

eye on the closet door, and if he sees it seldom opens, or when it is opened the visitor is so quickly out again that he has not had time to do business with heaven, or to press his cause at the mercy seat, then over the door he writes victory for the prince of darkness, and defeat for the prince of peace. The Bible is a history of victories, because it is the history of prayer. We see victories as Abel kneels by his sacrifice; as Abraham pleads for Sodom; as Jacob triumphs on the banks of the Jabbok; as Moses saves a nation from perishing; as Elijah brings fire and water from heaven. The New Testament is none the less a history of victories through prayer. You see it at Pentecost, you see it as Peter walks out of prison as the doors fly open. The history of the Christian Church is the same. You see it in the great revival under Luther as he prays five hours a day; and the revival of a hundred and fifty years since Wesley lived. What an impetus this ought to be to the Methodist Church to-day! A great ground swell, to bear our battleships forward to further victories. We urge you to unite with us in mighty prayer for a great revival the coming year.

To make it a permanent and solid one, we give you a few directions. Live at peace with one another, and as far as possible with all men. Let no grudge rankle in your breast, for such will eat as doth a canker, you can't enjoy perfect peace with it. "Confess your faults one to another," rather than talk about others. "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Manifest interest in each others welfare. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." Do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Too often those of the household of faith are passed by, by the members of the church, and the "good" is done aliens, and enemies of Christ. You must do good to them, but God's children have the first claims.

Don't leave all the visiting of the sick and aged to the Ministers, and Epworth League workers. A kindly visit by a Member of the church will be a benediction that will linger long after the visitor has left. "Pure religion and undefiled, before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." One of Mr. Wesley's earliest arrangements in his societies was visiting the sick and needy by the members or officers.

Be strictly upright in your business relations and engagements with each other. It is no use you praying for a man, or talking religion to him after he has seen in you a shady transaction.

Be strict in paying your debts or if you can't do it, tell your creditor so, to prevent him labouring under a wrong impression. Be honest. You can't be dishonest and go to heaven. Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. But at the same time don't fail to render to God the things that are God's. Make it a point of conscience to support the church to which you belong, according to your means. *Every one* is called by God to do this. Christ commended the widow who cast in her two mites. The way to put it into God's palm is to give it to his church and the poor, or what else belongs to God.

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