

cess. Strong faith in God is united with this *spiritual power*,—joy in the Holy Ghost, and confidence in realizing present fruit. There will, however, be the trial of faith—deep sorrow: the “travel in birth” for souls will be found at certain seasons inexpressible; but the ancient Prophets, Apostles, Reformers, and *our* Fathers in Isreal have bequeathed their testimonies to admonish, instruct, and encourage you in these matters of experience.

Along with universal devotedness in the *sacred calling*, there is demanded a consistent deportment of SERIOUSNESS and EARNESTNESS. Baxter says, the serious preacher, that speaks as if he saw the face of God, doth more affect my heart, though with common words, than an irreverent man with the most exquisite preparations. The *wit* used in the pulpit is usually *clumsy*, and would be better excluded; and when employed in private circles, is apt to sink into trifling and buffoonery.

EARNESTNESS—not the earnestness of beating the air with vehement noise and rapsody, but the earnestness of *principle*, with enlightened zeal, to honour God and save souls. It will follow, that the habit and spirit of prayer must be vital and predominant. All who have risen to usefulness in our churches have been great *pleaders* with God. Father Clowes said, “I dare not leave my room until God gives me the congregation; then I ascend the pulpit with majesty.” John Oxtoby was intellectually weak, but a Samson in prayer; and these are the men whose converts are to be found in every quarter of the globe.

But, dear Brethren, your personal interest in God’s great work will be much determined by the rank you take in intellectual ability. There is not much difference in the original faculties of men—the difference is created by self culture and development. Your ministry will require all the mental furniture that you can possibly accumulate.

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