

Cost: £115,000 (today worth £12million)

Never made any appeals

Never once borrowed or went into debt

# George was always working

Pastor of a church – more than 1000 members

Helped open 36 Sunday schools, and 117 day schools

‘The Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad’

*“70,363,000 books, pamphlets, and tracts, in various languages,*

*have been circulated in different parts of the world”*

# George never stopped!



17 years 70 to 87  
years old

200,000 miles covered

9 months each tour

42 countries

5000+ sermons

3 million people

# 'And their works do follow them'

In the course of his life Müller:

- received donations more than £1,500,000 (£86 million today!)
- helped educate and send out into the world no fewer than 123,000 pupils
- supported 189 missionaries
- 122,000 persons had been taught in the schools he started
- about 282,000 Bibles and 1,500,000 Testaments had been distributed
- more 10,000 orphans had been cared for
- more than 3000 orphans came to Christ during his lifetime
- when the homes closed in 1958 more than 18,000 orphans had been cared for



# What was the key to his life?

- Faith** – What God has said is true and He will always do what He has said in His Word
- Prayer** – He took everything to God in prayer  
He asked God to answer according to His promises
- Bible Reading** – He read the complete Bible more than 200 times

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God”

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