

LOSING FACE

In China many people would "lose face" if they were seen entering a gospel hall, but they can maintain their standing and still hear the gospel over the radio. To this end the Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Station is doing a wonderful work in the Orient. From eighty to ninety speakers from different missions take part each week in the broadcasts, and last year there were over 1,500,000 receiving sets in China, with the number steadily increasing. There are very few programs on the air to interfere with the Christian message.—Herald of Holiness.

THE SOURCE OF POWER

When I do not stop to pray,
The cross is hard to bear;
'Tis then that heaven seems far away,
And God seems not to care.

When I cannot find one hour—
Oh, what a meager cost!—
'Tis then I seem to have no power
To witness to the lost.

When I do not start the day
With Christ, my all in all,
'Tis then that Satan has his way,
And I am sure to fall.

'Tis then that little things annoy,
And feelings crave release,
'Tis then I seem to lose His joy,
And miss His inward peace.

Lord, let me look into Thy face
Till all else fades away;
Then shall my spirit learn Thy grace,
My heart shall learn to pray.
—Barbara E. Ryberg, in Moody Monthly.

TRAITS OF THE CARNAL MIND

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The following are some of the features and manifestations of carnality.

Reader, the Spirit, ALONE can interpret and apply these words to your individual case. As you read, examine yourself as if in the immediate presence of God. Do you ever feel—

1. A secret sense of pride; an exalted feeling in view of your success or position; because of your good training and appearance; because of your natural gifts and abilities; an important, independent spirit; stiffness and preciseness?
2. Love of human praise; a secret fondness to be noticed; love of supremacy; drawing attention to self in conversation; swelling out of self when you have had a free time in speaking or prayer?
3. The stirring of anger or impatience, but worst of all you call it nervousness or holy indignation, a touchy, sensitive spirit; a disposition to resent and retaliate when reproved or contradicted; sharp, heated fling at another?
4. Self-will; of stubborn, unteachable spirit; arguing, talkative spirit; harsh, sarcastic expressions; an unyielding, headstrong disposition; a driving, commanding spirit; a disposition to criticize and pick flaws when set aside and unnoticed; a peevish, fretful spirit; a disposition that loves to be coaxed and humored?
5. Carnal fear; a man-fearing spirit, a shrinking from reproach and duty; reasoning around the cross; a shrinking from doing your whole duty by those of wealth or position; a fearfulness that some one will get out of the Spirit and thus offend and drive some prominent person away; a compromising, holding-back spirit?

6. A jealous disposition; a secret spirit of envy shut up in your heart; an unpleasant sensation in view of the great prosperity and success of another; a disposition to speak of the faults and failings rather than the gifts and virtues of those more talented and appreciated than yourself?

7. Lustful stirrings; unholy actions, a carnal leaning; undue affection and familiarity toward those of the opposite sex; wandering eyes?

8. A dishonest, deceitful disposition; evading and covering the truth; covering up your real faults; leaving a better impression of yourself than is strictly true; false humility; exaggeration; straining the truth?

9. Unbelief; a spirit of discouragement in times of pressure and opposition; lack of quietness and confidence in God; lack of faith and trust in God; a disposition to worry and complain in the midst of pain, poverty, or at the dispensations of divine Providence; an over-anxious feeling whether everything will come out all right?

10. Formality and deadness; lack of concern for lost souls; dryness and indifference; lack of power with God? Selfishness, love of ease; love of money, etc.?

These are some of the traits which generally indicate a carnal heart. If one principle is lurking there, you can depend on it, they are all there. By prayer and fasting hold your heart open to the searching light of God until you see the groundwork there. The Holy Ghost will enable you, by confession and faith, to bring you "old man" to death. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Do not patch over, but go to the bottom.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S METHOD

A minister described a visit he had with John Wanamaker, the wealthy merchant, years ago, when he came to Philadelphia to study Mr. Wanamaker's great Sunday school. He asked the question, "How do you get time to run a Sunday school like this, with the business of your stores, your postmaster-generalship, and all the other obligations of your life?"

The other replied, "Why, my boy, the Sunday school is my business. All the other things are just things. Fifty-five years ago I decided that God's promise was sure, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.'" — Sunday School Times.

EXCERPTS FROM MY READINGS

A philosopher sees less on his tiptoes than a Christian on his knees."

"When it seems hardest to pray, pray hardest."

"Keep your lamp burning, and let God place it where He will."

"Sin's smiles are more dangerous than her frowns."

"Service is love in overalls."

"To touch another's heart you must use your own."

"What we give determines our wealth, not what we get."

"If Christ is the Way, we waste time traveling any other."

"One has no more religion than is acted out in his life."

"A Christian is a man who knows how to acquire without cheating, how to lose without regret, and give without hesitation."—Selected.

GETTING THINGS DONE

Henry Ward Beecher, once was asked how he managed to get through so much work in a day. He replied: "By never doing anything twice. I never anticipate my work and never worry about it. When the time comes to do a thing I do it, and that's the end of it."

The fussy, hurried, worried man is the chap who tries to do everything at once. He dabbles in this and dabbles in that—finishing nothing. He picks up a letter to answer it and lays it down to pick up another letter and fuss with that. He puts the hard work at the bottom of the pile. He leaves a hard job on his desk day after day until it absolutely has to be done and then he rushes it out in such a hurry that it seldom is done right. This man goes home in the evening with frayed nerves. In imagination he drags his desk and papers home with him and worries about them there.

The big things of life are never done by a fussy man. When one is worrying about a half a dozen tasks that must be done in the future, he fails to do the present task at a time, finished and started on its way before tackling the next task, is a rule that makes for poise and power.—Silver Lining.

MY BESETTING SIN

1. The sin for which I do not want to be re-proved.
 2. The sin I am most ready to defend.
 3. The sin my thoughts run most upon.
 4. The sin which most easily leads me captive.
 5. The sin for which I find the most excuse.
 6. The sin which most often beclouds my spiritual sky.
 7. The sin which causes me remorse of conscience the most frequently.
 8. The sin which causes me to doubt my present acceptance with God.
 9. The sin I am most unwilling to acknowledge I possess.
 10. The sin I am most unwilling to give up.
 11. The sin I am continually trying to persuade myself is an infirmity.
 12. The sin which must be put aside in order for me to enjoy salvation.
 13. The sin which is as dear as my right eye.
- "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:12).—In "Guide to Perfect Love."

BIBLES ON THE DUMP

It is reported that when a hotel in western Canada changed hands the new proprietor had all Bibles thrown on a dump. A poor girl went there later to find something to sell again. Noticing the books, she picked up one and carried it home. Through reading it she claimed Christ as her Savior. This led to the forming of a Sunday-school class whose members provided themselves with Bibles from the same source, so that not one was left.—Christian Faith and Life.

"You look very much like a minister," said a man who met Woodrow Wilson in England many years ago. "Have you ever been taken for one?"

"No," answered Mr. Wilson, "but I have been treated like one."

"How is that?" asked the man.

"I had a job once," replied the educator, "where I waited for my salary six months."—The Watchman-Examiner.