

hold it. He does it by revealing the Christ to us. The word Personal speaks as we do through *oral* and *written* words. Thus God arrests attention. A forgotten text springs from memory's treasure-box, often in the night time, and gives light, and life and power. Redouble all efforts at seed-sowing in the family and school. Never give over, "The Spirit breathes upon the Word," "and brings the truth to sight." He will *sanctify* through the *truth*. "Thy *word* is truth."

3. The consecrated life. "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" denying ungodliness and every worldly lust—saying "No" to the tempter, in business, in pleasure, in religious service. Saying "No" to every inward lust, which under the plea of sickness—or health—of propriety, or education, or enjoyment—assumes the guise to deceive. This is negative. We cannot empty the heart and leave it with safety unfilled. We are to *live*, not act. It must be life. We are to live "*soberly, righteously and godly* in this present world." A positive religion is the only one that can resist the tide of this world. No compromise with custom, with any devices of the Evil One, disguised only to deceive us, and bring us into a deadly bondage. This is individual equipment, before we touch work.

4. The motive power of life. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Unless we are risen with Him by faith we cannot have *this hope*. But as we are looking unto Jesus *because* risen with Him, we shall certainly be filled with the same expectation which is upon his heart. The Head and the Members of the Body are one. If He is waiting to be manifested in glory on this earth, we are to be like Him there—and this is the hope that kindles action. While longing to see Him, gazing upon Him by faith, the Spirit reveals our freedom from condemnation—from the power of sin—from all iniquity—and thus separated to Him—as a purchased treasure—a pearl of great price. And for what all this expenditure on *you* and *me*.

5. That we may be *zealous of good works*. "Who gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." Because we have been redeemed—let us yield ourselves wholly unto Him. Because He has saved me from the abyss, let my life, my time, my substance, be all held at His gracious disposal. Let my zeal be kindled