

LEAVE THE REST TO CHRIST.

When you have given yourself to Christ leave yourself there and go about your work as a child in his household. When he has undertaken your salvation rest assured he will accomplish it, without any of your anxiety or any of your help. There remains enough for you to do with no concern for this part of the labor. Let us illustrate this posture of mind as well as we can. A ship-master was once out for three nights in a storm; close by the harbor, he yet dared not attempt to go in, and the sea was too rough for the pilot to come aboard. Afraid to trust the less experienced sailors, he himself stood firmly at the helm. Human endurance almost gave way before the unwonted strain. Worn with toil, beating about, worn yet more with anxiety for his crew and cargo, he was well nigh relinquishing the wheel and letting all go a wreck, when he saw the little boat coming with the pilot. At once that hardy sailor sprang on the deck, and, with only a word took the helm in his hand. The captain went immediately below for food and rest, and especially for comfort to the passengers, who were weary with apprehension. Plainly, now, his duty was in his cabin; the pilot would care for the ship. Where had his burden gone? The master's heart was as light as a schoolboy's; he felt no pressure. The pilot, too, seemed perfectly unconcerned; he had no distress. The great load of anxiety had gone forever, fallen in some way or other between them.—*Selected.*

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