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Prayer that calls to our side the infinite power of God, and effort that calls into exercise every energy we possess,—here is a partnership for which nothing that ought to be done is impossible.

What we choose matters more than what we get. For our getting often depends on circumstances quite beyond our control. But our choices are the expression of our inward character. Those prove themselves worthy to receive God's best gift of spiritual power, who ask first and oftenest for this, rather than for mere earthly blessings.

It was a saying of Confucius, that if he were building a mountain, and should stop before the last basketful of earth were placed on the summit, he would have failed. Only when the goal is reached is the race won. The plodding tortoise, in the end, outstrips the swift hare which turns aside to rest. Pegging away is the only method by which such gigantic evils as the liquor traffic are to be overcome. But the victory over that, and every other giant wrong, will one day be reached, through the grace of sticking at it.

Sharers With God

In the history of Rome we read that Vespasian, when he was proclaimed as emperor, being then in charge of the war against the Jews, left the carrying on of the campaign to his eldest son, Titus. At last the war was brought to a close by the capture of Jerusalem after a long siege, and the news was received in Rome with the greatest joy. Titus had become the idol of the legions whom he had led to victory, and he was suspected of designs upon the imperial throne. Vespasian, however, instead of listening to the insinuations

against the loyalty of his son, advanced him to a full share in the rule of the empire; and the grateful Titus ever after proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by so generous a father. One who had been so fully trusted could never prove himself a traitor.

It is in a way not dissimilar that God disarms rebellion against Himself. He calls the rebels to take part with Him in executing His great and glorious purposes. He sets them on thrones of authority and influence. He lays upon them weighty responsibilities. He trusts His honor in their keeping, and makes the progress of His kingdom on earth to depend on their faithfulness and zeal. No enterprise of heaven can be carried out in this world of ours without the consecration of human hearts and the labor of human hands.

There could be no stronger appeal than this to fidelity and devotion. The noblest feelings and impulses of human nature respond to the trust of God. His confidence, given so unreservedly, stirs in the heart to which it comes home the high resolve, come what will, to prove itself worthy of the heavenly calling. No service can be too difficult, no task too irksome, no enterprise too daring, no effort too strenuous or long-continued, for one moved by wondering gratitude and undying loyalty to the King of heaven in whose work he is permitted to share. In that work it is his joy to spend himself without stint.

The Exultant Life

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Our pathway through life is blocked by countless difficulties, thwartings, antagonisms. There come sicknesses, failures in examinations and in business, sorrows that

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