

Her friend said: "Perhaps you had better employ a Bible woman." "Do you know of one?" she asked.

Her friend said, "Yes, I do; all that is needed is money." The check was made out for the year's salary that afternoon, and in the utmost simplicity my lovely friend went on in the new life that had dawned on her.

After a time her faithful Bible reader, who had reported the work to her, said: "Mrs—, you know the Master touched those whom he healed, and he did not need to do so; he could have healed them without the touch. And I feel it might do more good if you could see some at least of those whom your money helps."

She said: "will you take me now?" and ordering her carriage, she went with her Bible reader, who took her to see a poor girl who was dying with consumption, and who was seeking Christ. And as my friend laid back the hair from the forehead of the poor girl who "had sinned" and stooped and kissed her, in that moment the peace of God filled the poor child's heart. She said it seemed as if an angel had kissed her, and a deeper baptism came to the soul of the dear woman who had never kissed such a one before. Both are in paradise to-day.—Christian Advocate.

"I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

An answer by a Rector to a Parishioner's objection to Confirmation.

It may be very honest and right for you to say so, but that is a very unsatisfactory place to stop in, and you had better look into the matter.

If you mean that you do not want to try to be any better; if you mean that there is some sin which you know to be a sin, and which you deliberately choose rather than God's service, then your argument is good but your condition very bad, and now is the time to repent.

But most likely you do not mean this. You mean rather that you feel your own weakness and sinfulness, and you do not like to make professions which you fear you will fail in keeping. If this is what you mean, then you are just the one to come to Jesus for forgiveness, for grace, for strength, and for help. You are just the 'lost' sinner whom He came to 'save.' You need Him, and He asks for no other qualification; for He says, "Come unto Me." Not ye who think yourselves good enough, but "ye who are weary and heavy laden." "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." He made Himself the friend of publicans and sinners and likened Himself to the owner of 100 sheep, who, having lost one of them, left the ninety and nine and went after "that which was lost." By 'the ninety and nine' He means those 'who need no repentance.' That is, either, as some say, those who do not see that they need repentance but think themselves 'good enough,' or perhaps those who have already at hand and in use all the means of

grace for repentance while others are perishing for want of such means or because they do not know how to use them.

Come, then, because you are a sinner and do not want to be a sinner. Come because you need the very Saviour who is seeking for you, and will give you His help: Surely you can promise, 'by God's help' to 'endeavor not to follow or be led by' the world, the flesh, and the devil. Any man or woman, let alone a Christian, can promise not to be such a fool as to be deliberately 'led' to his destruction. 'Endeavor,' and 'by God's help.' Surely you can do that.

St. Peter and St. Paul and the other saints are saints not because they were 'good enough,' but because they were sinners and knew it and determined by God's help to try to come out of it. That is all. You can do that just as well as they. Try it. You 'know you will fail?' Very well. But I suppose you will have common sense enough to do what you would in any other business—try again, and keep on trying till you succeed.—Church Record.

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