

Are you doing what you can to help them—trying to light a lamp for them?

If you are not earnestly endeavoring to send the knowledge of salvation to all our fellow-men, young and old, rich and poor, the Lord will alarm you one day by that question, "*Where is Abel thy brother?*" You have murdered souls; what are you to say in defence of yourself?

The heathen at home and abroad are perishing day by day. Christ is looking on. He delights in saving souls, and stands by a full fountain open for sin. And who can rightly reply to that question, "*Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*" (1 Peter iv. 18.) Their doom will be so terrible,—they must perish, and be plunged into such woe. Oh, shall it be asked at you, "*Where is that soul whom you might have helped?*"—and the reply be, "Lost eternally, by your carelessness!" That word "*Where?*" might drive you to your wits' end.

On the other hand, if you do use all efforts to tell others of the Saviour, whom you have found, then, when it is inquired, "*Where is thy brother?*" perhaps you may have the joy of pointing to a redeemed soul in New Jerusalem, saying, "Lo! he is there!" Perhaps you may find there twenty, or many more, whom you were the means of leading to glory! And when that question is asked, "*Where is thy brother?*" blessed will you be above measure to hear saved souls answering for you, "Here am I," and "Here am I," and "Here am I"—saved by means which you used and God blessed by his Spirit. On that day (the day of Christ's full joy, as well as ours) "they that have turned many to righteousness shall shine as the stars," and shall shine on for ever and ever."—*Children's Missionary Record, Free Church.*

The Right Way to the Right Thing.

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Two boys were staying in the same house during the holidays. They were cousins. Well brought up—

both were good scholars, and fond of their books. One day, when they were in the parlor, they heard one of the older people say to another, that *the child is father to the man*. As they were walking in a park that evening, John said to George, "What did your father mean by saying that the child is father to the man?"

"Oh, I think he meant, that when we are grown up to be men, we are likely to shew the same dispositions that we do now; so that if we do well as boys, we will do well on becoming men."

"That is to say," added John, "that the future depends very much upon the present?"

"Yes, just that."

"Well," continued John, "how do you think we should behave while we are boys, George, in order to be good and happy when we are men?"

"We should ask wiser heads than our own to tell us that."

"I'll ask my Uncle Richard. He is come home from the East Indies, and can tell us about nearly everything. Don't you think he can, George?"

"I don't know," was George's reply; "but if I must ask somebody, I will ask a wiser man than Uncle Richard—I will ask the wisest man in all the world."

"Who's that?"

"I'll not tell you his name just now; but do you consult our uncle, and I'll consult the man I mean, and we will then compare the advice of the one with that of the other."

The next day John spoke to Uncle Richard; and wearied for the evening, to repeat the advice to his cousin. As soon as they met, he began: "I've seen uncle, and asked him to answer the question. He said that I could not have sought advice from any person more able to give it than he—he had done well himself, while he had seen many do ill; and if I would take his word for it, and follow his way, there was no doubt it would be well