

joy to yourself and other people. Save your time, talents and graces for yourself, and you will be impoverished, but scatter your gifts, and lose your life, and you will grow in beauty and strength, while many will obtain a new lease of life from your example and work. Pray for your friends as Job did, and the Lord will remove the bonds of your spirit and give you liberty. Pray for your enemies as Christ did, and the whole world and yourself will thereby be enriched. You will grow in the likeness of Christ as you grow in the grace of forgetfulness. The Master never thought of his own comfort or position, but gave away His life for the good of men. The Apostle John in his gospel never once mentioned his own name, though he had much whereof to boast. Be as absorbed in your work for Christ as the artist painting his masterpiece and you will find continual joy. Hide yourself behind Christ that the world may see Him and forget you. When you are painting the portrait of your Master, make none of the accessories of the picture so attractive that the spectators will be drawn to admire them more than the face of the Master Himself.

Forget the past. The habit of looking back to the happiness of the day of conversion may prove to be a hindrance to your growth in grace. Forget yourself in your love for and interest in