

but did not write them down. And so we have to gather what the instructions were from their acts which, of course, were all done in obedience to their Master's teaching.

The Apostles were the first Bishops, S. James of Jerusalem, S. Thomas of India, and so on. Presently, when their work became too much for them, they ordained others to take parts of it: first, they appointed deacons, and the word 'deacon' means a 'servant'; afterwards 'elders,' or priests, were ordained Acts xiv. 23; now the word 'priest' has two meanings, one who offers sacrifices, and an 'elder'; lastly, we find S. Paul speaking in his letters to Timothy and Titus about their ordination as bishops (1 Tim. iv. 14; Titus i. 5); the word 'bishop' means an 'overseer.' We know that Timothy was Bishop of Ephesus, and Titus Bishop of Crete.

As the Apostles acted under the commands left them by their Lord, we may very safely conclude that it was His will these three orders (as they are called) should form the ministry of His Church.—*Banner of Faith.*

A pastor, at the opening of a chapel, favored his congregation with a minute account of its structural features. It was in the Ionic style, he observed, with a composite vestry and Corinthian fixings. Over the portico was a pediment, over that a tower, over that a spire, and on the top of all a mortgage. "Which last, my brethren," he concluded, "being clean contrary to the rules of architectural proportions laid down by Prof. Vitruvius, I hope to remove right away by your liberal collection to-day."

### HOW TO LOVE GOD.

A woman once said to her pastor: "I do love God very much, but to love him more; how can I?" "You must become better acquainted with him," was the reply. "We love those who are worthy of our love in proportion as we become acquainted with them."

"How can I get better acquainted?" she asked.

"Study the Bible more," he said. "God speaks to you, reveals himself to you, in the Bible. Read in the New Testament the life of Jesus, and imagine you had been with him as John and Peter and Mary were—and pray more. Tell him all your joys and troubles and needs. He will answer you, and every answer will draw you closer and closer to him. Then try to please him in everything you do and say. We always love those whom we try to please. Love makes us wish to please the Lord, and love rewards us when we have done it."

The woman followed these rules, simple as they were, and her love to God grew and spread all through her heart.

It made her very happy, so that all who knew her said: "What a bright, cheerful person she is; I don't believe she has any trouble." And yet she did have a great deal of trouble, but the love of God so filled her heart that it seemed like wings to lift her up above it all. If she had been asked if she had any trouble, she would have smiled and said: "I don't believe I have: the minute it comes Jesus takes it all away."—*Word and Work.*

When a man gets to love work, his life is a happy one.