

Do your work, but do it in quietness and confidence; do your duty, but do it without this corroding anxiety; and He who even in the desert spreads His table for the birds, He who clothes the flowers in their embroideries of beauty will feed and clothe you. That trust which unconsciously Gods humbler creatures show, that do ye show reflectingly and consciously. Trust in God for these lower things, because He gives, and will give, and has given to you, higher things than these. Do not degrade and drag down your life in the mire by the spirit of mean, selfish, grudging, distrustful accumulation. If you seek first the kingdom of God, all these other things, or things transcendently better than these, shall be added unto you. There is nothing wrong in your trade and your merchandise, and your daily work to earn your own living: that is altogether right; so far from being a rival business to these, the seeking of the kingdom of Heaven is a Divine law which should regulate, a Divine temper which should pervade and transfigure them. Only, for the sake of your own souls, for the sake of all that makes life worth living, for the sake alike of your temporal and eternal happiness, do not seek the dross of earth more, and love it better, than the gold of Heaven. Let conscience and faith enter into every necessary act of your daily life. Learn to discriminate the transcendent. Learn to feel habitually