

of charity could associate them with the Divine. In such cases it is clear, even to a mind of ordinary acuteness, that numerical success, or the reputation of being successful,—that God whom so many ignorantly worship—is looked upon as the one thing most to be desired, and by all means possible attained. Motives are not examined very critically, nor methods scanned too closely, because it is somehow complacently assumed that the means will find their complete justification in the end. Thus, alas! doth it come to pass that the worship of this strange god perverts the judgment, and blinds the eyes of the miserable devotees.

Oh! when will men try to keep in memory the most notable object lesson ever given to the world, the greatest defeat, or seeming defeat, resulting in the grandest victory—the Christ upon the cross. He did not seek victory. He simply and solely sought to do the will of His Father, and victory came without seeking. So will it come to every true servant of God, who, with pure intent, seeks to do and suffer His will, and is content to leave the results with Him, who is the only infallible judge of the times and seasons for the manifestation of His power in the outpouring of His Spirit upon men.