

### Decision.

Be a *decided, out-spoken* Christian. It is the only way to be happy, safe, and useful.

First, be clear about your standing in Christ, by grace, through faith. There can be no real decision, while you doubt this. Accept heartily, on the Word of God, and for Christ's sake, the Salvation promised to those who *believe*. Then risk all for it. Whatever the consequences, make a bold stand for Christ.

This is the *happiest* course. Some believers try to live between Christ and the world. They are never happy, always conscious of inconsistency, always doubting and fearing. In seeking the good opinion of men, they lose the sense of God's favour. Fear Him, and you need fear none besides. Be decided; and men will soon know what to expect of you.

This is also the *safest* course. Open decision for Christ is a great safeguard against backsliding. Some young believers shrink from it, for fear of not "living up to it." This is wrong. Commit yourself openly to Christ's cause, and trust Him to keep you.

Moreover, it is the *most useful* course. If you want to do real work for Christ, you *must* be decided. You must live out your profession to have influence with others. Your testimony will have weight as you act out fearlessly what you believe. Reality is a great secret of power. But the salt that has "lost his savour" is "good for nothing."

### Things That we Should Hold Fast.

1. "*Hold fast* that which is good." 1 Thess. v. 21; Phil. iv. 8.
2. "*Hold fast* the form of sound words." 2 Tim. i. 13.
3. "*Hold fast* the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope." Heb. iii. 6.
4. "*Let us hold fast* our profession." Heb. iv. 14; x. 23

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#### BAPTISMS.

- April 1. Ellen Gladys, daughter of W. H. Fletcher.  
 " 8. Henry Osborne, son of Jacob Ross.  
 " 22. Ethel Catharine Alex., daughter of R. A. McBair.

#### MARRIAGES.

- April 4. By the Rev. F. E. Howitt, at 146 Ferguson Avenue north, W. A. McCallum to Elizabeth M. Davis.

#### BURIALS.

- April 15. Catharine Young Pray; aged 71.  
 " 23. Ernest Philip Aitkin; aged 36.