

would he by so doing violate the experience indicated at the head of this article.

And further, if I were called upon to teach such a man, it would not be sufficient for me to exhort him to walk in the Spirit, when I could be the voice of God to him in a specific way, in the matter of the use of language.

No person knows but God and the individual himself whether he walks in the Spirit or not, except as we may judge by the fruits. If a Christian, according to my best judgment, is doing, or is neglecting to do, anything which is out of harmony with any law of God, my eyes cannot be blinded to that fact because he professes to walk in the Spirit, not even if I believe that he does so walk. Nor does the fact of his taking the Spirit as his only law place him above the necessity of human teachers, for it may even become the duty of a person not consciously led of the Spirit to teach his Spirit-led brother in matters in which he may be in error, or of which he may be ignorant. And the moment the latter sees his error, as revealed to him by his brother, then such teaching must become a law to him, or, in other words, he must recognize the truth, no matter by whom presented, as from "the Spirit of truth."

In fact, when he sees truth he knows it is the truth, because he has in him "the Spirit of truth," whose business it is to "lead him into all truth;" and the case supposed is one of the ways the Divine Guide may adopt.

And now, in the article above referred to, in its reference to tithing, parental training, and other things.

It is my opinion that God teaches the duty and privilege of Christians giving to Him "as they have been prospered;" that is, proportionately, as much as He teaches truth and chastity. Personally, the Holy Spirit calls upon me to practice each of those laws, and to preach them to others, and to exhort all persons to practice them, whether saints or sinners, telling them that "His commandments are not grievous, but joyous, and in keeping of them there is great reward." If I find a person who gives but little or nothing of his means to God, or who is

not careful about the truth, or who is not chaste in his person and habits, and especially when I meet hundreds of them as I do in our congregations, I endeavor to preach God's laws to them as the Spirit leads me. A man led of the Spirit has these laws written in his heart; he may practice them not as laws, but just as naturally as he breathes, and perhaps as unconsciously, he recognizing no law but the law of the Spirit. And so it comes to pass that "the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." If I cannot induce a thief to receive the Holy Spirit as his guide, I endeavor to show him at least "that honesty is the best policy," and I have gained something if I can make him an honest man. And so all the way up from the lowest grade of humanity up to the highest type, short of the Pentecostal kind, I am led to operate upon in the same way. I met a bright little boy in Toronto smoking a cigar, and my heart pitied the poor little fellow. In a few loving words I pointed out to him the evils generally associated with that habit, painting it as black as I could, until the little fellow was heartily ashamed of it, threw away his cigar, and promised me, with apparent earnestness, never to smoke more.

This is the way God instructed me in that particular case, and I think I did not as much as mention the Spirit.

A father of a family, a man walking in the Spirit, is led to keep the whole law of God as naturally as he breathes, but he cannot succeed in getting his family to have like precious faith. Now would it be seemly in him to neglect inculcating right habits in his children, by precept as well as by his example, because they will not become spiritual?

If a parent allows his children, whom he has the power to control, to indulge in immoralities, and professes to walk in the Spirit, I should have no trouble in assigning that man a place among the hypocrites. It seems to me that a spiritual parent will necessarily develop the character of his children by teaching them those habits, and to do those things which he knows they would do if they were led of the Spirit, while all