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a child of God to seek the good that is in them, and make the most of it. The Holy Spirit is the silent partner who furnishes you with what is necessary for doing the work of God. He grants you love for it, so that you may see the worth and beauty of it ; He gives you courage, that you may continue in the face of difficulties, and He directs you how to do it. It is only by following the divine direction that you can become a co-worker with God. The holiness of God is the condescension of His love toward you. It is not an iceberg to freeze you and keep you far from Him, but a mountain full of treasures to protect and enrich you. You may be depending upon culture or material agencies to aid you in serving God, but these are only the machinery awaiting the power to work. You may have gaspipes and all the fixtures necessary for artificial light, but unless there is a supply of gas from the gasometer, there will be no light ; and as machinery is not power, but only the means connected with the source of supply, so all material aids are of no avail without connection with Christ. You may desire to have the Holy Spirit enter your heart and possess you, but the entrance may be blocked by sin. You may hold a corked bottle all day long under a fountain, and