

4th. **LIBERALITY.**—The liberal soul shall be made fat. The prophet Malachi denounces as robbery of God the keeping back of property from the service of the Most High. It is remarkable that a portion of a gracious promise is often pleaded for a revival, namely, “pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it;” yet this stands in connection with the enforcement of religious obligation in giving. The procedure on the part of God which that text assures us of, is based on procedure on the part of man which it enjoins, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” The spirit of self-denial and of devoted consecration to Christ demands action from the followers of the Lamb of a far more decided character than what is common. A success exceeding the brightest experience of the past would speedily appear were all the Lord’s people swallowed up with the thought of spending and being spent for Him. The niggardliness that gives the copper to the Almighty, and keeps the silver and the gold for self, will be sent empty away. The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things he shall stand.

5th. **ABASEMENT.**—“The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we,” may be a cry that takes with the uninquiring and superficial to draw them around self-vaunting and pretentious systems, but which is met with a frown by Him who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks. True humility is an element of spiritual success. Much, very much, will depend on the spirit of the Church for the advancement thereof. For the Master to smile on those cherishing a wrong state of mind, is impossible. Did it occur, it were to build up in sin. People sometimes wonder why the Church is not revived, when if the success they desire appeared it would fix them down in pride and carnal ease. If a Church adopts what seems the easiest method of producing an excitement on religious questions in their locality, and saves the members from self-examination, deep abasement, and humiliation of spirit before the Lord, then whatever may be obtained from such a mode of procedure, it leaves the power of godliness enfeebled. Ministers of the gospel! what need exists of heart searching and deep abasement before the Lord! What a charge is yours! “Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach.” Messengers of the Churches and all the people—“Saith the Lord, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God?”

6th. **FAITHFULNESS.**—“It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” Work of a character affecting the weal or woe of souls for eternity, should be done with singleness of purpose, nor will its faithful discharge meet with disappointment. “Be ye steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.” In every department of Church work faithfulness must have its reward—regular and punctual attendance at all the public