

good touch-stone of the sustained power of Christian motives. Our ministers are second to none in loyalty to the tested and tried truth of the ages and in evangelical earnestness. At the same time we are threatened on many sides with tendencies which would wrest from us the fruits of the consecrated labors of the fathers and rob us of our hopes of the future. Our pastors need to set their faces like flint against the man pleasing spirit of the time, which tempts to the use of the pulpit to cater to the popular taste rather than search the heart with convicting truth. They need to encourage the full confidence in the Bible, which would make its teaching and precedent tending upon belief and practice, in opposition to the indifferentism which prevails so widely. Our people should be especially solicitous to deepen the general life of our churches so that we may be protected against the temptations to a low and material life, which beset all to-day. We need to cultivate a love and loyalty to truth, which will make it impossible for lower considerations to wrest our more prosperous people away from its imperative obligation, it matters not how strong be the social drift or how alluring the call of ambition to place and worldly influence. If we but be faithful to the simple gospel truth and the scriptural principles which have been our glory and strength in the past, our future will be as bright as the promises of God.

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