

**A PASTOR'S SUGGESTION TO HIS PEOPLE.**

Bring some one who has fallen out of the habit of going to church to worship with you. It is not enough to an ounce to men that the tables of life are ready. The Master's command is to go out and persuade them to come in.

Nourish your souls as well as your bodies. Man does not live by bread alone. If your physical well-being depends upon nurture by atmosphere, by light, by food, and by exercise, your entire well-being depends upon additional nurture by a healthful mental environment, by sunniness of friendship with God and with your fellows, by fresh supplies of grace and of knowledge, and by the exercise of spiritual powers.

Exercise yourself into godliness. He who does not practice his religion has become blind. The eyes, being unused, have ceased to function. So souls become blind who decline to practice the vision of God and his presence. Spiritually, as physically, to do little is to degenerate; to do nothing is to die.

Urge upon others the claims and duties of the Christ life. It is the peculiarity of the minister's business that it is his privilege to do all the time what it is everybody's business to do a part of the time. It takes more than one minister to make a church grow.

The Christian way to criticize is to correct. The pagan sees that a meeting is stupid and says so; the Christian sees that the meeting is dead and pours into it his own life. The pagan sees that matters are awry and tells his neighbors; the Christian sees that matters are awry and sets them right.

Family worship has fallen out of fashion. The Puritan virtues of prayer, Sabbath observance, and church attendance are being relegated by some to the past. He who is too busy for these things is too busy for his own good and for society's welfare; he who is too lazy is slothful; he who is too weary staggers blindfold past the fountain of rest.

**A GOOD TEST.**

Some years ago when the Rev. Professor Finney was holding a series of meetings in the city of Edinburgh, many persons called upon him for personal conversation of prayer. One day a gentleman appeared in great distress of mind. He had listened to Mr. Finney's sermon on the previous evening, and it had torn away his "refuge of lies." Mr. Finney was plain and faithful with him, pointing out to him the way of life clearly, as his only hope of salvation.

The weeping man assured him that he was willing to give up all for Jesus—that he knew of nothing he would reserve—all for Jesus.

"Then let us go upon our knees and tell God of that," said Mr. Finney. So both knelt and Mr. Finney prayed, "O, Lord, this man declares that he is prepared to take thee as his God, and to cast himself upon thy care now and forever." The man responded heartily "Amen." He went on: "O, Lord, he says that he is willing to give thee his business whatever it may be, and conduct it for Thy glory."

The man was silent—no response. Mr. Finney was surprised at his silence and asked, "Why do you not say 'Amen' to that?" "Because the Lord will not take my business, sir, I am in the whisky trade," he answered.

The traffic could not stand such a

test as that. The Lord will not take such a business under his care. He demands its destruction as one of the mightiest obstacles to the progress of his kingdom in the earth.

**THE EASY YOKE.**

It is better to obey Christ's commandments than to set ourselves against them. For if we will take his will for our law, and meekly assume the yoke of loyal and loving obedience to him, the door into an earthly paradise is thrown open to us. His "yoke is easy," not because its prescriptions and provisions lower the standard of righteousness and morality, but because love becomes the motive; and it is always blessed to do that which the Beloved desires. When "I will" and "I ought" cover exactly the same ground, then there is no kind of pressure from the yoke.

Christ's yoke is easy, because, too, he gives the power to obey his commandments. His "burden" is such a burden—as I think one of the old fathers put it—as sails are to a ship, or wings to a bird. They add to the weight, but they carry that which carries them. So Christ's yoke bears the man that bears it.

It is easy, too, because "in"—and not only after or for—"keeping of it there is great reward," seeing that he commands nothing which is not congruous with the highest good and bringing along with it the purest blessing. Instead of that yoke, what has the world to offer, or what do we get to dominate us, if we cast off Christ? Self, the old anarch self, and that is misery. To be self-ruled is to be self-destroyed.—Dr. Alexander MacLaren.

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