

FAITHFULNESS IN WORK.

While we are on the subject of work, I want to tell you about a lad who had a very strong sense of faithfulness in regard to his work. Young Armstrong lived in an Illinois village, where there did not seem to be much of an opening for an ambitious boy. When he had finished the village school he became a printer's "devil" on the weekly newspaper. It wasn't much of a job, and paid him but two dollars a week. But it was the only one open to him, so he took it gladly and put his very best into it. One day when the owner of the paper was away, a circus came to the next town. Each one of the three printer's took it for granted that the other two would be there to get out the paper, and went off to the circus. Thus the lad found himself alone in the office. What did he do? What would you have done? What would you have said, "Well, it is none of my business. It is not my duty to get the paper out. So I'll just shut up the shop and go myself."

That is the way many boys would have looked at it. But as I told you this boy had a strong sense of faithfulness. He knew that some of the advertising contracts would probably be lost if there was no issue of the paper and he decided to get one out, even if it was not a very good one. About half of the type was set up, and he managed to set more. He then got the forms together, locked them and put them on the press. The edition he ran off was not as good as the usual one, but it was an issue of the paper and prevented any trouble about contracts. When his employer returned he promptly promoted the faithful printer's "devil" to a compositor's place with increased wages. It was not long before he was made a reporter, and from that was advanced to editorial work. Step by step he climbed until he became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. And he left that office for a very high-salaried position in a large banking business. He was faithful in the big things because he had learned to be faithful in the little ones.

The Bible says: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."

And Paul seems to think that a person can be attentive to business and yet be spiritual, for he writes his converts that they must not be lazy and indifferent about business; that they must be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

What about it, boys? Are you putting thought into your work as this lad did? If you are it will bring better pay. Are you being faithful? If so, promotion will come. Are you serving the Lord? If you are doing all these, life will not be a failure.—Sel.

Holiness is not fanaticism. Although some who have enjoyed the experience of holiness have been fanatical on some lines. It is better to have a little wild fire than no fire at all. So many in their frantic zeal to stamp out wild fire have extinguished all the fire they had, if they ever had any. We do not advocate fanaticism, but we would beseech you in Jesus' name not to miss heaven through fear of being regarded fanatical.

TEN REASONS FOR A FAMILY ALTAR
IN EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME.

Because it will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.

Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected diversities and sometimes the blighted hopes that may fall to your lot.

Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you.

Because it will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

Because it will resolve the misunderstanding and relieve the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life.

Because it will hold as nothing else the boys and girls when they have gone out from underneath the parental roof and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.

Because it will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guest within the home.

Because it will powerfully re-enforce the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew and stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.

Because it will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.

Because the Word of God requires it and in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessings.

Have you an altar? Why not?—Sel.

A JOYFUL TESTIMONY.

Christ does not destroy the law. He furnishes grace for keeping the law. He does not rob His people of worldly pleasures and leave them orphan and pining; He gives them something so much better than the world had to offer that they can sing, "There's no thirsting for life's pleasures and adorning rich and gay, for I've found a richer treasure, one that fadeth not away."

Jesus Christ can make good His promise made to the woman at the well of Sychar, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." There is a peace and joy and rest in Christ that fully satisfies. Riches, poverty, health, sickness, prosperity, adversity, popularity, persecution, everything is incidental; for the best are insufficient of themselves and the worst do not and cannot prevent Jesus Christ from blessing and satisfying those who put their trust fully in Him.—Herald of Holiness.

The church of today regards too lightly the importance of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. No one is sufficient to minister in holy things without this promised power. This alone will enable

every minister as well as every worker in the Lord's vineyard, to combat and put to flight the combined forces of darkness in the soul, in the world and in the church.

The Holy Ghost alone can illuminate our minds and guide us into the very spirit of the truth. When we fully understand His work and recognize our great need, in the church and in the world and humbly wait before Him, the divine promise will be fulfilled in us.

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

O church of God, arise to your privileges or great will be the loss.—Sel.

MY MOTHER'S GOD.

At a fashionable party a young physician present spoke of one of his patients whose case he considered a very critical one. He said that he was very sorry to lose him, for he was a noble young man, but very unnecessarily concerned about his soul, and that the Christians increased his agitation by talking with him and praying with him. He wished Christians would let his patients alone. Death was but an endless sleep, the religion of Christ a delusion, and its followers were not persons of the highest culture and intelligence.

A young lady sitting near, and one of the gayest of the company, said, "Pardon me, doctor, but I cannot hear you talk thus, and remain silent. I am not a professor of religion; I never knew anything about it experimentally; but my mother was a Christian. Times without number she has taken me to her room, and with her hand upon my head she has prayed that God would give her grace to train me for the skies. Two years ago my precious mother died, and the religion she so loved during life sustained her in her dying hour. She called us to the bedside and with her face shining with glory, asked us to meet her in Heaven; and I promised to do so. And now," said the young lady, displaying deep emotion, "can I believe that this is all a delusion? that my mother sleeps an eternal sleep? that she will never waken again in the morning of the resurrection, and that I shall see her no more? No, I cannot, I will not believe it." Her brother tried to quiet her, for by this time she had the attention of all present. "No," said she, "brother, let me alone; I must defend my mother's religion!"

The physician made no reply, and soon left the room. He was found shortly afterwards pacing the floor of an adjoining room, in great agitation and distress of spirit. "What is the matter?" a friend inquired. "Oh," said he, "that young lady is right. Her words have pierced my soul." And the result of the conviction thus awakened was that both the young lady and the physician were converted to Christ, and are useful and influential members of the Church of God.

Reader stand up for Jesus at all times and in all places wherever you hear His name reviled, or His counsel set at naught. Rather let the language of your heart be, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."—Sel.