

watch the issues, we can never fully explore the depths of these hearts of ours. Let us grasp the hands that were pierced in mercy for us on the cross. Let us look constantly, humbly, to God as the source of our strength. (Liddon).

ADDED POINTS.

1. If grown people are in danger how much more the young and inexperienced.
2. Trees that break in a storm are usually decayed at the heart.

3. What we set our hearts upon is an idol if we love it more than God and duty.
4. The good example and pious teaching of parents makes our misconduct inexcusable.
5. Make no partnership where God cannot be one of the firm.
6. God wants the whole heart or none.
7. God cannot but punish sin.
8. He gives ample warning.
9. He is very merciful.
10. His promises cannot fail.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW.

When did Solomon begin to forget his duty to God? Write *Old* on the board. This was a very foolish thing for an old man to do, yet what was Solomon famous for? Write *Wise*, and dwell upon his experience and wisdom as reasons for fidelity to God. Review the events

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"My Son give me thine heart."

—S. S. Times (adopted).

at Gibeon, and his prayer at the dedication of the temple and the statement that God loved him (Neh. 13: 26), and shew that he was at one time a *Good* man. Then point the warning by adding the words on the board. The trouble with Solomon was that his heart went wrong. He knew

well enough how he ought to behave, but he preferred to act wickedly and foolishly. He kept God out of one corner of his heart, and Satan took possession of that corner and made it a basis of operations against the whole territory. The following illustrative story will fix the closing thought. A colored man came to a watchmaker with two hands of a clock, saying: "I want yer to fix up dese han's. Dey jess doan keep no mo' kerec' time for mo' den six monfs." "Where is the clock?" saked the watchmaker. "Out at de house on Injun Creek." "But I must have the clock." "Didn't I tell yer dars nuffin de matter wid de clock 'ceptin de han's, an' I done brought 'em to you. You je'ss want de clock so you kin tinker wid it and charge me a big price. Gimme back dem han's." And he went away angry. He was no more unreasonable than you if you are trying to regulate your conduct by merely avoiding bad habits. Put your heart into the care of the great Watchmaker, do not fear his charges, they are blessings, and he will give you a new heart (Ezek. 36: 26) (A. C. M.)

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Cautions Against Intemperance. PROV. 23: 15-25.

(Commit to memory verses 19-21).

GOLDEN TEXT: "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." Prov. 3: 21.

PROVE THAT—We should avoid bad company. Prov. 4: 14.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Questions 73, 74, 75.

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