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house. Do the work of God in the best way you can according to the divine plan. As a man who builds a house of elegant design in an old street compels all the owners of houses to follow his example, so you should set the standard for others by your life. You will enlarge your borders of influence by setting high standards of holy living which are practical. A famous artist painted some panels in a building, which cost twice the sum he was paid for the work, and then he decorated the next spaces to prevent them being desecrated by inferior artists. If you begin any work for Christ, and perform it in the right spirit, you will be led on to larger areas of noble service. If you work hard for God, you will require to work still harder to keep up your reputation and efficiency. God calls you to do His work in your own way, with your own talents and opportunities, as you are linked to Him and guided by the Spirit. Your Father uses your individuality as you allow Him to do so, and you can best help men by living your own life. Your own individuality is the charm which attracts and blesses men. The humblest life becomes enchanting when all the powers which distinguish it from all other lives are placed in the hands of God to be controlled and directed.