

justified by faith, we have peace with God." The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

They have the Spirit. They have the assurance that all the past is forgiven and under the blood. They always do "those things that please him." "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." "Hereby we know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us."—Rom. 8:9; I. John 3:24.

They are teachable and can bear to be corrected and told of their faults.

They are consecrated to God; their time, talents, money, reputation, friends and all. In short, they are walking in every ray of light. They live in touch with God. Such souls are fit candidates to seek holiness, and only such. Many who have this experience think they have holiness. In many more cases, holiness professors do not measure up to this. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."—2 Cor. 13:5.—The Church Herald and Holiness Banner.

DON'T DO IT!

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1. Don't trifle with former convictions. Others have done so and are now in darkness.

2. Don't argue with a man who is loud and conceited. You could not convince him in a thousand years.

3. Don't hide behind other people. If they can do things and keep up a profession, you stick to the "pattern shown thee in the mount."

4. Don't do nothing. Too many don'ts will make one lop-sided. A negative Christian lacks joy and inspiration. Aim at learning something or doing something worth while every day.

5. Don't evade and disguise. If at any time you have spoken or acted hastily, be perfectly frank to acknowledge it just as it is. This will endear you to God, and disarm the most bitter enemy.

6. Don't rest easy without praying clear through every day or so. It is not enough to ease the conscience by reading the Word and going through the form of prayer. We must frequently be quickened by an actual touch from the Lord.

7. Don't think or look in the wrong direction. David looked once and suffered humiliations the balance of his life.

"If you think, you may look;

If you look, you may think;

Take this first little step,

And plunge over the brink."

8. Don't sit on a man who is down. If he deserves to be down, pity and forgive him. If he is voluntarily down in humility, God is sure to lift him up and then he may be taller than those who formerly tramped upon him.

9. Don't allow yourself to become critical. Remember, it requires only an ounce of grace and a thimble full of brains to be a good critic. On the other hand, it requires magnanimity of soul to overlook faults and rejoice in all that is good.

10. Above all, "live in the Spirit," then you will not only please God, but please all who are worth pleasing. It is blessed to lie low and refuse to fight your own battles. If, however, you insist on doing so God will give you the job, but in the end it will be a hard job, and you will be the loser.—The Church Herald and Holiness Banner.

BUT LEAVES ONLY

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Jesus had been to Bethany to spend the night with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered, and when he saw a fig tree he sought for fruit to satiate his hunger, but alas, he found on it "but leaves only."

We do not know but what this barren fig tree, or rather this fruitless fig tree, represents a class of people who appear well at a distance, but on close inspection, will be found sadly lacking in the true and substantial elements of real character. Doubtless this tree had fooled many passers-by, with its beautiful foliage, but when the real value was sought, it was deficient. There are many people who live to make themselves attractive to the passers-by; they think if they can gain the attention of the world, their cup of joy will be full, but how empty and unsatisfying are such returns.

Then, too, we have persons who have identified themselves with the church, who are mere wall-flowers; they never contribute anything to the real growth and life of the church, but occasionally fill a small space in one of the pews, decorated with the most gaudy apparel and costly plumage they can afford, and sometimes cannot afford, hoping to attract the attention of those who should be assembled for the worship of God. Yes, such persons are full of the beautiful leaves of the world's adornment, but where is the fruit that should grow on the Christian tree? Where is that for which this hungry old world is longing and looking to the church of Jesus Christ to give? Just as the rank growth of the leaves saps the strength of the tree and makes it unable to bear fruit, so the deep-seated growth of worldliness saps the strength from that which develops the spiritual life and the one who should be a tower of strength in the cause of Christ, is rendered powerless to produce any fruit for the Master with which to feed this famishing world.

SHOWY CHRISTIANS

Do any of our readers remember to have come across any of these "showy" Christians? Those who, when they start to church on Sunday morning, seem to be more on dress parade, than going to the house of God? Well, these are human (fig—ures) fig trees which appear beautiful from a distance but in their branches are jewels of gold and costly apparel, instead of the fruits of righteousness which the Master is seeking for in the lives of his followers. We are told as children of the King, to be adorned with good works, which becometh women professing godliness. It was Lord Bacon who said, "Woman least adorned, is most adorned," but it seems in these days of craze after fashion, that we could more consistently say, "Woman in fashion's hideous garb" is most admired (by the world), but when a true woman is sought, the one in gaudy attire and shameless face is not considered for one moment. When we see how unsightly some of our sex appear on the street, and how they seem to be a walking temptation to the passers-by, we are almost ashamed that we are sisters by creation, and want to hie away that we might blush for them.

We happened to see the following in the St. Louis Christian Advocate which bears on our line of thought

MODESTY AS A LOST VIRTUE

"At a Woman's Christian Temperance

Union Meeting, held in Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Benson spoke on the subject which heads this item. She said, among other things, "that the present-day style of dressing tended to make the girls and young women lose a finer sense of modesty. She stated that she had not seen a girl blush in so long that she had almost forgotten that once it was considered one of a woman's greatest charms. The speaker closed her address with an urgent appeal to parents to try to bring their daughters to a realization of the way they were drifting. She said that home training was being terribly neglected, etc.' All of which we steadfastly believe in the language of the ritual. With Mrs. Benson, we have seen no blushing lately, though we have seen ample occasion from the standpoint of former days.

We talk about the need of revivals, but it seems to us we are in sore need of a revival of common sense, womanly modesty, and ideals, above those of the fashion plate, among the female portion of our civilization. It is no wonder that we have so few homes in this our day, when the shallow-brained, street-gadding, midnight-roving, half-dressed misses of today are to be the mothers of tomorrow. It was said of France once, that she needed mothers and so it may as truly be said of America, only with more emphasis. We hear it often said that the country needs men but there have to be mothers lest we lack true men. A generation of mothers of the Susanna Wesley type, who feel their highest duty on earth is to train their children in the paths of rectitude and right, would mean a revolution in this or any other country. There is no higher calling, than that of shaping the destiny of immortal souls committed to our care, and we would whisper into the ears of the honest-souled, true-hearted mothers who may chance to read these lines, be true to your trust in training your children for God and a life of usefulness, and after a while when the final balances are made, you will be surprised at the many sheaves which will be laid at the Master's feet to your account, because you acted a true mother's part.—The Pentecostal Herald.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

Children are generally kind to their pets, and they should not only be encouraged in this, but be taught also to be kind to all animals. The youth who can find pleasure in teasing the cat or dog is likely to grow up to an utterly selfish or cruel manhood, caring little for the welfare or comfort of others, while creatures below them are those who are a joy to their associates, and win for themselves both friendship and love. "One day," says another, "a rude boy was tormenting a kitten, when his sister, with her eyes full of tears, exclaimed, "Oh, do not hurt her; she is one of the creatures of God." The rough fellow kept on for the moment, but the word of warning so gently spoken struck in. The next day he in his turn saw a comrade beating a half starved dog, and he remembered his sister's words. 'Hold on, there,' cried he, "that is one of God's creatures." That second boy looked ashamed and stopped. And just then a desperate drunkard passed by; he overheard the talk between the lads, and said within himself quietly, "I too, am one of God's creatures; I will go to my Father to see if He cares for me." And he went to his Father and was saved."—Sel.