

with the mass of spiritual death will cool and freeze any but the most ardent souls. The men who have been honored to warm dead hearts into new life have been men whose own souls were aglow with the divine fire—men of spiritual intensity. There is no substitute for this enthusiasm, and no prospect of much success without it. Vain ambition may inspire for a time, and may even seem to succeed, but it consumes the soul and dies out in ashes, while the divine fire—fed by the oil of grace—burns on while life lasts. Besides, there is a difference between spiritual zeal and selfish ambition which even the heathen detects, despising the one as much as he respects and admires the other.

The missionary must be *eminently Christ-like*, because his life is preaching even when his lips are silent. He must be able to say, "those things which ye have seen in me do, and the God of peace shall be with you." It is often thought that the situation of the missionary is most favorable to holy living, but experience has proved the contrary, and the lamentable lapses into immorality of some who would probably have lived consistently in a Christian country show the need there is for the missionary to be "filled with the Spirit" if he is to be preserved blameless.

As to his creed he will believe, of course, what is held in the Church with which he is connected, but there are some doctrines that are fundamental in the missionary's creed on which he must have strong and settled convictions. He must believe that, without the Gospel there is no help or hope for the heathen—that they will die in their sins; that Jesus came to seek and save that which was *lost*; that unless they repent and believe on Him they *cannot* be saved; that Jesus is able to save unto the uttermost; that there is no blindness of mind or hardness of heart beyond reach of His power; that "*now* is the accepted time;" that not only is there no warrant in the Word for the hope of "a future probation," but that the whole tenor of Scripture forbids the cherishing of any such delusion; that the ministry of the Word and Sacraments are the divinely ordained means for the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers; that what the truth has done for the heathen in the past it will still do for them as long as the heart of humanity remains the same, and "the Word of the Lord" abideth. He who goes to the heathen must go in faith, strong faith,—faith in Christ's purpose