

to be happy was "to do duty". She stopped to dine with a fox, who said: "The secret of happiness is to secure the property of another by superior ability. I am never so happy as when I am carrying off some neighbor's goose." Which was the true answer to the question of how to be happy?

They were overseers of all that wrought in any manner of service, v. 13. Frances

Willard used to say, "Religion means together." Generals are needed, "Together" but we cannot all be generals.

If you are a good soldier in a good cause, that is success. When a soldier who had been at Waterloo was complimented on his bravery, he replied, "You see there were so many of us." All at it, and each doing his part, is the secret of fruitful work.

TEACHING HINTS

This section embraces teaching material for the various grades in the School.

For Teachers of Bible Classes

Bring out the three things done in Josiah's reformation: (a) The symbols of Baal worship were removed, and every trace of that idolatrous system utterly destroyed. (b) This policy was carried out throughout the whole kingdom. (c) The false priests were slaughtered. It was a sweeping reformation, crushing in its completeness, a genuine purging of the outer forms of heathenism.

2. Discuss the restoration of the temple. There was (a) proper organization, and (b) successful execution. Note especially the good work of Hilkiah, who was in full sympathy with the reform movement. Point out how, even under Manasseh, some must have remained faithful, or Josiah would not so readily have found helpers.

Some points to be considered are: (1) The necessity of beginning in early life right with God. (2) The heroic soul will rally the forces of righteousness. The demand for leadership is everywhere felt. One young man may institute a new plan which will reorganize and regenerate Christian forces. (3) The wisdom of destroying the symbols of evil, lest their very presence should prove a source of temptation.

Apply this last principle to the question of license or prohibition. Should the popular cry that people will have alcohol and it is better to license it, be yielded to? Show that this is, in reality, an unanswerable argument why it should be outlawed and kept outlawed. Just because the presence of drink on every hand is to many so powerful a temptation, it should be removed. Does the open bar make it easier or harder to be

sober? Urge upon each the duty of doing his or her part to destroy the evils that affect the community.

Question as to what devotion to Jesus means to-day in the midst of so much compromise with evil in the form of pleasure, business and even religion. Are we avoiding every appearance of evil?

For Teachers of the Senior Scholars

This is an easy lesson to teach. It is never hard to get a class interested in Josiah, the boy king. How old was he when he began to reign? How old when he died? He died young but he succeeded in making a great deal out of his short life. Why was this? (V. 2.) Speak about some short lives that accomplished much. Robert Murray McChesney died younger than Josiah, Henry Drummond not much older.

1. *The Secret of Josiah's Success*, v. 3. How old was he when he began to live in earnest? In what way were his thoughts turned to religious things? It was not from his father that he got any good thing that was in his life. (See ch. 33: 21-24.) It may have been from his mother. She had a good name, —Jedidah, "Beloved of the Lord" (see 2 Kgs. 22: 1). Some persons teach that boys inherit their moral bent more from their mother than from their father. Impress upon the class what a great thing it is to begin when young to seek the Lord. Those who do so succeed better in every way. Refer to Victoria the Good, who began when a girl to seek the God of her mother, that she might be prepared to reign. Spurgeon was just sixteen when he began to live in earnest. Gipsy Smith was only a boy when he began to seek the Lord.