

## Three Mottoes for the New Year

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"Not slothful in business ; fervent in spirit ; serving the Lord."—*Rom. 12. 11.*

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness."—*Matt. 6. 33.*

"And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness."—*Col. 3. 14.*

For this last evening of the old year I have chosen three texts, and from each of these I would derive a motto for the New Year. From the *first* I derive this motto, "Take life seriously"; from the *second*, "First things first"; from the *third*, "In all things Charity."

### I.

Look at our first text: "Not slothful in business." The Greek word does not mean business in the ordinary sense, but rather haste, eagerness, earnestness, diligence. The thought com-