

ciple. With this glorious example before you, fear not to be humbly obedient to your mother, even if you are a "big boy." When any one tries to ridicule you for being "tied to our mother's apron string," remember the words of Scripture:

"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and *forsake not the law of thy mother* :

"Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

"When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee, and, when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

"They shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck."

* "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

KIND WORDS

KIND words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. And we have never heard of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They help one's good nature and good will. Soft words soften our own soul. Angry words are fuel to the flames of wrath, and make it blaze the more fiercely. Kind words make other people good-natured. Cold words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. There is such a rush of all other kinds of words, in our days, that it seems desirable to give kind words a change among them. There are vain words, and spiteful words, and silly words, and boisterous words, and warlike words. Kind words, also, produce their own image on men's souls. And a beautiful image it is, they soothe, and comfort the heart. They shame a man out of his sour, morose, unkind feeling.—*The Appeal*.

"LORD, HELP ME!"

LORD! give me amends of the body of sin. I find one lust help another. My Lord, help Thou me against them all!—*Robert Blair, 1631.*