

Words of the Wise.

WHEN you cannot do as you like, the best thing is to like what you do.—George MacDonald.

TROUBLE and perplexity drive me to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.—Melancthon.

WHEN any calamity has been suffered the first thing to be remembered is how much has been escaped. —Johnson.

OUR grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand. —Carver.

REASON and faith resemble the two sons of the patriarch; reason is the first born, but faith inherits the blessing. —Calverwell.

LIVE as with God; and, whatever be your calling, pray for the gift that will perfectly qualify you in it. —Horace Bushnell.

GOOD temper is the philosophy of the heart, a gem in the treasury within, whose rays are reflected on all outward objects.

OUR great want in social life is a deep and wide sympathy. This is it which enables us to see with another's vision, and to appreciate another's instincts.

IT was the late Bishop of Lichfield who, when he was abruptly asked the way to heaven, replied, "Turn to the right, and go straight forward."

O, sad estate
Of human wretchedness! so weak is man,
So ignorant and blind, that did not God
Sometimes withhold in mercy what we ask
We should be ruined at our own request.
—Hannah More.

LET not any one say that he cannot govern his passions, nor hinder them from breaking out and carrying him to action; for what a man can do before a prince or great man, he can do alone, or in the presence of God, if he will.

IF we faithfully improve the discoveries God gives us of Himself while we are here, a brighter and more glorious scene will shortly be opened to us; for to him that hath shall be given.

IF you want to be miserable, think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you. —Charles A. Riley.

THE real reason why multitudes of people in our congregations remain unconvinced up to this time is the very same reason why Felix was ruined. They all expect to become Christians at some time before they die. —Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

WHAT can prayer do for us? I answer without hesitation, everything. More than one saint, like St. Francis, and like Wesley, has left behind him the record that God has never refused him anything for which he seriously prayed. It can gain for us everything, not, perhaps, that we wish, but everything that we want. —Archdeacon Farrar.

MEN do things which their fathers would have deprecated, and then draw about themselves a flimsy cordon of sophistry, and talk about the advance of humanity and liberal thought, when it is nothing after all but a preference for individual license. —Rev. John Hall.

IT is no small wisdom to keep silence in an evil time, and in thy heart to turn thyself to God and not to be troubled by the judgment of men. Let not thy peace depend on the tongues of men; for, whether they judge well or ill of thee, thou art not on that account other than thyself. Where are true peace and glory? Are they not in God? —The Silent Hour.

LOOK not alone for your relations in your own house, or in your own sphere. The blood of Christ is stronger for relationship than blood of father or mother. Look above you. All there are yours. Go down even to the bottom of society. All below you are judgment-day brothers, and God's eternity is on them and you alike.

MANY Christians have to endure the solitude of unnoticed labour. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticeable. How very sweet to many workers are those little corners of the newspapers and magazines which describe their labours and successes. Yet some who are doing what God will think a great deal more of at last, never saw their names in print. —Spurgeon

"Now I see!" but not the glory,
Not the face of Him I love,
Not the full and burning story
Of the mysteries above.
But I see what God hath spoken,
How His well-beloved Son
Kept the laws which man had broken,
Died for sins which man had done;
Dying, rising, throned above!
"Now I see" that God is love.
—Frances Ridley Havergal.



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