

Among The Circles

JUST FOR TO-DAY

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray:
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin
Just for to-day.
Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say,
Set thou a seal upon my lips,
Just for to-day.
Let me both diligently work
And duly pray,
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for today.
Let me in season, Lord, be grave,
In season gay,
So for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray,
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF PERSONALITY

"Personality is the one infinitely valuable treasure in the universe." It is so simple that we all know something of its power, and so profound that it defies analysis and eludes definitions. It is the name given that invisible something which you cannot see nor handle and which makes you different from every other person and relates you to the infinite and eternal. "It is that indefinable something which gives character and breathes inspiration." It is the constant radiation of what you really are. Each personality has its own charm, its own power. Every moment of life it is changing to a degree the life of the whole world. This marvellous force comes from God, who made us in his own image, with a mind to know, a heart to love, and a power to determine with himself.

"Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours to make them thine."

God has placed us as stewards of this personality to make or mar it as we will. It is my duty to respect myself and treat my personality as a trust from God, that men may take knowledge of me that I have been with Jesus. It is my duty to submit myself to the discipline of life as he orders it. A human being is the only one who can choose differ-

ently. We are accountable to God as stewards of our personality. We are the Gospel message as well as its proclaimers. It is not enough to proclaim the redemptive message; we must also radiate the spirit of Jesus Christ if we would preach a full gospel.

"Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
With its love so unfailling and true;
But what do they say, and what do they think
Of the Gospel according to you?"

—Western Baptist

HINTS ON PROGRAMME MAKING

In the making of programmes every leader desires wisdom and understanding. For the help and direction of those who are assuming office for the first time we pass on the splendid suggestions for missionary programme building, prepared for "Women in Missions" by that well-known authority, M. Katherine Bennett.

"In preparing programmes, an element of the unexpected is a factor of continued interest. The stereotyped is fatal to success. Use the machinery, but vary the pattern. But be sure that the programme never loses sight of the aim—to arouse a love for and desire to serve a people.

What are the elements of a good program?

A definite objective consistent with the purpose of the society.

Prayerful preparation with careful attention to each detail, leaving nothing to chance.

Such a plan as shall emphasize the main objective and in which the effect shall be cumulative.

A spirit of prayer and love.

How can these essentials be obtained?

A brief word by the leader should present the thought of the programme.

The devotional period should follow this thought and should be a school of prayer. Use books of devotion and ask women to prepare for participation in this part of the programme, writing brief prayers until they are accustomed to public petition.

The business session should be brief, clear and forceful. It may well precede the period for devotions.