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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35

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SPIRITUAL DYSPEPSIA

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During the history of the Christian Church spiritual dyspepsia with its numerous symptoms has been in evidence. The department of evangelism has worked many marvelous cures. In these last days this disease has been on the increase. So much medical care and nursing is needed at the home base that the work of spreading the Gospel and opening new fields is hindered. People are reluctant to take the old, tried and true remedies of praying through to victory, making restitution, and making full consecration for a clean heart. Self-denial, a remedy which brings God-likeness and real spirituality into the heart and life is set aside these days for a new patent. Dr. Quack is in much demand, Dr. Please-them-all gets many calls.

One of the symptoms of this disease is cutting words, which are often spoken thoughtlessly, yet live long and destroy what has taken time and struggle to build up. How many slashes from a knife does it take to destroy a beautiful plant? Sometimes this is done by one who has been long in the way and should be well seasoned and ripe with the fruit of righteousness. They should be shedding forth the fruits of love, gentleness and kindness. God's Word is very stern with reference to those that offend "one of these little ones."

Then a desire for popularity and praise is another evidence that this disease is working. Catering to the opinions of man always displeases God. Praise and encouragement from honest hearts is often helpful. We have appreciated the encouragement of the saints. But if the heart is not pure it is a dangerous thing. God praised Brother Job and called him a "perfect man" and while suffering deeply Brother Job said, "Blessed be the name of the Lord!" Praise God, there is cleansing from these carnal desires!

A non-cooperative spirit is another sign of this dread malady. Every office from janitor to preacher is an opportunity to serve Jesus and be a booster and a soul winner in the Kingdom of God. It is one thing to hold an office and another thing to fill it. Fill it with Divine love and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Stephen was one who filled his office with the beauty of Jesus, while Judas simply held his; one leaves a glowing record of victory, the other a blot on the page of Holy Writ.

A lack of love for souls is still another symptom of this epidemic of sin. Rev. D. L. Moody spoke to some one daily about their soul; his life and ministry turned many to righteousness. There is a need in these last days for more of this kind of love. Jesus was continually reaching out a hand of love for others, even the agonies of the cross did not turn aside this purpose. The heathen could be quickly evangelized if the Church would have a revival of this type and quality of love. "God so loved that He gave." Can we fulfill the great commission without the love of giving for other's sake?

A lack of vision is another telltale that all is not well in the heart life. "Where there is no

vision the people perish," says the wise man. God's work grows and expands as His people whose eyes are anointed with the eye-salve of Divine grace PRAY things to pass. Where there is no vision there is no prayer. If there is no prayer there is no conviction on the unsaved; they are not awakened and continue to forge the chains that bind them forever in sin and shame. Satan gathers a great harvest under these conditions. Every department of the Church suffers when there is no vision. Sometimes it is too hot to have a revival or too cold or too early or too late. Give me the soldier that declares war on all sin and goes to battle, evangelist or none as the case may be. It never hurts a pastor to do the work of an evangelist till one can be secured. God always has victory to meet present need.

Lack of faith on believing ground is a strong evidence of a serious case of this disease. The saints claim the promises and pray things to pass, but Brother and Sister Doubter shake their heads, not accepting the sure word of truth. The shouting and praise of the saints amid tides of glory and waves of blessing fails to warm or stir their hearts. They say a new pastor, president, class-leader is the need. That may be true, but what a fine thing to pray out the wrinkles and pray in love, harmony and good will? Where this takes place a revival is on the way; keep praying. There are others we might mention, as deadness in prayer and testimony, no interest in searching the Scriptures, getting the blues, picking faults which are not true in the individual. The working of any of these things in the lives of God's people only hinder the precious Holy Spirit in cleansing and purifying a peculiar people for the bride of Christ. Let US stick to the old paths, live happily, bless others, and die RIGHT.

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SEVEN MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

1. He is born again. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1:23.

2. He does not seek for salvation through his works. "Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:9. "God imputeth righteousness without works." Rom. 4:6.

3. He shows by his works that salvation has come to him. "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14.

4. He builds all his hopes on Christ. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

5. He confesses Christ among his fellows. "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9.

6. He serves God while waiting for Christ's coming. "Turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven." 1 Thess. 1:9, 10.

7. He carries the gospel message to others, saying: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20.—Selected.

STRIKER STOWE'S WAY

For years Striker Stowe, a tall, powerful Scotchman, had held the position of "boss striker" of the steel works. Nearly all of the men in his department were hard drinkers, and he was no exception to the rule.

But one day it was announced among the workmen that he had become religious, and, sure enough, when pressed to take a drink, he said: "I shall never drink mair, lads. No drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God."

The knowing ones smiled and said: "Until July. When he gets dry as a gravel-pit he will give in. He can't help it. Wait a bit. Wait until hot weather."

But right through the hottest months he toiled, the sweat pouring off in streams; yet he seemed never to be tempted to drink.

Finally, as I was taking the men's time, one evening, I stopped and spoke to him. "Stowe," said I, "you used to miss it?"

"Yes," said he, emphatically.

"How do you manage to keep away from it?"

"Weel, just this way. It is now tan o'clock, isn't it."

"Yes."

"Well, today is the twentieth o' the month. From seven till eight I asked that the Lord would help me. He did so, an' I put down a dot on the calendar, right near the twenty."

"From eight till nine He kept me, and I put down another dot. From nine till tan He's kep' me an' noo I gie Him the glory as I put down the third dot."

"Just as I mark these, I pray, 'O Lord, halp me—halp me to fight it off for another hour'."

"How long shall you keep this up?" I inquired.

"All o' my life," was the earnest reply. "It keeps me sae full of peace an' happiness that I wouldn't gie it up for anything. It us just as if He took me by the hand and said, Wark, awa', Striker Stowe, I'm wi' ye. Dinna be fearfu'. You teck care o' yeer regular wark, an' I'll see to the de'il an' the thirst, an' they shall na trouble ye."—Selected.

THINK IT OVER

Of course—there are generally ten times more women in church than men—but there are thirty times more men than women in jail. Think it over.

We wonder why we pay princely salaries and ungrudgingly grant royal incomes to those who amuse us—make us laugh—while we often all but starve those who try to make us think and remember. Think it over.

If you have no appetite for physical food there must be something the matter with your stomach. Better see a doctor. And if you have no hunger for moral or spiritual food, better go and have your "head" examined, or your heart and conscience searched. There must be something wrong with either, or both. Think it over.

—Boetcker, in Religious Digest.

Want of decency is want of sense.—Roscommon

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