

### A Wife's Faith.

In one of the towns of England there is a beautiful little chapel, and a very touching story is told in connection with it. It was built by an infidel. He had a praying wife, but he would not listen to her, nor would he allow her pastor even to take dinner with them, would not look at a Bible, would not allow religion even to be talked of. She made up her mind, seeing she could not influence him by her voice, that every day she would pray to God at twelve o'clock for his salvation. She said nothing to him, but every day at that hour she told the Lord about her husband. At the end of twelve months there was no change in him. But she did not give it up. Six months more went past. Her faith began to waver, and she said, "Will I have to give him up at last? Perhaps when I am dead He will answer my prayers." When she had got to that point it seemed just as if God had got her where he wanted her. The man came home to dinner one day. His wife was in the dining-room waiting for him, but he didn't come in. She waited some time, and then searched for him all through the house. At last she thought of looking into the little room where she had prayed so often. There he was praying in agony, at the same bed where she had prayed for so many months, asking forgiveness for his sins. And this is a lesson for you wives who have infidel husbands. The Lord saw that woman's faith and answered her prayers. —*Moody's Child Stories.*

### The Infallible Sign.

There is one mark of Christian character, which, above every other, cannot be mistaken, and that is the true spirit of Christ, which the true Christian will always manifest. A religion that does not change a man's spirit and bring it into harmony with the Spirit of Christ, is

worthless. It matters not what profession a man may make, or what position he may occupy, or what duties he may perform, unless he have the spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Judged by this rule, which the inspired apostle has given us, we fear many professing Christians would be found wanting. Instead of the spirit of meekness, gentleness, humility, forbearance and love, manifested by Christ, they are imperious, proud and selfish, full of envy, jealousy, hatred and strife. Instead of self-renunciation, there is constant self-assertion. Instead of seeking the honor of the Master, they are counselling their own glory. And yet such persons, filled with the spirit of the world, vainly imagine that they are Christians. Nothing can be a greater delusion than this. True religion gives a man a new heart and a right spirit. It stamps on his nature the image of the heavenly. It makes him a new creature in Christ Jesus. It sweetens his temper, it inspires his heart, and brings every thought into obedience to the law of Christ. —*Methodist Recorder.*

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