

and obey him, and he will help you, if you ask him.—*Well Spring.*

### Think for one Hour.

During a season of some religious interest in C——, there was a class of young persons who remained careless and unconcerned about their soul's salvation. At a prayer-meeting which many of them attended, they were exhorted solemnly to consider their ways and be wise. When about to leave the place of prayer, which was so solemn as the house of death, those young persons were kindly asked to go home and think for *one hour* concerning their soul's salvation. One thoughtless and profane young man resolved there that he would go home and consider the subject for one hour. After reflecting for an hour, by himself alone, on God's mercy to him, and on his own lost condition, without Christ, he began to pray for pardon. As we might expect, he did not stop thinking and praying when his hour closed; but he continued for two or three hours, even until midnight, to think and pray earnestly for the forgiveness of God; nor did he give any sleep to his eyes nor slumber to his eyelids, until he submitted his heart to God, and found joy and peace in believing in Jesus.

On the next day this young man, who had been so careless and thoughtless, came to my study, to tell the joyful news of his conversion. At first I thought it was too good news to be true, for it seemed like a resurrection from the dead; but on conversing with him, I found (as far as I could judge) that it was even so. He said to me, "I went home from the meeting last night, and thought as you requested, for one hour, about seeking the salvation of my soul; and I did not rest till I gave my heart to the Saviour, and became a new creature in Christ Jesus." The news of his conversion soon spread like wild fire through the village and town, and some of his

thoughtless associates were influenced by his example to seek and serve the Lord.

Then I was led to inquire, Why is it that so many of our youth live in impenitence in this Christian land? From the remarkable conversion of this ringleader in wickedness, I am forced to believe that it is because they do not consider. Our impenitent youth will not think for *one hour* of their depravity and ruined state, nor of what the Lord Jesus has done to save them from eternal misery. The sin of *inconsideration* is the great and crying sin of the youth of our land. In view of it, I cannot help exclaiming, "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" O that they would *think for one hour!*—*Youth's Penny Gazette.*

### God the Father of the Young.

"*My Father, thou art the guide of my youth.*"—The discovery of God as a father is the turning point in religion. Suppose we should ascertain that some individual whom we had conceived to be a mere stranger, was really a long-lost parent, how would the indifference of the heart melt into love! And when the soul makes a similar discovery in regard to God, the frost of indifference dissolves, and the heart surrenders itself at once, and altogether to his service.

One is your Father which is in heaven. To believe this truth, as explained and illustrated by the gospel; to value it, and act upon it, is genuine religion.

God, my reconciled father in Christ! Then I must love and trust, and cheerfully and constantly serve him.

God our father in heaven! Then I must mingle reverence with affection, and tremble at his displeasure, even when I repose upon his love!

Is God only my father? Then I must oppose no authority to his. I