

The King's Highway.

And an Highway shall there, be and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness:

The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

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Fretting Entirely Prohibited.

Some people seem to think that while fretting is generally wrong that there are some things that we may fret about, or, at least, that there is some excuse for fretting under circumstances.

In studying this question of fretting it is well at the outset to distinguish between fretting and being concerned or interested. We ought to be more deeply concerned for the salvation of others than we are; but we have no right to fret and worry about anything. Some have said to me that they did not worry about anything but their unsaved children. Perhaps they think so; but the probability is that if they worry at all they worry only a little more about their children than anything else.

If worrying would help the case there might be some excuse for it; but the fact is it hinders. If you are concerned about your unsaved children and other friends let them see that you have found a satisfying portion, a rest in Jesus from all cankering care, and that you are perfectly happy. In this way they may be drawn to Christ. "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

Some may think that John Wesley's statement with regard to this subject is somewhat extreme when he says, "I can no more fret and worry than I can curse and swear." Evidently he regarded both wrong and therefore could do neither.

One of the strongest lessons in the Bible on this subject is in the 37th Psalm. David here puts all fretting under absolute prohibition. He says in the first verse, "Fret not thyself of evil doers." Some may say, "I do not fret because of evil doers, but I do fret about other things." If you will read the whole of the chapter you will see that fretting about anything is prohibited. With regard to evil doers he says, "They shall soon be cut down like grass, and wither as the green herb." With regard to being "fed" he says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." With regard to the desires of your heart he says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." With regard to the things you desire to see to come to pass he says, "Command thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass." And are you persecuted and misrepresented and misunderstood, he says, "He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgement as the noon day." Are you perplexed and hindered by evil doers, he says, "Evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." Have the wicked plotted against you and gnashed upon you with his teeth," he says, "The Lord shall laugh at him, for he seeth that his day is coming." Are you tempted to worry because you have little of this world's goods, he says, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Are you tempted to worry about "evil times"—"hard times," and the "day of famine," he says, "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the day of famine they shall be satisfied." Are you tempted to worry for fear of making disastrous

mistakes, he says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way." Are you tempted to fret about the possibility of falling, he says, "Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." Are you tempted to worry about how it might possibly be with you financially in the future, he says, "I have been young and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Are you tempted to fret in time of trouble, he says, "But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall keep them; he shall deliver them because they trust him."

All fretting comes of unbelief.—Christian Standard.

The Most Dangerous Tempters.

A man who has mingled much with the business and social world was discussing the drink habit, in an interview with a representative of the San Antonio Express:

"It is all nonsense," he said, "for young men to say that they cannot resist the temptations of the saloon. As far as my experience goes, the saloonkeepers of San Antonio and the men of San Antonio seldom urge young men to drink. They say 'No, I never drink,' or, 'I would like to be excused this time,' that is the end of it. It is all a mistake about a young man being forced to drink if he mingles much with the men of the town. He can refuse very easily if he wants to; and when it is once known that a man never drinks, he is seldom asked to do it. But the real hard people to get away from are the women. You can go into a reception where punch is strong enough to knock you down, and the first woman you meet will say, 'Do come and have some punch.'"

"No thank you, not now."

"Oh, yes; just one glass with me."

"If by a certain amount of rudeness you are able to escape this woman, the next one you meet will say: This is the most delicious punch. Let me help you."

"What! Don't drink much?"

"What kind of a man are you? I assure you this is quite harmless."

"A matronly woman comes along and says: 'You must taste this punch; it is made from my special recipe and I am proud of it.'"

"Don't drink? Well, just this time to please me. I've raised my children on this punch."

"And so on through the evening. A young man who is strong enough to resist the temptation of society has nothing to fear from the saloons."

This is the testimony of not one young man, but several, and it is no uncommon thing to hear young men and boys say: "Why will women urge a fellow to drink the way they do?"

There is something peculiar about wine or liquors of any kind—you are always urged to take it. You can refuse bread and butter, meat and even coffee without a word of remonstrance, but never wine.—Sel.

The Temperance people of St. John and Fredericton are taking hold of the temperance work in good earnest and mean that something shall come to pass. We hope the wave will reach Woodstock.

Christian Perfection.

Perhaps we say less about Christian perfection, and emphasize perfect love less than we should. Entire sanctification, saved to the uttermost, perfect love and Christian perfection; in a general way all mean the same precious experience which is wrought in the heart of a believer through the power of the blood by the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Whatever term is most disliked by worldly-minded people and thus becomes the instrument of stigma, that is the place for us, and that is the term to be used. John Wesley, speaking of his day, says: "There is scarcely an expression in Holy Writ which has given more offence than 'Christian perfection.' The word perfect is what many cannot bear. The very word is an abomination to them, and hence some have desired wholly to lay aside the use of those expressions because they have given offense. But are they found in the oracles of God? If so, by what authority can any messenger of God lay them aside, even though all men should be offended? We have not so learned Christ, neither may we thus give place to the devil. Whatever God hath spoken, that may we speak; whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. Knowing that thus alone can any minister of Christ be freed from the blood of all men, when he hath not shunned to declare unto them all the counsel of God."

Doubtless this is still the Christian perfect love, being so constantly manifest in human living, may deter some, and being so steadily and often misunderstood, may deter others, but it being "a clean heart full of pure love," and this being wrought by the Holy Spirit, instead of drawing back from the terms, we are to rejoice in them. Less than this we cannot desire, and less cannot be the divine ideal in the shed blood. Speaking of what Christ will do in us, Dr. Adam Clark says that it is "His purpose to wash the polluted heart, destroy every foul and abominable desire, all tormenting and unholy tempers, that He might have the heart His throne and fill the soul with His light, power and life—and in a word destroy the works of the devil; but if a man is not perfectly saved from all sin, sin does triumph and Satan exults, because they have done the mischief that Christ cannot or will not remove. To say He cannot would be shocking blasphemy against the infinite power and dignity of the Great Creator; to say He will not would be equally such against the infinite benevolence and holiness of His nature"

Dr. Clark further says: "Had I a better name than Christian perfection, one with greater plentitude of meaning, one more worthy the efficacy of the blood that bought our peace and cleanseth from all unrighteousness, I would gladly except and use it—I would gladly employ a word more positive and unequivocal in its meaning, and more worthy the merit of the infinite atonement of Christ and of the energy of the Almighty Spirit; but there is none in the language, which I deplore as an inconvenience and a loss. In no part of the Scriptures are we directed to seek holiness by gradation. We are to come to God, as well for instantaneous perfection from all sin as for instantaneous pardon. Neither the seriatim nor graduation purification exists in the

Bible." So with great definitives we are to seek, receive and possess our inheritance of Christian perfection, and with the same definitives testify to it in word and life. Not perfection in knowledge, nor judgement, nor in freedom from error in life, but having created in us by the Holy Spirit a clean heart full of pure love.

A heart in every way renewed,

And full of love divine;

Perfect in right and pure and good,

A copy, Lord, of thine.—Editorial Nazarene Messenger.

What Daughters Can Do.

Remember, girls, that all your lives your mothers have been sacrificing themselves for you.

Let her see that you appreciate what she has done.

Make your mother stay in bed in the morning while you get the breakfast.

Send her out to enjoy a walk or a call while you care for the children.

Buy her something pretty to wear.

Confide in your mother. She is better than any girl friend, and will not tell your secrets.

Kiss your mother good-night and let her know that you love her.

Some girls don't appreciate their mothers until they lose them.

Save your mother from all the worry you can.

Even if you are in school, you can rise in time to assist with the work before you go, and help when you come home. The change and exercise is good for you.

The prettiest girl in the world is absolutely devoid of charm if she is rude to her mother.

Love—Love—Love.

"Griffith John on the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in China as missionary, made the following statement, which is the secret of a successful life:

"A missionary life is the greatest of all possible lives. If a messenger from God should come and tell me my life was to be spared for another fifty years, China should have them all. That Inner Voice—I have always obeyed it, and it has never failed me. Even when, in earlier days going into Hunan with my life in my hands, I knew no fear—return alive or not, I knew it was the will of God for me. I learned a great secret many years ago—Never judge a man by what he says, or even by what he may do. Judge a man by what I know him to be. Love—love—love—this is the secret of a happy co-operation."—Selected.

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He is not a Christian who does not seek to promote the same experience he himself has. Hence, every Christian has the missionary spirit.

Delegates are already registering for Canadian National Missionary Congress to be held in Toronto, March 31st to April 4th. More than 500 clergymen are registered as Honorary Commissioners.

The railroad companies of Canada are co-operating with the committee in charge of the National Missionary Congress to be held in Toronto, March 31st to April 4th, and have granted a rate of a single fare for the round trip.

Preaching It Without Offence.

A prominent evangelist told us some years ago that he had found a way of preaching holiness so as not to give offence. We watched him try it. We watched that his altar calls were very indefinite and that no one seemed to come into any definite experience under his preaching. One day we heard him preach a mild sermon about holiness so as to give no offence has discovered to be happy. Of course they came and received nothing. A heathen Chinese could come on an invitation like that without any hesitation. The next day in the camp another man preached, who said at the close, "If there is any one here who wants to die to sin let him come to the altar." There was no general response.

The man who has discovered how to preach holiness so as to give no offence has discovered what the preachers of the Bible failed to find. Stephen was a man full of the Holy Ghost, and his face shone with the glory of heaven, and just before he went to heaven, too, but his hearers were greatly enraged. John the Baptist was full of the Holy Ghost, all his life, but he had a hard time with men. A wicked king acknowledged that he was a holy man and yet killed him. Paul says of the king of gospel that makes no opposition, "Then is the offense of the cross ceased." Jesus challenged his enemies to show where He had committed sin. They could not do it and they killed Him. He preached holiness in such a way that His hearers again and again were much offended. He said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." This great holiness preacher had not discovered the art of preaching holiness so as to give no offence, for He told the church men of his day that they were like whitened sepulchres that were full of uncleanness within. What a holiness sermon that was, and how they hated Him for it! Also notably when He told them to make the inside of the cup and platter clean. The man who has discovered how to preach holiness—the doctrine that demands separation from all ungodliness and every sin—that requires the crucifixion of the carnal nature and non-conformity to the world; the doctrine that attacks error and sin of every kind, as the morning light attacks the darkness of the night without giving offence, has got something that Jesus Christ did not have, and which He forbade—namely, the favor of the carnal heart of man.—Christian Witness.

"I have had large experience with criminals of all kinds, and a distinct impression has been made on my mind, that nearly all, if not all, criminal careers commence or are associated with Sabbath-breaking."—D. T. Starr, D. D., Chaplain of the Ohio State Prison.

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God does not make us holy for our own enjoyment. Jesus gave Himself to "purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works."—See.