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SHOOTING THE KING'S ARROW

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That man of God and lover of souls, James Caughey, tells in one of his books how he was invited out to tea one evening, and though there was nothing harmful in the talk of the hour, yet when he went into the meeting at night his soul was like a loosely-strung bow. He couldn't shoot the King's arrows into the hearts of the King's enemies, for he had no power. It had been lost at the tea table.

I knew a minister once, who let all his spiritual power leak out, until he was as dry as an old bone when he got into the meeting. It was in this way. We had to ride three miles in a street car to get to the barracks, and all the way there, he was talking about things that had no bearing upon the coming meeting.

There was nothing wrong or trifling said, but it was not of the Lord. It turned his mind from God and the souls he was so soon to face and plead with, to be reconciled to God, and the result was that, instead of going before the people clothed with power, he went stripped of power. I remember the meeting well. His prayer was good, but there was no power in it. It was words, words, words! The Bible reading and talk were good. He said many true and excellent things, but there was no power in them. The people looked indifferent, the sinners looked careless and sleepy, and altogether the meeting was a dull affair.

Now, the minister was not back-slidden. He had a good experience. He was one of the brightest, keenest ministers I know. The trouble was that, instead of keeping quiet and communing with God in his own heart on that car, until his soul was ablaze with faith and hope and love and holy expectation, he had wasted his power in useless talk.

God says, "If thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth." Think of it! That minister might have gone into that meeting filled with power and his mouth should have been to those people as the mouth of God, and his words should have been "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow," and proving to be "a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." But instead of that, he was like Samson after his locks were shorn by Delilah—he was powerless as other men.

I have known men whose power leaked out through a joke. They believed in having things go with a swing, and so they told funny stories and played the clown to make things lively. And things were lively, but it was not with divine life.

SPIRIT EMPOWERED

He who wants a meeting of life and power should remember that there is no substitute for the Holy Ghost. He is life. He is power. And if he is sought in

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THE RIGHT USE OF MONEY

By John Wesley

The introduction of money into the world is one instance of the wise and gracious providence of God. "The love of money," we know from God's Word, "is the root of all evil"; but not the thing itself. The fault does not lie in the money, but in them that use it. It is as applicable to the best, as to the worst uses. It is of unspeakable service to all civilized nations, in all the common affairs of life; the instrument of transacting all manner of business and (if we use it according to Christian wisdom) of doing all manner of good.

It is therefore of the highest concern that all who fear God know how to employ this valuable talent. Perhaps all instruction necessary for this may be reduced to three plain rules.

GAIN ALL YOU CAN!

Gain all you can. Here we may meet "children of the world" on their own ground. We ought not to gain money at the expense of life or health. Neither should we begin or continue in any business which deprives us of proper seasons for food and sleep in such proportion as our nature requires.

We are to gain all we can without hurting our mind, any more than our body. Therefore we may not engage or continue in any sinful trade; any that is contrary to the law of God or of our country. We are to gain all we can without hurting our neighbour. If we love our neighbour as ourselves, we shall not hurt him in his substance. We cannot, consistent with "brotherly love," sell our goods below the market price. Neither may we gain by hurting our neighbour in his body. Therefore we may not sell what tends to impair health, such as spirituous liquors.

Gain all you can by common sense, by using in your business all the understanding God has given you. Whatever they do who know not God, it is a shame for a Christian not to improve upon them in whatever he takes in hand. Be continually learning—from the experience of others, from your own experience, reading, and reflection—to do better today than yesterday. Make the best of all in your hands.

SAVE ALL YOU CAN!

Having gained all you can, by honest wisdom and unwearied diligence, the second rule of Christian prudence is to save all you can. Do not throw away your money in idle expenses; expend no part merely to gratify the desire of the flesh, the eye, or the pride of life. Do not waste any part of so precious a talent in superfluous furniture, expensive apparel, or needless ornaments. "What is that to thee?" says our Lord; "follow thou Me."

Lay out nothing to gratify "the pride of life," to gain admiration or praise of men. Be content with honour that comes from God. And why throw away money in delicate food, costly apparel, in superfluities of any kind upon your children? Why purchase for them pride, vanity, and foolish, hurtful desires, any more than for yourself? Why be at ex-

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