

father was going to see about it. He had hoped Steve could have a better home at once. He did not know how hard it was for his grandfather to part with his dollars. The good old gentleman was waiting for the cold hand of death to loosen his grasp, and then he hoped to bless mankind with what he no longer needed.

"Dead money," muttered the old man. "Pretty good, after all. A man's money seems to die or stop growth with him. Why not make folks love me when I can feel it? And boys may freeze waiting for me to die! I hope they will wait for some years."

Then he turned to his ledger, but in the row of dollars and cents he seemed to see other entries—"a long life," "a loving wife," "good children," "bright, loving grandchildren," "eyesight and hearing," "the hope of a life beyond."

"If I reckon like Dick, I have a good deal to give account for. This little college does need help," he thought.

The old gentleman sat thinking it over for some time; then he said aloud:

"I believe it is a foolish plan to leave your good deeds for other people to do. They don't always carry out one's wishes. I believe, my boy, I'll take your advice."

To think was to come to a decision, and that meant action with Grandfather Morris.

Opposite the college building was a large frame house for sale. The last day of the year this became the property of Mr. Morris, and I must confess he made a close bargain. The deed was made to the college trustees in Richard's name. This the boy found under his plate New Year's morning, and when his grandfather explained, he was almost wild with delight.

"I have sent for Steve to come to dinner," Mr. Morris said. "Tomorrow we will furnish what rooms are needed, and find some good woman to take charge of the new home."

"Steve's mother is a widow, and a very worthy woman, I hear," said Richard's mother.

"That might do. I want to make this a good, comfortable home for young men who are deserving.

Yet we will find some way so the boys can help themselves," said grandpa.

That was the beginning of the "Morris Endowment," which in time made a fine institution out of a struggling little college. The old man lived to know that many blessed his name, and that his money was well invested.

"Richard," he said, just before his death, "if I had not given my money, charity would not have gotten much, for that bank failure nearly ruined me. I can't leave my children and grandchildren the wealth I expected."

"You leave a blessed memory, grandpa," said the young man. "The New Year's gift you gave me ten years ago has done more good than if you had left me a fortune."

"God blessed that gift, and opened other hearts. Do good while you have a chance, my boy," said the old gentleman.—*Myra Goodwin Plants.*

One should never omit a chance to speak a word for the Master, even if it's only to ask a question. If, then, you have a word to say, say it. If you are ever moved to open your lips, open them, for while we stand hesitating the angel of opportunity goes past our doors never to return again.

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