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EDITORIAL

THE SECRET OF BLESSING

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season" (Ps. 1:1-3).

The experience of the man thus described opens to us the secret of fruitfulness in Christian life and service. From what is written we understand that this outstandingly blessed and useful person is careful about his physical whereabouts, choice about his company and companionships, particular about his reading material, and wise in his use of time. He is also a lover of God's Word, and a delightful doer of God's will as revealed therein.

But his continuous meditation in God's law, with such delight, reveals the fact that the blessed man specializes in understanding and doing God's will. With St. Paul he can say, "This one thing I do."

The outcome of this carefulness, discipline, and devotion, is the rich blessing of God, resulting in the development and fruitfulness described in verse three.

The words of these three verses ought to be a true description of us all. Let us make them to be. E. W. T.

KEEP TENDER

It is the very cream of Christian holiness to keep the heart full of tenderness, that lowly, compassionate love which seeks to be just like Jesus. In a world like this, where we meet with treacherous, cruel, and proud people on every hand, and where we are so frequently disappointed in our fellow creatures, it is very easy to imbibe a spirit of harshness, of bitterness, or a little tinge of resentment, almost imperceptible. But the least degree of retaliation or severity will harden the affection, and give a coldness and toughness in the inner life.

It is not wise to so reflect on the cruelty and unkindness of others, for keeping the meanness of other people in our minds will cause it to settle down upon our own hearts, and then we will soon have the same evil tempers that we condemn in others.

Professing the cleansing power of Christ is not sufficient; but we must at any cost constantly surrender our own rights, our feelings,

our dignity, and keep ourselves in the humble attitude of resisting not evil, of not speaking against those that depose us and keep where we can bear all things, hope all things and endure all things.

Tenderness of the Spirit is the essence of true saintliness, and the inward private mark of a Christ life.

So, let us beware of envy, or grudge, or unkindness, or else the foundations of religion will be poisoned. We cannot keep full of tender love by accident, but must make it a matter of constant prayer, and cultivate daily gentle and loving thoughts, which are very acceptable to God.—The Evangelist.

RULES FOR NEW CONVERTS

By Rev. Seth C. Rees

1. Do not fail to have daily closet prayer. Nothing can take its place. Do not hurry, wait for the answer. The early morning hour is the best.

2. Never neglect the Bible. Read it daily, slowly, thoughtfully, devoutly. Have one of your own. If possible, carry a Testament with you. When you pray, you are talking to God. He answers through the written Word, the Holy Spirit, and His providences. Harken diligently. The reason it is so often said, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying," is that Moses listened.

3. Read nothing that you would not read in His presence. Would you drop the paper, or close the book, if you knew He was looking over your shoulder?

4. Go to no place where you would not invite Him to go with you, and wear nothing that would embarrass you in His personal presence.

5. Practise nothing secretly or openly which is questionable. Shun the appearance of evil.

6. When tempted, go to your knees. Resist the devil; draw nigh to God. God will come and the devil will go.

7. Never let profane or obscene language fall upon your ears unrebuked. Never tolerate an indelicate joke.

8. Strike the word "compromise" from your vocabulary. Do not hesitate to make war on all forms of sin and the devil. Give out a tract; make an opportunity to speak to a soul about Jesus.

9. Do not trust your feelings when they contradict the written Word. If you have committed no wilful sin, do not accept feelings of condemnation.

10. Look not at surroundings, but look unto Jesus. Do not dwell on the faults of others. Do not criticize, grumble, or despond. Your furnace is an opportunity to demonstrate that pure gold will not burn.

11. Be yourself, frank, open, honest, transparent. Turn from the companionship of those who would mar your progress in holy things.

12. Receive the Holy Ghost, honor Him, consult Him, recognize Him as a person; with an unflinching faith, follow His counsel and walk in His comforts.—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

Meekness is the ability to bear, to endure, that great passive quality by which a man pursues his way regardless of difficulties. Back of it is faith in God and love to all men.—P. F. Bresee.

The Spiritual Man

Paul S. Rees, D. D.

"He that is spiritual..." I Cor. 2:15.

We sometimes hear it said that, from the Christian point of view, there are just two classes of people in the world: those who have saving faith and those who do not; those who are "born again" and those who are not. But if such a statement had been made in the presence of the Apostle Paul, he would have disagreed. Or perhaps it is more accurate to say that he would have accepted the distinction but would have insisted that it be qualified.

Paul frankly divides us up into three groups—the "Natural," the "Carnal," and the "Spiritual." If the "natural" man stands for life lived on the level of instinct, moderated by conscience and environment; if the "carnal" man stands for life on the level of faith, mixed with selfishness; then the "spiritual" man stands for life on the level of love, under the mastery of the Holy Spirit. This is well expressed in the Goodspeed New Testament. "The spiritual man is alive to all true values, but his own true value no unspiritual man can see." (I Cor. 2:15).

"Alive to all true values." What a magnificent expression that is! every part and every power of his yielded being is sensitive and responsive to the Holy Spirit. This is the Christian who not only has the fact of the indwelling of the Spirit of God, but who also experiences the fullness of that indwelling.

What place is there for envy and resentment in a heart that is "alive" to the value of brotherly love and honor? What place is there for a cooing contentment with a spiritual "milk diet" in a heart that is hungry for the "solid meat" of full surrender, of Christian holiness, or close guidedness in daily living and of adventurous helpfulness to society?

What room is there for a petty factionalism and "cliquishness" in a heart that is "alive" to the value of unity and solidarity in the ranks of Christ's followers?

"Alive to all true values!" Yes, it is a superb phrase. And for its richest fulfillment it carries one on to the thirteenth chapter of this Epistle (R. V.) where, after painting the deathless splendors of the life of love, the apostle concludes: "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Is there someone who asks for the secret of such a life? Some one who longs above all to cease from being a "carnal" Christian and to rise to the level of the "spiritual"? If so, it is to you that I want to speak the good news: this change and this release of soul will come to you as God's gift. And you will heed—won't you—as I tell you that one can give a gift only to a willing receiver, to some one with hands outstretched.

This means the surrender of your carnalities and the crucifixion of the self-life.

It means that you let go!

It means that the Holy Spirit takes over!

Who will complete the transaction right now?

"If we act and dress like the world, how much of a reproof will our lives be to its ungodly way of living?"

"A selfish purpose in prayer robs it of power."

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