

refined people, male and female, all of whom are volunteers.

How then can we conquer so formidable a foe? In the first place, as the enemy's equipments are all up-to-date, ours must be the same. Take the great ship Love, with its big gospel guns and its soldiers armed with the sword of the Spirit, and sail around within range of the main forts, Self-Righteousness and Unbelief. Bombard them. Aim low, and knock their foundations from beneath them first and the rest is easy. Behind them are many people who would do good service on your side. Go in among them and use your swords right and left. Don't be afraid. Those swords are peculiar; they cut deep every time but never kill, for they carry a balm with them that heals every wound. Take the people on board but leave their guns behind—these would be of no use to you. Temper is apt to explode at any moment, and you cannot aim straight with Covetousness. The rest are equally uncertain and would only cumber you.

Then make for the ships. The enemy will not be expecting an attack in that quarter, and the advantage will be yours. They will make a great resistance, however, and there will be some hard fighting, but the ultimate victory will be yours. Take the people but reject their weapons. Some of their ships you may retain, however. Not Intemperance; although it cost a lot of money and many lives you had better burn it, for it is infested with a horrible disease, and has a bad habit of running into strange waters and striking upon dangerous rocks. You cannot improve it. Destroy it utterly! Music and Society you must retain. They are worth saving, although it will take an immense amount of labor to remodel them so that you can make the best use of them in the King's service. There are some people, however, to whom they are almost a necessity, so they must be purified and made beautiful for the use of the King's soldiers.

As to ammunition and provisions for this warfare, you need not be afraid of their running short. The great storehouse above is full to overflowing. King Jesus, the keeper of it all, swings wide the doors and invites you to come and be armed for the fight. Let every soldier carry his knapsack well stocked with provisions. A good supply of Prayer and Patience and Praise and Consecration is absolutely necessary. Get your orders from Headquarters and obey them at any cost. Read the holy guide book. Then you cannot be beaten; and the glory and praise will be yours when the fighting is over and the King comes to His own.



The Secret of Power.

Thoughts for the "Quiet Hour" from Rev. R. A. Torrey.

THE great reservoir of the power that be-
longeth unto God, is His own Word—the
Bible. If we wish to make it ours, we
must go to that book. Yet people abound in the

church who are praying for power and neglecting the Bible. Men are longing to have power for fruit-bearing in their own lives and yet forget that Jesus has said: "The seed is the Word of God." They are longing to have power to melt the cold heart and break the stubborn will, and yet forget that God has said: "Is not my Word like as fire, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces." If we are to obtain fullness of power in life and service we must feed upon the Word of God.

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We cannot obtain power and we cannot maintain power, in our lives and in our work for others, unless there is deep and frequent meditation upon the Word of God. If our leaf is not to wither and whatsoever we do is to prosper, our delight must be in the law of the Lord and we must meditate therein day and night.

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The same work which we see ascribed in one place to the power of the Word of God is in other places ascribed to the Holy Spirit. The explanation of this is simple. The Word of God is the instrument through which the Holy Spirit does His work. The Word of God is "the sword of the Spirit." The Word of God is also the seed the Spirit sows and quickens. If therefore we wish the Holy Spirit to do His work in our hearts we must study the Word. If we wish Him to do His work in the hearts of others we must give them the Word. But the bare Word will not do the work alone. The Spirit must Himself use the Word. It is when the Spirit Himself uses His own sword that it manifests its real temper, keenness, and power. God's work is accomplished by the Word and the Spirit, or rather by the Spirit through the Word. The secret of effectual living is knowing the power of the Spirit through the Word. The secret of effectual service is using the Word in the power of the Spirit.

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It is not so much what we are by nature either intellectually, morally, spiritually, or even physically, that is important; but what the Holy Spirit can do for us, and what we will let Him do.

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There is a mighty power in prayer. It has much to do with our obtaining fullness of power in Christian life and service. The one who will not take time for prayer may as well resign all hope of obtaining the fullness of power God has for him. It is "they that wait upon the Lord" who "shall renew their strength." "Wait upon the Lord." True prayer takes time and thought, but it is the great time-saver. At all events if we are to know fullness of power we must be men and women of prayer.

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The great secret of the Holy Ghost coming upon us is the surrendered will, a yielded life. Oh, how wondrous, how blessed, how glorious is the Holy Spirit's power! Will you have it? The one great condition is a surrendered will, a life surrendered absolutely, unreservedly, totally to God. Will you yield?