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TESTING HER WEIGHT.

Who can tell what reflections may be passing through the old man's brain as he stands and watches the little girl, possibly his daughter, standing in the great balances in his workshop to try her weight?

What she actually weighs is probably of little consequence to either of them, but he may take the occasion to gently explain to her how the day will come, for her as well as for himself, when they will both have to be weighed in balances of another kind, and then their spiritual weight will be of very great consequence indeed.

Each word, deed and thought of our daily lives must have a final result on our spiritual standard, adding to or detracting from it, on the final day, when all mankind shall be weighed in the balances of God's justice, and when some will pass the standard, but others, like King Belshazzar of old, will be found wanting.

A little boy was debating what to do with some money his uncle had given him. He wanted to buy candy with it, but felt that he ought to give a part of it to the missionary society of which he was a member. At last he said, "I guess it is mine, and I can do as I please with it."

"No," said his brother, "you cannot do as you please, for you are not your own. I heard our minister say that we were all bought with the blood of Christ. If he has bought us, we are his, and the missionaries are his, and we must please him, not ourselves.

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CAN A CHILD HAVE FAITH?

Yes, a child can have faith. There is not one of my readers so young as not to be able to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

Everyone knows how to believe in a father or mother, in an older brother or sister. Children naturally believe. We say to all boys and girls that God their heavenly Father asks them to believe in the the same way as they believe their parents. When they promise anything, no matter what, their children expect them to keep their promise. So when God promises anything the smallest child may expect him to keep his promise. And certainly he will do it. God never disappoints one who puts his trust in him.

We once knew an excellent young man at college. One day in talking on religious matters we asked him when he became a Christian. His reply was "Ever since I can remember I have loved God and loved the Lord Jesus Christ."

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