

alms can never be accepted in the place of pure, vital, personal, godliness ; "Neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature in Christ Jesus.."

Aim high in your Standard of Consecration. Look above all creeds and confessions, above all theories and forms of professional or practical religion which may surround you. Look to the Life of Jesus, to the Sermon on the Mount, to the Epistles of the New Testament, to the great evangelical commands on which hang all the Law and the Prophets, to the standard of consecration in the Primitive Church ; and to the patterns of piety which have been bequeathed to us in the memories of many sainted ones, whose lives have adorned, and whose biographies will enrich our own Church.

Be Conscientiously Consistent. There is an attempt in our times to bring down the Church nearer to a level with the world ; and to compromise the consistency of christian character, and the principles of our holy religion, by the introduction, into religious circles, of dissipating pleasures and fashionable amusements. Without referring at present, more specifically to this subject, we would only remind you of the incompatibility of one with the other ; and of the imperative obligation under which you are placed as the friends and followers of the Redeemer, to relinquish whatever may assume any attitude of hostility to His will. Ever bear in mind that the character you have assumed, the exalted motives under the influence of which you act, the great central aims and aspirations of your life, the sources of your joy, and the grandeur and dignity of those immortal destinies which await you, are as diverse and as distinct from those of men unsaved and unregenerate, as light is from darkness, and as life is from death. By every consideration of consistency and of covenant-engagement, you are called upon to maintain and preserve in all their sacredness and in all their integrity, those great moral distinctions which constitute the separation of the Church, and which, in the sight of God are of supreme importance, assured that from the solemn and authoritative announcement of Inspiration, there can be no appeal : "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

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