

Words of the Wise.

No man preaches his sermon well to others if he does not first preach it to his own heart.

It is better to have one God on your side than a thousand creatures; as one fountain is better than a thousand cisterns.

He that would see our religion in its native simplicity, purity, and glory, must study the character of our Lord and Saviour.

INSTEAD of being content to live so as to escape blame, the Christian is required to live so as to prove a means of blessing.

POLISHED steel will not shine in the dark; no more can reason, however refined and cultivated, shine efficaciously but as it reflects the light of divine truth shed from heaven.

PRESERVE your conscience always soft and sensitive. If but one sin force its way into the tender part of the soul and is suffered to dwell there, the road is paved with a thousand more iniquities.

"FOR my thoughts are not your thoughts." I have always seen God justify Himself in the long run; I am continually discovering that I misunderstood Him, and murmured when He was kindest.

THE truth, men will tell you, can never do harm; which nobody denies, if by truth is meant truth understood; but truth misunderstood, as it will be if men are not prepared for it, is one of the subtlest, and often one of the most unachievable, of errors.

THERE are some men who pass through life very much as the shoe-blacks pass through the streets—looking out for stains and blemishes on the passers-by. Only they propose to remove the blemish and put a shine on the boots that offend them!

STRIVE to win the esteem rather than excite the envy of your neighbours by the selfish display of possessions which you know they do not possess, and with which you yourself would not be blessed but for the goodness of Him who loves not selfishness.

IT is not the encountering of difficulties and trials in obedience to the promptings of the inward spiritual life which constitute the stamp of God and providence, but the acting without faith, proceeding on our own strength, without previous conviction of duty, and no reliance for aid and direction.

THERE is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it. No; it is not conformity that we want; it is not being able to beat the world in its own way; but it is to stand apart and above it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life. This only can give us a true Christian power.

Every day has its special duties, which should be performed in their day. The sun rises to kindle for work, and every morning should find men up and active in the performance of the duties of the hour. God never intended that men should loiter away their time in idleness and sloth. Activity is the law of life; inaction tends to decay and death.

The Persian kings took state upon them, and granted that none should come near to them in anger, on pain of death. But oh, sirs, the gates of heaven are always open! You have but to pray night and day of presenting your petitions in the name of Christ, to the King of the whole earth. O how greatly are we privileged that we may thus speak to the King of kings Himself, and be welcome!

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