

## The Shoemaker Who Loved India

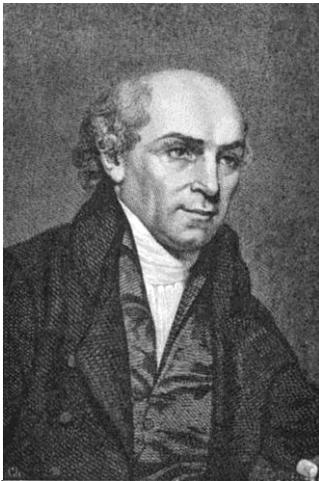
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Sometimes there is amazement when people of the past come into view.

The amount of things accomplished by modern man with all of his inventions and gadgets and time-saving plans often pales when compared to the lives of some of history's giants.

Our relationship with God is very important. It is not what we do for Him that is most important. But He has left us instructions and areas of service.

We can learn from those who came before us. In the 1700s, a young man in England began to be concerned about those in foreign lands who had not heard the gospel. His name was William Carey. He lived from 1761-1834.



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He worked as a shoemaker. And as he worked in England, he studied a large map on the wall. Carey learned much about the world. He showed an ability to learn and before the age of twenty, he mastered Dutch, French, Greek, Latin, and Hebrew.

Carey was looked down upon because of his shoemaker work. But he believed in missions and went to India to begin a ministry there. The trip was not easy and the labor was hard, but he kept working. Carey said he was “a plodder” and just worked. He said, “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.”

He translated the Bible into 44 languages and dialects. He founded the Serampore College.

As Carey lay dying, friends asked what he wished people to say about him when he was gone.

He replied, “When I am gone, don’t talk about me, speak about my Savior.”

We can learn much from the shoemaker who had an impact on India and was the father of modern missions.

