

Why do ye transgress the commandment of God —Matt. xv. 3.

“Thou Shalt Not Steal.”

The 8th Commandment heard in defence of the 4th.



RIGHTLY has the Sabbath been termed the “Pearl of Days!” Rich “gems” in the year’s coronal are its fifty-two Sabbaths! And yet, how carelessly do men despise them, trample them under foot, or lightly snatch them as though they were but a trifle or a child’s bauble from the hands of their brethren, and more especially from the hands of the humble and labouring poor, who have most need of these priceless treasures!

Take heed! ye careless robbers! Ye idle desecrators of God’s Sabbath. Ye are *stealing* from the Treasury of God! Ye are despoiling your brethren of the ornaments given to them by the King of Kings! Say not in your hearts that your brethren misuse them, and therefore ye may claim them as your own, and do well both for your brethren and yourselves therein.

What thinkest thou? Oh, master of many servants! Thou hast land, time, and money, — which thou dost daily abuse, waste, and mispend: this land, time, and money, I can use better than thou, therefore, I shall come to thee and take it from thee, and use it as mine own. Dost thou consent to this? Wilt thou not haul me before the judge, and say, “Lo! this man is a thief, for he hath taken my goods!” and shall not the magistrate deal with me as a felon? For the land and the money were bequeathed unto thee by thy forefathers, they are thine by the most solemn and binding of covenants. *I have no claim upon them.* The sin be upon thine own head, if thou dost waste thine inheritance! I may grieve over thy folly, and remonstrate with thee thereon; but even if I have need, and thou art destroying that which would feed and clothe me, I may not sin against my God by robbing thee.

If the case standeth thus between me and thee, judge I pray thee, between God and thyself in this matter of thy neighbour’s sabbath. “THE SABBATH IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF EVERY CREATURE.” If thy brother or thy neighbour rest not upon it, nor value it, that is no plea for thee to deprive them thereof, — *thou hast no right to take this “jewel” from them to thyself for thy pleasure or thy gain,* and, be assured, that if thou dost persist in thus *robbing* thy brother, thy neighbour, “thy man-servant, or maid-servant,” their cry will be heard against thee in the ears of the Most High. Behold! the Judge cometh swiftly! Beware, lest thou be denounced as both “thief and waster,” — having wasted thine own sabbaths and stolen those of thy neighbour!

“REMEMBER THAT THOU KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY!!”

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GEMS RE-SET.

A MAN’S character is like a fence it cannot be strengthened by mere paint.

IT is wonderful to note the number of men who see the value of a thing after it is beyond their reach.

THE more the Christian enjoys of his God, the more he is concerned to bring others to enjoy the same.

IN every company, remember you profess to be a member of Christ, a son of God, a temple of the Holy Ghost.

EVERY man must work at something. The moment he stops working for humanity the devil employs him.

THE Lord thinks nothing too good for you, if it will make you holy; or too great, if you can use it to His praise.

WE do not become righteous by doing what is righteous, but having become righteous we do what is righteous.

HE who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the defect when the weaving of lifetime is unrolled.

THE greater your wants, the greater your encouragement to go to God for supply, for the greater will be his glory in supplying them.

THE arithmetic of a good wife is this, she *adds* to her husband’s happiness, *subtracts* from his cares, *multiplies* his joys, *divides* his sorrows, and *practices reduction* in the expenditure, and by so doing reduces his anxiety to the merest *fraction*.

A Year of Prosperity and Blessing.

THE past year has been to the Toronto Willard Tract Depository, one of much growth and blessing. The volume of business has increased more than 75 per cent. over that of the previous year. and testimonies which have been received as to blessings resulting from publications issued from its premises. have called forth feelings of gratitude to God.

Desiring publicly to acknowledge the Divine leading and blessing, it has been decided to hold a public prayer and thanksgiving meeting in the Mission Union Hall, College street, cor. Emma street, on the evening of Thursday, 29th inst. at 8.30. All friends of Christian work, and the spread of the Gospel by means of pure literature are cordially invited to be present. Brief addresses will be given by Hon. S. H. Blake, W. H. Howland, Esq., Rev. H. M. Parsons and others.