

'He came and knocked at my door, and I felt vexed that he should so often come to me in that condition, and I hurled four texts at his head out in the street with all my might.' He quoted the four texts. They were very appropriate to the man's condition, and contained a full statement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He said: 'I do not know whether I did that man any good or not, but there was a woman next door, who had just opened her door to put two dirty children off her doorstep. She stood still and heard all the four texts, and the Spirit of God carried them home to her heart and conscience;' and he added, 'I have been awakened at night many times, and glad to be awakened, by hearing her sing, whilst she lies dying up stairs in the next room to mine.' I wish every person here who knows the power of Scripture on his own soul would incessantly be trying to spread the Word of God and to expound it. Never associate the Bible with anything that is dull and unhappy in the minds of your children. I think one of the wickedest things in the world is to make a child learn a chapter for a punishment. Make the Bible a sweet dear book to your children; give them plenty of pictures, and try yourself to make pleasant pictures of the Bible by your conversation. A little boy once stood at his mother's side while she was reading to him. 'Mother,' he said, 'would you let me go out and play for a quarter of an hour?' 'What for James?' said she. 'Because then you will please read that book to yourself, and then when I come in in a quarter of an hour's time, I will listen so nicely if you will tell me what the book says.' That is the thing; read the book yourself, and get the meaning of it yourself; then talk it out again to your children; they will receive it so much the better. We want subscribers to the Bible Society, but we want readers of the Bible and expounders of it far more, so that even the little ones may understand the law of the Lord. I wish this to go home to every one here. There is a something for all to do. At my Orphanage, sometime ago, while I was sitting on a seat watching the children at play, a little boy came and asked to sit beside me. I lifted him up and then he said, 'Now, Mr. Spurgeon, listen to me. Suppose there was a 'horphanage,' and there was a lot of little boys there, and suppose those little boys had all lost their fathers, and suppose once a month their mothers came, or their aunts, and brought them pennies, and apples, and oranges, and nice things, and suppose there was a little boy that had not got no mother, no aunt, nor nobody to come to see him, don't you think somebody ought to give him sixpence?' 'Cause Mr. Spurgeon, that's me.' Will you all apply descriptions in that fashion, by saying, when there is something to be done for Jesus, 'That's me—there is something for me to do.' Let us determine that every house in London shall have a Bible at once. There is no harm if it had two. I believe there is a somebody in the world that God means to bless through you and nobody else. He has given to His dear Son power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as His Father gave Him; and He has divided that out among us, and given to some of us power over certain flesh, and others power over others. There are some who never will enter heaven through my preaching, but they will enter heaven perhaps from your private admonitions, or through the New Testament which you intend now to put in their way, and the gentle word which you mean to add to it. Beloved friends, look at the great city before you, which God is visiting! Assist in the visitation of this city, from house to house, all of you, and connect with it the trying to discover whether the Bible is in the house, and if it be not there, let every house in London be supplied with the Bible. I wish the Bible Society would join if it could, with that visiting organization, and determine that every house in London should have a Bible at once. Let us all help in doing the work of visiting the people and scattering the word of God among them, and let this be our motive:—if we love the Lord Jesus Christ there is an intimate connection between us and everything that has to do with Him. Years ago, when servants used to be servants, there was a certain lord who was greatly amused