Words of the Wise.

A Christian Minister said: "I was never of any use until I found out that God did not make me for a great man."

A strong character is not only impregnable against assault, but is effective in aggressive power. It cannot be simply negative.

The truest philosophy of prayer is learning in the deepest distress. It is then, God is everything to us, the helper of the helpless.

Ah, little I'll wreck, when the journey is o'er,
Of the burdens and griefs I so dreaded and bore;
They'll all be forgot as I enter the door.
—*E. S. W.*

You cannot measure wealth by a dollar and cent standard. One man with a thousand dollars may be richer than another with a million. Appraise your property once more, and see how much you are worth.—*Morning Star.*

There are certain fundamental truths that remain unchanged after all the battling that is conducted over them. If obscured for a time, it must be but for a little while, when they will reappear as clear as ever.

A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content,
And health for the toil of to-morrow;
But a Sabbath profaned,
Whatsoe'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.
—*Sir Matthew Hale's Golden Maxim.*

How beautiful our lives would soon grow if we carried always with us and put into practice the les on we learn by experience! We look back at the end of the year and see many things that cause bitter regret, but ins ead of leaving them behind we go on repeating the same follies and errors in the new year. A little heroic deci-ion would enable us to rise every day on mistakes of yesterday.—*Sunday-School Times.*

My bark is wafted on the strand
By breath divine;
And on the helm there rests a hand
Other than mine.

One who was known in storms to sail,
I have on board;
Above the roaring of the gale
I have my Lord.

He holds me when the billows smite;
I shall not fall.
If sharp, 'tis short; if long, 'tis light—
He tempers all.

Safe to the land! safe to the land!
The end is this;
And then with Him go hand in hand
Far into bliss.—*Dean Alford.*

Jesus Christ laid even more emphasis on the duty and privilege of doing for those who are already His disciples, than on the duty and privilege of working to induce others to be His disciples. Yet this is not the way in which Christians generally look at the relative importance of evangelizing and religious ministering and training. Zeal for those who are out of the Church, too commonly eats up zeal for those who are in it. As soon as a person has fairly enlisted in the Lord's army, it seems to be taken for granted that He will look out for His own rations and drilling. Dr. Wayland Hoyt utters a word of caution against this error, in his "Lessons from Christ's Way of Working."—*S. S. Times.*

God knows me better than I know myself. He knows my gifts and powers, my failings and my weaknesses,—what I can do, and not do. So I desire to be led; to follow Him, and I am quite sure that He will thus enable me to do a great deal more, in ways which seem to me almost a waste in life, in advancing His cause, than I could in any other way. I am sure of that. Intellectually, I am weak; in scholarship, nothing; in a thousand things a baby. He knows this and so He has led me, and greatly blessed me, who am nobody, to be of some use to my Church and fellow-men. How kind, how good, how compassionate art Thou O God! O my Father, keep me humble! Help me to have respect toward my fellow-men, to recognise these several gifts from Thee. Deliver me from the diabolical sins of malice, envy, or jealousy, and give me hearty joy in my brother's good, in his work, in his gifts and talents, and may I be truly glad in his superiority to myself, if God be glorified. Root out all weak vanity, all devilish pride, all that is abhorrent to the mind of Christ. God hear my prayer. Grant me the wondrous joys of humility, which is seeing Thee as all in all.—*Norman McLeod's Diary.*

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