

family likeness? Are you remarkable for your love? Has the love-feast a charm for you far more than the ball-room, or the theatre? Do you love one another with pure hearts fervently? Do you love your Bible? Do you hide it in your heart? Are you "mighty in the Scriptures"? Are the promises your richest treasure? Are the precepts your constant guide? Is there the family likeness? And your zeal. Are you remarkable for this? Are you a volunteer or a pressed man? Have you been to your superintendent and said, "Do you want a Sunday-school teacher?—here am I; do you want a Tract-distributor?—here am I; do you want a worker in the Band of Hope?—here am I." Is the zeal of the Lord's house eating you up? Do you speak to your friends about the Saviour, "telling to all around what a dear Saviour you have found"? Are you remarkable for your holiness? Do you "adorn the doctrine of God your Saviour in all things"? Are you remarkable for your happiness? Does your bright face and glad heart recommend religion to those around you? Do men "take knowledge of you, that you have been with Jesus"? If so, you have a right to expect that the Lord will be with you, as He was with your fathers. God delights to be with men. He tells us His "delights are with the sons of men." No! God will not leave us unless we force Him away. How can we do that? you say. You can do it in many ways. You can do it by disloyalty. Let no one persuade you to do dishonour to your Saviour, to be disloyal to your God. You can drive Him away by your worldliness. There is our special danger. Wealth increases, and then temptations come. We want to copy the example of those about us. Somebody else has a bigger house, and we must have larger ones too. Somebody else has started a carriage and pair; we also must do the same. And the result is that in many cases it takes all our wealth to support our own extravagance, and we have