

which scientists denied, are magnified out of all proportions. The church's neglect of Christ's teachings on the subject of wealth and of the necessity of obedience to them has given room for the theories of Socialists and Anarchists, and has given them ground for their hatred of organized Christianity. And any failure to interpret truly, and declare fully Christ's mind on these great questions will be followed by fearful distortions of the truths and principles we ignore, which will undermine the church's influence when propounded, and will wreck our civilization when realized in national life.

Now the spiritual forces of Christ's Kingdom operating through the souls of believers must do everything for its advance. The form which these forces take is the intensity of the feelings and convictions of its subjects, and this will lead to an increase in its numbers and power.

The church's first aim is to secure these outward reforms by the regeneration of men individually. Christ illustrates this by comparing His Kingdom to leaven and life. Just as the leaven changes the three measures of meal into its own nature, just as the growing plant changes the soil, and air, and moisture it appropriates into living matter of its own peculiar nature, so the Grace of God, hidden in the souls of men, changes them and all whom they influence into spiritual beings.

But that is not enough. The church's history demonstrates that men may be renewed in soul without recognizing their obligations to others and without seeing any need of energetic measures to right men's wrongs and heal their sufferings. They must be moved by love and instructed in duty. Further, the Gospel's morality may be adopted by many who refuse its salvation. Christians can lead many to live rightly, and to advocate and enforce righteousness whom they cannot induce to accept Christ as a Saviour. This Christ illustrates by comparing His disciples to the salt of the earth, and light of the world.

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