

What Christ Said.

I said, "Let me walk in the fields." He said, "No, walk in the town."

I said, "There are no flowers there." He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the skies are black; And the fogs are veiling the sun."

I pleaded for time to be given. He said, "Is it hard to decide? It will not seem hard in heaven."

Spion Kop.

Every great war crowns some obscure hamlet, some hitherto unknown field or hill, with immortality.

Majuba Hill has now a companion in Spion Kop, a bare, broken headland without tree or bush, overlooking its own desolate valley in far-away South Africa.

And so Spion Kop becomes to the moralist a picture and a sermon. It tells us that the deadliest fight is and must be over some point a trifle in itself but the key to a continent.

In this lad, the son of godly parents and the child of many prayers, to live soberly, godly and uprightly in this present world? The answer is to be known at Spion Kop of morals where the retention or loss of a strategic point determines the whole issue.

Is this fine young fellow in whom so many high hopes center, to descend to the low level of a professional gambler and at last hear the iron door of some grim penitentiary clank behind him?

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or silence, confession or suppression, the one battle is fought that determines whether heaven or hell shall win, govern and control the life for time and for eternity.

If any man regard these matters as trifling it is because he has not attempted to hold them. Let him once determine that he will fight it out upon this little thing or that point of conscience where he is pressed to yield.

Religious Conversation Among Christians.

One of the best agencies in the development of the spiritual life is religious conversation, and perhaps it is one of the least used.

Christians men and women do not hesitate to hold conversation concerning the affairs of the secular life. Why should they be so reluctant to speak to each other of the soul life?

It would be supposed, naturally, that within the sacred precincts of the Christian home there would be a free and full interchange of sentiment on the personal religious life.

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than that which is always manifested in a season of spiritual communion, whether it be between two or three Christians or between two or three who may be gathered together for the purpose.

It was a rare privilege that the two disciples had who journeyed to Emmaus with their stranger Lord shortly after the resurrection. That was a season of most precious communion of soul with soul, and it is not strange that the hearts of the disciples burned within them while the Lord Himself talked with them.

The more general participation in religious conversation on the part of Christian people would yield many beneficial results. Among others it would be an excellent substitute for superlative levity, slanderous gossip, the oft-repeated, worn-out, and hackneyed stories, and even for ceaseless iteration of what the newspapers say.

Borrowing Religion.

It was of old that prevented the five foolish virgins of Christ's parable from being able to enter the marriage feast. At the last minute they sought to borrow, but could not.

It is a noticeable fact, too, that the bridegroom came at the most difficult time for them to make up for their lack of preparation. It was at "midnight." At that hour there was poor opportunity for buying oil.

But the parable was a message to the living, and conveys an especial and definite warning against the folly of trying to borrow religion. The foolish virgins, unprepared, tried to borrow: "Give us of your oil."

Some people borrow religion from a past experience. They had some religious concern or emotions years back, and found on that their hope.

The highest test of faith is no seen when we are growing with joy and conscious of success and the approval of those about us. It comes to him who can still trust God when no outward thing assists, when this life appears to others a failure and he has found many who have not proved true and many others who have proved selfish.

Let us be warned against the mistake of trying to borrow religion. Let us know that it must be a present, vital possession of our own, sought and obtained from God.

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Setting the Clock Right.

A story is told of a man who came to a watch-maker with the two hands of a clock, saying:

"I want you to fix up these hands. They haven't kept time for the last six months."

"Where is the clock?" asked the watch-maker.

"Why, I left it at home," was the answer.

But I must have the clock," insisted the watchmaker.

the matter with the clock except the hands," replied the man, who had never learned that the way the hands of a clock go depends entirely upon the works inside.

Yet there are many people in the world who are just as foolish as that man who thought that all that was necessary to fix the clock was to do something to the hands.

Our actions are just like the hands of a clock, for they show just what kind of a heart we have. If our hearts are right, then our actions will be good, but if our hearts are bad, then it is a sure sign that our hearts are wrong.

The only way to have our actions right is to have our hearts pure. Some people are like the man who thought his clock could be mended by simply fixing the hands.

The heart is like the mainspring of a clock. Everything depends upon the mainspring of a clock. So all our life depends upon our heart.

Let us ask the Saviour to purify our hearts. Then our words and acts will become pleasing in God's sight, and we can come boldly into his presence, and he will receive and bless us.

The Family Altar.

It is greatly to be regretted that in so many of our homes the family altar has fallen into neglect, and in so many cases has even wholly disappeared from the home.

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Faith Without Feeling.

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Revivals Have Built the Churches.

Who that reads his Bible can doubt as to the divine order of revivals? Look at the great religious awakenings under Moses, Joshua, David, and Josiah.

The Lutherans proclaim in their very name the great revival under Luther. The Congregationalists sprang from the Puritan revival in England. The Presbyterians are the result of the

mighty reformation led by Calvin, Knox and others. The Quakers rose from the revival under George Fox, and Methodism from the great Wesleyan movement. The Baptists sprang from the revival and persecution which gave John Bunyan and his "Pilgrim's Progress" to the world.

Promise Polishers.

You write with lemon juice and the words will fade, leaving no trace; but expose the writing to heat and every word comes out bold and clear. The promises of the Bible in like manner fade away and hide themselves till we pass through the fires of affliction.

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WATCH YOUR HEELS.

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