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TIPS TO CHRISTIANS

(Revised)

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EXPLANATION

Desiring to help the finders of new victory in my revival meetings in America, I have sometimes given a message called "Tips to Christians". One day a friend took the notes to have them mimeographed. To my surprise, he returned with them in booklet form.

There is nothing new in them -- just a re-iteration of what we all know. It is impossible to over-emphasize the instantaneous phase of the two works of grace; however, it is easily possible to fail in putting proper stress upon growth in that grace and the absolute necessity of rigid self discipline after the heart has been cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is latter truth that has moved my heart to give these Tips.

Since people have spoken so kindly about the simple little study, it is being enlarged and re-printed with the sincere prayer that the reader will look up and ponder upon each reference to God's word and that thus Tips may become a blessing to fellow travelers along the Highway of Holiness.

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INTRODUCTION

The beautiful and blessed experience of heart purity is obtained in an instant, but following that moment, there is a life to be lived and a holy character to be built. God says to us, as He did to Abraham, "Walk before me and be thou perfect" (Gen.17:1).

In this push-button age with its automatic controls, I fear that that spirit may be seeping into the soul. It seems to me that there is a tendency to regard the act of sanctification with a "now-I've-arrived spirit" and a "that's-it-finished" attitude! One does set an iron to the desired heat and irons on! But, the possessor of a pure heart does not get the experience and then automatically let it iron out the wrinkles of life!

I have seen a housewife plug in an automatic coffee pot and I've watched it perk away until it shut itself off. If breakfast did not finish the contents, through out the day, upon demand, it produced a cup of piping hot, always-of-the-same-strength coffee. But we do not "plug in" by getting Christian perfection and then go about our work, to find that, upon demand, we can draw out the grace that we always need or desire -- grace "piping hot"! No, holiness is not an automatic experience! All it takes to get sanctified, it takes to keep sanctified.

The business of the one, whose heart has been made perfect in love, must be to love and serve God -- everything else is secondary. When asked his business, a Cobbler replied, "I mend shoes for a living, but my business is serving God". Our goal should be for God to make us as near

like His own dear Son as possible. Many imperfections, not carnal, remain. Will power and grace should whittle away on them!

Often people who profess less than we do are more Christlike than we. They work harder at the job of being a Christian! We seem to expect grace to do everything. However, the Bible gives us no grounds for such a belief.

Holiness, attained in an instant, is like receiving a deed to a valuable, beautiful farm, capable of limitless development and improvement. Work your farm. Purity is not maturity. Make I Corinthians 13 your standard -- it is maturity. Note Phil. 1:9-11.

The Will

The extent of growth depends upon the application and determination of the individual -- that is to say -- the will of the Christian. God, with his boundless grace, meets us at the point of our will.

"God looks at the secret determination of our wills and deals with us according to the attitude of our will toward Him". -- G. D. Watson.

"He who points the stars in their courses will not fail to direct the soul which has no other aim (dogged determination) than to do His will". -- F. B. Meyer.

Your Part and God's Part

If you determine to win, on any line, God will give victory. Like the man with the withered hand -- Jesus intended to heal him. He said, 'Stretch forth thine hand'. He could have said, "I cannot. That is what I want you to do -- heal it". Jesus wanted the response of his will. The moment he said within his heart, "I will", Jesus supplied the strength. Lo, he stretched it forth!

Paul expresses perfectly the blending of divine grace and the human will: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I but the grace of God who was with me". (I Cor. 15:10).

Further emphasizing the part which the will plays, note:

1. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself". I John 5:18-21.
2. "Strive to enter in at the straight gate". Luke 13:24.
3. "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure". II Peter 1:10.
4. Work out your own salvation. Phil. 2:12-16.
5. "Keep yourselves in the love of God". Jude 20, 21.

6. Study to be approved. II Tim. 2:15.

7. Jesus claims relationship with doers of His will. Matt. 12:50.

8. To those who do His will: I John 2:17; Matt. 7:24, 25.

9. If Paul, who was so powerfully converted and so definitely filled with the Holy Ghost, felt the urgency of singleness of will and endeavor, expressed in Philippians 3:13, 14; and if that great Apostle and Missionary who helped "to turn the world upside down" for God could fear lest he become a castaway, (I Cor. 9:27) How much more do we need to take heed!

The Christian life is a Walk. In our walk we are assured that:

1. Our Keeper never sleeps. Psalm 121:2-5.

2. Angels have been delegated as ministering servants. Psalm 91:11.

"Walking with God means the most beautiful scenery, the most interesting conversation, the safest route, and a certainty of destination which can be found in no other way". Selected.

"Some pilgrims along the Lord's highway are merely tourists." Paul Holdcraft.

The Journey is short -- stop fussing.

A dear old lady from the country went for the first time on a railway journey of about fifty miles through an interesting and beautiful region. She had looked forward to this trip with great pleasure. She was to see so much and enjoy it all so greatly. But it took her so long to get her basket and parcel adjusted, her seat comfortably arranged, the shades right, that she was only just settling down to enjoy her trip when the conductor called out the name of her station, and she had to get up and hustle out. "Oh, my!" she said, "If I'd only known that we would have been here so soon, I wouldn't have wasted my time fussing."

We are so near the end of the Journey that there is no time to be fussing about little things.

Tips for the Journey

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I. OBEY GOD QUICKLY

1. Instant obedience is the only kind of obedience there is; delayed obedience is disobedience. "Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, -- that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God". Jer. 42:6.

2. God gives light to walk in -- for the next step. One sees clearly only for a short time -- if light is not walked in a maze follows, and then comes darkness. Finally and fearfully, darkness appears to be light! The horrifying end of disobedience: I Sam. 15; II Cor. 7:10.

However, walkers in the light have constant, continuous cleansing with blessed fellowship with Him Who is light and in Him is no darkness at all. That light will shine more and more unto the perfect day. I John 1:5-7, Prov. 4:18.

3. "Only he who believes is obedient; only he who is obedient believes". With that in mind, read Romans 15:13.

4. He who does the will of God knows God. John 7.17.

5. Keep your eyes off feeling. Obey God 100% and you will have plenty of "feeling". Nahum 1:7; Prov. 1:33.

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II. LEARN TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TEMPTATION AND SIN

1. No where in the Bible will you find freedom from temptation promised. It is common to all -- our blessed Lord was tempted. Being tempted is not sin; yielding to temptation is sin. Sin comes by co-operation from within the mind.

2. Do not court temptation.

a. "Avoid all appearance of evil". I Thes. 5:22.

The Safest Place to Travel -- In the days of coaches, a king sought a driver for his queen and the royal children. Three aspirants for the position were tested out on a road with a mountain on one side and a steep precipice on the other. Number One drove very near the edge; Number Two beat him by coming a little closer to the brink. Number Three hugged the mountain side and was instantly chosen by the king who wished no risks taken with his family.

Some people like to see how near the world they can go and not go over. The safest place in the road is close to the other side, away from the danger zone.

b. Hence, get away from border-line practices.

A little boy fell out of bed one night. In reply to his mother's query as to what happened, the laddie said, "I guess I just went to sleep toe near where I got in".

3. Take God's thought concerning temptation. James 1:2-4; I Peter 1:4-9.

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III. ALWAYS GIVE GOD THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

In a matter of decision, if uncertain, do nothing. Wait on God. The enemy often rushes at one and demands quick action. He brings suggestions, which may even be accompanied with Scriptures, to be acted upon at once. He leads to confusion. God speaks, bringing light; the conviction grows upon one until he is firmly convinced that God is leading. It will always be in line with His Word, not just an isolated passage, as is often quoted by the enemy. If circumstances are a factor, they will agree with the inner conviction which grips the soul.

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IV. IF YOU SHOULD SLIP AND SIN, MEND MATTERS AT ONCE -- I JOHN 2:1

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V. LEAVE OFF, WITHOUT HESITATION, THAT WHICH DULLS -- THO EVER SO SLIGHTLY -- THE GLOW OF GOD WITHIN YOUR SOUL

"The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."-- Wilbur Chapman.

While in College, John Wesley's mother once wrote: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes away your relish for spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that thing to you is sin."

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VI. MAKE NO PROVISION FOR BACKSLIDING

1. Read II Chro. 12:14.

2. Early one morning, Evelyn, age three, accompanied Alice to our garden in Swaziland. Enroute, a shilling was handed to Alice for missionary dues. Needing both hands for vegetables, she handed the money to the swazi tot with the firm injunction that she should hold it tightly. Alice forgot all about the dues. That night when she was putting tiny Evelyn to bed, on a mat, she handed her the coin with a, "Here's your shilling". She had eaten, played, slept, and lived all day but kept her charge.

3. God gives us eternal life -- to keep to the end. Do not treat it as a light thing. Backsliding, although so often practiced, is a crime against God.

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VII. LEARN TO PRAY

1. Deliberately set aside an hour a day, at an appointed time, for prayer, and strive to match that time with the Word of God. You will never find time -- you must take it.

"I love them that love me and those that seek me early shall find me". Prov. 8:17.

2. Pray aloud if possible. Take the Holy Spirit as your Teacher. Pray through.

3. Aside from this set time and also aside from family worship, form the habit of praying about your work. Learn to live in the spirit of prayer. I Thes. 5:17.

4. Jabez won a name only because he prayed. Read the first nine chapters of I Chronicles and note the significance of 4:10. The names of thousands of people have come down as doing nothing more than being born and having died. They are forgotten but Jabez prayed and he lives. Prayer writes the record of our lives.

5. Abraham was called the friend of God. Read Genesis, chapters fifteen and eighteen. God is looking for friends today.

6. Note God's delight in His "find". Acts 13:22.

7. Study the life of Jesus, noting His prayer life. Dare we pray so little?

8. God has secrets which He whispers to those who have time for Him. Psa. 25:14, Prov. 3:32..

9. What Prayer Can Do.

The late Dr. Alexis Carrel spent the greater part of his life in the laboratory studying living matter. He made the following statement relative to prayer, Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. It is the most powerful energy one can generate. It is the only power in the world than can overcome the so-called laws of nature. The occasions on which prayer has dramatically done this have been called miracles.

Study: The 32nd chapter of Genesis, Ex. 32:30-34; Jos. 10:1244; Judges, chapters 6 to 9; Dan. 9: 3-23; Acts 4:31; James 5:17-18.

10. Hear ye.

E. M. Bounds: "We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man, or sink man into the plan of organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than anything else. Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery, not new organization, or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods but through men. He does not anoint plans but men -- men of prayer.

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God, who has not learned well how to talk to God for men.

"It is necessary to iterate and reiterate that prayer, as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine, or in a professional way, is a dead and rotten thing. Such praying has no connection with the praying for which we plead. We are stressing true praying, which changes and sets on fire every high element of the preacher's being-prayer which is born of vital oneness with Christ and the fullness of the Holy Ghost, which springs from the deep, ever flowing foundations of tender compassion, deathless solicitude of man's eternal good; a consuming zeal for the glory of God".

11. Fear ye.

"Something frightening is happening to spiritual prayer. Generally speaking, real prayer seems to be on its way out. One by one, many of those who have been considered the prayer warriors are dropping their prayer life and ministry for a multitude of 'works'. Once prayer was firmly fixed in the fore front of their programs as their primary work. But now, they add one task after another to their programs, till they are unable to carry them all. Then they decide to let something go. They hold to the secondary and drop the primary things. They hold on to their self-imposed tasks and drop out prayer". A. E. Reinschmidt. Director, Evangelical Prayer Union, Los Angeles, Calif.

12. Again, fear ye.

Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion. Read Amos 6:1-6. How like today! A multitude will miss heaven because of the sin of prayerlessness. "Save yourselves from this untoward generation". Acts 2:4.

13. Prayerlessness is the most common and most deadly sin of Christians in this age.

Read carefully Ezekiel, chapter nine. "In these words the Lord is searching out and sifting the prayer life of His people. In that day, as in ours, the people were concerned with every thing but prayer. Weighed in the balances, their lives were devoid of tears and burden for the sins of their wicked city. The man with the ink horn found people eating and sleeping, buying and selling, building and planting, but he found no one in the secret place of prayer crying out for the abomination done in their midst. What must be the Lord's concern over the empty prayer rooms in this day of crisis"?

Jesus came to His disciples and said, "Are you still sleeping?" -- Matt. 26:45, R.S.V.

Paul Rees says: "I am afraid in its present state the Church reminds us more of an invalid under an electric blanket that it does a crusader with fire in his heart and flame in his eyes, going out to smash the devil's strongholds.

Not only has a drowsy Church in a dazed world failed to grapple with the powers of darkness as it should, but it has failed to grasp the ghastly seriousness of this atomic age into which we have been hurled. It was the complaint of the Lord that the religious leaders of His day could not discern the signs of the times. Matt. 16:3.

The need of a spiritual awakening is desperate. It is the sort of need that Paul had on his heart when he cried to Christians in Rome: "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom.13:11, 12.

This is the Gethsemane hour of the world. Time draws to a close. Jesus comes to His church longing that we watch with Him but as truly as the disciples failed Him, we also are failing Him. For we too are asleep.

Collectively and individually it is Pray or Perish!!!

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VIII. BECOME A LOVER AND A STUDENT OF GOD'S WORD

1. Eat it; chew it; digest it; hide it in your heart; memorize it. With conditions as they are today and unless we repent as a nation, the fate of other countries could easily become ours. If the Word should be taken from us, how much would you have stored away in your heart and mind?

2. Jesus commanded us to search the Scriptures. John 5:39.

3. Read all of Psalms 119 and notice the importance given to the Word. Verses 9-16 are nuggets. Note Col. 3:16.

4. It is also commanded that we be able to give a reason (Scripture) for the hope that is within us. I Peter 3:15. Oh, know and love The Book!

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IX. REMEMBER THE MINISTRY OF FASTING

1. Just a few of many passages: Psalm 35:13; II Cor. 1:5; 11:27; Matt. 15:32; Mark 8:3; Luke 5:35.

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X. IF NECESSARY, RE-ORGANIZE YOUR LIFE

1. Our life today is geared too high for one ever thus to find time to worship God. The masses in our churches are not doing it. One must take time; hence, likely a change of program. Remember that God always meets us at the point of our will.

2. You will likely need to discipline yourself by getting to bed earlier, providing time for an early morning hour of prayer. Note Prov. 8:17.

3. You will have less time for games, radio, and chasing about. Things which are harmless in themselves will be dropped for those more worth while. Pilgrim fled from the city of Destruction, with his hands to his ears, crying, "Life, life, eternal life!!" So must we. Acts 2:40.

"Few things are more pathetic than the sight of one who has become so busy with the Lord's work that he has neglected the Lord Himself". J. B. Chapman.

Save yourselves from this prayerless, tearless, soul-burdenless, comfortable, ease-loving, pleasure seeking, self-indulging, man-exalting, God-forgetting, wicked generation!

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XI. BECOME A SOUL-WINNER

1. Prayer, patience and will power will make any one a winner of souls. Lack of concern and laziness alone can explain our fruitlessness.

2. Our Lord speaks mighty words: Mark 1:17; John 15:1-8.

3. As truly as Jesus, being hungry, came to the fig tree for fruit, He stands before you and me, "hungry", seeking fruit. Does He find "nothing but leaves"?

Note:--"It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men. The person with limited powers and opportunities who consecrates all he has to God's service will accomplish far more than the proficient and capable person who seeks to do great things in his own strength and leaves God out of his calculation Dedicated to God, the shepherd's staff in Moses' hand was greater than the scepter of Pharaoh."

Will power will be matched by grace and will be crowned with souls.

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XII. ALWAYS ATTEND ALL THE MEANS OF GRACE UNLESS PROVIDENTIALLY HINDERED -- HEBREWS 10:25

1. Let your visiting relatives and friends know that you always attend both Sunday services and mid-week prayer meeting.

2. Possess a deadly fear of becoming "A Sunday morninger."

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XIII. REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

1. These are days of great laxity; we must exercise extreme caution.

2. Watch with eternal vigilance, buying and selling, big Sunday dinners, studying lessons or doing other work, boisterous play, secular reading, gadding about, etc., etc. Let it be a Sabbath day's journey toward Heaven.

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XIV. FIND SOME FORM OF SELF DENIAL

The Christian life without any so-called sacrifice lacks a peculiar kind of joy. Deliberately deny yourself often in clothes, house-hold furnishings, social life, sleep, pleasure or something. Be sure to do it for Jesus' sake.

"The law of sacrifice is the greatest law in earth and heaven. The law of sacrifice is God's great law. God gave Himself in His Son . . . Sacrifice is the law of Christ. He came through God's sacrifice and He came to sacrifice. His whole life was a continual refusing of Himself. Sacrifice is the law of Christianity. It is the law of the saint . . . Sacrifice is opposite to Selfishness. It is--"Not I, but Christ." Not only your old Self but the new man with all his self-assertion, egotism, and self-confidence must die". A. B. Simpson.

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XV. BE A STRICT TITHER. KEEP BOOKS FOR GOD -- DON'T "GUESS AND GIVE"

1. God's word is commanding and assuring. Malachi 3:10.

2. "Steward-ship is what happens to mine because of what has happened to me".

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XVI. BE GENEROUS -- ONE CAN GIVE ONLY AFTER THE TITHE IS PAID

1. God loves a cheerful giver. II Cor. 7:9.

2. God's measure is the one of our choosing. Luke 6:38.

3. Liberality's reward. Proverbs 11:25.

David Livingstone said, "I will place no value on any thing I have or may possess, except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given up or kept, as by keeping or giving it shall most promote the glory of Him to Whom I owe all my hopes of both time and eternity."

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XVII. KEEP A TRUE SENSE OF VALUES -- GOD DOES NOT COUNT AS WE DO

1. God weighs values. I Tim. 6:6-12.

"Every one goes down to the grave carrying in his clutched hands, only that which he has given away". Sel.

"I counted dollars while God counted crosses;
I counted gains while God counted losses!
I counted my worth by the things gained in store,
While He sized me up by the scars that I bore".

-- Bishop Ralph Cushman

2. Beware of the deceitfulness of riches. Matt. 13:22.

Note :--One does not need to be rich to be caught in this tricky, deadly trap.

3. Loan to God. Prov. 19:17.

4. Scatter to increase. Prov. 11:24.

5. Lose to get. Luke 9:23-25.

6. Jesus can be ministered to every day. Matt. 25:32-49.

An orphaned boy lived in a big box at the back of a large city store. One night he was converted in a mission. The next morning as he stood on the street corner in chilling weather, he saw what he had been before,--another homeless little fellow, coatless, crying out his wares also. The new spirit within prompted him to give the other boy his coat.

But he caught cold and was found very ill in his box home. In the hospital, he lay, unconscious and low with pneumonia. Opening his eyes, he said to the Nurse, "You can't guess who came and stood beside my bed". "No, who did?" "Jesus did, and you can't guess what He had on." "No, I can't." said the Nurse kindly. "Why, He had on my old coat." He closed his eyes and went to meet Him.

7. Jesus makes mention of special ones. Heb. 12:12; James 1:27.

8. Let your motive ever be to give directly to Jesus and only indirectly to the church. He is a Person who feels and manifests appreciation for what is done.

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XVIII. RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD AT ALL TIMES

1. Practice the presence of God. Praise Him. Tell Him how you love Him and just see how He responds!

2. Joy comes from believing. Rom. 15:13.

3. Fear to grieve the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:30. He is very real and personal. It is He who makes Jesus so precious. John 14:26.

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XIX. PRAISE GOD AT ALL TIMES -- "REJOICE EVERMORE" -- I THES. 5:16

1. Praise changes things. Sometimes one can praise his way through when he cannot pray it through.

2. "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thes. 5:18.

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XX. BE POLITE

1. Under all circumstances be a lady or gentleman. Discourtesy from a Christian is never excusable. If employees can be trained to take all kinds of hot, cutting words and be courteous because their "job is at stake", what a disgrace it is that God's people cannot keep the command, "Be courteous, be pitiful." I Peter 3:8-11.

Will power and self-discipline are lacking; we are lazy and expect God's grace to do what we can do ourselves!

2. So abhor thoughtlessness, rudeness and other manifestations of discourtesy, that if you find yourself guilty, you will quickly and feelingly crave pardon.

"A Christian should be a striking likeness of Jesus Christ. You have read lives of Christ, beautifully and eloquently written; but the best life of Christ is His living biography, written out in the words and actions of His people". Spurgeon.

3. Courtesy is not compromise.

Two men shared a seat on the bus. One offered the other a cigarette. As if insulted, he bellowed, "I should say not! I'm a Christian". Another day the same man, lighting his cigarette, offered another seat-mate a smoke. The other very kindly replied, "No, thank you, Sir. I don't smoke". Later he had an opportunity to witness to the grace of God and leave a testimony which touched and remained in the heart of the other. And he did not compromise!

4. Holiness and courtesy are not incompatible with punishment of children. In revival meetings I have found people confused on this point; hence this Tip:

- a. The rod saves from Hell. Prov. 23:13, 14.
- b. Love chasteneth. Prov. 13:24.
- c. Foolishness driven out by the rod. Prov. 22:15.
- d. Spare not for his crying. Prov. 19:18.
- e. The reward. Prov. 29:15-17.

Note:-- While firmness and discipline is enjoined, it must ever be given in the spirit of love -- never in anger. Read Eph. 6:4.

Once a newly sanctified man threatened his son with a whipping if he failed to obey. The boy happily replied, "You can't do that now, Dad, because you've got the Blessing".

Disobedience brought forth an extra portion of the father's promised punishment, administered in a sweet spirit and with this explanation, "Son, that's a sanctified whipping!"

5. Little things that matter much.

(1.) Watch the tone of your voice at home -- it may have a tendency to become whine-y and grumbly, or short and sharp, or even sarcastic. Will power must keep it sweet and kind, although sometimes firm.

(2.) Beware of the habit of insisting that folk do that which you wish. Plenty of room for personal freedom and preferences make for happiness.

(3.) If a loved one has at last seen your view point, and is taking credit for the bright idea, don't rob him of that joy. Balloon pricklers are undesirable company! More will power needed!!

(4.) In conversation, learn not to contradict or even interrupt the speaker.

(5.) Ladies, don't nag. Prov. 21:9 and 19. Whew! Note:-- Sometimes unsaved loved ones are driven farther away by being "nagged" about becoming Christians. Let us talk to God much about them, but little to them. Live so as to make them hungry for God.

(6.) And now, not to slight the gentlemen, cultivate thoughtfulness! Eph. 4:32.

(7.) Guard against an officious, independent spirit. Learn to be co-operative. Donkeys carry burdens; mules balk!

(8.) In fact, the acid test is Our Spirit. "Our spirit counts for more than our doctrine. The worst enemy of the full gospel has been the harshness or selfishness of some of its exponents". Bertha Munroe.

(9.) Train yourself not to centralize conversation about yourself and your doings. Teach yourself to become sincerely interested in the other person. It takes a great man to make a good listener". Arthur Phelps.

(10.) Be helpful.

Sir Wm. Grey of South Africa was away from home when their faithful African chauffeur died. Mrs. Grey sent the new man down to meet the train assuring him that he could not miss her husband if he looked for a tall man who would be helping some one. All the passengers had alighted; the Native felt that he had missed him when lo, at the coach door there appeared a man bent over helping an old woman who was so crippled that she could move very slowly. When he stood up, he was tall! What a Christ-like mark of distinction-to be helping another!

(11.)Respect those over you. Heb. 13:8-10.

a. Comply with the request from the pulpit to "Come forward", etc., etc., etc., etc.!

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XXI. TEACH YOURSELF REVERENCE -- HONOR GOD'S HOUSE

1. Let talking before service be only that which is absolutely necessary and let it be done in subdued whispers.

2. All eyes be closed during prayer.

3. All song numbers looked up and other "business" attended to outside prayer.

4. There be as little moving about as is possible during service.

Note:-- "In the period before the Service we commend the keeping of silence, In the midst of our busy lives we have all too little time for silence. 'It is seldom,' writes one Christian, 'that God finds a soul quiet enough to speak to.' When a pan of milk is quiet, the cream rises to the top; and so it is with us. The silence before the Service begins can be used as a time for quiet preparation."

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XXII. GUARD AGAINST A DOGMATIC SPIRIT

1. Dogmatism often leads to argument, which is bad, and to strife, which is worse.

2. Follow peace. Heb. 12:14. You may have a chase to overtake it!

3. Covet the blessing pronounced upon peace-makers. Matt. 5:9.

4. Yield.. A modern translation of Phil. 4:5 translates "moderation" as "yieldingness". Where no conviction is involved, yield -- yielding pacifies. Beware of becoming stubborn and calling it lack of compromise.

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XXIII. BE DUMB -- NOT TOUCHY

Years ago a girl asked me if I did not realize that a certain remark, bristling with nettles, was made for me. Upon an affirmative reply, she said, "But you didn't act as if you caught it". My answer was, "I'm not as dumb as you think!" Then I added, "I've chosen to be dumb, rather than touchy".

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XXIV. CULTIVATE THE EXPRESSION OF SINCERE APPRECIATION

"Be loud in your praise and hearty in your appreciation". Dale Carnegie. By the way, it would be helpful to read his "How to Win Friends and Influence People" in order to receive tips on how to better represent our God.

Read Matt. 5:16; I Cor. 6:20.

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XXV. KEEP THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART SECURELY BARRED AGAINST THE MONSTER, SELF PITY

1. "Self pity is crying on the devil's shoulder." Bob Schuler. If you lean on his shoulder, you may be sure that he will instantly embrace you and speak comfortingly to you. It will be hard to free yourself from him too!

2. Help those around you from becoming victims of self-pity.

3. If right, never fear to stand alone. Praise God, keep sweet, and refuse to pity self.

4. Guard the spirit of martyrdom; self loves to become a martyr. The "Poor-me" spirit, the "I've-suffered-serving Jesus attitude" is not only repulsive, but it is Not the Christ-like spirit.

5. Go listen to Brother Paul testify: II Cor. 4:16-18; 11:22-33; 12:7-10.

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XXVI. BE TRUTHFUL

1. What? An admonition to holiness people, to be truthful? Yes!

"White (?) Lies -- Gypsy Smith was right! He said, 'The whitest lie ever told is as black as the devil.' Black is black, and white is white, and there are no shaded colors in between. In fact, the smallest lie ever told is as black and as large as the devil -- there are no white ones or small ones. We have lost our true sense of values; we have placed our heads in the sand of life. Like the foolish, proverbial ostrich, we think that we are covered over when we are fully exposed. When we deal in white lies, we are dealing in shifting sands and head coverings, but the heart is exposed.

God's Word states, 'Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil' (Matt. 5:37). This does not mean that we should say nothing but yes and no; that conversation other than yes or no is evil. We are instructed to communicate truthfully -- without so-called white lies. Yes or no; true or false; right or wrong; black or white -- there are no shaded colors in between. Saved or unsaved; hot or cold; Christ or the devil; heaven or hell -- God's word has no half measures."--by A. H. Townsend in the Herald of Holiness.

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XXVII. BE HONEST -- ROMANS 12:11 AND 17

1. One's word should be as good as his bond.

2. Be meticulous in all business relations. The world judges us by rigid laws of rightness. And God is a Detailest in all such.

3. If debt becomes a necessity, be prompt, to-the-letter, in discharge of all obligations.

4. Watch your hands, lest they get the itch of wanting too much. Churches or groups do help us, so much above our deserts often, but let us take care that it does not spoil us until we think that we should be helped. In the receiving may we never be guilty of the feeling that "the more the better". Let us keep a sensitive conscience. Our attitude in such things speaks for Christ and Others or for Self and Me and Mine.

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XXVIII. FEAR THE SPIRIT OF CRITICISM AS YOU WOULD THE BITE OF A DEADLY SNAKE

1. Earth's most poisonous serpent can only kill the body; criticism kills the soul. A critical spirit and God's Spirit cannot live for long in the same heart. Heb. 12:15.

2. Watch yourself. Leave others to God. Read "Others May -- You Cannot".

3. Be hard on yourself; be easy on others.

4. Don't impose your convictions on others Pray; be charitable; let God talk. God would do much more if we kept sweeter and trusted Him more instead of feeling that it is up to us to set things right.

5. Take the blame--it won't hurt you! It will help you to see yourself in a truer light. Make criticism a servant by letting it lead you to see as others see, and in making you more Christ-like.

6. Remember there is no such person as a Christian with a grudge against another. Such an one is not saved Matt. 6:14, 15.

7. Watch for your faults and humbly own them to others.

8. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matt. 7:1.

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ . . . So then every one of us shall give an account of Himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather that no more put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way . . . Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another". Rom. 14:10-19.

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XXIX. "TEND TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS," IS SOMETIMES AN ANGRY RETORT HEARD ON HUMAN LIPS, BUT GOD'S SOLEMN INJUNCTION IS, "BUT LET NONE OF YOU SUFFER AS A MURDERER OR AS A THIEF OR AS A BUSYBODY IN OTHER MENS' MATTERS" -- I PETER 4:15 -- THAT'S BAD COMPANY TO KEEP, TOO

1. Notice further God's Word; I Thes. 4:11; II Thes. 3:11; I Tim. 5:13.

"Fault finding is one talent that ought to be buried and the place forgotten".

A clergyman said to John Wesley that: "Church members have only turned from one wickedness to another -- they have only exchanged Sabbath-breaking, swearing or drunkenness for slandering, backbiting and evil-speaking".

2. God lists seven things which He hates, yea, He says that they are an abomination to Him. We had better note them carefully: Prov. 6:16-19.

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XXX. DO NOT DEFEND YOURSELF

1. None of us are nearly as important as we think we are. Rom. 12:3; Gal. 6:3, 4.

2. God has never told us to defend ourselves -- leave that to Him. Didn't we give Him our reputation?

3. Don't chase down reports about yourself -- forget them -- unless they are true; then make things right!

4. Sincerely pray for and treat very kindly the one who has spoken ill of you, however unfair it may have been. Matt. 5:44-48.

5. Keep sweet, Jude 1. Preserves are made with too much sugar to spew! Enough of God's grace and will power will take out the spew!!

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XXXI. KEEP WELL DRESSED -- "BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY" -- I PET. 5:5

"No garment is more becoming to the child of God than the gracious garment of humility and none is better styled to please the lover of our souls". A. B. Simpson.

1. Added description of wardrobe. Col. 3:12, 13; I Pet. 3: 3, 4; Isa. 61:3.

2. God's coat (topper). Col. 3:14.

3. Note God orders an ornament. I Pet. 3:4, last half verse.

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XXXII. BUILD FOR YOURSELF A CASTLE OUT OF ROMANS 8:28

1. There are no exceptions to Rom. 8:28. Remember it does not say that every thing is for our good, but God uses every single thing in His working out process for OUR GOOD and His glory.

2. Get inside the Castle and read Eph. 5:20; I Thes. 5:18; Phil. 4:4. Do that, and the strongly fortified castles of medieval days were nothing to your Castle.

3. "The demons of hell are fighting a losing battle if the individual gives God co-operation".

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XXXIII. BOAST NOT

1. "Say much of what the Lord has done for you but little of what you have done for the Lord."

2. Notice John 7:18; Rom. 3:27; Gal. 6:3; 1 Cor. 1:17-31; Eph. 2:8, 9; I Cor. 2:1-10.

3. Paul glories. Gal. 6:14; II Cor. 11:23-33; 12:6-10; Phil. 2:2-5.

4. Learn true humility. Prov. 16:18, 19; 29:23; Isa. 57:15.

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XXXIV. DON'T ADVERTISE THE DEVIL IN PUBLIC

1. If you feel that you must talk of the power and works of the arch enemy of Jesus Christ, wait until you have a testimony to exalt the God of all grace for victory which He has given. II Cor. 2:14; John 16:33.

2. Diabolical though he is, he is not responsible for everything attributed to him. We have a habit of laying on him what-ever crosses our wishes.

3. Change what can be changed; for what can't -- Rom. 8:28.

4. Satan has no power over one of God's children unless God permits it and even then God sets the boundary beyond which Satan cannot go. Job 1:12; 2:1-10.

"The way to peace and victory is to accept every trial straight from the hand of a loving Father."

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XXXV. TRUST GOD -- NEVER DOUBT HIS LOVE AND WISDOM

1. "He is too wise to err and too good to be un-kind."

2. "God may be slow, but never late." Could the God of the sparrows forget??

3. Trust His silence Isa. 48:17.

4. Our clocks run on "fast time", but His clock is always standard time and will strike on the dot.

"The God whose Universe is timed to exact regularity is not going to be slipshod with me." Sel.

5. The British send communications marked with a big "O.H.M.S."--"On His Majesty's Service." Ah, yes, let us recognize that on all the common, mundane tasks of life there is the "O.H.M.S."

"And It Came To Pass"

A man, who in African parlance, had not quite all his birds, was wont to open his Bible and take whatever verse his eyes happened to fall upon as God's message to him. One day he read, "And it came to pass". He was puzzled, and several times repeated aloud the words. Finally, he joyously exclaimed, "Oh, I see! It came to pass -- it didn't come to stay!" A fine attitude for us to take about any un-pleasant situation -- it came to pass!

Trust God and be patient. If you have prayed through about a matter keep still and wait for God to work it out. Give Him time to "let it come to pass". Don't you try to do it -- you will hinder or Spoil His work. Stand by like a loyal, loving soldier until He works it all out.

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XXXVI. KEEP YOUR EYES OFF PEOPLE -- COL. 3:23, 24

1. Do everything FOR Jesus and only TO people. Do this and people will never trouble you. If you seek approval, commendation and appreciation from fellow-travelers, you will often be disappointed; but if you keep those two prepositions "For" and "To" in the right place, you will always be "well paid" and appreciated, and your service will be characterized by a love and freedom that is nowhere found outside of Jesus Christ.

2. There is a sweet and glorious deliverance from people. More will power needed -- to be matched by grace!!

The Romance Of Doing All For Jesus

God had blessed the labors of a pastor and his wife in a small, growing home mission church. But their sorely needed money often reluctantly went into keeping their old car in running condition. Sub-zero weather struck that area, each morning the car would not start! For enough of a push to get it in a going mood, a big dollar had to come from the poor preacher's pocket. To save that he arose each night and gave the car an engine-warming experience. Then, lo, that proved insufficient. He must arise twice! At this stage the sympathetic wife wrote her mother, "Who wants to get up twice every night in 20 below weather to start an old car?"

At once the thought came to me, "It all depends on WHO he is starting the car FOR." If it is being done for JESUS, who would not joyously jump out of a warm bed and happily rush out into the biting cold to start the old car for HIM??!!

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XXXVII. TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE A GOOD SOLDIER

1. Expect conflict; endure hardness. 1 Tim. 2:3.
2. Be strong; watch and be charitable. I Cor. 16:13,14; Rom. 8: 31-32; Eph. 1:17-19.
3. LEARN contentment. Phil. 4:11-13.
4. Discover the joys of meditation. The tempo and tenseness of living in this age is robbing people of periods of helpful quietness. Gen. 24:63; Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:2; 5:1; 19:14.
5. Perfect victory is promised to God's soldier. I Cor. 12:1-10; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:9-14.
6. "There is a place by me and thou shalt stand upon a rock". Ex. 33:21.
7. LEARN by heart and practice. I Thes. 5:12-24.

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XXXVIII. SEEK NOT HAPPINESS -- JER. 45:5

1. Seek God and--Matt. 6:33.
2. Seek to bring happiness to others -- lo, you have found it!

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XXXIX. TEACH YOURSELF TO FORGET THE UN-PLEASANT AND TO REMEMBER THE COMMENDABLE

1. Remember to forget!
2. Study carefully, Phil. 4:8. Learn it. It's a key to a lovely world.

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XL. WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY -- EPH. 5:15-21

1. The word "circumspect" means to watch with utmost care, looking in all directions, as though danger lurked at every move, and it does! Eph. 5:15-21.

2. Bitterness may re-enter the pure heart. Heb. 12:15.

3. Remind yourself of the seven things hated by God. Pro. 6:16-19.

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XLII. BEWARE OF LIGHTNESS IN CONVERSATION

1. Life today seems to be one big joke and people vie with each other -- telling funny stories. A sense of humor is wholesome and commendable but to be always trying to say cute things or telling jokes is Not becoming to godliness or conducive the spirituality.

2. Foolish talking keeps bad company. Eph. 5:3-5; Col. 4:6.

3. In conversation, reverently weave in God and His power and works. Wesley advised interspersing prayer often with conversation.

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XLIII. STRIVE DESPERATELY TO MASTER YOUR TONGUE

1. Struggle as whole-heartedly as a drowning man would to save his life. The tongue has slain thousands.

2. Study the third chapter of James.

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XLIV. PREPARE EVERYDAY TO GROW OLD!

1. Uncle Buddie Robinson used to talk about growing old gracefully. His ambition was to be a "sweet old man," and how he did succeed!!

2. Nip the cranky, fault-finding spirit in the bud.

3. Browning said; "My times are in Thy hand, Who saith, a whole I planned. Youth shows but half. Trust God see all, nor be afraid".

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XLV. KEEP A MISSIONARY HEART

1. "God had but one Son and He became a foreign missionary."

"Every section of the New Testament was written by a missionary."

2. God's blessing is peculiarly upon a missionary heart. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14.

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XLV. LEARN TO RELAX IN GOD

1. Matt. 6:24-34 proves conclusively that God would have us live trustingly and happily without anxiety or fear.

2. His command is "Casting all of your care upon Him, FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU" I Pet. 5:7. His goal for us, "I would have you without carefulness". I Cor. 7:32.

3. Spirituality, the order is: 1. FACTS. 2. FAITH. 3. FEELING. When the facts do not change -- I am wholly and obediently God's own property -- God never changes; then faith is intact. Feelings come and go. But facts and faith are sufficient to cause us to relax completely in our loving Father's care.

4. Heb. 4: 9-11 is blessed.

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XLVI. BELIEVE GOD!

1. God's definition of faith is given in Heb. 11:1.

2. George Mueller's definition: "Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence is FAITH."

3. Faith is a law.

a. Drop an object -- it falls -- law of gravitation.

b. Touch a red hot stove -- you are burned -- law of cause and effect.

c. Believe -- receive -- law of faith.

4. "According to your faith, so be it unto you." We are spiritual paupers when we could be millionaires.

5. "Whatever your faith says God is, 'that' He will be."

6. Rom. 15:13 assures one of personal victory and Matt. 21:22 is the scope for our achieving faith!

7. Dr. J. G. Morrison used to say that all most Christians do is to keep themselves alive with tea and toast, made by the faith wire, when God would have them pull an engine and loaded cars.

8. God is still writing the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Get In!

9. A secret to you -- "When fear knocks at the door of the heart, send Faith to open it and you will find that there is no one there."

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XLVII. FIGHT WITH LOVE

1. Serve with love. Gal. 5:13-16; Let love increase. I Thes. 3:12, 13.

2. Be harmless. Matt. 10:16; Phil. 2:13-16.

3. Under no consideration, ever, at any time let any feeling contrary to love find lodgment in your heart. If it does, then know that God has either gone or soon will go.

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XLVIII. AVOID CLIQUES

1. God's picture of His family. Col. 3:13-16. Give special attention to those apt to be neglected.

2. Go around drawing circles:

"He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But LOVE and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in."
Edwin Markman.

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XLIX. BEFRIEND THE ONE WHO NEEDS A FRIEND

1. In this world where weakness and sin abound, it is not uncommon for a fellow Christian to stumble and fall. Such an one needs prayerful, sympathetic help.

2. In helping one who has stumbled there are two attitudes to avoid:

(1.) The spirit of "I-never-would-have-done-such-a thing," the holier-than-thou attitude.

(2.) That of failing to recognize the wrong done, hence a compromising spirit. Sin is sin and it brings death. We must fear it and hate it, yet we must love the sinner and tenderly get him back where sin can be covered, under the Blood.

3. Spiritual casualties are far too high in the Church.

(1.) Instead of falling into the tender care of good Samaritans, many times one who has been defeated falls among thieves who strip him of his raiment, wound him and depart, leaving him half dead. And all too frequently we find these "thieves" within the ranks of the Church.

4. God tells us exactly the procedure to follow:

(1.) "Brethren, if a man be over-taken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:1, 2.

(2.) Let brotherly love continue . . . Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Heb. 13:1,3.

5. Note Jesus' example.

(1.) The woman at the well. John 4:6-42. (2.) The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30-37. (3.) The Ninety and Nine. Luke 15:4-7.

6. Love will win.

(1.) Above all things have fervent charity (love) among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." I Pet. 4:8.

(2.) "Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it." Song of Sol. 8:7.

7. Make it just as hard as possible for a fellow Christian to become discouraged and make it just as easy as possible for everyone to get to heaven.

(1.) "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Heb. 10:24.

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L. BEWARE OF BEING "LITTLE" -- DOGGEDLY AND CONSTANTLY CULTIVATE "BIGNESS"

1. Sometimes a natural disposition makes it easier to lean toward jealousy and self glorification. One must fight hard, then grace will prove its wonders.

2. A fair test: Can you rejoice in the success of one who has followed you in any phase of church work? You failed; your successor did what you could not do. If you feel irked, don't be "little", and justify your failure. One sings or plays better than you, hence is chosen and praised more than you are. Does it grate? Keep yourself at the foot of the Cross and work; will power and grace will enable you to sincerely "rejoice with them that do rejoice." Romans 12:15.

3. Do not try to hold to yourself those whom you have once taught or led. Be "big"! Free them with all your heart, to love and appreciate others.

On the other hand, perhaps it becomes your lot to labor with those who are devoted to a former worker. Free them to love that one still. Don't be "little". Those who love others will love you too providing you act as you should. Love must be won -- it is not transferable! Win it -- not by crowding the other one out of the heart, but make a place beside him for yourself. The heart is big and there is room for everyone. Nothing wins love faster than "bigness".

Determination and effort will enable God's grace to abound.

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LI. STUDY THE OTHER PERSON'S VIEW POINT

1. Work at the job until you become skilled in that noble and rare art.
2. Make allowance for difference in back-ground, disposition, personality, etc., etc.
3. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

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LII. MAKE YOURSELF EASY TO "GET-ON-WITH"

1. It is an art to live with people and to work happily with them. Often it will require conscious and pains-taking effort on your part. But the "over-time" you put in will pay you much more than "time and a half".

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LIII. REMEMBER YOUR POSITION IN LIFE

1. Jesus puts us at the bottom -- as servants. Matt. 20:26-28; Phil. 2:7.
2. There is no "going up" in Jesus Christ, but rather, progress is ever downward -- in humility, meekness and self-abnegation. Isa. 57:15; Psa. 51:17.
3. We need constantly to guard against the spirit of kingship. It is subtle and even the church world offers us a throne. It is well to check one's spirit often: Do I have or seek a

KINGDOM? OR am I "always delivered unto death for Jesus sake that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh". II Cor. 4:11.

In other words, am I a king or a prisoner of Jesus Christ, a servant?

4. Jesus met this temptation in the wilderness. With great subtlety the same enemy appeals to His followers.

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LIV. BE AMENABLE TO AUTHORITY

1. God says, "Obey them that have rule over you and submit yourselves". Heb. 13:17.

2. It is necessary and proper to have organizations but ever realize that we must look primarily to God and trust Him to rule and over-rule. God will never fail one who thus trusts Him. There is a great secret right there!

3. Beware of an "independent spirit".

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LV. LET NOTHING DIM THE TRUTH THAT GOD AND THE CHURCH OWE US NOTHING

1. We have put our all on the altar of God and the Church for life -- to be used or not used -- according to His wisdom and choice. One with talents often finds it hard to believe that God could ever choose not to use such valuable gifts, yet He may let ability "lie idle" for a time, while He seeks to develop a sweet, submissive spirit, which is infinitely more valuable to Him than many sparkling talents.

2. Fear not the western slope of life.

(1.) God speaks comfortingly to those in declining years. Isa. 46:4; Psa. 37:25.

(2.) God will keep busy His sweet-spirited servant even unto the end. GOD will ever "place" His worker providing he keeps willing to accept His choice. It is only when we get too big to take a small work that we get too cumbersome for God to handle. Then one blames the Church for not giving him work!!

True, the "field" will eventually lessen in scope due to the declining faculties and the decaying earthen vessel, but, "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing". Psa. 92:14.

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LVI. ENDEAVOR TO BECOME A WISE, SPIRIT-FILLED ALTAR WORKER

1. Fill you mind with promises which can be quoted verbatim. Have your Bible handy with the passages underlined.

2. Pray until you touch God, thus creating an atmosphere of faith for the seeking soul.

3. Don't talk much to the seeker. let God talk. Sometimes a few remarks do help a soul. Council is needed after prevailing prayer.

4. Be guided by the Holy Spirit.

5. Urge the seeker to pray. Be gentle; be courteous.

6. Be careful about telling him your experience; get him to look to God. Sometimes God will lead you to tell how He dealt with you.

7. The future of our church is settled at the altar.

8. Be dead sure that your life is above reproach. Frequently seekers are hindered by not having confidence in the one trying to help them.

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LVII. BEWARE OF A SECTARIAN SPIRIT OR A WRONG FEELING OF CHURCH PRIDE

1. Denominational loyalty is very natural and most commendable, and it is also wholly compatible with a deep appreciation of, and genuine fellowship with, the blood-washed of all other groups.

2. In Jesus day, and among His inner circle before Pentecost, He found and condemned the selfish, egotistic spirit. Read Luke 9:49-54.

3. I believe that many times in our day the Holy Spirit is grieved and hampered in His work because of our "spirit" too. It does not mean, that by having a prejudiced love we are more loyal to our church, but it does mean that we are less Christian and less truly loyal to our own beloved denomination.

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LVIII. LIVE RECKLESSLY

1. Throw yourself away, recklessly, to God. God will do much for and through the one who has hopelessly, irrevocably abandoned himself to the Lord.

Gloriously Reckless

"I would sooner have a few dare-devil, care-for-nothing and nobody soldiers, aflame with love for Christ and desire for death for Christ, than a million workers just ten percent below that standard. When will His people take the war of God seriously? Every Christian who is a "man" and not a "sham", ought to be in it with a glorious disregard of the cost and consequences, determined to win or die in the attempt; and over-age or cripples, ought to be wrestling and slaving, saving and giving to supply the sinews of war." C. T. Studd.

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LIX. EXPECT THE SOON COMING OF JESUS

1. Peter's words are timely; II Pet. 3:10-13.

Speaking of the hour of His returning, Jesus said in Luke 21:34-36; "But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence and drunkenness of the anxieties (cares) of this life, and that day come upon you, suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all the dwellers on the face of the whole earth. (Isa. 24:17) But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man." (Weymouth).

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LX. REMEMBER THAT THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF LIFE'S PROBLEMS ARE WITH HIM

1. Until that day, knock out all secondary causes -- let all go right back to Him -- "looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith"

Our Teacher

A little girl, not too bright, wrote her examination with a single answer carefully written after the number of the question: "I do not know the answer". Ten times she wrote that one sentence, then she added a postscript:

"But I sure do love my teacher". Questions often come to us as to why this must come and why that should be our portion. Along life's way we must remember, "I do not know the answer, but I sure do love my Teacher".

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LXI. DIE DAILY

1. After the death of Sin and Self in the sanctification of the soul there remains a no-longer-carnal self which is a very real and a fruitful field for much work. Paul happily proclaims the crucifixion of the former Self in Gal. 2:20 and concerning the latter, he says, "I die daily". I Cor. 15:31. We cease dying to this self, the moment we breathe our last. It takes will

power thus to die, and God's grace will match that will power. The greater the death, the more the soul comes to bear the image of Christ.

Subdued

"We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, laziness, impetuosity and all wanting our own way even in religious matters, must be subdued out of us. We must be subdued, not merely in our own opinion, not merely think ourselves subdued, not only subdued in the esteem of our friends and fellow-workers, but subdued so perfectly that the all-seeing eye of God can look us through and the omniscient One knows that we are subdued. God must conquer the man that He can trust with His great thought and plans.

"The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and promptly into His mind, the work will be done, but if we have flint or iron in our nature (altho sanctified) He will use heroic means and put us beneath the millstones, and grind us to powder until He can mold us without resistance to His purpose. The greatest difficulty in the way of God's using His servants, even His zealous, and sometimes sanctified ones, is that they are not perfectly, universally and constantly subdued under the power of God.

"We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's matters that God has not entrusted us with, so subdued as not to be calling God's servants hard names, and thrusting at Christians who are doing what they can in their various fields for the Master so subdued that we can hold our tongues, and walk softly with God, keep our eyes upon Jesus, attend to our own work, and do God's will promptly and lovingly, glad to have a place in His kingdom and do a little service for Him.

Oh! it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost, and work with Him in humility, without stumbling over others without religious peevishness and bend with every plan that God gives us". Selected.

2. Jesus' words are magnificent in John 12:24, 25.

I Am Third

In the room of a new university student there hung a small motto, "I AM THIRD". An inquiry as to what it meant brought this explanation, "God is first; Others are second; I am third'.

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LXII. WORK ARDUOUSLY FOR THE D. L. DEGREE (DOCTOR OF LOVE)

All the fore-going Tips are subject-matter for much "work" toward the highest of all degrees -- Doctor of Love. A few more suggestions right to the point.

1. Keep paying your standing account. Rom. 13:7, 8.
2. Ponder on Rom. 14:3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20.
3. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honor preferring one another." Rom. 12:10.
4. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor". Rom. 13:10.
5. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good and to his edification". Rom. 15:2.
6. "This is my commandment, That ye love one another AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." John 15:12. What a measure!
7. "Hereby perceive we the love of God because He laid down His life for us: we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren". I John 3:16.
8. Watch your spirit. We may strive for the Standards of the Church -- as we all must do -- but we can contend for them with such a harsh, uncharitable and pharisaical spirit that we hopelessly and disgracefully fail to manifest The Standard of His Church -- Perfect Love.

Commandments Of Jesus

- (1) "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind
- (2) "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 22:37-39.
- (3) "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12.

9. When one has learned in heart and practice to carry out the two commandments of Jesus which embody that matchless third one, he shall have merited the Doctor of Love Degree, and it will be conferred upon him again and again by those who are fortunate enough to pass his way.

Love In Action

A poor little boy with a basket of apples, in the jostle of a crowded street, had the basket knocked out of his hands. Tearfully and with great difficulty, he sought to recover the fruit while hurrying pedestrians kicked the rolling apples along. Finally, a kind man joined him in his wearisome task. Observing gratefully at last, that his basket was filled with the coveted fruit, the lad looked up into the face of his benefactor and asked, "Mister, are you Jesus Christ?"

There are few people who do not need help in picking up their "apples." -- Ah, at the upset baskets along life's road!!

The Language Of One With A D. L Degree

"What is the sweetness of love? It is love made perfect and filling, enlarging, and overflowing the breast; love pushing its tidal wave up into the intellect and will, deluging all the mental faculties with its delicious current; love filling the tongue, selecting the fittest words, sweetening the voice, or else holding it in precious silence; love that obeys GOD in everything, and yet selects the very humblest and sweetest way of doing it.

It is love that conceals all its pains in the bosom of Jesus, and gives its sunshine to others; love that can toil hard all day without appreciation or reward, except to sleep at the Master's feet at night; love that may have those who are above it in office or wealth, or learning to treat it with injustice, neglect, or sarcasm, and say nothing about it, but receive it lovingly as strokes from its Father's hand; love that can sow seed amid pains, persecutions, and tears, and willingly have another to reap all the harvest and praise.

It is love that follows wicked souls to the gates of hell, and seeks to alleviate and reduce their sufferings, even though it can not save them from woe; love that studiously seeks to conceal itself and exhibit Jesus; that exhausts every art in its reach to populate heaven to purify and brighten earth -- and yet asks no pay except a larger increase of Love.

Is this a hard saying to our hearts? Do these tests seem severe? Remember that as long as we persist in keeping to the middle of this stream of love, we can never touch the hard shores and sharp points of severity. PURE, inimitable, lowly love stimulates its own toils, cures its own pains, and it its own reward. It is the most saintly choice of the will." G. D. Watson.

Lest We Forget

Although so much emphasis has been placed on the will, I wish to guard carefully the fact that salvation can never be earned or worked out. It is a free gift; it comes by revelation. Romans 6:23, Gal. 1:12. We must never for a moment lose sight of the fact that Jesus Christ paid it all. We are, and shall ever remain, sinners saved by grace through faith. Our song throughout endless ages will ever be Redemption's Song.

The tendency of this age is to humanize God and practically to worship man and his great power. We must not fall into the terrible error of stressing too much our own efforts in getting or keeping salvation. The more we magnify the Blood and recognize His vicarious death for us the more our Father is pleased and the more humble and victorious we become. We must will to do that.

1. Read Isa. 53; 1 Peter 1:18-22; Heb. 9:11-28; 19:14-23.

2. "Our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14

3. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

Food For Thought

The following are good, odd bits gathered from reading. No attempt is made to observe continuity or sequence in thought.

Consecration

Definition:-- Real consecration demands the abandonment of one's self to God to be His and His alone, and forever that He may first make the individual what He wants him to be, and second, to use him as He wills.

A. B. Earl, the great Baptist Evangelist, who saw 157,000 saved under his ministry and who led Dr. Daniel Steele into the experience of sanctification, procured a consecration book and wrote out on his knees the following: "Feb. 10, 1859. This day I make a new consecration of my all to Jesus Christ: I now and forever give myself to Thee; my soul to be washed in Thy Blood and saved in Heaven at last; my whole body to be used for Thy glory; my mouth to speak for Thee at all times; my eyes to weep over lost sinners or to be used for any purpose for Thy glory; my feet to carry me where Thou shalt wish me to go; my heart to be burdened for souls or used for Thee anywhere; my intellect to be employed at all times for Thy cause and glory. I give Thee my wife, my children, my property, all I have and all that ever shall be mine; I will obey Thee in every known duty A B Earl."

Dodderidge, the Bible Commentator wrote: "This day, do I with the utmost solemnity, surrender myself to thee. I renounce all former lords that have had dominion over me and I consecrate to Thee all that I am and all that I have, the faculties of mind, the members of my body, my worldly possessions, my time and my influence over others, to be all used according to Thy glory as long Thou continuest me in life ever holding myself in attentive posture, to observe the first intimation of Thy will, and ready to spring forward with joy and zeal to the immediate execution of it. To Thee I resign myself and the management of all events pertaining to me, and say without reserve, not my will but Thine be done."

George Muller expressed the result of such a consecration when he answered the question as to the secret of his service. "There was a day when I died", and as he spoke, he bent lower until he almost touched the floor. Continuing, he added, "Died to George Muller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to approval or blame even of my brethren and friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved to God."

Talkativeness

"Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. The very life of our spirits passes out through our speech, and hence all superfluous talk is a waste of the vital forces of the heart. In

fruit-growing it often happens that excessive blossoming prevents a good crop, and often prevents fruit altogether; and by so much loquacity the soul runs wild in word-bloom, and bears no fruit. I am not speaking of sinners nor of legitimate testimony for Jesus, but of that incessant loquacity of nominally Christian persons, and of professors of purifying grace. It is one of the greatest hindrances to deep, solid communion with God.

"Notice how people will tell the same things over and over; how insignificant trifles are magnified by a world of words: how things that should be buried are dragged out into gossip; how a non-essential is argued and disputed over; how the solemn deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner, until one who has the real baptism of divine silence in his heart feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away, and retire alone where he can gather up the fragments of his mind and rest in God, or his usefulness will be impaired. Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs a radical death to its own voice, activity and wordiness.

"Talkativeness is a waste of valuable time. If the hours spent in useless conversation were spent in secret prayer or good reading, we would soon reach a region of soul life and divine peace, far beyond our present dreams.

"Loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise, unpleasant or harmful things. In religious conversation we soon churn up all the cream our souls have in them, and the rest of our talk is all pale skim milk, until we get alone with God and feed in His green pastures and the cream rises again. The Holy Spirit warns us that in the multitude of words there wanteth not sin. It is impossible for the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point without saying something unwise, or severe, or foolish or erroneous.

"We must settle this personally. If others are noisy and gabby, I must determine to live in constant quietness and humility of heart. I must guard my speech as a sentinel does a fortress, and with all respect for others, I must many a time cease from conversation, or withdraw from company to enter into deep communion with my precious Lord." Selected.

The Cure of Evil Speaking By Rev. John Wesley

"Speak evil of no man," says the great apostle -- as plain a command -- as, "Thou shalt do no murder." But who, even among Christians regards this command? Yea, how few there are that so much as understand it? What is evil speaking? It is not, as some suppose, the same with lying or slandering. All a man says may be as true as the Bible; and yet the saying of it is evil speaking. For evil speaking is neither more nor less than speaking evil of an absent person; relating something evil which was really done or said by one who is not present when it is related.

Suppose having seen a man drunk, or heard him curse or swear, I tell this when he is absent. It is evil speaking. In our language, this is known by a very proper name, termed backbiting. Nor is there any material difference between this and what we usually style talebearing? If the tale be delivered in a soft and quiet manner (perhaps with expressions of good will to the person, and of hope that things may not be quite as bad), then we call it whispering. But

in whatever manner it is done, the thing is the same; the same in substance, if not in circumstance. Still it is evil speaking; still this command, 'Speak evil of no man,' is trampled under foot, if we relate to another the fault of a third, when he is not present to answer for himself.

"I will speak ill of no man, not even in the matter of truth, but rather excuse the faults I hear charged upon others and upon proper occasions speak all the good I know of everybody."
Benjamin Franklin.

Others May -- You Cannot
G. D. Watson

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians. In many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all of your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants you to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting time, which other Christians never seem distressed. So make up your mind that God is an infinite sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealing with you, but if you are absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are

in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.

The Kindness Of Jesus

"Jesus Himself was the kindest man that ever lived. It is said of Him, and it is said of no other in history, that if all the deeds of kindness that He did in three short years were written, the world would not contain the books. John 21:25.

Jesus talked a great deal about kindness, just the plain, old-fashioned everyday habit of common kindness.

Judging by what He said, He would rather see that in His followers than any other trait of character. Not that our kindness will save us. If we are ever saved, He saves us. We must never forget that. But there are things in us that please or displease Him.

Jesus put so much stress on this thing of kindness that He identifies Himself with those who need it, and in effect tells us that we cannot be friends with Him and at the same time be indifferent to the downtrodden or suffering. Matt. 25:40-45.

He intimates that heaven will be inhabited exclusively by those who have learned how to be kind and are always kind. Jesus came to build a world of beings like Himself and when it completed no others will be there. Matt. 25: 34-41.

He further intimates that there are going to be some surprises in the Day of Judgment. Some who have been accustomed to think of themselves as very religious are going to find out, after it is too late, that they have been altogether overlooking the things the recording angels have been taking down.

Jesus further makes the remarkable statement that not one single act of kindness, no matter how small, will, in the economy of God's government of the universe, ever go unrewarded. God Himself will pay us for every single act of kindness we ever do. Matt. 10:42.

However, we must remember that Jesus does not mean that we should give encouragement to able-bodied lazy men who are trying to impose on society and beat their way thru the world without doing their part. Laziness is one of the greatest of sins. The Bible nowhere excuses it. 'If a man will not work neither let him eat'. II Thes. 3:10. Henry H. Halley.

What We Give Is Measured By What We Keep

Rev. D. M. Panton

"As the fabric of the world totters, let us quickly transfer our treasures to a world which will know no shock." Augustine, whom I have paraphrased rather than translated, had a special reason to say this, for he was Bishop of Hippo, in Africa, and the barbarian invasions which had devastated Italy were already fast advancing upon Africa, and threatening Christians with the loss of all earthly goods long ere death would compel them to relax their grasp.

What vast sums Russian, German, Japanese, and French Christians must have lost which, in 1938, might have been banked in Heaven; and now -- far worse -- we stand on the brink of the atomic bomb, with a possible wiping out of all banks and whole cities. But our Lord, when He gives the counsel, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" Matt. 6:20, gives reasons which apply in all lands and in all ages; for He says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away" in shock and storm; and our wisdom lies in removing, as rapidly and effectually as possible, our wealth, whether great or small from a tottering world to the City which shall never be shaken.

A Scotch preacher used to say: "True conversion consists of four stages: first, the head; secondly, the heart; thirdly, the mouth; and fourthly, the pocket; but from the third to the fourth there is a long passage, with cataracts to impede progress worse than those on the Nile."

Snared -- Trapped

Therefore the Holy Spirit's warning sinks at once to the very heart of the sin. "They that desire to be rich fall into temptation" -- temptation to unjust gains, to doubtful business, to dangerous speculation, to absorbing self-centeredness; in a word, to profiteering. The Spirit defines the peril still more closely: "and a snare," a satanic trap; that is a temptation with an entangling power, out of which it is not easy for the trapped soul to escape. Ellicott.

A rich man once said: "I owned 10,000 pounds, and was a happy man. Now 100,000 pounds owns me.

"But," someone asked him, "why don't you give away the 90,000 pounds and be happy again?"

"Ah," he answered, "did you ever hold the handle of a galvanic battery? The stronger the current the tighter you hold." Nothing so hardens a man against all truth, and especially God's truth on laying up treasure; as the love of money.

Jewels Returned

A marvelous truth so little realized, is that earthly treasure can be transmuted, here and now, into heavenly treasure. The Queen of Sweden sold her jewels provide her people with hospitals and orphanages; and when on a visit to a convalescent home of her own providing, tears of gratitude from a bedridden woman fell on the royal hand, the Queen exclaimed, "God is sending back my jewels!" Does such giving impoverish here and now?

"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?" James 2:5. Lord Erskine, when told of a man who had just died leaving 200,000 pounds replied: "That's a poor capital to begin the next world with."

Poor, Yet Making Many Rich

John Wesley, when he was eighty-seven years of age, with all the wealth of a vast Christian experience behind him, and standing on the threshold of another world said: "One great reason of the comparative failure of Christianity has been the neglect of the solemn words, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth'" Matt. 6:19 In the last days men shall be lovers of money." II Tim. 3:2. The Holy Spirit has expressed the command thus: "Charge them that are rich in this present age, that they be . . . ready to distribute, willing to communicate (their wealth); laying up in store" that is how treasure is sent ahead, "a good foundation" a substantial sum in the heavenly funds, "against the time to come," the coming season or age, "that they may hold onto the life which is life indeed", I Tim. 6:17, the glory of millennial life.

"I make no purse," said Whitfield, when stopping a public subscription for himself in Edinburgh. "What I have, I give away, 'Poor, yet making many rich,' shall be my motto still."

We see from the widow's two mites, every farthing is credited: "And there came a poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. And Jesus said, "This poor widow hath cast more in than all." Mark 12:42. What we give is measured by what we keep

How masterly the method! Christian liberality proves to the world what grace can do at the very point -- money -- where the world is most cynical; and it pleases and glorifies God. And it also reveals a truth which we need thoroughly to understand. God does not wish us to lose even His lesser gifts; and therefore offers to take them into His own keeping in that world to which we are all rapidly going; in order that, when we arrive, we may find them already there.

No Pockets In Shrouds

But there is a still richer treasure in Heaven to be obtained by the use of earthly wealth. "Make to yourselves FRIENDS by means of the mammon (a Syriac or Aramaic word meaning money) of unrighteousness," earthly wealth, "that when ye shall fail" in death, "they" the friends you have so made, "may receive you into the eternal tabernacles", Luke 16:9.

Let us never forget the Italian proverb; "Our last robe is made without pockets"; so Christ would have us so to use our possessions as to yield this priceless fruit on the other side of the grave --love in Heaven.

"Every one that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother . . . or lands," house property begins the list, and landed property closes it, "for My name's sake," because Christian principles compelled, or for investment in the work of His hands, "shall receive." in the Regeneration just named, "an hundred fold", Matt. 19:29, that is, a hundred times the capital invested or 10,000 percent; "and," as Mark 10:30 puts it, "in the world to come eternal life;" that is, his eternal life will begin Millennially.

So that the world, if it robs us, or keeps us poor because we refuse the tricks of trade and that dishonesties of wealth, or spoils us of our goods by persecution and confiscation, is all the time enriching us beyond computation.

Lukewarmness

G. D. Watson

The very thought of lukewarmness implies that the soul has previously been in a good, hot state of grace. Persons who have never known a good degree of fervor will never have the malady of lukewarmness. It is like pestilential insects, which attack thrifty, living vegetables, and not dry, dead sticks. We never think of a dry rainless desert as suffering from a drought. The very thought of suffering from drought implies that the ground has previously been well watered.

It often happens that those who have been the most richly blessed with divine grace, and who have been lifted into fervent love, will imperceptibly decline into lukewarmness. Very few Christians on earth entirely escape this miserable tepidity altogether. One of the worst features about lukewarmness is that it steals on the soul in such quiet, respectable ways. If the horrible thing had horns and hoofs, and a smack of criminality in it, it would alarm the soul: but, as a rule, lukewarmness of spirit is so decent and well-behaved, that it chloroforms its victim and kills him without a scream of terror. That is what makes it so awfully fatal. While open sin slays its hundreds, nice respectable lukewarmness slays its tens of thousands.

Indications

Lukewarmness is indicated by a negligence in acts of piety, and a carelessness in fixed habits of devotion such as daily reading of God's Word, regular seasons of prayer, constant guarding of our conversation, seasons of fasting, and habits of divine and heavenly meditation. There is not only a carelessness in the performance of these acts, but a dullness of spirit, a slovenliness of mind in the doing of them.

Another symptom of lukewarmness is a trusting to the magic of former grace. The soul has experienced, by an instantaneous regeneration, or sanctification, such floods of light and love as seem to sweep it out on an irresistible tide, and everything religious seems so easy, that everything works like a charm. But this very flood tide of holy ease becomes a snare to the soul. It leans upon these instantaneous blessings to work by a sort of magic, and to take the place of thoughtful perseverance.

Contentment

Another element in lukewarmness is a sort of indefinite contentment with the present level of the spiritual life. There is a quiet, unexpressed decision of the mind that the soul is getting on very well, and that it will settle down into its present thought and feelings. Most Christians have quietly decided to live the remainder of their days just about like they are now doing. They expect no further great epochs in their experience. It is amazing how few Christians are seriously determined to get beyond their present experience; and of course they do not get beyond.

Another element in lukewarmness is the secret fact in the mind that the soul has done so much for God, has fought so many battles, endured so many afflictions, had so many uplifts in grace, that it can put itself on the retired list of the army and draw full pay. This is a very subtle disposition, and the soul hardly dares to whisper it to itself, for the conscience feels that its

meanness is like the gunpowders plot, which must not be breathed; and yet where is the saint who has known so much of God, into whose mind this low, sneaking thought has not crept?

Self-satisfaction of Some

Another feature in lukewarmness is the hidden compliment which the soul takes to itself, that glowing fervor is only a juvenile thing which it has outgrown, and that it is now "serving God on principle;" all states of toning down in spiritual life are accompanied by some sort of self complacency.

This thought of serving God on cold principle indicates a sad state; it may not be ruinous to one's life, but it is ruinous to deep spirituality. One of the worst things about it is its respectability. It keeps in the beaten path of decent religion; no one can lay any charge against it; it is an old, sober, well-behaved thing, keeping on good terms with everybody and everything in general. The devil likes to bury a hot religious experience in a smooth shroud of cold virtue.

Something Not Right

There is one more symptom of lukewarmness and that is a dull sense of inward breaking with God. The heart feels that something is not just right. The orthodoxy is all right; the outward life may be correct; the verbal testimony still kept up; and all Christian duties in a general way looked after; but the animating spirit is weakened. There is no conscious touch from God; no sense of fullness dilating the heart; no sweet vision of God's attributes; no bright, faraway fields open to it in secret prayer; no lovely feeling of kissing the Savior's feet; no rapt adoration of His majesty; no sweet hymns vibrating in the mind during sleep; no melting, yearning love for the saving of souls; no whispering of the Holy Ghost as of old; no conscious grasp on the Throne through prayer. And unless something can be done to rekindle its fading fires, it will nauseate the Infinite Heart, and Christ will spew it out of His mouth. This is an awful metaphor, and indicates the awfulness of lukewarmness.

Heaven Lost By Neutrality

"We may lose heaven by neutrality, as well as hostility by wanting oil, as well as by drinking poison. An unprofitable servant will be punished as much as the prodigal son. Neglect of Christian duty, can be the ultimate undoing of the soul.

Nothing Within

In the Boston Library they have blocks of wood made like books which they use to fill vacant shelves. They are labeled, "Nothing Within." When they purchase new books these are taken out and the new books are substituted. There are some professing Christians who might justly be labeled, "Nothing Within." They have a form of godliness, but it does not control the heart. Herald and Presbyter.

America Is Laughing Itself To Death
Edgar M. Arendall

Anything for a laugh. On television, radio and in the newspapers, we see people knocking themselves out trying to entertain us.

Everywhere you go, billboards shout at you: "Hilarious funniest comedy of the year." Entertainers seem to feel that if America would only collapse in a paroxysm of mirth, all our problems would be solved. But frankly, I see American ideals and heritage's dying before our eyes. I believe America is laughing itself into hell.

Whether we believe it or not, America finds sin hilariously funny. But we are not the first nation. Babylon saw it that way, and the handwriting came on the wall. Rome saw it that way, and faded from power. France followed suit and the moral decay became a cancer. Now America laughs at sin, and I see the handwriting on the wall.

Today all around us there seems to be an absolute absence of heartfelt sorrow for sin. We need a real recognition of sin and a genuine heart sorrow combined with a turning away from sin, if we are to survive. To a nation of old, God said in II Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

What is so funny? Are atomic bombs and broken bodies and full sanitariums funny? Are drinking leaders and shady business deals and open gambling causes for mirth? Are dirty books and immorality causes for hilarity? Why laugh when the fiber of a whole nation is being wrenched apart by godlessness? Edgar M. Arendall.

We Are In Far Greater Need Of Heat Than Of Light

The supreme need in this our day is an intensifying of the soul passion of believers. In the average church there is profession without passion; much form and little fire; correct rhetoric, faulty righteousness; beautiful singing, little sighing.

Profession and passion are poles apart.

Profession must have an audience, passion desires seclusion.

Profession is concerned with its health, passion forgets self.

Profession announces great objectives, passion groans over the lost.

Profession boasts, passion bleeds.

Profession seeks compliments, passion seeks souls.

Some are afraid of emotions, enthusiasm, soul passion. They are content to burn with a smothered flame when God wants a blazing furnace.

Every man's privilege and duty is to blaze with holy earnestness, without being consumed.

The Holy Ghost fire must burn in us and through us in prayer and flaming love if this generation is to be saved from anarchy and utter apostasy. The Wesleyan Methodist.

"We hear much about revival these days, but the heart of revival is the Lordship of Christ. A mere emotional upheaval, a spurt of religious excitement is not revival. When Christians -- confess their sins, renounce self take up the cross and let Jesus have the first word and the last in everything, that is revival. Exchange.

I close this little booklet with an article which appeared in the Herald of Holiness by Rev. Edwin Raymond Anderson, "More Chalk and Less Talk". He has very kindly given me permission to use this timely article. There is just one burden on my heart and one desire in my life and that is to see a mighty, Holy Ghost revival before Jesus returns I believe that Brother Anderson has given us the necessary procedure in obtaining such a revival. Oh, for more chalk!

More Chalk And Less Tale

What do we really and truly need, for ourselves, so that revival may become a reality, flaming and vibrant, in our midst? After all is said and written and done, what do we personally stand in deepest need of?

There is quite a revival of talk and thinking about revival in these last days. That is a healthy and worth while sign. Many of us are coming to sing, with deeper meaning and longing and hunger, "Mercy drops round us are falling but for the showers we plead." And so many of us are doing more than just singing about it, more than just talking and thinking about revival, because of the urgent, burning sense of the absolute need for it. We feel so deeply in line with that message in the Book of Revelation that, in very certain sense, we are living in the "Repent; or else" period. And we are turning to other passages of the Word which especially speak of revival, reading and rereading them, and all to the deepening of that sense of "holy pressure" upon our hearts.

In this connection I often think of that "prescription" for revival which Gypsy Smith once set forth. Someone approached him and asked the same question we are asking. He paused for a moment of thought, then replied:

"There is only one thing you really need for a revival. Go and get a piece of chalk. Then go home to your room, lock the door, pull down the shades, get down on your knees with that chalk in your hand and draw a circle about you and then cry out from the very bottom of your heart, 'O Lord send a revival, and begin it here in this circle, with me!'"

A piece of chalk -- and revival will come! But will it? Yes, "in spirit and in truth," it will come if we are willing to follow through the implications of that critical circle drawn round and about us. For in the absolute sense of the term, revival must, and can only, begin with me, personally, definitely crucially, and with all of the crushing, convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

That chalk and that circle -- they show to the God of revival that I really "mean business," at whatever price and cost. With far too many Christians, it has, alas! become almost a "fundamentalistic fashion" to talk about revival because it is the thing to do, because that is the subject of the hour. They will talk, but they will not take the chalk.

That chalk and that circle -- they show that I am tearing my innermost heart wide open to all of the searching and sounding and searing of the Holy Spirit of God, so that all hindrances be removed, all blight be banished, all carnality be crushed, and that nothing, absolutely nothing shall stand in the way of the liberty of His holy moving. I will not balk, I will take the chalk!

That chalk and that circle -- they show that I am going to read the Word for myself in the deepest sense of the word. I am going to read those passages that speak of revival, as if they come, vivid and vital from the very brimming pen of God, for my private, personal heart. I will not halt, I will take the chalk!

A bit of chalk, that small white stick. But in line with the Gypsy's powerful prescription, what a thing of power it can become, for each of the Lord's people! And that narrow circle, upon the ground with me in the dead center, what a convicting arc it will be at the first; but "nevertheless afterwards," what a conquering glory it shall become!

Revival must begin with me. That is the crux and core of this vital business. Here is the heart of the business, and the secret of the blessing. And anything short, or less than this can be only bitterness and blasphemy to His holy sight! -- Edwin R. Anderson

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