

souls. I say, therefore, with all the earnestness of my soul, reject the temptation. If you were not a minister it would be another thing, but God has called you to a nobler work. If the apostle thought "it was beneath him to leave the Word of God, and serve the tables on which provision was made for the Christian widows; we ought not to leave the Word of God, and the proclamation of the Gospel, to gratify our tastes, or to win the applause of a thoughtless multitude. In saying this, I do not refer to what you may do as a relaxation, or under special circumstances, but I do say there is no work out of heaven so glorious as that to which you are called. There is no work so profitable, so blessed, so improving to yourselves, so beneficial to others, so pleasing to God, as preaching the Gospel. To this work God has called you, for this work He has qualified you, to this work the Church has invited you, to this work you have pledged yourselves, and I pray you do not abandon it. Determine to know nothing among men, but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

Especially, don't forget that you are Methodist preachers, and that we have a good reason for our existence. While holding all the great fundamental doctrines of the Catholic Church, God seems to have raised us up to testify to the universality of His redeeming love, and the infinite power of the Holy Ghost to renew, and sanctify the soul. I know, and rejoice to know, that many in all the orthodox Churches, have been led to receive, and enjoy, these doctrines; yet there are many who question them, and not a few who deny them altogether. You must therefore see that on these points your trumpet gives a certain sound. Let your congregations know that God loves them all, that Christ has died for them all, and that the Holy Ghost is present to renew, and sanctify them all; deliver the old message, with the old power, and you may rely on seeing the same results. You are received