

of your means for these noble objects, study the Life of Him who left you an example "that ye should follow His steps." Remember that He consented to poverty for your enrichment, underwent suffering in order to your relief from sorrow, endured the death of the cross that you might live the life everlasting. Remember likewise, that His poverty, sufferings, death, are to be not only gloried in as securing on your behalf pardon and peace and heavenly blessedness, but that they are also to be taken by you as the Pattern of your spirit and conduct. You too are called, as was He, to make sacrifices for others,—to deny yourselves and to take up your cross daily,—that sinners, through your means, may be brought into peace with God, and into the love and fellowship of His Son. Take up the Gospels and ponder the self-sacrificing examples and teachings which they record. Study the Acts and Letters of the Apostles, and learn from these your duty to the Church, to the Ministry, and to Mankind.

The age demands a pure Gospel. The emissaries of error are earnest in their attempts to subvert the Faith as it is in Jesus. The apostles of superstition and of otherwise corrupt forms of Christianity, are incessant and unscrupulous in their efforts to turn the faithful from the simplicity of the Gospel. Worldliness, setting in upon the domain of the Church with unerring and fatal flow, threatens to overwhelm her choicest spiritual enclosures. Fierce is the onslaught which the enemies of truth and godliness are making upon those who are striving to hold to "the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In this country, no less than in those lands where Christianity and civilization were cradled, error, superstition, worldliness and vice combine their forces against the progress of the pure, living, soul-saving influences of the Gospel of Jesus. Have you, beloved brethren, no responsibility in this regard? That which will most tell against these pernicious and destructive principles is the faithful maintenance of Christian Ordinances and Godly piety,—a simple worship, a plain earnest utterance from the pulpit of the Gospel message to mankind, faithfulness in teaching to the young the Holy Scriptures, together with that admirable compend of Christian doctrine the Shorter Catechism, a prayerful reading, in the family and in the closet, of the Book of books, the cultivation of a living holiness through fellowship with Christ, and through works of faith and love. The Sabbath, the Church, the Bible, the family Altar—these are the bulwarks which can alone successfully resist the inroads upon society of infidelity, of superstition, of selfishness, of intemperance, of ungodliness. Much have you in your power. Arise! Meet manfully the enemies of the truth. Hold fast, without wavering, the profession of your Faith. Seek, in earnest prayer, the promised teaching and help of the Holy Ghost. Shut not your eyes against the light, but walk in it. Then shall you know the will of God, and knowing it, shall do it. Your reward is sure. In your own conscience—in the conviction that you are doing your duty—you shall have your reward. In the evidence which the prosperity of the Church shall furnish that you are fulfilling the work and will of your Father in Heaven, you shall have your reward. And when your LORD shall come, and call for an account of your Stewardship, great, unspeakable will be the joy which will fill your hearts as you hear his approving words, "Well done, good and faithful servants!" "Forasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

"Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN."

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