

In Green Pastures - October, November, December

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J.R. Miller's sermon highlights the significance of thoughtful living, service to others, and the growth that comes through life's struggles.

Scripture: Psalm 23:1

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Service to Others"

Description

J.R. Miller's sermon 'In Green Pastures' emphasizes the importance of thoughtful living and the pursuit of spiritual growth through daily actions and reflections. He encourages believers to embrace their struggles as opportunities for growth, to serve others selflessly, and to recognize the divine guidance in their lives. Miller highlights the significance of appreciating blessings while they are present and the necessity of living out one's faith in everyday situations. He reminds us that true Christian living involves a commitment to love, service, and obedience to God's will.

Transcript

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"Handfuls of Grass for the Lord's Hungry Sheep"

Daily readings for every day in the year

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He

leads me beside quiet waters." Psalm 23:1-2

OCTOBER

October 1

Making Work With Brains

It is a good thing to think. The more thought we put into our work--the better it will be done. Work of all kinds becomes exalted, ennobled, refined, and produces good, lasting effects--just in proportion as men put thought into it. All worthy, noble, useful, beautiful living--must have its dark quarries of purposing, thinking, planning, shaping, polishing, behind its being and doing. Look well to the quarries, and you need not give much thought to the rising of the building. Prepare no stained blocks in your heart-quarries. Train yourself to think only pure thoughts--white, clean thoughts. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things." Philippians 4:8

October 2

Making Perfect Work

"Littles make perfection," replied the artist to one who asked him why he spent so much time in giving the little finishing-touches to his statue. There can be no perfection in any kind of workmanship, unless attention is paid to the minutest details of construction or finishing. One smallest flaw or incompleteness left in the work, in any part of it--leaves a blemish on the finished endeavor.

Life is a mosaic, and each smallest stone must be polished and set with greatest care--or the piece will not at last, be perfect. One whose daily life is careless--is always weak in Christian character. But one who habitually walks in right paths, no matter how small and apparently trifling the things may be, grows strong and noble. Littles make perfection. "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for God's glory." 1 Corinthians 10:31

October 3

Growing Through Struggle

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14. That Christian life which costs nothing--is worth nothing. There must be self-restraint, discipline, severe schooling. There must be struggle, and the agonizing effort. If you are to reach the goal and win the prize--you must put every energy of your life into the race. There must be sacrifice of indolence and self-will and personal ease. Too much pampering, spoils many a promising Christian. Every noble and godly life, is a struggle from beginning to end. Only those who toil and fight and overcome--are successful in life. This is true in every sphere--in business, in academics, and in spiritual life. Are we resisting sin, overcoming temptation, living victoriously in trial? If not--we are not living worthily. "To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." Colossians 1:29

October 4

Appreciation Too Late

We ought not to need night--to teach us the glories of the day. We ought not to have to wait for sorrow, before we can appreciate the sweetness of joy. Yet is it not often true that we learn the value of our blessings--but by their loss? Many a time an empty chair is the first full revealer of the worth and faithfulness of a precious friend. Would it not be best, if we were to seek to appreciate our good things--while we have them? We would then have the joy itself, and not merely the dull pain of regret as we look back at vanished blessings. Besides--we would do more for our friends while they are with us--if we appreciated their worth. Too many of us never understand what we owe to our dear ones--until there

remains no further opportunity of paying love's debt.

October 5

Divine Guidance

No ancient pillar ever made the way more plain to those who watched it for guidance, than does God's providence make the path of duty in common days, for those who truly acknowledge God and desire his guidance. It is not because we cannot know God's way that we do not see it--but because we want instead to take our own way. There is no use in our looking into our Lord's face and asking, "What now, dear Master?" if we do not sincerely intend to take the path he marks out. We must have the spirit of obedience if we are to receive the divine direction. "Not my will--but yours," must be the prayer of our heart, cost what it may to surrender our own way--and take God's way.

October 6

The Divineness of Service

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served--but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45. The life of Jesus Christ was the noblest life ever lived. No king of earth ever attained such splendid, such real royalty as did he. No human hero on battle-field ever did deeds of such inherent greatness as those wrought by the hands of the Carpenter of Nazareth. And what was the ruling spirit of his life? Was it not service? "Not to be served--but to serve," was the motto of all his beautiful years. He lived wholly for others. He never had one thought for himself, never did the smallest act for himself. At last he emptied out his very blood--in the greatest of all his acts of service. Shall we not learn from our Lord's example that the truest life in this world is one of self-forgetting love? Selfishness anywhere mars and spoils the beauty of the rarest deed. We must get the spirit of Christ--and then our lives shall be Christ-like.

October 7

Getting Sorrow's Blessing

To all, in some form or other, suffering will sometime come. Only if it is borne in the true way, will it will bring rich blessings. It will produce in us, even in this world, the fruits of righteousness. It will make us greater blessings to others, since the things we learn in pain--we can teach in joy and song. Are you in sorrow? Do not fail to get the blessing from it--which it has certainly brought to you from God. It is only when we do the right thing in our troubles, that they do us good. Many people let their cares and worries into their hearts, and when they do this, their lives are spoiled and harmed, and not blessed, by them. It is only when we keep God's peace within us in sorrow--that we get the blessing.

October 8

Other People's Convenience

We ought to think of other people's convenience more than some of us do. The home is the place where this thoughtfulness ought to begin, and be cultivated. One who comes late to breakfast may apologize to the others--but forgets that he has marred the harmonious flow of the household life, and caused some confusion and extra work. The other day an important committee of fifteen was kept waiting for ten minutes for one tardy member, who came sauntering in at last without even an apology for having caused

fourteen men a loss of time, that to them was very valuable, besides having put a sore strain on their patience and good nature. Common life is full of just such thoughtlessnesses, which cause untold personal inconvenience, and oftentimes produce irritation, and hurt the hearts of friends. We ought to train ourselves in all our life--to think also of other people.

October 9

Religion in the Common Days

One of the most harmful practical errors of common Christian living--is the cutting of life into two sections--a religious section and a secular section. We acknowledge God in the religious part. We fence off days and little spaces of time in each day which we profess to give to worship and devotion. But the danger is--that we confine our acknowledging of God to these set times and seasons, while we shut him out of our real life. That is not true religion--which prays well, and soars away into celestial raptures and holy dreams--while it has no effect on one's daily common life down here in the paths of toil and duty. We should have our pious visions--but we must bring them down into our earthly experience and make them real there.

October 10

Serving Christ in His People

When we lay our lives at Christ's feet in consecration, and tell him that we want to serve him with our lives. He gives them back to us again, and bids us to use them in serving his people, our fellow-men. In the humblest and the lowliest of those who bear Christ's image--Christ himself comes to us. We do not know when he stands before us, in a lowly one who needs our sympathy or our help. It would be a sad thing if we turned him away unfeeling from our doors some day, or neglected to visit him in his sickness. Let us not say that we love Christ--if we are not ready to serve those whom he sends to us to be served.

October 11

Solitariness of Life

We talk about companionships--and they certainly are very sweet. There is immeasurable helpfulness in strong, true friendships. Still, it is true that however many, faithful, and sympathetic our friends may be--we must enter and pass through every life's crises alone. Everyone of us lives really a solitary life. We do not fight in companies and battalions and regiments--but as individuals. Each one must live his own life. "Everyone must bear his own burden."

"We should we fear to live alone,

Since all alone--we die.

Not even the tenderest heart, next to our own,

Knows half the reasons, why we smile and sigh."

October 12

The Effects of Words

There are words spoken quietly and coldly--which break like the lightning-flash, bearing on their blighting wings, sad desolation which years cannot repair. On the other hand, there are simple words which, treasured in memory, hang like bright stars of joy and cheer, in dark nights of sorrow and trial. Keep ever speaking true words, kindly, loving words, the words of Christ, wherever you go--and you will some day find them again in blessings in the hearts of those who have heard them.

October 13

The Path of Glory

The path of glory for a life--does not lie far away among the cold mountains of earthly honor, nor yet in any paths of fame where worldly ambition climbs--but close beside us, in the lowly ways of Christ-like ministry. He who stoops to serve the poor and the suffering, in Christ's name, will find at length that he has served Christ himself. Jesus lives in this world, in his people--in everyone of them, in the least of them--the poorest, the obscurest, the most down-trodden and despised. He calls them all "my brethren." The smallest kindness done to one of them--he accepts as though done to himself in person!

October 14

Promises in Reserve

He who has not in the sunny days made the divine promises his own--has no comforts to sustain him when trouble comes. But he who has pondered the Scriptures, and laid up in memory the precious truths and assurances--when called to pass through affliction, has light in his dwelling. Words of promise in which he had never before seen any special comfort, shine out now like stars when the sun has gone down. Like lamps above his head, unnoted before, they pour their soft beams upon his soul. This is a provision all of us should make in youth and health and happiness, for the dark days which will surely come.

October 15

Life a Stewardship

We are not all apostles in the sense that Paul was; but to every Christian, Christ has given a solemn and sacred trust in our own salvation. We are to be true to him, in a world of sin and temptation. We are to be faithful to duty wherever we stand. We each have a mission which we must strive to fulfill. Are we keeping the faith--are we true to every sacred trust which God has placed in our hands? Are we taking care of the part of the vineyard assigned to us, and rendering the fruits to him who has committed it to our care? Not to fulfill our mission is soon to be left without a mission, dropped out, set aside, while others do our work and receive the honor and reward which would have been ours.

October 16

What God Grows

The "crown of righteousness" is not given for much service or for great sacrifices--but for Christ-like character. The crown is in reality the efflorescence of the life itself, its bursting into glory and beauty. It is not something else, however brilliant, prepared and brought and set upon the head. The crown of righteousness, is righteousness in character, blossoming into heavenly radiance under the smile of God.

Let us not forget that tireless activity is not enough to win this crown; that heroic struggle is not enough. We must be holy, sanctified in our moral nature, righteous in life and character. It is not what we do that is crowned--but what we are!

October 17

The Wisdom Which Wins

It is not worldly wisdom which is required to win souls--great learning, knowledge of science and philosophy. It is spiritual wisdom which is needed--the wisdom which comes down from God, the wisdom of faith, of love, of prayer, of humility. It is the wisdom Christ gave his disciples before he sent them out. Soul-winning is earth's holiest work. He who adds the least touch of beauty to a sacred life does more than he who paints a masterpiece. He who brings a lost soul to the Savior, who seeks and finds a wandering sheep and bears it back to the fold--does the noblest, greatest work possible on this earth!

October 18

A Lamp for the Foot-Path

God's Word as a guiding light, is a lamp unto our feet--not a sun flooding a hemisphere. It is not meant to shine upon miles of road--but in the darkest night it will always show us the one next step; then when we have taken that, carrying the lamp forward, it will show us another step, and thus on until it brings us out into the full, clear sunlight of coming day. It is a lamp, and it is designed to lighten only little steps, one by one. We need to learn well the lesson of patience--if we would have God guide us. He does not lead us rapidly. Sometimes we must go very slowly if we wait for him. Only pace by pace does he take us; and unless we wait--we must go in darkness. But if we wait for him, it will always be light for each step.

October 19

The Peril of Failure

To be faithless in duty, is to lose all the blessing which is promised to those who are loyal and true. No matter how perilous the duty that comes to you, you cannot decline it--but at your own peril. The only safe way in life's thronging field--is straight on in the path of duty. No duty, however perilous or hard, should be feared half so much as failure in the duty. Stand where Christ places you, and be simply true--that is all. Make no effort to be great. The greatest thing possible to you any day, is faithfulness. Only be faithful. He requires no more of the highest angel in glory.

October 20

The Eternity of Actions

Since every impression is enduring; since every act leaves its mark on the life itself, as well as on other lives; since the smallest things we do become parts of our own being, while they also touch and affect others--what tremendous destinies are folded up--in each quiet day of ours! The things you are doing these swift hours--are for eternity! The words you spoke yesterday for Christ in the ear of the weary sufferer, the strong, helpful words you spoke to the discouraged one, the tempted one, the burdened one, the thought of comfort you breathed softly and with a prayer in the home of grief--do you know that the ministry of these good words will never cease?

October 21

After-Views--the Truest Views

The real character of our actions is seen only when we look at them from the side next eternity. You had a duty to perform which at the time was a cross to you. It required courage. It involved self-denial and personal sacrifice. It was very hard to do. You look back upon it, however, and it appears a beautiful act, and you are not sorry you made the sacrifice. This after-view is the true one. Sin in the form of temptation seems fascinating--but sin committed looks horrible. Again the after-view is the true one. The point from which we see a human life in its truest light is its end--looking back over it from the edge of eternity. The false colors fade out--in the light of the judgment.

October 22

Living Out God's Thoughts

Let your highest ambition be to become what God has planned for you to be. Lay all your plans at his feet. Let God's will be your will--and he will lead you to just that life which will be for you--the most beautiful, the most honorable, and the most blessed. If you would have God's thoughts to live out in your life, you must go to God for them. You must sit down often with him in the silence. You must look reverently into the divine Word and ponder deeply its holy sentences. You must turn your steps habitually to the place of prayer. You will not have heavenly visions--if you never look upward for them!

October 23

Climbing by Self-Conquest

Every low desire, every bad habit, all longings for ignoble things, all wrong feelings which we conquer and trample down--become ladder-rounds for our feet, on which we climb upward out of groveling and sinfulness, into nobler, grander life. If we are not living victoriously these little common days--we are not making any progress in true Christian living. Only those who climb--are getting toward the stars. Heaven at last, and the heavenly life here--are for those who overcome!

October 24

Silence Under Calumny

Many of us may sometime become the innocent victim of calumny. Pure in our heart and life--we may have to endure suspicion of evil. As Christians, what should we do? In some cases vindication may be possible, and it may be our duty to seek it in the right way. But there may be instances when we cannot free ourselves, without bringing dishonor upon others. Then we must be silent and bear our load. We are not likely to err in the direction of too great patience and silence under wrong; our danger lies the other way. So let us beware lest, when others injure us or defame us--we sin against God in trying to vindicate ourselves. Let us rather suffer--and leave our vindication with God--committing ourselves to him who judges righteously.

October 25

Not Claiming Our Privileges

Are not many of us conscious that we are living far below our privileges? Do we not understand that we are not as good Christians, as rich in character, as fruitful in life, as we might be? Do we not know that there is a possible fullness of spiritual blessedness which we have not yet attained? Why is it? Is there any lack in God, from whom all good gifts come? Is not the reason in ourselves? Is it not because we cling to other things, earthly things, which fill our hearts and leave but small room for Christ? We have not the hunger for righteousness, for holiness, and though there is abundance of provision close before us--yet our souls are starving. If we would have the abundant life which Christ wants to give us--we must empty out of our hearts the perishing trifles that fill them, and make room for the Holy Spirit. We must pray for spiritual hunger; for only to those who hunger--comes the promise of filling and satisfying.

October 26

Love--Ministry

Love for Christ in human hearts, shapes itself into manifold forms of gentle, helpful ministry, according to the quality, the circumstances, and the relation of each life. What we need to make sure of--is that we truly have the spirit of service, "the mind that was in Christ Jesus." It is not great deeds which God expects or requires of us, unless he has endowed us with large gifts and has given us great things to do. He gives us certain talents and puts us in certain relations, and then asks us to be faithful--nothing more. The man with the plain gifts and the small opportunities, is not expected to do the great things that are required of the man with the brilliant talents and the large opportunities. "She has done what she could" is the highest approving word which could be spoken of anyone, and it may be only for a smile of love, and a crust given in Christ's name.

October 27

The Blessedness of Death

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21. The Christian life is not a voyage in the sunshine, darkening as it progresses and growing stormy, ending in utter wreck on death's shores. Rather, it is a voyage through earthly storm and shadow--but at last out into the broad ocean of eternal blessedness. Death is not the end--but the beginning. It is not loss--but gain. It is not into darkness--but into marvelous light. It is not to silence and stillness--but into life far more real and active. It is not away from joy and gladness and beauty--but is out of the mere shadows and hopes of blessedness, into the full revelation of Christ, into his very presence, where there is fullness of joy, where there are pleasures forevermore. "I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far!" Philippians 1:23

October 28

Finishing Our Work

God first puts the good thoughts and the holy impulses into your heart. Then when you try to obey and do what he commands and suggests--he helps you to do it. "It is God who works in you both to will and to work." If character is a web, and we are weavers--we cannot ourselves prepare white, clean threads of thought and purpose and love, for our hearts are unclean. Nor can we weave the threads into a pure, unsoiled web--for our hands are stained. God must put into our hearts the beautiful threads. He must give us the pattern, too, into which he would have us fashion the fabric. Then he must cleanse our hands and guide our fingers. In weaving this web we must not miss a thread, for if we do the loom goes on and the

web rolls by--but the place of the dropped thread remains unfilled. Would you be able to say at your life's end, "I have finished the work which God gave me to do"? You must be sure that each smallest duty is done in its own time. To have at last a finished life, each day must close with its duty all done, no tasks remaining unfinished. That is, each day's work must be left complete, with life's duty done up to that moment, as if we should never come again to our tasks.

October 29

Serving the Highest Life

God gives us in the darkness of this world, many glimpses of heaven's blessed life. The Scriptures are full of windows through which the light pours. And every disclosure of heavenly existence that is made to us, shows us life without one trace of selfishness, earnestly devoted to the service of others. Angel-life is very pure, holy, and blessed--and yet these celestial beings, the angels, find their employment in serving. It is their joy to minister, not to be ministered unto. If we would be as the angels--we must have the same spirit. Then the Son of God came, and his life's spirit was described in his own words, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto--but to minister." Serving is therefore the most exalted, the divinest thought of life.

October 31

Obedience to Impulses

We all have our impulses to duty. We know what we ought to do. What do we do with the calls of duty and the cries and appeals of human distress? Do we allow them to die away unheeded? If we do, our own souls shall be losers. We walk about at town, and we see heathenism, misery, and squalor under the very shadows of our churches. We see on all sides, the sobs and moanings of human distress. And we are ordained by Christ to carry his salvation, his comfort, his grace--to our fellow-men. The news of God's love which has come to you--is not for yourself; you get the full, rich blessing of it--only when you tell it to another. Do we obey these divine impulses?

October 31

Training the Temper

Christian duty touches all relations of life. It does not have to do only with communions and prayer-meetings. It includes all other actions. It tells us the kind of citizens we ought to be, how we should live with people, that we should not speak evil of anyone, that we should not be contentious--but be gentle, showing meekness and patience even toward those who seem not easy to get long with. Once we were not Christians, and did not know the law of love--but lived in malice and envy, hateful and hating others. But now the kindness of God and His love have touched our lives, and we are to put away the things of our old life.

NOVEMBER

November 1

God Needs Our Faithfulness

God's providence is always good--but he needs our faithfulness, our truest and best work always, to give full expression and result to the good that he plans. It is possible for us to mar the good which God intends, and to turn his work into disaster which he never intended. God never does his work unfaithfully, and we dare not charge to his providence, the preventable accidents of life, those which come through men's carelessness or dishonesty or greed of gain or fault of any sort. We must remember that even the providence of God cannot work completely or perfectly, without our little work, each and everyone's little work--well done.

November 2

The Radiant Ideal

We may become like angels! What debasement, then, to let our lives, with all their glorious possibilities, be dragged down into the dust of shame and dishonor! Rather, let us seek continually the glory for which we were made and redeemed. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure." 1 John 3:1-3

"Wonderful the whiteness of your glory!

Can we truly that perfection share?

Yes; our lives are pages of your story,

We your shape and superscription bear.

Tarnished forms--torn leaves--but you can mend them;

You very own completeness can unfold

From our imperfections; and will end them--

Dross consuming, turning dust to gold."

November 3

Amusement as a Means of Grace

Amusement must never become an end in life; it must always be a means, a help on the way, just as sleep is, just as rest is. An hours amusement should be to you just what a night's sleeping is, or what a day's resting is--it should make you stronger, clearer-headed, calmer-souled, braver, more hopeful, more earnest, more enthusiastic, inspiring you for godly living. Anything which leaves a taint of impurity upon the life, or starts a thought of impurity in the mind, anything which degrades or debases the soul--is unfit and unworthy amusement for a Christian. Christian amusements must be such, as do not harm spiritual life; they must be means of grace. "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do--do everything for God's glory!" 1 Corinthians 10:31

November 4

Silences Which are Sinful

In every life, there are times when to be silent, is to fail in duty. We are to speak out, on all occasions when the glory of Christ demands it. We should never fear to speak the word of warning to one in danger. We should never hesitate to speak boldly in confession of Christ in the presence of his enemies. To be ashamed of him is a grievous wrong to him. Many of us sin, too, by our silence toward hearts that are hungry for love. On our tongues lie the words that would give blessing--but we hold our tongues--and let the sad hearts break. Many of us talk too much, no doubt--"speech is silver and silence is golden"--but let us remember also that "there is a time to speak."

November 5

Cost of Helping Others

It is only when you have passed through the fierceness of temptation, wrestling with evil, sorely beset--and victorious only through the grace of Christ--that you are ready to be a helper of others in their temptation. It is only when you have known sorrow in some form yourself, and when you have been comforted by divine grace and helped to endure--that you are fitted to be a comforter of others in their sorrow. You must learn before you can teach, and the learning costs. At no small price can we become true helpers of others in this world. Lessons which cost us nothing--are worth but little. Virtue went out of Jesus to heal others; virtue must go out of us to become life and blessing to other souls.

November 6

The Heart of Prayers

Mere words do not make prayer. The repeating of forms of petition, however beautiful they may be or however eloquently uttered, is not praying. There must be fire--the fire of love glowing upon the golden altar of the heart. There must be sincere worship of soul, there must be fervency of spirit there must be warm, earnest desire. The prayer must be kindled in the heart by the love of God shed abroad by the Holy Spirit. Unless our very heart goes into our forms of words, borne on faith's wings and pressing to God's feet--we do not really pray.

November 7

The Transforming Look

Keeping the heart upon Christ--transfigures the life. The old monks intently gazed upon the crucifix, thinking that the print of the nails would come in their hands and feet, and the thorn-scars in their brow, as they gazed. It was but an utter fiction--yet in the fiction there is a spiritual truth. Gazing by faith upon Christ, the lines of his beauty indeed print themselves on our hearts! That is the meaning of Paul's words--"We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord--are transformed into the same image!" The gospel is the mirror. There we see the image of Christ. If we earnestly, continuously, and lovingly behold it--the effect will be the changing of our own lives into His likeness. The transformation is wrought by the Holy Spirit, and we are only to behold, to continue beholding, the blessed beauty! As we sit before Christ--His image is imprinted on our soul.

November 8

Empty Conversations

Christian conversation should not be a mere jargon of empty, idle words. There are many people who talk incessantly--and never say anything worth repeating or remembering. They never give any comfort to those who are in trouble. They never incite those who hear them to anything noble or good. Their words if gathered up would be millions of blossoms--and not one handful of fruit; tons of sand--and not one shining sparkle of gold. Surely such conversation is not worthy of immortal beings, children of God and heirs of glory, on their way home to glory! "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:6

November 9

Let the Blessings Flow Out

While you are to brighten first the place nearest to you--you are also to throw the little beams of your lamp as far as they will reach. It will not make your own home any less bright if, on a dark night, you open the shutters of your windows and let some of the brilliancy and the cheer pour out upon the street. Then others, too, may be blessed by the light that fills your home. If you have a beautiful flower garden--why should you build a high wall around it to hide it from the eyes of passers-by? Would it not be a more Christ-like thing--to tear down your stone wall and let all who move along the street be blessed and cheered by the beauty?

November 10

On Looking for Sights

We must look to ourselves and take heed how we receive the acts, the words, and the manners of others. If we are proud, and are always on the watch for slights, and unfriendly hints, and little hurts--we can find plenty of them. We need, therefore, to cultivate the spirit of humility in all our interactions with others. We need to learn patience, forbearance, longsuffering, meekness, and forgiveness. In a word, love--love which thinks no evil. Then we shall never be suspicious, never be exacting, never demand our "rights." We shall endure even intended wrongs--patiently, sweetly, with true meekness.

November 11

The Winsomeness of Love

"God loves you--and I love you," says Mr. McAil to the poor people he would lift up. There is little use in telling people the first part of this message--if we cannot tell them also the second part, or at least make them see it in our face, in our words and acts, in our true, tireless interest in them. The love of Christ must throb in our own hearts, and shine in our eyes, and speak in our words, and offer itself again on the cross in our lives, in our efforts to save others--if we would win souls for heaven. We must love the people we would win. We must have some conception of the infinite value of the lives we try to save--in order that we may love them. Without this we cannot deeply and truly care for those whom sin has stripped of beauty. But if we understand their real worth and the possibilities there are in their lives--it will not be hard for us to love even the farthest away from God.

November 12

Keep the Ideal Undimmed

If we are true believers in Christ, we each have in our soul--a vision of spiritual loveliness into which we are striving to fashion our lives. This vision is our conception of the character of Christ. "That is what I am going to be some day!" we say. Far away beyond our present attainment as this vision may shine--yet we are ever striving to reach it. This is the ideal which we carry in our heart amid all our toiling and struggling. This ideal we must keep free from all marring or stain. We must save it--though we lose our very life in guarding it. We should be willing to die--rather than give it up to be destroyed. We should preserve the image of Christ--bright, radiant, unsoiled, in our soul-- until it transforms our dull, sinful, earthly life--into its own transfigured beauty!

November 13

Do Not Worry

We have nothing to do with tomorrow--until we get to it. When the day comes with its cares--then we may meet them, and then God will provide for them. The present duty alone, is ours--the faithful, diligent doing of God's will day by day. The rest is God's--and anxious care is unbelief. Our Father will surely take care of us--if we are only faithful to him. Away, then, with anxiety. Do your work, your duty, the bit of God's will for the day--and let God care for you. Then the peace of God shall keep your heart and mind.

November 14

Promotion by Faithfulness

We are always on trial in this world. God's promotions are all in the line of fidelity. When we do well with one talent--he puts two into our hand. When we show ourselves faithful and capable with two--he adds two more. This is true not only of ordinary business capacities and fidelities--but also of spiritual privileges. When we do anything well, God increases our responsibilities, puts new trusts into our charge. But failure in any testing, brings the loss of the trusts already in our hands. If we would grow into great usefulness--we must be ever watchful that we fail in no duty or trial.

November 15

Looking for Blessings

Do we take the blessings that the common days bring to us? Do we extract the honey from every flower which grows by our path? Do not angels come to us unawares in homely or unattractive disguise, walk with us, talk with us, and then only become known to us when they have flown away--when their places are empty? Shall we not learn to see the goodness and the beauty in the gifts which God sends to us? Their very commonness veils their blessedness. Let us seek for the good in everything. Then, though we see it not, let us never doubt that a blessing lies hidden in every gift of God to us. Every moment brings us some blessing--even the rough hand of trial holds in its clasp, some treasure we love.

November 16

Uncommon Christians

Be not satisfied with a mere feeble measure of spiritual life. Strive to have the abundant life and to be full-rounded Christians. Seek to have every power of your life developed to its utmost possibility of beauty

and usefulness. Find out whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, and strive to have every mark and line of beauty in your own life. Grow toward God in all upward, heavenward reaching. Grow toward men in all unselfishness and loving service. Grow in your own soul into the fullness of the stature of Christ. And all this you will gain by becoming filled more and more with Christ himself. It was the daily prayer of one saintly man, "O God, make me an uncommon Christian."

November 17

Self-Sacrifice

The path of ministry is a shining ladder, which is steep and hard to climb--but it leads to God's feet. Whoever would be chief, let him serve. The world is trying to scramble up another way. It thinks the path of unselfish service leads downward. But we have Christ's word, that he is greatest who serves most self-forgetfully. Forget yourself. Consecrate your life to Christ. There is no other way to immortal success. Your life will seem to sink away and be lost--but it will be like the rain-drops which fall and disappear, only to come again in living beauty. No life of self-sacrifice for Christ, shall fail of eternal honor.

November 18

What Makes Heaven?

What makes heaven? Not its jeweled walls, and pearl gates, and streets of golden, and sea of glass, and river of crystal--but its blessed obedience, its sweet holiness, its universal and unbroken accord with the divine will, and its spirit of love. Heaven never can be entered by any in whose hearts the spirit of heaven is not first found. Heaven must be in us, or we can never enter its gates. We are prepared for heaven, made fit for the inheritance of the saints; therefore, just in the measure in which we have learned to do God's will here on earth as it is done by angels and saints in that home of divine glory.

November 19

Misery of Borrowing Trouble

Many people are always dreading coming troubles. They are well enough now, and well enough off--but they may get sick, or they may become poor, or some other trouble may befall them. A large part of human unhappiness is caused by needless forebodings--dreading ills which never happen. It is a miserable way to live, this looking out into the future and filling it with imaginary shapes of evil. No doubt there are real troubles lying concealed in the future for all of us--but let us not dread to go on in quiet faith, since over us, the rainbow of God's eternal goodness bends!

November 20

Why Always People's faults

We are all very much alike in this world--as it regards faults and failings. We all have plenty of them. Each one of us has at least enough of his own faults--to make him very modest in pointing out those of his neighbor. The trouble is, however, that most of us have eyes so constructed or so adjusted--as to see the faults of others much more clearly than our own. It is not hard to get almost anybody started at criticizing others and pointing out their infirmities. What a pity it is that we have not eyes for the beautiful things in others! What a relief it would be to hear everybody you meet speaking in commendation of his neighbors

and praising their virtues! Would it not be worth while to try to turn the tides of talk into this new channel for a time?

November 21

Doing Impossible Things

When God calls us to any service or task or duty whatever, no supposed personal incapacity, incompetency, or insufficiency may ever be urged as a reason for not obeying. God never really bids us do a thing we cannot do--and do well, with his help. He would not mock us with an unreasonable requirement. The achieving of impossible commands, of course, is not our business at all. We have nothing whatever to do with the impossible part; that belongs to God. But we have everything to do with the obeying of the command that comes to us. It is not ours to reason, to demur, to urge inability; it is ours promptly, unquestioningly to obey--and then as we go forward God will divide the water or cleave the mountain or roll away the stone. As we approach the obstacle, going in holy obedience--we shall find the way open for our feet.

November 22

Beautiful Living

We do not know, when we are working for immortality, by what act or word of ours we shall be remembered. It may be the obscurest thing of our life that shall shine in the most radiant glory. Let us, then, seek to make everything we do beautiful enough to be our epitaph. If our hearts are always full of love--our lives will be full of gentle deeds that will please God and bless the world. Then we shall write our names where no floods of years, no abrasion of events, no wasting tooth of decay, no hungry waves of time, eating away the bank whereon we stand, can ever destroy the record. To neglect the least duty may be to spoil our own immortality. One opportunity missed, may be the marring of our whole life.

November 23

Rejected Blessings

No wonder many of us are so poor in spiritual things. To our doors evermore come the heavenly messengers, their hands laden with rich blessings which they wish to give to us. But we are so intent on our petty earthly ambitions, that we do not see them nor open our doors to them; and waiting long in vain, they at last turn sadly away, leaving us unblessed in our poverty. If we would but train ourselves to take whatever gift God sends to us--we should soon become rich. God's blessings are ever at our doors. He is the giving God. The trouble with us is that we do not always recognize the blessings when they are offered to us. Some of the richest of them come in forms of pain or struggle or sorrow. Let us learn to accept God's gifts, whether they shine in joy, or are veiled in shadows.

November 24

Character-Quarries

Every individual life has its quarries, where are hewn the blocks that are afterward built into character; where the thoughts are shaped which take form in acts and heroisms and noble works. There are two parts in every life--the heart-quarry, which the world does not see, and the life as it takes form in the eyes

of men. Men must have a good heart-life, before they can have a good character and make a worthy record. Men must be silent thinkers, before their words or deeds can have either great beauty or wide influence. Much talk is of little value. Easy thinking never leads to very high living.

November 25

The Radiance of God's Will

There are many Christians who grieve when they cannot serve their Lord in some form of active labor for Christ. When sickness shuts them in, and they can go forth no longer to their accustomed work, they mourn that they must be so useless. They forget that that is God's will, and that the doing of God's will is always the finest thing possible in this world for any one. We worry about not carrying out our plans--the large plans we make for our own lives. But it really matters very little what comes of our plans--if only we do what God marks out for us. A successful life in the end, is one which has done that for which God created it.

November 26

The Chastening of Love

"Whom the Lord loves he chastens." Chastening is a mark of God's love, and also a seal of sonship, for he "scourges every son that he receives." No true father permits a child to grow up undisciplined, having its own way all the while, its life running unchecked into waywardness, wilfulness, and self-indulgence. The true father chastens. Mark, it is not punishment which God inflicts--but chastening. It is not anger or hatred which makes him at times severe, denying the child's requests. It is love which leads him to chasten. If we were not his children--he would not trouble to chasten us. It is the fruitful branch which the farmer prunes, to make it more fruitful; the unfruitful branch he cuts off and burns. It is the Father's child that he chastens.

November 27

Remembering Past Blessings

We should remember past mercies and blessings. If we do, our past will shine down upon us like a clear sky full of stars. Such remembering will keep the gratitude ever fresh in our hearts, and the incense of praise ever burning on the altar. Such a house of memory, becomes a refuge to which we may flee in trouble. When sorrows gather thickly, when trials come, when the sun goes down and every star is quenched, and there seems nothing left to our hearts in all the present--then the memory of a past full of goodness, a past in which God has never once failed us, becomes a holy refuge for our souls--a refuge gemmed and lighted by the lamps of other and brighter days.

November 28

Our Place in the Temple

The great Master-builder, in whose quarries we are now as stones that are being made ready for the temple, has a plan for his building. Every life has its own particular place in that plan. God knows what he wants you to be--how large or how small a place he wants you to fill. We must submit our lives to the hammer and the chisel and to the divine measurement, that we may be prepared for the place God is preparing for us. We must not wince under the sharp cutting of disappointment and sorrow.

November 29

The Blessing of a Book

Books are not altogether impersonal things. Somebody wrote them. Somebody's lifeblood is in them. Somebody lived, suffered--wept, struggled, and toiled--to put into the book, that which pleases and helps us. Should we not think of this as we read the sentences which delight us or which inspire and quicken us? Do we often, indeed, give thought to the writer whose written words bring to us their messages? Do we not forget oftentimes that it is somebody's heart-blood which runs in the sentences we are reading, somebody's very life, if the words are truly helpful? Do we then owe nothing to the author? Be sure the lessons he is teaching have cost him pain and tears. He had to live deeply to write helpfully. Some recognition of the help we have gotten from him, we certainly owe to him. Should we not write to him our thanks for the gift he has put into our life?

November 30

The Ministry of Waiting

Each one of us does his own little part in carrying out God's great plan. If our part is to stand and wait, it is no less honorable than his who comes after us and takes up what fell from our hands and carries it on to completion. Said the blind Milton, "They also serve, who only stand and wait." "The world comes to him who can wait," says the proverb; and victory comes, and rest comes, and God comes, and glory comes--to him who can wait.

DECEMBER

December 1

Climbing to Sainthood

Men do not fly up mountains; they go up slowly, step by step. True Christian life is always mountain-climbing. Heaven is above us, and ever keeps above us. It never gets easy to go heavenward. It is a slow and painful process to grow godly. No one leaps to sainthood at a bound. Nobody gets the victory once for all over his faults and sins. It is a struggle of years, and every day must have its victories, if we are ever to be final and complete overcomers. Yet while we cannot expect to reach the radiant mountain-summit at one bound--we certainly ought to be climbing at least step by step. We ought not to sit on the same little terrace, part way up the mountain, day after day. Higher and higher should be our unresting aim.

December 2

A Stone's-Cast Further

Jesus took his chosen friends with him into Gethsemane. Likewise, those who love us most truly, must share our sorrow with us. But it is noteworthy, also, that Jesus himself went deeper into the shadows of the garden than he asked his friends to go. Is not this fact most suggestive? We need not fear that in any grief of ours we shall ever be alone, without companionship. We shall never find ourselves in shadows too deep for the sympathy and help of the Christ. However far into the garden of sorrow we may ever be led, if we lift up our eyes--we shall see that Jesus is on before us, a stone's-cast further than he has asked us to

go.

December 3

Certainty of Reward

We need give ourselves no trouble about the reward of our life. Be it ours only to do our duty faithfully, sweetly, lovingly, all the days; then God will see that we do not miss the reward of fidelity. Our Lord suggests that the righteous will be surprised at the Judgment to learn of the glory and greatness of the services of love they have rendered to needy ones. Supposing only that they were showing kindness to the poor, they will learn that they were serving the King himself! Thus the smallest and obscurest ministry will flash out in splendid radiancy in the day of final revealing. No true service done in this world in Christ's name--will fail of blessing and reward. Even the acts which seem to have been of no avail, will leave a blessing somewhere. If your kind word or deed blesses no other, the doing of it will bless your own heart. Though your effort does no good to the one you meant to help--it may touch another life. Our wayside seed-sowing is not lost.

December 4

Honoring by Taking

We honor God most--we make the fittest requital to him for his benefits, not by giving to him--but by receiving from him. Love wants no return for what it gives or does. God does not show favors in order to receive as much again. He gives because his heart is full of love, because he yearns to bless us. The only requital he wants--is the glad acceptance of what he offers. He wants only love in return. Consecration? Yes--but the consecration of love, and not as recompense or repayment. The Psalmist asks --

"What shall I render unto the Lord

For all his benefits toward me?"

And then he answers--

"I will take the cup of salvation,

And call upon the name of the Lord."

December 5

How Unbelief Robs Us

Christ never compels anyone to take the gifts and blessings which he has to bestow. We complain of our sparse blessedness. We wonder why God does not manifest himself to us as he has done to others. We wonder why we cannot have such power in prayer, as some Christians have--why so little seems to come from our work for Christ. It is not from any lack of power in Christ, for his strength never fails nor wastes; it is because we will not receive what he brings. Unbelief shuts up Christ's hand that it cannot give to us the things of his grace, or cannot work deliverances for us. Thus our unbelief keeps us impoverished. It hides God's face, and robs us of the deep, rich joys which faith would bring. Shall we not pray for simple faith, that we may receive large things?

December 6

Frozen Love

There is a great deal of love, which lacks affectionateness. Someone speaks of beautiful cathedrals with all their splendid architecture as "frozen music." There is a great deal of frozen love in this world. It is stately, strong, and beautiful--but it lacks tender expression. It lies cold and crystal in the heart, and never flows out in tenderness of word or act. There are hundreds of homes in our land in which there is love which would die for its dear ones if there were need; while yet in those very homes hearts are starving for love's daily bread.

December 7

The Blessing of Friendship

"Partners in cares" the old Romans called true friends. True friendship implies mutual helpfulness. It is not all on one side; where such friendship is, there are always two shoulders under every burden. Friendship knows no limit in serving; it gives all, life itself, if need be. Its yearning is not to receive--but to give; not to be ministered unto--but to minister. The cynic sneers at the thought of friendship--but there are holy human friendships whose beauty and splendor remind us, amid the world's selfishness and hardness, that man was made in the image of God, that fragments of that image yet exist even in fallen lives, and that it is possible at last, through God's grace, to restore the heavenly luster.

December 8

The Mission of a Disciple

Christ no longer goes about in person among men, laying his hands on the sick, the lame, the blind, the children. This work he has entrusted to his disciples. He wants us to represent him. He wants us to be to the sick, the sorrowing, the stricken, the fallen--what he would be to them if he were here again on the earth. It is not hard for us to know, therefore, what it is to be a true Christian. We have but to study the story of our Lord's life, watching how he helped and blessed others, to get the key to all Christian duty. His miracles we cannot repeat--but his sympathy, his gentleness, his thoughtfulness, his unselfishness, are patterns for our human imitation. If we catch his inner spirit "the mind that was in Christ" we will become great blessings wherever we go in his name. Then our touch will soothe, our words will comfort, strengthen, and inspire, and our deeds of love will leave blessings on every life.

December 9

Receiving to Give

As we receive each new lesson in life, each new piece of knowledge, each new experience, each fresh inspiration --our attitude should be one of reverent and humble unselfishness. We should say, "This is a gift from God to me, and I am his servant. It is not mine to keep all to myself, for my own enjoyment. God gave it to me to make me more a blessing. I must not keep this light burning in the narrow chamber of my own life merely; I must place it so that it will throw its beam upon some other life."

December 10

Unchrist-like Forgiveness

There are some people whose forgiveness is little better than their malice. They never let you forget that they have forgiven you. Indeed, you sometimes almost wish they had not forgiven you at all, so miserable and so aggravating is their charity. Let us learn to forgive generously, richly, making our forgiveness complete, sweeping forever away--all grudge and bitterness.

December 11

Victory by Waiting

Must life be a failure for one compelled to stand still in forced inaction and see the great throbbing tides of life go by? No; victory is then to be gotten by standing still, by quiet waiting. It is a thousand times harder to do this--than it was in the active days to rush on in stirring life. It requires a grander heroism to stand and wait and not lose heart and not lose hope, to submit to the will of God, to give up work and honors to others, to be quiet, confident, and rejoicing, while the happy, busy multitude goes on and away. It is the grandest life "having done all, to stand."

December 12

A Sure Harvest

While God may not give us the exact result which we hope to realize in the things we do for him, he will give some other result which will prove even better. No work for Christ will fail; no effort put forth for him will be in vain. Says Charles Kingsley --

"Not all who seem to fail have failed indeed;

What though the seed be cast by the wayside,

And the birds take it? yet the birds are fed."

Even if there is no result here in this world, there will be a result in the world to come. Many people die and see yet no harvest from their life's sowing. But if they have been faithful, their eyes will open, when they enter heaven, on a blessed vision of ripened harvest in glory from their sowing on earth.

December 13

Promise and Prayer

There is really no true praying, which is not based on a divine promise. We may never pray acceptably unless there is a promise for the thing we want. But when God has promised anything to us--we can go to him with boldness and ask him to do as he has said. But why ask--if he has promised? Asking shows faith. Asking is the acceptance on our part of what God offers. Ask--and you shall receive; ask not--and you shall not receive. Find a promise for what you want, and then bring it boldly to God. If you have no plain promise, ask humbly, submissively, and modestly, leaving altogether to his wise love, the things about which you are uncertain.

December 14

Master I am Ready

"I am ready." That is what consecration means. It is doing what Christ commands. It is going where Christ sends you. It is not a mere devout sentiment--warmth of heart, good feeling; it is being good and doing good. Oh, be earnest. Be faithful. Be true. Be strong. Believe in Christ. Cleave to him. Do your work for him. Lift up your face toward your beloved Master's face, and say to him, "Master, I am ready. I know not what you have for me to do--to work or to suffer, to live or to die--but I am ready. I am ready to speak for you, to endure persecution for you, to live for you. I am ready; I am ready."

December 15

His Changeless Love

You have felt the warmth of Christ's love pouring like sunshine upon your life. You believe that he loves you today. Yet sometimes you fear for the future. "Will his love always last?" you ask with trembling. "May he never weary of me?" Nay; he loves unto the end. Other things about you will fade and die; other joys will perish out of your heart; other loves will grow cold; but the love of Christ which throbs about you now, will never change.

December 16

Keep the Door of My Lips

No prayer should be oftener spoken by us, than that of David in one of his psalms: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." There is nothing in all our life to which most of us give less heed, than to our words. We let them fly from our lips as the leaves fly from the trees when the autumn winds blow. Many people seem to think that words scarcely have a moral character. They watch their acts, their conduct, and then give full license to their tongues. This is not right. A true Christian should have a Christian tongue. Words have terrific power for harm--if they are wrong words, and blessed, immortal power for good--if they are holy words. We need to pray continually that God would keep the door of our lips, and set a watch before our mouth. Only love should be permitted to interpret itself in speech. Bitterness and all evil should be restrained.

December 17

Remembering Kindnesses

At the time when help, deliverance, or favor comes to us--our hearts are very warm with grateful feeling. "We will never forget this kindness," we say. But do we never forget it? We remember injuries done to us. We all know how hard it is to forget a wrong that another has inflicted upon us. Sometimes we say, with martyr-like air, "I forgive him--but I can never forget the injury." Sights and cutting words and unkindnesses and neglects--how well we remember these. But have we as good memories for favors, kindnesses, blessings? Ought we not to have? Shall we not train ourselves rather, to forget the hurts we receive as the lake forgets the ploughing of the keel through its waters, and to remember with faithful gratitude every smallest kindness done to us?

December 18

The Expression of Love

There are friendships which are true enough--but which are not hallowed by those graceful attentions and tokens of thoughtfulness, which cost so little and yet are worth so much. The kindly feeling in the heart ought to find some way to utter itself--a way in keeping, too, with the delicacy and beauty of the sentiment. The affection ought to exhibit itself in amiability, in gentleness, in thoughtfulness. We ought not to be so dilatory of our kind words.

December 19

Our Message to Souls

When you go out to seek the lost, tell them that God in heaven loves them. Tell them that his heart yearns for them as a mother yearns for her absent wandering child. No matter how sunken in sin, how depraved, how completely the divine image has been blotted from the soul, how ruined the life may be--still bend over the wreck of manhood or womanhood and whisper the blessed message, "God loves you." Tell it so earnestly that it cannot fail to be listened to, understood, and believed. This is the message of life and hope.

December 20

Forgetting Promises

A promise made to a child or to the lowliest, most unworthy person should be kept, no matter how hard it may be to keep it "I entirely forgot my promise," one says, as if forgetting it were much less a sin than deliberately breaking it. We have no right to forget any promise we make to another. If we cannot trust our memory--we should make note of our promises and engagements on paper, and then keep them scrupulously, on the very minute. To break even the slightest promise, is grievously to wrong and hurt another life.

December 21

Not Fainting Under Trial

There are some people who give up and lose all their courage and faith, the moment any trouble comes. They cannot endure trial. Sorrow utterly crushes them. They think they cannot go on again. There have been lives broken down by affliction, which have never risen again out of the dust. There have been mothers, happy and faithful before, who have lost one child out of their home, and have never cared for life again, letting their home grow dreary and desolate and their other children go uncared for, as they sat with folded hands in the abandonment of their uncomforted grief. There have been men with bright hopes who have suffered one defeat or loss, and have never risen again out of the dust. But God's Word teaches that we should never faint under any trial. God chastens us, not to crush us--but for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. To faint, therefore, under chastening, is disloyalty to God. We should accept the affliction with reverence, and turn the whole energy of our life into the channels of obedience and service.

December 22

What Shall We Be

We have in us, a life that when fully manifested, will be altogether like Christ's. Christ's glory will shine in our faces; his beauty will glow in our souls. No matter how imperfect, how faulty, how full of blemishes we may be now--we are to be "like him" when the divine life in our souls bursts out into all its richness and fullness of manifestation. With such a hope in our hearts, should we not keep ourselves from everything unworthy of such dignity and holiness, and strive to reach "whatever things are lovely"?

December 23

Make the Last Day Beautiful

The last day a friend was with us, is always sacred in memory. The last walk we had together, the last talk, the last book we read, the last letter, the last good-bye--we never forget. We all want to leave sweet memories behind us in the hearts of our friends when we are gone from earth. We want our names to be fragrant in the homes on whose thresholds, in whose halls, our footfalls are accustomed to be heard. We can make sure of this, only by so living always that any day would be a suitable and beautiful last day, leaving only tender recollections. We must make no bitterness for another life any day, because that day may be our last, and that memory the one that will stay in the heart when we are gone.

December 24

O Christ, Forgive!

Oh, blessed ministry of true Christian speech! May God forgive us for the abuse or misuse of the glorious gift! If a word of ours has ever hurt a tender spirit, or tarnished a white soul, or turned any away from the right path--O Christ, forgive us and help us to undo the wrong! Give us grace and wisdom, that we may use the gift of speech to honor you and bless the world.

December 25

On Christ's Birthday

It is Christ's birthday. In among all our festivities, should come sweet thoughts of the love of God. The gifts we may receive should make us think of the greatest gift of all--when God gave his Son. Let us all try to make our Christmas very full of memories of Christ. Let the blessed love of Christ make a glad Christmas in our hearts, helping us to be like Christ himself in love, unselfishness, and forgiveness.

Echoing Christmas Songs

What Christ is to us we ought, in our human measure, to be to others. Christmas means love. Christ came to our world to pour divine kindness on weary, needy, perishing human lives. The Christmas spirit in our hearts should send us out on the same errand. There is need everywhere for love's ministry. We should learn the true Ch

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