

death, playing into the devil's hands and being used as his instrument in blinding souls to the glorious beauty of Jesus.

Don't talk of being called; your orders are plain from the Master, "Let him that heareth say, Come," (Rev. xxii. 17). Speak not of open doors and opportunities; they are thick around you. You are steward (1 Pet. iv. 10), and soon, face to face with God, will have to give an account of your stewardship. In season, out of season, preach the little gospel, (1 Cor. xv. 1-4). It will not take five minutes of your time to tell the way of salvation to an unconverted soul. Cast the Christ you have received upon many waters, (Eccles. xi.). "Gather with Me," Jesus says—and the fields, how white they are unto harvest! Thousands of souls are passing into a Christless eternity, dying for lack of knowledge of a Saviour. You have that knowledge, and, in God's sight, I ask, dare you withhold it?

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Like John, be a voice of Jesus; and often, when the message is given, and the voice died away, the Mighty One will be left in the hearer's heart, (Luke iii. 16). Don't set before sinners doctrine or denomination, but a loving Jesus—not salvation, but the Saviour that brought it. Remember in faith, you labour not alone, but with God, (1 Cor. iii. 9). Speak as in his presence, and in sight of eternity. One is your Master, even Christ, (Matt. xxiii. 28). Wait at his blessed feet, (Prov. viii. 34); receive your orders from Him; obey them; then go back to his feet again, and tell how you did your work.

Heed not the world—you are not of it, and may not appear of it, (John xvii. 16). Let the living Christ in you (Gal. ii. 20) work unhindered and unchecked by self; let your one motive be the Father's glory. Your eye will then indeed be single, and the whole body full of light.

HEED THE SPIRIT.

Were a young heart, just beginning the Christian race, or a soul girding itself anew for the life of faith, to inquire of me, "What shall I do to keep my peace with God, to retain the near sweet sense of spiritual things?" I should answer, as one of the most important lessons my experience has taught, Be care-

ful to obey at once, and with a tender, reverent spirit, all those sacred inward impulses that call to prayer and communion with heavenly things. Lay aside the charming book; steal away from the enticing friend; resist the harmless-looking temptation; and go to the closet and kneel down to talk with Jesus. Tell Him all there is in your heart. Do this as often as you have any feeling that reminds you of prayer; and make a closet of good thoughts, when your hands are busy with necessary cares. A heart that is kept thus, will not cry out for coldness, and darkness and distress, when it would come near and shelter itself in the light and warmth of heavenly love. A soul that responds to the sacred whisper of the Spirit thus, will find no place for corrupt thoughts, for idle words, or evil deeds. This is indeed a rare and sensitive virtue; it is one of the choicest and best that make the whole garden of the heart fragrant with the sweetness of heaven.

UNIVERSAL BENEFICENCE,

AS TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE.

"Do good unto *all men*."—Gal. vi. 10.

"Be gentle to *all men*."—2 Tim. ii. 24.

"Be patient toward *all men*."—1 Thess. v. 14.

"Live peaceably with *all men*."—Rom. xii. 18.

"Showing all meekness to *all men*."—Tit. iii. 2.

"Honour *all men*."—1 Pet. ii. 1.

"Giving thanks for *all men*."—1 Tim. ii. 1.

"Follow that which is good to *all men*."—1 Thess. v. 15.

"Abound in love toward *all men*."—1 Thess. iii. 12.

"Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God; even as I please *all men* in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."—1 Cor. x. 32.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you: that ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven; for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."—Matt. v. 43-45.