

and formed a sect of his own. Lately men like Spurgeon and Moody, though protesting against the lukewarmness of believers, yet recognize that the most effective way of remedying it is to work in the church and to awaken these Laodiceans into earnestness and energy. And the plan is scriptural and successful.

The point is frequently forgotten by moral reformers. Rarely, in opposing the liquor traffic, for instance, is there any serious effort made to reach those engaged in it. They are at once excluded from Christian sympathy as moral lepers whom even Christ cannot cleanse. Such a method is unchristlike and unworthy of His people.

The mere fact that Christ acted on the principle we have laid down is evidence that it is divinely wise. The reasons why we should follow His example are weighty.

The believer's first aim is to save souls. Whenever you antagonize a man you forfeit forever your influence over him, and thus frustrate, in his case, the purpose of your life. This, therefore, ought not to be done until every endeavor to reach him has failed, and he is confirmed in his wrong-doing.

To save the sinner is the surest way of stopping the sin. You thus strike at the very foundation of the trouble. The turning of a human soul from sin to righteousness is a great gain to the cause of Christ—eternity only will show how great.

Our only hope of success lies in the number of men we can win to our cause. If the wrong-doer himself be won many more will come with him, while if he be unfairly dealt with many will be driven to his side who otherwise would not go.

Whether the evildoers were won or not, *Christ stopped the evil*. It is a favourite idea with many that on moral questions only moral suasion should be used. Not so did Christ understand it. He roughly ejected dishonesty from His Father's House. This two-fold cleansing of the Temple was His judgment, not only on the traders, but on the sacrilegious avarice of the priests who rented the holy premises to them. When all that divine love could do failed with the