

and pray" while we live, that we "fail" not "of the grace of God."

Boys and girls are much like trees and plants. Take the young tree, and bend it to the ground, let it grow in that way, and when it is old, all you can do to it will not make it grow up straight. So with the boy: if, while he is young, his thoughts and his heart are all the time set "on things on the earth," and he thinks not of the things of God, he will grow to be a man of the world, and at last *may* die, and have no hope in Christ.

If we take no care of the plant, but let the weeds grow up, and keep from it the light of day, and dews of night, it will not thrive. So is it with the girl who knows not the law of God, from whom the light of truth is hid; on whose heart the dews of grace fall not. With her mind set on things of earth, she will not grow up in truth and love—will not be strong to do the will of God; but, through sin, she will be an heir of pain and woe: yet God *may* save her by his grace.

In view of these things, I hope that you will learn all you can of the way of truth, and do all you can to keep the law of God, that when he comes to judge the world, you "may be found of him in peace." Think, O think of that rest which you may gain, when the ills of life, that press you hard, can no more reach you—where joys will flow like the full stream. O, may you be of those "whose praise is not of men, but of God!"

Take the word of God for the rule of *all* your life. Let it be "a lamp" to your feet, and "a light" to your path. Say to the Lord, "thou art my rock;" "for thy name's sake lead me and guide me, for thou art my strength." The Lord has said, "I will teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye;" and where He is "guide, no ill can come."

If you will "walk in the light as he is in the light," "the blood of his Son" will cleanse you "from all sin:" then all will be well for "the life that now is, and" for "that which is to come." You may then say, "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord;" and shout forth his praise, and cry, "O fear the Lord, ye his saints, for *there is no* want to them that fear him;" for "they that seek the Lord shall not want." Then to those who stray from God you may well say, "I will teach you the fear of the Lord." I hope you will keep this truth in view, that he who serves the Lord is safe; for "the law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

I now will soon lay by my pen, and hope to write to you once more, if you get this.

As in days gone by, so still I wish you well in all the joys of life; and hope that when the storms of earth shall cease, your frail bark may land on that bright shore where all is joy and peace. And may the Lord, by whom we live, keep us all safe, till Christ shall come and claim us for his own!

Yours, O. E. SPICER.

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SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

"How I wish I was in Henry's class!" said a bright-eyed little boy named Charlie, as he came in one Sabbath noon and seated himself thoughtfully by his mother's side.

"And why wish to be in Henry's class!" said the mother. "Has my little son learned all that one teacher can tell him, so is wishing for a new one, or does he think a hard lesson will become an easy one, if he changes the person that hears it?"

"O, not that, mamma, but I am so tired of sitting with nothing to do. Our teacher does not care anything about us; he hears the lessons as if he was