

# The King's Highway.

And an Highway shall be there, 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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## THE TRUE MAN.

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Integrity is defined by the dictionaries to be moral soundness, honesty, and uprightness. It properly stands for more than the world grants. Simple phases of life excellence are called by the title which in itself demands much more of virtue and character.

A man true to his promise is called by the world a man of integrity. A person who meets his notes, pays his debts and is prompt in his appointments and engagements is clothed with the same flattering appellation; and yet this same individual may be profane, lecherous, uncharitable, and an unbeliever.

The word integrity evidently contemplates and covers more than keeping some promise, and fulfilling some civil, social, and financial obligation. Its true meaning stands for character soundness and life reliability. In the Bible and religious sense, it penetrates through and through, and stands for an inward spiritual condition, and outward life expression that is the product of the Blood of Christ, and the purifying, transforming and establishing work of the Holy Ghost.

The possession of integrity in its truest and deepest sense does several things for its possessor.

One is that it brings him in frequent and general demand.

It is wonderful how men who do not claim to be religious, or even believe in our holy religion seek for and rely on men of integrity in their different lines of business. How careful the insurance companies are to tell the country at large what a solid, honest, steady, reliable business man is their president or treasurer. What pains boards and corporations are at to secure just such men to be at the helm or on the quarter deck of the various new enterprises which they have launched. Men of moral soundness and uprightness must be had to secure the confidence of the people as well as the success of the undertaking itself.

Even more so is this felt in higher planes where not only character is at stake, and life success and happiness, but the salvation of immortal souls depends upon the truthfulness, faithfulness and steadfastness of men and women who occupy places in the Church and Kingdom of God.

As there is a need for such persons, there will be a search for them, and if they exist they will be found.

We once heard a bishop, addressing a class of young preachers say: "You need not be uneasy with the thought and fear that the world will not recognize and appreciate you. If there is anything in you worth having, men will find it out and use you for all you are worth."

The principle is much the same as to the front, and national deliverers to military and naval heroes coming appearing at the time of critical need. It seemed always that they were prepared for the exigency and situation no matter how grave it was, and fully panoplied they stepped on the arena and conquered.

According to this, our best preparation for serving the human family, and rendering them the highest forms of good, is to obtain the moral strength of a full salvation, and with all our getting, get that double integrity of heart and life taught by

and urged upon us by the Word of God.

A friend of ours once caught a young preacher before a full length mirror making profound bows and practicing a number of pulpit attitudes and oratorical gesticulations. He watched him some minutes before he made his presence known, as at first he could hardly imagine what the man was doing. Somehow this preacher has never been in demand. He was aiming after the wrong preparation. And we feel confident that if he had looked steadfastly into another very famous looking glass called the Word of God, he would have bowed after another fashion, been changed from glory to glory, and many people would have wanted him to fill their pulpits, help their souls in the weary struggle of life, and lead them on in the paths of salvation and duty, to Heaven.

Another result of conscious integrity is the sense of blessedness, quietness, and assurance it brings to the possessor.

We can conceive of no earthly external surrounding or position that can give the peace and joy equal to that which arises fountain-like in the heart, or abides tranquilly like a land-locked lake in the soul.

The individual's own knowledge that he is a true man sustains and delivers in the most trying situations of life.

There are times in the history of people when they are not only misunderstood, but supposed to be the very opposite of what they are really. We have known public men fearfully wronged in this way, and subsequent events showed up the injustice done them. But at the time, circumstances were such that they had to endure true man, in spite of the misjudgment and the wrong done them. Nothing but the consciousness of their own integrity could have sustained them in such a hard test.

There are religious experiences which place the possessor just as far from the comprehension of his own household and church brethren. He is supposed to be misguided, to be deluded, proud, pharisaical or false, as the case may be. Words are vain. Letters fail. Explanations are not listened to or credited. Every act is suspected and the whole life misunderstood. There is nothing to do but to continue to be a true man, in spite of the misjudgment of men, and leave it to God to show our profession and possession in a better light in the fullness of His own good time.

There are periods of human enmity and opposition that come to many of God's people. Friends fall away for no visible cause, those you trusted in, betray you. You discover with a sick, sinking heart that numbers you thought single minded are double faced and double tongued. You are wounded in the house of your friends. They that went to the house of God in your company have lifted up their heel against you, while public adversaries fairly rage with hate, and bound in efforts to injure and destroy.

David said his enemies were lively. Paul spoke repeatedly of his foes and false brethren, and prayed to be delivered from unreasonable men. Wesley suffered in these ways throughout his long and useful life.

Aside from the smile of God in such times, the greatest stay and support

of the victim is his own consciousness of being a true man. Nothing else besides divine grace could so sustain the enlarged heart, the attacked rectitude and assailed life as the inward consciousness of being all right in heart and life and God's man now and all the time.

We notice that when guilty men are accused and brought to public recognition, they weaken, confess, and go down with a speedy crash. A man must be true in reality if he would calmly and victoriously go through the attacks made upon him by bitter tongues and hating, malevolent pens; and such inwardly realized moral soundness, such conscious integrity and uprightness, can and does sustain the most slandered and persecuted of mortals. The Bible, history and present day happenings, all agree exactly as to this fact.

A third result of integrity is the comfort, strength, inspiration, deliverance and blessing it brings to others.

All can imagine the shock produced among soldiers when they behold their leader wounded and falling headlong to the ground in death. Even more fearful is the shock experienced in the community or church when a supposedly strong member of either suddenly weakens and goes down before some form of temptation and sin.

On the other hand, to this day, the courage and fidelity of Daniel, the virtue of Joseph, the heroism of Paul and the patience of Job fill the reader with exultation and makes him stronger, beholding such faithfulness of life though in far away periods of two, three, and four thousand years ago.

In a stormy time in England's late history, a prominent man in London wrote to Gladstone, saying, among other things: "We do not believe in your infallibility, but we certainly take great comfort in these trying days in the fact of your integrity."

No light-house shining out through the dark night upon a stormy sea does more for the wave-tossed, wind-driven and imperilled vessel of the ocean, than the true man accomplishes for the human race as he stands for God in the midst of ungodliness, lives the truth in the face of falsehood, and abides faithful in the very center of wide-spread and general unfaithfulness.

In the first Battle of Manassas, a Confederate general rallied his discouraged Virginia chieftain his discouraged troops with the cry: "Look at Jackson standing yonder like a stone wall." The words not only gave the famous Virginia chieftain his distinguishing title but also turned a retreating body of soldiers into a charging, victorious column. But the fact which the words called attention to was the main thing: the silent, fearless, immovable, faithful figure of Stonewall Jackson!

Thank God for the true man who still lives and blesses the world today. We have seen him in the form of a patient, sacrificing, uncomplaining father. We have beheld the pathetic figure in a hard worked, unappreciated, unloved and greatly deceived husband. We have marked the true man again in the consecrated pastor, and in the devoted layman who would not compromise the truth for any kind of pay or favor. We have observed him again, misunderstood and misjudged, yet going on patiently and silently and none the less devotedly on every

line and path of private and public duty.

We never see such lonely moral light houses on life's shore; such Stonewall Jacksons on spiritual battlefields, but the heart melts, the eyes fill, the spirit glows and fires, and the lips breathe the fervent prayer: "Lord, multiply the true man. Place him in every church and community, that fainting souls may take courage, that sinking lives may be rescued, and that defeated and retreating immortals may be filled with a new hope, and inspiration, make a fresh charge in every direction against wrong and sin, and so spread truth, salvation, and blessedness over this world, and in this existence, and in the world to come receive honor and glory and life everlasting."—Christian Witness.

## HUMBUGS.

The Presbyterian Witness of Halifax N. S., of August 10th, has an editorial on the above subject, and among others it mentions Millennial Dawnism as a great humbug which is met these days. We give our readers what the Witness says upon this subject: Ed.

"Charles T. Russell, who styles himself 'Pastor' Russell is another striking example of the religious humbug. This man has been repeatedly exposed and discredited, and yet by his extensive advertising and his brazen pretensions he succeeds in imposing his delusions upon the ignorant and in reaping a rich harvest from the sale of his books and the gifts of his followers. Some years ago this man's wife was granted a limited divorce on the ground of cruelty and the court allowed her an alimony of \$100 a month. This allowance Russell was slow in paying and finally cut off altogether until he was threatened with imprisonment for contempt of court. At the trial before the courts, sensational evidence relative to 'Pastor' Russell's relations with women was introduced and caused the action to become notorious as the 'jellyfish case.' We would not care to print the evidence brought out in this case. The Superior Court of Pennsylvania, in deciding against him, said: 'His course of conduct towards his wife evidences such insistent egotism and extravagant self-praise that it would be manifest to the jury that his conduct toward her was one of continual arrogant domination that would necessarily render the life of any sensitive Christian woman a burden and make her condition intolerable. . . . There is not a syllable in the testimony to justify his repeated aspersions on her character and her mental condition.' The court of common pleas, to which Mrs. Russell appealed for alimony denied 'Pastor' Russell's plea that he was penniless. The court heard evidence showing that he had transferred property worth \$317,000 to the 'Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society,' of which he is the president. Referring to one transaction involving a sheriff's sale of property worth \$20,000 for less than \$200 the court said: 'The purpose of this whole transaction was to deprive the wife of her dower interest and was a fraud on her.' The evidence produced against him in the alimony case was that he accumulated a fortune through stock speculation and donations from his followers, who are taught to believe that the millennium is due in October, 1914. The 'Brook-

lyn Eagle," to which we are indebted for the facts and quotations given above deserves the credit of showing up "Pastor" Russell in his true character. In response to requests from all over the world for information concerning "Pastor" Russell, the "Eagle" recently reprinted the articles which had appeared in previous issues, bearing upon the divorce trial and the character of this man. Copies of this special issue, we have no doubt, may be had by applying to the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, N. Y. We have not space here to refer to the "Miracle Wheat," which sold at "Pastor" Russell's tabernacle, Brooklyn for \$60 a bushel, or one dollar a pound, on the representation that it would produce from ten to fifteen times as much as other grain in proportion to the amount sown, nor to other speculations with which "Pastor" Russell's name is associated. This man is still going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it, and there are newspapers which still print his sermons for the edification of Christian people.

## HOT WEATHER AND RELIGION.

Religion and warm weather have long been considered as somewhat hostile friends, if not, indeed, out-and-out enemies. People do not like to go to church on hot days. The old excuse is heard that they can find God as well in the open fields or on the open roads. The mornings are hot, the evenings are hotter. City churches are almost deserted because their members have gone to the country. Country churches are poorly attended because people have gone to another part of the country, or to the seaside, or because they stay, at home to provide for city boarders. It is noteworthy that the city church people do not fill up the country church to any great extent; and that the country people who exchange residences during the hot months do not take one another's places at church.

Let us be frank with ourselves and truthful with God. The church slumps unreasonably and unpardonably in summer time. The world does precisely the other thing. Summer sports and follies are substituted for winter follies and sports, and pleasure-seekers find allurements every hour. The church should be equally alert. Open air services should be held, some near the church door, some out among the crowds of pleasure-seekers. The children's meetings and young people's meetings can be successfully strengthened because the school people are released from their studies. Music is an easy and important part of summer worship. Prayer and testimony, personal work and Gospel preaching must go on unabated even when the thermometer rises high.

Especially careful must summer visitors be not to break into the Sabbath habits of the Christian households where they are stopping. The old excuse about finding God in the fields is unusually an excuse or an indifferent heart. The church is the place to find God on the Sabbath day unless you go into the open air to work for Him. Householders and visitors, young and old, laymen and preachers should put forth unwonted efforts to make the summer time a season of spiritual advance and victory, not of retrogression and defeat.—Christian Herald.