

The man with a hesitant heart cannot be a heroic leader.

God is closer at midnight to a true man than he is at noontide to a false man.

The largest leader is always led of the Lord. God's ministering angels call men to holy ministries.

## V

If we shrink from others' burdens Christ will not bear ours.

God would pass his help to others through us.

Help that is withheld will hinder the heart.

If we are comforted it is that we may give solace.

We have been taught of God that we may be God's teachers.

A man of large gifts must be a large giver.

## VI

If we would *serve* God we must *save* men.

Real gain is in the securement of permanent values.

Money at the price of manhood would be irreparable loss.

To be self-centered is to describe a small circle. It is difficult for self to see itself in the true perspective.

To lose one's selfishness is always immeasurable gain.

A man is never so rich as when he bestows the wealth of his heart on others.

## VII

No matter how heavy is the hand of God it is always upon us to help us.

Whatever helps the heart most is real help.

To be helpless is not to be hopeless.

The hand of the enemy touches us lightly when God's hand is upon us.

## VIII

The supreme struggles are always in the soul.

The armor of God is mightier than the army of Satan.

The Gospel of peace is the best preparation for war.

Right is the only rebuke to wrong.

Bibles are better than bullets.

## IX

Foes flee when they hear the footfall of faith.

When the new bark comes the old bark falls off; so it is that old habits slip from the soul when the new life comes.

All real revivals start from the soul as the center.

Inner life will find outward expression.

The real revival must precede the real reformation.

You cannot kill the tree by cutting off its branches, you must destroy the root.

Real revivals are radical and reach the roots of things.

The spiritual revival is the result of spiritual inspiration.

God will come at man's call when man's call is for God.

Real revivals are always attended with revolutions and revelations.

The real revival reaches every interest of the community.

## The Lesson Heart Talk

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The lessons of Ezra's going from Babylon to Jerusalem are so practical I am sure we will be glad to take this journey with him. We may learn much from a traveling companion. Ezra was a good traveler. He knew how to prepare for a journey and how to take it with comfort and safety. The hints he gives us are useful for any undertaking we may have in view, and especially for the life-journey we all must take.

In the first place, Ezra recognized that the journey was a plan of God, that God had thought of it and prepared the way before it ever came into his own mind at all. True, King Artaxerxes sent forth the decree and arranged the expedition, but Ezra saw God behind the human means and circumstances. He gratefully said, "Blessed be the Lord God who has put such a thing as this into the king's heart," and said, too, that he was strengthened for what he had to do, as the hand of God was upon him. This is the true view of your life and of mine. It is

God's thought for us; it is not a happening, it is a plan; it has a purpose; the human conditions that seem to direct it, against which we often rebel, are not outside of his care or control. What a difference it makes when we clearly recognize this. We are, indeed, strengthened according to the measure of our belief that the hand of God is upon us. Out of this recognition of God naturally grow the three characteristics which distinguished Ezra. He prepared his heart to seek the law of his God, to do it, and to teach it. This is the sum of successful and happy living. You are quite mistaken if you think this is only a bit of religious sentiment. It is sound good sense. What can be more sensible than for a young person to ask when starting out in life, "What is God's will for me?" Who knows so well as he who gave you your abilities of mind and body how and where you can best use them? Who but he sees all the path before you and its final outcome? Who more than the