

Workers' Page

Sowing and Reaping

Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure,
Sow peace, and reap its harvest
bright;
Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor
And reap a harvest-home of light.

Good to Battle

It is good to battle, to suffer, to be thrown overboard and left to save ourselves. What we so lose in comfort, we gain in energy, and energy is the most precious of man's weapons.—Chas. Wagner.

Life is Interesting

Nobody has any right to find life uninteresting or unrewarding who sees within the sphere of his own activity a wrong he can help to remedy or within himself an evil he can hope to overcome.—President Eliot.

The Strenuous Life

And this is life—temptation, trial, struggle, conflict, possible victory—the strenuous life! You cannot cowardly give it up. And you need all the help you can have; and the only adequate help is Jesus Christ.—Henry C. King.

The Christ Life

Faith in Christ is, first of all, this: Such as he was, I want to be; his is the kind of life I want to live; his is the kind of character I want to possess; his is the kind of blessedness I desire for myself. A man may believe what creed he will; but if this is not in his heart, he has not faith in Christ.—Lyman Abbott.

God Expects Much

God has a right to expect much from us and we too have a right to expect much from him. The relation of father and son is mutual. Those who are accustomed to regard themselves as poor worms of the dust, whose privilege it is to crawl in the presence of a stern Sovereign, dishonor themselves and him alike.

Second Fiddle

The women who are content to play second fiddle, and to make the best of it, give much sweet music to the world; there are no more essential performers in the orchestra of life than they. Do we not all know them and the soothing harmonies which they make—patient spinners, kindly stepmothers, comfortable second wives, humbly and cheerfully taking the part allotted to them by the Great Conductor, and never struggling nor straining after the first place.—Ellen Thornycroft Fowler.

Doing the Impossible

One of Wellington's officers said that it was impossible to carry out a certain order given by the general. The Duke's only reply was: "See, it is in the order book." We are under God's command. At his bidding we can do the impossible. Everything we ought to do we can do.

The Bible is full of encouragements to attempt and achieve the impossible. Bartimeus was blind, a beggar, friendless. He had to face the opposition of the crowd. But the energy of his great desire brushed all obstacles aside, and pressed on into the Saviour's presence to receive from him the priceless gift of sight. There

were many hindrances also in Zachaeus' way. He, too, overcame all these, and won the prize of eternal life.

Life is full of barriers that seem to block our way. There is not one of these but may be surmounted if it lies in the path of duty. For behind God's command lies God's power. And this measureless might is ours for the asking.

A Good Maxim

When Frederick Temple, the late archbishop of Canterbury, was a poor boy, wearing patched clothes and patched shoes, his mother stimulated his courage and guided his zeal. The boy one day wasted critical over the inconsistencies of English spelling. "Freddy, don't argue," said his mother; "do your work."

He never forgot the advice. When, as primate of all England, the boy had risen to the position scarcely second in dignity and influence to any in the British empire, he acted on his mother's injunction: "Don't argue; do your work."

Get Ready for Opportunity

Thousands are on the watch for opportunities who are not prepared to seize them should they come. What were opportunities to Joseph, Moses and Daniel had they not been prepared to guide the ship of state? We must be prepared by discipline before we can enter into fields of usefulness. The diamond must go upon the wheel before it is fit for the royal crown. Moses must be trained in all the wisdom and learning of the Egyptians, and see God in the burning bush, before he can lead Israel from bondage. Daniel must spend a night in the den of lions, and Joseph languish in Pharaoh's prison, before they can rule Babylon and Egypt, and face the hearts of men and kings. Opportunities equal to our ability are before each one of us. What is the voice of admonition? Get ready for your opportunity!

Difficulties

How do most people meet difficulties? They dodge them. It is because of this dodging process that many Sunday-school superintendents and teachers have gone through a whole year without being able to point to any finished product for their year's work. They have been led astray by the foolish notion that the problems they had to deal with were peculiar difficulties, and their efforts to overcome them were therefore spineless and purposeless. Let every Sunday-school worker know that in the path is discouragement, failure, trial, embarrassments, but these and their like must get out of the way or be trampled upon, for ahead of us is opportunity, development, unfolding possibilities, and success. Let us not dodge the difficulties but face them, overcome them, master them, for the sake of the lives to be transformed by the teaching and the living of the word.

A Consciousness of Christ

I want myself such a consciousness of him as shall make me unconscious of myself. I want such a consciousness of him as shall make me unconscious of holiness which, when a man has once been set in them, deliver him from all antithetic temptations. Let a man once get set in the habit of purity, impurity is no temptation to him. Let a man once get set in the habits of veracity, untruthfulness is no temptation to him. Let a man once get set in the habit of selfishness, pride is no temptation to him. When once Jesus Christ has become Lord of all the consciousness of our

lives, a thousand temptations find no response within us. I seek for myself such a consciousness of Christ as shall make me a free man in Jesus Christ.

Such a consciousness of Christ as this is to be got, for one thing, by bringing every thought into captivity to Jesus Christ.—Robert E. Speer.

The Fields are White

"So many idle, folded hands,
And the harvest fields are white;
Low droop the heavy heads of wheat
That wait the reapers' weary feet,
The sickle in his willing hands,
For the harvest fields are white.

"So many here that sit at ease,
While 'neath you darker skies are
The wretchedness and misery
Even angels well might see;
How can we dare to sit at ease
Beneath these golden skies?"

"So fleet, so few the moments be
For binding up the sheaves!
The Master calls; do not delay,
But haste some fruit to win to-day;
For soon our only joy shall be
In bringing home the sheaves."

Nuggets

I am not concerned that I have no place; I am concerned how I may fit myself for one.—Confucius.

If a man is busy, and busy about his duty, what more does he require for time or for eternity?—Kingley.

Great privileges never go save in company with great responsibilities.—Hamilton Mable.

"Let patience have her perfect work" and bring forth celestial fruits. Trust to God to weave your little thread into a web, though the pattern show not yet.—George MacDonald.

To a nephew who sought an office, the late Paul Kruger said: "My dear boy, you are not clever enough for a subordinate position and all the higher ones are filled."

The more we pray for our fellowmen, the more inevitably we yearn to help them; and this yearning quickens our energies and enlarges our capacities for helpfulness, in a way and to an extent that we cannot fail to recognize as part of the answer to our prayer.—J. R. Illingworth.

This poor one thing I do—instead of repining at its lowliness or its hardness, I will use it gloriously by my supreme loyalty to its demand.—Rev. W. C. Garrett.

Oh, how sweet to work all day for God, and then lie down at night beneath his smile.—McCheyne.

Regardless of his age, a man reaches the "dead line" only when he permits his energies to stagnate.—Charles C. Earle.

It is my service to think how I can best fulfil the demands that each day makes upon me, and to rejoice that others can do what I cannot.—Helen Keller.

It is the cheery worker that succeeds. No one can do his best, or even do well, in the midst of worry or nagging. Therefore if you work, work as cheerily as you can. If you do not work, do not put even a straw in the way of others.

Life is never all work or sorrow; and happy hours, helpful pleasures, are mercifully given like wayside springs to pilgrims trudging wearily along.