

us not be weary in well doing, and in due time we shall reap if we faint not." Only this must be observed, that the appearance of failure in any respect should lead to very careful investigation of the possible cause thereof, and to examination both of ourselves and of our modes of action. Are we adopting the best methods to win souls, or neglecting, through lack of earnestness, any that might be effectual with some? Especially does the love of Christ constrain us? Woe unto us if we preach not the Gospel. Still more decidedly woe unto us, if we are not ourselves influenced by what we preach, if we speak from book knowledge, and from aught else than the experience in ourselves of the power and influence of the Holy Spirit and of the love of Jesus. A weak man thus animated will effect more than the most able without this Spirit, for there will be an unction from the Holy One, and no mere dry exhibition of doctrine or enforcement of duties. No mere pulpit teaching, however eloquent and forcible it may be, will suffice. If you would win souls, you must deal with them individually. Sometimes, but I fear not very often, the arrow shot at a venture from the pulpit, pierces the joints of the harness, and reaches the heart: but too commonly they who most need the reproof, warning, or instruction, fail to perceive the proper application to their own cases; and your work will have to be accomplished through classes, or more commonly by personal communication, in pastoral visiting from house to house.

In these days of trouble and perplexity, it is more than ever necessary for each of us, who has to teach and help others, to be able to say with the full assurance of faith, "He loved me and gave Himself for me." Some of you, my Reverend Brethren, have, I know a hard life, with many trials and difficulties in your way, but the feeling that you are working in the Master's presence, that you are helping to bring about the fulfilment of the prophecy, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied," will sustain you. When wearied and discouraged, remember that the time is short, that rest will follow upon toil, that a brief period of labor shall be followed by an eternity of glory.