

Jesus said to the rich young man who came to him and asked, "what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor and thou shalt have treasures in heaven, and come and follow me."

When Zaccheus saw and felt that salvation had come to his house, and to his heart, he exclaimed; "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." It is not necessary to multiply passages on this subject; these are sufficient to shew, that it is our imperative duty to help the needy; and to bear as far as we can one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. It is not enough to say to the suffering members of society, to whom we are related by the bonds of a common brotherhood, "depart in peace, be ye warmed, and filled, and clothed." We must express our feelings and our sympathy by something more tangible than talk, more weighty than words.

It is a great mistake to fancy that the surest way to wealth is for a man to keep all he gets. It is a great mistake for any man to whom God has committed the unrighteous mammon, to fancy for a moment that he has a right to keep it and use it all for his own individual aggrandizement.

We are not proprietors, we are only stewards of the manifold gifts of providence, and must soon be called to give an account of our stewardship.

The silver and the gold with which we are entrusted are the Lord's, and we only impoverish ourselves, and add robbery to the crime of ingratitude when we refuse to give as he has prospered us for charitable and benevolent purposes. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty," "the liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth others shall himself be watered," are just as true as any other passages in the Bible.

The man who is always ready to receive, but never ready and willing to give, practically denies that God has any claim whatever upon his gratitude and love.

We have no right to live to ourselves, and only for ourselves. We were not sent into the world to gratify selfishness. Our own good, however desirable in itself, should never be the end of our existence. We are to live for the good of our fellow-men, and the glory of God. We should consequently consecrate our time, our talents, our life, our all, to God, and while we live never forget the