

large a membership as that of this Western Association, and yet they have sent out and are supporting more missionaries in one year than the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces have sent forth in twenty years. I do not wish to speak disparagingly of our work, but as I have read about this great and aggressive missionary movement, I have been profoundly impressed with the idea that the greatest need of the church to-day is earnest, believing prayer, and a more entire dependence on God. What was the secret of the marvellous success of this missionary enterprise? We again reply, *prayer* that was born of souls who had given themselves to God in unreserved consecration.

Further, this life toward God must manifest itself in *giving*. Giving is the fruitage of this life; giving is one of the truest tests of this life in the soul. When the sap circulates freely in the tree from root to twig, then the buds must burst and the branches must bow themselves under the ripening fruit. Where the currents of Divine life flow deep and strong in the soul, the fruitage of giving will be rich and abundant. The pastor of this band of Christian workers to whom I have referred, had his heart deeply stirred on different occasions, as some brother or sister in somewhat straitened circumstances laid on the altar of foreign missions some article of jewelery or some highly prized keepsake. A returned missionary, at the

Baptist anniversaries at Denver, spoke of the self-denying spirit of some of the converts from heathenism. As an illustration he referred to a woman who brought to the missionary a silk dress, the proceeds of which were to aid some of her poorer brothers and sisters. The missionary at first remonstrated, thinking she could not spare the dress, but she replied she had a calico at home and that was good enough. He also told of a young man who brought his first month's wages, in order to help bring relief to some of the destitute. Verily, brethren, the heathen will rise up in the judgment to condemn us. We have many professing Christians who spend more annually in cigars and tobacco than they give in five years for the evangelization of the world. We have money enough among the Baptists of these provinces to do five times the amount of work that we are doing. But we do not believe that we are *all* the Lord's. This life toward God is not abounding, else we would be constrained to greatly enlarge our offerings for the carrying on of the Lord's work.

God is calling for a people who shall show to the world, by their living and by their giving, these two fundamental truths, death to sin and life toward God. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, *we are the Lord's*."