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Be careful over your conversation; give no cause of slander to them which are without, or of offence to the little ones; let not the Gospel be discredited by your behaviours. Be careful that the light of your life so shine before the world that wherein your Heavenly Father may be glorified.

Consciousness of unbelief is a sign of actual faith. Infidels are never troubled with unbelief. Dead men never feel cold. Frozen feet never ache. And a soul given up to godlessness, and bound hand and foot in sin, has no trouble with unbelief. It is only when faith shoots its first illuminating ray into the darkened heart that the baleful presence of unbelief is made manifest. It is only when the troubled soul can say, "I do believe," that it starts back at the abyss of doubt which had threatened its faith.

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