

Neglect no outward means of grace. Punctually enter your closet and shut the door that you may pray to your Father in secret. Prize the class-meeting, that highly honored means of grace which aided so largely in the establishment of early Methodism, and which, when rightly conducted retains all its power as a means of comforting and quickening the soul. In the Prayer-meeting, at the Table of the Lord, under the preaching of the Word, in every means of grace available to you seek to obtain strength from God and you will assuredly go from strength to strength. Guard also dear brethren against a religion of mere emotion. Religion is for the entire being, and for the entire life. In it there is nothing onesided or incomplete. It is as a gem or precious stone clearly cut and perfectly rounded. It is not as a clay cold statue without life or feeling. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness." Feelings too deep and too tender for utterance or expression by any outward sign or action may be possessed and cherished. But emotions that expend themselves in outward forms of excitement, and produce no permanent fruits of goodness are valueless. We would urge you to cultivate intelligent piety; for the soul to be without knowledge is not good. Especially would we urge this upon the young, whose minds are receptive and retentive, much more so than is the case with those advanced in life. Seek to be so well grounded in the knowledge of the Lord that you may be always ready to give to every one that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. With all our mind as well as with all our heart and strength we are commanded to "Love the Lord our God." Let your religion be eminently practical, "Be ye doers of the Word." Your position and circumstances in life are very varied. God has blessed some of you with wealth and placed you where your conduct is the subject of constant scrutiny and criticism by the men of the world. You are called to the performance of public duties. Make it felt in the world that no men of business are more worthy to be trusted than the members of our beloved Church. Every pledge which you give, faithfully redeem, every promise faithfully fulfil. Let the law of truth be in your hearts, and words of truth always on your lips. Hasten not to be rich, for they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare. Whether you are tradesmen or legislators, be faithful to your conscience and faithful to your God. And brethren you who are called to serve others, render faithful service, never let the fear of poverty lead you to do what is wrong. But remember God's promise "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Take the Word of God in all the affairs of this life for your guidance. Ponder its precepts and warnings, and copy the conduct of those whose lives it records as men who served God and served their generation according to His will. Do your duty in every station of life. Maintain a fearless and uncompromising opposition against sin and wrong of every kind. Seek to be actuated in your doings by a sincere desire to please God. Have a "single eye" and your "whole body will be full of light." "Your light will so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The mine of inspiration is very deep and full of precious truths. Careful, prayerful study and the aid of God's