

**Words of the Wise.**

THE greatest friend of Truth is Time.—*Butler.*

PROUD hearts and lofty mountains are always barren.

OF all thieves, fools are the worst; they rob you of time and temper.—*Goethe.*

IT is always safe to learn, even from our enemies; seldom safe to venture to instruct even our friends.—*Colton.*

THE highest point outward things can bring unto is the contentment of the mind; with which no estate can be poor, without which all estates will be miserable.—*Sir Philip Sydney.*

TO know one person who is positively to be trusted will do more for a man's moral nature—yes, for his spiritual nature—than all the sermons he has ever heard or ever can hear.—*George McDonald.*

EXPERIENCE is the Lord's school; and they who are taught by Him usually learn by the mistakes they make that they have no wisdom, and by the slips and falls they meet with, that they have no strength.—*John Newton.*

MANY ministers who never dream of such a thing, who think that they are preaching purely for the good of souls, are losing the power out of their sermons, because they are trying, even without knowing it, to make them not only sermons, but works of art.—*Phillips Brooks.*

ICAN'T abide to see men throw away their tools in that way the minute the clock begins to strike, as if they took no pleasure in their work, and was afraid of doing a stroke too much. I hate to see a man's arm drop down as if he were shot, before the clock's fairly struck, just as if he'd never a bit of pride and delight in his work. The very grind-stone will go on turning a bit after you loose it.—*Adam Bede.*

Take the sunshine that may be  
In the skies spread over thee;  
Take the little bursts of bliss  
Possible in worlds like this;  
Take with songs of grateful praise  
Love that blesses any days.  
These are parts of one great whole;  
But for that which fills the soul  
Wait a while.

A GOOD lady once said to a preacher, as he came out of the pulpit, "You preached a good sermon to-night." "What is your standard of a good sermon?" "When a sermon makes you feel that you ought to do better, I call it a good sermon." It would be hard to find a better definition. It is less compact, but it has more inwardness than the saying of Matthew Henry: "That is a good sermon which does thee good."

"I NEVER knew what it was for God to stand by me at all times, and at every offer of Satan to afflict me, as I have found since I came in hither; for lo! as fears have presented themselves, so have divine supports and encouragements; yea, when I have started, even as it were at nothing else but my shadow, yet God, as being very tender of me, hath not suffered me to be molested, but would with one Scripture or another, strengthen me against all; insomuch, that I have often said, were it lawful I could pray for greater trouble for the greater comfort's sake."—*John Bunyan, in Bedford gaol.*

MR. M. SUTHERLAND, a converted actor, recently gave the following experience: "For twenty years I struggled to be a Christian. I would go to my room and try to pray, but would end in sticking to the old life and go to drinking. Not till I left the theatre, never to return, did I find Christ. The other day a young man asked me if he could go to the theatre and be a consistent Christian. I answered the young man, 'If I could not induce Christ to go into the theatre with me when I was earning bread for my wife and little ones, you cannot do it if you go for pleasure and pay fifty cents extra for your seat.'"

It is sense of sin which does not let you be comfortable, turn at once to "Him with whom you have to do." Remember, it is not with Satan you have to do, nor with your accusing conscience, but with Jesus. He will deal with all the rest; you only have to deal with Him. And He is your great High Priest. He has made full atonement for you; for the very sins that are weighing on you now. The blood of that atonement, His own precious, blood cleanseth us from all sin. Cleanseth whom? People that have not sinned? People that don't want to be cleansed? Thank God for the word, "cleanseth us"—us who have sinned, and who want to be cleansed. And you have to do with Him who shed it for your cleansing, who His own self bare your sins in His body on the tree.—*F. R. Havergal.*



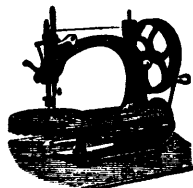
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