

power and grace which are treasured up in Christ, and to trust in these resources is the first great essential to successful work for the Master. We talk of such men as Paul, and Luther, and Knox, and Whitefield, and McChesney, and Payson, and Nettleton, and Moody, and we attribute their success to their power in prayer, or their untiring zeal, or their fearless courage, or their exemplary lives. But we must get back of all these graces to that which is the present grace—*faith*—and there we find the main-spring of their power. Strength, courage, and enthusiasm for God's service are never found disconnected from strong faith.

4. As a natural result of Mr. Moody's strong faith, he is intensely earnest in all his utterances. His soul and all that is within him is stirred up as he calls upon men to believe and repent. When dealing with the most terrible truths of God's word where many preachers betray a spirit of severity, Mr. Moody displays a tenderness and pathos which magnetizes his hearers. The great billows of his soul often break into the spray of tears till his auditors weep with him. Heart power is a great element of his power, as it is of that of every distinguished soul-winner.

5. As might be expected in a man who throws his whole moral energy into his preaching, Mr. Moody is very direct and practical in his aims and utterances. He makes you feel that he has a definite object before him in every sermon he preaches, and that object is the conversion of sinners.

The first time I heard him preach I could think of nothing else to which I could so aptly compare him as an auctioneer who had a quantity of valuable wares which he was *determined* to compel men to purchase at the highest possible price. And there he stood in the presence of the seven or eight thousand men and women, who had turned out to hear him, at an early hour of the morning, through pelting wind and rain, and for half an hour, without manuscript or note, he thrust home upon them in a torrent of natural eloquence, the great truths of God's word. Instead of waiting to inform us what he was about to say, he said the thing, and rushed forward with the impetuosity of a race-horse.

6. Another secret of Mr. Moody's success lies in the instruments he uses. His weapons are not carnal but spiritual. He fights God's battles with heavenly armor. He uses "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." He appears to know but little about any book but the Bible but in it he is at home. He can hardly be said to be, strictly speaking, an expositor of Scripture, but he has a remarkable faculty for grouping passages of the word of God together, and illustrating them by one another, and by striking analogies and pathetic anecdotes, of which