

me. I will endeavor by kindly words and deeds to cultivate the spirit of Christian friendship and bring my young associates to Christ."

*Christian Endeavor*: "And that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life."

This specific promise settles the oft-repeated questions: "Can I do this?" "Can I do that?" "Can I go here?" "Can I go there?" A standard universally approved is set up, and what comports with it is to be done, and all else avoided. What would Christ do, is the test. Who can find fault with such a reasonable settlement of a perplexing problem? What Christian would refuse to act in harmony with its principles? The settlement of each particular thing is left with the individual conscience, but care should always be taken not to mistake freedom of conscience with freedom from conscience.

It will certainly be admitted that a person cannot "lead a Christian life" without honoring God with his substance. There is nothing more plainly taught in the Bible than that there is no true religion, no spiritual life within the soul, without the impulses which lead to the offering of our substance to God. Not only does it teach that with spiritual life will be the impulse to offer of our substance to God, but in both the Old and New Testaments the duty of systematic and proportionate giving is clearly set forth, as contrasted with spontaneous and unregulated offerings. Our givings should be an act of worship, and should at least equal that of the Hebrew when we compare our privileges with his. It should not be understood that he felt that one-tenth only belonged to God, but rather that the whole was God's property, and that tithes were given as an acknowledgment of his loyalty to God and a pledge that the rest should be used for His glory. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Lastly, can a person "lead a Christian life" who does not cultivate the spirit of Christian friendship, and endeavor to bring others to Christ? This clause of the pledge strikes directly at that selfishness that sees no other purpose in Christianity than the saving of one's soul in heaven after death. It