

them, it is good not alone to flee from them, but to meet them in a spiritual conflict, and boldly contend with them until they are subdued. But you may fail in the conflict. Resist the beginnings and the conquest is assured. Resist the devil in the beginning, and keep resisting until his power is broken. If you trust to your own strength you will discover that there are armed forces against you, and the contest of Eden will be repeated in your life, with sullen defeat. Before the weeds of sin have gone to seed in your soul, throw them out. Destroy the enemies which lurk within, before all the forces meet and combine against you.

The third method of overcoming sin is by displacement. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh." Displace the lusts of the flesh, expel them by allowing some higher things to take their place in the soul and to control it. Two bodies cannot occupy the same place at the same time. Christ and Satan cannot at the same moment hold the supreme place in the soul. There cannot be two rulers on the same throne, with different forms of government, and the country enjoy peace. Salvation by displacement is the highest form of salvation. You may lose a crown by searching for treasures with a rake in the filth of the street, where no diamonds exist. A man may become