

get \$500; you put away \$50 as your tenth, and you have \$450 left; and yet you will not even do this; you must use it all to make your income bigger still. This is covetousness; and the Master's words on that should not miss their aim upon us. "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

But I need not continue this. Systematic giving has these enemies and many more. Let us kill them. A man does not know the true pleasure of giving till he gives a set portion of every thing he gets. I thank God men are beginning to realize this as their privilege. It is a privilege which, for my part, I would on no account resign.

There are many in this congregation whom I should like to get into the way of giving regularly one-tenth of all that comes into them. Were such a rule at all universally adopted, such a mighty revolution would take place in the Christian world as would astonish all. God's treasury would be full. And I am not this morning addressing people who do not give; many of you give, and give liberally; it is the systematic giving that I plead for to-day; it is the honoring the Lord with the first fruits of of our increase.

And I have a right to urge this upon you; I do it in the interests of the church that we love and her divine work on earth; but above all I do it in the interests of Christ Jesus our Lord, and I do it in the face of our thanksgiving for a most abundant harvest. "Our barns are indeed filled with plenty."

Money, it is true, is not every thing,—our life, our hearts, our soul, are absolute gifts which we can make to God; but money is a great deal. It is a ready means of giving relief; it is a ready means of doing work for God. "Charge them that are rich