

luxuriously furnished home he sat down, and, being wearied, he soon fell asleep. But it was a troubled sleep. He dreamed that a person approached him, asking help for the Missionary Society. He firmly refused, saying he was done giving. He was approached by a number of others, and although he could not deny that the claims were worthy of his support, yet all were denied in the same manner. One tarried, and, fixing a kind look upon him, said: "Mr. Ray, when you felt your sin pressing upon you, to whom did you go for pardon?" Said he, "I went to God." "When your wife, as you, believed, was dying, to whom did you go?" "I went to God." "When trouble and sorrow came upon you, to whom did you go?" "I went to God." "Now," said he to Mr. Ray, "will you make an agreement with the Almighty never to ask anything from Him again if He will never ask anything from you?" He awoke, glad to know it was but a dream.

Some might ask, "Is there not danger of acting from impure motives, of giving merely from a hope of getting more in return?"

Perhaps so, but the same danger exists in every department of Christian duty. Godliness and honoring our parents, are also accompanied with promises of good in this life. As well might we say, avoid these things lest we might be influenced by impure motives. God gives grace to His children to purify their motives. Let us thank Him for the temporal blessings promised and so richly bestowed. Do not hesitate to pray God's blessing upon your temporal affairs. God is interested in every step of a good