

blessings from on high. The miser loses the chance of salvation though his wealth may be great: and loses his immortal soul through covetousness which is another name for Idolatry.

Talk not of talents; what hast thou to do?

Thy duty be thy portion—five or two.

Talk not of talents as thy duty done?

Thou hadst sufficient; were they ten to one.

It requires not great talents, splendid attainments, prominent position or large income to enable man or woman to be useful in the Lord's work, these are all valuable adjuncts but not necessities. For if there be first a willing mind it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that which he hath not. You need not wait for an invitation or sphere, begin just where you are, keep a single eye to God's glory in everything; "commit your ways unto Him, and He will direct your path." Using the opportunities and abilities given you as consecrated to His service. O Christian brother, bring your thank offerings and lay them with all your heart before the Lord. Seek out the careless and ignorant ones, who are refusing His best gifts, thus pouring contempt upon and counting the blood of the covenant an unholy thing. The Macedonians were in deep poverty, but there were some poorer than they. At Jerusalem in the midst of bigoted Jews the followers of Jesus had a hard struggle to subsist. It was the duty of fellow Christians to help them, and the church of Macedonia came up nobly to the front. They out of their poverty and up to their power, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves. The case was urgent, brethren were perishing, what they could do they did, to assist those whose need was greater than their own. The old adage was proved true "where there's a will, there's a way," and with souls newly conscious of the better life and burning with sympathy and desire to alleviate some of the distresses of those around them, (they gave to Him who had redeemed and made them sons of God, through belief in His name) for when we give to the distressed from love to Christ. He considers it as done to Himself, and a cup of cold water, becomes of value in His sight. Let us turn again to God's word, "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20th, 35. What kindly generous heart but can answer yes to this assertion, it is the weak and trembling who need support. The verse breathes the spirit of the Lord's life and doctrine and teaches those who have not to