

on, faithful one; without the blowing of trumpets, perhaps in obscurity, you will be helping God to work out His Divine plan, the Master hath need of thee there. Popularity has proved to be the downfall of many. To be popular is as though one were standing on the brink of a precipice, where any moment the earth may crumble away from beneath the feet. Very few can stand prosperity; a certain successful preacher's display of wealth, prosperity and rich apparel and jewelry on members of his household, has been a stumbling block to many in that town, and that prophet will soon be without honor in his own country. Do nothing that will be a stumbling block in the way of others. Drink no wine, not even for your stomach's sake, even though Timothy did. It was not the poison that is ruining thousands today. Remember your weak brother, and the power of example. The same argument applies to tobacco. For the boys' sakes, shun it. I have known some good preachers who have used tobacco, but they would have been better preachers if they had not. A man may be a Christian and use tobacco but he will be a dirty Christian.