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A Pastor's Tact

Dr. W. A. Robinson, after paying a glowing tribute of personal affection for Dr. Fee, who, at a critical period in his spiritual life, was a great help to him, spoke especially of Dr. Fee's tact in his work, which he illustrated by the following incident which the doctor had given him: "On going to one of my charges, I was told that a certain farmer belonging to the church was greatly addicted to faultfinding, and that when I visited him he would be sure to take that occasion to serve up to me the foibles of all his brethren.

"I had not been there long until the farmer invited me to come out to his farm and take dinner with him. As I had been forewarned that he would, sure enough, he did bring out, with great apparent relish, the faults of all the membership. 'So and so was all right, but unfortunately he was so and so;' and thus he gave a stab in the back to each of the members as they passed in review before him. I heard him without comment, or attempting any defense, or bringing any railing accusation against him as an 'accuser of the brethren.' But I watched my time before leaving him to lodge my impression with him in an unoffensive way, which might yet do its own work. He had a large apple orchard, loaded with choice, ripe fruit. Just before starting for home he gave me a basket and said, 'Brother Fee, go into the orchard and fill the basket with apples to take home with you.'

"Accepting the basket, I went to the orchard and filled it with speckled and half-rotten apples. When I returned, he said: 'Why, man alive, what did you fill your basket with that worthless lot for, when the ground is covered with fine, large, sound ones?' And he threw them away with disgust, and brought me the basket filled with the best. Then was my opportunity, and I said to him, as gently as I could, 'Brother, all the afternoon you have been filling me up with the speckled members of the church, when I am sure there are multitudes of good ones.' He took my rebuke with the best of good nature, and he said, 'Brother Fee, you are right, and I have been wrong; and I'll never do it again'—and he never did while I was his pastor."—American Holiness Journal.

There is nothing in the Christian's life that does not depend on prayer. We must kneel to conquer. From the case of the young convert just beginning the Christian life, to the preacher greeted by overflowing congregations wherever he travels, there will be tragic failure unless prayer is the dominant experience of life. —Lionel B. Fletcher.

WHAT GUIDANCE MEANS TO ME

By Bessie M. Fancher

Many times in confusion and perplexity, I have waited upon God to know what path I should take; what course I should pursue. With joy and praise in my heart, I can say that those times of abandonment of my own desires in seeking His will, have brought such a wonderful consciousness of His presence and His purposes that these times have been not only ones of great assurance in direction, but of rich fellowship with my Saviour. Many times I have been led to praise and thank Him that though He is the Creator of the Universe, He stoops to lead a child of this earth with such clarity that one can walk with confidence and assurance, even while all about is discord, anxiety and discouragement. "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not. I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make the darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them" (Isa. 42:16).

What does guidance mean to me? It means first of all an attitude of self-surrender and Christ-exaltation. It means an obedient "where He leads me I will follow." In fact it is an entering into a fellowship with the Infinite God where His will is the most important factor in life.

It means that at the crossroads of life when loved ones and Christian friends are unable to help or to understand, there is a Guide who knows the whole of life, who spans both time and distance, and says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." My heart responds "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land."

It means that when darkness envelops the life and there seems no light or hope; when suffering or sorrow overwhelms one, He takes the hand and leads unerringly, "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79).

It means that in times of prosperity and ease, those times perhaps of greatest danger when one has the tendency to feel self-confident and without need of direction, He still is watching and directing the path. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:21).

It means guidance not only in the things of time but in the knowledge and understanding of the Word and of things eternal. "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that

Don't Quit

If your progress spiritually seems to be very slow, don't quit. It is better to go one foot heavenward than drop an inch backward. There are many things to hinder our forward, heavenward progress, but let us forge ahead, even if every inch of the journey is contended for.

If we can't go for God by leaps and bounds, or can't fly on wings of faith, and can't always feel happy, we must not settle down in defeat. It is better to walk heavenward, or crawl, so to speak, than not at all. An old saying is, "The slow and steady often win the race."

Don't quit the race for God and toward heaven because Satan opposes you. This is His business. Your business is to obey God, trust Him, pray much, serve and worship Him in the beauty of holiness. Don't quit because things don't always go smoothly. Much of life has to be traveled over rough, steep, thorny roads. Keep your faith in God, your hand in His, nestle up to His loving heart and let Him fight your battles, win your victories, receive your honor, praise and glory. Christ will never leave nor forsake you as long as you do not turn away from Him. He is always faithful. He never fails His dear children, even though sometimes they have to go through deep waters and travel rugged pathways.

Don't quit the church. This is a mistake that multitudes have made. What if things don't always go right, or you are opposed and persecuted by some? Remember many good people have had this to happen in their lives. It was so in the lives of the prophets and disciples; it will be so in your life. If your church is spiritually dead, or cold and formal, why not pray much for it, and seek to bring about a true revival of Holy Ghost salvation, or go somewhere else where there is spiritual life in the church and help keep the altar fire burning? Don't be a quitter. It is said, "Quitters never win, and winners never quit." This is the truth. Don't quit the church because you don't like the preacher. Go forward for Jesus. Read His Holy Word, attend divine services, win souls and help pilgrims on their journey heavenward. DON'T QUIT.—Walter E. Isenhour.

shall He speak: and He will show you things to come" (John 16:13).

What does guidance mean to me?—strength for weakness, light for darkness, knowledge for ignorance, assurance for doubt, peace for turmoil, security for insecurity. It means with complete confidence, putting my life into the hands of the Infinite and being at peace. What a privilege! "For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death". (Psa. 48:14). —Wesleyan Youth.