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What one Act may do.

Continuous Consecration.

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violent efforts of body or mind—rivers of tears, or the devotion of a martyr—will not bring you to the point. “*One act of faith will do more for you than twenty years’ hard toiling without it.*” You cannot receive the full efficacy of the atonement, apart from this faith; neither can you recommend it so successfully to others; and the debt of gratitude you owe the purchaser *demands that you be a witness of his power to save unto the uttermost.* If you live short of full salvation, you may, perhaps, at the last moment of life, cast yourself upon the infinite merit of the atonement, and be saved; but O, what a risk do you run, and what an infinite loser will you be, if you leave the reception of this grace till the hour of death!

It is this implicit trusting in God, with a resolute determination not to proportion *faith to feeling*; believing, if he permit your faith to be tried, by a seeming delay, it is only that you may be accounted worthy of being a more victorious example of its power; which will produce a fixedness of purpose, and an established state of experience, beyond expression glorious. Look well to the terms. Holiness and sanctification most expressively signify the state intended. You cannot consistently expect it, until you make up your mind to live in the *continuous act of unreserved consecration.* Consequently, you *cannot* believe that there is an entire acceptance on the part of