

We are to give what our heart prompts us to give, and according to our ability. If a girl's allowance is one dollar a month and she decides to give one-tenth of this to the Lord, she will have ten cents a month for charity and for the support of the Church, and she will not need to go to father or mother each Sunday for money to put in the collection. If a boy earns twenty dollars a month, and each month regularly lays aside one-tenth, he knows just how much he has to give to missions and to help on the Lord's work. He will be able to give his mite more intelligently, and will not be dependent on his feelings or upon the amount of money he happens to have on hand just then.

In looking over the Bible plan for giving, we get these points:

1. If we give, we shall receive.
2. If we give, it will be a greater blessing to us than if we received.
3. If we give good measure—running over—we shall receive good measure, running over.
4. If we give with a cheerful heart, God will love us.
5. If we give more as our income increases, it shows that we are thankful for the benefits received.
6. If we give freely of all we have to the Lord, He has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out upon us such a great blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.
7. When we give, we lay up for ourselves stores of rich treasure in the everlasting kingdom.
8. If we give to the poor, the Lord will deliver us in time of trouble.—*S.S. Visitor.*

"Some years ago," says Bishop Whipple, "an Indian stood at my door; and as I opened the door he knelt at my feet. Of course I bade him not to kneel. He said, 'My father, I only knelt because my heart is warm to a man that pitied the redman. I am a wild man. My home is five hundred miles from here. I knew that all of the Indians east of the Mississippi had perished, and I never looked into the faces of my children that my heart was not sad. My faith had told me of the Great Spirit, and I have often gone out in the woods and tried to talk to Him.' Then he said so sadly as he looked into my face: 'You don't know what I mean. You never stood in the dark and reached out your hand, and could not take hold of anything. And I heard one day that you had brought to the redman a wonderful story of the Son of the Great Spirit.' That man sat as a child, and he heard anew the story of the love of Jesus. And when we met again he said, as he laid his hand on his heart: 'It is not dark; it laughs all the while.'"

How many there are, even where the Gospel is preached, who are to-day unhappy, discontented, miserable, hateful and hating one another, and who, if they could only hear and believe the story of the love of God, and obey the teachings which He has given, would find sunshine beaming on their pathway, joy rising up within their souls, earth no longer a dark and desolate waste; and like the Indian, when the love of God was shed abroad in his heart, could say, "It is not dark; it laughs all the while." The Gospel of Christ is full of joy; it began with a burst of rapturous melody in heaven; it shall culminate in rejoicings that shall be like the voice of many waters and mighty thunders, and those who are now weary of earth and discontented with everything around them may have the joy of God in this world, and at last may enter into the joy of our Lord in the kingdom that cannot be moved.

UNLESS your religion changes you, makes you honest in business, pious behind counters, temperate at dinner tables, loyal to your country, affectionate to your family, neighborly in your community, conscientious at the ballot box, patient in affliction, humble, cheerful, hopeful everywhere and always; unless it links you in brotherhood with the poorest of God's children; unless it leads you on errands of mercy to hovels and hospitals and prisons, as well as to cushioned pews and sacramental boards; unless you live Christ on week days as well as you worship Him on Sundays, then you had better take a look into your religious life and see if it will stand the judgment of the Lord Jesus.

At a recent missionary conference, one of the speakers said, "I knew in Edinburgh three sisters who had a great desire to go to Africa. They were not rich. One of them was teaching at a school in the old town of Edinburgh, another was in a millinery establishment, and the other was doing something else; and they said, 'We will make a bargain that two of us will stay at home and help, and keep the third, who shall be a missionary in Africa.' The sister sent and supported by the two sisters who stayed at home is to-day joyfully and successfully toiling as a missionary in Africa."

AN old African chieftain said to Bishop Tucker, of Uganda, when he was asked whether he would like to have missionaries settle in his country, "No," and he gave a reason which, from his point of view, was a good one: "We are fond of fighting and cattle-stealing, and if teachers come they will tell us all this is wrong." The Gospel is at war with sin everywhere, and that is the reason why men do not welcome it.