

## The Minister in Relation to Young Men

make special calls on his young men. "You're the only minister ever honored me with a call," said a young man to me when I visited him at his boarding house. And he said it in such a way as to show he appreciated the attention. Where it will not be interfering too much, a short call at his place of business will often do a young man good and the minister, too. Take a real interest in the profession or trade which interests him and he will immediately warm towards you. Too many young men think that the minister is interested in nothing outside the manufacture of sermons.

(2) Having won the young man's personal friendship it is then in the minister's power to beget within him a lofty aim in life. Man's chief end is to glorify God. This is as true of young men as of old. This is true of the mechanic and the merchant, the ploughman and the clerk. Young men should be taught to put a high value on their God-given gifts. It is no sin to be proud of a strong healthy body and vigorous intellect, and to be resolved that these powers will be used to the very best advantage in this life. Such pride would be the salvation of many a man.

(3) It is also in the minister's power, by the grace of God, to beget within the young man a deep reverence for spiritual things. Our age is very materialistic. We do not find fault with its materialism but we do object to allowing materialism to crush out what is spiritual. There is an Unseen Living God, in whose fear young men should be trained to walk. There are never dying souls which are lost except brought into harmony with God. There is a book which we should prize above every book. Let the minister love and honor the word of God with his whole heart and soul and young men who come under his influence will not consider it an out-of-date musty old volume. There is a Day which has been set apart for rest and worship, and our young men should be trained to hallow it, and to look upon the so-called European Sabbath as one of the worst evils which menace our home and national life. There is a law in the keeping of which there is great reward. It is opposed to all selfishness and vice. The tendency of our day is to make little of sin. Let the