

## SINGLENESSE OF HEART.

The first purpose of entire sanctification is to save us from all mixtures. Oh, what extremes of greatness and littleness are to be found in some people! Pleasant at home, good to their own household, but rasping outside of it. Or, pleasant outside and short-tempered and selfish at home. The justified state is often a mixed state; there is the instability of the double-minded man.

The wholly sanctified experience is an unmixed state—that is just the difference. Entire sanctification sets us free from alloy; pride, unholy ambition, churliness, babyishness—all these are purged away, and we are saved from mixtures.

Singleness of heart involves three things:

- (1) Deliverance from being double-minded.
- (2) Deliverance from being disagreeable.
- (3) Deliverance from being apathetic.

Deliverance from being disagreeable! What a priceless blessing! I know the Bible warns us against being simply "men-pleasers." We are not to please people in the sense of sacrificing the Gospel to do so, but in the gentleness of Christ. A holy heart will keep us uniformly pleasant in spirit. Oh, I do covet for all holiness people this persistent, steady pleasantness of temper, the kindly spirit of forbearance, not only with our kind of people, but with those who are crooked and perverse.

There is no special merit in being kind to kind people, but we all know there are some people who seem to take a delight in paining your tenderest feelings, and holy singleness of heart will keep us perpetually and genuinely pleasant with such. It will impart to us a sweetness which will make us like Jesus.

Beloved, there are heights in this blessed life of holiness which we have never occupied yet! "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." "Let it, just let it." Oh, how glad the Lord is to find a few empty hearts which will just let Him come and fill them.

"Out of the heart are the issues of life." Get this single-heartedness at all costs! A single heart produces a life which is all of a piece, a life in perpetual harmony with God and full of steady kindness to others.—Rev. E. I. Pepper.

## PRESENTATION TO ALBERT STAFFORD.

Marysville, N. B., Oct. 31—Albert Stafford left last evening for Toronto, where he expects to reside. He was the guest of honor at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell Monday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and social intercourse. Those present were Mrs. Dow's Sunday school class of young ladies and Mr. Mitchell's class of young men of the Reformed Baptist church. Mr. Stafford was presented with a gold mounted pen, the presentation being made a short but excellent address. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

## TOBACCO WASTE.

One of the effects of the war is the increased use of cigarettes. One of the most disgusting things the Red Cross did was to supply the boys so freely with this filthy thing as to encourage those who were not using it to begin its use. Many a boy who would not have thought of using the cigarette was so much encouraged by the example of others and the promptings that would naturally come through the Red Cross as to begin and come out of the war a slave to it. We quote from an exchange concerning the increase in tobacco consumption:

Aug. 28—The American appetite for tobacco continues to turn in the direction of the cigarette, according to figures made public today by the internal revenue bureau, which disclosed that taxes were paid on 5,839,707,747 cigarettes during July, an increase over July of last year of almost six hundred millions.

"As for cigars, taxes were paid in July on 589,176,020 large and 52,341,000 small ones, the combined total being about 9,000,000 more than the number taxed in July, 1922."

## HOW TO LIVE TODAY.

Begin the day with personal "secret communion with God."

Begin the day by taking counsel from the Word of God. Take time to pick up some verse and assimilate it through the day.

Begin the day by determining that no bitter feelings shall enter your heart against any one. Purpose in your heart that you will not brood or repine over slights, no matter whether they be intentional or unintentional neglects or wrongs; "no matter from whom received."

Begin the day with a fixed purpose that you will "Let no opportunity pass without owning your Saviour before others." With a spirit of modesty and humility urge others to accept Him as their personal Saviour.

Begin the day by hoping to say some kind word to some one, or by doing some kind deed, "Or at least to smile upon those you meet." Whatever you may do, do it sincerely, "As unto the Lord."

Begin the day by guarding "well the door of your lips, that no unclean word, jest or story, no slander or cutting remarks, no irreverent or untruthful statement, shall pass out." If you desire to feel sweet and heavenly in your soul, and have a good conscience, do not discuss your brother's or sister's faults in a critical or unkind way in their absence.

Begin the day with the thought that Christ may come today! For when he does come, it will be a day just like this, and the people will be doing the very things they are doing now. He will come suddenly; He will come quickly; "And it may be that this day will determine how His coming will find us, as it must to thousands.

Remember His eye is upon the sparrow; brother, sister, you may know He watches you. His never-sleeping eye pierces right down through this house in which the soul lives and He sees every-

thing. There is no hiding from God. A teacher once held up a vase of water, in which a gold-fish was swimming about, and said to the children before him, "See this fish hide. Do you see him now?"

"Yes, sir," the children shouted.

And as the fish moved in all directions, the question, "Do you see him now?" was repeated, to call forth the same eager reply, "Yes, sir."

"Can't he hide from you?" asked the teacher.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"Why?"

"Because we see through the glass."

"So," said the teacher, "God sees right through our hearts. We can not hide from Him."—Rev. C. H. Lancaster.

## GOD'S WILL.

We often hear elderly folks sigh in the presence of trouble, and say, "Well, it's God's will," and sometimes we unconsciously get the impression that all the unhappy things that come to us are "God's will." Sometimes young people are urged to accept God's will in such a way that they conclude that to do so is to submit themselves to something unattractive and almost terrifying. But the truth is that God's will is the most beautiful and wonderful thing by which our life can be ruled. God is love, beauty, wisdom—all that is attractive—and His will can not but be just that for us. We can not conceive a God of love willing anything upon us but that which will make our lives strong and beautiful. God's will is not something to submit oneself to with an air of martyrdom, but something in which to rejoice and be glad. How wonderful it is that God has a plan for our lives, and that we are privileged to help Him work out that plan!

Of course, God's will and God's plan will no doubt bring some hard things into our lives—some things we might even wish to escape—but when we realize that these hard experiences have needed lessons for us to learn, or offer opportunity to strengthen some weakness of character, we can meet them courageously, even gladly and gratefully. The most splendid things in life is to know God's will to do God's will, to love God's will.

## A PURE HEART DESCRIBED.

A pure heart is a fitly adornment for God's indwelling; a garden wherein walks the King of kings; a throne on which the sovereign of the world sways scepter; a treasury of inestimable spiritual wealth; a storehouse filled with all the goodly things of grace; a retreat of solitude and spiritual communion; an orchard where grow in perfection the fruits of the Spirit; a reservoir overflowing with celestial benefits; a fountain out of which issue "rivers of living water;" a sensitive-plate on which is photographed the divine likeness by rays from the Sun of righteousness; a holy of holies where dwells the flaming Shekinah; a wellspring of righteousness, peace and holy joy; a source of power, a place of victory; a "heaven begun below." No wonder Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart."