

husks of this world. It must turn to something, and if you do not get Christ filling the new man, you will get the old man going after something that shuts God out—no matter what it is—a very little thing will do it.

DO YOU SHOW IT?

Christian, your conduct is expected to represent Christianity, and if that representation is false, what if she be judged and condemned unjustly on your account? You are expected to exhibit her practical glory—infidels are not.—No one will misjudge her from the conduct of infidels; but they may from yours. O how great your responsibility!

Heaven's moral grandeur has been let down to earth, and you profess to show it. If you fail, Satan's emissaries will take advantage, and heaven's heirs will mourn. Your cold hearts, your unkind looks, your harsh words, your malicious censures, will do more to insult Christianity and rob her of her glory than the blasphemy of a thousand infidels. Give her fair play in your practical exhibition of her, and she will chase every infidel to the shades of oblivion. Give her full sway in your heart, and all will be calm and comfort. Give her full sway in your home and all will be joy and peace.

LOVE.

All beauty and grace, all propriety and comeliness of deportment, find a full and fitting expression in love.—Love clothes the face with light, mellows the voice with music, lends the charm of inimitable grace to everything

said and done in its spirit. It is itself so pure, excellent and divine in its own essential character as to keep the heart in which it reigns in harmony with the highest reason and the perfection of beauty. Man comes nearest to God by possessing God's greatest attribute, love.

Love is the beauty of Him who is fairer than all the children of men. It is the beauty which He most desires in those who would be like Him in blessedness and glory. When the heart is made a garden for the culture of all meekness and gentleness and love, the lost beauty of Paradise is restored, and the everlasting beauty of heaven is begun on earth.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John xiii. 35.

Dr. Guthrie writes, "I was led by my youngest boy's behaviour to see what a blessing it is to have the things of God as a little child. My little boy about 4 years old, whom I brought with me, gave himself no trouble amid the boats, omnibuses, and railway cars, on land, sea, and in dark tunnels. His father was at his side, and never a care or fear or doubt or anxiety had he.—May we have grace to be led by the hand, and trust to the care and kindness of our Father and God."

There is none so greedy after Christ as the man who has had most of Him. Paul had been a believer at least fifteen years, and yet he said this was his ambition, "That I may know Him," Phil. iii. 10.

Love to God and man is the essence of pure religion, and when in full practical operation, conduces to enjoyment in the highest degree, so hatred to God and man is the essence of sin, and produces misery in proportion to its fury.