

ready to accept the hardest tasks for Christ. It is sometimes more difficult to live than to die. The servant of God has a twofold suffering when he causes others to suffer that they may be saved. The mother watching her child undergo a painful surgical operation would gladly accept the pain in its stead if that were possible; and Paul smites the Corinthians, and in their pain he suffers; but it is love which prompts the deed. It is necessary to enforce discipline, though it may be unpopular, that the cause of Christ may prosper. You are called as a Christian to defend every true doctrine though it may be unpopular, to stand up for the truth when all the world is against you, to vote alone for a righteous measure when everyone is opposed to you, and to proclaim a spiritual gospel while people put their fingers in their ears that they may not listen. As the captain of a vessel must command, and do his best for the safety of his ship though all the sailors are in mutiny, so must you stand at your post among those who are rebels against Christ. Unfurl the flag of your Leader in the world, speak the hated Name in the camp of the enemy, confess Christ though you may lose your position in society, and make Him your constant Friend though earthly friends may leave you in consequence. Enthroned Him in your heart though you may be counted a fool, be honest though you may lose trade, pray and