

so devoted to natural science that he will lose all appreciation for music, poetry and art, and the powers of the soul may become atrophied by neglect, so that by intense devotion to worldly things you may lose all love for spiritual interests. Worldly thoughts and cares sometimes enter the church and slay our souls at the altar. Do not contend with evil, but surrender to Christ, and He will overcome the evil for you and in you. As darkness is displaced by letting in the light, so sin is overcome by allowing Christ to enter the soul, when He will, as a great conqueror, driving out His foes, who are more His enemies than they are yours. You may fail in contending with your base passions, but in submitting to Christ He will not only defeat the foes in your soul, He will pursue them, and then guide you safely through the hostile territory. He has not only strength enough to expel all your spiritual enemies, He has a perfect knowledge of their tactics, and He will gain for you a glorious victory.

Let Christ possess you, as the artist is possessed by his art. Become so identified with Christ that nothing can separate you from Him, and you will possess abundant joy. If you have an absorbing passion for Christ you will have an inevitable delight in Christ. When you become perfectly absorbed in Christ, and