

## TRIPLET MAXIMS.

Three things to do—think, live, act.  
Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cherish—virtue, goodness and honor.

Three things to contend for—honor, country and friends.

Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to teach—truth, industry and contentment.

Three things to advise—intellect, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to like—cordiality, goodness and cheerfulness.

Three things to delight in—beauty, frankness and freedom.

Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and jesting.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and a contented spirit.

Three things to cultivate—good books, good friends and good humor.

Three things to shun—sin, Satan and selfishness.

Three things to follow—usefulness, holiness and humility.

UNTIL we know God with the heart we can not praise with the lips.

God will not help the man who will not do what he can to help himself.

A VERY small amount of doing is better than a wagon load of resolutions.

THERE is something wrong with the man's head who never learns anything from a mistake.

JOB learned things about God in his adversity that he never dreamed of in his prosperity.

A GREAT deal of meanness masquerades in all parts of the land under the name of prudence.

THE best sermon is not that which announces "new truth;" but that which helps you to see deeper into old truth.

THERE is no spiritual arithmetic by which you can bring together any number of half-Christians and make a whole one.

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## SELF-CONTROL.

To exercise self restraint amid provocations, and thus acquire the habit of keeping the door of our lips, should not be counted a hardship. The rich fruit resulting from this is an abundant reward. How such watchfulness increases our ability to resist habits unfriendly to a perfect character, every reflecting person must see at a glance. How it saves us from sudden and grievous complications in our intercourse with others is shown in repeated instances in our own lives. "O, if I had not uttered that sharp retort, or given way to that uncharitable judgment, how much better it would have been!" was the honest confession of one who had been thrown off his guard at a critical moment. If we do not always measure this great wrong against ourselves, the loss is no less great. There is an undermining of self-respect, an inward disintegration of character, silently working evil even when our desires are for the good. Better, far better, that we should seem to suffer at the time, than to indulge a wrong temper in word or act. "Better is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city."

## PATIENCE.

Patience is the truest sign of courage. Ask old soldiers, who have seen real war, and they will tell you that the bravest men, the men who endured best, not in mere fighting, but in standing still for hours to be mowed down by cannon shot; who were most cheerful and patient in shipwreck, and starvation, and defeat—all those things ten times worse than fighting—ask old soldiers, I say, and they will tell you that the men who showed best in such miseries were generally the stillest, meekest men in the whole regiment. That is true fortitude; that is Christ's image—the meekest of men, and the bravest too.—*Charles Kingsley.*

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