

knowing every moment that my life pleases my heavenly Father. It is not desiring to live such a life but really living it in this present evil world, walking even as He walked, enabled by the indwelling Holy Ghost to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, united with Him "the purest" One, finding our heaven on earth begun, enjoying the rest that remains for the people of God.

But, says some one, this standard of "doing the will" is too high. No higher than Christ taught, no higher than the Scriptures enjoin. We have not to be hearers only but doers, not endeavoring nor trying, having shortcomings continually, but coming up to the standard, having the witness that all we do is right, "according to His will and word, well pleasing in His sight"—meeting the devil and the devil's servants as Jesus met them while in the world, not of the world, having to do with the things of the world as He had, but realizing that He that is for us is greater than all that can be against us, triumphing over every circumstance we are placed in, coming off more than conquerors.

Every one is not called to do the same work, but every one is called to "do the will." Obedience is what God requires from all His children, for His servants ye are whom ye obey. God wants men and women these days to be strong men and women who will dare to tell out and live out the life that Jesus lived, doing the will of God on earth as it is done in heaven; and any one who lives the life will not be afraid to tell out to ten thousand at once, if required, that they live as perfect a life as even Jesus Christ lived while on earth. Strong language this appears to be, but one who lives it speaks what he knows, and they are words of truth and soberness. Reader friend, are you doing the will, walking in the Spirit? Having received the Holy Ghost are you led of the Spirit in all you do, for it is only they who are led thus are the Sons of God, and should Christ come this moment would He find you doing the will. Be wise and like the wise virgins be ready, awaiting His coming.

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IS IT ANTI-METHODISTIC?

Is the doctrine of Divine Guidance in harmony with the teachings and doctrines of Methodism, or does it take an antagonistic position? This is a question I have had my mind directed to by the reading and exposition of the General Rules of the Methodist Church by one of its pastors, and I have been investigating the position he takes and looking into the arguments he uses in reference thereto. I am glad to know that the doctrine of the Holy Ghost as guide absolute into all truth, is not a doctrine confined to Methodism; and I am equally frank to admit that it has not been preached in that Church with the nomenclature now used by the Canada Holiness Association. I also must believe that this precious Bible doctrine has not been apprehended by the rank and file of Methodist divines, and perhaps not even by John Wesley himself, as clearly as it is now apprehended and taught by hundreds of John Wesley's followers. And even if it could be proved that John Wesley did not believe in the doctrine as it is held among us, or even if he had definitely preached against it, that would not prove after all that the doctrine is anti-Methodistic; for if so, there is no Methodist Church left, for it is hard to find a single individual who believes *each and all* points exactly as John Wesley did. A slavish or a mechanical following, or being a stickler for the letter of a great man's teaching, does not generally make the truest disciples of such a man, nor does it most effectually carry out the spirit of the great man's work.

It would be a sad thing if, having all the advantages John Wesley possessed, with the great man himself also as a subject for devout contemplations, and in addition all the accumulated light of the brightest century of the Christian dispensation, devout men now could not see some spiritual truths that he did not see and apprehend others with a clearer vision than he did.

To suppose or teach that the doctrines of Methodism are not progressive, or that the sum and substance of all spiritual truth was represented in its founder,