

Grains of Gold

The world is to be saved in no other way than by the process of saving ones. Do not wait for some big thing to do: take hold of the first little helpful thing that needs to be done.

True prayer is a believing soul's direct converse with God.

You don't have to put your reason behind your back to be a Christian.

The life of growing goodness has an intrinsic quality which makes it preferable to that of stationary perfection. No true knowledge can ever impress the human mind with a conceit of its own greatness.

Presumption is the natural offspring of ignorance, and not of knowledge.

The loftiest are always the lowliest in heart.

The small mind is always the envious mind.

Magnanimity is the true patent of nobility.

Unless our patriotism is inspired by our religion, it is not worth possessing.

There are few things more costly to acquire than the grace of supplication.

Prayer is the very elixir of the soul, and it cannot be poured out without pain and sacrifice.

Only as we share the travail of the Saviour's soul can we help Christ save the world.

Sanctity of heart and life is the characteristic of a conquering Church.

Lying is intellectual highway robbery, and its penalty is mental solitary confinement.

Obedience is the organ of life.

It is obedience to the Master which saves the soul life from dying down with animalism, mis-use, and indifference.

Religion might be defined as morality plus prayer.

Morality is the recognition of a relationship between man and man.

Religion is the recognition of a relationship between man and God.

The silences of a great teacher are as significant as his speech.

The beginning of religion is taking the Master at His word about God.

The first step in knowing the Father is trusting the Son.

We appropriate what we attend to; we know what we apply ourselves to.

Application is the everlasting price of knowledge.

Goodness is the one thing in the universe that deserves our homage.

There is nothing that exalts a man so much as reverence.

Our place in the scale of being is determined by the intensity of our devotion to what is good.

The highest type of man is the man in whom the reverential spirit is most developed.

Reverence is the surrender of the spirit to the attractive influence of goodness.

The most important elements in our life are those which we, generally speaking, regard as trifles.

—Selected by Rev. Wm. Quance.

With Two Faults

A celebrated divine was to preach in a small village one Sunday, where he had already preached several times. The family who entertained him had a little daughter who was usually fond of attending service. When the other members of the family were ready to go, little Nellie firmly refused to go with them.

"I don't want to go to church," she declared.

"Why, what is the matter?" asked her mother, very much surprised. "Are you ill?"

"No, but I heard Parson D— before, and I do not like him," said little Nellie. "Oh, Nellie, that is a very wicked thing to say," replied her mother. "Tell me why?"

"Well, said Nellie, rather confusedly, 'he preaches so long that I cannot keep awake, and he preaches so loud I cannot go to sleep—so there!'"

A Favored Caller

It was a bright, crisp morning, and the teacher looked down at her small, eager pupils with an encouraging smile.

"Who would like to tell the class of something beautiful seen on the way to school this morning?" she asked.

Half a dozen hands were raised, and she chose for first speaker little Michael Donovan.

"You may tell us what was the most beautiful thing you saw on your way to school, Michael," she said.

"I stopped to get Timmy Nolan," said Michael hoarsely, "and he's coming down

with the measles, and his mother showed him to me through the window, to let me see how good they've come out."

Meet for the Kingdom

A dear old gentleman who is deeply interested in Sunday Schools, and who never loses an opportunity to pray for them, recently embodied the following singular request in his petition at prayer-meeting:

"Dear Lord, bless the lambs of this fold, and make them meet for the Kingdom of Heaven!"

Print Too Small

A clergyman was visiting one of his lady parishioners recently who was rather difficult to get on with. After half an hour's vain search for a congenial subject for conversation, he asked:

"And are you fond of Dickens's works?"

"No," was the reply; "I don't like Dickens—the print is so small!"



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