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There was a lawyer in my congregation, of great excellence of character, but who always answered my admonitions by saying:

"If a man keeps the whiteness of his soul I do not think he has anything to fear."

At length he, too, became dissatisfied with himself, however; but when I suggested that he should take some action he said:

"What can I do with such an unsettled theology? I am not orthodox. I do not believe in any devil, or in the doctrine of total depravity."

I answered:

"Perhaps you believe at least in a God; and perhaps you believe that he takes care of you. How would it do to make some slight acknowledgment of his mercies in the presence of your family? What do you say to calling your family together to-day, and kneeling with them before the Lord?"

This seemed reasonable; and after some "argument," such as a lawyer always feels bound to make, he said: "I will do it."

That is fair.

His Christian wife knew what he had promised; and it was well she did, for without her help his good resolution would have failed. But she made the house quiet at just the right moment, and brought out the big Bible and laid it on his knee, and when he still hesitated she said:

"Is the cross too heavy, dear?" and that carried it. He read a short Psalm, and they all knelt down and he called on God.

The next evening there was preaching in the village church, followed by a season of conference and prayer. The house was full, and nearly all stayed for the "second meeting," when our friend rose and told us how he had come up out of the wilderness. It was a thrilling story of soul-struggle and of blessed victory. The man had become orthodox. It required no argument; it only needed experience. And he has had that now for more than fifteen years.

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