

added, if you do not love secret prayer, you have reason to fear that you are not a Christian, for no true Christian will live without it.

As I said this, she looked up eagerly and asked, "Do you think so?" "Yes," I replied, "the Bible plainly teaches this; but why do you ask?" For a moment she hesitated, and then said, as if half afraid of doing wrong, "My mother is a Christian, but I don't think she prays in secret." "I think you must be mistaken, dear Anna," I said; "your mother no doubt has a time for secret prayer that you do not know of."

"I don't think so; for when I have been at home from school I have been with her sometimes all day, and I am sure she did not go away alone. It has troubled me a great many times, for I have read about mothers praying with their children in their closets, and I have wished my mother would pray with me. I thought, if I saw her going away alone, I should not be afraid to ask her to let me go with her; but I never saw her going, and I don't think she ever does: but I think my mother is a Christian, don't you?"

What could I say? I could not tell her her mother was not a Christian, nor could I tell her it was safe to follow her example. She was just beginning her Christian life, and I dared not do otherwise than urge her to be faithful in closet duties.

Christian mother, how is it with you? Have you a closet and a time for secret prayer? Say not, it is enough to pray while about my work, and I have not time to spend alone. Duties many and heavy no doubt press upon you, but the burden will be made lighter by going with it to the throne of grace. It is far better to ask Jesus to share it with you, than to bear it all the weary day alone. No time is lost that is spent at the foot of the cross.

Immortal minds are committed to your care, and insensibly but hourly

you are making an impress upon them that will last through the ages of eternity. Do you not need help from one on high? Dare you meet all your responsibilities as a mother, a Christian mother, without going to God for help and strength?

Be sure to have a time and a place for secret prayer, and sometimes take your children with you to your closet. Let them feel that it is a sacred, hallowed place,

"The place of all on earth most sweet." They will remember it when far removed from you; yes, perhaps when your voice is hushed in death, those prayers will be heard and answered in heaven. Let not your children rise up in judgment and say of you, "My mother had no closet, and she never prayed with me."—*American Mes.*

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