

reply, "We must fight the devil with his own weapons." Is not that a spirit of evil suggesting, "Only fall down and worship me, and I will guide you into power." How many politicians give way to this temptation, accept the devil's terms, and get into power as their reward? I presume that many of you, I hope all, will take an interest in the political life of your country; and you will then perhaps be placed in the position described. You may be tempted, not indeed by the glory of all the kingdoms upon earth, but by the glory of ruling at least our own Dominion, if you will only fall down and worship the devil, if you will only use his weapons to accomplish your purpose. Refusing to accept these terms, you may have the mortification of being left out in the cold. Do not give way to despair under such circumstances. Never, even in your mind, allow to yourself that you have been really beaten. You would have suffered a real defeat if you had given or taken a bribe or spoken a lie; but if you have not done that—if you have refused to wheedle the electors with lies, if you have scorned all the methods of electoral corruption, then you may be beaten at the polls, but you have triumphed in the only way in which God requires you to triumph, and you can leave the result to His government of the world.

In military life, also, we find men falling victims to the same kind of temptation. There have been men of splendid organizing genius—Alexanders and Caesars of the ancient world, Charlemagnes and Napoleons of the modern world—men of such genius that if they had only had a deeper moral insight, they might have helped at least to establish more thoroughly the Kingdom of God upon the earth; and yet the mere bauble of military dominion, the mere bauble of empire founded upon military conquest and political expedients, was too dazzling for their spiritual sight. Does not all the splendor of the world's pomp and power pale before that splendor which was never for a moment dazzled by the glitter of all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them? The Great Captain of our Salvation