

even His life, for us. It is an act of worship which is sure to be followed by the Divine blessing, for the promise is, "Them that honor me I will honor;" also, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." On the other hand, the individual or church that will not render unto the Lord the gifts which he asks will certainly not prosper, for the warning is, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." It is the manifest duty of every one who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ to give regularly to His blessed cause. The *amount* to be given by each is a matter purely between himself and his God. The duty is simply that each one should do something, remembering that when we give as God hath prospered us, the larger gifts of the rich and the smaller ones of the poor are equally acceptable in His sight who looks only upon the heart. We are merely assured about this matter that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

### DUTY IX.

#### TO ADOPT SOME BRANCH OF CHURCH WORK.

The rule of duty which God has given us leaves no room for question as to the solemn obligation which rests upon every Christian to help in that great work which the gospel has yet to do in the world. It is no more certain that any one is a Christian than that he has been made such in order that he may do his part in the work of Christ. The old stirring call still rings out, "To the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty!" It is no unmeaning thing that a part of the law of the kingdom, as Christ himself announced it is, "Son go work to-day in my vineyard." When the glorious King went up into heaven, to be absent for ages as to His bodily presence, He left the memorable charge for His people as they should successively enter His kingdom, "To every man his work."

The first thing for every member of the church to do is to study out very carefully what, according to his talents and opportunities, he can do. There is teaching in the Sabbath-