

crushes the grace of sympathy and the beauty of love out of your heart. Forget your own welfare in small ministries for others, and you will find a large life and a noble sphere. Lay a flower upon the threshold, perform an act of kindness unseen by any human eye, lend a hand to a weary pilgrim, give a smile and a cheering word to a fainting soul, and the stone of selfishness will crumble into dust. The stone of speaking to men about salvation is a stone of stumbling to many Christians. Are you afraid to talk to men about the great concerns of the soul, the comforts of divine grace in trouble, the beauty of a life in Christ, the necessity of repentance, the hideousness of sin, and the reality of forgiveness? Be not afraid, for men are hungry for God. If you are in earnest and possess the courtesy of love in dealing with men about salvation, you will not be affronted. The stone of worry is one of those troublesome stones that seem always to lie in your path. You often destroy your present happiness by a distant grief, which will never come to you, for every great sorrow has twenty shadows of your own making. Why should you weep when the last rose dies at the approach of winter when there will be plenty of roses next summer? Be not discontented through idly dreaming what your spiritual life might be, if only you were free