

4. Is it not to seize every opportunity to do what they know to be right? The little Hebrew maid can direct her Syrian master to the prophet of Israel, whose prescription when made use of, will cure his leprosy. Daniel can take his stand in the midst of a heathen court against his defilement with the king's portion and the wine that he drank. The three Hebrew youths can brave the fiery furnace rather than bow before a false god. David, the stripling, can go out with only sling and stone and faith against the armoured giant of Gath who has defied the God of the armies of Israel. The little lad, with the five barley loaves and two small fishes, the blessing of the Master, and the good offices of the disciples, can feed five thousand men, besides women and children, and have more left than when he gave his full store.

The mission of the young people in the Church is to do what they can, as opportunity presents itself, to extend the Master's cause and Kingdom, whether it be by speaking for him, or taking a firm stand for the right, or giving of what they have, in time, labor or money, looking to him in all things for his guidance and blessing.

5. But to sum up all, is not the mission of the young people in the church, since they are part and parcel of the church, the mission of the church? Yes, more, is it not the mission of the King and Head of the church, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, who came to seek and to save the lost? Can we distinguish between the mission of Christ and his church? What a mission then is set before the young people in the church: It is the mission of the Christ. It is to shed forth the true light of the Sun of Righteousness by their life, walk, and conversation, in the midst of the darkness of the sin of this world, as the moon sheds forth the light of the sun in the heavens, not for a little time, but throughout the livelong night, until that borrowed light is lost in the brightness of the sun in the new day. As in the case of the moon, clouds may flit across and betimes obscure the light which the young people in the church reflect; spots too, which can be seen with the naked eye, may to some extent mar their Christian beauty; but still, like the orb of night, it is their mission to shine on, until their brightness is swallowed up in the glorious day dawn of heaven.