

## **C.T. Studd (1860-1931)**

Charles Thomas Studd, better known as C. T. Studd, was a British missionary. He was born on December 2, 1860, in Spratton, United Kingdom, into a family of wealth and privilege. In 1883 he graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1885 entered the missions field with Hudson Taylor in China.

C.T. Studd spent his life in dedicated service to the Lord, serving in China, India, and Africa. In 1913 he formed the World Evangelisation Crusade (now WEC International) which operates to this day.

In 1888, he married Priscilla Livingstone Stewart, and they had four daughters and two sons. She died in 1929, and C.T. died on July 16, 1931, in Ibambi, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### ***Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past – C.T. Studd***

Two little lines I heard one day,  
Traveling along life's busy way;  
Bringing conviction to my heart,  
And from my mind would not depart;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Only one life, yes only one,  
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;  
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,  
And stand before His Judgement seat;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Only one life, a few brief years,  
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;  
Each with its clays I must fulfill.  
living for self or in His will;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

When this bright world would tempt me sore,  
When Satan would a victory score;  
When self would seek to have its way,  
Then help me Lord with joy to say;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Give me Father, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;  
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,  
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Oh let my love with fervor burn,  
And from the world now let me turn;  
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,  
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

Only one life, yes only one,  
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";  
And when at last I'll hear the call,  
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";  
***Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

## **Memorable C.T. Studd Quotes**

- # Some wish to live within the sound of church or chapel bell, I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.
- # If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.
- # The light that shines farthest, shines brightest, nearest home.
- # God's real people have always been called fanatics.
- # The "romance" of a missionary is often made up of monotony and drudgery. There often is no glamor in it. It doesn't stir a man's spirit or blood. So don't come out to be a missionary as an experiment. It is useless and dangerous. Only come if you feel you would rather die than not come. Don't come if you want to make a great name or want to live long. Come if you feel there is no greater honor, after living for Christ, than to die for Him.
- # The best cure for discouragement or qualms is another daring plunge of faith.
- # Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible by faith in the omnipotence, fidelity, and wisdom of the Almighty Savior.
- # I am getting desperately afraid of going to heaven for I have had the vision of the shame I shall suffer as I get my first glimpse of the Lord Jesus; His majesty, power and marvelous love for me, who treated Him so meanly and shabbily on earth,

and acted as though I did Him a favour in serving Him! No wonder God shall have to wipe away the tears off all faces, for we shall be broken-hearted when we see the depth of His love and the shallowness of ours.

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# A lost reputation is the best degree for Christ's service.

### **A short (48:31) film of his life**

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### **Biography**

His most well-known biography is by **Norman Grubb: C.T. Studd – Cricketer & Pioneer.**

The book is still in print: CLC Publications (2008). It can also be found gratis on Internet (it does take some searching).

I read this biography almost 50 years ago. I can never forget it; it touched my life profoundly. If you don't want your cosy little religious nest to be shaken, don't even touch the book; avoid it at all cost. The book caused me lots of trouble!