

am quite sure that your acceptability, and success, will greatly depend upon it. I have heard men speak of God's love, and the sinner's danger, as if they were mere talking machines, and not living men. Guard against this. I know there is a great deal of difference in your mental constitution. That some are naturally cold, and stolid, while others are naturally warm, and emotional; but grace must conquer nature—God can take away the stony heart, and give a heart of flesh. If you are of a stolid temperament, conquer it. Get the mind of Christ—catch the spirit of the great apostle who wept as he wrote, and spoke, of sinners. Reveal their danger to sinners, not in anger, nor controversially, but with quivering voice, and tears of sympathy; as those who see their danger, and know their value. Don't speak as if you were of another race, or as if you were a judge, and they the criminals; but speak as one just rescued from the same peril, and who has come to tell them the way of escape. Let your congregation feel that you are one of themselves, and that you understand their position, their longings, their sins, and their sorrows—that you sympathize with them in the struggle in which they are engaged, and that it is your highest joy to speak to them a cheering word, or to lend them a helping hand.

Preach it *constantly*. Give yourselves wholly to your work. As I have already hinted, you will often be tempted to turn aside from it. Literature in its various forms will tempt some of you; science will hold out its prizes to others; and the lecture-hall will attract not a few. You will be appealed to on every side; the tempter may even come as an angel of light. If you yield to the temptation, you may gain popularity, and fame, and worldly recompense, but you will be shorn of your strength, and thus have to pay a heavy penalty. I have rarely known or heard of a minister yielding to these temptations, who kept his spiritual power, or retained his wisdom to win