

innumerable resolutions. You will do well to keep your hand wisely upon all the movements in your churches. You should not require to call in specialists to teach you the management of Sunday-schools, Bible classes, prayer meetings, revival meetings, or meetings of any sort. You should be masters of all such matters. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock in the which the Holy Ghost may make you bishops to feed the Church of God, which He purchased with His own blood.

Finally, your ministerial success will be greatly helped or marred by the life you live before men. There is might and potency in personal character and conduct. It tells for good or evil upon the godly and ungodly. Both classes will look for harmony between your doctrine and your conduct, and the lack of it will be most detrimental. What I mean is this: You will preach regeneration. Then convince your people by holy living that you speak from experience, that you testify what you know from your own hearts, and not merely what you have learned as a theological dogma. You will preach faith as the root of all our Christian virtues. See, then, that you show your own faith by your works, a faith that worketh by love and purifieth the heart. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Saviour. You will preach self-denial and self-control. Then beware lest by self-indulgence in any form or by the exhibition of ungovernable temper you neutralize your own sermons.

Remember that the very presence of the man of God in the parish should be a sermon or a benediction. You must have observed how thoroughly the message and the messenger are identified by the Apostle Paul when he says: "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death, and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" Our only answer must be: "Our sufficiency is of God," and our trust must be in Him