

Satanic agency, worldly interest, and fleshly lusts? Without that help will he endure the discouragements and trials of his office? Without that help will he be a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, and a true expounder of christian doctrine? Without that help can the gospel be preached aright? Without that help can it be preached with that holy yearning for souls, with that faith and unction and with that power of persuasion which ought to accompany it? Oh! my dear brethren you know that we need something which is out of ourselves, something *ad-extra*, a superhuman power, or our preaching will not be in proper demonstration. Prayer will enable you to come near to God, and take hold of his strength. Some of the most successful ministers have been eminently men of prayer. They wrestled mightily with God in the closet and prevailed. They there received strength and came forth endued with power from on high, to achieve their glorious moral victories. And my dear brethren, never forget that your strength is in God.

*8th. Let all the glory of your success be given to God.*

However able and successful you are as ministers of the New Testament, always bear in mind, "that neither is he that planteth any thing neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase." Usefulness is the great end of the christian ministry, and we should not be content without realizing it; but there is even danger in usefulness—danger of not giving the glory to God,—danger of saying my success, my success!—and of arrogating to ourselves part of the glory that belongs to God alone. Thus Satan may even make our usefulness a bribe. The Rev. James Parsons of York, England, who has been styled the prince of modern preachers, and with whom I am personally acquainted, once said he remembered to have been told "My son beware of the bribe of talent: this was understood—Beware of the bribe of applause and this was understood. But then there was another caution, which was a secret.—Beware of the bribe of useful-