

COLUMN FOR MINISTERS.

RESOLUTIONS OF JONATHAN EDWARDS.

Resolved.—That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved.—To do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good of mankind in general.

Resolved.—Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved.—Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved.—To be endeavoring to find out fit objects of charity and liberality.

Resolved.—Never to speak of any one so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account, except for some real good.

Resolved.—To maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.

Resolved.—To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Resolved.—Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that a petition of a prayer, which is so made that I cannot hope that God will answer; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.

Resolved.—Never to say anything at all against anybody, but when it is perfectly agreeable to the highest degree of Christian honor, and of love to mankind; agreeable to the lowest humility and sense of my own faults and failings; and agreeable to the Golden Rule. Often, when I have said anything against any one, to bring it to, and try it strictly by, the test of this resolution.

Resolved.—To inquire every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent; what sin I have committed; and wherein I have denied myself. Also, at the end of every week, month, and year.

Resolved.—To inquire every night, before I go to bed, whether I have acted in the best way I possibly could, with respect to eating and drinking.

Resolved.—To endeavor, to my utmost, to deny whatever is not most agreeable to a good and universally sweet and benevolent, quiet, peaceable, contented and easy, compassionate and generous, humble and meek, submissive, and obliging, diligent and industrious, charitable and even, patient, moderate, forgiving, and sincere temper, and to do, at all times, what such a temper would lead me to, and to examine strictly, at the end of every week, whether I have so done.

On the supposition that there never was to be but one individual in the world, at any one time, who was properly a complete Christian, in all respects of a right stamp, having Christianity always shining in its true lustre, and appearing excellent and lovely, from whatever part and under whatever character viewed.—Resolved, To act just as I would do if I strove with all my might to be that one, who should live in my time.

DR. ALEXANDER ON PREACHING.

To be a great preacher a man must be nothing else. The daily exercises of Demosthenes and Cicero may give us a hint of the devotion which is necessary. The analogy of all other arts and sciences may instruct. There are among us preachers who may be considered good, and in a certain sense great ones, who spend their principal strength during the week upon other pursuits. They write essays, systems and commentaries. It may be observed of them all, that however useful they may be, these are not the men who move and warm and melt and mould the public masses. Indeed, I think, to be a great preacher, a man must lay his account to forego that reputation which comes from erudition and literature. The channel must be narrowed, that the stream may flow in a rapid current, and fall with mighty impression.

Alas! how often at having the devotional sentiment uppermost. Block out your matter with much care and exactness, and assure yourself of perfect acquaintance with the entire order. Set about the work with an expectation of being very short. Do not allow yourself to dally long with any single point. Be simple, be natural, be moderate, and use no means to pump up fictitious emotion; above all, use no tricks of voice or gesture to express emotion which you do not experience. I would most earnestly counsel you to throw aside by every possible effort, all that resembles self-critical observation, while you are speaking in the name of the Lord. If your tendency should be toward scantiness of vocabulary, broken sentences, or involuntary gaps, halts and pauses, by all means encourage a flow. The advice which might be fatal to volubility is all important for you. Keep up the continuity. Let trifles go. What Dr. Johnson says to a young writer, to wit, "It is so much easier to acquire correctness than flow, that I would say to every young preacher, write as fast as you can, is even more necessary for a young speaker; speak as uninterruptedly as you can. Let little things go. Return for no corrections. The wise will understand your slips and forgive them. Whitefield's rule was, 'Never take back anything unless it were wicked.' This is very different from rapid utterance or precipitancy. Deliberate speech is, on the whole more favorable. Good pastor Harris' three L's are worthy of being applied to delivery, but are poorly represented in English by the alliteration, Lengthened—Long—Lovely. Luther's maxim for a young preacher is still more untranslatable; but the sense is—"stand up cheerily—speak up manfully—leave off speedily."

Trist cheerily and manfully, nor hold off.

GRACES.

Are saving graces supernaturally bestowed on men. They are wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit. They do not form the ground of our acceptance with God; but without them we have no evidence of our interest in Christ. They constitute the seals and ornaments of every renewed soul. The Christian graces have different offices. Faith believes God's Word, and rests upon His Son alone for salvation. Repentance weeps and blushes for sin, and turns from it with loathing. Love admires God's whole character and obeys his whole will. Humility, having done its best, cries: "I am nothing." Patience waits God's time and endures all things. Hope sees a star in the darkest night, and a low in the blackest cloud. Courage looks immovable dangers in the face and says: "I will not fear though an host should encamp against me." Godly fear does exceedingly fear and quake, yet holds fast its integrity. In times of success and prosperity, Moderation represses foolish ardor and begets sobriety. In times of trial, Resignation says: "Thy will be done," and sweetly acquiesces in all God ordains. Meekness tames its cheek to the smiter, and prays for its persecutors. Perseverance holds on, and at last triumphs over death, and triumphs into heaven. Great is the work of grace in the heart of believers. Great is the victory wrought thereby. We may enter heaven without fame, or family, or fortune, without health, or wit, or worldly wisdom; but no one can enter heaven without the Christian graces.—N. Y. Observer.

"No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." When we think of these solemn words, it should lead us to pray constantly that our influence may be for good.

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