

charity, the seeking after whatsoever things are pure and true and just and lovely. Above all and best of all he can preach a personal Christ and love and loyalty to Him; and after all it was on this, mainly, that Christ planted His Kingdom; in this better than in any other way will men find their way to God and good. The stronger power, love, is the only power that can drive out the lower loves. It was Christ himself, not any doctrine, not any system, that captivated men with a divine charm, that revealed to them God's own love. Ideas, however high, thoughts, however pure, precepts, however wise, systems, however perfect, cannot save, but Divine love breathing through a human soul, speaking through human lips, manifesting itself in a human life saved before and can save again. God's love manifest in the flesh, unfolding His Divine beauty in word and deed, it was that that won and that will win men's hearts. From the time that Christ appeared till now, it is around His person that faith has clung, it was personal then, it is personal still, loving Him who loved us and gave himself for us. Not to believe this system or accept that doctrine, is the calling of Christ, but believe me, accept me, the rest will follow. Love follows faith, and the whole nature follows love: And if success is ever to attend his ministry, if his ministry is to be a living power and not a mechanical system, you know well and you will never forget

it in your teaching that the student of theology must learn not only to know Christ, and to preach Christ but to live Christ. No amount of knowledge of the doctrine of the church and ability to expound them, will win souls for Christ unless Christ's truth and Christ's life be manifested in the preacher's character and shine in the preacher's conduct. Only thus can we know and only thus can we impart the doctrine of Him who is the Truth of God. Renewed and inspired personality is the most powerful instrument for advancing Christ's Kingdom, and it was the instrument to which our Saviour Himself specially assigned the work, personal character, personal influence, character moulded after Christ's influence, breathing Christ's Spirit, these, not systems, not churches, not associations are going to purify society, and save the world. "The Christlike soul is power of God with man." God is to be seen through Christ and Christ is to be seen in all that is best and worthiest in his disciples; and unless a man has learned to know something of God Himself, his personal nearness and Christlikeness, how can he preach? But a heart made bright by the hope of Christ shines everywhere upon life. From his own lived by the faith of the Son of God, and breathing the love of Christ, will the preacher's teaching draw its richest inspiration and receive its noblest impulse and accomplish its most successful work.