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"WHAT are you reading?" asked a worldling of a young convert. "My Father's will," was the reply. "Well, what has he left you?" he continued. The joyful answer was, "A hundred fold in this world, and in the next life everlasting."

That is the heritage of every Christian. Instead of having to make a sacrifice to be a Christian, we receive one hundred fold, or ten thousand per cent. more joy, satisfaction and good, by abandoning the worldly life, receiving the new Master, becoming new creatures, and going in the new way, than could be found in any other life.

Christ is heaven's special Christmas gift to earth, and "with Him" "all things" are "freely" given; so that everyone who has received Him as Saviour, Lord, and King, is now the rich and grateful possessor or heir of "all things." *That is what it is to be a Christian.*

In view of this, we, as two older brothers, want to say a few things especially to each younger member of this Royal Family.

1. Be an *Assured* Christian. Do not rest in merely doing better, or in turning over a new leaf, or in morality, or in being as good as others, or in being a member of the League or Church — important as these things may be. A Christian is one who trusts and loves Christ as Saviour and loyally obeys Him as Lord and King. If you trust, love and obey Jesus, know that you are a Christian, and "go on your way rejoicing."

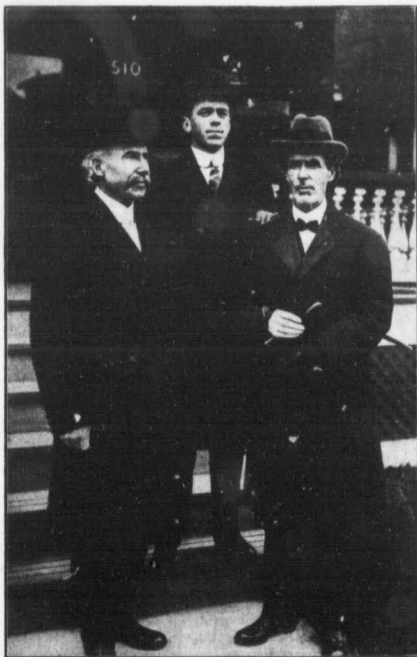
2. Be a *Confessed* Christian. The last words of Christ

before His ascension were, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Cherish and courageously obey this, the Master's last commission. Do not, however, doubt that you are a

Christian, or neglect to witness for Christ, because, from nervousness, lack of practice or talent, or self-consciousness, you feel it a cross to speak in meetings. Let your life speak louder than your lips, that all may see and admit that you are a Christian. Confess Christ also by being a church member. Christ enjoins it, the church needs you, you need the church, and even the world expects it of you. As your name is written in heaven, have it on the church register here.

3. Be a *Home* Christian. Paul said, "Learn first to show piety at home." We have known homes where father and mother, as also older brothers and sisters, have been won for Christ, or confirmed in the faith, by the exemplary lives of younger members of the family. Home is where the true character is manifested.

4. Be a *Prayerful* Christian. Prayer is appointed by God as a special means of spiritual life and blessing. Neglect of prayer is where declension in spiritual life usually begins. Prayer is the vital breath of the spirit. Do not condemn yourself, however, because you cannot pray long or fluently. Bible



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prayers are short. "The Lord's prayer" requires but half a minute to repeat. We are not heard for our much speaking. Say, with the Psalmist, "Evening, morning and