

English Revolution. But how was that work done? The principles laid down by the pulpit were carried into action by men like Pym and Hampden in Parliament, by men like Cromwell and William of Orange on the field of battle, by men like Milton in literature, by innumerable believers in every line of life. The pulpit must now emphasize more strongly than ever the principles that ought to regulate human life, but these principles must be applied by Christian statesmen to politics, by Christian merchants to commerce, by Christian professional men to the professions, by Christian workers everywhere to the peculiar conditions that meet them. And these men must go into their work prepared to suffer for righteousness' sake.

We hear a great deal about political corruption in these days. The only effective remedy is for Christian politicians to refuse to patronize, or profit by bribery of any kind. Many of our best men in public life, although personally pure are aware that others are engaged in corruption for them. Their religion requires them to take a firm stand against it in its every form.

Well then, it may be said, no one can succeed in politics unless he, or others for him, resort to bribery. To judge success by getting into parliament is to value it by a false standard. A politician or party, failing because of purity, will do more for the nation than ten thousand victories won by wrong, even though the victors be the leading statesmen of the age. And a few brilliant careers, sacrificed on the altar of political purity will do more to cleanse our nation from its public filthiness than any other means that can be devised.

The same principle holds in the pursuit of wealth. It is often affirmed that you cannot serve Christ in business, that such lying and misrepresentation, such hardness and selfishness are rendered necessary by iron competition and unscrupulous competitors that one cannot succeed and follow Christ. A statement partially true but generally false. And where sin seems necessary, let good men offer their success for the cause of Christ, choosing to fail rather than stoop to wrong. There never was such a demand for good men as there is now,