

man. Daily ask for the promised wisdom, that you may be guided in all your duties. Do not separate your business, daily labor, or profession, from your religion. How often we hear men say, "Business is business." No, business is religion. Religion is not a department of business; it is business itself.

Pay the tenth for the same reason that you observe the Sabbath—because it is God's law. You do not keep the Sabbath to get rich or make money, neither should you pay the tenth for this purpose. Yet you know you are better off in your temporal affairs by keeping the Sabbath, and all who have ever tried it are uniform in their testimony that paying a tenth brings God's blessing upon them.

Many who say, I cannot afford to give, can afford to spend considerable sums for very questionable items, such as liquor, tobacco, and worldly amusements. Think of the money that is worse than wasted by Christian people! What a vast sum, for example, is wasted every year in tobacco? It is estimated that the members of Christian churches in Canada and the United States spend as much in one year in tobacco, as the whole Christian Church throughout the world contributes for the support of foreign missions—namely, over ten millions. This is appalling in the light of the great needs of the present hour and in view of the obligations resting upon us. Let us go forth, consecrating ourselves and our property to the service of Christ. God's claims are upon us. The reckoning day is coming, and money wasted now will bear witness against us.

The proper question for us to ask, is, "Can we afford to neglect to pay tithes?"